

Flutterfly
Butterfly



Learning

Butterflies have complete metamorphosis—eggs, larvae (caterpillars), pupa (chrysalis), and adult. Just like us—they change and grow from an egg to a grown-up.



Butterflies are insects with three body parts, jointed legs, antennae and exoskeletons. You can sing *Head, Thorax, Abdomen*.

They have wings; scales on the wings make the pretty colors. You can sing *Flutter, Flutter Butterfly*.

Butterflies have a *proboscis*—like the birthday blowers—that acts like a straw to suck up nectar.



Moths are related to butterflies. Butterflies have clubbed antennae, rest with wings closed, make a silky chrysalis and generally are active during the day.

Moths have feathery antennae, rest with wings open, make a shiny cocoon and are generally active at night.



sung to: "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star"

Flutter, flutter, butterfly.
Floating in the summer sky.
Floating by for all to see,
Floating by so merrily.
Flutter, flutter, butterfly,
Floating in the summer sky.



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Sung to: "I'm A Little Teapot"

I'm a little butterfly
I have wings
I fly around
And see all things.
When I see a flower
That looks great
I call out
To all of my mates.



• Finger play:

- Eggs hatch to caterpillars, caterpillars grow (scrunch down and puff up),
- Then spin a chrysalis (turn) and butterfly (flap wings) just so!



You can be a butterfly detective!



- Cut out the eggs, larvae (caterpillars) and pupas.



- Cut out the three sizes of butterflies.

- Make a butterfly trail going from the eggs, larva and pupa, then

from the smallest butterfly to the largest to find the giant

butterfly.

Eggs, larva, pupa for butterfly detective trail



Medium butterflies

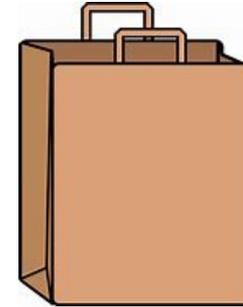
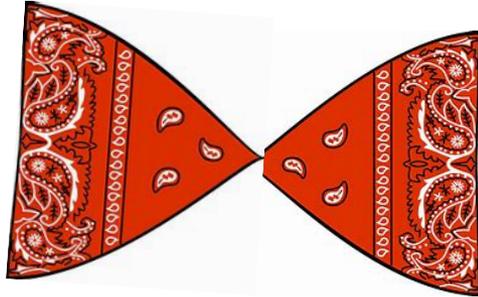


Largest butterfly



Be a Butterfly!

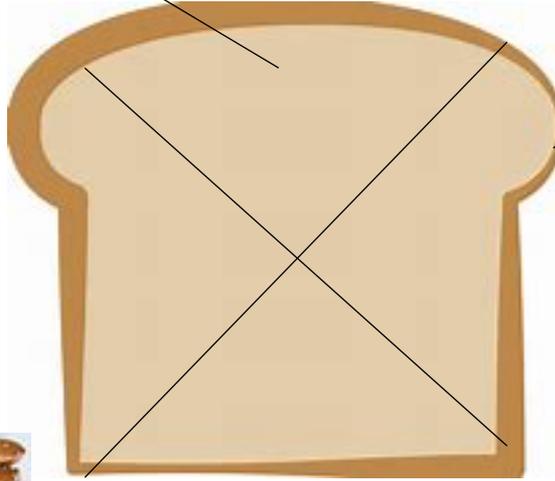
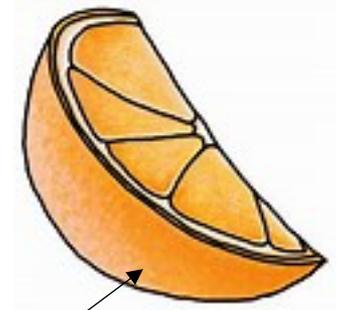
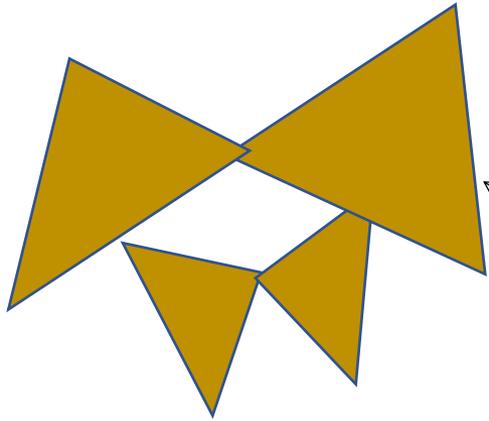
- Pretend to be a butterfly with wings made from 2 kerchiefs tied together or cut from a paper bag.



- Use flour or rice or popcorn to be pollen and carry the “pollen” to flowers around your house.

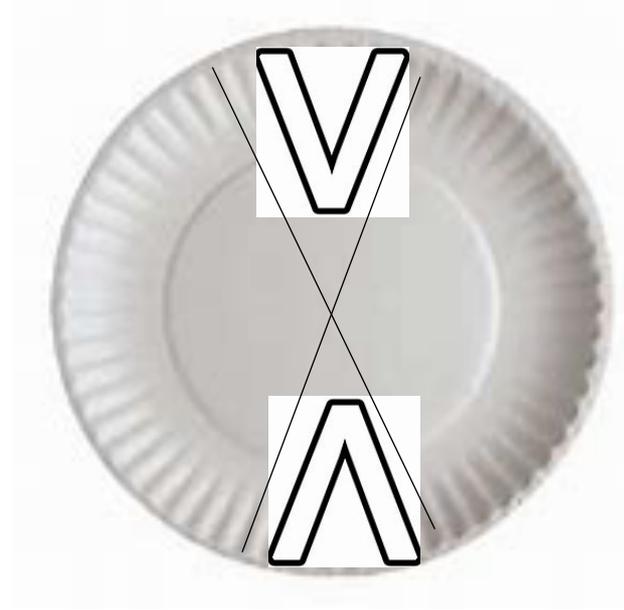


You can be a butterfly engineer and improvise. What can you use for butterfly wings, head, thorax, abdomen, antennae, legs?

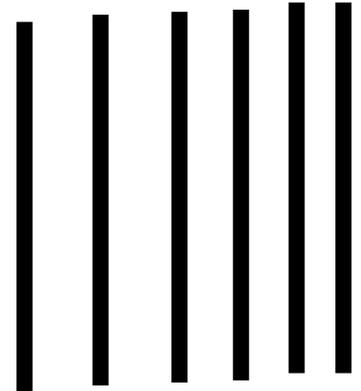
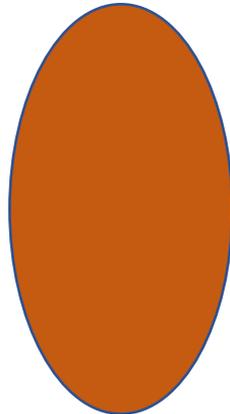
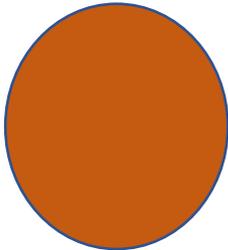
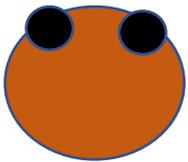


You can be a butterfly designer. What can you use for butterfly wings?

- You can make butterfly wings. Color a coffee filter, paper plate or muffin cup and cut out to Vs.



- Now add a head, thorax, abdomen, 6 legs and 2 antennae.



You can make a mini-book!

- Fold the paper in half
- Then in half again.

