

# How to make your butterfly

## Materials

A4 sized sheet of medium weight coloured card (that will fit through your printer)  
sticky-backed plastic  
scraps of coloured tissue paper  
scraps of wrapping paper or greetings cards with pictures/patterns on them  
double-sided sticky tape  
one finger from a rubber glove

### Adults

This is the prep that you will need to do before you sit your kids down to make their butterflies:

1. Print out the butterfly template onto coloured card.
2. Cut around the outside of the butterfly shape, then carefully cut away the inside of the wings.
3. Press the cardboard wings (with the printed side down) onto the sticky side of a piece of sticky-backed plastic.
4. Cut away the excess plastic from around the outside of the butterfly.
5. Stick a piece of double-sided sticky tape onto the rectangular space between the wings (onto the same side as the sticky surface of the sticky-backed plastic). Leave the top layer of the tape on so that the kids can peel it off later.
6. If you are preparing this craft in advance you can press the backing paper from the sticky-backed plastic back over the sticky surface of the butterfly to store it more easily.
7. Cut or tear the scraps of tissue paper into small pieces and put them into a low-sided bowl or tub, so that your kids can rummage through to find the colours and sizes that they want to use. Do the same with the scraps of wrapping paper and card.
8. When you are ready to get the kids involved, give each child a prepared butterfly shape, a rubber glove finger and access to the tubs of paper.

### Kids

This is the fun bit where you decorate your butterflies wings!

1. Carefully stick little pieces of paper onto the sticky plastic that you can feel on your butterflies wings. You could use a single colour for each wing or make a pattern with lots of different colours. You could make it symmetrical like a real butterfly or you could make a magical, rainbow butterfly of your own invention.
2. Stick any pictures that you want to appear on your butterfly wings face down onto the sticky plastic, then smooth little pieces of tissue over and around the pictures, so that they stick down flat.
3. Make sure you cover all the stickiness, it's fine if the tissue overlaps but you don't want any bare bits of plastic to show when your butterfly is finished.
4. Fold your wings along the dotted lines so that they stand up in a 'V' shape.
5. Peel off the top layer from the piece of tape on the middle of your wings and then stick them firmly onto your rubber glove finger, which will now be the body of your butterfly.
6. Pop your finger inside your butterfly's body and hey-presto you can flutter your beautiful butterfly away! Why not take your finger puppet outside to see if there are any flowers for it to land on?