

Hands-On...

Butterflies



You'll Need:

1. Two pair of black, child-size gloves
2. Bandanas (various colors)
3. Clip-art of a butterfly wing
4. Elmer's Glue
5. Hot-glue gun
6. Clear glitter

Spread Elmer's glue over both sides of the bandanas and sprinkle clear glitter on both sides. Place on wax paper to dry (it dries quickly in the sun).



Print a 5" picture of a butterfly wing to use as a stencil. Trace the wing on the dried bandanas; flip the stencil over and trace the second wing. Cut out both wings.

Cut the fingers off the gloves. These will become the butterflies' bodies. With a hot-glue gun, affix the wings on either side of the knit finger.

An easy alternative...

Instead of making finger puppets from scratch, buy pre-cut butterflies (I found a package of 59 for \$3 at a party store), put Velcro on the back, and affix them to a small, elastic, terry ponytail holder that the children can slide onto one finger.

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I Spy a Butterfly

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I spy a butterfly up in the sky,
I spy a butterfly fluttering by,
I spy a butterfly flying down low,
I spy a butterfly... where did it go?

I spy a butterfly, **blue** as can be,
I spy a butterfly flying near me,
I spy a butterfly flying down low,
I spy a butterfly... where did it go?

Beautiful butterflies up in the sky,
Beautiful butterflies fluttering by,
Beautiful butterflies flying around,
Beautiful butterflies land on the ground.



Children act out the song with the finger puppets. At the end of the verses, they hide the butterflies behind their backs; at the end of the song, the butterflies land on the ground to take a rest.

Caterpillar to the tune of Skip to my Lou
adapted by Judy Caplan Ginsburgh

Caterpillar so fuzzy (3x),
crawling on the ground.

Caterpillar crawling 'round (3x),
eating grass and leaves.

Caterpillar makes a cocoon (3x),
then she goes to sleep.

snore... snore... snore...

Caterpillar grows some wings (3x),
now she's a butterfly!

Butterfly flying 'round (3x),
touch down on the ground.

Children act out the song, crawling around as a caterpillar, then they fly like butterflies (or use the butterfly finger puppets). If you're going to make the alternative butterfly puppets, then consider printing and laminating pictures of caterpillars as well, so that their caterpillars can become butterflies simply by changing the puppet on the elastic band or stick.

