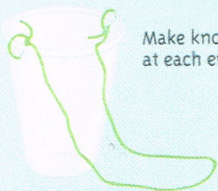




Butterfly feeder

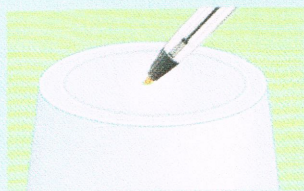


Attract butterflies into your garden with this feeder.

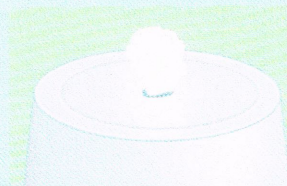


Make knots at each end.

1. Make holes with a thumbtack on opposite sides of the rim of a plastic cup. Tie some string through the holes.



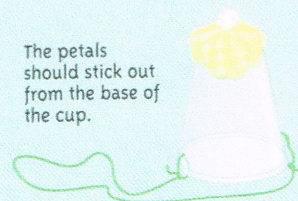
2. Make a hole in the bottom of the cup using a thumbtack. Push a ballpoint pen into the hole to widen it.



3. Push a small cotton ball into the hole, so half is inside the cup and half is poking out of the bottom.



5. Put nine tablespoons of water into a cup. Stir in a tablespoon of sugar. Pour the mixture into the cup.



4. Cut out petal shapes from colorful plastic bags. Glue them to the cup, around the cotton ball, to make a flower.

Don't stand too close or you may frighten the butterflies away.



6. Hang the feeder from a branch. Check on it from time to time during the day. Are any butterflies feeding?

What's going on?

Sugary water is similar to nectar, the sweet liquid that butterflies drink from flowers. The bright petals attract butterflies to the feeder. Then they can suck the sugary water as it soaks through the cotton ball.

A butterfly has a long tube called a proboscis to drink nectar from flowers.

