

Coffee Filter Butterflies

Create these beautiful butterflies that you can decorate the house with.

Time to complete: 30 min., plus dry time

Age Group: 4 yrs. +

Materials:

- 2 Coffee Filters
- Washable Markers
- Water
- Eye Dropper or small spoon
- Pipe Cleaner
- Cookie Sheet



Instructions:

1. Place one coffee filter inside the other (on top) and flatten them out enough so you can colour on them
2. Create a pattern on the top coffee filter. Make sure you are pressing hard enough that some of the colour transfers through onto the coffee filter on the bottom
3. Take the top coffee filter off and ensure the pattern has transferred through. If it hasn't, go over the pattern again. The goal is to have two coffee filters looking as similar as possible
4. Put your coffee filters back on top of each other, and place on the cookie sheet
5. Take your eye dropper, or measuring spoon and drip water onto the coffee filter until it's completely wet. Add enough water so that the coffee filter is wet, but too soaked as it will take too long to dry and the colours will run too much
6. Dry your filters outside
7. Once they are dry, start folding them accordion style in about ½ inch folds
8. When you have folded both filters up, stack them again on top of each other
9. Twist a pipe cleaner around the middle to form the antenna
10. Gently pull the filters apart to display your wings
11. Experiment with different colours and patterns to make your butterfly's