Butterfly Bunting with Emma Leonard

A simple project that requires care and thoughtful creativity to make a beautiful piece for your wall.

Materials:

- Heavy weight paper or card
- Grey lead pencil
- BIC pencils, markers and fineliners
- Scissors
- Paper fasteners (sometimes these are called 'brads' or 'split pins')
- String or ribbon
- Small hole punch
- Darning needle

Step 1

Print or trace the moth templates onto a heavy weight paper or card. Don't go too thin or the paper will tear when you punch the holes later!

Step 2

Decorate an assortment of beautiful moths! Try and make each one different from the next. Experiment with different mark making and drawing techniques! Will your patterns be symmetrical and geometric or loose and spontaneous? If your design is complicated, lightly draw it out with grey lead pencil before you move to colour. Consider your colour choices, will you choose a limited palette of just a few colours or take advantage of every colour available! Don't worry too much if both sides don't match perfectly, moths often have slight variations on their wings!

TIP — Keep a clean piece of paper under you hand to prevent smudging your work.

Check out Emma's tutorial here!

Step 3

Carefully cut around your creatures, watch out for their antennae!

Step 4

Using the tiny circles as a guide, carefully punch holes on the wings and body.

Step 5

Align the holes of your cut pieces and layer them with the body at the base, lower wing second and then upper wing on top. Gently push through your fastener and split the ends apart to hold it in place at the back. The holes on the ends of the wings are for string so those ones won't need fasteners.

Step 6

Make as many as you like but for the bunting an odd numbered amount usually looks best. Lay out your creations and put them in order for your bunting, making sure the designs compliment each other. I like to vary the size and alternate between large and small ones with a bigger one in the very centre. When you have decided on your composition, thread them onto string or ribbon through the holes on the outer wings. As the holes are quite small, I thread the string onto a darning needle first so that it may pass through a little easier.

Hang them up and admire your work!

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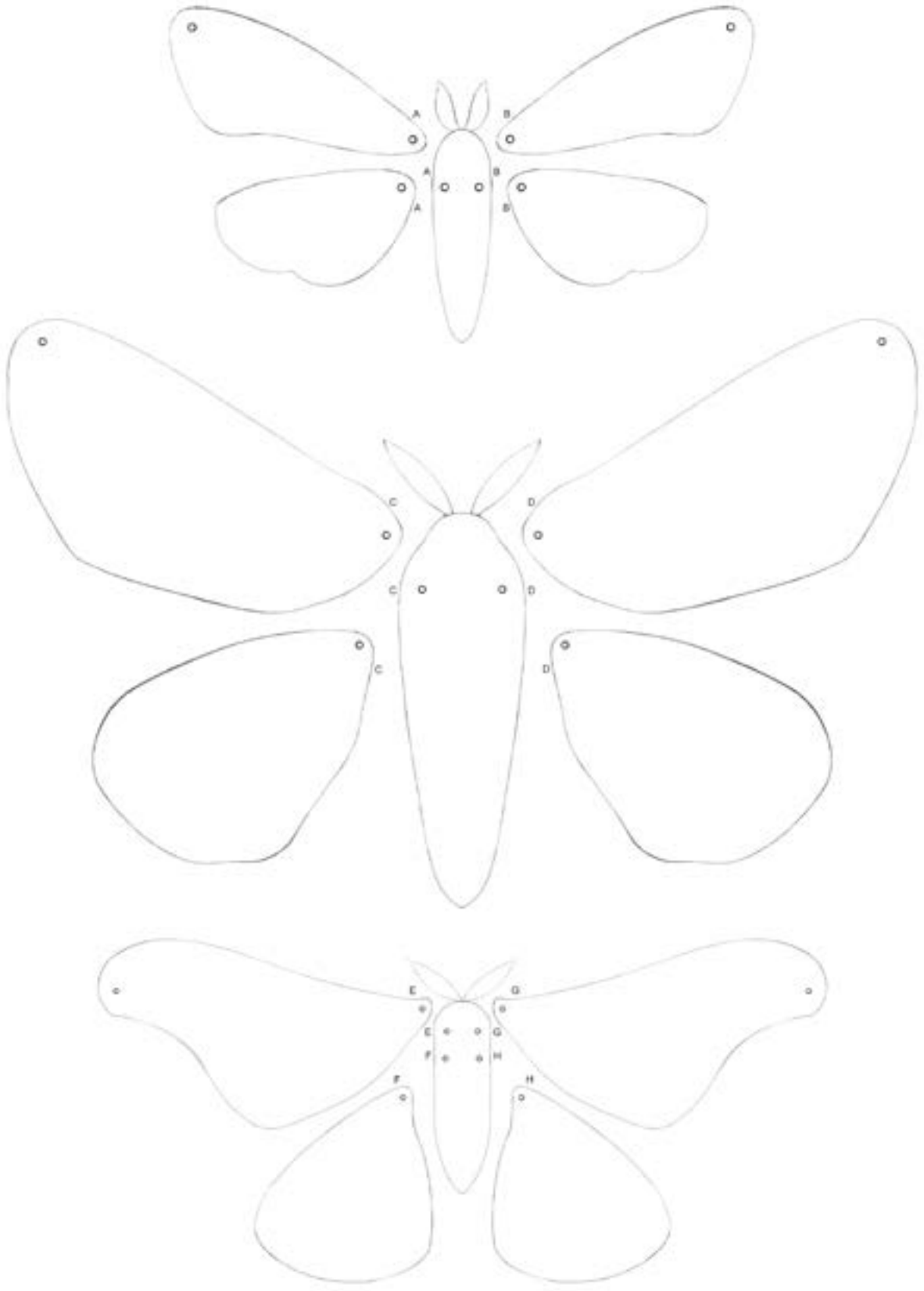

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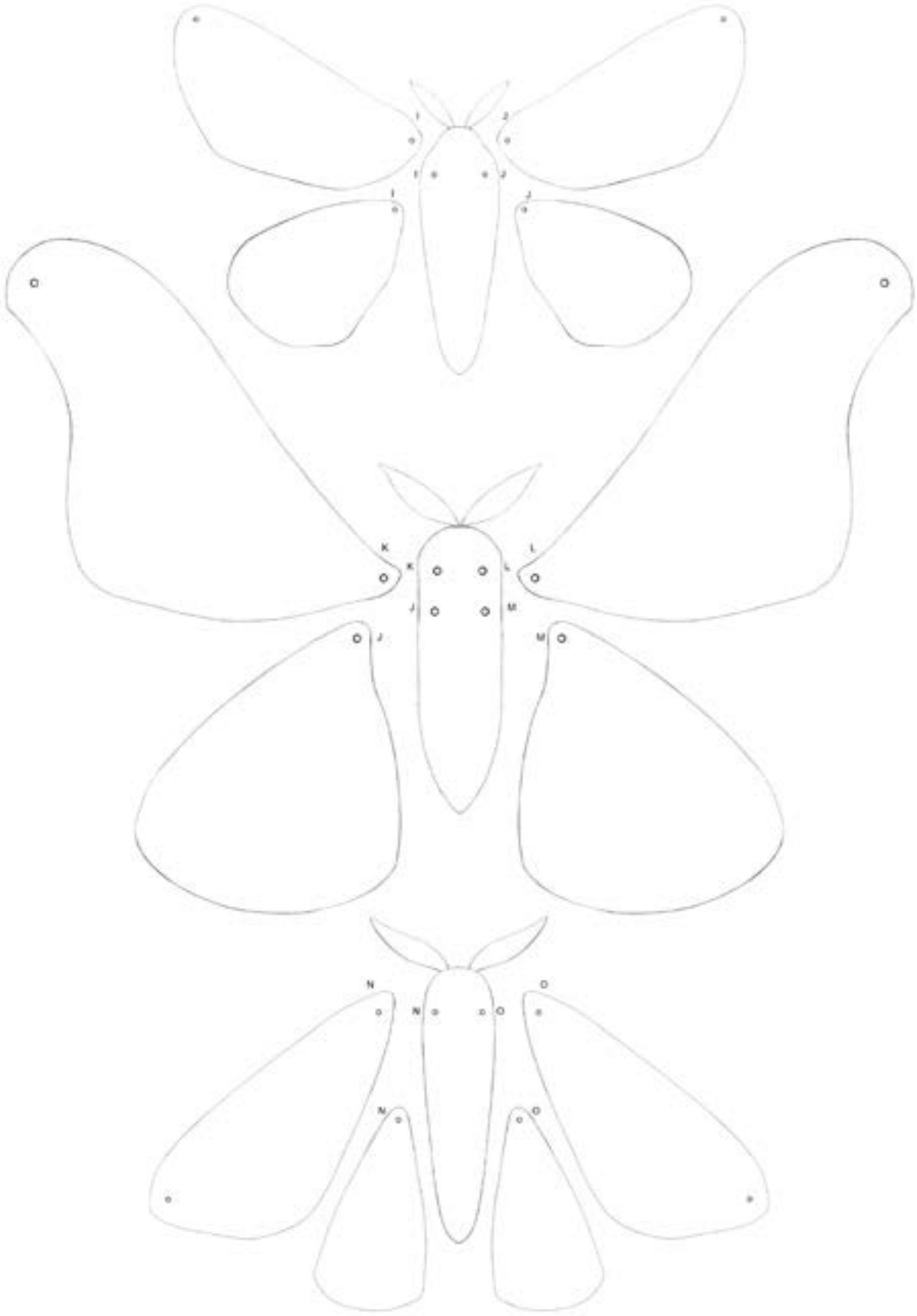
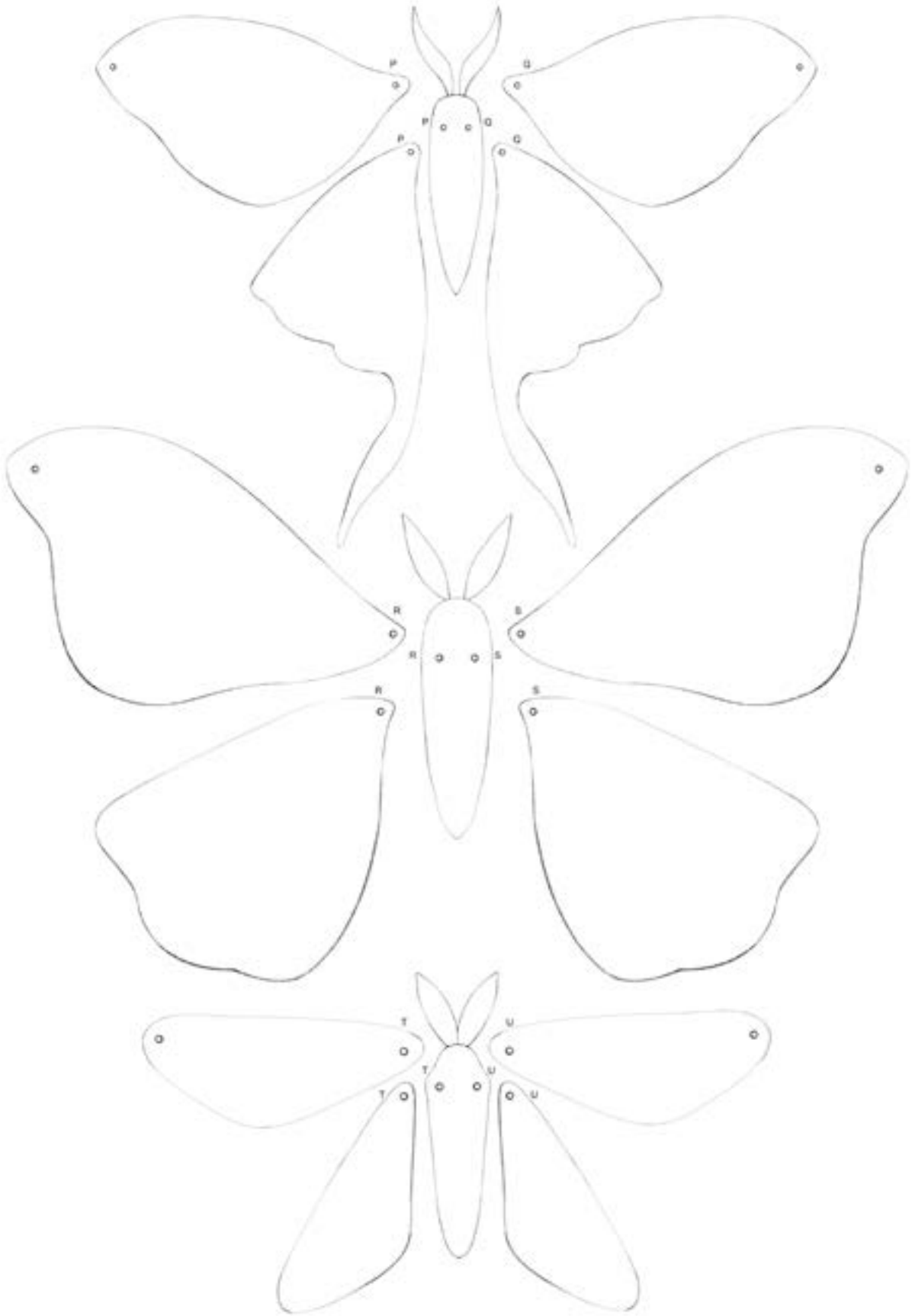
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