



Happy Butterflies

Recommended for Grades K-2

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Summary:

Children learn how to create texture, blend and mix colors, develop fine motor skills, understand symmetry, and learn a bit about butterflies.

Learning Target:

I can identify and create symmetry (symmetrical balance)

I can identify and create texture in my artwork.

Materials:

You can use any of the following materials depending on what's available at you house:

Pencils, colored pencils, crayons, markers, watercolor or any paint, scissors, glue

Directions:

1. Create painted paper on large white paper with any type of paint. Have your child use any colors and experiment with blending colors and using different size brushes. If you do not have paint, you can use any colored paper or have child color their paper with crayons or markers instead.
2. Find images of butterflies online or in magazines or books to use as inspiration. Place photos in your working area so child can refer to them for shape and design.

3. Create a template for the wings or draw wings on the back of painted paper. Draw body shape as well.
4. Cut out wings and body and glue to background paper (can be any color). Cut and glue any additional designs or details to glue on top of wings and body.



5. Always have your child sign their artwork and provide an opportunity to review the learning targets by discussing their finished product and/or displaying artwork and having a family "critique" to complement the work.