



Dragonflies

Ages: K – 6th grade

Time: 15 minutes (min.) to 1 hour (max.)

Materials: wooden clothes pins, wiggle eyes, glue, scissors, wings template and any craft scraps

Procedure:

Teacher supplies template: Draw around blade of a table knife two times (placed on the fold). Open up to make wing templates full sized.

Child can use any supply to make the dragonfly truly original. Decorations can be by marker, paint, colored glue, or glitter. Bits of yarn, sequins, pipe cleaners and beads and ribbon may be applied with glue. Wings may be made from construction paper, contact paper or wallpaper scraps. Trace around template and cut.

Optional: Tie 2" of fishing line around dragonfly at "balance point", may be suspended in air. Glue on wiggle eyes, feet, antennae, wings.

Adaptations for different age levels: Some materials may be tricky for smaller fingers. The items chosen to decorate the dragonfly may be tailored to suit a desired age group. Younger children need teacher help in attaching fishing lines so that dragonfly does not appear nose-heavy or tail-heavy.

Additional Comments: A great craft for using up small odds and ends from a variety of past projects! Anything goes!

Kids enjoy "flying" their dragonflies via the fishing line.

The line needs to be securely attached, even glued.