

Wax Paper Butterflies

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Materials:

- Wax paper
- Crayon sharpener
- Broken or used crayons
- Iron
- Towel
- Construction paper
- Scissors
- Optional: Flat-backed rhinestones, wiggle eyes & glue dots



Directions:

1. Run off the body part of the butterfly on a variety of colors of construction paper.
2. Rough cut them and stack them into color piles so that students can choose their favorite.
3. While students are working on a tabletop lesson, call them individually to the table.
4. Students choose a color or colors of crayons that they want to shave.
5. Students hold the sharpener over a sheet of wax paper big enough to be able to trace 3 hearts on.
6. You need it larger so that when the shavings melt, they do not run outside of the wax paper.
7. Make sure the wax paper is on a mini ironing board or a folded towel.
8. When the child has enough shavings sprinkled around the paper, lay a second piece of wax paper on top.
9. Using an iron on the lowest setting, slowly melt the shavings. Be careful that the pools do not run off the paper.
10. Let cool a few seconds and have the child step to the side to trace the heart template onto the wax paper.
11. Once done, she takes her paper back to her seat and cuts out the hearts and glues them to the back of her butterfly's thorax.
12. When they are done, they can bring their butterfly up to you, so that you can give them glue dots for their wiggle eyes and rhinestones that they have picked out.
13. These look fabulous on a window. Simply put a small piece of folded tape on the thorax and stick.
14. Children can take home on Valentine's Day.
15. As a writing extension, children can make another paper heart and write, "Flying by with a Valentine hi." Or "My heart flutters for you." etc.



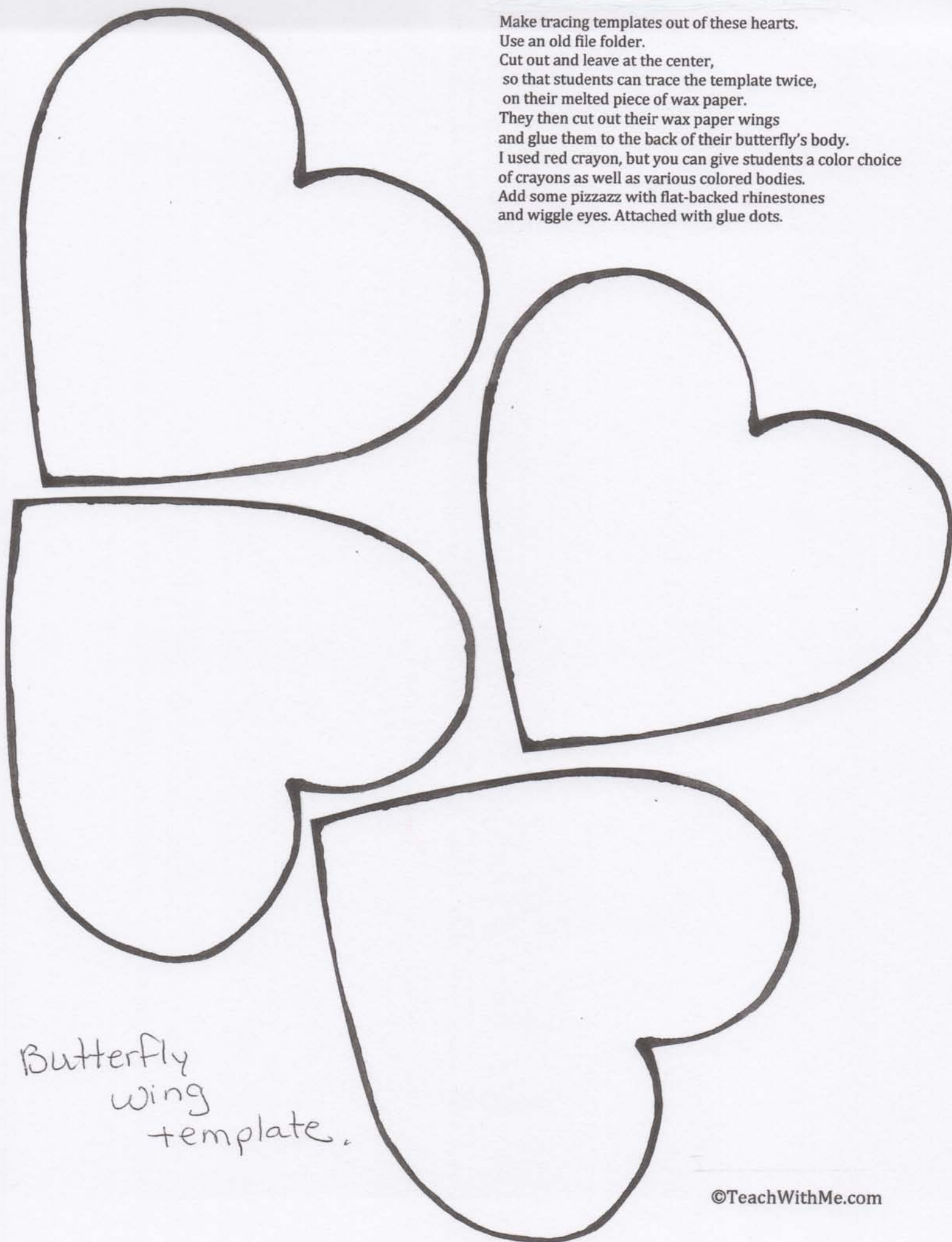
Make tracing templates out of these hearts.
Use an old file folder.

Cut out and leave at the center,
so that students can trace the template twice,
on their melted piece of wax paper.

They then cut out their wax paper wings
and glue them to the back of their butterfly's body.

I used red crayon, but you can give students a color choice
of crayons as well as various colored bodies.

Add some pizzazz with flat-backed rhinestones
and wiggle eyes. Attached with glue dots.



Butterfly
wing
template.

Run off on a
variety of colored
construction paper,

