



## Craft: Stained Glass Butterflies

### Supplies

tissue paper, 2 squares of contact paper, butterfly template, washi tape

### Steps

1. Rip the tissue paper into small pieces. (You will not use all the tissue paper for the craft.)
2. Take one square of contact paper and peel off the paper.
3. With the sticky side facing you, tape to a window, mirror, or any flat surface.
4. Stick the torn tissue paper pieces onto the contact paper.
5. When covered, affix the other square of contact paper on top.
6. Cut out the butterfly wings pattern and trace on top of the covered tissue paper. Cut out.
7. Color the butterfly body, cut out, and glue or tape to the covered tissue paper.
8. Use washi tape to stick to a window.

### Educational Play Benefits

Fine motor, artistic expression, communication

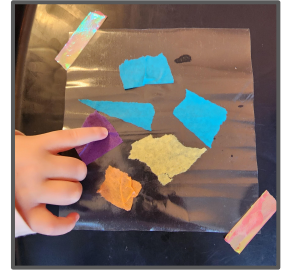
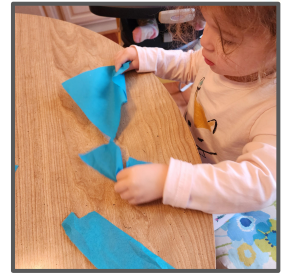
**TALK** about the sound of the tissue paper, the stickiness of the contact paper, and the colors they see.

Strengthen muscles needed for **WRITING** by tracing the shape of the butterfly with their finger.

**READ** books about bugs such as *Baby Bug* by Wednesday Kirwan, *You're My Little Bookworm* by Nicola Edwards, and *The Hidden Rainbow* by Christie Matheson.

**PLAY** with the tissue paper before you rip it by playing peek-a-boo or letting it gently float down from above.

Consider **SINGING** songs a little slower so your child can clearly hear the syllables that make up the words in the songs. This will improve their ability to discriminate sounds, a skill called phonological awareness which is necessary to learn to read.



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## Caterpillar to Butterfly

One little caterpillar spun a cocoon (spin your hands)  
Hoping spring would be here soon (fingers crossed)

With a little bit of magic (wiggle fingers in the air)  
And some warm sunshine (arms overhead for round sun)

Clap, clap, clap for a butterfly!

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