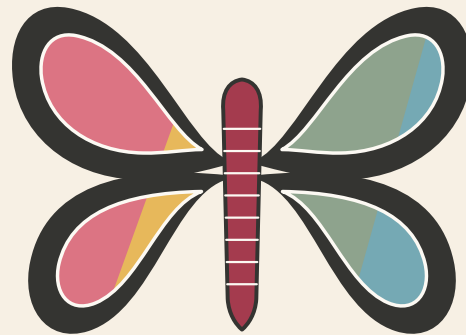


Toddler Butterfly Suncatchers

A simple cellophane window craft for little hands

AGES 2-5 WITH ADULT HELP



SUPPLIES

- Small butterfly template - print page 2 at 100% or Actual Size
- Black cardstock or lightweight cardboard
- Clear self-adhesive contact paper
- Colored cellophane cut into 1 1/2- to 2-inch pieces
- Dot stickers or washable markers
- Painter's tape for the window

TODDLER-FRIENDLY IDEAS

- Offer only two or three colors at a time.
- Match colors on both wings or make a rainbow.
- Name the colors as the child places each piece.

ADULT PREP

- 1 Cut around the butterfly and remove the four wing windows.
- 2 Cut two pieces of contact paper slightly larger than the butterfly.
- 3 Tape one piece sticky side up on the table.

MAKE IT TOGETHER

- 1 Place the butterfly frame on the sticky contact paper.
- 2 Let the child fill the open wings with cellophane. Overlapping is fine.
- 3 Decorate the body with dot stickers or washable markers.
- 4 Cover with the second piece of contact paper and press smooth.
- 5 An adult trims around the butterfly, leaving a 1/8-inch clear edge.
- 6 Tape it to a sunny window and look for colorful shadows.

SAFETY AND SUCCESS

An adult should do all cutting. Supervise closely, use large cellophane pieces, and clear away loose scraps when the activity is finished. Tape the butterfly directly to the window instead of adding a long hanging cord.

Tip: Contact paper keeps slippery cellophane in place without messy glue.

