

# Butterfly Symmetry



## What you will need:

- Sketchbook or thicker paper
- Black construction paper (for a body, optional)
- Glue Stick (optional – for body)
- Paintbrushes
- Paint
- Palette
- Scissors
- Pencil

## INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Pull out a sheet of paper from your sketchbook, or you can use any kind of thicker paper you have to hand. Placing it horizontally in front of you, take the left side and fold it in half so the left side touches the right.
2. Draw one side of a butterfly on the folded sheet. Make sure that you draw the body of the butterfly on the fold of paper.
3. Using scissors cut out the butterfly, making sure you are cutting both sides of the paper. If your children are confident with a pair of scissors, by all means let them do the cutting. Otherwise, a parent or guardian should do this part.
4. Open up the paper and you will see a symmetrically cut butterfly. Yay! Now the fun happens.
5. Pick one side of the inside of the folded butterfly to put paint on. You must only put paint on one side. Once you have picked let your child start to paint it, making sure they put enough paint on it.

**A NOTE:** at this point you can either let them paint one side with a paint brush, or let them squirt paint onto the side straight out from the paint tube. There needs to be enough wet paint on it for it to transfer onto the other side when pressed down, so don't let them take too long painting otherwise the paint will dry.

6. When you are happy with the amount of paint on the one side, carefully have your child fold the paint-less side on to the side with paint. Gently press is down, making sure all the paper is smoothed and pressed. We'd advise making sure you have newspaper down or a splat mat underneath as some paint will ooze out.
7. Gently open up both sides and see the beautifully symmetrical butterfly you have created!
8. Leave on a safe surface to dry completely.
9. Once dry, you can cut out the shape of the butterfly body and apply it to a backing sheet with a glue stick.

