

THINGS TO DO AT-HOME



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Pipe Cleaner Butterfly Ring

Here's a list of what you'll need:

- 2 pipe cleaners – 12 inch length
- 1 pipe cleaner – 6 inch length
- Scissors



The longer pipe cleaners will be the butterfly's wings.

Take the two longer pipe cleaners and line up the ends. Then twist them in the middle about 4 or 5 times.

This part of the ring will go around your finger, so it just helps keep it ring shaped if the pipe cleaners are twisted, just a little bit.

Place the middle of the pipe cleaners under one of your fingers, making sure the length of pipe cleaners on both sides is equal.

Then twist the pipe cleaners around themselves a couple of times. I find it helpful to take the ring off your finger before you twist it.

Sometimes when you twist the pipe cleaners, it makes your ring smaller by accident. So if the ring ends up being too small, untwist it and try twisting it again until the ring fits nicely on your finger.

Take the 4 pipe cleaner ends and spread them out them evenly

Now you'll have to decide which wings you want on the top, and which wings you want on the bottom.

Whichever color you decide you want on the bottom, snip off a little less than 1 inch from the ends of those pipe cleaners.

We're trimming them because we want the butterfly's bottom wings to be just a little bit smaller than the top wings.

Pinch the end of the pipe cleaner and roll it into a tight spiral, towards the middle.

Repeat for the other 3 ends of the pipe cleaners. Pinch each end of the pipe cleaner and roll it into a tight spiral, towards the middle.

For the top wings, make sure you roll the spiral down towards the bottom wings. And for the bottom wings, make sure you roll the spiral up towards the top wings.

You can see in the photo below that my top wings have the spirals that are rolled towards the bottom. And even though you might not be able to see it, the bottom spirals were rolled towards the top. It just helps the butterfly keep its shape if your spirals go towards each other, rather than away from each other.

Make sure the bottom wings are tucked behind the top wings. Then pinch the wings to bend them into a wing shape as shown in the photo below.

Take the smaller black pipe cleaner and place it behind the butterfly. Tuck it in behind the wings, right where the body of the butterfly would be.

Wrap the bottom of the black pipe cleaner up and around the butterfly to make its body. Then twist 2 or 3 times right above the top wings to hold it together.

Trim the antenna if needed to make them even.

Finally, pinch the end of each black pipe cleaner, and curl it down into a loose spiral to make the antennae.

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