

What you need to know for the...

Grand Prize: **Painted Lady Butterfly Rearing Kit** for 1 classroom, donated by **Butterfly Wings n' Wishes Ltd**, <https://butterflyab.ca>

Approximate Timeline and Commitments:

- Claudia will receive the larvae on May 27 and deliver them to your classroom May 27 or 28 late afternoon, or possibly May 29.
- Your caterpillar project will take a total of 3-4 weeks.
- The kit comes with:
 - 25-30 Painted Lady Butterfly Larvae in a caterpillar cup
 - All the food you will need in a separate food cup (refrigerate unused food)
 - An "accessory kit" containing 30 individual 1oz vials for rearing each individual caterpillar, a paintbrush for safe transport, and a feeding vial for the adults.
- In the first 5 days, you will need to separate the caterpillars, place each in one of the provided vials with food.
- The caterpillars will be fully grown in about 7-10 days, at which point they will stop eating and you should not disturb them for about 3-4 days. They will hang upside down in a "J" shape to form a chrysalis, which also lasts about a day.
- You will need to prepare a flight cage (not provided, see instructions below for what you can use).
- Adults will emerge within 7-10 days, shorter if it's very warm and humid.
- You will need to feed them until their release.
- Plan your release for a few days after emergence; it can be flexible if you must wait for good weather. They may not all emerge on the same day: just like humans, maturity happens at different times. It is fun to observe them as you wait.
- Very detailed instructions for the caterpillar kit #4 can be downloaded here: <https://butterflyab.ca/instructions>

Flight Cage Options:

- You can purchase a flight cage [from the company](#) for \$24.
- Or use a very light fabric laundry hamper, such as the ones sold at IKEA.
- Make your own with a large cardboard box and pieces of tulle or bridal netting.
- Details and instructions for Flight Cages can be downloaded here:
<https://butterflyab.ca/instructions>

Please let Claudia know if you want to be in the draw for this prize with your **“Fairy Garden Contest” submission.** If not, you still have a chance to win one of the other prizes.