



Busy Bees

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- In your felting tool box you will also need some sharp craft scissors.
- A 40 spiral can be used throughout but a 38 spiral and a multi tool are also helpful.
- You will also need a felting surface, we recommend our flatmat and a topper sheet.

Weights & Measures

2D body	0.3g black 0.2g daffodil
2.5D body	0.6-0.9g black 0.3g daffodil
Wings	0.2-0.3g white (for 2 wings)
Hexagons	Marigold & Honeycomb
Small	0.3g
Medium	0.5g
Large	0.7g
Honeypot	1.4g warm brown



Fill the bee template with an even layer of 0.3g black and stab until firm paying particular attention to the edges.



Take your 0.2g daffodil and split into pieces. Twirl them between your fingers and roll between your palms to make thick strands of colour.

Lay on top of the body and tack in place.



Stab the yellow stripes in place working first on the edges. Be careful to use a light motion so you don't force the fibres through to the other side as they will poke though the black. Turn the shape over and attach the loose ends on the back. Pull off any excess.



Turn the bee the right way up. You might find that some of the black fibres have poked through the yellow. Don't worry, there's a fix!



Take small pinches of yellow and roll a bit between your fingers.

Place on top of the yellow-like a sticking plaster- and felt in place.



Now your bee body is ready!



Take your white for the wings.

Try 0.2g for a thin wing, or 0.3g if you prefer it more chunky.

Split into two and make two wings using the template.



Add your wings to the body and once you are happy with the position then felt in place.



I wanted to give my bee antenna so I used a thick darning needle to make a hole and glued a piece of binding wire through it.

Then I bent the antenna up.



Our little 2D busy bee is finished!

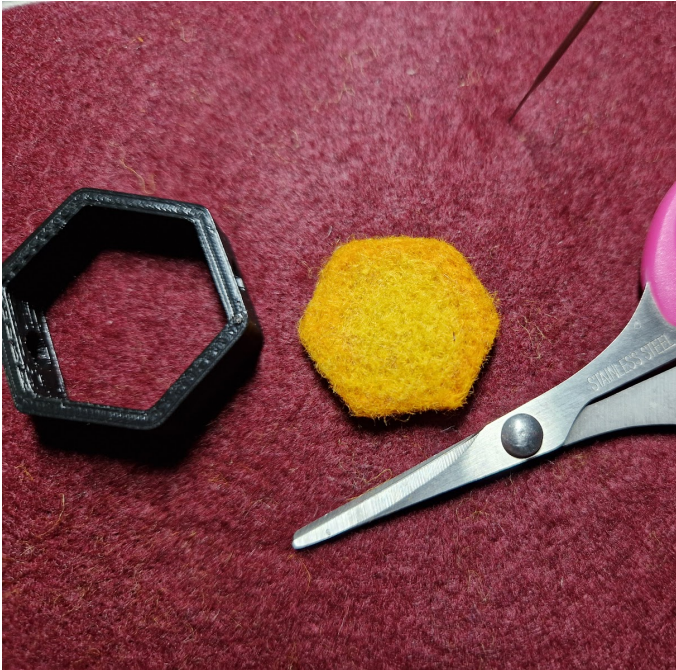
Try using different colours and more stripes~there are lots of variations! Try a reverse needle for a fluffy bee!



The hexagon shapes are really simple. Just fill with the fluff and stab!

I find that a thicker fill will hold the shape better.

You can blend the wool too to give a darker shaded area around the edge too.



Use your sharp scissors to trim the edges and get rid of any loose fuzzy fibres.



For the honey pot I fill the shape with 1.1g of warm brown for the base layer and stab until firm.



Take another 0.2g warm brown and shape into a roll between your hands.

Remove pot from template and lay the roll on the rim as shown. Tack in place.

Felt on the edges being careful to push the fibres into the centre of the rim so it remains proud.

Replace the template over the top and trap the loose fibres underneath.



Flip over and tack the loose ends in underneath.

Remove from template.

With your remaining 0.1 g spread out into a very thin sheet and lay over the top of the pot, focusing on the rim.

This just smooths out where you have added the rim and hides the join.

Put the template back on top and felt again.

Flip over and tidy any loose ends in the back



I added a thin strand of honeycomb just under the rim to emphasise it.

Add some marigold trickles of honey.

I just roll some pinches of fibre and lay them on top of the rim.

Felt in place and tuck the loose ends underneath.



Thin pieces of fibre rolled between your fingers makes short strands to do lettering with. Stab into place.



Pop back into the template to make sure the shape is still good and work over once more if required.



Our finished collection!



For a more 3D bee I used more fibre to build up the shape, concentrating in the centre.

In this case I used 0.9g of daffodil to fill the template and added black detail.

I reverse felted around the head spot and then refelted it so it diffused the harsh line.



I pinned the wings in place before attaching to make sure I was happy.



For my Zom-bee I used hotfix angelina fibre and used the template to cut the shapes out.

I then attached by laying some fibre on top and felting in place 😊



These little characters make great cards!

How many can you think of to make??

Bee Kind! Bee Happy! Fris-bee!



You can also add just one wing and it looks like the bee is side on.

Here I used embroidery silk to add wing detail and legs!



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