

Classroom inspiration



Buzzing Bee



1. Activity objective

Learn about the anatomy of a bee and the role it plays on the environment. Bring this insect to life by recreating it using **makedo**.

2. Step by Step

a. Discuss the features of a bee and which materials can be used to represent it. Get students to select materials for their insect including boxes, assorted bubble and plastic wrap and bottle caps.



b. To create the eyes use the **makedo safe-saw** to pierce holes in the centre of the bottle caps. Pierce two holes on the front of the box. Secure the bottle caps on the the box with **makedo pins** and **clips**.



c. To make the bee legs, use the **makedo safe-saw** and pierce 6 holes below the box and one on top. Position the **makedo pins** as the bees legs and secure each **pin** with a **clip**.



Age group

5-7 years

Time

30-40 minutes

Materials

1 x box
3 x plastic bottle caps
assorted bubble and plastic wrap, fabric, card & paper
makedo re-clips (pin & clips)
makedo safe saw

Curriculum links

Science
Geography

Educational benefits

Creativity
Logic
Problem solving
Fine motor skill
Composition

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Step by Step (continued)

d. To make the wings, use the **makedo safe-saw** and pierce a hole on the bubble wrap. Then pierce a hole on the top of the box where you want to place the wings. Use **makedo pins** and clips to secure on to the top of the box.



3. Class Discussion

Bees play an extremely important role in our natural world. They are busy workers moving from flower to flower harvesting the nectar, and turning it into the delicious honey that we all enjoy.

- During which season are bees the busiest?
- What is the reason for this?
- What role does the colour pattern of the bee play?
- How do bees defend themselves?
- Where do bees gather and store their honey?
- What different roles do bees undertake?
- What role does the Queen bee play?
- Sources:
<http://www.gpnc.org/honeybee.htm>

4. What's next?

- Learn about the habitat of a bee by recreating the hive that it stores its honey in using **makedo**.
- Learn about the different flowers that bees harvest nectar from and recreate them using found resources and **makedo**.

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