

Beautiful Butterflies



Often seen in the garden at Shaw House, this butterfly hanging decoration is made from basic craft materials.

You will need: cardboard roll, glue stick, permanent markers (in black and other colours), 2 wiggle eyes, glue dots, 30cm length of thin elastic/string/ribbon, paint and paintbrush or felt tip pens, scissors,

acetate sheet (e.g. OHP sheet or the clear film from a toy box or similar) or thin card, square of white paper (10.5cm x 10.5cm), pipe cleaner, sticky tape. **Optional:** glitter.

Instructions:



1. Take your cardboard roll. Cut lengthways down the middle as pictured.
2. Roll up the cardboard roll into a small tube and secure in place with sticky tape. Use the glue stick to cover the small tube with the square of white paper. The paper will provide a canvas for the paint or felt tip pens.
3. Paint or colour in the small tube. If you wish to use glitter, sprinkle on the wet paint. Use glue if you have coloured in using felt tips. Leave to dry.
4. With the acetate sheet or thin card, fold in half and draw (using the black permanent marker) one set of wings. Cut out.
5. You will have a full set of wings. Colour in with the permanent markers.
6. Put glue dots down the middle of the wings.
7. Make antennae from a length of pipe cleaner (about half of a standard-sized one) by bending in the middle and curling each end. Secure with a glue dot or sticky tape inside the top of the small tube. Also add a 30cm length of thin elastic, ribbon or string at the same time. Glue on the wiggle eyes. Now press the small tube onto the glue dots on the wings.
8. Your butterfly is complete and ready to take flight! Hang it where you like and watch it flutter in the breeze.

Fun fact: Butterflies have four wings, not two wings as you may think.