

# BONUS ACTIVITY: Pollinator Garden Art

Time: 15–20 minutes

## Materials Needed:

- Crushed colored sidewalk chalk (to represent pollen)
- Plastic eggs (to hold the “pollen” in flower centers)
- Foam flower cutouts
- Pipe cleaners (to create insect pollinators)
- Sidewalk chalk (to draw flowers on pavement)
- Floral foam blocks or Styrofoam (to hold foam flowers upright)

## Step-by-Step Instructions:

### 1. Build Your Flower Garden:

- Attach foam flower cutouts to plastic eggs (these will be the flower centers).
- Fill each plastic egg with a small amount of crushed sidewalk chalk (pollen).
- Insert the base of each flower into a floral foam block or Styrofoam so they stand upright like a real garden.

### 2. Create Your Pollinator:

- Use pipe cleaners to craft a bee, butterfly, or other insect.
- Twist pipe cleaners into legs, wings, and antennae to bring your pollinator to life.
- Click video tutorial.

### 3. Draw a Chalk Garden:

- Use sidewalk chalk to draw large flowers on the pavement nearby. These will be the flowers your pollinator will visit and “pollinate.”



#### 4. Pollinate the Garden!

- Children dip their crafted insects into the crushed chalk “pollen” inside the plastic egg flower centers.
- Then, they “fly” their insect to the chalk-drawn flowers on the ground, gently pressing to leave behind some pollen.
- Repeat with different flowers to simulate how pollinators spread pollen.

#### Wrap-Up Discussion:

Ask the children what they noticed about how the pollen moved.

Talk about how real pollinators help plants grow and why they’re important to our environment.

Optional: Let each child name their pollinator and share one thing they learned.

#### Learning Takeaway:

Pollinators like bees and butterflies are essential to plant life. This hands-on activity helps children understand how pollen is transferred and why protecting pollinators matters.



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