

# Beautiful Butterflies

a second grade ceramics project



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1. Start with an egg-shaped piece of clay just like the butterfly starts out as an egg.



2. Roll the clay into a caterpillar or chrysalis shape.



3. Press the chrysalis into the shape of one set of fore and hind wings that is "as thick as a slice of bread".



4. Let your teacher slice the wings open from the curved edge.



5. Open the wings carefully and watch as a beautiful butterfly is formed!



6. Lay the butterfly flat so that the cut side is on the table. Shape the raised part in the middle to become the head, abdomen and thorax.



7. Poke two holes in the top of the head with a toothpick for adding antenna once the project is fired and painted.



8. Add symmetrical patterns to the wings of the butterfly using modeling tools available.



9. Carve your name on the backside of the butterfly.



10. Make sure the edges of your butterfly are nice and smooth and place your butterfly on the drying board.