



Paper Plate Butterflyfish

Butterflyfish are a group of fish that live in coral reefs. Like real butterflies, they are often brightly colored, with yellow, orange, black, and white patterns. Many butterflyfish also have an eyespot near their tail to distract predators.

Materials

- 1 paper plate (9")
- Crayons, colored pencils, or markers
- Print-out templates (page 2)
- Optional: googly eyes and a glue stick

Directions

1. **Print out** the second page and cut out the 5 template pieces. If you're using a 6" plate, print out page 2 at 67% scale.
2. **Trace** the pieces onto the textured outer part of the plate, arranged like the picture to the right. These will be your fish's fins.
3. **Cut away** the parts of the plate that are not part of your fish's fins. You can cut a small triangle on the front of your fish's nose to give it a smile.
4. **Color** your fish. The example above is a copperband butterflyfish, but you can design your own fish or look up photos for inspiration.
5. **Optional:** Use a glue stick to stick a googly eye to your fish.



