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# FLUTTERING BUTTERFLIES!

*These butterflies are super fun and easy to make. You may want to get more coffee filters and pipe cleaners and make a whole kaleidoscope\* of them!*

## Supplies in kit

- 2 coffee filters
- 1/2 pipe cleaner
- 1 mini spray bottle



## What you'll need from home

- water soluble markers

## Directions

1. Place the filters on a piece of newspaper to keep the colors from marking your work surface. Color the coffee filters all over in your favorite colors. You can color them as shown in the pictures or in any pattern that you like!



2. Next, fill the spray bottle with water and spritz the coffee filters all over until they are wet and the colors are runny. Set the filters aside to dry completely.



3. When the filters are completely dry, fold them back and forth accordion-style as pictured. Once they are pleated, fold them in half.



4. Now it's time to add the body to the wings by pinching the pipe cleaner at the middle of the folded coffee filter as pictured and giving it a twist to hold it together. Once it is secure, twist the ends to make the antennae curl. Gently pull apart the pleated wings to create a lovely fluttery butterfly!



*\*Did you know a kaleidoscope is one word for a group of butterflies?!*

## BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

*Bonjour, Butterfly* by Jane O'Connor

*Papilio* by Ben Clanton

*In the Meadow* by Yukiko Kato

*Waiting for Wings* by Lois Ehlert

*Monarch Butterfly* by Gail Gibbons



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