

# Virtual International Festival

## Costa Rica Butterfly Art

There are butterflies everywhere in Costa Rica. Around 18% of the world's species can be found in Costa Rica, as well as 90% of the species that are found in Central America. There are more than 1,200 different types of butterflies fluttering around here. It is unlikely that a single day will pass where you don't see one of some variety, regardless of what part of the country you are exploring. There are some really fascinating butterfly observatories and gardens, where you can learn all about the butterflies of Costa Rica and see some of the most special species.



## MATERIALS

- Small 6" paper plates (the thin, cheap kind)
- Materials for shaving cream marbling (shaving cream & paint)
  - Scissors
- Large wooden craft sticks (or use a piece of cardboard...)
  - Hot glue gun (or regular glue)
  - Markers
  - Pipe cleaner
- Small googly eyes (optional)

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## INSTRUCTIONS

1. First, marble the backs of your paper plates, following the instructions for shaving cream marbling. Let dry.
2. Next, cut your paper plate in half, then each half into a butterfly wing shape (cut sort of a curved "V" shape along each of the straight edges. See the photos below.)
3. Glue the wings to either side of the large craft stick with a hot glue gun (quick and easy) or a regular glue bottle (slower to dry). Glue two short pipe cleaner sections at the top of the craft stick for antennae. You now have your basic butterfly shape.
4. Finally, decorate your butterfly with marker faces and designs on the body and wings as desired. You can also glue on scrap pieces of the marbled paper plates for extra decoration as we did.

