

This is Ms. Susan from the Shorewood Public Library. This week I wanted to create a project to celebrate the beauty and brilliance of a butterfly emerging from the chrysalis. You may have seen this nature phenomenon in the library at the Monarch butterfly display. We will use circles and straight lines. Using contrasting colors can really make the objects pop out and produce a very unique picture. The orange and black that I used reminds me of a monarch butterfly, but there are many other types of butterflies to create. Add your own caterpillar or chrysalis to the picture. Come on in to the library to see the cycle of the Monarch butterfly live.



1-Draw a straight line diagonally across a sheet of paper. Draw another line that runs the same way about a quarter of an inch away. Join the two lines at the top and bottom. This will be the body of the butterfly. Now trace a circle on either side of the body at one end. Then draw two smaller circles underneath the first two circles. These circles will be the wings, so make sure they are "attached" to the body. You can make two sets of wings on top of each other. This is called 3-D and will look like it is flying.

2- Take a straight edge or ruler and draw lines going all the way across the page, opposite that of the butterfly. Do not draw the line across the body or wings of the butterfly. You can make a few lines or as many as you like. Now color between each line using two contrasting colors. Color the wings and body using the same pattern of contrasting color but different from the straight lines. You can add antennae at the top of the body. A larger sheet of colored paper for the background looks like a frame for your picture. I added an extra, colored circle overlapping on to the frame. You could even add a fuzzy caterpillar on the bottom of the picture that is waiting to transform into another beautiful butterfly. Use yarn, paper or pipe cleaners. Add some nature with a branch or dried grass.

Caterpillar, chrysalis, butterfly, amazing! Enjoy the process

Ms. Susan