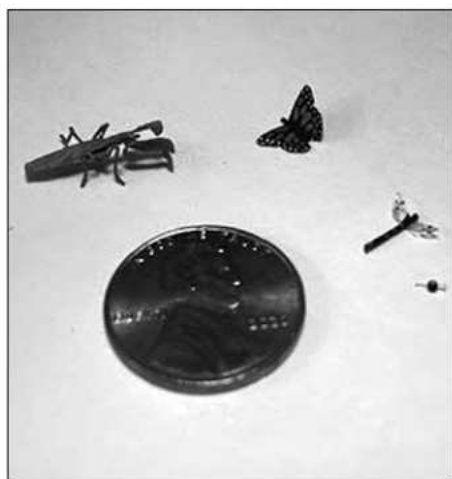


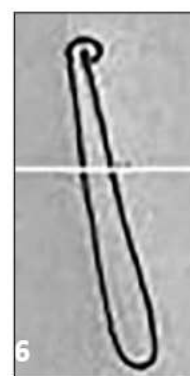
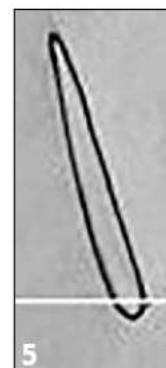
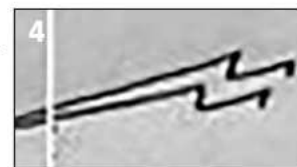
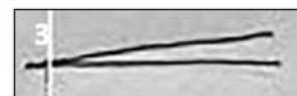
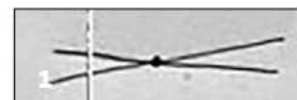
BUMBLEBEE & PRAYING MANTIS

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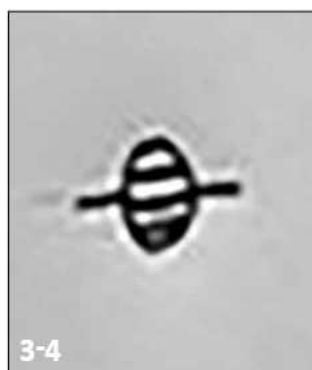
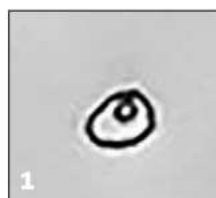
Materials needed:

- White copy paper
- Scissors
- 28-gauge wire
- Invisible thread Or Fishing line
- Tweezers/small pliers
- Acrylic paint (black, white, orange, yellow, green)
- Fine paint brush
- Tacky glue
- Super glue
- Black jewelry bead
- Magnifying lens



Bumblebee Instructions:

- 1 Use small black jewelry bead.
- 2 Glue in 2 inches of fish line or invisible thread with super glue. Let dry.
- 3 Paint three yellow stripes across body of bead. Let dry.
- 4 Clip excess thread to be proportionate to the bead size.



Praying Mantis Instructions:

Back Legs

- 1 Tie two 28-gauge wires together and tighten knot with two small pliers. Glue knot with superglue and let dry.

- 2 With tiny pliers or tweezers, bend legs as shown.

Front Legs

- 3 Fold another wire in half- proportioned to scale desired.

- 4 With tiny pliers or tweezers, bend legs as shown.

Body

- 5 Cut copy paper in shape shown.
- 6 Curl narrow end under for the mantis head.

- 7 Glue on top of legs.

- 8 Paint bright green. Let dry. ♦