

Butterfly Nature Craft

Spring is a great time for nature walks and collecting objects such as rocks, flowers, leaves, branches and seeds- all ripe for the picking by curious hands. We love crafts that bring the outdoors inside with easy, natural craft projects featuring supplies found in nature. This butterfly can be easily made with fresh leaves, twigs and flower petals and would make a great spring craft to create after a nature walk.

➤ Materials:

- Twigs/ sticks
- Leaves
- Flowers
- Scissors
- Glue gun
- Black Marker
- Chalk markers or paint



➤ Directions:

- Gather items on your nature walk. We have a rule to not pick anything that's still growing. Anything that's fallen on the ground is OK. No plucking leaves & flowers. Try to find sticks/twigs with a "Y" shape at the end to look like butterfly antennae.
- Spread out your treasures to decide what sort of butterflies you'd like to make. Leave the leaves and flowers pressed overnight in a thick bound book.
- Using liquid chalk markers or paint, make colorful patterns on the leaves. We recommend using two big leaves & 2 small leaves. Draw lines, squiggles or dots!
- Using the scissors, cut the stick/twig to size, a bit larger than the leaves. This will form the butterfly's head, thorax and abdomen.
- We used a black marker to color the "Y" shape, or antennae, at the end of the stick.
- Using a glue gun, glue the two larger leaves to the twig. Let dry. Then glue on the two smaller leaves and your butterfly is ready!

