

# The Butterfly Mask

Don't flutter by this activity without trying it! You can make a colorful butterfly mask of your very own. It's simple to make, lovely to wear, and you'll feel just like a butterfly during dramatic play. Here's what to do:

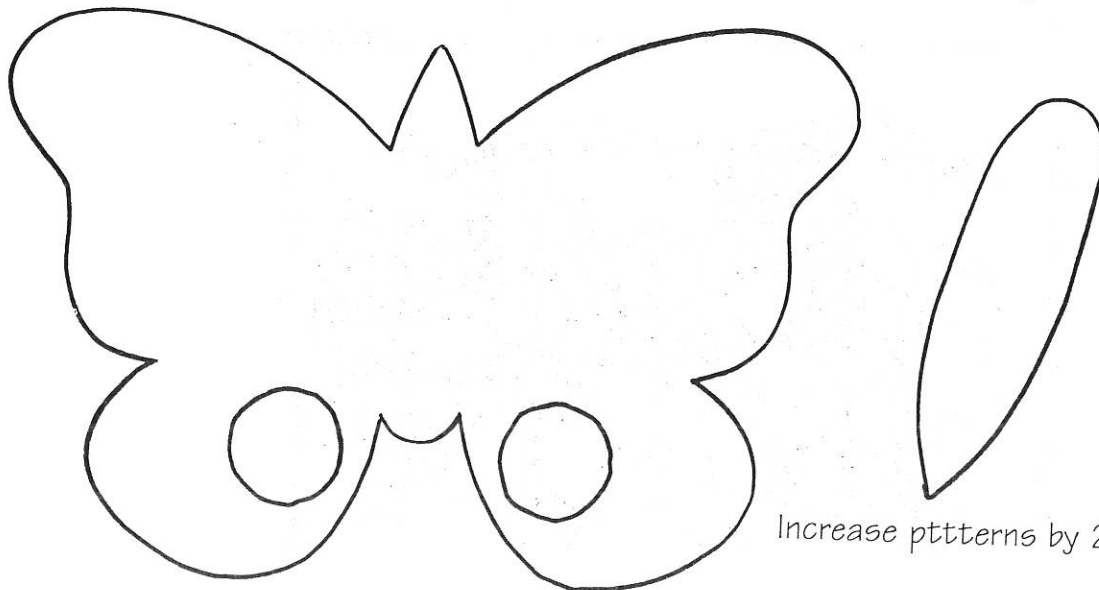
## Materials

- black construction paper
- white glue
- colored chalk
- black or glittery pipe cleaners (1 per student)

## Procedure

1. Lay a sheet of 12 x 18 inch black construction paper on a flat surface and scribble all over it with white glue. Let dry. Cut in half to a 9 x 12 inch size. One full size sheet of construction paper will make two masks!
2. On a paper covered table, color each space with a different color of colored chalk. Color in each space solid and press firmly so it is nice and dark. (This is the messy part. A smock to keep clothes clean is a very good idea.) When there is NO black construction paper left showing, spray the entire piece with hair spray or art fixative. Let dry again.
3. Using the following butterfly shape, trace and cut out a butterfly. Remember to cut out the eye holes!
4. Trace and cut out the butterfly body on black construction paper and glue it in place. Glitter glue squiggle lines make it look very dramatic and are fun to add, too!
5. To make the antennae, fold a pipe cleaner in half and glue or tape it to the back of the butterfly. Turn the tips over to make a knob on each end.
6. Attach the butterfly to a 1 1/2 X 18 inch (or longer) strip of black construction paper and securely fit to head. Pull it down and adjust it so that your eyes are peeking through the eye holes.

Now, with these little headbands your class is ready for a butterfly parade, a visit to a neighboring classroom for a butterfly choral reading, or even a fun butterfly skit. Or... how about wearing them while you all sing your favorite butterfly songs!?!



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