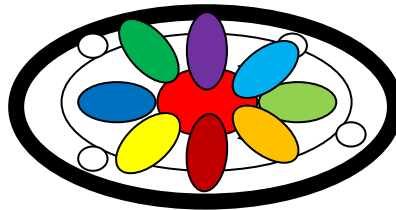


# Make a butterfly feeder

## 3 years and up

Make a butterfly feeder to hang in your garden on a warm day to attract butterflies. This gives them a sweet snack to give them an energy boost. Hang it outside, ideally near some butterfly friendly plants like lavender.

1. You will need either a paper plate or any card from your recycling, if you're using card then cut it out in the shape of a flower. Make four holes (using a hole punch) equally spaced around the edge. Colour in the plate or card as bright and attractive as you can.



2. Tie a piece of string through each hole, then tie all the ends of the string together. The feeder should now look like an upside-down parachute!
3. On a warm sunny day in spring or summer carefully place mushy fruit and/or cotton wool soaked in a sugary water mixture on the plate and hang your feeder in your garden or balcony and watch the butterflies arrive for a yummy snack.

### Top tip

Butterflies really love overripe banana, apple, peach or strawberries.

They are attracted to colours like blue and yellow but cannot see the colour red very well. Experiment using different colours or patterns.

Use this identification sheet to find out which butterflies visited your feeder.

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If you change the food or the colours used do you get the same or any different butterflies using your feeder?