

Stained glass butterflies

These beautiful butterflies make perfect window decorations and look great cut from black paper and filled with pieces of brightly coloured tissue paper glued to the back of each shape.

YOU WILL NEED

- * Plain paper for template
- * Scissors
- * Pencil
- * 1 piece A4/letter-sized black paper for each shape
- * White pencil
- * Coloured tissue paper
- * PVA/white glue
- * Black pipe cleaners

HOW TO MAKE THEM

1 Create the template

Draw a basic butterfly shape and cut it out using scissors (ask an adult to help you). Place the template on a piece of black paper then draw round it using the white pencil to make the butterfly shape easier to see.

2 Cut out the butterfly

Use scissors to cut out the butterfly shape from the black paper. If you are making more than one butterfly, it is easier to cut out all the shapes at once before cutting the holes and sticking on the tissue paper.

3 Draw shapes

Using the white pencil, draw softly rounded shapes on to the back of the black paper butterfly. Use scissors to carefully cut out these shapes, which form the holes for the tissue paper.

4 Finishing

Cut out pieces of tissue paper that are just slightly bigger than the openings and glue to the back of the butterfly shape. Use only a tiny amount of glue, as too much will cause the tissue to get wet and tear. Finish the butterfly with two black pipe-cleaner antennae attached with blobs of glue.

