

Art Exploration

SPONGE PRINT BUTTERFLIES



Create a unique and symmetrical butterfly stamp by painting onto a sponge!

Materials Provided:

Watercolor Paper
Sponge

Materials Needed:

Hair elastic or rubber band
Watercolor or acrylic paint
Paintbrush or Q-tip

Instructions:

With this project, you'll create your own butterfly stamp using a sponge. You'll also discover that butterfly wings are **symmetrical**, meaning they make a mirror reflection of each other. Your butterfly print will do the same!

1. Begin by scrunching or pinching your sponge in the center, and tying it into a bowtie shape with a rubber band or hair elastic.
2. Choose some paints and colors. Squirt the colors directly onto one side of your sponge only, as seen below. Use more than one color to create a unique design! Feel free to use a paintbrush or Q-tip to add smaller details, like stripes or dots.



3. Once you've decorated one side of your sponge, fold the sponge closed and squish it together gently. This will create a mirror image of your design on the other side of the sponge, mimicking a butterfly's wings.



4. Unfold your sponge and press it face down on your paper. Use your hands to press down gently, stamping your design onto the page. Stamp it down a couple of times to create more than one butterfly.



5. Use your paintbrush or Q-tip to add other details if you'd like, like a body or antennae! You can also paint a background or scene for your butterflies on the page.



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