May DIY project





stained-glass butterfly

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supplies needed:

- butterfly template (print it here)
- black construction paper
- tissue paper in assorted colors
- scissors
- · clear contact paper
- string or yarn
- hole punch (optional)

what to do:

- 1. After printing the template, cut out the butterfly along the outer black line. Then, carefully cut out the inside portion. An easy way to do this is to fold the butterfly in half and cut along the inside frame, leaving about ½- 1 inches of the butterfly shape. This will create the frame of your butterfly.
- 2. Lay a sheet of contact paper, a little bit bigger than your butterfly, sticky side up on a table. Contact paper is VERY sticky, so handle with care.
- 3. Place butterfly shape in the center of the contact paper.
- 4. Cut tissue paper into small squares and place them in whatever pattern you like inside the butterfly frame. Make sure the paper overlaps slightly to create the stained-glass effect.
- 5. Lay another sheet of contact paper over the top of the butterfly, and trim the excess around the shape of your butterfly.
- 6. Punch or cut a small hole in one of the butterfly's wings, and loop your string or yarn through it.

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