BEE FRIENDLY TUTORIAL



MATERIALS:

Scissors

2 pieces of string

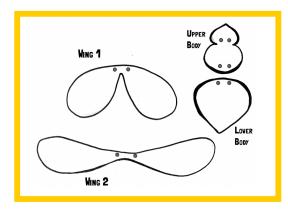
1 sheet of card (any colour)

1 lollipop stick (or a pencil as

a substitute)

Pens/colouring pencils for decoration

1. Print out the stencil on page 2 onto a sheet of card. Cut out the shapes, and use scissors to pierce holes where the dots are marked.



2. Place both wings under the upper body. Use string to tie the 3 pieces together, using the top set of holes on the upper body.



3. Attach the lower body to the upper body with the 2nd piece of string. This time, use the lower set of holes.



5. Feed the stick through the back of both loops of string. You could always use a bit of tape for extra support. Finally, decorate the bee however you want.



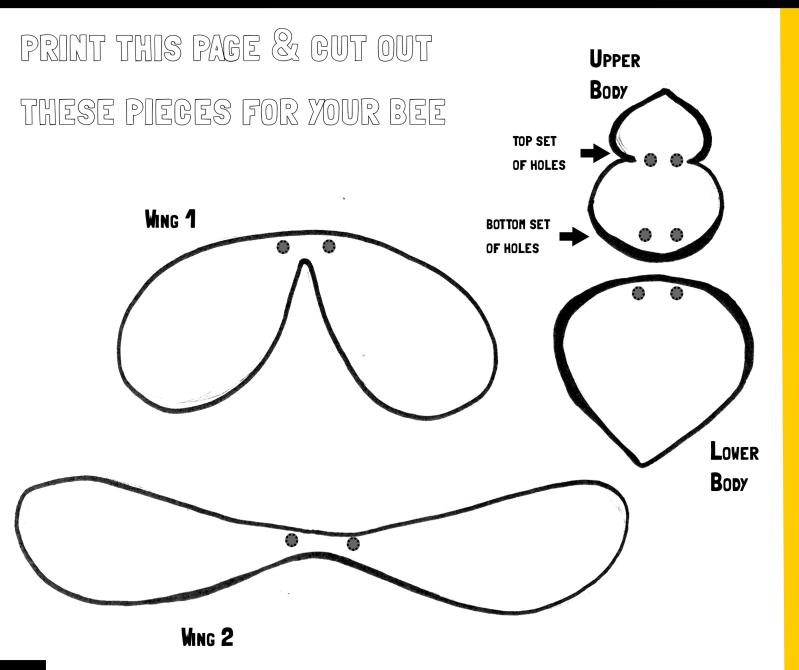
6. Put the bee in a plant pot and send us a photo! Spread the word by talking to others about how we can all be more BEE FRIENDLY.



See page 2 for the stencil and tips on how to help the bee species.

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HOW CAN YOU BE MORE BEE FRIENDLY?

There are over 250 bee species in the UK, and they play a critical role in having a healthy ecosystem. BUT climate change & habitat loss are putting bees at risk. Here's a few ways to help:

- **1.** Plant wildflowers to provide a safe habitat. Plants that bees like include primrose, buddleia, lavender, foxglove & marigold.
- 2. Buying honey? Try to buy from local, individual beekeepers who practice sustainability. This will be more organic, cut carbon emissions & will avoid pesticides that are harmful to bees and insects.
- **3.** About 90% of UK bees are solitary (not living in a hive). You can build a simple bee hotel to attract solitary bees. Find some good ideas for making one at the links below:

https://www.edenprojectcommunities.com/ stuff-to-do/make-bee-hotel-yourneighbourhood

https://www.wwf.org.uk/sites/default/ files/2019-03/WWF_Bee_Hotel_Activity_ Sheet_0.pdf