

Bessy Bee

Materials:

One black plastic film canister without the lid
One 1-1/2" x 5" piece of bright yellow paper
One 12" black pipe cleaner
Two 6" black pipe cleaners cut in half
One 3"x 5" piece of white tissue paper
One 1" orange or yellow pom-pom
Two 1/4" wiggle eyes

One 3" piece of black tape
Double stick tape
Craft glue
One thin black marker
One thick black marker
Scissors

Directions:

1. Placing the yellow paper in a horizontal position, use the thick marker to draw horizontal stripes.
2. Using the double stick tape, wrap the canister with the paper. On the bottom, or seam side, lay a piece of double stick tape over the seam from end to end.
3. Position 3 segments of the 6" pipe cleaners and the 12" pipe cleaner on the tape making sure that the 12" piece is along the edge of the bottom of the film canister. (See illustration)
4. Flip it over, bending the legs *down* and wrapping the long piece *up* around the circumference of the canister and twisting to secure and form antennae.
5. Fold the piece of tissue paper in half and draw an oval wing shape with a neck connecting it to the fold edge. Cut out the shape.
6. Using the thin marker, draw fine veins on the wings.
7. On the top of the bee, just behind the antennae, secure a piece of double stick tape just large enough to accommodate the neck between the 2 wings.
8. Place the last segment of pipe cleaner on the tape as shown in figure 7 and then place the wings on top of pipe cleaner. Press firmly to adhere. The pipe cleaner allows the wings to be adjustable.
9. Secure several small pieces of double stick tape to the inside edge of the canister and press the pom-pom into place.
10. Use the craft glue to affix the wiggle eyes to the bottom of the canister below the antennae.

