The Painted Lady Butterfly Finger Puppet

1. Cut out the butterfly and decorate it, both sides if you like.
2. Then cut out the very thin strip of paper. Twist the thin strip around a pencil to make the butterfly’s proboscis. That is the straw like feeder that butterflies use to eat.
3. Glue or tape one end to the underside of the butterfly’s head.
4. To make the butterfly a finger puppet, cut out the thicker strip. Tape the ends together to make a loop big enough to fit around your finger. Then tape your butterfly to the loop.

There you have it! Your own Painted Lady Butterfly finger puppet!

Painted Lady Butterfly Facts
- Scientific name *Vanessa cardui*
- One of the most common butterflies and is found all over the world.
- Migrates from Mexico to Canada. This migration goes through California on their way North. This migration takes multiple generations to complete.
  - Commonly seen in southern California in March and April.
    - 2 to 3 inch wing span.
- Coloring on its upper side is orange-brown with black patches and white edging.
- Underside colors are not as bright, usually gray, black and brown with 4 dark eyespots located on the lower wings.