

Butterfly Crafts & Activities

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BUTTERFLY ACTIVITY

Coming Out of The Pupa (Chrysalis)

A monarch butterfly pupa is green but you can make your "pupa" any color.

Make a butterfly or copy the pattern found at Thinking Foundation <http://www.sci.mus.mn.us/sln/tf/s/symmetry/butterflypattern.gif> - you can make the butterfly wings by folding a small piece of paper in half, and draw half a butterfly along the fold line. You can add the antennas when you cut it out.

Cut it out on poster board or heavy paper. Hole punch a hole in the top middle part of the butterfly. Place a 6 inch piece of pipe cleaner in the hole (if using a pattern without an antenna) and turn the edges to form a circle. Have each child decorate the butterfly how they want (make sure each side looks like the other side). Take a toilet paper tube to form a pupa (chrysalis). Decorate it. Tape the butterfly onto a craft stick. Curl the wings of the butterfly inside of the pupa (chrysalis) and take it out of the pupa (chrysalis) and let the butterfly fly. Play some soft instrumental music and let the child fly the butterfly while the music plays.

On the instruction page <http://www.sci.mus.mn.us/sln/tf/s/symmetry/symmetry.html> of their web site, this is a balancing butterfly (using a penny taped on the back of each butterfly wing).



CATERPILLAR ACTIVITY

Sew green pom-poms together using thread to make a caterpillar. You can make a face using a fine tipped felt pen or leave the face off. Have the child place the caterpillar into the cocoon (a brown sock or other color if you don't have a brown sock or just a small lunch bag). Have the child take a butterfly out of the sock (or bag).

EGG CARTON CATERPILLAR

Have a row of 6 cardboard egg carton cups cut out already. Have them cut the sides out to form legs (cut them out for younger children). Have the child paint the egg carton using green tempera paint or other type of paint. Make a face out of paper or paint it if you like, like the caterpillar in the book, "Very Hungry Caterpillar" or how ever the child wants the caterpillar to look like. Glue it on the dried caterpillar.

THE VERY HUNGRY CATERPILLAR SNACKS

Make or eat some of the foods in the book.

I would suggest the healthy, inexpensive food items. You can cut some of these foods into small pieces for each child to sample: apples, pears, plums, strawberries, orange, watermelon, or cheese. If you also want an entire snack, make one of the following: chocolate cake, cherry pie, or cupcakes



Make Some Fluttering Butterflies

Tissue paper butterflies are a great kid's craft and science project

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Easy enough for preschoolers but so much fun the older kids will want to make them to - these easy to make butterflies are the perfect easy kids craft for spring. Butterflies begin to come out in the spring but you won't have to wait for them when you make your own fluttering butterflies.

These delightful tissue paper butterflies will look wonderful hanging from a mobile, fluttering from a window or posted on the fridge. They are not only the perfect craft for spring but make a great science fair project for a younger child as well.

Make Some Fluttering Butterflies

What you need:

Aluminium foil

Coloured tissue paper

Sequins

Glue

Pipe cleaners or chenille stems

Cardboard (the backs of old cereal boxes work great)

Paper hole punch

Thread

What you do:

1. On your piece of cardboard draw a butterfly pattern. Now cut it out. This will be the pattern you use to trace.



2. Next trace around your cardboard pattern onto the tissue paper. Carefully cut out your tissue paper butterfly. If you stack several sheets of tissue paper together you can cut out several butterflies at once.

3. Now trace your butterfly onto the aluminium foil. You will need one aluminium butterfly for every tissue paper one. So if you cut out five tissue paper butterflies cut five out of tin foil.

4. Place a coloured tissue paper butterfly on top of an aluminium foil one. Fold in half. Punch two holes on the folded side. Make one hole close to the top of the butterfly and one hole close to the bottom. Unfold your butterfly so it is flat again.

5. Take a pipe cleaner and fold it in half, making a U shape at the folded end. This is the bottom. Insert the open ends of the pipe cleaner from the BACK of the butterfly into the two holes at the bottom. Pull the pipe cleaner through slowly.

6. Pull the pipe cleaner up and over the front of the butterfly. Now put the ends down through the top two holes.

7. Twist the ends to make a "head" leaving small bit on each end untwisted. Bend to look like antennae.

8. Glue sequins to your butterfly. Use string to hang them all around the house.



How to Make a Fuzzy Ball Pipe Cleaner Butterfly

You need:

- 6 fuzzy wires
- 17 fuzzy balls



You'll have to:

1. Lay down two fuzzy wires side by side and twist around the ends leaving an inch at the top.
2. At the part where you left an inch, fold the strings up an inch. Bend the ends. Now you have your body.
3. Take one string and make a half circle with one end an inch below the top and the other end in the middle. Twist the ends to make it stay.
4. Do the same thing in step 4 with another wire but on the opposite side.
5. With another wire, make a half circle with one end in the middle and the other end at the end of the body.
6. Do the same thing in Step 6 with another wire but on the opposite side.
7. Glue fuzzy balls all down the body of the butterfly. (The middle two strings)
8. Glue two balls together. This is for the head, so they will ideally be the same colour.
9. Finally, with the two balls you made in step 9, glue them an inch from the top. Now it's time to enjoy your butterfly.

TIPS:

Just to let you know, there are some ways to alter this craft. You can use felt to actually add to the wings if you wanted too. Also, you could modify the size and change it.

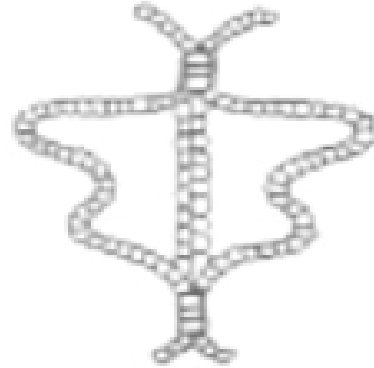


Pipe Cleaner Butterfly Craft

Three pipe cleaners will make a simple butterfly to entertain the kids or adults.

Things You'll Need

- 3 pipe cleaners



Steps

1. Shape 2 pipe cleaners alike for wings.
2. Loop ends together at top and bottom.
3. Loop a pipe cleaner tightly at bottom
4. Twist the two upright ends over each other to top of butterfly.
Loop the together over the top of the butterfly, and form the ends of the tendrils.

Sources and Citations

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