

A walk on the wild side

Nature Day at home

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Symmetrical creatures

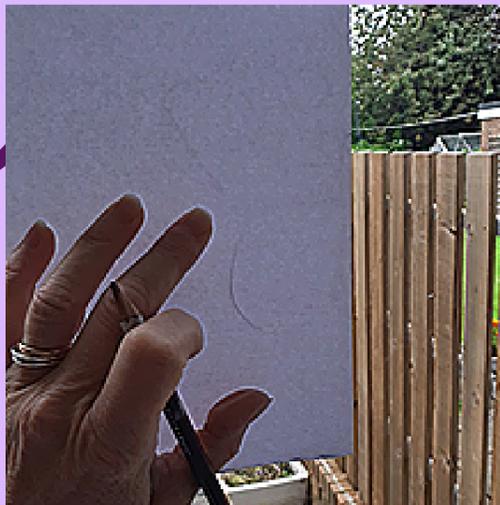
At this time of year there will be lots of insects around. Look at them if you are quick enough to catch sight of any.

Like all creatures, insects are symmetrical, left and right are the same. We will create symmetrical drawings and add decoration to make them more interesting. We have only used a black felt tip but you can use colours if you like.

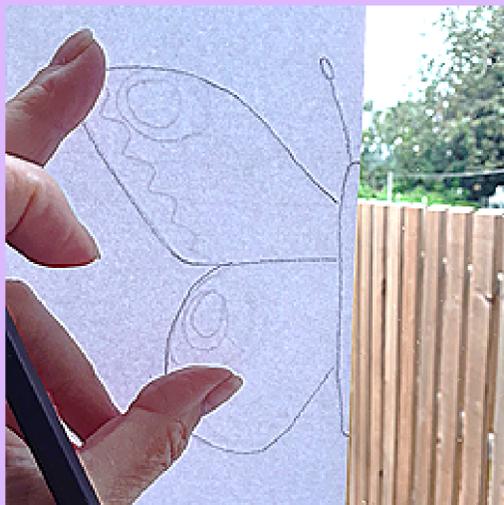


First thing we need to do is make a symmetrical drawing.

Printer paper or some thin paper is best for this. Fold it in half and draw only on one side of it. I have drawn half a body with one antennae a wing at the top and underneath that a different shape wing.



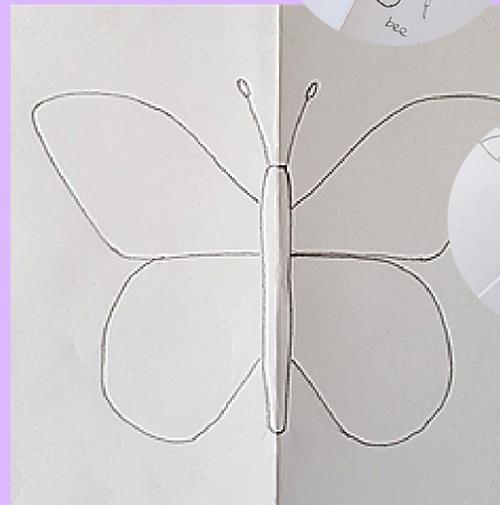
Fold the paper, hold up against a window and your original drawing will shine through the paper. Draw over the lines to create your butterfly



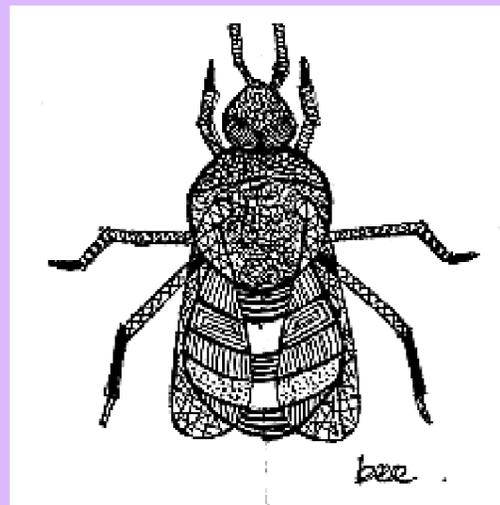
Add markings to your butterfly. If you look at butterflies they all have patterns and peacock butterfly patterns look like eyes. Draw your pattern on one side and repeat by copying on a window.



Open your paper and draw over pencil lines with a biro or felt pen. Black makes a dramatic effect but you can use any colours.



You can draw any insect this way. We have created a bee and a dragonfly too.



Remember to make each side look the same by filling any areas with different types of marks. Use zig zags, crosses, stripes, dots, circles, figures of eight, spirals, triangles, squares. Go wild.



You will need:

- Printer paper
- Pencil
- Biro
- Black felt pen

