



Newsletter

Artful Butterflies

Spring and summer are great times to study butterflies. With your child, observe their coloration and note the plants they land on. Get some library books on the subject and read them with your child. Find out what kinds of butterflies live in your area, then look in a guidebook to find out where they lay their eggs, what the caterpillars look like, what they feed on, and where they pupate.

Here's an art project to accompany your study of butterflies. A blob of paint transforms into a gorgeous butterfly . . . what fun!

What You Need:

Construction paper, poster paint, scissors

Activity:

Demonstrate, then invite your child to follow these steps to make his own crayon and watercolor butterflies:

1. Fold a piece of white construction paper in half. Press the fold and open it flat.
2. Place a small blob of poster paint (use one or more colors) on one side of

the paper.

3. Fold the paper over and press to spread the paint.
4. Open the paper and let dry flat.
5. Cut the paper into wings and attach it to a construction paper body.
6. Add paper antennae and mount it on a bulletin board, window, or wall.

