

Coffee Filter Butterflies



Supplies for activities needed:

- Markers (washable)
- Coffee filters
- Pipe cleaners
- Water
- plates
- Cup
- Spoon
- Scissors

Activity Name:

- School Readiness Outcomes (SRO) goals met:
 - Understanding Speech - Children are asked to listen and follow along with my directions in order to complete the craft.
 - Makes and Expresses Choices - Children are given freedom to create their butterfly with the colors and pipe cleaners of their choice
- Instructions
 - Grab two coffee filters and flatten them out onto a plate
 - Use washable markers and design butterfly
 - Take the cup and fill it with water. Grab a spoon and spoon water onto the butterfly. Add water until the whole butterfly is covered with water
 - Let the butterfly dry overnight.
 - Once the butterfly is dry, pull apart the filters and fold accordion style until the whole filter has been folded. Repeat on other side
 - Sandwich both filters (one on top of the other) and take a pipe cleaner, and tie the pipe cleaner around the filters twice.

Grab another pipe cleaner and tie around twice for the other antenna.

- Cut pipe cleaner to desired length.
 - Pull apart the wings to fan them out.
- Extension Activity Ideas
 - Once the butterfly is created, children could get parental assistance and hang the butterfly from the ceiling.
 - Once the filter is dried, children could write a message on the butterfly to give to someone. I created these butterflies and sent them as pen pals to a school in Mexico.

