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Make a Wire Butterfly

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Craft yourself some calm with this beautiful DIY wire butterfly. This simple craft activity could also double up as a thoughtful gift for a loved one too.

What you need:

- Flat-nosed pliers/wire cutter
- Craft wire (approx. 70cm, 1mm thick)



1 Cut a 9cm piece of wire. Fold it in half and use the flat-nosed pliers to tighten the bend. This will be your butterfly's body and antennae.

2 Take the remaining wire and wrap it around your butterfly's body. Start at the bend and work your way up. Make 3 – 4 wraps depending on how long you'd like the abdomen to be.

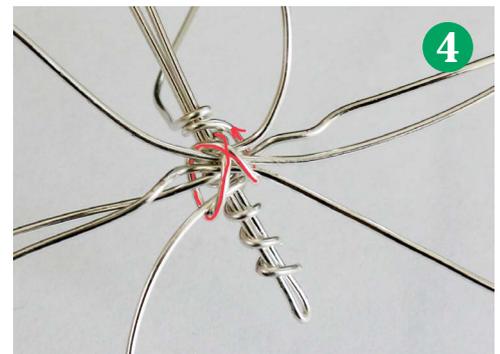
3 Next are the bottom wings. Continuing with the same piece of wire make a big loop to the left in a clockwise direction. Bring the wire back over the body and diagonally down to create another loop on the opposite side. Check your loops are roughly the same size and then wrap the wire once around the body to secure.

4 Do the same again for the two top wings – make them slightly bigger than the bottom two. Wrap once around the body just above the wings. To secure the wings, loop diagonally over the top of where the wings meet, under one set, and back over and under the other (see diagram). Wrap around the body above your last wrap.

5 Continue to wrap tightly around the body until you have reached your desired body length. To make the head, wrap the wire back over itself in a downwards direction 3 or so times. Snip off the excess wire and use your pliers to pinch it in and hide the end.

6 Snip your two antennae to the required length. Loop the ends to make 'clubbed' antennae for a butterfly or leave straight for a moth.

7 Bend/adjust the wings and antennae to your taste and you're done!



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