

Hands-on at Home | Psychedelic Butterflies

Follow the instructions below to create beautiful butterflies.

SUPPLIES

- Coffee Filters
- Clothespins
- 2 Chenille Stems
- Markers, Liquid/Regular Watercolors, or Food Coloring
- Water
- Googly Eyes and Glue [Optional]
- Paintbrush, Pipette, or Spray Bottle
- Scissors

DIRECTIONS

- Take one coffee filter and place it on a surface that is okay with being wet or becoming colorful. Pick one of the 2 methods of coloring- markers and pipettes or spray bottle, liquid watercolors or food coloring and a paintbrush. Your method of application will change very slightly.
- Using your colors, begin to draw or paint your design. For markers, color directly on the coffee filter. Liquid watercolor or food coloring, use a paintbrush and paint your colors on the coffee filter. The colors should spread out.
- For markers, once you are done with your design, use a pipette or spray bottle to add water to your design. The colors will spread and mix together.
- Set your butterflies aside to dry for approximately 1 hour. While your butterfly wings are drying, cut your chenille stems in half. Twist two short pieces together in the middle to make an X for your butterfly's legs. Use the remaining stems to make the butterfly's antennae by curling the ends.
- Once your coffee filter wings are dry, pinch the middle in a straight line, from top to bottom, forming a bow-tie shape. Use the clothespin to pin it all together with the legs against the center of the coffee filter and the antennae at the top. On the top of your clothespin, add googly eyes or draw eyes of your own!