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Symmetrical Butterfly Painting

Symmetry describes art in which the elements of a piece are in balance. This could refer to the objects themselves or to colors and other compositional techniques. This project shows an easy way to achieve symmetry in a cute painting of a butterfly, which is naturally symmetrical.



Supplies

- Paper
- Printer — optional
- Paint
- Paintbrush
- Scissors

Directions

1. Cut out a large butterfly shape from a piece of paper. You may print the butterfly template included at the end of these instructions, or you may decide to use your own butterfly design.
2. Fold the butterfly paper in half and then unfold it, so that there is a vertical crease going down the center. This makes it easier to fold later.
3. Using paint and a paintbrush, put blobs of paint on either the left or right side of your butterfly, not both. You can either strategically create shapes of color, or just blob the paint randomly. Make sure the paint is fairly thick and work quickly, as you do not want the paint to dry while you're working on it.
4. Once you are happy with the amount of paint on the left or right side of your butterfly, fold the butterfly again on the crease, sandwiching the paint in between the two sides. Press the paper together.
5. Carefully unfold the butterfly again, peeling apart the wings. The paint should now be symmetrical on both sides of the butterfly.
6. Let your symmetrical butterfly dry! Repeat as many times as desired, using different colors and arrangements of paint.

