Get inspired by the butterfly painting below by Peter R. Gerbert.

Fold a piece of paper in half. Starting at the fold, draw the outline of half of a butterfly. Make sure the wings are nice and big. Add details to the body and wings, such as circles, swirls, lines, and patterns.

Reopen the paper so that the half-butterfly picture is on the right side. Fold the left side onto the drawn side. Rub the back of that side several times with the lid of the marker. Open the folded side to see a transfer of the half-butterfly. You have created a symmetry.

Color in the butterfly and cut out when finished. Make a small hole in the head and place the pipe cleaner through the hole. Twist to make it look like feelers.

Glue onto a colored piece of construction paper or another paper that you can decorate as background. Add details to the butterfly’s habitat.

To learn about Florida butterflies, our native pollinators, check out the link below:

https://flawildflowers.org/know-your-native-pollinators-zebra-longwing/

Butterflies of the World

For questions, e-mail: lili@coralgablesmuseum.org

Art Supplies You’ll Need.

- Printer or Construction paper
- Markers, Color Pencils, Pastels
- Glue and scissors.
- 1 pipe cleaner or chenille
- Pencil and eraser
- Glitter and sequins (optional).