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## Pollinator Painting

Flowers have tiny dust-like pieces, called pollen, that helps them reproduce. Pollen must move from one flower to another to make reproduction happen. How does pollen move? With the help of pollinators like bees, butterflies, and birds! In this activity your little one will be the pollinator and help the pollen move from one flower to another.

### You'll need:

- Chalk, two to three colors
- Cotton balls
- Paper
- Optional: paint and paint brush

### What to do:

1. Find an area of sidewalk or driveway to draw two or more flowers of different colors. Be sure to color them in really well (you'll need lots of chalk dust for this activity).
2. Using the cotton ball as the pollinator, pick up the pollen (chalk dust) and fly to another flower. What happens when you land on a new flower? Keep moving around the different flowers and notice what happens to the different flowers as well as the cotton ball.
3. Use paper to draw with the cotton ball after visiting all the flowers. Which color shows up the most on the paper?

Alternative: use paint instead of chalk to paint flowers on paper. Use the cotton balls as pollinators and move the pollen (paint) around while it's still wet.



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