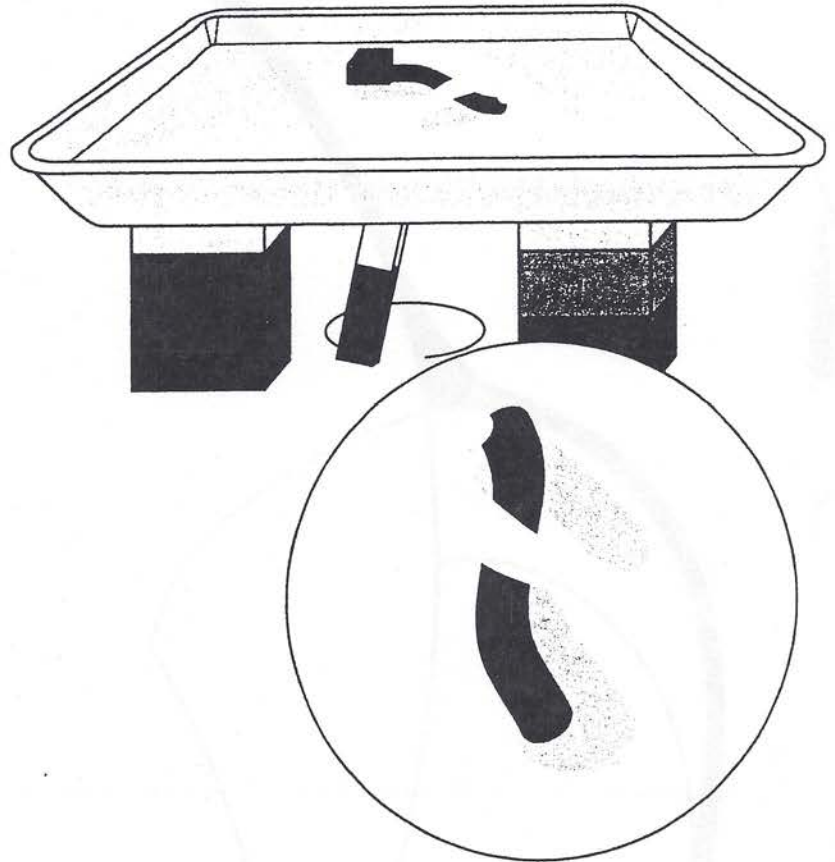


## Magnet Painting

Explore the power of magnets while creating some neat paintings! To set up this activity, tape together three large wooden blocks to make a tower. Then make a second tower. Place these on a table; then tape an aluminum pan on top of the towers as shown. Place a paper cutout in the bottom of the pan. Have a child squeeze some paint into the pan, using two or three colors of her choice. Then drop a magnet into the pan. Have the child use a magnetic wand under the pan to move the magnet through the paint and create a unique design.

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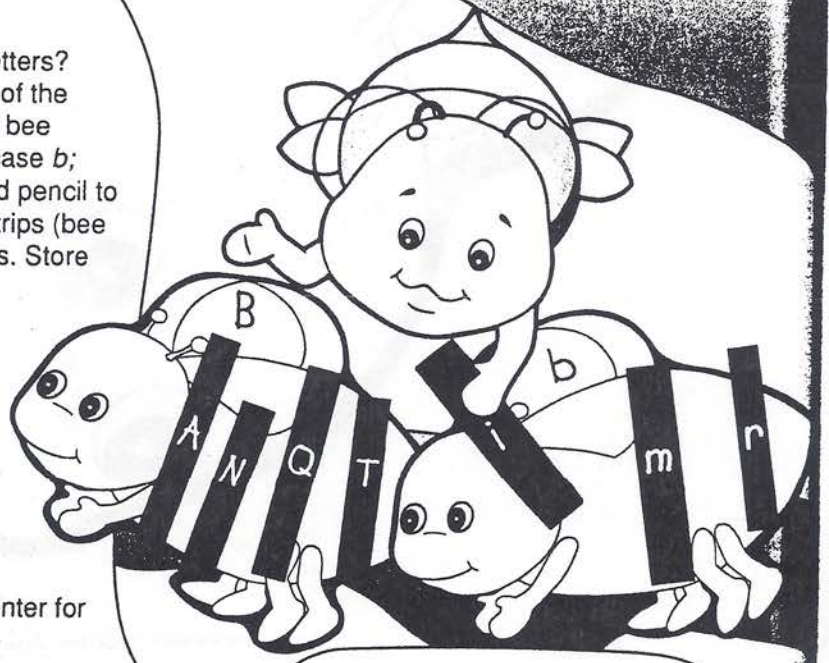


## Busy Bees

### Sorting uppercase and lowercase letters

Looking for a unique way to help little ones sort letters? Try this! Make two yellow construction paper copies of the bee pattern on page 41 and cut them out. Label one bee with an uppercase *b* and the other one with a lowercase *b*; then laminate them for durability. Use a white colored pencil to program twelve  $\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " black construction paper strips (bee stripes) with various uppercase and lowercase letters. Store the stripes in a container.

Gather a small group of students. Place the bees on a table within students' reach. Invite each youngster, in turn, to remove a stripe from the container and identify the letter as uppercase or lowercase. If the letter is uppercase, he places the stripe on the bee with the uppercase *b*. If the letter is lowercase, he places it on the bee with the lowercase *b*. Continue until each bee has six stripes. Then place the stripes back in the container and play again. If desired, place the materials at a center for independent practice.



**Bee Pattern**  
Use with "Honey-Combed" Bee" on page 38 and  
"Busy Bees" and "Stinger Stamping" on page 40.

