

## Coffee Filter Butterflies

These beautifully vibrant butterflies are a great way to welcome spring! Suspend them from the ceiling with fishing line, or make several and attach to a paper plate mobile.

### **What you'll need:**

½ black chenille stem  
Paper coffee filter  
Water color paints  
Paint brush  
Water



### **How to make it:**

1. Flatten the coffee filter and place it on a plate or newspaper, the paint and water will soak through. Set aside on paper towels to dry.
2. Fold the chenille stem in half. Remember, you are only using half of a chenille stem to begin with.
3. Fold the coffee filter accordion style, in about ½" pleats.
4. Position the pleated coffee filter into the bent end of the chenille stem. Center the filter at the bend.
5. Twist the chenille stem around the filter to secure it in place.
6. Bend the tips of the chenille stems over about ¼" to create the antennae.
7. Fan out the butterfly wings.
8. If desired, hang with yarn or fishing line.

## Painted Flower Pots

Use Terra Cotta flowerpots and any type of paint you like; however do not use tempera paint as it washes away. Provide ample paint colors and brushes for children and allow them to paint flowerpots as they desire. When they are dry, use a clear coat of glaze to finish the designs. Plant a flowering plant or seeds in the pot.

## Tissue Paper Flowers

Use assorted colors of tissue paper and some pipe cleaners for stems and leaves. To make, layer several colors of tissue paper and cut into a square. Pinch the center of the tissue paper and twist the paper into a flower. Put a bit of tape around the center pinch and then wrap a pipe cleaner around the end to create a stem. Add leaves if you like. Then fan open the petals of the flower.