

WEEK 4: SHELTER

WHAT YOU'LL NEED:

- Coloured pens, stickers or paint
- Glue and scissors
- Cardboard, or big piece of paper
- 2 long pieces of material - string, ribbon, elastic or shoe laces
- Pens and pencils
- Coloured paper or card



ACTIVITY 1: POLLINATOR PARTY!

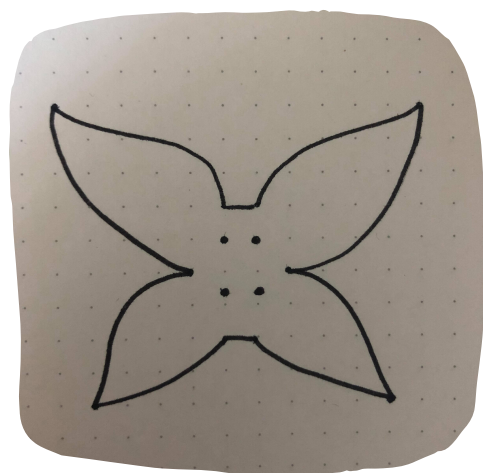
In this activity we have used paper flowers, but if you have flowers of different colours in your garden you could observe those instead!

- 1) Draw flowers on your coloured card. They should be fairly big, about the size of an apple. Try to use as many different colours as possible.
- 2) Ask an adult to help you cut out the flowers.
- 3) Place your flowers on a window sill or in your garden.
- 4) Sit quietly near the flowers (you may want to leave a bit of distance so you don't disturb the pollinators). Observe which of the flowers are visited by pollinators such as bees and hoverflies. Record your findings in a notebook.
- 5) If you're having fun, you could draw the pollinators you see and the flowers that they land on. You could also use this information to plant more wildflowers in your green space to attract different insects!

ACTIVITY 2: MAKE SOME WINGS

1) Take the material you are using to make your wings and lay it out flat. Draw an outline of the wings that you want to make. Look at pictures of dragonflies and butterflies for inspiration!

2) Cut along your outline with scissors. Ask an adult for help if you need it.



3) You now need to make some holes to thread in the arm straps. Mark four dots at each corner of a rectangle in the middle section of the wings and carefully make small holes at each of these points. Check out the picture to see where the holes need to go.

4) To make your arm straps, test what length of material you need to fit over your shoulder, under your armpit and tie on to the wings. Cut two strips of material to this length.

5) Thread one piece up through the top hole on one side of your rectangle and then back through the bottom hole on the same side. Tie the ends together to make a loop. Repeat on the other side. Your arms should slip through each of these like a back pack.

6) Decorate the wings – think about the sort of insect you want to be. You could look at pictures of some fascinating insects and design your wings to look like theirs, or you could be really creative and design your own!

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