

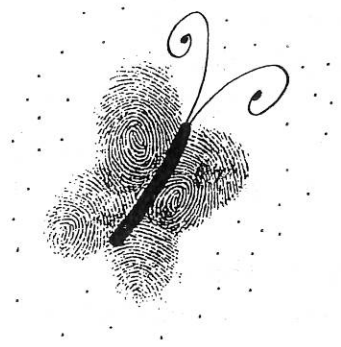
"Thumb-thing" Special

Our thumbprint Butterfly Pattern Book

Kids love to do thumbprint art, so now you can incorporate it right into one of your math centers. Create a class "Thumb-thing" Special Pattern Book. Each student will make one pattern page. When everyone has had a turn thumbprinting, assemble them in a book form and pop on our cover! Instant success! We love to add our book to our reading and math center.

Materials

- "Thumb-thing Special" cover blackline
(1 on 12" x 18" construction)
- My Thumbprint Butterfly Pattern blackline
(1 each on construction)
- washable stamp pads
- black fine tipped felt pens



Procedure

1. Demonstrate, using a washable stamp pad and the overhead projector, how to make a thumbprint caterpillar and butterfly. Your kids will love watching you create!
2. Now demonstrate again, only this time create a pattern down the center guide line on the pattern page using both the butterfly and caterpillar characters. Emphasis how important it is to place each thumbprint character close together so your pattern will have enough room to repeat itself over and over again!
3. At a math center place stamp pads, felt pens, and a stack of the Thumbprint Butterfly Pattern pages cut in half lengthwise on the dotted line. (6" x 18") Small example cards of how to make the thumbprint characters might be a good idea too, in case someone forgets or was absent when you demonstrated.
4. Place your completed pattern page at the center too. This acts as a model for the task. Emphasize that no one may copy your pattern or their neighbor's pattern. We want each page of our book to be different!
5. When everyone has had a chance to complete their Thumbprint Butterfly Pattern, add our cover, bind, and place at one your centers. This activity is very fun, but a little messy so be prepared for a bit of clean up! Perfect for any theme!

How to make a thumbprint caterpillar:

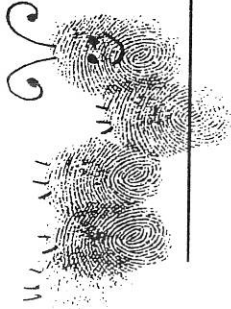


How to make a thumbprint butterfly:



My Thumbprint Butterfly Pattern

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"Thumb-thing Special"

Our Thumbprint Butterfly Pattern Book

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