

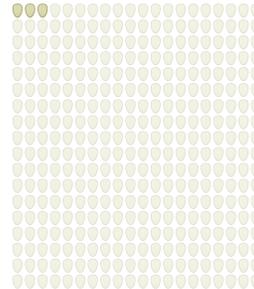
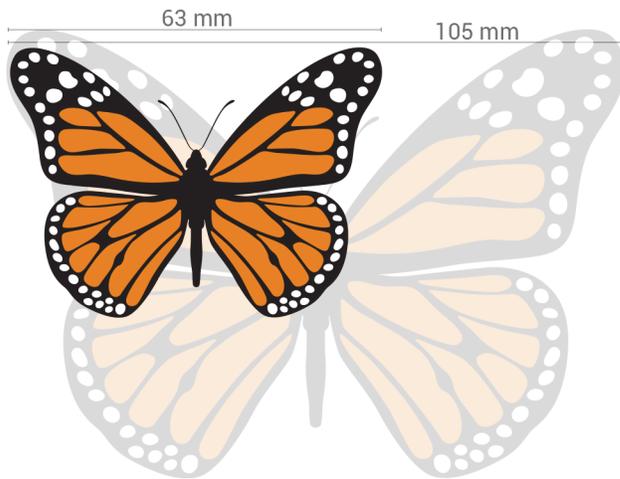
# National *Flight* of the Monarch Day

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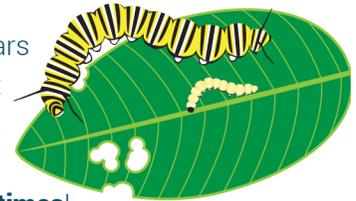
#ICYDK #feel the flutter

Monarch butterflies are one of the largest butterflies in Canada, with a wingspan of 63 to 105 mm.



A female monarch butterfly will lay as many as **300** eggs in just a few weeks. BUT only **1%** of these will survive to become butterflies.

Monarch caterpillars grow REALLY fast: in 2 weeks or less, their weight may increase by **2700 times!**



## 4000 km



Monarch butterflies migrate each fall, flying as far as 4000km to reach their winter home. Not bad for an insect weighing about the same as a chocolate chip!

The monarchs we see in Canada in June are the great-great grandchildren of those that left Canada in the fall. So they've never been here before, but somehow they know just where to go!



Scientists are still trying to understand how monarchs find their way to and from their winter home – do they use the sun, or perhaps they have their own magnetic compass?

Monarch butterflies usually live for just 3-5 weeks BUT migrating monarchs will survive for up to 8 months, long enough to make it to Mexico.

The only plant that monarch caterpillars eat is milkweed, but monarch butterflies will feed on many different flowering plants.



## Monarch Nation

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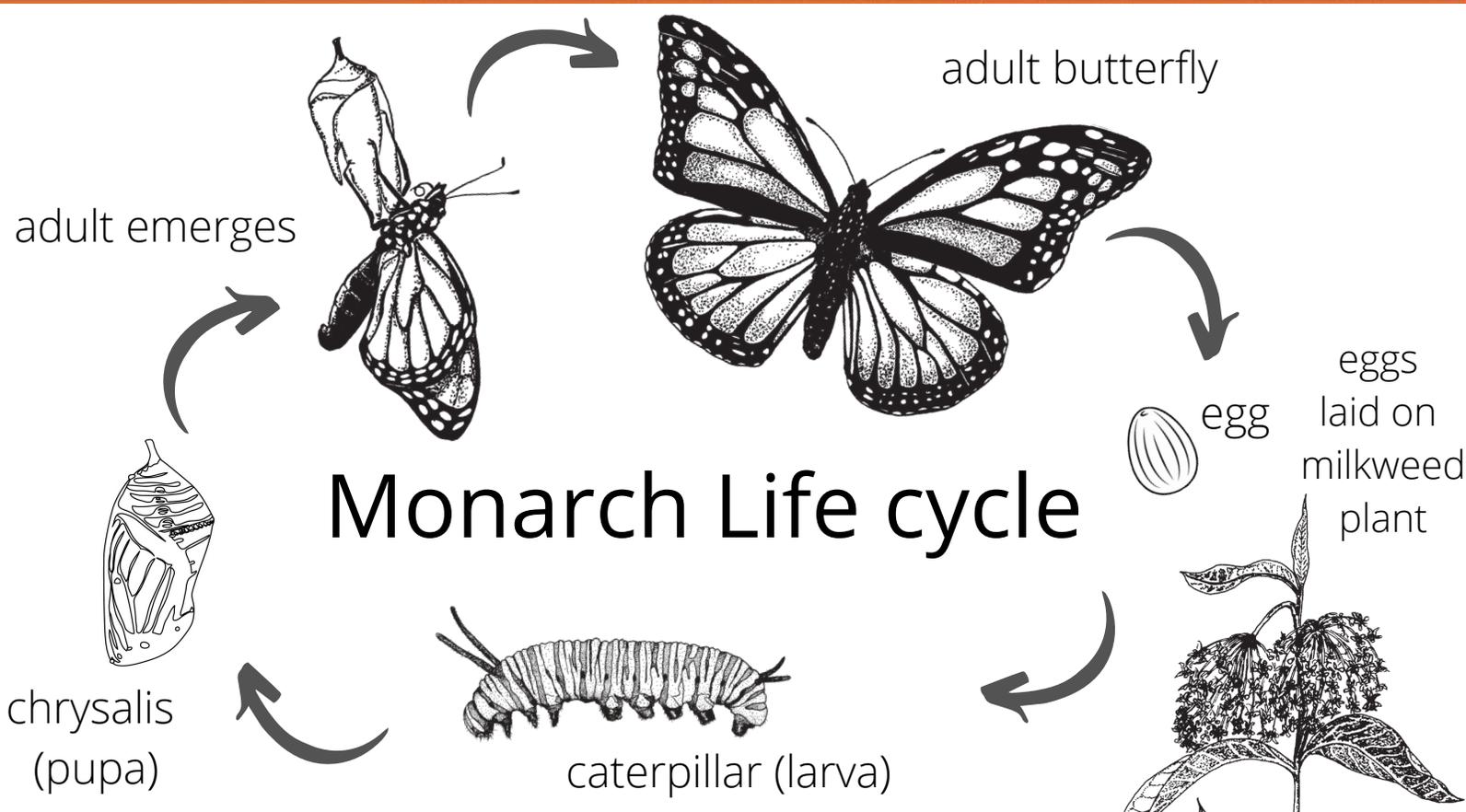
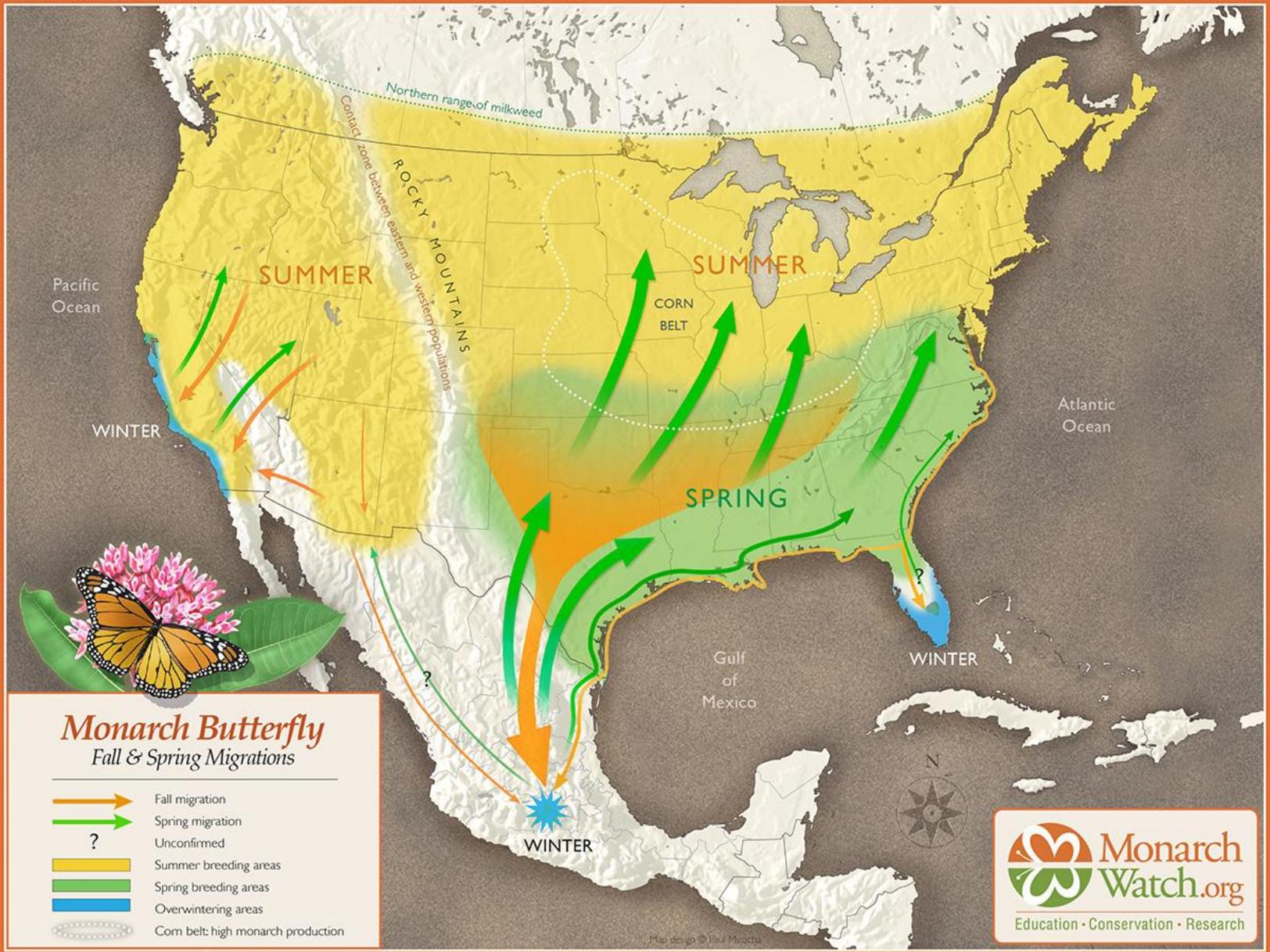
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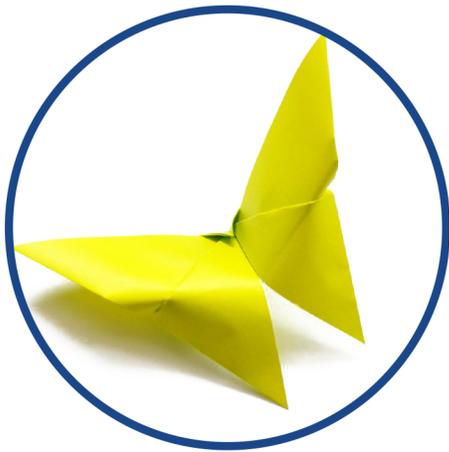
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# Monarch Origami

Fold your very own origami monarch butterfly out of paper and hang it in your home to enjoy

## Step 1:



Follow origami instructions on the back to fold your butterfly

## Step 2:



Write a send off note for your monarch's migration journey

## Step 3:



Pin your butterfly up and enjoy!

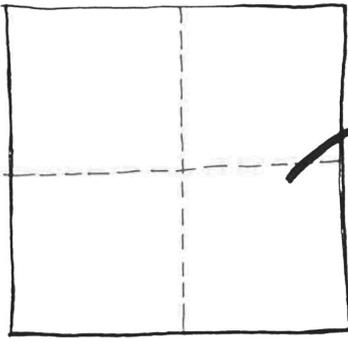
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Flying Squirrel Adventures is a free nature program for young and old in the heart of the Valley. We help people connect to the natural world through outdoor events and nature activities. Sometimes it's not possible to get together outside so we created this activity kit to bring nature into your home. We hope you enjoy it!

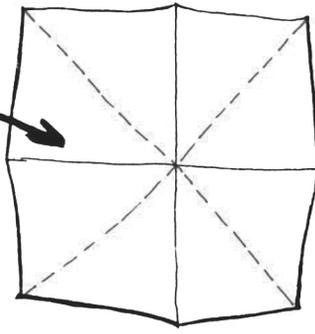
We would love to see your creations and get your feedback on this activity kit.

1. START WITH COLORED SIDE UP



FOLD IN HALF BOTH WAYS AND UNFOLD

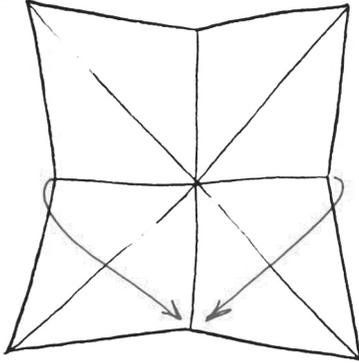
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FOLD DIAGONALLY BOTH WAYS AND UNFOLD

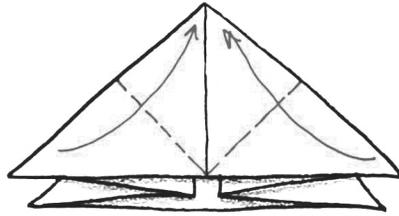
TURN OVER

3.



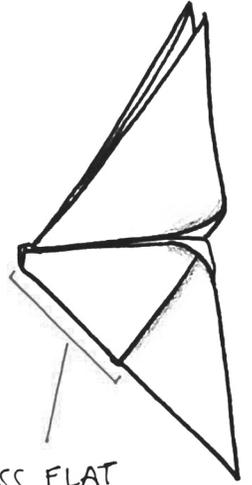
COLLAPSE INTO "WATERBOMB BASE"

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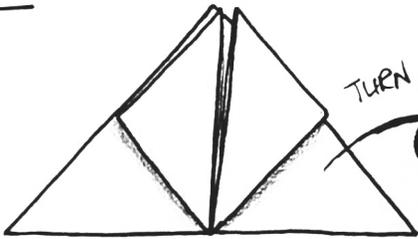
FOLD THE UPPER LAYER ONLY

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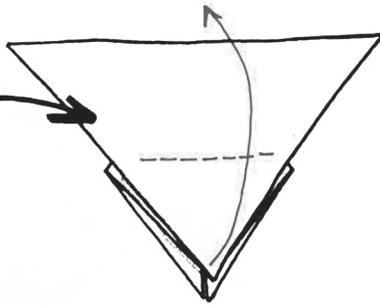
PRESS FLAT HERE AND LET GO

5.



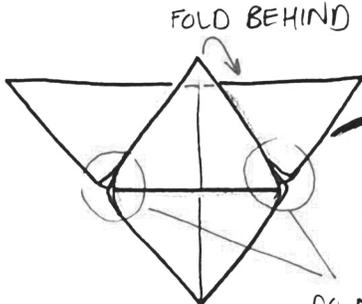
TURN OVER

6.



FOLD THE CORNER PAST THE EDGE

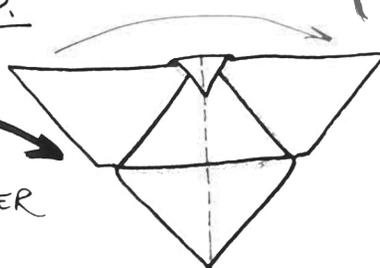
7.



FOLD BEHIND

DO NOT FLATTEN HERE

8.



TURN OVER

FOLD ALONG THE CENTER LINE



VOILA!



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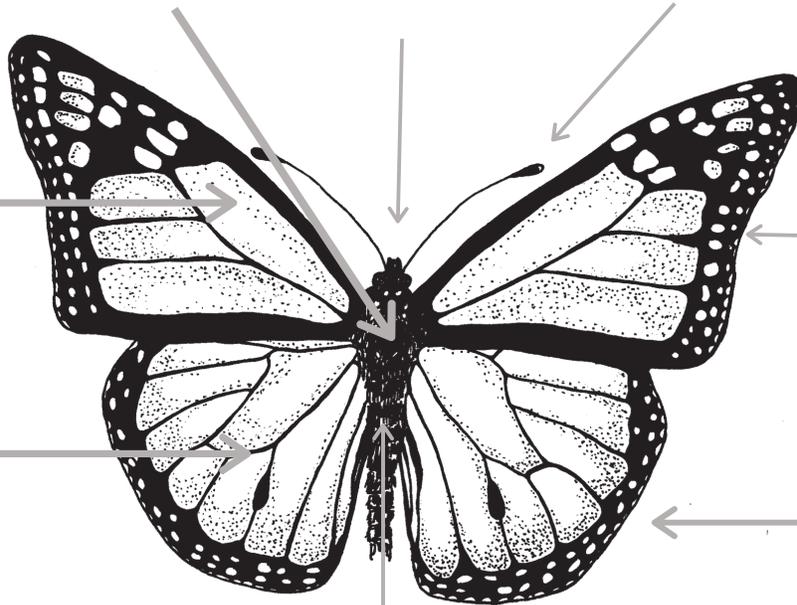
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Find and circle these Monarch anatomy words above:

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forewing

hind wing

abdomen

thorax

head

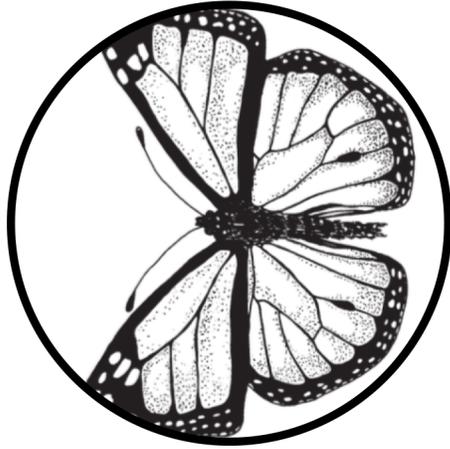
antenna

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wing vein

# Monarch Cut Out Craft

Step 1:



Step 2:



Step 3:



Decorate and cut out your butterflies

Glue your butterflies back to back onto the popsicle stick

Stick your butterfly in a plant

