



# PAPER PLATE BEE CRAFT

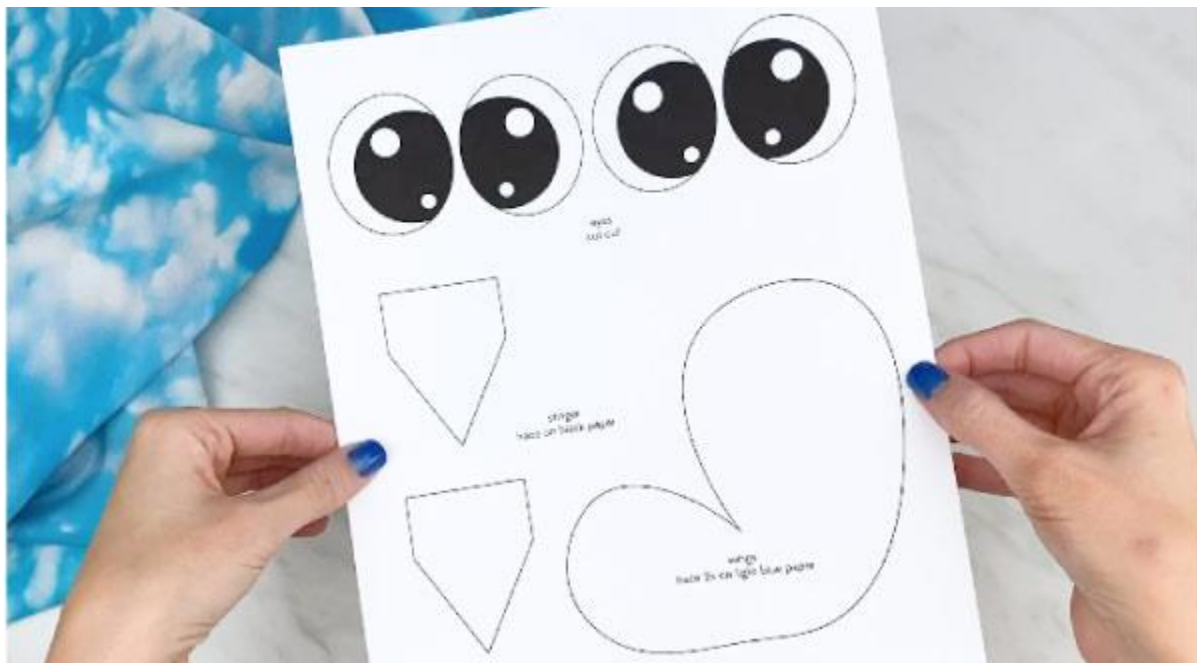


## Supplies

- Paper plates
- [Yellow paint](#)
- Paintbrush
- [Colored card stock](#) or construction paper (in black and light blue)
- [White card stock](#)
- [Black pipe cleaners](#)
- Black marker
- Glue stick
- Scissors
- Tape (optional)
- Paper trimmer (optional)
- Bee craft template (download form located at the end of this post)

## Directions

Download the bee craft template, print and cut out the pieces



Paint your paper plate in a thin coat of yellow paint and let dry completely. If you're using acrylic paint, this usually only takes 15 minutes to dry all the way. If you want or need it done faster, you can always use a hairdryer to speed up the process.



Take the bee eyes and glue them towards the top of the paper plate. We placed them just inside the middle circle line of the plate.



Use a black marker to draw on a small smile line just underneath the eyes. You'll want to make it close to the eyes so you have room for the two bee stripes.



To make the bee's stripes you have 2 options:

1. Paint the stripes on with black paint after the yellow paper plate has dried.



2. Cut out two long thin strips from the black card stock.

The painting method is trickier to get straight and will take more time to dry, but it also works on hand-eye coordination and [fine motor skills](#).

The paper method is simpler and less messy.

If you're using the paper method, add glue to the back of the card stock and glue in place just below the smile. Leave a small gap of yellow between the stripes. Cut off any paper that hangs off the sides of the paper plate.



Glue or tape on the bee's stinger to the back of the paper plate. Whenever we have to attach something to the curved parts of the paper plate, we prefer tape. It holds a lot better and there's no drying time before moving on to the next step.

If you decide to use glue, just make sure you have enough glue on there for it to hold and let it dry completely before you move on.



While the paper plate is flipped on the back, attach the two bee's wings to either side of the plate. Again, we used tape to attach it to the plate.



Take a black pipe cleaner and cut it in half. Loop one end of the shortened pipe cleaner around your finger to make the antennae. If you want the whole piece to have a curled effect, drag your finger or fingernail along the pipe cleaner in a curved motion.



Flip the paper plate back over again and attach the bee's antennae to the back of the paper plate.



Now your kids have a cute little bee craft they can play around with!