

CLASSROOM IDEAS BUTTERFLY ART AND CRAFT

1. Make a jigsaw puzzle from a wildlife scene or poster.
2. Construct a butterfly mosaic using different coloured papers.
3. Make up a wildlife scene using any variety of material, tissue paper, pine cone scales etc.
4. Make a paper or felt butterfly; with a pipe cleaner for body and antennae. (N.B. Paint and or shape the tip. It must be clubbed.) Shown also in POB News!
5. Fold a piece of paper several times and cut out the shapes of butterflies. An A4 sheet folded twice could provide four different butterflies.
6. Again using pipe cleaners pupils could make aerial mobiles.
7. Construct a stained glass window outline of a butterfly ready for painting.
8. Using the idea of folded paper again - a zig-zag book could show the life cycle of a butterfly in its four stages (see also happy family game included in this pack).
9. A seasonal idea might be a Christmas or Easter lantern with butterfly pictures on.
10. Some printers can produce stickers quite cheaply. How about one with a butterfly picture on?
11. Using a clothes peg, paper and pipe cleaners, how about a peg butterfly?
12. Butterfly cakes can really take off! How about a gingerbread butterfly, or a lemon curd cake.?
13. Butterfly embroidered or illustrated bean bags, pincushions or purses? A great idea for a mini-enterprise!
14. How about balloons with butterflies painted on?
15. Using a good reference book, a classroom would look very attractive with a butterfly rainbow. How about Red Admiral, Orange Tip, Brimstone, Green Hairstreak, Common Blue, Purple Emperor for a start?
16. Pupils may enjoy constructing their own scrapbook using cards, stamps etc. (see our list of references.)
17. Using a folded piece of paper, pupils could make a mirror pattern of a painted butterfly. Paint one side then fold and press.
18. One effective idea is to use black sugar paper and make an animal or butterfly silhouette placed carefully on a country scene.
19. Using a glossary of words picked up in classroom, how about a montage of butterfly words?
20. One tried and tested activity is to use a cut potato for a printing block. How about one with a butterfly print?
21. Some children may like to make their own painted butterfly masks or hats.
22. Butterfly Christmas cards, although perhaps unseasonal, at least make a change!

