



# Pollinator Pudding



**What are pollinators, and why are they so important? Why do bees make such a positive impact on the world? Making Pollinator Pudding is a fun way for children to learn about pollinators while enjoying a decadent snack! Children can exercise their creativity by giving their edible creation its own personality and burn off the sugar after eating it by going on a pollinator hunt outside!**



## MATERIALS

- Instant Vanilla Pudding
- Milk
- Mixing Bowl
- A Clear Cup
- Raisins
- Pretzel Sticks
- Oreo Cookies
- “Wing” Cookies
- Optional: Yellow Food Coloring



## STEPS

- 1) Prepare the pudding according to the directions on the box. Vanilla pudding produces a light yellow color, but you may add food coloring for a more vibrant yellow. Place the bowl of pudding aside.
- 2) Crumble 6 Oreo cookies into coarse chunks. Set aside.
- 3) Set aside two pretzel sticks, two raisins, and two wing cookies. Note: You can use any cookie you want that you think will make good wings! Some suggestions include palmeritas (aka Elephant Ears), waffle cookies, and Madelines.
- 4) Once your pudding has set into a thick consistency (about 5 minutes), begin layering your bee body! Begin by scooping a layer of pudding into your cup, being careful to not let it touch the sides of the cup. Next, sprinkle a layer of crushed Oreos on top of the pudding. Continue this process until your cup is filled to the top! Make as many or as few Oreo stripes as you like, and make them as thick or as thin as you please.
- 5) When your bee body is built, place the two pretzel sticks into the center of the pudding surface to create antennae! Next, place the two raisins in front of the antennae to create the eyes. Finally, place the two cookies behind the antennae to create the wings.
- 6) The most important step: Eat and enjoy!
- 7) *After you have made and enjoyed your pollinator pudding, consider going for a nature walk to burn off the sugar and look for pollinators! How many different kinds can you find? Can you find more than one type of bee? What do you see them all doing? What plants are each type of pollinator attracted to? Why do you think that is?*

# OPPORTUNITIES FOR EXPANDED LEARNING

“Did you know that honeybees are responsible for one in every three bites of food we eat? That’s right! They’re the world’s busiest pollinators, with a really big job to do. Honeybees pollinate more than 100 types of crops in the U.S., help maintain the diversity of plant life and ultimately, play a crucial role in our ecosystem.”

Learn more about the importance of bees from [wholekidsfoundation.org](http://wholekidsfoundation.org) [HERE!](#)

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