1. Take your paper plate and turn it over. On the back you will find 20 small markings around the edge. At each marking make a small, ½ inch cut with a scissors. Only cutting the rim of the paper plate. The photo below shows how far to cut the paper plate.



2. Your plate will now have 20 cuts, 10 on the left side and 10 on the right side. Turn your plate over so the numbers are on the back.



3. Make sure that you have your cut sides on the left and right of your plate, and the top and bottom do not have any cuts. Now you get to design and color a background for your butterfly. You get to decide what you want the background to be.



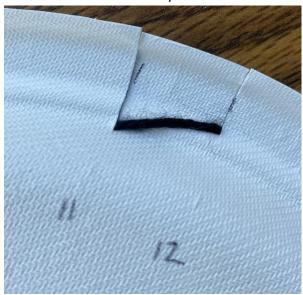
4. Now flip your plate over so the numbers are visible and take your piece of black or brown yarn and tape it at the number 1. Then pull the yarn through the cut at number 1.



5. Turn your plate over and bring the yarn across the front of the paper plate to the opposite side and tuck it into the cut. When you turn your plate over this should be number 11. You should now have one diagonal line of yarn across the front of the paper plate and when you look at the back it should be going from 1 to 11.



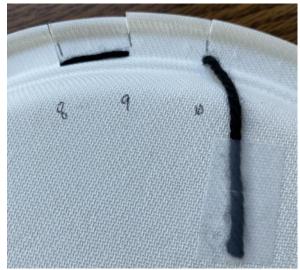
6. From the back connect the yarn from 11 to 12 and through to the front of the plate.



7. Continue weaving the butterfly wings through the following numbers.

Bring yarn to the front of the plate through number	Bring the yarn behind the plate through
1	11
12	2
3	13
14	4
5	15
16	6
7	17
18	8
9	19
20	10

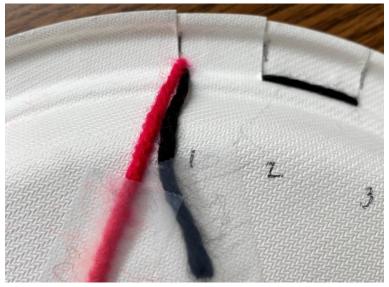
8. Your yarn should now be on the back of the paper plate at cut number 10. Tape it to the back. If you have more than a couple of inches of yarn cut off the remainder.



9. Your paper plate should now have a colored background and 10 diagonal lines of either black or brown yarn across the front of the plate.



10. Grab the colored yarn and cut off a piece about 5 feet long. If you don't have a ruler you can use the distance from one hand to the other when you have your arms stretched out wide. At the back of the plate tape one end of the colored yarn next to the black yarn at number 1 and slide the colored yarn into cut 1.



11. Turn the plate over. Bring the yarn through cut number 1 to the front of the plate. You will weave the colored yarn through the spokes, in an under-over-under-over pattern (begin by passing the yarn underneath line 1, over line 2, under line 3, etc....) from 1-10.



12. When you get to the end of one side you should be at number 10. Bring the colored yarn around the black or brown yarn at line 10.



13. Push the entire row of yarn towards the center of the plate and continue the over and under weaving until you get back to number 1. Push the row towards the center of the plate again.

- 14. Continue going from 1 to 10 going over and under the lines and back 10 to 1 over and under the lines. Each time you reach 10 or 1 push the row towards the center of the plate.
- 15. Your butterfly's wing will slowly fill in. If you are running out of yarn weave the remaining yarn along one of the numbered pieces to bring to the back of the plate and tape it to the back.



- 16. Start a new piece of yarn by taping it to the back of the plate and weave the new yarn to the location you left off.
- 17. When you feel that the wing is as complete as you want weave the yarn to the back of the plate and tape the yarn to the back of the plate and cut off any excess yarn.



- 18. Start the next wing. Just like you did the first, but using cuts 11-20 and starting at 11. If you need a reminder go back to step 11 but where it says 1 use 11 and where it says 10 use 20.
- 19. When you complete the second wing, tape the yarn to the back of the plate. Cut off any excess yarn.

20. Take the pipe cleaner and fold it in half. Weave the pipe cleaner through the center of the butterfly, you should only need to go over and under one piece of yarn with each half. (I added a little bit of color to the center by going around a couple of times.)



21. You can position the pipe cleaner to create the body and antennae of the butterfly. I positioned mine about halfway but you can decide how you want your butterfly to look!



22. To give the butterfly antennae, take one of the two loose ends above the butterfly and wrap the tip around a pen or pencil once. Slide the pen or pencil out.



- 23. Repeat.
- 24. Your butterfly is complete!
- 25. If you would like you can share your butterflies on social media with the hashtag: #RCLReadMakeDo!