

Four Pretty Butterflies

My Four Little Paper Dolls has been a popular song of the month, and so by request I am adding another “paper doll” song.

Begin song with butterflies open, so all four are visible. As each verse is sung, fold a butterfly until you get to the last verse with only one butterfly visible. On the last two lines of the song, open them back up so there are again four butterflies, and have them fly away. On the next page you’ll find a pattern to cut out.

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Four pretty butterflies playing around
One saw a flower and flew to the ground

Three pretty butterflies playing around
One saw a flower and flew to the ground

Two pretty butterflies playing around
One saw a flower and flew to the ground

One pretty butterfly playing alone
‘til his friends came back...
And they all flew home

If you like this activity song, then you may also enjoy my two other paper doll songs. (They’re easy to find if you go to the Song of the Month listed alphabetically): “Four Little Paper Dolls”, and “Four Pretty Valentines”

Directions for Making Paper Dolls (or Butterflies!)

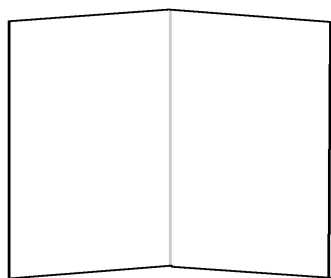
Traditional paper dolls are made by folding a piece of paper like a fan, cutting a shape (not cutting through the folds), and opening it to reveal identical shapes joined at the fold. This calls for freehand folding and cutting. You can use the patterns below to get started and make it easier for young children; but older kids can “get creative” and make different shapes of butterflies.

(And, of course, all ages will have fun coloring each butterfly!)

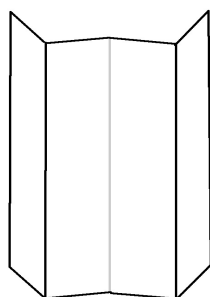
You will get two sets of butterflies from each 8 1/2 x 11” sheet of paper.

Make your butterflies colorful!

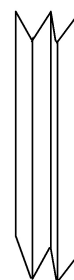
Use colored paper or better yet, a piece of brightly colored (and even patterned) scrapbook paper. You can buy single sheets in 8 1/2 X 11 or 12X 12 at craft and stationary stores.



- ① Fold your paper exactly in half.



- ② Fold each side back in half again



- ③ Now your piece of paper is folded accordion style.

- ④ Trace a copy of each butterfly from the pattern below, and then cut them out.
Be sure not to cut the ends of the wings (where the fold is).

- ⑤ Now unfold the paper, and you should have a line of butterflies. Like this:

