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HONEY BEE

A colony full of teamwork.



DID YOU KNOW?

Honey bees live in colonies and share different jobs. The western honey bee was introduced to North America.

YOUR TURN

Color the bee and its flowers. Then draw or write one question you would ask a beekeeper.

Explore with an adult. Watch without touching insects or disturbing nests.

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Honey bee background: Xerces

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BUMBLEBEE

Big fuzz. Busy flower visits.



DID YOU KNOW?

Bumblebee colonies have a queen and workers that help care for the young. Bumblebees and honey bees are different kinds of bees.

YOUR TURN

Color the flowers in your favorite colors. Next time you are outside with an adult, watch for a fuzzy flower visitor.

Explore with an adult. Watch without touching insects or disturbing nests.

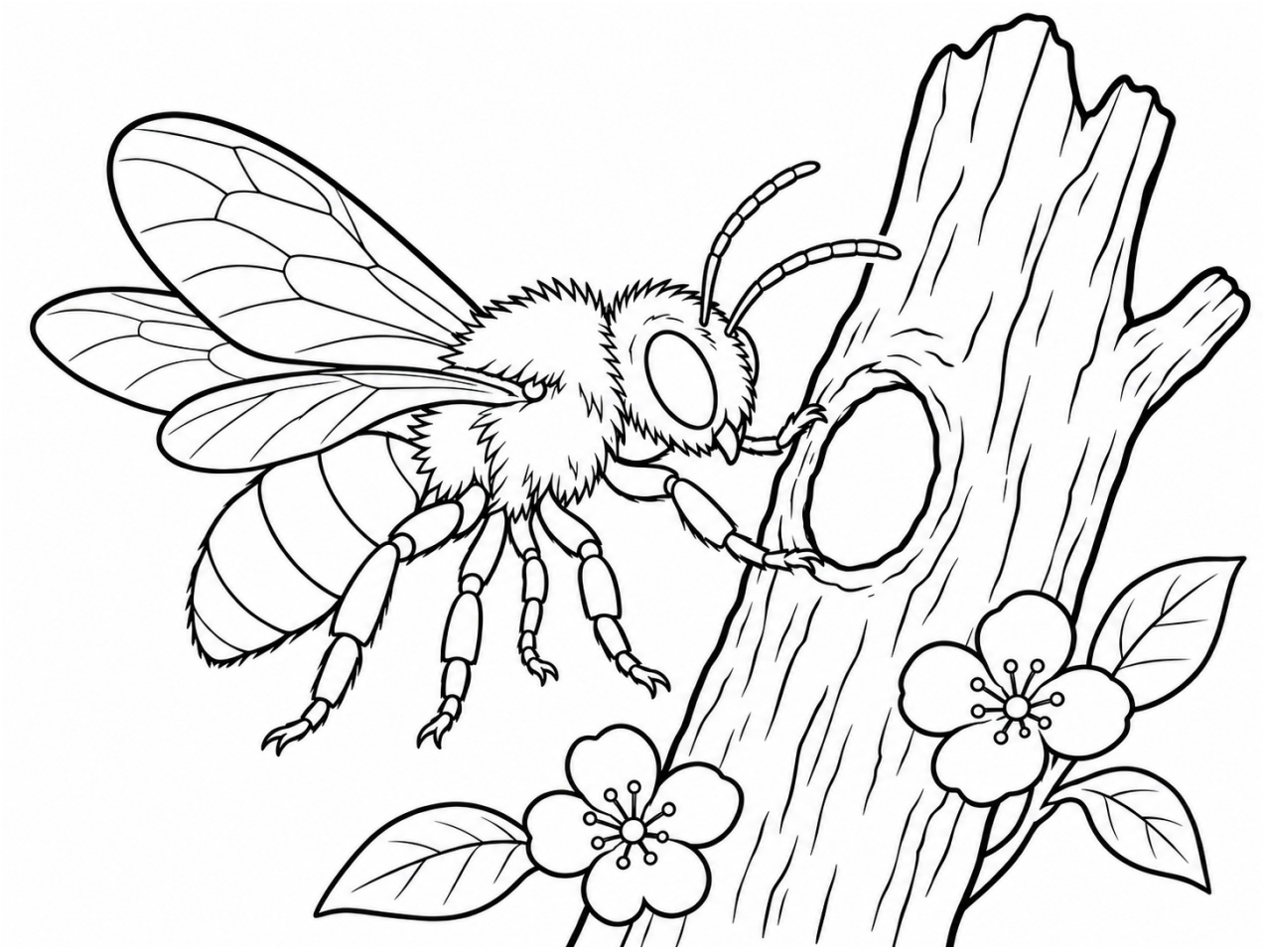
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MASON BEE

A little builder with a muddy toolkit.



DID YOU KNOW?

Mason bees are solitary nesters. Many use mud to divide existing holes into small nest cells.

YOUR TURN

On another sheet, draw a pretend nest tunnel with separate rooms. Leave real nests and holes untouched.

Explore with an adult. Watch without touching insects or disturbing nests.

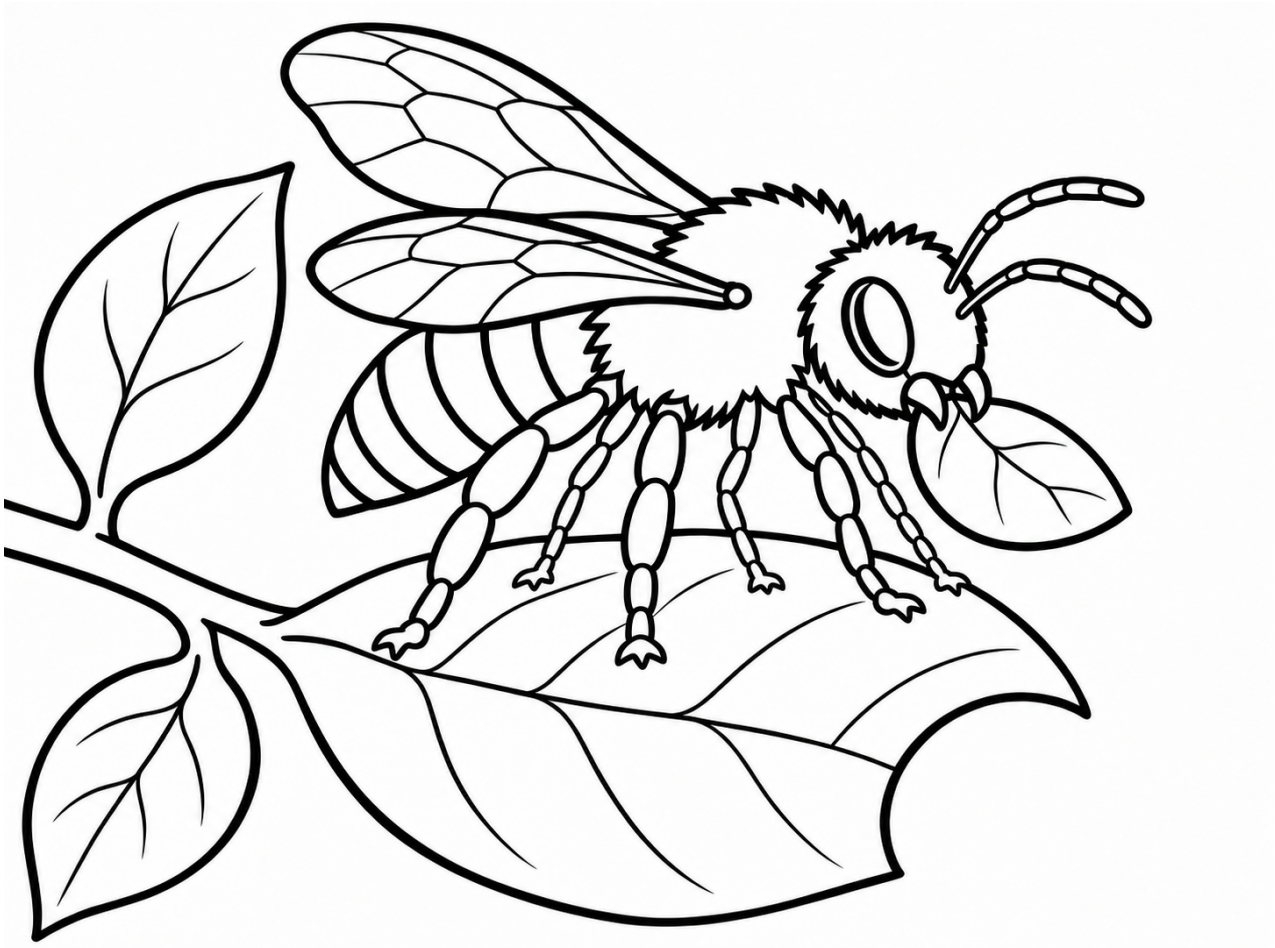
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LEAFCUTTER BEE

Tiny leaf pieces. Clever little nests.



DID YOU KNOW?

Leafcutter bees use pieces of leaves or petals to line their nests. They usually build their own nests rather than sharing a hive.

YOUR TURN

Find the rounded cutout in the leaf. On another sheet, draw your own leaf with a curved piece missing.

Explore with an adult. Watch without touching insects or disturbing nests.

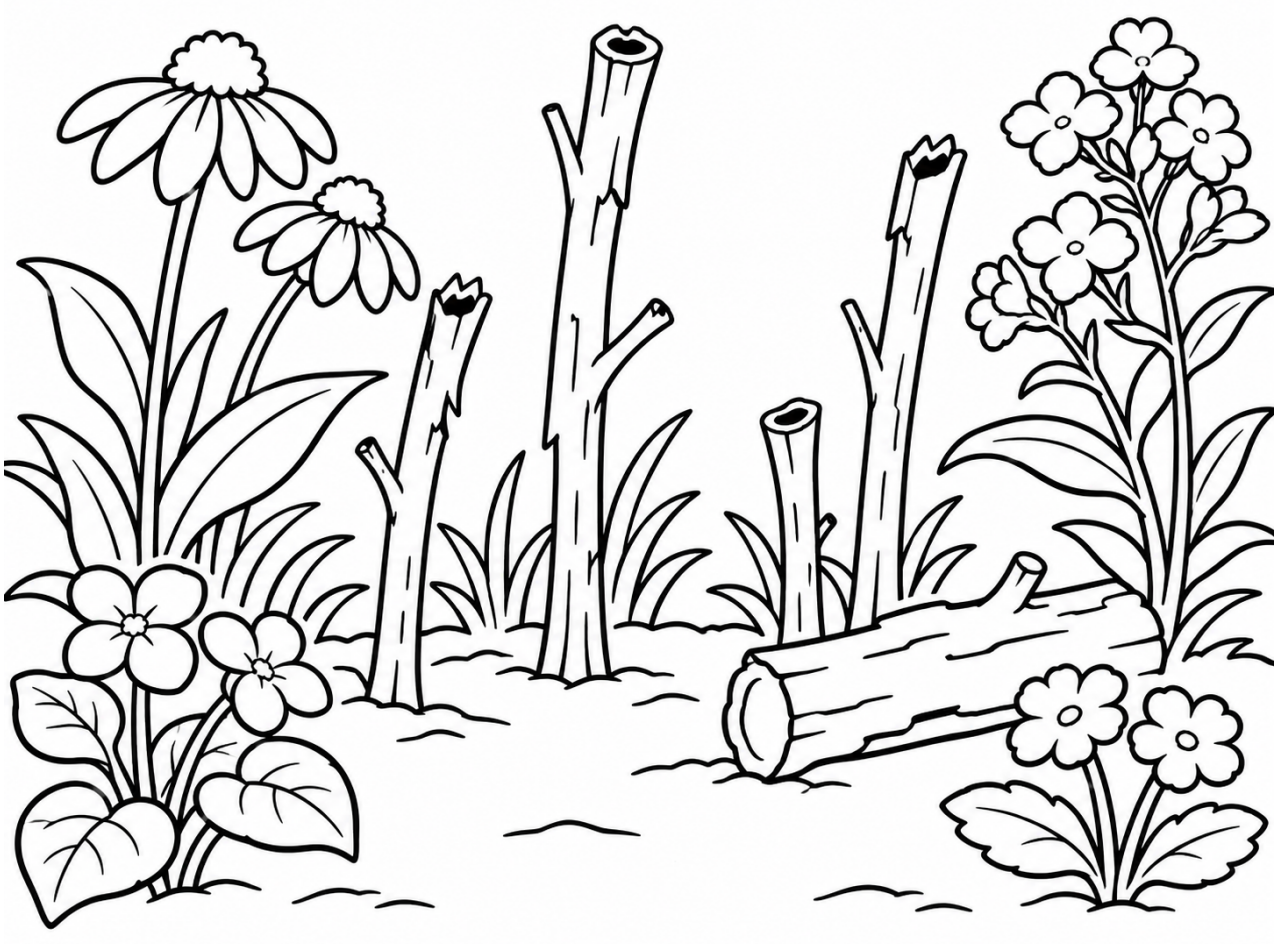
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A PLACE TO NEST

Not every bee calls a hive home.



DID YOU KNOW?

Many native bees nest in soil. Others use plant stems or holes in wood. A garden can offer more than flowers.

YOUR TURN

Find the soil, stems and log in this scene. Give each a different color. Outside, look without digging or moving anything.

Explore with an adult. Watch without touching insects or disturbing nests.

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A GARDEN FOR BEES

Different flowers. More to discover.



DID YOU KNOW?

A mix of suitable flowering plants can provide food across your local growing season. Choose native plants that fit your region and space.

YOUR TURN

Color the garden. With an adult, find the name of one local native flowering plant you could learn more about.

Adults: share a drawing or discovery with buzzus@savethebeesusa.org.

Facts: Illinois Extension

Plant guidance: Xerces Society