

This is Ms. Susan from the Shorewood Public Library. You may be seeing bugs, bees, and butterflies all over these days. You can even see the caterpillars transforming into butterflies in the Children's area, here at the library. What a great activity for this week to celebrate butterflies with a beautiful, decorative hanger that can transform into a fun butterfly game.



1-On a piece of paper draw a long oval from top to bottom. Draw two lines across this area, representing the head, body or thorax, and abdomen of the butterfly. Then add two sets of larger forewings at the top and another two smaller hindwings at the bottom. Find something round that you can use to trace for the wings, if you want.

2- Make lines on the wings that represent the spaces on a board game. For younger children, you can use only the four wings as spaces or draw lines down the middle of the wings for a longer game. Color each wing or space a different color. You can use a coin to flip to move along the board. If you get Heads-move one space, Tails-move ahead two spaces. Or you can make cards to move around the board. Use color blocks for younger children or written directions for readers. "You flew into a spider web, miss a turn". Make your own cards, that can be anything silly, a butterfly might do.

3- Find some fun shapes to trace and color for your butterfly game pieces, or take a try at drawing them yourself. Then bend the smaller, inside piece of the paper clip and tape the butterfly on. This will help your piece stand up. Clip the games pieces on a string when not in use.

4- Glue, tape or staple the butterfly to the cardboard for a sturdier project. Put two holes at the top and attach the pipe cleaners for antennae. Make holes on either side of the wings to attach the string when your butterfly transforms to a hanging decoration. Add some flowers around the edges or even a bit of milkweed to attract some caterpillars.



Be well -Ms. Susan