

The Make Space

Bumble Bees

Artist Flora Duley (@flora_duley) shares how to create simple bees.



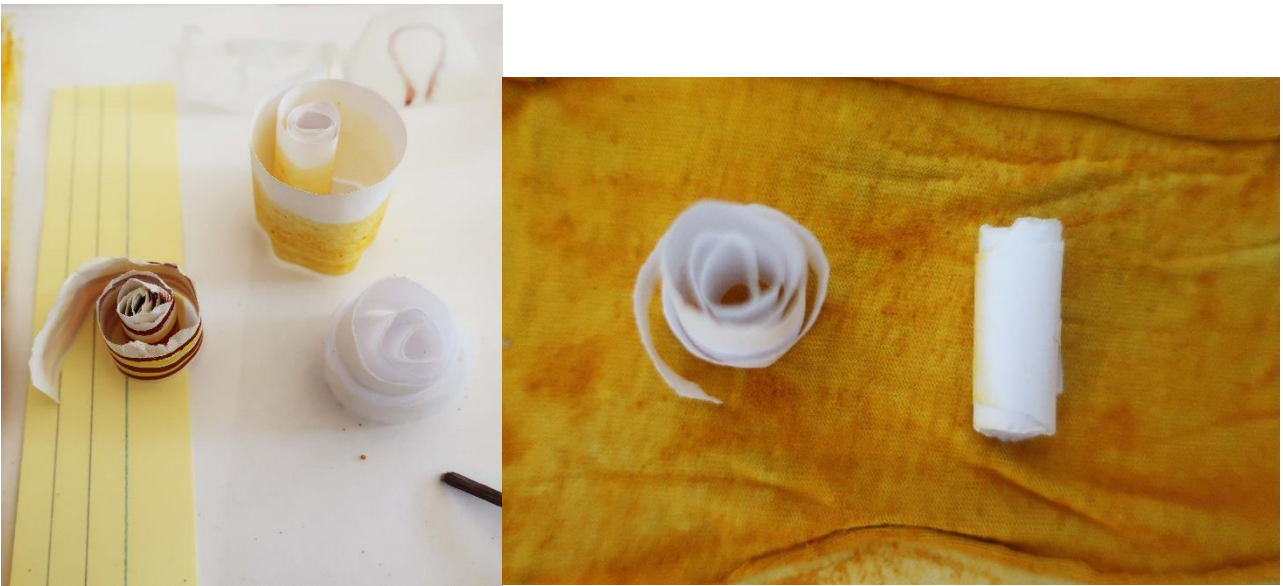
Materials

- Papers (baking parchment, stationary, craft paper)
- Pencils
- Pens
- Paints (DIY turmeric* or ready-made)
- Glue or sticky tape
- Scissors

*see notes below on making turmeric paste



1. Tear or cut your paper into long strips (approx. 15cm x 1-2cm)
2. Add colour to one side. You can also use printed papers or magazines as an effective design.



3. Roll the paper tightly with the colour showing.
4. Stick the end to the roll so it doesn't unfurl.



5. Make a 4cm square. Fold it in half. Draw one wing on the fold. Cut it out and open the wings. Stick or sew them to your bee.



Another bee can be made using an Alder Cone wrapped with paper, thread, or I used a turmeric dyed natural fabric (strip from an old T-shirt in 1tsp of turmeric and just enough water to make a concentrated mixture. Leave fabric in for 20 mins). You can also paint the turmeric paste onto your strips of paper.



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