

Explore Honey Bees!: With 25 Great Projects

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Explore Honey Bees! offers a glimpse into a miniature world familiar to children. Activities include designing a hive and making a model of a flower's reproductive system, reinforcing the math and science skills readers gain from the text. Fun facts and colorful illustrations make learning fun and exciting. Links to online primary sources integrate a digital learning experience and offer opportunities to delve deeper into the world of honey bees.

This title meets Common Core State Standards in language arts, science and technology; Guided Reading Levels and Lexile measurements indicate grade level and text complexity.

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Explore Honey Bees! offers a glimpse into the fascinating and efficient miniature world that children will find familiar from movies such as the 2007 animated *Bee Movie*. Activities include designing a hive, learning bee dance moves, and making a model of a flower's reproductive system, which reinforce the math, engineering, and science skills readers gain from the text. Fun facts and colorful illustrations make learning fun and exciting. Links to online primary sources integrate a digital learning experience and offer opportunities to delve deeper into the world of honey bees.

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