Making a Milk Carton Butterfly Feeder



What you need:

An empty milk carton - (quart or half gallon size are best)

Bright colored tempera paint and paintbrush (optional)

A hole punch or awl

1 or 2 butterfly-sized rocks and some water

A piece of twine, yarn or ribbon

A utility knife or sharp scissors to cut carton (ask for adult help)

A small piece of fruit or small flower (or both)

What you do:

Rinse out your milk carton.

Punch a hole in the top center of the carton so you have a way to hang it. (you might need help from an adult to make that hole.)

Ask an adult to help you cut a big hole (like a doorway) on one side of the carton, Now, cut the same size hole on the opposite side of the carton.

Paint your carton to attract butterflies (they really like red, orange, yellow, and pink). Let it dry and add a design on it if you want.

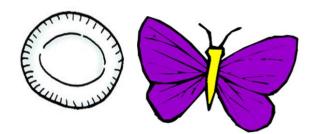
Place the rock(s) at the bottom of the carton, and pour just enough water to cover the bottom half of the rocks.

Place a piece of fruit and/or and a flower on top of the rocks.

Hang your butterfly feeder and see who comes by for a snack! (see Butterfly Tips)

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Making a Paper Plate Butterfly Feeder



What you need:

A paper plate (a thick, colorful plate works best or you can decorate).

4 pieces of yarn or twine (about $\frac{1}{2}$ as long as your arm).

A hole punch or awl

1 or 2 butterfly-sized rocks and some water

A small piece of fruit or small flower (or both)

What you do:

Use your hole punch and make 4 holes in your plate.

(Pretend there's a big plus sign (t) on your plate and punch a hole at the ends of each line. The holes should be a finger-width away from the edge of the plate.)

Put one piece of yarn through each whole in the plate and tie that end.

Bring all four pieces of yarn together and tie a knot. Make sure to leave some extra yarn above the knot so you can hang your feeder.

Put a few rocks in the bottom of the carton and pour water in it so that it only covers the bottom half of the rocks.

Place a piece of fruit and/or flower on top of the rocks.

Hang your butterfly feeder and see who comes by for a snack! (see Butterfly Tips)

