

Make a bee hanging decoration

You will need: 1 wooden teaspoon, scissors, 8-10 pipe cleaners, paint or felt tip pens, paintbrush (optional), 2 wiggle eyes, string/ribbon or elastic cord (optional), glue dots and/or PVA glue.

Instructions:

1. **Adult to do:** with scissors, cut about half the handle of the wooden spoon and discard the piece you have cut off.
2. Paint or colour with felt tip pens the remaining half of the spoon (with bowl/head). We painted ours yellow and then the very tip of the bowl/head in black. Leave to dry.
3. Under the black tip, wrap a yellow pipe cleaner to make a strip. Underneath this, wrap a black pipe cleaner to create another strip. Repeat with alternate colours until you reach the bottom of the spoon handle. You might need to use more than one pipe cleaner for some strips in order to make a beeshaped body.
4. Glue on the wiggle eyes to the spoon bowl/head. Leave to dry (if necessary).
5. Make the wings with one white pipe cleaner. Bend in half. With one half, bend and twist to form two wings. Then do the same with the other half of the pipe cleaner. Twist in the centre. Glue to the body of the bee. Leave to dry (if necessary).
6. With a small piece of pipe cleaner, bend in half and glue to the back of the bee's head. Shape to form two antennae. Leave to dry (if necessary).
7. Your bee is ready to buzz away! To make it into a hanging decoration that will fly in the wind, use a glue dot to attach a piece of string, ribbon or elastic cord to the back of the bee's head so you can hang him or her.



Fun facts: The honey bee is probably the best-known bee, but there are over 270 species that live in the UK.

Honey bees live socially with a queen and lots of male drones and female worker bees.

They don't just provide us with honey! We rely on bees to pollinate fruit and vegetables.

Our bee is modelled on a bumblebee of which there is more than one species that we commonly see in the UK.