



# **Coffee Filter Butterflies**

You need:

- 2 coffee filters •
- cookie sheet or covered surface to paint on
- washable markers
- water
- eye dropper or small measuring spoon
- 1 pipe cleaner or a clothespin

Place one coffee filter inside the other so they fit together.

Flatten out the coffee filters on cookie sheet or covered surface.

Color the coffee filters – be creative!

Take an eye dropper or small measuring spoon and drip water onto the marker until the coffee filter is completely wet. Once the coffee filter is completely wet, stop adding water.

Place filters to dry (in the sun works great) – this may take several hours.

Once they are completely dry, pull apart the two coffee filters, and fold each one back and forth, accordion style, in about 1/2'' folds.

Put the two folded strips on top of each other.

Twist a pipe cleaner around the middle so that the two ends point upwards in a big letter "V" or secure the folded filters with a clothespin.

Finally, pull apart the folds in the coffee filter to open them up and shape your butterfly.