

LEAF BUTTERFLIES

(Outdoor craft/activity)



This craft/activity can be done outdoors. Nature will provide the bulk of what you'll need to make this craft. Create your own butterfly using leaves by exploring your yard, local park or even your neighborhood. There are so many beautiful trees with different shaped leaves; some big, some small, some pointy and some round. You may even find leaves with different colors. Feel free to add to your creations using twigs, berries or even flowers. Be creative - there are many different kinds, sizes, shapes and colors of butterflies.

MATERIALS:

- Leaves, small twigs, berries, pinecones
- Glue
- Scissors (optional: if you want to change the shape of the leaves)
- Construction paper

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Collect leaves, small twigs, berries, pinecones, etc. from outside. Bring a bag or basket to hold your collection of natural materials.

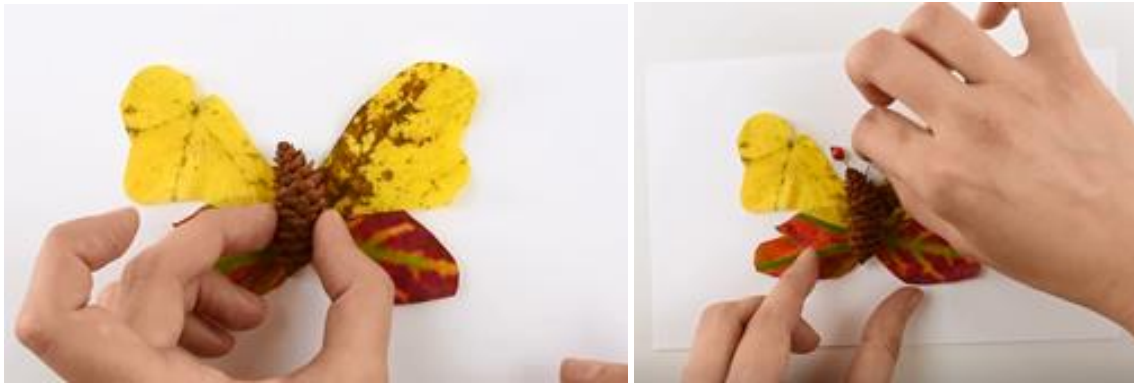


2. Lay your leaves out in front of you and start looking for colors, shapes or patterns that complement each other.
 - Grab two pairs of leaves that work together.
 - Use one pair for the top half and one for the bottom.
 - Feel free to cut your leaves to get the shapes you want.

3. Once you have your upper and lower wings (usually 4 pieces) you can start laying them out on your paper.



4. Find pieces to make your butterfly's body, head and antennae. You can use so many different things from nature – small pine cones, twigs, berries, tiny flowers. Get creative, there are no rules!



5. Once you're happy with the butterfly shape you've created, start gluing the pieces onto your construction paper.



6. Next, add your body, head and finally the antennae!



7. YOU'RE ALL DONE! Aren't these butterflies SO beautiful?!