

# Butterfly Symmetry Busy Bag

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*Allyson*

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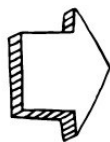
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# How to make a Butterfly Symmetry Busy Bag

## Materials:

felt (black, blue, yellow, orange, purple, & white)

zip-top gallon bag (I prefer [these](#))

without the instruction page, this activity will also  
fit in a quart-sized bag

color printer

white cardstock paper

scissors

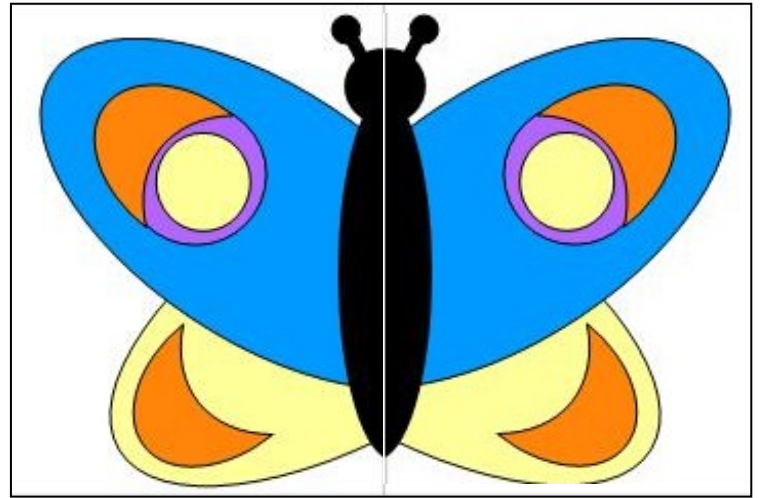
[laminator](#), clear contact paper, or

page protectors (optional)

clear packaging tape

## Instructions:

1. Print butterfly cards on white cardstock and cut the pages into quarters on the solid lines. Laminate the cards for more durability and place them in the zip-top bag.
2. Print butterfly template page on cardstock.
3. Cut out the pieces and use them as templates to trace the shapes onto felt. (Numbers are provided on the template page.)
4. Cut out all the felt pieces and place them in the zip-top bag.
5. Cut the white piece of felt into a rectangle measuring 6" by 9" and place it in the zip-top bag.
6. Optional: Print the Butterfly Symmetry Bag Instructions, trim the page by cutting on the solid lines. Laminate this page and slide it into the zip-top bag. You can use a page protector instead, but you'll need to trim off the side with holes and trim the top to the edge of the page. Fold a length of clear packaging tape in half over the top to keep the paper from coming out.
7. Print the Busy Bag label on regular printer paper. Cut it out on the solid lines. Use clear packaging tape to cover and secure the label to the front of the zip-top bag.



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HOW to use the

# Butterfly Symmetry Busy Bag

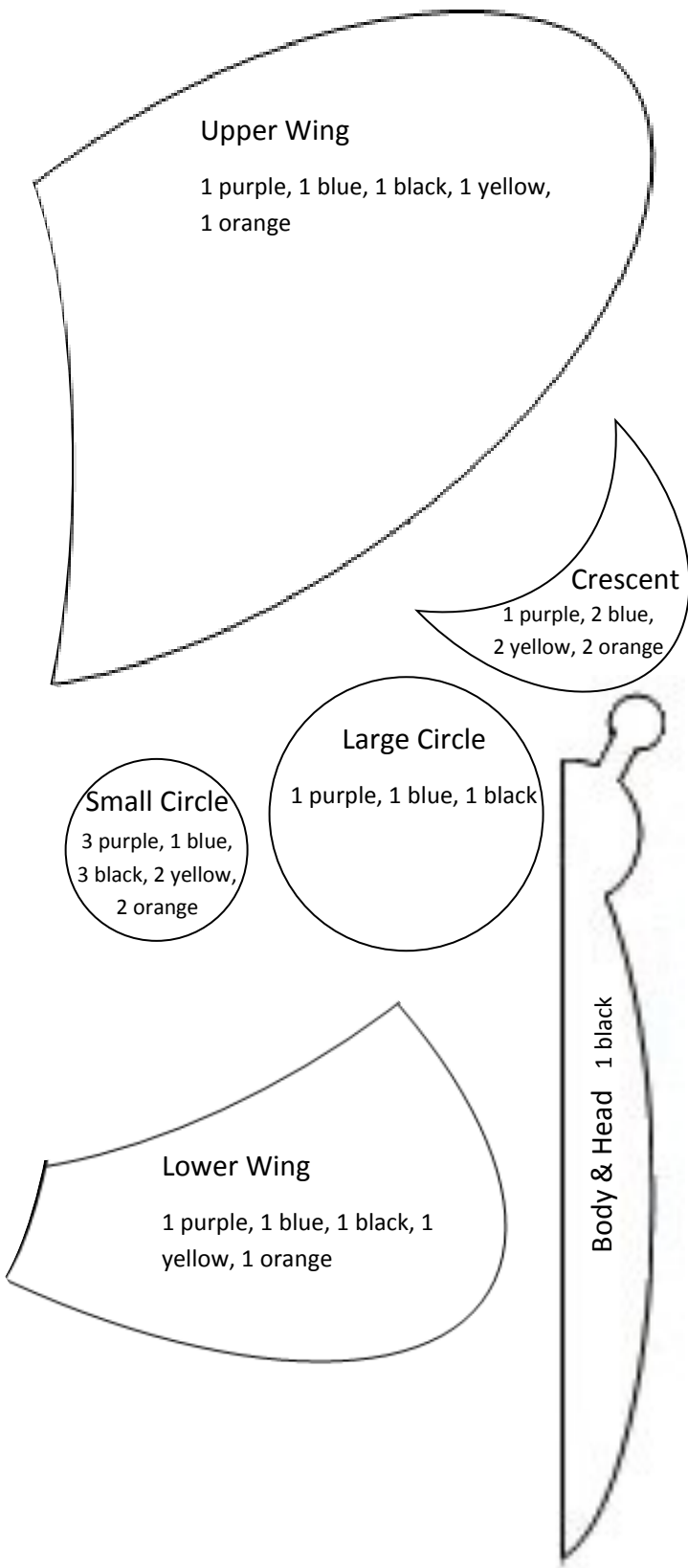
**Note to Adults:** To complete this activity as intended, your child needs to have a general understanding of symmetry, but don't worry, this skill is easily taught through a little modeling. Using one of the butterfly cards, simply walk your child through the process of "making both sides match." Explain that the sides are symmetrical because each side has pieces that are the same color, shape, and size and in the same place.

1. Give your child the butterfly cards, the white felt building mat, and the felt building pieces.
2. Have them pick one card at a time and lay the butterfly body edge near the center of the building mat.
3. Have your child build a matching half of the butterfly shown on the card.

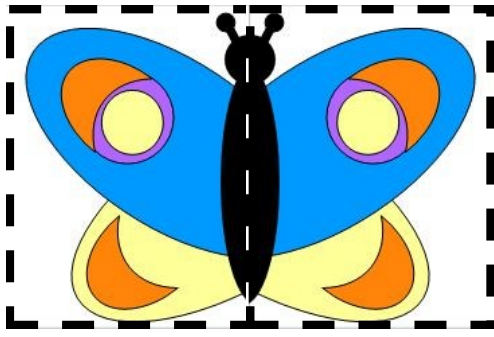
Variations:

Print the blank butterfly cards. Give your child the felt pieces and let them design their own butterfly half. Have them draw and color their design on the blank butterfly cards. Add their symmetry cards to the busy bag.

# Butterfly Symmetry



	Upper Wing	Lower Wing	Body & Head	Crescent	Large Circle	Small Circle
<b>Pieces Needed</b>						
purple	1	1	0	1	1	3
<b>blue</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
black	1	1	1	0	1	3
<b>yellow</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
orange	1	1	0	2	0	2



# Butterfly Symmetry

Place one butterfly card onto the white felt building mat. Use the colored shapes to build the other half of the butterfly. Make sure both sides match so that your butterfly will be symmetrical.

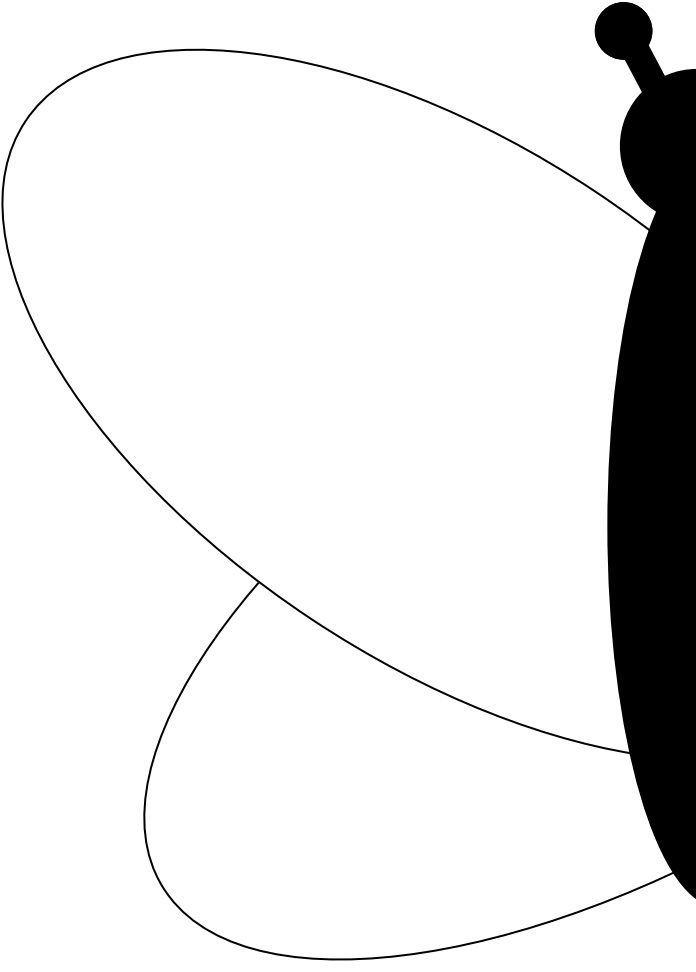
**Activity Develops or Reinforces:** matching, symmetry, fine motor skills, spatial reasoning, colors, & shapes

**This bag includes:** Butterfly Symmetry Cards, White Felt Building Mat, and Assorted Felt Butterfly Building Pieces

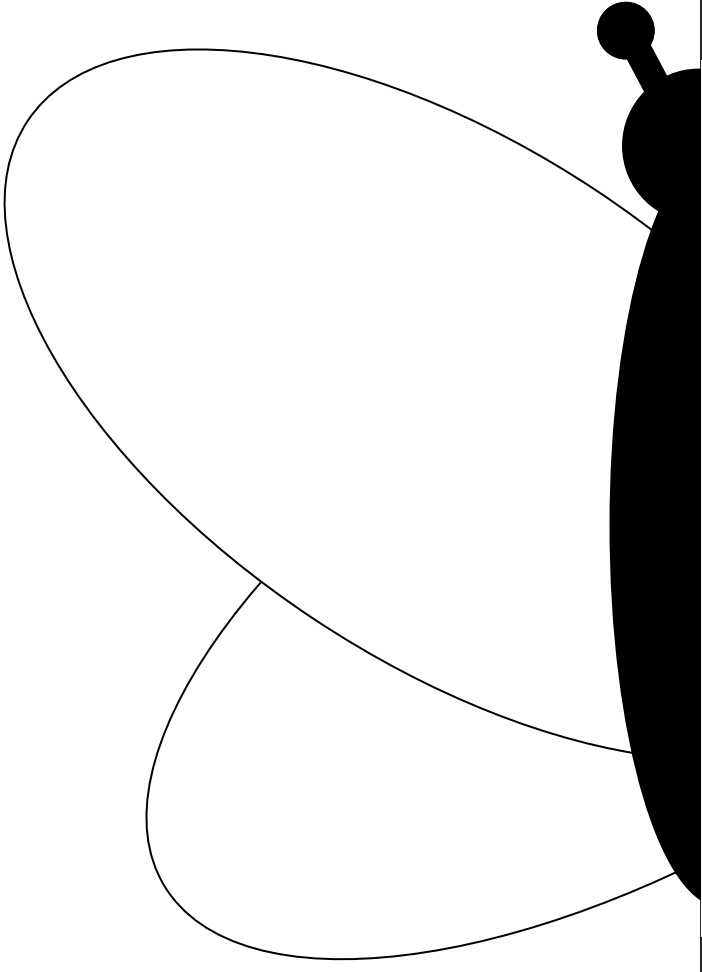
**Warning:** Plastic bags are choking hazards. Adult supervision required.

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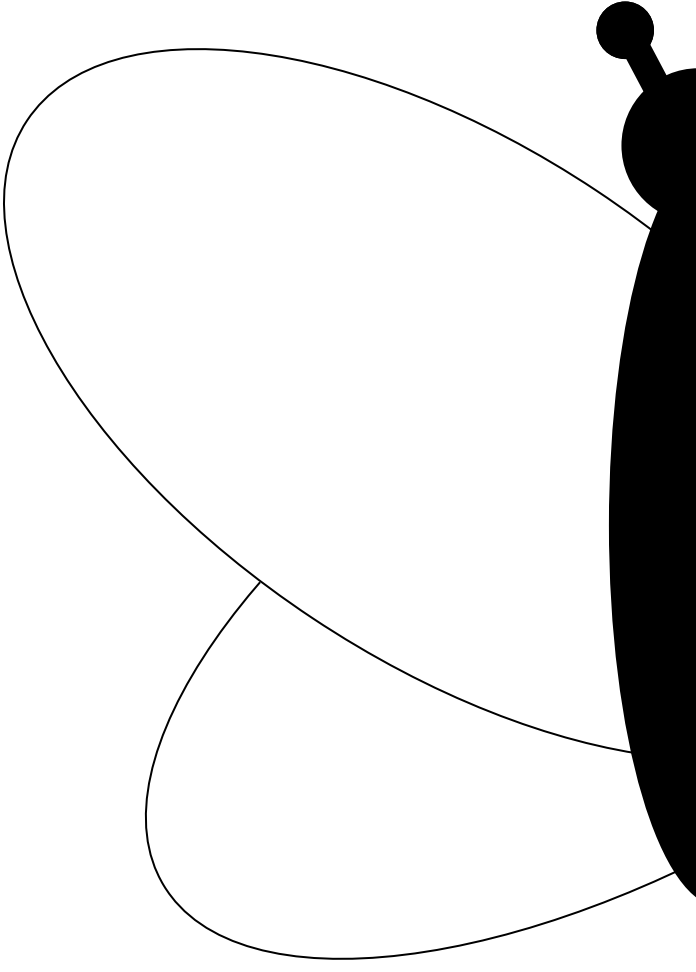
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