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COFFEE FILTER DANCERS

MATERIALS:

- 2 Coffee Filters
- 2 Pipe Cleaners
- Washable Markers
- Water in spray bottle or pipette

Optional: Small, clear hair tie



INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Stack two coffee filters directly on top of each other, and flatten out as smoothly as possible. Fold in half three times until you have a small triangle, and cut the very tip of the triangle off. Unfold twice, then snip a tiny slit on either side of the whole, about 1/4" away (these will be the head and arm holes for the dancer!)
2. Using washable markers, color a design on the coffee filter. Leave some white space between colors! Tip: Stay within a color family for best blending!
3. When satisfied with your design, spray or drop water on the coffee filter until wet, but not soaked (you don't want it in a pool of water)
4. Allow to dry completely.
5. While the coffee filter is drying, make your dancer! Fold one pipe cleaner loosely in half, and use the second to wrap around it to make a head, body, arms, and legs (see pictures below).
6. Once coffee filters are dry, carefully dress your dancer. Put the dancer's arms up by its head and carefully push through the holes you created in step one. If you like, you can use a small elastic to secure the dress under the arms.
7. Use your second coffee filter to make the dress more full. Put the dancer's legs through the center hole, then pull the dress up. You can now bend two tiny feet on to your dancer's legs.
8. Position your dancer's arms, and stand it up! The dancer should stand on its own, with the coffee filter helping to support it.

