

MAKE A MONARCH – BUTTERFLY PUPPET PROJECT

MATERIALS

Monarch template print-out on 8.5”x11’ paper
Water-based or permanent coloured and black markers
Clear packing tape
2 small rags or pieces of paper towel
Cooking oil
Tray or table covering (eg. plastic, aluminum foil)
Scissors
Bamboo cane, thin smooth branch, long skewer, or equivalent
Hole punch (optional)
String, pipe cleaner, ribbon, large hair clip, clothes peg, or equivalent (optional)

INSTRUCTIONS (For full video instructions go to <https://www.shadowlandtheatre.ca/how-to-s>)

1. Print out the template
2. Colour the butterfly image with water based or permanent markers.
Hint: look at images of a Monarch butterfly for appropriate colours.
3. Tape along length of body and antennae with clear packing tape. Do this on both sides.
4. Place your coloured paper on a clean surface (tray, newsprint, plastic, foil). Put a small amount of oil on a rag or paper towel and rub well into the butterfly image. Turn the paper over and oil the reverse side. Check it is fully oiled by holding it up and looking at both sides – if there are opaque or cloudy areas, rub in more oil until it looks translucent.
5. Once your image is fully oiled, use the other clean rag or paper towel to wipe off any excess oil.
6. Use scissors to cut out the butterfly image.
7. For the puppet version – place a stick along the length of Monarch body on the underside. Make sure the stick goes up to the butterfly’s head. Use clear packing tape along the full length of the body to attach to the stick. Remember, tape will not stick to any oiled parts. Carefully trim off any extra tape.
Flap up and down and let your Monarch flutter and fly!

OR

Poke two small holes with a hole punch, or other tool, on either side of the butterfly body. Thread a string, pipe cleaner, or equivalent through the holes, and twist or tie to secure onto your wrist, arm, or attach to a large hairclip or clothes peg, and attach wherever you choose! Be imaginative and cover yourself!!
Optional: to make the body stiffer, tape a straw, popsicle stick etc. along the underside of the body.

Fun Fact: Did you know that a collection of butterflies is called a kaleidoscope?

