



# Create Monarchs for Day of the Dead!!!

Variation #1 with transparency sheets



Here you will find the easy step by step process of making monarch butterflies using transparencies. This project is very simple, and will be a great addition to our collection at the Old Episcopal Burying Ground. \*Transparency sheets for this project are provided by the center, please contact [EQuave@lasclex.org](mailto:EQuave@lasclex.org).

Supplies you will need:

- 8.5' x 11' sheets of transparency (one per student)
- yellow, orange, and black acrylic paints, white may be used as well for accent spots
- paint brushes and paint tray or small cups.
- scissors
- pipe cleaners, any colors are fine (at least two per students)
- stapler
- x-acto knife

1. Place the butterfly template (provided on the LASC web site) behind the transparency. Begin with painting the yellow and orange patterning, starting with the lighter colors so that the colors don't get muddy. If you would like to add some white accent spots that are found along the edges of the monarchs wings this is best to add after the first layer of paint has dried – remember to leave a place for them when creating the design. Challenge the students to create the patterns of the monarch wings by showing them some photographs of real monarchs!



2. After the paint dries, cut out your butterfly.

3. Fold the monarch in half and place a folded pipe cleaner in the center to represent the antennae. Staple the middle of the body to secure the pipe cleaner and help the butterfly retain its shape. Fold out the wings to make it more realistic.



4. Make a small hole in the fold of the underside of the monarch with an x-acto knife. (For younger students someone will need to do this for them.) Pull a pipe cleaner through the hole. This will be how we attach the butterflies to the fence. If desired two more pipe cleaners may be added, to give the butterfly a full set of legs. This is easily done by twisting them onto the first set of legs.



5. Write your name or initials with sharpie to help you identify your butterfly!

Congratulations! You are now the proud owner of a beautiful monarch butterfly to display at Lexington's Old Episcopal Burial Ground! Thank you so much for participating in our project, and we cannot wait to see your class' wonderful art.



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