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World Bee Day Honeycomb Craft for Seniors

A simple step-by-step guide

This easy honeycomb craft uses recycled cardboard tubes, flower-shaped macaroni pasta, yellow paint, and small bee decorations to create a bright World Bee Day display for seniors.[1](#)



What you need

Item	Notes
Assorted empty cardboard tubes	Use toilet paper rolls, paper towel rolls, or cling wrap rolls for different sizes. 1
Dried flower macaroni pasta	These fill the gaps and create a floral honeycomb texture. 1
Yellow acrylic paint	Golden yellow works best. 1
Paintbrush or sponge	A flat sponge can be easier for seniors to grip. 1
White craft glue	Standard PVA or Elmer's glue is suitable. 1
Scissors	Best used by staff to pre-cut the tubes. 1
Sturdy cardboard base	A cereal box or thick card works well. 1
Small bee decorations	Use printable bee cutouts or stickers. 1



Step 1: Cut the tubes

Cut the cardboard tubes into rings of mixed heights, about 1.25 cm to 4 cm (½ inch to 1.5 inches). Aim for roughly 15 to 20 rings in different diameters so the finished honeycomb looks varied and natural.[1](#)

Staff tip: Pre-cut the rings before the activity session to save time and make the craft easier for residents.[1](#)



Step 2: Paint the rings and pasta

Paint the inside and outside of each cardboard ring yellow. Paint a handful of the flower macaroni yellow as well, then leave everything to dry completely for about 20 to 30 minutes.[1](#)

Easy method: Put paint on a flat plate and dip the rings and pasta into it for quicker, less messy coverage.[1](#)



Step 3: Glue the honeycomb together

Once the paint is dry, glue the cardboard rings together on the base in an irregular cluster. Mix the different sizes and heights to give the honeycomb more depth and character. Hold each ring in place for a few seconds while the glue starts to set.[1](#)



Step 4: Add the pasta and bees

Glue the yellow flower macaroni into the gaps between the rings. Then add the bee decorations around the honeycomb to finish the craft.[1](#)



Finished result

This craft is budget-friendly, tactile, and easy to prepare for group activities. It also supports gentle fine motor engagement and can spark conversations about gardens, flowers, bees, and springtime.[1](#)

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