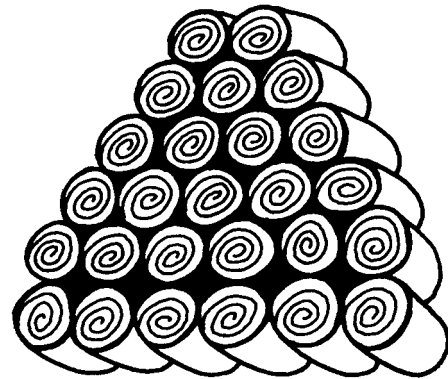


**Objective: Letter recognition****Links to Literacy**

Students can polish their letter recognition skills after making the A-Bee-C Hive. Place the beehive on a flat surface. Use a thick black felt pen or alphabet stickers to label each of the honeycombs that create the hive with a different letter of the alphabet (from A–Z). Have each student take a turn at dropping his or her bee onto the hive and naming the letter that the bee landed on. The student may lift up the bee to look at the letter and name it. To extend the activity, the student may look around the bee to see which letters are to each side of the bee and then name the letter the bee landed on.

**Materials: Class Beehive**

- twenty-six 4" (10 cm) wide strips of thin cardboard
- yellow acrylic paint and paintbrushes
- alphabet stickers or a thick black felt pen
- glue
- rubber bands

**Art Project Instructions**

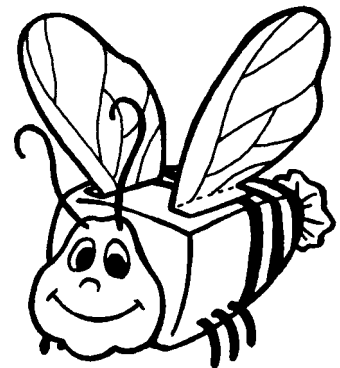
1. Paint the strips of cardboard yellow and allow time to dry.
2. With each strip of cardboard, put glue on one side and then tightly roll the strip like a jellyroll. Press together and hold or use a rubber band to keep it in place until it dries. Repeat for all.
3. To make the beehive, use the 26 rolls and glue them together to form a triangular hive shape, by starting with 2 rolls at the top, then 3, then 4, 5, 6, and another row of 6.

**Materials: Bee**

- 3 black chenille sticks
- pencil
- paper lunch bag
- crayons or markers
- bee patterns (page 24)
- scissors
- yellow and black acrylic paint
- rubber bands
- paintbrush
- old newspapers

**Art Project Instructions**

1. Paint the paper bag in black and yellow horizontal stripes. Allow time to dry. Scrunch up old newspaper and stuff the painted bag until it is full. Use a rubber band to close off the top so that it stays together.
2. Poke three holes in each side of the bag with a sharpened pencil to create spaces for the bee's legs. Cut two chenille sticks into thirds and put them in the holes to create six bee legs.
3. Cut the remaining chenille stick in half to create antennae and attach each in one of the circles on the head as marked. Shape the chenille sticks to look like antennae.
4. Reproduce, color, and cut out the bee patterns. Glue the head to the end of the bag. Glue the wings to the bag as shown, by folding the tabs under.



# Bee Patterns

## Bee Head and Wings

