

Art Activities

Activity 1 – Paper Craft

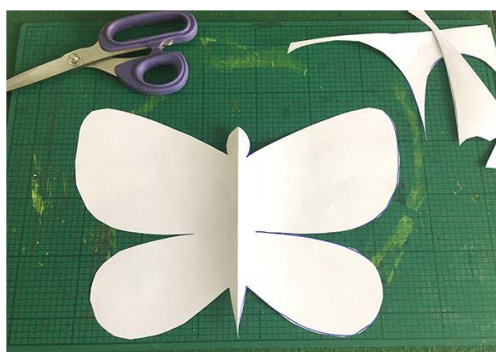
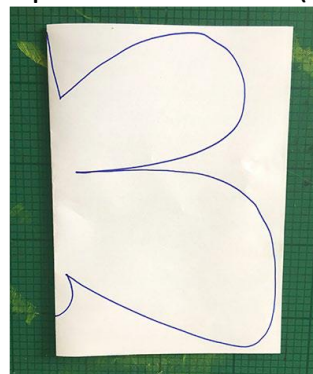
Make symmetrical butterflies by folding and cutting

What to do

- o Before the activity, make a butterfly shape by folding a piece of paper in half and then cutting out one side of the shape (top wing and bottom wing). Unfold it.
- o Show your child the shape. What do they think it is? Can they make it flap? How do they think you made it so that it is the same on both sides?
- o Refold the shape and explore it. Can you make a new butterfly shape together?
- o Fold a new piece of paper and draw a new butterfly together on one side of the fold (the centre of the butterfly will be along the fold).
- o Remind your child how to use scissors safely. Cut out the shape while still folded. Can your child imagine what it will look like when they open it?

What you need

- Paper, pencil and scissors
Optional – pens to decorate (or paint)



Extension

Decorate the butterflies. If you blob thick paint on one side and fold, you can create a symmetrical pattern. Explore other symmetrical shapes which can be made by folding and cutting (*heart shapes, triangles, rectangles -harder than they look-, 'gingerbread' men, stars, etc.*).

Questions to ask

- How do you think I made this shape?
- What is the crease for? What happens when we fold it?
- Can you see that we have folded the shape in half? – it is the same on both sides.
- How could we make a different butterfly?
- Can you draw half of the shape?
- What will it look like when we unfold the shape?