

Butterfly Lacing Card



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Toddler
1.5 - 2.5 years

With such interesting appearances and movements, bugs can be an endless source of fascination to children. This activity is a great introduction to bugs where the kiddos will want to ask lots of questions, all while developing their fine motor skills.

Learning Outcomes

Domain:

Physical

Skills:

Fine Motor

Indicator:

Adapting holding from palmar or pincer grasp



Materials

- Scissors
- Cardboard
- Crayons or markers
- Hole punch
- Long string or shoelace

Instructions

Step 1: Using scissors, cut a large butterfly shape out of a piece of cardboard from a package or cereal box.

Step 2: Using a hole punch, make holes all around the outside of the butterfly 1 inch apart.

Step 3: Have the kiddo use crayons or markers to color the butterfly. You can also read a story or show them a picture to help inspire their design.

Step 4: Using your string, tie a knot around one of the holes so it stays in place.

Step 5: Encourage the child to thread the string all the way around the butterfly.



Age Adjustments

For older kiddos: Have the child cut and create the butterfly on their own, encourage them to create unique patterns, or time how fast they can thread the string.

For younger kiddos: Take a more active role by using hand-over-hand to help them through the parts that they find challenging.



Playful Questions

- Where do butterflies come from?
- What do butterflies eat?
- Where can we find a butterfly?
- How big do you think a butterfly is?
- What does a butterfly start as?