Social Butterflies

Get your fold on to create these fun colorful butterflies. Make just one or many to build a butterfly garland.

Materials:
Color Craft Paper
Ruler
Scissors
Crayons or Markers
Rubber Bands
Twine

How to:

1. Gather your materials and select a work space. Ask an adult for assistance if you need some help.

2. Select the colors for your butterfly. You will need two pieces of color craft paper.

3. Cut your first piece of paper in to a square shape. It will have 4 equal sides. Cut your second piece of paper in a circle. We traced the edge of a bowl to help create our circle. If your circle fits nicely into your square then your butterfly wings will be proportional, similar on the top and bottom half.

4. Decorate with crayons or markers.

5. Take your square and place it on your work surface so it is in a diamond shape. Begin to make a fold from the tip of the diamond. You will create an accordion fold by flipping the paper with each fold. Fold until you reach the other end of the diamond.

6. Fold your circle with an accordion fold as well.
7. Pull the folds together of both the square and circle and create a fold in the middle of both shapes.

8. Stack the square and the circle and pull the rubber band over the folds to connect the top and bottom pieces of the wings. You can also use a twist tie or even wrap a piece of tape.

9. Gently pull the folds apart to create your butterfly wings.

All done!

Butterfly Fun Facts

- They taste with their feet and have a suction tube for a mouth.

- Their eyes are made of 6,000 lenses and can see ultraviolet light.

- They drink from mud puddles and transform from caterpillars to fluttering adults.

- There are about 165,000 known species, found on every continent except Antarctica, and they come in a wide variety of colors and sizes.

- The largest species may reach 12 inches (30 centimeters) across, while the smallest may be only 0.12 inches (0.3 centimeters).

- Monarch butterflies are famous for their yearly migration, traveling up to 2,000 miles in 2 months to get from Canada and the northern U.S. to Mexico for the winter.

For more about butterflies, check out this site from our neighbors at the San Diego Zoo:

https://animals.sandiegozoo.org/animals/butterfly