



It's Time To Grow!

Welcome to the
fascinating life cycle
of the Painted Lady
Butterfly!



WARNING:

CHOKING HAZARD-Small parts.
Not for Children under 3 years

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Caterpillar Quick Guide

1. Grow your Caterpillars

Your caterpillars arrive with all the nutritious food they need to grow into healthy butterflies. They may seem tiny and inactive at first, **BUT PLEASE GIVE THEM 48 HOURS TO ACCLIMATE TO THEIR NEW SURROUNDINGS.** Soon your caterpillars will be eating and growing before your very eyes!



Here's What To Do:

- Handle the Cup of Caterpillars™ gently.
- Place the cup upright, indoors, and away from sunlight or drafts.
- Keep the lid on the cup.
- Do not touch your caterpillars.
- Maintain a temperature of 68 to 75 degrees.
- Watch carefully! Your caterpillars will shed their exoskeletons several times as they grow!

2. See them become Chrysalides

After 7 to 10 days, your caterpillars will climb to the top of the cup and attach themselves to the underside of the lid. There they will hang in a “J” shape, shed their exoskeletons one last time, and harden into chrysalides.



Here's What To Do:

- Wait 3 days for your caterpillars to fully harden into chrysalides.
- Do not handle the cup during this important time.
- Remember, an amazing transformation is taking place inside!
- Prepare your butterfly habitat.

3. Move your Chrysalides to the Butterfly Habitat



Step 1.



Step 2.

Here's What To Do:

Step 1. Gently remove the lid with the hanging chrysalides from your Cup of Caterpillars™.

Step 2. Carefully insert the lid sideways into the slot in the log. Then place the Deluxe Chrysalis Station™ in your butterfly habitat.

4. Watch the birth of your Butterflies!

After 7 - 10 days, your painted lady butterflies will emerge from the chrysalides. At first the butterflies' wings will be soft and crumpled. The butterflies will slowly stretch and force blood into their veins to strengthen their wings.



Here's What To Do:

- Do not disturb the habitat while your butterflies are emerging.
- Do not touch the newly emerged butterflies.
- Wait 2 or 3 hours (to allow your butterflies' wings to dry and harden) before feeding.

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5. Feed your Butterflies with nectar or fruit

Butterflies drink nectar with their long proboscises.



Here's What To Do:

- If you have an Insect Lore Butterfly Feeding Kit, use your Insect Lore spoon to measure and mix 4 spoonfuls of water with 1 sugar packet. Drip a few drops of sugar water onto the butterfly feeder with the dropper.
- Or, provide your butterflies with fresh fruit such as sliced pieces of watermelon and oranges. You can also mix 1 tsp sugar with 2 tbsp water to make your own butterfly food.
- Give your butterflies fresh food every day.

Do not leave containers of water or nectar in the habitat; your butterflies may fall in and drown.

6. Set your Butterflies free!

Observe the wonder of your butterflies for a few precious days - then set them free! Remember, butterflies are important members of our environment.



Here's What To Do:

- Release your butterflies within a week after emergence.
- Be sure **daytime** temperatures are above 55 degrees.
- Open the habitat carefully.
- Watch your butterflies fly away. Butterflies often land on little hands and faces before taking flight!