

Handprint Bumble Bee (Calendar Craft)

This month we are going to create our craft a little bit differently. Instead of using paint, we'll be using a variety of colored construction paper to create a cute little bumble bee!

As always, you'll need your child's two little hands to complete it. For additional craft activities and ideas, please visit us at www.signingtime.com and www.signingtimekids.org

Materials Needed:

- August calendar page (backside/upside-down)
- 1 sheet construction paper (any color of your choice)
- 1 or 2 sheets black construction paper
- Black fine tip marker
- 2 wiggle eyes
- Glue
- 1 pipe cleaner (any color of your choice)
- OPTIONAL: Any other household items – ribbon, stickers, etc.



Book Link:

“*Buzz Bumble to the Rescue*” by Lynn E. Hazen
“*Bees*” by Larry Dane Brimner

Time to Create!

Step 1: To create this bumble bee, all you will need is your child's hands and a creative imagination! Begin by choosing which color of construction paper you want to use for the body of the bumble bee. Using the picture above as a guide, draw a bee-shaped body and head onto your construction paper and cut it out. Next, trace your child's hands onto the black construction paper (or any color your child chooses) and cut them out. These handprints will be your bumble bee wings.

Step 2: Place your bee's body and wings onto the back side, upside down August Calendar Craft. Remember to leave a little space at the top of the page for the spiral binding. Next, glue the body and wings in place. Then cut out 3 – 4 black stripes and glue onto the body. You will now complete the bee by gluing the eyes into place, drawing a mouth, cutting a small bit of pipe cleaner to use as a nose, and gluing the nose in place. The remaining piece of pipe cleaner can be cut and shaped to look like antennae. Now your child's bee is complete! The rest of the page can be decorated however your child pleases. Encourage them to use their creativity and imagination!

Step 3: Don't forget to label the calendar page with the month “September”. Also, if you do not have access to some or all of the supplies listed above, have your child do a scavenger hunt around the house for items they *could* use. You and your child are not limited in any way with this fun craft project. Get creative!

