



## Try making Watercolor Butterflies

### The experience:

This is a fun craft! Kids should do this. I chose all kinds of colors and pipe cleaners. It looks beautiful when done.

#### Remember:

- Butterflies and moths are indicators of a healthy environment because butterflies are very sensitive to environmental changes. When butterflies and moths are present, the environment is safe for many other invertebrates.
- Butterflies are important pollinators.
- BJWSA owns 1,000 acres of the Great Swamp where highly treated effluent from Cherry Point Water Reclamation Facility is helping to restore wetlands. The Great Swamp is home to butterflies ...

### Materials:

- Coffee filters
- Clothespins
- Pipe cleaners
- Spray bottle with water
- Washable markers\*
- Tray or plate for drying

\*Washable markers are necessary for the watercolor effect and also for clean up: the coffee filters are thin, and the marker ink will go through to table or coloring surface.

### Directions:

1. Draw on coffee filter with washable markers – decorate however you please! More color is better.
2. Place the colored coffee filter on a tray or plate, then spray the entire filter with water. Watch the color spread!
3. Let the filter dry out, at least 10 minutes depending on how much water was used. While drying.
4. Bunch up the dry coffee filter in the center and hold it in place with a clothespin.
5. Add a face to the clothespin, draw a face or use a sticker.
6. Twist a pipe cleaner or piece of pipe cleaner and stick inside the clothes pin for antenna.
7. Bonus activity: make a chrysalis with colored coffee filter and pipe cleaner caterpillar.

*Henry and our STEM Team really enjoyed this craft!*

