

Butterfly Clothespin Craft

The Craft

Create a pretty butterfly out of household items.

Materials

- 2 paper coffee filters
- 1 non-spring type clothespin
- Several colors of liquid food coloring –you could also use markers, watercolor paint
- 1 thin skewer
- Glue or glue dots
- Spray bottle filled with tap water
- Paper or cloth to protect table from food coloring-paint

Steps

1. Cover your work surface with paper or cardboard.
2. Lay 2 coffee filters on top of each other.
3. Lightly mist the top coffee filter with water. It will soak through but they should be barely wet.
4. Select what colors you want on your butterfly and drop a bit of each color randomly across the filter. It will soak through to the other layer.
5. Using the spray bottle, spray the entire filter until it is very wet. The colors will spread out and blend together. These will become the wings of your butterfly.
6. Let the wings (coffee filters) dry completely.
7. When the wings are dry, separate the wings. Accordion fold them, one at a time. Pinch them in the middle and slide it up legs of the clothespin.
8. Spread out the wings.
9. Attach the skewer to the back of the butterfly's body (clothespin) with glue. Let dry overnight.
10. Use your creation to decorate a plant, a vase or put it in the garden.

Special note: If your clothespin is plain, you can color it with markers or dye with the food coloring. If you choose to do this do it when you are making the wings and let them both dry completely,