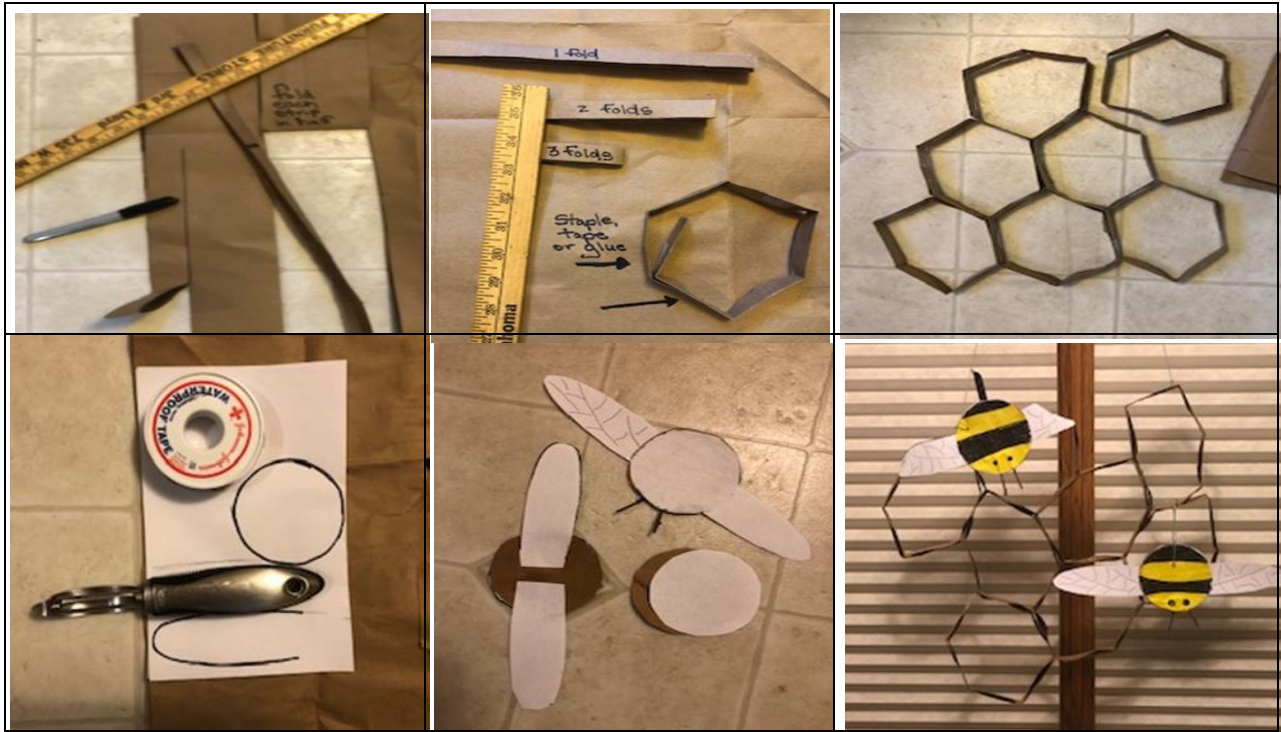


This is Ms. Susan from the Shorewood Public Library. I am so glad to see that you have come to check out what's "the buzz" here and share in the sweet project I have this week. I know you may have seen a "beehive" of activity all around lately, but we are just going to sit down, relax, and do some cutting, folding, and coloring to create our own Honeycomb Hanging. This is another pollinator palooza craft. Let's get bee-zy!



1-To make the honeycomb, cut down one side of a paper grocery bag. Lay the bag flat and cut strips. Once you have a few strips cut, fold them in half length-wise. For the younger artist, wider strips maybe easier to fold.

2-Fold each of these strips in half, then in half again, and then a third time. Open up the strip and attach the two ends with two lengths overlapping. This should make a **six-sided** "comb". Attach all the combs together in any order with the first one matching to a second one, along one side. After that, you will attach two sides of one to two other combs. The more combs, the bigger the hive.

3- Find something to make the shape of a circle and something that is oval for the wings. I used a vegetable peeler. Fold a white piece of paper in half and lay it on the paper bag. Trace the circle and oval shapes. You will use four circles and two white ovals for each bee. Glue one brown circle to a white circle. Glue the two white wings on to one brown side of the circle. Add something for the two antenna and then a stinger. I used some sticks from outside. Color the white side of the bees with crayons, markers, or paint. Or just use black marker to make the lines. Attach the two circles together with the brown sides matching.

4-Add your bees to the honeycomb and hang in your window or on the front door. It will remind everyone how important the bee is to each of us. One out of every four bites of food people take is courtesy of bee pollination.

Bee Happy, be well!

Ms. Susan