

Coffee Filter Butterfly/Dragonfly

Items you'll need:

Coffee filters

Food coloring

Clothespins

A plate (or sheet plastic)

Paper towels

Googly Eyes (optional)

Pipe cleaners (optional)

Scissors (optional)

Marker (optional)

Directions:

1. Get your coffee filter wet and lay it out on a plate (a plate promotes color spreading, whereas if you lay it out on newspaper or a towel, the food coloring will not spread. You can also lay it on sheet plastic). You can fold the filter in half to make the same design on both wings.
2. Drop food coloring around the coffee filter and watch it spread! (A little goes a long way)
3. When you are satisfied with your design, place the coffee filter on a paper towel and place another paper towel on top of the coffee filter, and pat. This will stop the color from spreading and begin to dry out the coffee filter.
4. Place the coffee filter in the sun to dry. (This should only take a few minutes!)
5. While the coffee filter is drying, work on the body of your dragonfly/butterfly. Use googly eyes and pipe cleaners to give your bug a face and antennae. (If you don't have these items handy, you can use a marker and paper to make a face and antennae.)
6. Gather the coffee filter in the middle and pinch the clothes pin where it is gathered. This makes a butterfly! To make a dragonfly, use scissors to turn the wings on either side of the clothes pin into 2 wings on each side.



Coffee Filter Hot Air Balloons

Items you'll need:

Coffee filters

Food coloring

A plate (or sheet plastic)

Papertowels

Washable Paint

Scissors

Directions:

1. Get your coffee filter wet and lay it out on a plate (a plate promotes color spreading, whereas if you lay it out on newspaper or a towel, the food coloring will not spread. You can also lay it on sheet plastic).
2. Drop food coloring around the coffee filter and watch it spread! (A little goes a long way)
3. When you are satisfied with your design, place the coffee filter on a paper towel and place another paper towel on top of the coffee filter, and pat. This will stop the color from spreading.
4. Stick the colored coffee filter to a window or glass door using water.
5. Cut clouds out of uncolored coffee filters and get them wet to stick them around the hot air balloon.
6. Use washable paint to add the strings and basket to the hot air balloon. (Don't worry, it will wash off the window with soap and water!)

