

## Macaroni Butterfly Life Cycle

An at home, fun life cycle themed, craft activity for Ages 3-6 (can be modified for younger or older children). Provided by Gumbo Limbo education staff.

\*Parental Supervision may be needed\*

1. Gather your materials: You will need a paper plate, a marker, uncooked macaroni (orzo, rotini, shell, and bow tie), green construction paper, scissors, and glue.
2. To create the base of your life cycle, have your child take the plate and draw 2 lines to split the plate into 4 sections.
3. Label each section with 1 title, starting at the upper left section: eggs, caterpillar, pupa, butterfly.
4. Have your child take the construction paper and cut it in the shape of a leaf. You will need 4 leaves.
5. Glue each leaf into each section, so that each section has 1 leaf.
6. Take about 4 pieces of the orzo. Glue them on the leaf under "eggs".
7. Take 1 or 2 pieces of the rotini. Glue them on the leaf under "caterpillar".
8. Take 1 or 2 pieces of the shells. Glue them on the leaf under "pupa."
9. Take 1 or 2 pieces of the bow ties. Glue them on the leaf under "butterfly".
10. The macaroni can be colored or left alone.
11. Your child now has a cute butterfly life cycle craft!

