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BUTTERFLY BRACELET

Jewelry designer Jean Schlumberger was inspired by the world around him, including nature in all of its forms. He shared this love of the natural world with Rachel Lambert Mellon, a friend to VMFA, who was a talented gardener and landscape designer. This butterfly bracelet is part of a pair he designed for Mrs. Mellon. Tiny springs attached to the insects help make them move!

Create your own version that flutters and dazzles using the template below.

TOOLS

Scissors, Colored pencils, Clear tape (optional)

STEPS

1. Color butterflies with bold or contrasting colors.
 2. Cut out butterfly shapes along the black lines, or ask an adult to assist you. Be sure not to cut the tabs off the top and bottom of each butterfly. Set butterflies aside.
 3. Cut out the rectangle along the outside black lines. This will be your bracelet. Then, cut the **dotted black** lines within the rectangle to make slits (try folding the paper along the gray lines first, to help make the slits). Cut the **dotted black** lines at the top and bottom of the rectangle. You can color your bracelet or make a grid pattern like Schlumberger did.
 4. Now it's time to add the butterflies to your bracelet! Insert each butterfly's tabs into the slits and then fold the tabs to secure the butterfly onto your bracelet. Repeat this step for each butterfly.
- Optional: Add tape to the back side of your bracelet, covering tabs, to further secure the butterflies.
5. You can bend the butterfly wings to add movement and dimension to your bracelet. To wear your bracelet, simply slide one cut end over the other, or use tape.



IMAGE **Butterflies (Bracelet)**, 1956, Jean Schlumberger (French, 1907–1987), amethyst, sapphires, turquoise, peridots, yellow diamonds, diamonds, colored stones, 18-karat gold, platinum. Collection of Mrs. Paul Mellon, 2015.88

