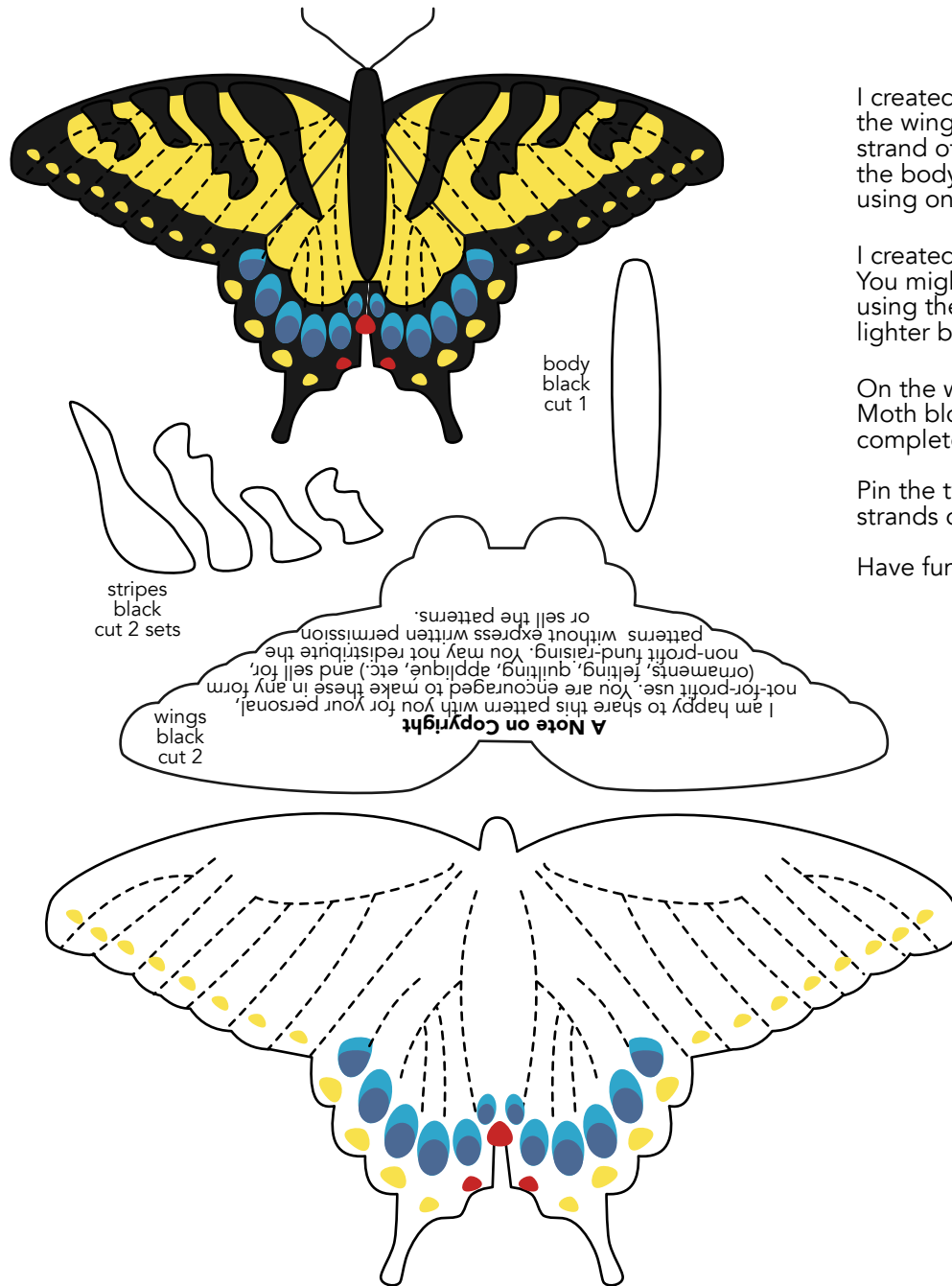


Downeast Thunder Farm Eastern Swallowtail

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I created this butterfly one sided leaving the back plain black. Pin the over-wings onto the wings. Position the stripes and tack with a running stitch around the edges using one strand of black floss. Do the same with the body. I added small black seed beads along the body for definition. Add the "veins" on the wings as outlined with a running stitch using one strand of black floss.

I created the red and yellow markings along the wing edges with yellow French knots. You might consider using beads. I created the blue markings with a lazy daisy stitch using the darker blue. I stitched a "v" around the top of the lazy daisy stitch with a lighter blue. I used three strands of floss for the red, yellow and blue stitches.

On the wrong side of one of the wings, tack a piece of wire from side to side (see Luna Moth blog post for example). This will allow you to shape the butterfly when it is completed. Tack the antennae in place. Add wire shaped in a "v" for antennae.

Pin the two wing pieces together. Sew them together with a blanket stitch using two strands of black embroidery floss.

Have fun!

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