

# Butterfly Sponge Stamp Art Project

*Create beautiful butterflies using a sponge!*

## Goal(s) Addressed

- Student will squeeze "squishy" object to increase hand/finger strength
- Student will follow one-step/two-step directions
- Student will pass/give objects to peers



## Materials Needed

1. Rubber bands
2. Sponges
3. Paint
4. Paintbrushes
5. Paper
6. Old newspapers

## Layout

*How should the room look? Where are the student's placed? When will this be taught?*

- Set up materials at a clear workspace
- This activity can be done seated at a table or on the floor toward the end of class

## Activity

*Describe each step in detail. Include key vocabulary.*

1. **Distribute materials.** Each student should have 1 sponge, 1 rubber band, 1 sheet of paper, 1 paintbrush and paint easily accessible to them. Encourage students to share with their peers.
2. **Instruct students to pinch the sponge in the middle and wrap a rubber band around it.** Please refer to the image above. Have one sponge per student
3. **Have students decorate only one side of the sponge with a generous amount of paint.**
4. **Instruct students to fold the sponge in half to transfer the pattern to the other side of the sponge.** The goal is to have a mirror image on the other side of the sponge.
5. **Instruct students to stamp their butterfly sponge onto their paper and give them time to decorate.**



## **Accommodations/Modifications/Adaptations**

*How can this lesson be adapted by kids with special needs?*

- If paint is not available, use markers or stamp pads to decorate the sponge.
- If needed, use hand over hand to wrap the rubber band around the center of the sponge. Instructor may also prep sponges before the activity if students do not have strength in their grasp yet.

***Post a picture or video of your students completing the activity and don't forget to tag us!***