

Dibble It! Information Sheet



Dazzling

Butterflies

Today we are going to make Dazzling Butterflies to either hang in the fruit trees to deter the birds from eating your fruit or to put into pots or garden beds as a marker for your favourite plants.

You are going to need:

- Some clean recycled foil containers
- Scissors
- A black marker pen
- Coloured marker pens (permanent type so the colour doesn't come off when it rains)
- Kebab sticks if you are making the ones for pots.
- String if you are making the hanging ones.
- Glue to stick the kebab sticks on
- A pen with the refill removed
- few sheets of paper towel.

The first job is to draw a butterfly outline on the bottom of a foil container using the black marker pen.

If you don't have a good butterfly outline you will find one on this fact sheet.

When you have done the outline carefully cut it out using the scissors.

Place your foil Butterfly on to a couple of sheets of paper towel and using the pen that has the refill removed press down on the foil about 5 mm in from the edge to make a circle with a raised dot in it, do this right round the edge of the butterfly then round the body outline and finally across the narrow part of the wings to divide them into four pieces.

You can now add heart shapes or circles or stars to each of the four parts of the wings using the same pen to create the design.

When your design is finished use your coloured markers to make your butterfly even more interesting.

Finally either glue a kebab stick down the centre of the body if you are doing a pot butterfly or get an adult to make a small hole at each end of the body for the string to fit through if you want to hang your butterfly. Pass the string through each hole and tie the ends together.

And, there you have it Dazzling Butterflies.

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