



Crafty Dragonflie

Create flying insects such as dragonflies, butterflies, bees & moths.



Many of the flying insects we see buzzing and fluttering around us can be recreated using the seeds from sycamore, maple, or ash trees. These trees spread their seeds on the wind using specially designed 'helicopter' wings. This allows the seeds to spin and float away from the parent tree to grow up in a new place.

What you'll need

- Fallen seeds from sycamore, maple, or ash
- Twigs collected from fallen branches
- Paint, or colouring pens
- Paint brush
- Double-sided sticky tape/glue

What to do/instructions:

1. Search your local green spaces or woodlands for fallen tree seed casings that have the specially designed wings to help them float in the wind.
2. Collect a selection of seed case sizes and twigs.
3. If they are wet or damp let them dry out on a windowsill.
4. Using glue or tape attach the stick to the paper (this will be the body) then add the seed casings as the wings
5. Paint the seed casings in the colours you want – be as bright as you like!

We would love to see your creations! Share your photos with us on Instagram or twitter /cityoftreesmcr

Did you know?

Most insects have two pairs of wings: Butterflies, bees & dragonflies. However, some use only one pair for flying and the other pair have changed into:

- Hard wing cases – like in ladybugs or other beet
- Small balancing rods – like in flies.

How many wings will your insect have?



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