

National Flight of the Monarch Day

Life Cycle of a Monarch



Overview

All animals go through a life cycle, some with more dramatic changes than others. Learn about the life cycle of the monarch butterfly with this simple and attractive craft activity, adapted from The Monarch Teacher Network resource, Journeys and Transformations.

You will need...

- 1 piece of shell pasta painted or dyed green
- 3 pipe-cleaners - 1 black, 1 white, 1 yellow
- 2 pieces construction paper - 1 green, 1 orange
- 1 paper plate
- 1 clear crystal bead
- crayons / markers
- glue & gold glitter glue
- scissors

Instructions

Using a marker, divide your paper plate into four quarters and label as shown. Cut out two leaves using green construction paper. Glue one to the "egg" section of your plate. Glue the clear bead on top - this is the egg! Take the second leaf and cut out "bite marks". Glue this leaf to the "caterpillar" section of your plate. To make the caterpillar, cut each pipe-cleaner in half and wind one of each colour around a pencil together. Once you have wound them so that they stay together, slide them off the pencil and stick on top of the second leaf. Use the gold glitter glue to decorate the chrysalis. Draw a branch on the "chrysalis section and glue the green shell pasta to hang from the branch.

For the butterfly, use the template and cut a butterfly shape from the orange construction paper. Cut it out, decorate it with black marker and fold it in half. Glue just its body to the butterfly section of the plate. You're done!

