



Beautiful Paper Butterfly

Fold, cut, and decorate paper until a butterfly appears.

Helps Your Child Grow



Fine Motor

Drawing a cutting line, guiding scissors, and holding the paper steady gives your child practice coordinating both hands and eyes.



Initiative and Curiosity

Choosing colors and patterns for the wings gives your child a visible way to express personal preferences.

Steps

- Bring a little butterfly bustle indoors by making paper butterflies for the plants in your home.
- Gather paper in different sizes, colors, and patterns, such as printer paper, construction paper, or wrapping paper.
- Fold a sheet in half. Ask your child to draw a large “3” with its open side facing the fold, then cut along the line - snip, snip. Begin with a large sheet before trying a smaller one.
- A smaller sheet makes a smaller “3” and a more demanding cut, giving your child a gradual challenge for finger strength and scissor control.
- Uneven edges are fine. Open the folded paper and see what one-of-a-kind butterfly appears.
- Let your child color and decorate the wings.
- Attach the finished butterfly to a craft stick and place it in a flowerpot, or tape it directly to a leaf. No plants at home? Draw grass and flowers on paper and display everything together as a butterfly garden.

Tips

- As your child cuts, remind them to move the hand holding the paper little by little as the scissors travel forward. Holding too far away makes the paper wobble; holding too close brings fingers near the blades.

Observations

- Holds the paper in one hand and guides the scissors with the other to cut along the number three
- Draws favorite colors or patterns on the main picture to decorate the butterfly wings