

SCIENCE FROM HOME



Tissue Paper Butterflies

There are 146 species of butterflies and 350 species of moths in Pennsylvania. These come in a variety of colors and patterns. Some have camouflage to blend into their habitats while others have bright colors to warn predators that they are poisonous. Create your own tissue paper butterfly with your favorite color pattern.

Know before you begin

- This activity can be done inside
- All supplies are easy to find, substitute or leave out entirely
- Adult supervision is recommended
- Please choose a safe space to play

Materials

- Tissue paper
- Markers
- Googly eyes
- Pipe cleaners
- Clothes pin
- Self-Adhesive Magnet
- Scissors
- Glue

Instructions

1. Select your favorite color tissue paper or use several colors. Cut tissue paper to 7 inches wide by 5 inches tall, shorter if you use multiple colors.
2. Fold tissue paper so that it makes an accordion shape.
3. Put tissue paper inside clothespin and spread wings. If you do not have a clothespin you can fold a pipe cleaner into a body, head and antenna.
4. Decorate clothespin with markers. Add pipe cleaner antenna. Add Googly eyes.

