

Coffee Filter Butterflies

Follow this fun activity to help the Monarch Butterflies migrate to Mexico!
This should be done under adult supervision.

You will need:

Pipe cleaner
Paper coffee filter
Watercolor paints
Paint brush
Water
Wire cutters
Needle nose pliers



Directions:

- ✈ Cut the pipe cleaner in half. (You will only use 1 piece for this project)
- ✈ Using watercolor paints, paint the coffee filter.
- ✈ Let dry.
- ✈ Fold the pipe cleaner in half.
- ✈ Twist the bent end about 1/2" from the bend.
- ✈ Accordion-pleat the coffee filter in about 1/2" pleats.
- ✈ Slide the butterfly in between the ends of the pipe cleaner.
- ✈ Twist the pipe cleaner above the butterfly to hold it in place.
- ✈ Separate the ends of the pipe cleaner.
- ✈ Bend one end of the pipe cleaner over about 1/4".
- ✈ Bend again.
- ✈ Repeat with other end. (This makes the antennas)
- ✈ Fan out the butterfly's wings.
- ✈ You can hang these butterflies by the antenna from fishing line strung across the room.
- ✈ Paint a sky scene so it looks like your butterflies are flying through the air to get to Mexico!