



SUMMER ~~AT~~ *with* THE MUSEUMS

At the Museum of Zoology you can find out about all sorts of animal life, from the giant fin whale (which is as heavy as EIGHT double decker buses) and Komodo dragon, to exotic beetles and beautiful butterflies. Did you know that butterfly wings are covered in tiny scales? These give them their colours and patterns.

Have a go at designing and decorating your own butterfly. There are three outlines to choose from: the peacock, the comma, and the holly blue. you'll find these near the back of the booklet.

YOU WILL NEED:

- Paper or thin card
- Colourful magazines, newspapers or wrapping paper to recycle
- A glue stick or PVA glue

1. Choose your outline from the butterfly pages near the back of this booklet and cut it out. Now draw round this onto paper or thin card.

2. Find some colourful magazines, newspapers or wrapping paper to recycle. Cut these into small squares or rectangles to make the scales for your butterfly wings.

3. Using a glue stick or PVA glue, create your pattern from these paper squares on your butterfly wings.

4. Cut round your butterfly - and now you're finished! You could also add some thread, pipe cleaners or strips of paper for antennae on its head.



IDEA

Why not collage both sides of your butterfly? The undersides of a butterfly's wings are often very different to the top surface. A peacock butterfly's wings are brown underneath and an orange-tip butterfly has a green speckled pattern on its underside. When the wings of these butterflies are closed they are camouflaged to help hide from predators.