On a warm spring day, young students will love “flying” their butterflies on the playground.

**The Butterfly Flyer**

**MATERIALS**
- templates on the following page
- 5” x 8” (12.5 x 20 cm) pieces of construction paper in blue, yellow, and pink for the butterflies
- 3” (7.5 cm) squares of black construction paper for the antennae
- drinking straw
- 1 yard (0.9 m) of clear plastic fishing line
- tape
- hole punch
- scissors
- glue

**STEPS TO FOLLOW**

1. Use the templates to cut out the butterfly shapes from blue, yellow, and pink paper. Also cut 2 each of the large and small circles from each color.

2. Lay out the 3 butterflies and position the spots so there are contrasting colors on each one as shown.

3. Punch 2 holes in each butterfly as marked on the templates.

4. Cut strips from the black paper for antennae. Fold in half and glue to the butterflies.

5. Thread the fishing line through the straw. Secure it on one end with tape.

6. Now thread the line through the first butterfly (on top) as shown. Tape the line on the back of the butterfly. Repeat this process for the other 2 butterflies. Tape the end of the fishing line to the back of the last butterfly.
Butterflies (blue, yellow, pink)

Spots (blue, yellow, pink)

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Bring pots of red geraniums into the classroom to inspire students before beginning this project. Students of all ages enjoy this project. Challenge older students by having them cut the flowers and leaves free form.

**MATERIALS**

- templates on the following page
- 9” x 12” (23 x 30.5 cm) dark blue construction paper for the background
- 9 1/2” x 12 1/2” (24 x 31.5 cm) yellow construction paper for the frame
- 2—5” (12.5 cm) squares of white construction paper for the geraniums
- 4—3 1/2” (9 cm) squares of green construction paper for the leaves and stems
- red tempera paint
- pencil
- shallow dish
- glue
- scissors

**Fingerprint Geraniums**

**STEPS TO FOLLOW**

1. Trace around the flower template twice on the white paper.
2. Dip a finger into the red paint. Fill the flower shapes with fingerprints. Cut out the flower shapes after the paint is dry.
3. Using the template as a guide, trace around and cut out 3 leaves on the green paper.
4. Cut the last green square into narrow strips to use as stems.
5. Lay out the leaves and stems to establish a design. Glue in place.
6. Glue the blue paper to the yellow frame.
**Fingerprint Geraniums**

**TEMPLATES**

- **Leaf** (green—Cut 3)
- **Flower Shape** (white—Cut 2)

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This quick and easy project will brighten up your room in a jiffy.

MATERIALS

- templates and patterns on the following page
- 4” x 8 1/2” (10 x 21.5 cm) pieces of yellow and blue construction paper for the birds’ bodies
- 3” (7.5 cm) squares of the same yellow and blue construction paper for the birds’ heads
- 6” x 7 1/2” (15 x 19 cm) orange construction paper
- plastic drinking straw
- 2—30” (76 cm) lengths of clear plastic fishing line
- hole punch
- pencil
- scissors
- glue
- crayons, marking pens, or colored pencils

Bird Mobile

STEPS TO FOLLOW

1. Fold the blue and yellow construction paper for the bodies as shown.

2. Trace around the template provided for the birds’ heads on the blue and yellow squares. Cut them out and fold as indicated.

3. Draw beaks and eyes.

4. Glue the heads to the bodies.

5. Punch a hole in the center of the back of each bird.

6. Tie one end of one length of fishing line through the hole punched in the yellow bird. Tie a knot. Thread the other end of that line through the straw and tie it through the hole punched in the blue bird.

7. Thread the other length of fishing line through the straw, too. Tie the two ends together. This forms a loop for hanging the mobile.

8. Fold the orange construction paper in half. Lay it over the straw. Glue the paper shut to secure it around the straw.

9. Cut out and color the poem on the pattern page. Glue it to the orange construction paper.

10. The mobile is now ready to hang.
Birds bring a message of spring,
In every little song they sing.

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Students can make their flowers “grow” by reaching inside the folder and pushing up the tongue depressor.

MATERIALS
- pattern on the following page, reproduced for each student
- 3” (7.5 cm) square of blue construction paper for the flower
- 1 ½” (4 cm) square of yellow construction paper for the flower center
- 1 ½” x 2” (4 x 5 cm) green construction paper for the leaves
- 1” (2.5 cm) square of red construction paper for the ladybug
- 6” x 8 ½” (15 x 21.5 cm) green construction paper for the frame
- craft knife
- crayons, marking pens, or colored pencils
- tongue depressor
- scissors
- glue
- tape (optional)

Watch My Flower Grow

STEPS TO FOLLOW
1. Color the pattern. Add a colorful background.
2. Cut the slit as marked. You may reinforce the slit edges with tape in case of heavy use.
3. Fold the paper in half.
4. Cut circles from the blue and yellow squares. Glue the yellow circle in the center of the blue. Fringe around the outside edge of the blue circle.
5. Cut 2 leaves from the green paper.
6. Use the red square to make a ladybug. Glue the ladybug to the flower.
7. Glue the flower and the leaves to the end of the tongue depressor. Slip the other end of the tongue depressor through the slit.
8. Glue the backside of the pattern to the green frame and watch the flower grow.
Watch My Flower Grow
PATTERN

fold

slit
Hang these bright and colorful banners around the school as a welcome to spring.

**MATERIALS**

- pattern and templates on the following page
- 6—5” (12.5 cm) squares of tissue in bright colors for the flowers
- 6—2” (5 cm) squares of tissue in the same colors for the flower centers
- 2—10” x 18” (25.5 x 45.5 cm) strips of clear contact paper or laminate
- 6” x 10” (15 x 25.5 cm) orange construction paper for the headpiece
- roving or yarn
- 1” x 12” (2.5 x 30.5 cm) strips of cellophane
- hole punch
- scissors
- double-stick tape
- glue

**STEPS TO FOLLOW**

1. Trace around the templates for the flower shape on one of the larger tissue paper squares. Place all the larger tissue squares together and cut out the shape.

2. Trace the flower center on one of the smaller squares of tissue. Place them all together and cut them out.

3. Pull the backing off one of the contact strips. Lay it sticky side up on the table. Lay the flowers and their centers overlapping slightly on the contact paper.

4. Position the cellophane strips along the bottom of the banner.

5. Pull the backing off the second contact strip. Now have a friend help lay the contact paper over the top of the tissue flowers. Press to seal the two pieces of contact paper together.

6. Fold the orange construction paper in half. Glue the Hooray! It’s Spring! sign to one side.

7. Use double-stick tape to secure the folded construction paper to the top of the banner.

8. Punch two holes in the orange headpiece. Tie roving through each one to create the hanger strip.
Make a bunch of these little fellows, positioning heads, beaks, and wings differently. Display them in a line on the windowsill or in your classroom library along with a copy of *Make Way for Ducklings*.

**Delightful Ducklings**

**MATERIALS**
- templates on the following page
- 6” x 9” (15 x 23 cm) yellow construction paper for the body, head, and wings
- 3 ½” (9 cm) square of orange construction paper for the feet and beak
- scissors
- glue
- crayons, marking pens, or colored pencils

**STEPS TO FOLLOW**

1. Trace around the templates on the yellow and orange paper. Cut on the lines.
2. Fold the circles for the body and the wings in half.
3. Cut the wing circle on the fold line so there are now 2 half circles.
4. Fold the beak piece in half. Glue it to the head. Add eyes with crayons, marking pens, or colored pencils.
5. Glue the head and wings to the body. Experiment with positions to create different effects.
6. Fold the feet piece in half and trim at an angle.
7. Glue the body to the feet.
Delightful Ducklings

TEMPLATES

Body (yellow)

Head/Wings (yellow-Cut 2)

Beak (orange)

Feet (orange)

Body (yellow)

Head/Wings (yellow-Cut 2)

Beak (orange)

Feet (orange)
Students will enjoy hearing about the annual Calaveras County Jumping Frog Contest in Angel’s Camp, California. This project is worth doing. It also makes a fine addition to a bulletin board to accompany a theme unit on rainforests.

**MATERIALS**
- 4” x 9” (10 x 23 cm) colored copy paper for the frog’s body
  
  Hint: Copy paper is the ideal weight for this project, but construction paper may also be used.
- 2—⅛” x 1” (2 x 2.5 cm) pieces of white construction paper for the eyes
- red construction paper scrap for the tongue
- pencil with a new eraser
- tempera paint in assorted colors
- black marking pen
- scissors
- glue

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### STEPS TO FOLLOW

1. Fold the copy paper as shown to make the basic frog body.

   ![Folded paper diagram](image)

2. Unfold the legs and cut up the center to the second fold for the legs.

3. Round 2 corners on the pieces of white construction paper for the eyes. Add eyeballs with the black marking pen. Fold down a flap on the other end. Glue the folded flap to the frog.

4. Add 2 nostrils with black marking pen.

5. Cut a thin strip of red construction paper for the tongue. Curl the tip with the pencil. Glue it in place.

6. Add spots to the frog’s back by using the pencil eraser and tempera in a contrasting color.

7. Stroke the frog’s back and watch it jump!

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