

### Essential information

**Age range:**

7-11 (children either side of this range may enjoy this activity dependant on ability)

**Group size:**

In class

**Time needed:**

No time limit

**Curriculum links:****Setting:**

Classroom

**Contact us:**

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## Insect christmas decorations – Butterfly

**Background to activity**

During this activity children will make their own butterfly Christmas decoration.

**Materials needed**

- Coloured card
- Sparkly pipe cleaners
- Double-sided sticky tape/glue
- Scissors
- Glitter glue/metallic pens
- Wire/cotton (optional)

**Running the activity**

The children can either cut out the template provided on coloured card or draw their own butterfly and cut it out. They should then decorate it (for example with glitter glue or metallic pens), and cut a length of pipe cleaner for a body. They should then stick the pipe cleaner to the card with double-sided sticky tape or glue. To attach to a tree, pierce a small hole in the completed decoration and thread a length of wire or cotton through and tie into a loop.

