

# Big, bold butterflies

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## What children should learn

Creative development – to explore colour and two-dimensional shape.

## What you need

Thick paint, painting paper, brushes, scissors, adhesive tape or Blu-tack, pictures or photographs of butterflies.



## Activity

Give the children pictures or photographs of butterflies to look at. Get them to look at the colours and patterns on the butterflies' wings. Suggest to the children that you make a large display of bold butterflies in different colours. Give each child a large sheet of paper which has been folded down the middle. Let them choose what colour paint they would like. Get the child to make two circles of paint on one side of the fold. Then fold the paper in half and press. The child can open the sheet out to see the butterfly he has made. When it is dry, you may cut the paper into a big butterfly shape. Group the butterflies by colour to display them, with a written label for each colour set.

## Extension

Make multi-coloured butterflies by the same method and display them together.

## Talk about

Count the number of butterflies in each set. Talk about which butterflies are the boldest. Which ones do the children think have the brightest colour?