

EarlyON Child and Family Centre

SYMMETRICAL PAINTED BUTTERFLIES

Materials

- Paint
- Paint brush
- Paper (finger paint paper if possible)
- Marker
- Scissors
- Bowls for paint
- Dish soap

Instructions:

1. Place a small amount of your different coloured paints into small bowls.
2. Place a pea size drop of dish soap in each bowl and paint and mix the soap into the paint.
(this will make clean up easier).
3. Fold the paper in half and draw a large capital letter B with a marker starting at the top of the page and ending at the bottom.
4. Cut out the B shape.
5. Do not cut anywhere along the folded line.
6. Open the paper and you should have a butterfly shape.
7. Place the paper on the table with the paint bowls and encourage you little one to paint the paper.
8. Dotting with the paint brush is a great way to do it but allow your little one to paint freely if they want.
9. Once your little one has finished painting fold the paper back in half and smooch the paint between the paper.
10. You might do this by banging the paper with your hands or smoothing your hands around the paper.
11. Once finished open the paper and marvel at your unique symmetrical butterfly.
12. Talk about the colours you see especially if any new colours appear from the paints mixing together.
13. Talk about how both sides are the same and how well your little one focused during the activity.
14. It is all about the effort!

