

INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT BUTTERFLIES

Age: 4+



- 1. Did you know that a butterfly starts out as a caterpillar and then transforms into a butterfly?**
(-> See the life cycle diagram)
- 2. What does a caterpillar eat before it pupates?**
Mainly the leaves of various plants, but also flowers, buds and fruit
- 3. Where does the butterfly caterpillar pupate?**
In sheltered places, often on twigs, leaves, in the soil or in cracks in the bark.
- 4. Where have you seen a butterfly before?**
- 5. Are moths also butterflies?** Yes, moths are butterflies.
- 6. What colours do butterflies come in?**
Whilst diurnal butterflies are often brightly coloured, moths are usually active at night and have more subdued colouring.
- 7. How do butterflies hibernate?**
Butterflies hibernate as eggs, caterpillars, chrysalises or fully-grown butterflies, often in sheltered hiding places such as tree hollows, thick ivy, woodpiles or cool attics.
- 8. Can you hear a butterfly?**
No, butterflies don't make any noise.
- 9. What is dangerous for butterflies?**
The greatest threats to butterflies are habitat loss, pesticides used in agriculture, and climate change. Natural predators such as birds, spiders and frogs.
- 10. Is it okay to touch a butterfly?**
Generally speaking, butterflies should not be touched, as their wings are extremely delicate.
- 11. What do butterflies eat?**
They don't actually eat; instead, they suck up food using their proboscis. They feed on liquid flower nectar, overripe fruit (bananas, oranges, apples), as well as plant sap and minerals from damp soil.

BUTTERFLY FACT SHEET

Size

2 mm (smallest species) up to 30 cm (in large tropical species)

Weight

An average butterfly weighs less than a paperclip.

Lifespan

A few weeks to months

Distribution

Europe, Africa, Asia - worldwide

Habitat

Butterflies are found in every country on Earth except Antarctica.

Movement

Butterflies have two pairs of wings and usually move about by flying

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BUTTERFLY LIFE CYCLE



CREATE A DELICIOUS FRUIT PLATE

Create a delicious fruit plate shaped like a butterfly for the whole group.

Use all the fruit you like to eat and make the butterfly look really colorful.



Talk about which fruits from your fruit plate the caterpillar or butterfly might also like.

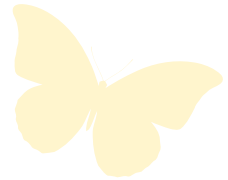
This way, you can try some fruits you might not have tried before.

BUTTERFLY CRAFT IDEA

Create a big butterfly for your group room

1. Take a large sheet of paper and draw the outline of a butterfly on it.

2. To make sure the edges come out clean, it's best to tape the outer edges with masking tape or place a cardboard template over them.



3. Paint your hands with finger paint in bright colors. That way, everyone can make their own unique handprint.



Together, you've created something really wonderful.

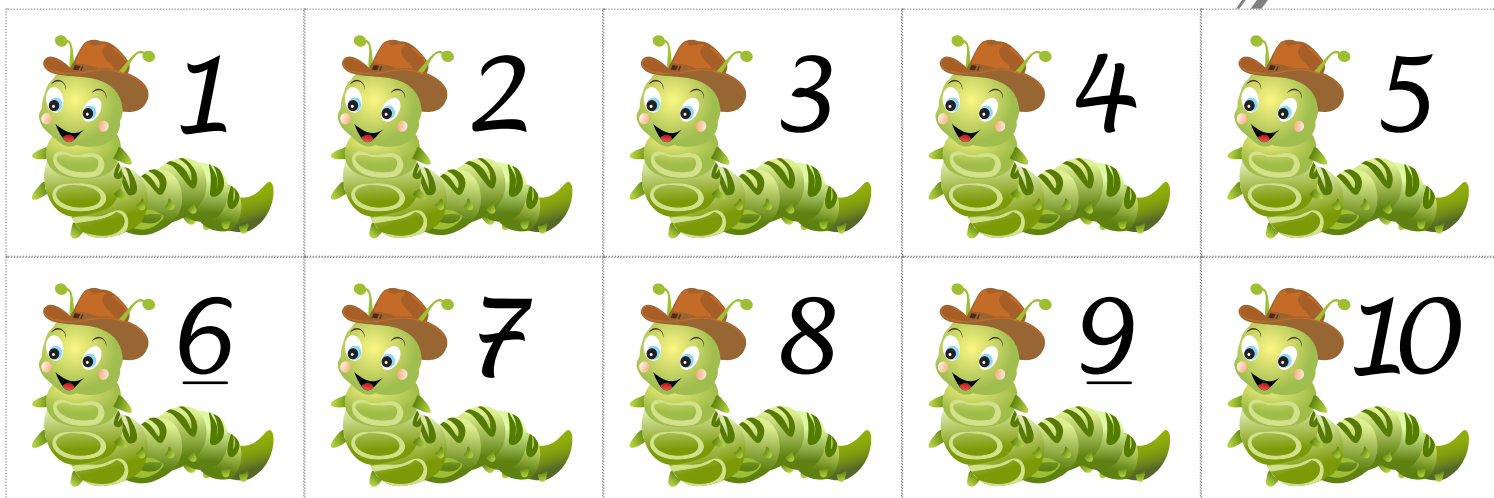
4. Make as many handprints as it takes to fill in the shape of the giant butterfly with color.

5. Finally, carefully peel off the masking tape and find a nice place for your beautiful butterfly.

GAME IDEA

„HUNGRY CATERPILLAR“

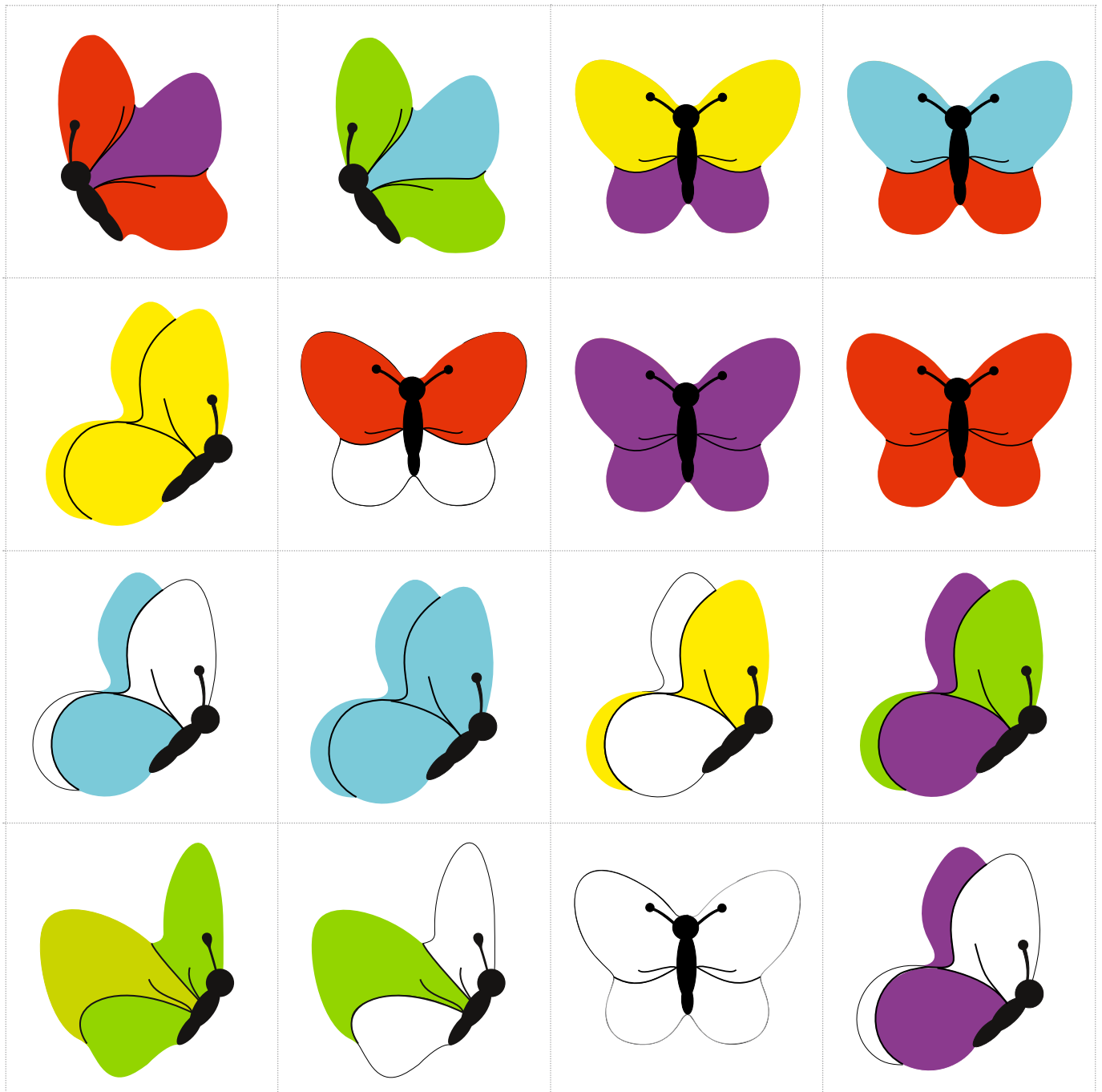
1. Collect 10 different leaves.
2. You need to punch holes in the leaves so that you have one leaf for each number from 1 to 10. The best way to do this is with a punch or a hole-punching tool.
3. Now you can glue each leaf onto a piece of colored cardboard - this will make the game last a little longer. As for size, a postcard-sized piece will work, depending on the size of the leaf.
4. Then all you have to do is cut out the caterpillars - at the bottom of this page - labeled with the numbers 1-10.
5. The leaves and caterpillars are spread out together on a table.
6. Now the children can count the holes on each leaf and place the caterpillar with the matching number on top.



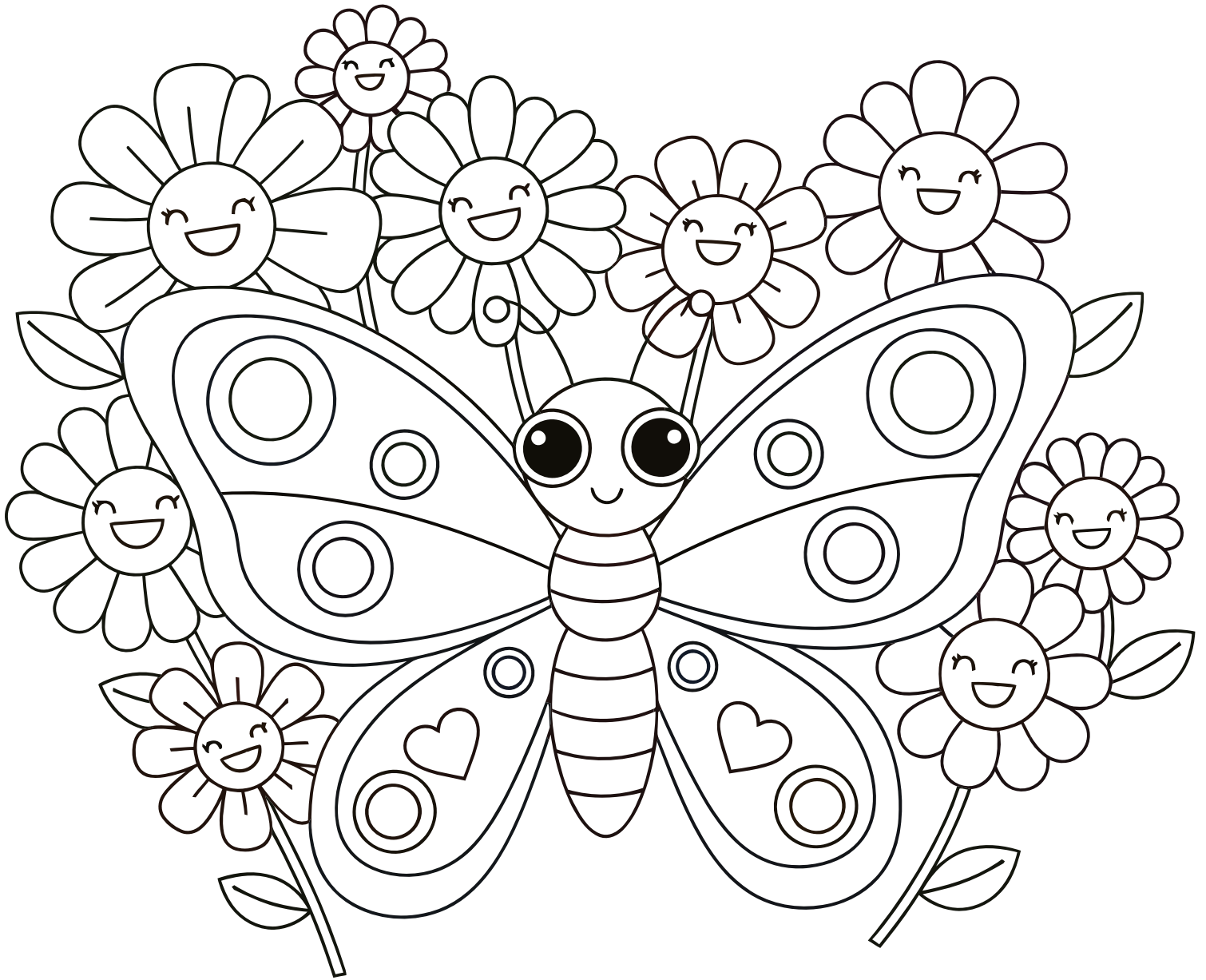
MEMO GAME „BETTY FLY“

1. Print this page twice on sturdy paper, or glue the two printouts onto cardboard.
2. Cut out the 32 cards.

Now you have a great memo game.



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