A Flying Monarch Butterfly

Just like butterflies migrating, moving from place to place and creating a new home every time, when your family moved to the United States, they created a new home for you here. The monarch butterfly is a representation of migrants in art and literature. In *Dreamers* by Yuyi Morales, the use of monarch butterflies is frequent in her story. *Dreamers* is a celebration of making your home with things you always carry like your dreams, your hope, and your resilience.
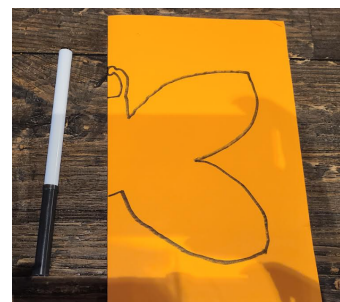

Materials

- Orange paper (or any paper you can color on)
- Black marker
- White color pencil, gel pen, or pastel
- Scissors
- Glue

Directions

1. Fold your orange paper in half. Then draw your own butterfly (just half) or trace the butterfly template onto your paper. Once completed, cut out your butterfly.

2. Use a black marker to outline the butterfly and draw a pattern on the wings. Make sure the wings are symmetrical, or the same on both sides. (Butterflies have symmetrical wings.)

3. Using a white pencil, gel pen, or pastel, draw white dots around the black part of the wings to resemble a monarch butterfly.

4. Next, using the long side of another sheet of orange paper, cut out both a 1 inch wide strip and a 2 inch wide strip.
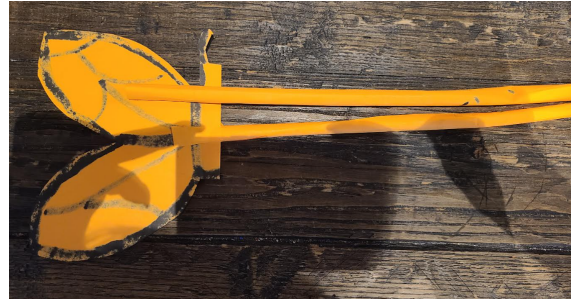

5. Using your pencil to help you, roll the 1 inch wide strip into a roll the long way, and glue it together. Do the same thing for the 2 inch strip. Make sure the 1 inch roll can fit inside of the 2 inch roll.

6. Take the 1 inch roll and cut a small slit on one side of the roll. Glue one side of the slit to each side of the butterfly's body.
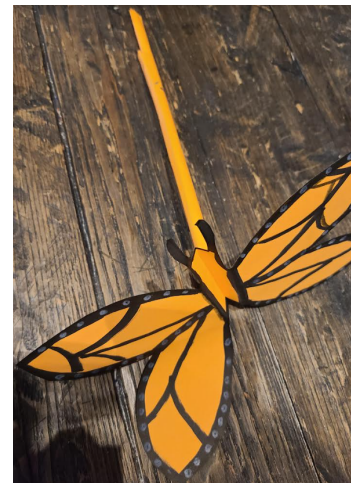
7. Then, take your 2 inch roll and measure it against the 1 inch roll, making sure it is higher than the 1 inch roll. It should land on the wings. Cut a slit.

8. Slide the 2 inch roll on top of the 1 inch roll and glue one side of the slit on each side of the wings.

9. You're FINISHED! By pulling on the outside straw, you can make the butterfly wings flap!

Butterfly Template: