



How to Make Coffee Filter Butterflies

Coffee filter butterflies are a classic craft. I love how easy they are to make and how the bright colors of the washable markers blend together to make gorgeous looking butterfly wings!

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Supplies

2 round coffee filters

Washable markers

Water

Eye dropper, small measuring spoon or spray bottle

Pipe cleaners



I recommend placing the coffee filters on a cookie sheet or newspaper to keep the mess contained.

Flatten out the coffee filters a little. They don't have to be perfectly flat, just enough that you can color on them.

Color your design! You will be coloring through 2 layers, and some of the marker will leak through to the bottom filter. The less white space you leave, the brighter your butterfly will be. You do however want to leave a little space between the colors about 1/4 inch.

Then take your eye dropper, measuring spoon or spray bottle and drip water onto the coffee filter. Watch the colors spread and mix! Be careful not to add too much water, the colors will be muddy and your butterfly will take forever to dry.

Dry on newspaper or paper towels.

Once dry, pull apart the two coffee filters. Fold each one back and forth, accordion style.

Put them on top of each other, twist a pipe cleaner around the middle. Curl the ends of the pipe cleaners. Pull apart the folds and shape your butterflies.



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