

Hanging Butterflies

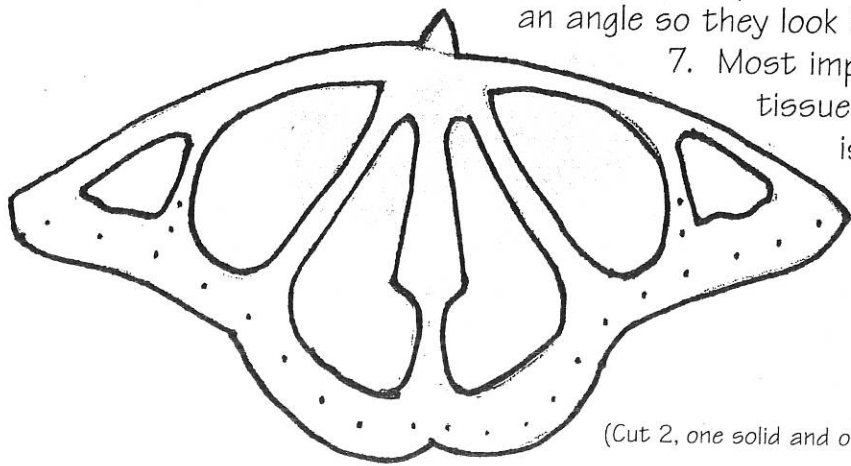
Turn your classroom into a fascinating butterfly grove. Suspend these multicolored, tissue paper butterflies from your ceiling and watch them flutter! If you have a big Open House Night coming up, they are the perfect thing!

Materials

- multicolored tissue paper squares, 3" x 3"
- black bulletin board paper
- hanging butterfly pattern on heavy chart paper (enlarged on overhead projector as big as you can)
- liquid starch
- paint brush
- white construction paper, 18" x 24"
- fishing line

Procedure

1. Select your favorite butterfly color. Using a paint brush, apply a coat of starch and a layer of tissue paper squares to the white construction paper, making sure that you overlap the squares (like a mosaic) and that no white paper is showing. Let dry.
2. Trace and cut two butterfly shapes from the black bulletin board paper. Keep one shape solid (this will be the top), and remove the 6 "cut out" spaces from the other (this will be the bottom).
3. Glue the solid, black butterfly shape to the white side (untissued side) of the construction paper. Trim all around the edges.
4. Glue the remaining black butterfly shape (the "cut out" one) to the other side.
5. Glue 1" Ellison circles, your color choice, around the black lower edge boarder on the tissue-papered (bottom) side.
5. I like to laminate at this point. The lamination makes the tissue mosaic look very pretty, much more colorful, and more durable if you want to keep them for years to come.
6. Hang your butterflies with fishing line, securing at the outer points of the wingspan. Attach to your ceiling with clip or clothespin. I tilt mine upward at an angle so they look like they are flying away!
7. Most importantly, remember that the tissued side, bottom cut out section, is what you will want to see when they are hanging, NOT the solid black side.



Looks just like a butterfly grove!

(Cut 2, one solid and one with cutouts)