

# Mark Making Sequin Butterflies and Dragonflies

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A delightful and interactive set of creatures with appealing textures that will enhance your environment whilst supporting children's key skills. Stroke the wings on the butterflies and dragonflies to reveal a new colour whilst enhancing fine motor skills and hand-eye coordination.

- These beautiful creatures can be used to create an intriguing and interactive wall space for children. The children can stroke the wings to reveal the hidden colour.
- You could create a mini beast paradise using these sequined butterflies and dragonflies. Perhaps you could find a variety of different insects and bugs to go alongside. Place factual books for children to look at specific information about the bugs, why not have Recordable Magnifying Glasses (SC00596) to hand so the children can record what they have seen and found.
- You could also have books such as 'What the Ladybird Heard' by Julia Donaldson or 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' by Eric Carle for children to retell stories and develop their early literacy skills. You could support by providing the children with images or physical objects of different foods within the story and encourage them to sequence them in order.
- Using these creatures as a base you could go on a mini beast hunt with your children (risk assess) and document your findings. You may choose to take videos, photographs and record your findings. The children could use magnifying glasses to observe their surroundings. Imagine the children turning over a stone to reveal a woodlouse or worms. Any images taken could be printed out and added to the display. The children can continuously add to it, perhaps they may have been on a walk with their family or doing some gardening when they found a mini beast.
- Why not use these alongside the daisies or dinosaurs to create a truly spectacular, engaging and interactive scene. Children will love the awe and wonder these sparkly sequins create whilst encouraging their sense of curiosity and discovery.
- These sequin boards can create an interactive wall for children in spaces where they line up or stand. Children can engage with these creatures as they are waiting.
- Stroking these sequins is calming and relaxing. You could create a calming and soothing environment where the children can escape to if they have become overwhelmed. Have plenty of cushions and blankets (risk assess) for the children to cuddle into to relax.
- You can place these in your sensory environments for children to explore their sense of touch. As these are very therapeutic to interact with the children will be engaged with these beautiful creatures.

