

## Texture Paint Butterflies

### Materials:

paper, paint, scissors, glue, brushes & straws

### Instructions

- 1) Create 5 sheets of painted paper using different techniques such as splattering with a brush, spilling by tipping the paper over, or blowing wet paint around with a straw.
- 2) While the paper is drying, look at different types of butterflies on [butterflyconservation.org](http://butterflyconservation.org) and help your child describe the butterflies.
- 3) Have your child draw the type of butterfly they would like to make on a separate sheet of paper
- 4) Using the drawing as a reference, flip over the painted paper and draw the shape of each part of the butterfly on the back of the painted paper. You may need to help your child to draw their design BIG.
- 5) Cut and glue down the different butterfly parts on a piece of paper to create a butterfly.

### Variations:

- for really small children, have them draw four large circles for the wings
- glue down the butterfly onto black construction paper to make the colors pop

**Read:** "Waiting for Wings" by Lois Ehlert or view the YouTube read-aloud:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h4tImWDoK20>

**Look:** Go on a butterfly hunt in your backyard or neighborhood and see how many butterflies you can count.

Lesson adapted from [deepspaceparkle.com](http://deepspaceparkle.com)

