# North Carolina Zoo

# Butterfly Suncatcher



**You will need:**

- White glue
- Black acrylic paint
- #1 plastic (from to go containers)
- Permanent markers
- Printer
- Scissors
- Hole punch
- Sting, yarn, or fishing line

**Directions:**

1. Take a bottle of white glue and if needed pour out glue until you have ¼ - ½ a bottle of glue. Add equal amount of black acrylic paint to glue. Close the lid tight and shake for a minute or so.


Step 1

2. Print out the patterns provided and place your plastic over your favorite pattern. Using your black glue, trace the butterfly pattern onto the plastic (keep in mind that the glue will spread a little as it dries ) and let dry flat overnight.

    **Hint:** To make sharper points, use a toothpick to drag the glue out to points or to clean up edges.


Step 2

3. Using permanent markers (washable markers will NOT work) color your butterfly. I played with the colors along the edge of the plastic before coloring my butterfly!


Step 3

4. Cut out your butterfly. You can cut close to the black edge or leave more plastic around your butterfly, your choice. Keep in mind you need to hang your butterfly so you can leave a large piece of plastic uncut (I left the plastic between the antennae) where you want make a hole for hanging,


Step 4

5. Using a hole punch, cut a hole where you want to hang your butterfly. Thread a piece of string, yarn, or fishing line through your hole and tie a loop and hang your butterfly in a window!

6. Show us your beautiful butterfly on our Facebook page "Adventures in EdZOOcation" or tag the North Carolina Zoo at #NCZOO or #NCZOOED.
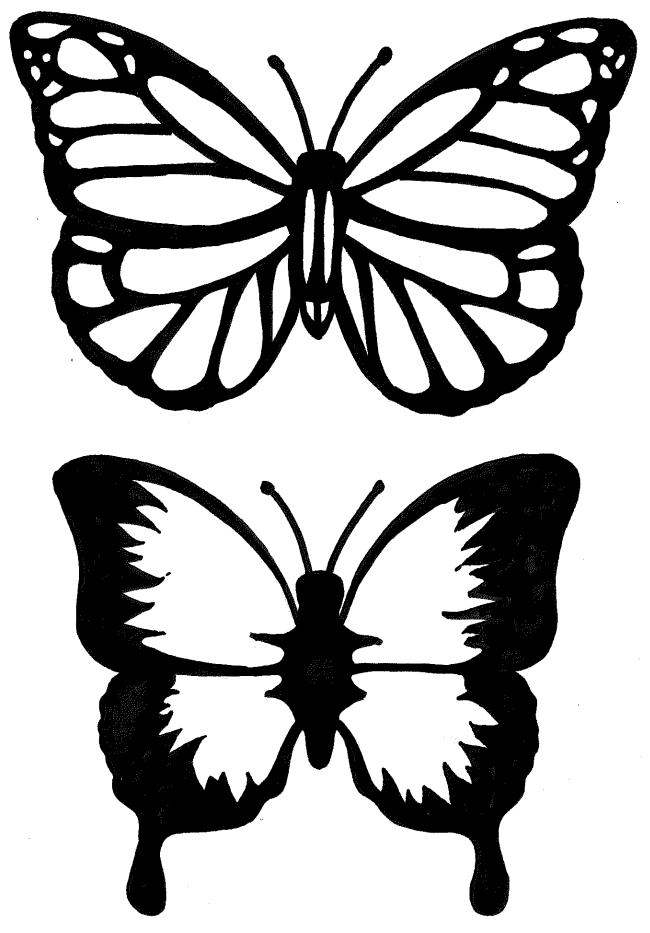

Step 5