Patterns in Nature

Butterflies and moths are symmetrical, they have two equal sides. Symmetry means balanced proportions.

Find One

Look closely at a butterfly or moth. See the patterns of color and designs in their wings. Do you see the symmetry?
Make your own balancing butterfly.

Collect:

- posterboard
- butterfly pattern
- markers
- scissors
- tape
- pennies

color your butterfly pattern  
cut the butterfly out  
tape a penny to tip of each wing

Are all butterflies symmetrical? Go outside, look carefully at butterflies and other insects and start a collection of balancing bugs. What is the difference between a butterfly and a moth?