WHAT YOU NEED:

1. 3 pieces of copy paper
2. a yellow sharpie
   (or crayon, or colored pencil),
3. a black sharpie
4. antennae wire (can be pipe cleaners, twist ties or the wire that holds your vegetables together).
5. Also scissors and tape.

HOW TO MAKE A BEE CROWN

NOTE TO PARENTS: Adapt this for your family. This is a family activity. Most kids under eight won’t be able to do it without help. Draw the bees with the kids. Take turns drawing the three body parts, the legs and the wings. Make the bees bigger than shown here. Young ones can make stripes, legs and antennae. They can color in the yellow. It’s okay to go outside the lines! Remember anything with yellow and black stripes looks like a bee. Color the crown with bright colors! Make a crown for everyone in your family! Have fun.
1. Fold the three pieces of paper into thirds the long way.

2. Put one end of a folded piece inside another. Make sure they are both facing the same way, if you didn’t fold it exactly in thirds, there will be a front and a back.

3. Tape the 2 pieces together on the back.

4. Tape the third piece of paper on in the same way.

5. Measure it around your head. You might need help for this.

6. Make sure it overlaps about a hands width. pinch the place where you could cut it so it will be the right length.

7. Make a mark with the sharpie where you pinched it. Cut that end off.

8. Draw your first bee. It’s ok to practice near an end because it will be at the back of your crown. You choose. Make a dot- a head- with your sharpie.

9. Make a bigger dot- a thorax- attached to the first dot.

10. Make an oval shape- an abdomen- attached to the big dot, opposite from the little dot.

11. Draw stripes across the width of the oval.

13. Draw tear drop shapes coming out of the middle of the thorax.

14. Color in the whole abdomen over the stripes with your highlighter. Best to let the ink dry a few seconds first.

15. Draw a queen bee. She has a much longer abdomen than any other bee in the hive. You might want to put dots in the wings so they can be seen.

16. Draw a worker bee. It’s just like the first bee you drew. Much shorter abdomen than the queen.

17. Draw a drone. All three parts of the drone are wider than the worker and the queen bee. The bottom of the drone is pretty flat, not so pointy.

18. It’s fun to know learn the types of bees. If you are ever looking in an observation hive or at pictures, you can recognize the bees. Draw some more bees if you want. I put dash lines behind each bee showing where they have flown.

19. Get help to put the crown around your head and mark where to tape it on the inside.

20. On the outside, tape the end down with rolls of tape.

21. Choose the front of your crown and mark where you want to tape your antennae.

22. Tape the antennae down. Two pieces of tape, one higher one lower, across will keep the antennae from tipping over.

23. Wear with Bee Pride. It’s more fun if you make more than one.