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Instructions:

Butterfly Symmetry

If you're working on symmetry, this activity is a favorite with the kids and the butterflies turn out so cool. Bonus is it's easy to do! The most difficult part is finding a place for all the butterflies to dry.

Have students cut out the pattern, write their name on back, and fold exactly in half. Help them to add two or three colors of paint to only one side in drops, stripes, or swirls. It really doesn't take much paint. Too much will make a mess and squish out the sides. You could also try using bingo stampers although I've never tried them, but I think they would also work.

Once they've added paint to the one side, have them fold the other side over and press down. This will make the design. Slowly pull the top half up and lay flat to dry. Once dry they can see the symmetry in the two sides. Butterflies can hang in a window to display, from the ceiling using fishing line, or glue them to a light blue or black piece of construction paper. Black will make bright colors pop!



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Butterfly Symmetry Pattern

