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BIZZY BEE PENCIL HOLDER!

The buzz in August is that school will be opening soon, and we want you to have the bezzzt school year ever! Bee prepared for bizzy days ahead by organizing your pens, pencils, and markers in a bee-u-ti-ful handmade holder!

Supplies in kit

• 1 strip of yellow paper to wrap the can
• 5 black strips for stripes, plus 2 small strips for antennae
• 2 large googly eyes
• 1 set of wings
• 1 small scrap of red paper for the smile

What you’ll need from home

• ruler to measure the height of your tin can
• 1 4- or 4 1/2-inch tall empty tin can
• scissors
• tape
• glue stick or liquid school glue
• pencil to curl your antennae around

Directions

1. ADULT ONLY tasks: prepare a 4- to 4 1/2-inch tall tin can.
   a. Remove the top and make sure there are no sharp edges.
   b. Empty the contents.
   c. Remove the paper label and clean and dry the can.

2. Tape one end of the yellow paper to the side of the can to hold it in place. Wrap the paper around the can and tape/glue it so that the whole can is covered. If the paper is higher than the top of the can, carefully fold the edges over the top of the can.
3. Add glue to the black paper strips and wrap them one above the other around the can. I like to begin gluing at the “back” of the can where the paper seam is.

4. Arrange the wings as pictured on the “back” of the can where the seam is.

5. Give the antennae a curl around a pencil and glue them to the front of the can. Add the googly eyes and your cut-out happy smile. You now have one bee-e-u-ti-ful pencil holder!

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

The Magic School Bus: Inside a Beehive by Joanna Cole
The Mole Sisters and the Busy Bees by Roslyn Schwartz
Ant and Honeybee: What a Pair by Megan McDonald
Ant and Bee by Angela Banner
The Bee Tree by Patricia Polacco