

BUTTERFLY CREEK ACTIVITY SHEET



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BUTTERFLY PRINTS

Objective:

To use art to identify the parts of a Butterfly.

Quick Teacher Info:

Butterflies are insects because they have a 3 body parts - a head, thorax and an abdomen. They also have 4 wings, 6 legs, 2 eyes, 2 antennae and a proboscis (feeding tube).

Resources:

- Plain paper
- Paint - variety of colours
- Paint trays - large enough to put hand or foot in
- Newspaper and cloths
- Black vivid pens
- Colouring pens or paint

Time:

Approximately 1 hour

Activity:

1. Before starting this activity, look at different images of Butterflies with students to discuss wing patterns and colours and also about symmetry of wing patterns.
2. Cover the floor area in newspaper or a painting sheet. Prepare a few paint trays with different coloured paints. Make sure the paint trays are large enough for students to fit their hands and/or feet. Don't forget to set up a cleaning station with water and cloths.
3. Students dip their hands or feet into the one paint tray and carefully place them on the paper to form a Butterfly wing shape. If using hands - thumbs should overlap to form the body structure. If using feet, place on opposite sides with a gap in the middle to draw/paint the body.
4. Once the hand/foot prints are dry, students add detail to their Butterfly wings to ensure that all the body parts are incorporated (head, thorax, abdomen, antennae and eyes). The outline can be emphasised with black vivid and patterns painted or drawn onto the wings.
5. Put your personalised Butterflies on display or bring them with you to Butterfly Creek!

