

Support Notes for Shaving Foam Butterfly

In this art lesson we will make a butterfly made from printmaking with shaving foam. The butterfly could be part of a collaborative painting or could be a hanging mobile. The task includes opportunities for sensory play and developing fine motor skills through drawing, cutting, painting printing and folding. **Materials**

- One sheet of A4 white card
- Scissors
- Glue (pva)
- Glue pot and spreader
- A pen or pencil
- Plastic tray
- Shaving foam
- Ready mix paints 3 or 4 colours
- Plastic fork or paintbrush

Preparation

- Before the lesson you could make a cardboard template for the drawing activity to help the child create a semi-butterfly shape.
- Prepare a tray with shaving foam
- Prepare a small glue pot with pva and a spreader
- Prepare a painting pallet with a selection of paints

Extension

- Some children may want to draw a butterfly without a template, in which you will need to provide images of butterfly's to draw from.
- You could give the children pipettes to absorb the paint from the pallet and squeeze it onto the shaving foam

Step 1 – drawing

Fold the paper in half

Using the template draw a half butterfly shape on the folded side of the card

Step 2 – cutting

Cut along the outline of the butterfly and open the card to reveal butterfly shape

Step 3 – painting

Using a plastic fork / paintbrush / fingers mix the paint with the shaving foam creating swirls and patterns

Place the card butterfly gently onto the foam to make a print of the paint colours

Step 4 – gluing

Once the card has dried you can tie a knot in the end of a pipe cleaner and glue it into the centre of the butterfly