

Make a pipe cleaner butterfly

You will need: 7 pipe cleaners in 3 colours e.g. 3 yellow, 3 red, 1 orange; scissors, 2 small wiggle eyes; glue dot; small self-adhesive magnet (optional).

Instructions:

1. With one of the (yellow) pipe cleaners fold in half and pull the ends through where it is folded to form a wing shape. Repeat this with another (red) pipe cleaner.
2. Make sure that you have good amount of the ends that are not part of the loop (wings), about 2.5-3cm. Join the wings together by twisting one of the ends around the base of both loops (wings).
3. Now twist the (yellow) ends together, and the (red) ends to form the body of the butterfly. Leave about 1-1.5cm untwisted of the (red) pipe cleaners to form antennae later.
4. Twist the (orange) pipe cleaner around the body of the butterfly, making sure not to cover the antennae. Shape the antennae.
5. Fold out the wings. Use a pipe cleaner in the same colour of the wing to fill in the wings by weaving in and out. Do this with all four wings.
6. Use a glue dot to attach two tiny wiggle eyes.
7. If you're making this into a fridge magnet, attach a small self-adhesive magnet to the back. If necessary, you can also use a small amount of strong glue.
8. Your butterfly is ready to flutter!

Fun facts: butterflies are insects. A butterfly's life cycle is made up of four parts: egg, larva (caterpillar), pupa (chrysalis) and adult (butterfly). Butterflies attach their eggs to plants with a special glue, and most butterflies are planteaters. Our butterfly was not modelled on a particular one, although a lot of butterflies are brightly coloured too!

