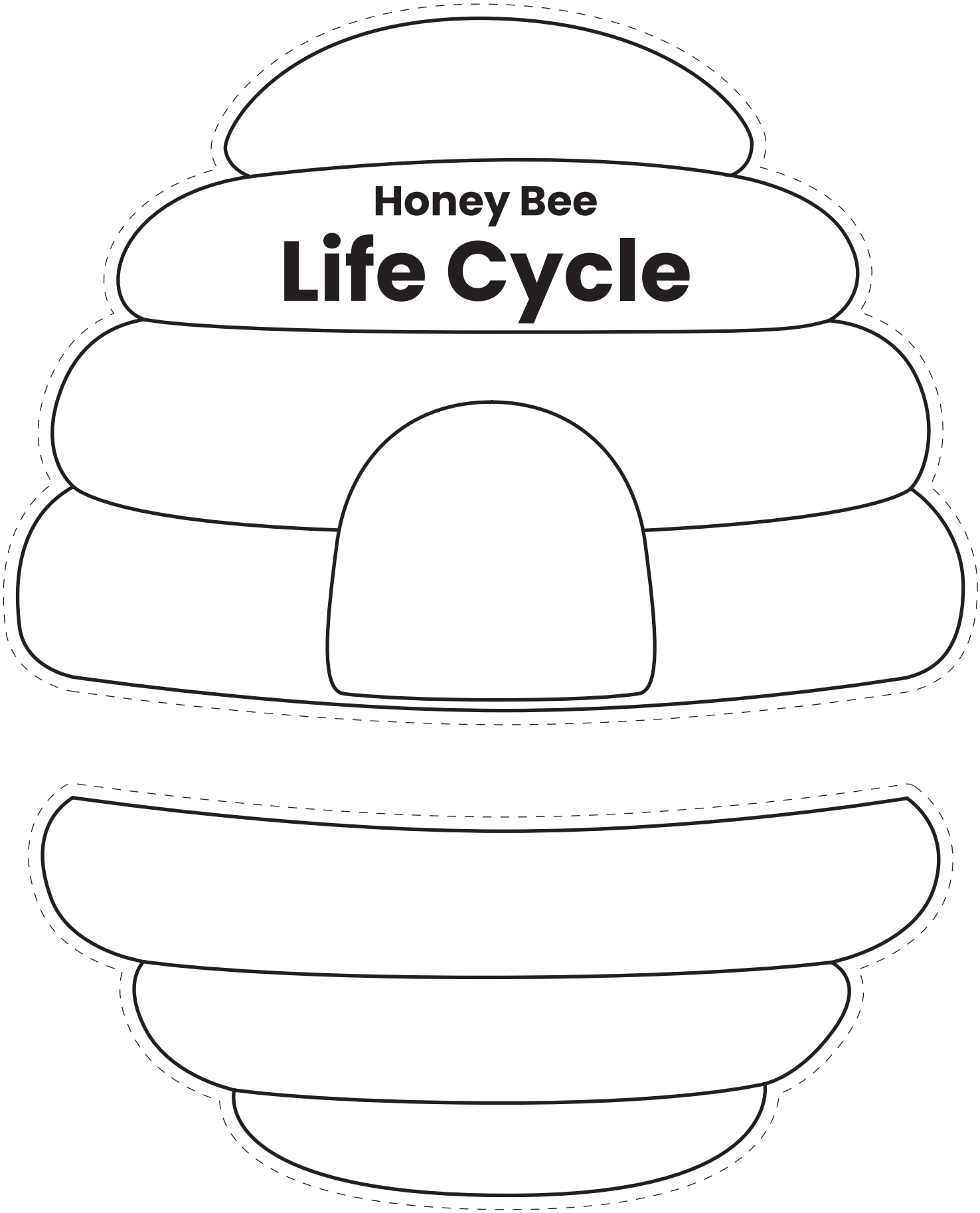
Honey Bee

Life Cycle



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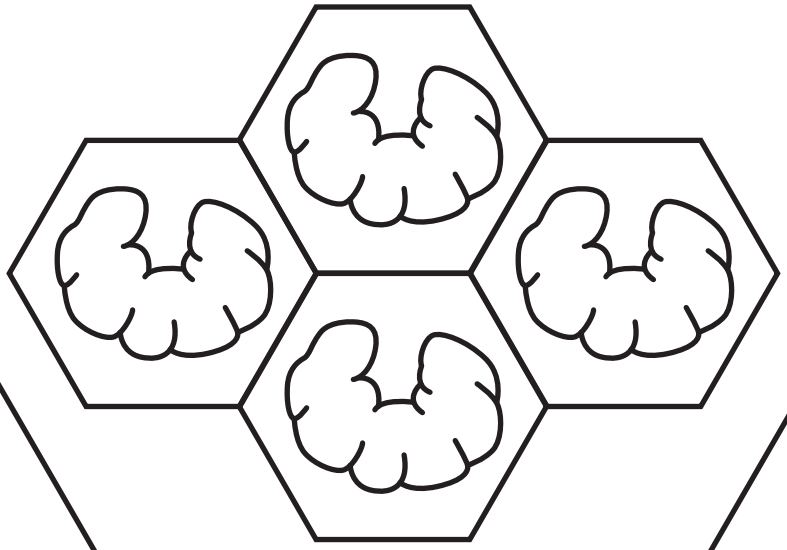
Egg Stage

The life of a honey bee starts when the queen bee lays an egg. She lays each egg in a tiny cell within the honeycomb. The egg is very small, white, and shaped like a grain of rice.



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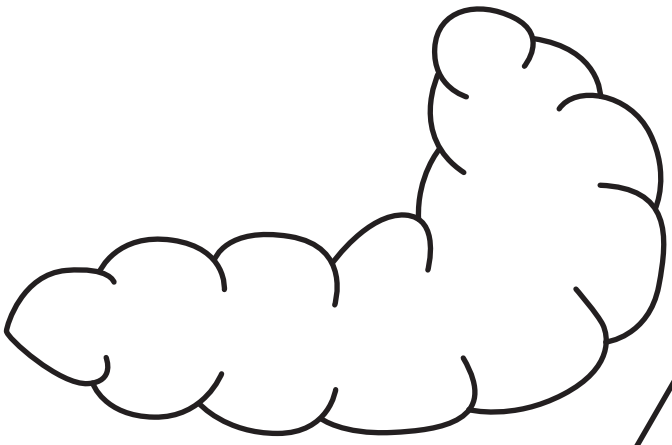
Larva Stage

After about three days, the egg hatches into a larva. At this stage, the larva looks like a small, white worm. Worker bees feed the larva honey, pollen and a special substance called royal jelly, which helps it grow quickly.



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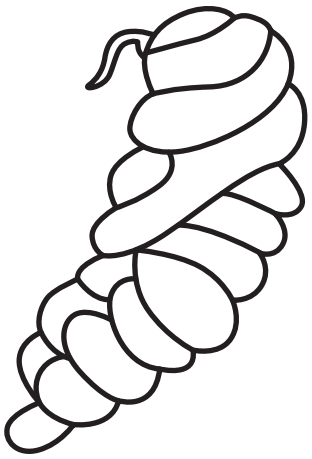
Pupa Stage

After about a week, the worker bees add a wax cap to the top of the honeycomb cell and the larva spins a cocoon around itself. Inside the cocoon, it transforms into an adult bee. This stage is called the pupa stage. While inside the cocoon, the bee undergoes many changes, developing its wings, legs, and other body parts.



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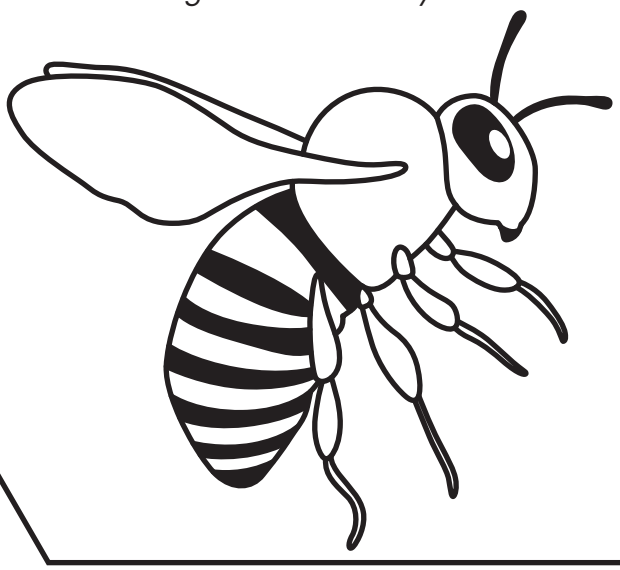
Adult Bee Stage

After about 10 days, the pupa is done forming into an adult bee and will chew its way out of the wax capping its cell and join the rest of the beehive. Worker bees have many jobs like cleaning the hive, foraging for nectar and pollen, protecting the hive and making more wax honeycomb cells.



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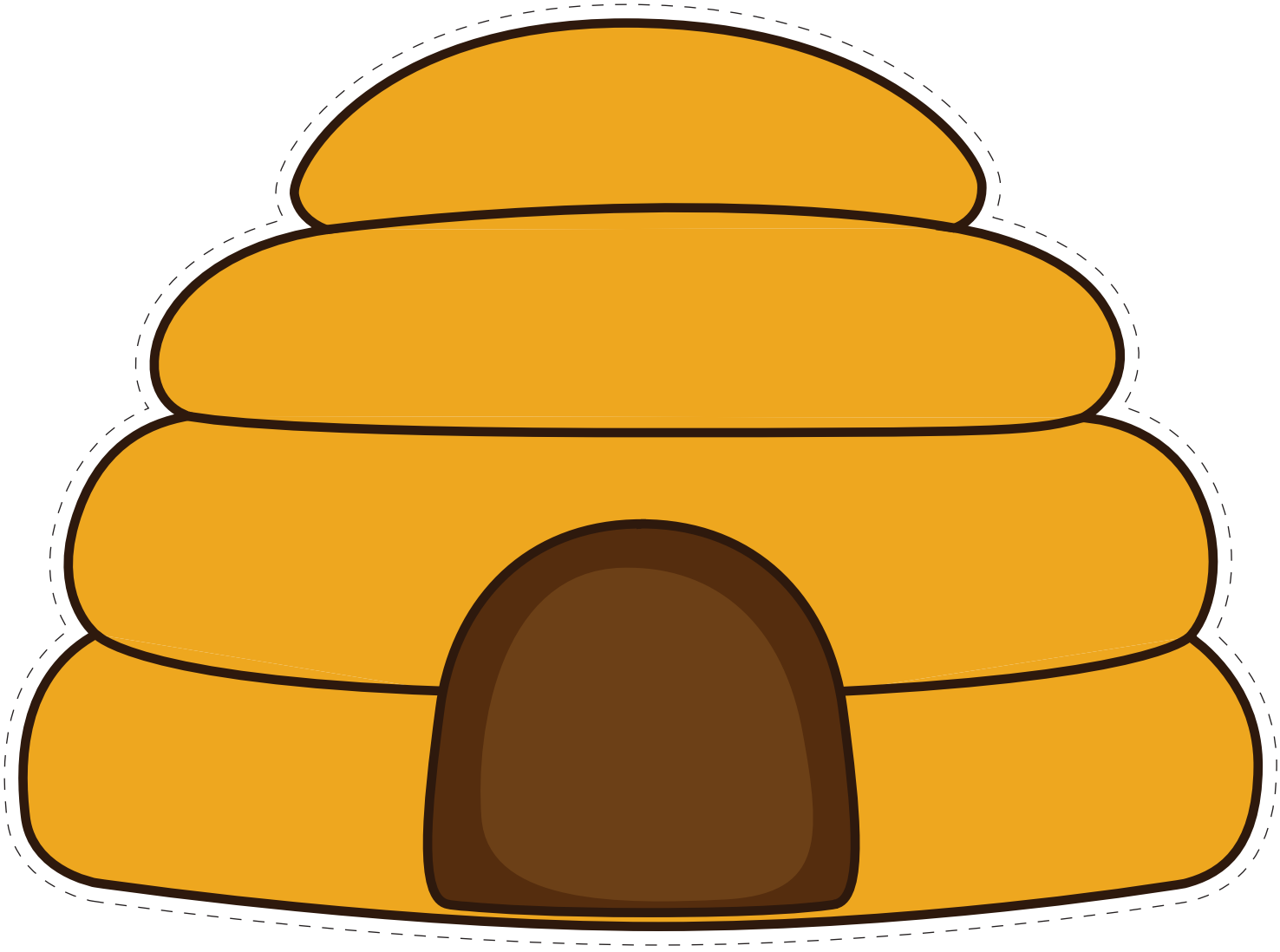

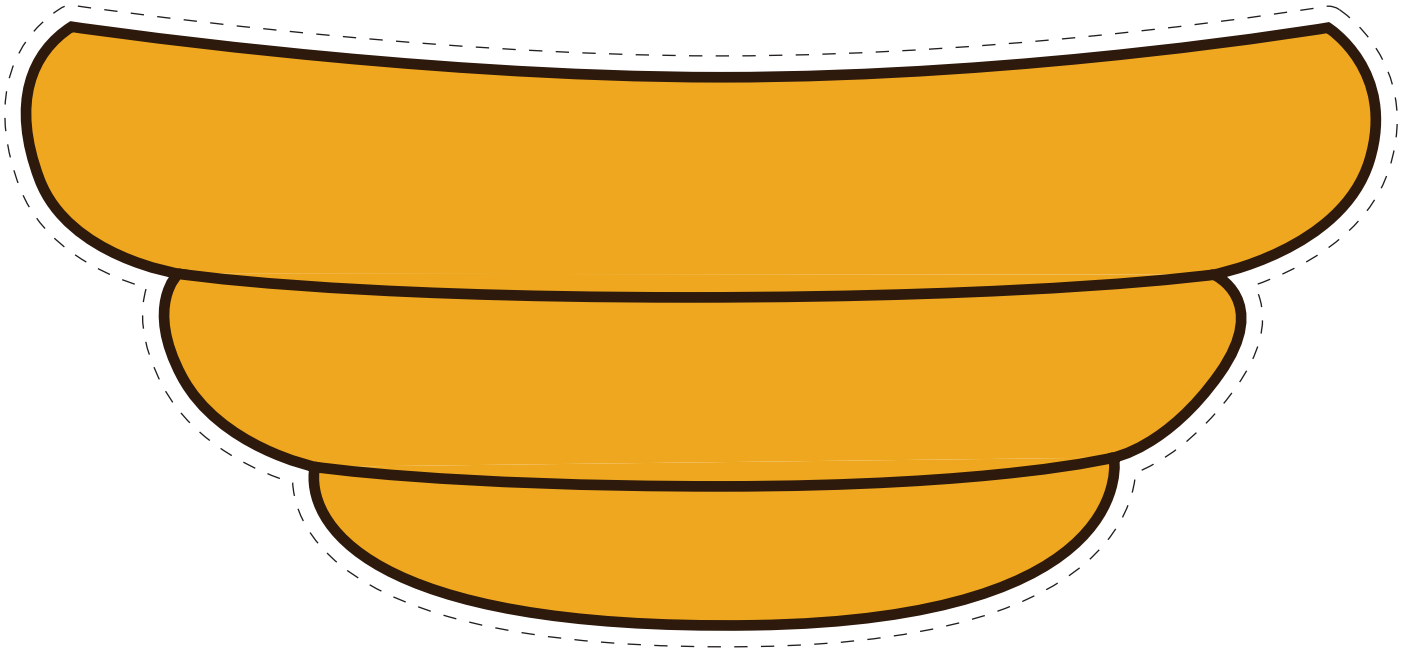

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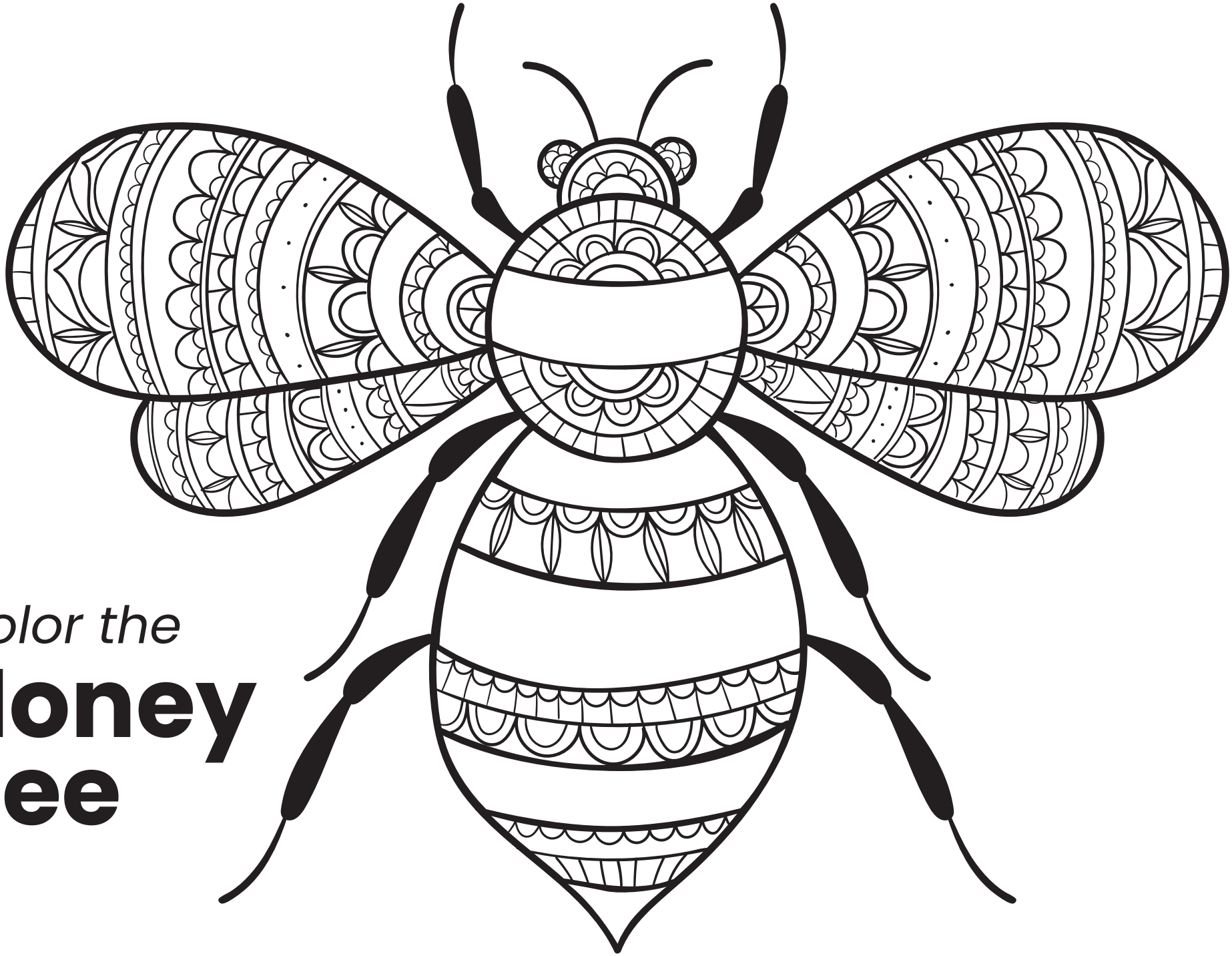

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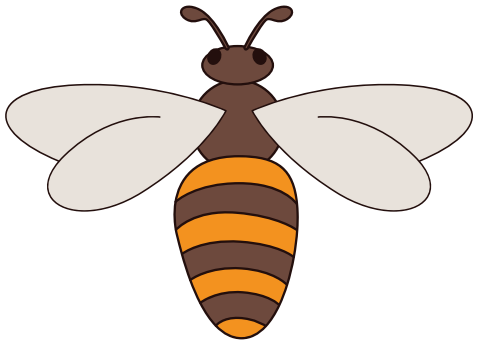

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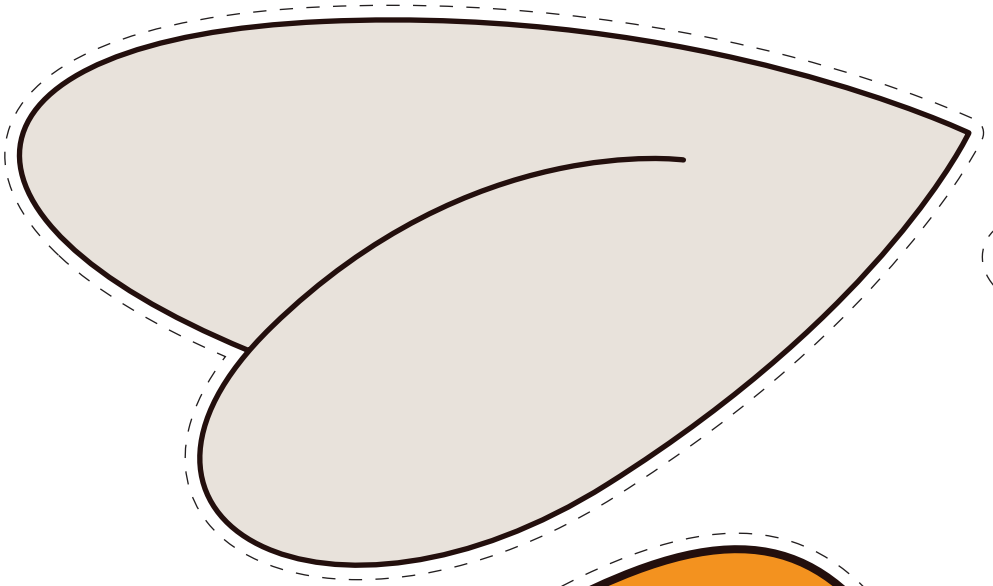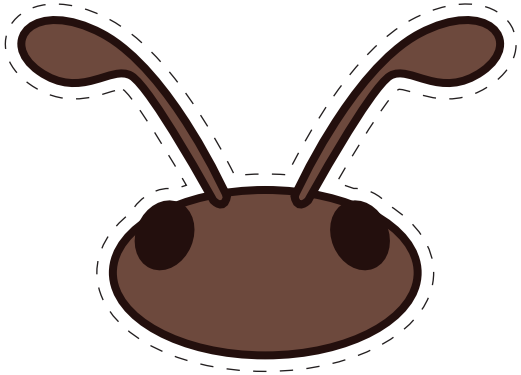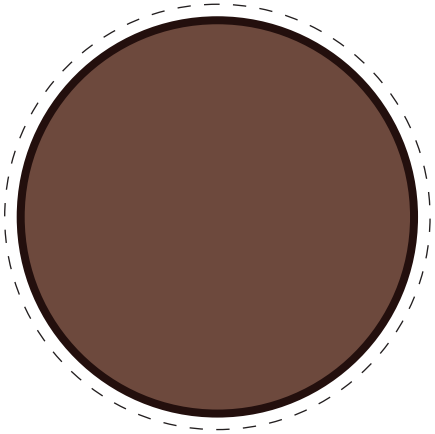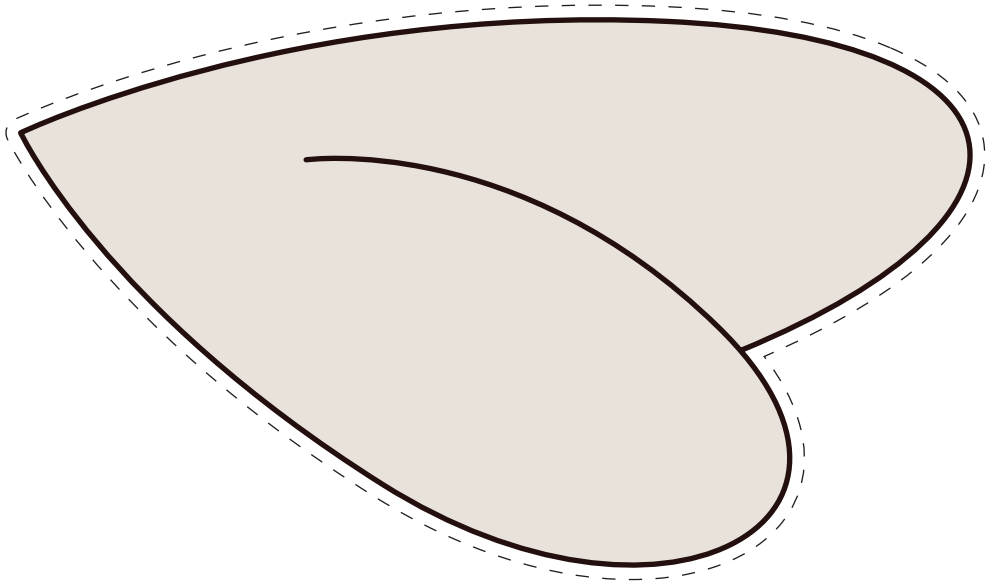
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