

PERFECTLY NORMAN



The project on the next page goes along with the book *Perfectly Norman* written by Tom Percival.

In this story, Norman has always been a perfectly normal little boy....until one day, he unexpectedly grows a pair of wings! Norman doesn't know how people will feel about his wings, so he decides to hide them from the world. But eventually, he realizes that hiding his wings is making him unhappy and when he decides to finally show them off, he learns that many other children share his same secret!

For our art activity today, we are making and decorating our own sets of wings!



Noël-Nicolas Coypel, French, 1731.
Louise Élisabeth, Madame la Princesse de Conti, as Venus, oil on canvas.
Bequest of John Ringling, 1936. SN381.

MUSEUM CONNECTION

This activity was inspired by the portrait of *Louise Elizabeth, Madame la Princesse de Conti, as Venus*. This portrait includes two young figures with very different types of wings!

This portrait shows a woman dressed as the goddess Venus. She is accompanied by two young boys with wings. The boy on the right is Venus' son Eros (also called Cupid). In mythology, Cupid is the god of unrequited love and is usually shown with white, feathery wings. On her left is her son Anteros, the god of requited love, who is usually depicted with the wings of a butterfly.

We hope that you will take the time to visit this painting at museum! It is located in Gallery 15 of the Museum of Art in a fabulous pink room!

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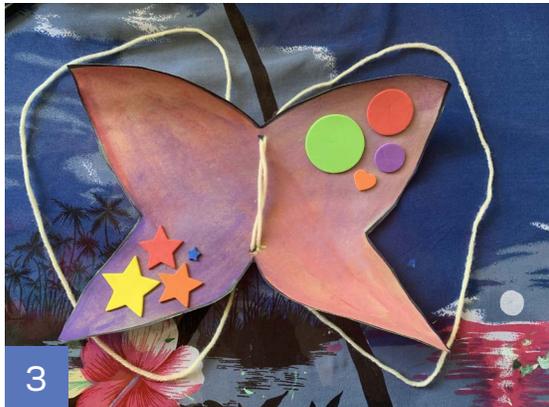
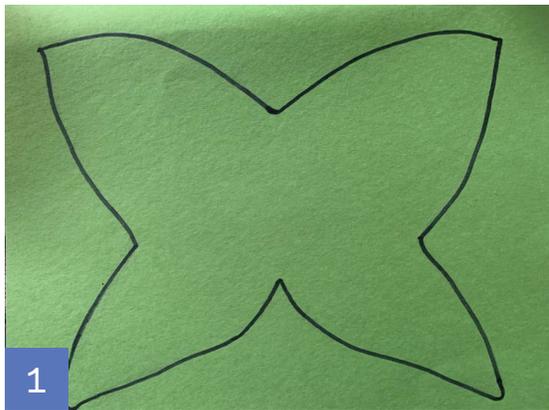
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ACTIVITY

PAPER WINGS

MATERIALS:
CONSTRUCTION OR HEAVY PAPER, SCISSORS,
2 STRINGS, HOLE PUNCH, AND SOMETHING TO
COLOR WITH!

DIFFICULTY LEVEL:
SIMPLE



DIRECTIONS

1. Draw a set of wings on construction or heavy paper.
2. Color them in any way that inspires you, then glue on feathers, shapes, and other mixed media.
3. Cut the wings out, then use a hole punch to make holes at the top and bottom. Pull two strings through the holes and tie the strings at both ends.
4. Loop the straps over your arms and celebrate your new wings!

WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE WHAT YOU CREATE!

Click [here](#) to share your masterpiece on our Family Programs Facebook Group!

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