

LABOR DAY PATRIOTIC BUTTERFLIES



Materials

Dry Bowtie Pasta
Red, White, and Blue
Tempera Paint
Paint Brush
Cup of Water
Wax Paper
White paper
Black Marker
Glue

Directions

1. Place dry bowtie pasta onto a sheet of wax paper.
2. Use paint and paint brush to color the pasta red, white, and blue. The cup of water can be used to clean the paintbrush between colors.
3. Once pasta is dry, glue the pasta onto the sheet of white paper.
4. Use the black marker to turn the pasta into butterflies by creating antennae and flight trails.

Hints and Extended Learning Opportunities

- For younger children, use a cotton swab to apply the glue to the pasta and place onto the white paper.
- Write thank you letters to community helpers, deliver or mail the letters to workers in your community such as fire fighters, police officers, postal service workers, delivery drivers, city workers, etc.
- Have children cut out photos and images from magazines to create a collage “When I Grow Up...” and talk about what type of jobs they might want to have in the future.
- Turn your block area into a community by creating homes and offices out of cardboard boxes.
- Transform your dramatic play area into a post office, firehouse, etc. complete with props and costumes.
- Read as a group, *Who Started the Labor Day Celebration?* By Baby Professor.