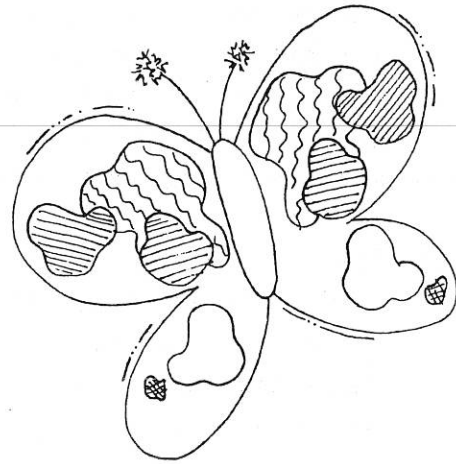


Jumbo Blob - Art Butterflies

You will hear lots of little oooohs and ahhhs when each of these majestic butterflies are revealed. Each one is unique and they will fill your walls, cabinets and bulletin boards with a dazzling springtime welcome.

Materials

- 18 x 24 inch white construction paper
(or white bulletin board paper cut to this size)
- brightly colored tempera paint
(or fluorescent colored JAZZ paint)
- black tempera paint
- black pipe cleaners
- glitter pom-poms
- sponge



Procedure

1. Fold white construction paper in half to make an 18 x 12 inch rectangle. Unfold.
2. Select a combination of two or three colors of tempera or JAZZ paint. Squeeze the paint on one half of the paper for the upper wing. Move down a bit and repeat for the lower wing on the same half of the paper.
3. Select another color of paint. On the same side of the paper, squeeze the paint again for the upper and lower wings.
4. Repeat again if you desire.
5. Refold the paper down the center. Press the paper together with the fist of your hand, pushing in an oval motion in the upper wing and the lower wing areas. Watch out! Don't let the paint squish out beyond the edge of the paper.
6. Unfold (this is the oooohs and ahhhs part) and let dry.
7. If you would like spots on your butterfly, add them with a circle shaped sponge. (I like to add black spots to ours.)
8. With scissors, carefully cut around the outside edge of the 'blobs' all the way around to form the butterfly.
9. Fold a pipe cleaner in half lengthwise, and glue or tape to the back of the butterfly. Glue a glitter pom-pom to the tip of each antennae.
10. A body may be added by cutting a slender body shape from black construction paper. Cut the body so that it is about 1 inch wide and long enough so that it extends a bit beyond the butterfly at the top and bottom.

Hello Butterflies...Hello Springtime!



HINT: I like to do this activity one child at a time, taking their fist in mine and guiding the oval motion to form the butterfly wings. I find that with younger students, the end result is nicer!