



## Painted Lady Larvae Growing Instructions



Keep Caterpillars & Chrysalises Out of Direct Sunlight



- ♥ **The Amount of Time it will take to grow your butterflies** depends entirely on the **consistent** temperatures of the space you keep them in. At 65F they will take 25-30 days to become butterflies. At 75F they will take 18-21 days. At 85F (proper humidity is important at higher temperatures) they will take 10-15 days.  
**DO NOT USE HEAT LAMPS**, they are too drying!
- ♥ Receive 5-8 Larvae, filter paper in small shipping container in zip lock bag. Allow the larvae to grow to 5/8 inch before opening the bag to transfer them.  
**The growing cups DO NOT need "air holes"**. The larvae create their own environment in the growing cups. They have all the air they need in the cups.
- ♥ When they are ready to transfer, use the "Food for 8 Larvae" Special Diet\*\* and put 1/2 of the diet in a clump on one side (not bottom) of the growing cup and the other 1/2 of the diet in a clump on the other side of the growing cup. Transfer 8 larvae into the cup (use the small Larvae Transfer Brush). Place the filter paper on the top of the cup, the pad on top of the filter paper, and place the lid on the cup very securely. The caterpillar frass (droppings) will fall to the bottom of the cup. There is no need to remove the droppings in any of the cups.  
**You will not open the cup until 3 days after ALL the Larvae have formed their chrysalises.**
- ♥ During the next 7-13 days watch the Larvae grow bigger and form their chrysalises on the filter paper or sometimes they form on the bottom of the cup.
- ♥ **Wait for 3 days after ALL the Larvae have formed their chrysalises.**  
Remove the plastic lid, filter paper and cotton disk and remove any webbing (silk) that may be around the chrysalises.
- ♥ Allow the chrysalises to hang from the filter paper until they emerge. Mist the chrysalises daily. Twice daily if your home or school is dry. Do Not Soak Them. When they turn BLACK STOP misting them. They are about to emerge.
- ♥ Make a wish and release your butterflies or place in Bill's Butterfly Net Castle to feed, watch & enjoy.

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