

AT HOME RESOURCES



Coffee Filter Butterflies

Purpose:

This low-key activity promotes creativity! Can be messy!

Space:

Table with a plastic protective table covering (can be messy)

Equipment:

- 2 large coffee filters
- Colourful markers
- Pipe cleaner (can use twist ties or string/wool)
- Spray bottle, eye dropper or spoon
- Water
- Drying surface



Instructions:

1. Use two coffee filters and flatten out on top of each other.
2. Use the markers to make designs on the filters ensuring that markers leak through both filters.
3. Put 2 tbsp water in a spray bottle, eye dropper or use a spoon to spray/drop water on to the colored filter until completely wet.
4. Let dry for several hours until completely dry. Once dry, pull apart the coffee filters.
5. Fold each filter back and forth like an accordian, in about ½ inch folds, until there are two strips. Ensure they are completely dry.
6. Place the two folded filters on top of each other.
7. Twist a pipe cleaner around the middle so that the two ends point upwards in a big letter V. You may need to trim the ends. Then pinch the end of each pipe cleaner and curl it outwards to make a spiral for the antennae.
8. Hang your butterfly in the window for all to see.

Take a picture of your butterflies and share them with us:

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