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Thank you for your recent purchase of Bill's Butterfly Mini-Nursery 4-Pack(s). If you have any problems with your shipment or any questions, please contact us directly by e-mail at massbutterflies@cs.com.

Instructions for Raising Butterflies

☀️ Keep Larvae & Chrysalises Out of Direct Sunlight ☀️

~Transfer Larvae to Mini-Nursery food dishes when they are 1/2" long~

[Caterpillar Food](#) and Feeding Instructions:

Food for the caterpillars is in 2 oz. containers that are taped to the bottom inside of the shipping carton. Each 2 oz. Container has enough food for 8 caterpillars. Divide the food in each container into 4 equal parts. Put each portion into each food dish (the dish with no air holes and netting). It is best to smear food around the very bottom of the dish and some food on the sides. Put 2 caterpillars in each Mini-Nursery. Place dome lid on food dish. The caterpillar frass (droppings) will be on the bottom and sides of the dish and do not need to be removed.

Caterpillar Nursery Instructions:

Keep the 4 Mini-Nurseries in the 4-pack container unless they are to be given as individual gifts. It is also important to keep the Mini-Nurseries upright at all times. The caterpillars do not like to be jostled around or handled. Try to avoid dramatic temperature changes as it can cause condensation on the inside of the dome lid. If this occurs, remove dome lid, wipe off condensation and replace dome lid on food dish.

What happens:

After 7-10 days the larva ("caterpillar") will form their chrysalis ("cocoon") on the Dome Lid or sometimes on the bottom of the Food Dish. Do not touch the chrysalis for 3 days after formation. After 3 days, gently remove any webbing (silk) wrapped around the chrysalis. If you can keep the chrysalis attached to the Dome Lid, Great! Otherwise, place the chrysalis on the netting in the Emergence Dish (the dish with the air holes and netting). Snap the Dome Lid on top of the Emergence Dish. Discard the Food Dish.

In another 7-10 days your [Painted Lady Butterflies](#) will emerge. Leave your butterfly in the Emergence Dish for a few hours so that it can dry its wings. A red liquid called merconium is fluid that is left over from wing formation and is sometimes forced from the tail of the butterfly.

Now your butterfly is ready to be released outside (during daylight hours with at least 60 degree temperatures) or into [Bill's Butterfly Net Castle](#).