

Coffee Filter Butterflies



You will need:

- White coffee filters (one per butterfly)
- Markers
- Spray bottle filled with water
- Clothespins
- Pipe cleaner
- Optional: googly eyes, sparkly stickers

Instructions:

1. Smooth a coffee filter out over a plate, pie pan, or other smooth surface that can easily be cleaned up after your craft is finished.
2. Use the markers to draw pretty patterns or designs on the coffee filter. Be sure to use lots of bright colors! This will be your butterfly's wings.
3. Using the spray bottle, mist water all over your coffee filter until it is damp but not soaked. Watch what happens to the colorful designs! (Pro tip: On a warm day, this may be fun to do outside.)
4. While you are waiting for the coffee filter to dry, it's time to decorate your clothespin. This will be the body of your butterfly.
5. Once the coffee filter is dry, scrunch it tightly together in the middle to make a butterfly shape. Secure it with the clothespin.
6. Cut a small piece of pipe cleaner to create your antennae. Fold it into a V-shape, then slide it into the clipped part of the clothespin.

Variations:

1. Try stacking two coffee filters on top of one another in the first step; the markers should bleed through onto the bottom filter. Keep the two filters together and give your butterfly double wings!
2. Decorate the body of your butterfly with other craft items such as googly eyes, gemstones, or sparkly stickers.

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