

## Craft Activity

**Theme:** Bugs

**Intro:** There are over 1 million species of insects in the world – that’s a lot of Bugs! Some have wings and some don’t. Insects don’t have bones like we do.

**Craft activity:** Bumble Bee

**Children will need:** White paper/card, black and yellow tissue paper cut into small squares, black pipe cleaners, eye stickers, glue, sticky tape, scissors.

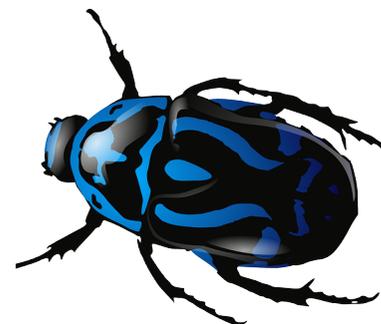
### Instructions:

Cut out the Bumble Bee template, glue one strip at a time and then scrunch up the tissue paper squares and press on to the glue, until you have yellow and black striped pattern. Cut the pipe cleaner in half and curl the ends to make antennae, and tape them to the back of the Bumble Bee’s head. Cut out some wings for your Bee using the white paper and glue on to the body of your Bumble Bee.



**Extension ideas:** Can you make a different coloured bumble bee? You can make other insects such as a ladybug, beetle or fly. Families may wish to set up an ant farm at home. Watch the movie, “A Bug’s Life”.

**Fact:** Spiders are not actually insects they are from the arachnid family.



**Learning Outcome 2:** Children are connected with and contribute to their world.

## Coordinator extension ideas and group time guide

### Sensory activity: Bug Tray

**You will need:** Sand or dirt, a tray, toy bugs, leaves, branches, grass – collected before hand or take the children outside to collect.

**Instructions:** Place the collected nature items into the tray with the sand or dirt and let the children build their own little bug farm.

### Outdoor Activity:

Go on an insect treasure hunt. Use magnifying glasses to search the garden. Print off the attached “bug Search” sheet and see if children can find the bugs in the garden.



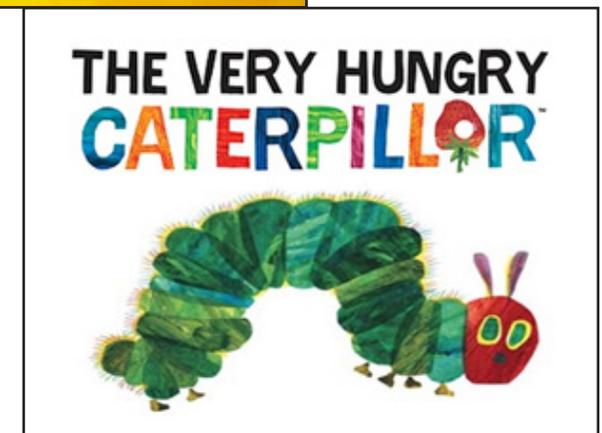
### Group time ideas:

Ask the children to show their Bumble bee craft.

Ask the children:

- Do they know of any other insects in the garden?
- Did they make one of these insects at the craft table?

Fly around like a butterfly, to music. Stop when the music stops.



### Book Suggestions:

Big Bug Little Bug by Paul Stickland

The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle

