

Butterfly Making

Recommended for: Elders and preschoolers (3-5 yrs.)

Objectives:

- Interact/Communicate (verbal/non-verbal)
- Enhance Self-Esteem/Pride in Accomplishment
- Stay on Task/Complete an Activity
- Work as a Team/Cooperate
- Learn New Terms/Skills
- Exercise motor skills (fine or gross motor)



Materials needed (per pair):

- Ziploc bags (sandwich or quart size)
- Colorful paper or tissue paper
- Pipe cleaners

Methods:

Facilitator Preparation

1. Alternate adult/ child chairs around the table.
2. Lay out materials on table

Intergenerational Participants

1. Work together to tear paper into small pieces.
2. Stuff torn paper into bag.
3. Seal bag when full (there should be enough paper to fill the bag, but not so full that it is hard to seal).
4. Wrap pipe cleaner around middle of bag and twist to form into two wings with antennae.

Special Considerations:

- Remind participants to not place paper in their mouths.
- Be available to help participants if they cannot twist the pipe cleaner.

Key Conversation/Facilitation Questions:

- Do you like butterflies?
- Where can you find butterflies?
- What did the butterflies you have seen look like?
- Can you tell ___ what other kinds of things fly?
- Can you hold the bag while ___ puts the pipe cleaner around it?