



# DIY Crafts for Kids: Burlap Butterflies

## How does making Burlap Butterflies allow students to develop fine motor skills?

Designing the butterfly encourages creative exploration and artistic development while also helping students to develop fine motor skills by using various decorations. Gluing feathers challenges the development of children's grip, precision, and organization. Kwik Stix, which are large tempera paint markers, help students to develop the manual dexterity needed for writing and drawing.

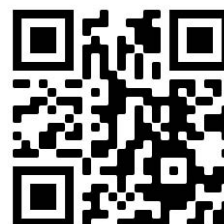
## Why is it important to include activities to develop fine motor skills in the classroom?

The classroom is an ideal place to instruct students and have them engage in group activities. Students will learn to develop the fine motor skills necessary for holding writing utensils, gripping small objects, sorting, and more. Encouraging students to develop these skills through artistic creativity and group play fosters a healthy relationship with learning and encourages social and emotional development in group settings. Activities such as Burlap Butterflies allow students to gain confidence in their motor skills and improve their overall dexterity.

### Required Materials:

- Burlap Squares
- Kwik Stix (Item #145407)
- Pipe Cleaners (Item #8793)
- Feathers (Item #88907)
- Glue

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### 1. Decorate the Burlap

Have students use Kwik Stix and feathers to decorate a burlap square to their liking. Encourage students to use a variety of mediums and designs.

### 2. Cinch the Burlap

Use a pipe cleaner to cinch the decorated burlap squares in the middle to create the form of a butterfly.

