Newport Mansions Kids!

Colorful Coffee Filter Butterflies

MATERIALS
- 2 white coffee filters
- Markers
- Paper plate or newspaper for the mess
- 1 pipe cleaner
- (Optional) foam brush
- (Optional) string or yarn

STEPS
1. Collect all materials.

*Helpful note: It works best if you limit it to 3-4 colors.

2. Flatten coffee filter and draw random designs. Think of the color wheel when you do this – what colors do you want to blend together? Your designs don’t need to be fancy because the water will blend it.
3. Mist the filter with water from a spray bottle. Set aside to dry and repeat steps 2 & 3 with the second filter.

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*Waiting… While these are drying, go outside and try to find a butterfly, read a book from the suggested reading, or move like a butterfly!

5. Fan fold the two coffee filters and stack them on each other. Look at the photo to assist you.
6. Fold the middle in half – you might need to pinch it a bit.

*Helpful Note: Keep it pinched as best as you can for the following steps. The photos doesn’t show it pinched, but it should be.

7. Fold pipe cleaner in half and place coffee filters one-third from its base.

8. Twist the bottom loop. Twist once above the folded coffee filters, so the pipe cleaner holds them tightly.
9. Bring the stem slightly out to create the butterfly head. Twist the antennae as tight as you wish – or leave them straight! Open and fluff out the wings of the butterfly. It is ready to explore your home and garden!

Hello!

Don’t forget to give me a name! I would like a friend to fly around with – do you have a couple more coffee filters to create another butterfly?