

Busy Bee Addition – Butterflies and Moths

A Free Pattern Addition By Multifavs



Butterflies and moths are so pretty. With this addition to my Busy Bee pattern, you can make your own cute plush butterfly or moth! It will have large (and maybe colorful) wings and a cheery smile!

For general instructions and information, check out the Busy Bee tutorial here: https://0aaaa335-3b20-4bef-b2a1-c8dee0997bde.filesusr.com/ugd/17ce96_2a26ca68f75a4b35ae663c9a22a36eb2.pdf

The butterfly or moth isn't too much different from the bee when it comes to sewing. This tutorial will explain the modifications you do need to make.

Patterns

Busy Bee pattern: <https://i.imgur.com/vjuOi69.png>

Butterfly and moth pieces: <https://i.imgur.com/tPwV1lm.png>

Be sure to print both patterns in the same size.

Fabric Needed

Because butterflies and moths come in many different colors, I won't list specific colors this time. Look for images of the type of butterfly or moth you want to make to see what colors you'll need.

Many butterflies or moths will have all pieces the same color except for the wings. Solid-colored ones (like my white butterfly) will be the same color all over. Other varieties may have markings on their bodies as well.

Use thread that matches the colors you're using.

Pattern Pieces

Use all the Busy Bee pattern pieces except for the body, wing, and stinger and add the butterfly/moth pattern pieces.

Wings

Sew the wings from one end to the other, leaving the bottom edge open. Turn them right-side-out and baste the open end closed.

It might be a good idea to put a fabric lining inside the wings since they are so big. You can leave them empty like I did, but they will be pretty floppy.

There are no wing markings added to the pattern yet, so you'll need to make your own. Look for images of butterfly and moth wings to find the pattern you want. You can either embroider the patterns or make them as separate pieces and applique them onto the wings. Do this before sewing the wings together.

If you choose to applique the markings, there is an explanation of how to applique in my Firefly tutorial: https://0aaaa335-3b20-4bef-b2a1-c8dee0997bde.filesusr.com/ugd/17ce96_af88bd3ccaeb413b96caa7c5249cd5c4.pdf

If you don't have a sewing machine, you can also attach these pieces using a straight stitch.

Body and Body Top

Because the butterfly/moth wings attach differently from the bee wings, the body is split into two pieces to allow them to be attached properly. Baste the wing to the body as marked, and then sew the body top to the body, including the wing in the seam. Next, sew the back seam, being careful to keep the wings out of the seam. Sew carefully around the front of these seams when sewing the head and body together.

Attaching the Wings and Legs

Since you don't have the stripes on the body to show you where to attach the legs, you'll need to mark their placements in the spots where the stripes would be. Purple marks on the top and bottom of the body piece indicate where to attach the wings and legs.

I hope you enjoy this pattern addition as well as the finished product!

Have fun sewing! 😊

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