

BUTTERFLY SEED ACTIVITY

This activity is well suited for young participants and can be used in small or large groups/classes. It is a great way to let the participants bring back habitat to plant by their own house!

Materials Needed

- Clothespins (min 1 per participant)
- Wildflower Seed (might need to add in filler)
- Markers
- Pipe Cleaner
- Snack size baggies
- Filler – inert seed, sawdust, etc
- Possible: scissors



Instructions

Step 1: Mix wildflower seed to 5(filler):1(wildflower seed) ratio. This ensures that the area is not over seeded. (Each wildflower seed is small but will grow and can spread to cover an area of 1-3ft.)

Step 2: Let each participant color their own clothespin. Let them know the “clip” side will be the head of the butterfly.

Step 3: Once they have finished, have them fill up their snack baggie about $\frac{3}{4}$ full with the seed and close it shut. Use the pipe cleaner to pinch the middle of the snack baggie. Leaving even “antennas” on one side.

Step 4: Clip on your body (clothespin) and you have a butterfly!



Optional:

- Pre load the snack baggies with wildflower seed. Make sure to leave room for it to be pinched in the middle.
- Cut pipe-cleaner in half for best fit.