

Art Video: How To Make a Butterfly Shadow Puppet



Butterflies love the spring! Spring showers bring flowers, and butterflies also love flowers. Have you seen any butterflies outside?

This art project is inspired by Sarah Fox's art video titled *Shadow*. In the art video Sarah used handmade shadow puppets to tell a story. Watch her art video first and then make your own butterfly shadow puppet!

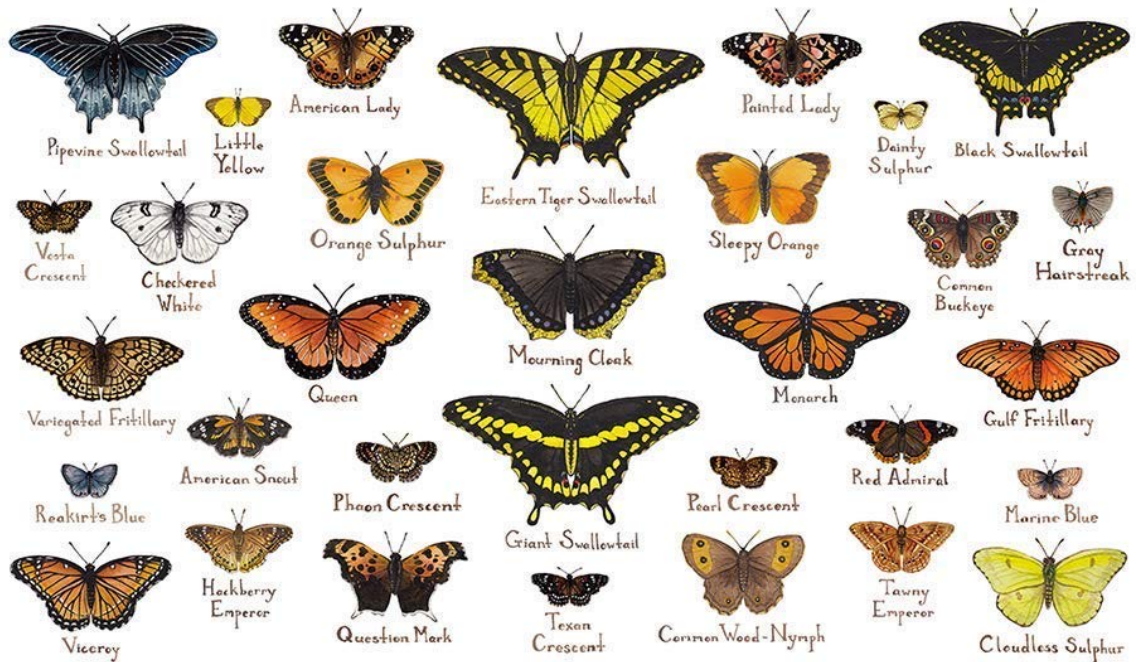
Materials:

- Stick (from the yard, straw, skewer, even a spoon or fork will work)
- Paper (paper or cardboard)
- Paper towel tube, toilet paper tube, or something else for the body (leaves)
- Pipe cleaners or thin paper for antennae
- Tape or Glue
- Scissors
- Color (markers, crayons, colored pencils, paint, whatever you have)

Instructions:

1. Visit Blue Star Contemporary's YouTube channel and click on the **playlist**: [Creative Classrooms Art Videos](#)
2. Find the playlist titled Creative Classrooms Art Videos.
3. First watch the video titled *Shadow* (The video is 12 minutes and 40 sec.)
4. Second, have your materials ready and watch the *How to Make a Butterfly Shadow Puppet* video (The video is 12 minutes and 33 sec.)

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Sarah's art project video will explain how to make the shadow puppet. Here are the same step-by-step instructions:

1. Draw your butterfly wings on a piece of paper.
 - Draw one side of the top wing.
 - Draw one side of the bottom wing.
 - Fold the paper in half and cut your wings (this will make sure the wings are even)
2. Color your wings! Look at the image above of Texas butterflies for inspiration.
 - Color the back and front
3. Tape or glue your wings together and overlap them in the middle.
4. Tape or glue your body on the butterfly. Glue a leaf or make a body out of a toilet paper or paper towel tube.
 - Cut the paper tube in half
 - Cut the half tube to the length of the wing's center.
 - Fold small tabs on both sides of the tube.
 - Tape the small tabs together down the back.
 - Color the body.

- Tape or glue the body to the wings (make sure to tape the top and bottom so the body doesn't fall off)
5. Glue or tape your stick to the back of your puppet.
 - Put the stick in the middle of the butterfly.
 - Tape and glue at the top and bottom.
 6. Make your antennae.
 - You can use pipe cleaners, or cut paper to make the antennae.
 - I rolled up a piece of gum wrapper paper (because it's thin) and folded it in half.
 - Tape your antennae to the inside of the toilet paper tube.
 7. Add anything else you want to your butterfly! Googly eyes, yarn, flowers, get creative!