

A few words about pollinators.

Bees, **B**ats, **B**utterflies, **B**ugs, and **B**irds make up the earth's most important pollinators. Scientists call this superhero group, the **Five B's**". Of course, there are other pollinators, such as animals and wind and water. But they don't start with the letter "**B**", even though they're pollinator superheroes too!

Pollinators work to make sure we have flowers, fruit, grains, and vegetables, as well as most everything in the plant world, including soil.

When pollinators visit flowers and flowering plants, they capture pollen on their bodies. Then when they fly or crawl off to visit other flowers, they drop the collected pollen into those flowers. If the conditions are right, the pollen fertilizes the flower, and then the flower makes more flowers.

Bees happen to "be" one of the most important pollinators on Earth! All of our 58 National Parks are visited by pollinating bees at some point during the year. The princess and her brother in [Do Princesses and Super Heroes Hit the Trails] visit 12 of USA National Parks and are always looking for fun crafts. [Insert thumbnail book cover]

Now you can make your own pipe cleaner bumblebee too!

See easy instructions below.

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Cutest Bumblebee EVER

What you'll need:

3 pipe cleaners (various colors)

2 googly eyes

Hot glue gun (low temp)

Hold **two** pipe cleaners side by side, and begin twisting them into one twisty pipe cleaner. It will now look like a 2-color striped pipe cleaner. [Insert thumbnail pipe cleaner photo (below)]

Next, wrap the pipe cleaner around your index finger (pointer) so it resembles a coil. Important: wrap the pipe cleaner tightly, but not too tight that you can't slide it off your finger!

Gently slide the coiled pipe cleaner off your finger. It should (sort of) resemble a fluffy fat bee. For the head, tuck the most narrow end in just a little.

Glue on googly eyes on the narrow end.

Next, tuck in the bottom end.

For bee wings, have an adult help cut one pipe cleaner in half. You only need one half for the wings. Holding the pipe cleaner, bring each end to the middle forming what looks like a bow or wings. Gently twist the pipe cleaner ends at the middle so the wings will stay in place.

Now you're ready to attach your wings! Slide the wings into the bees body. And Viola!

You now have one of the cutest bees ever!

