

LIFE CYCLE OF A MONARCH BUTTERFLY

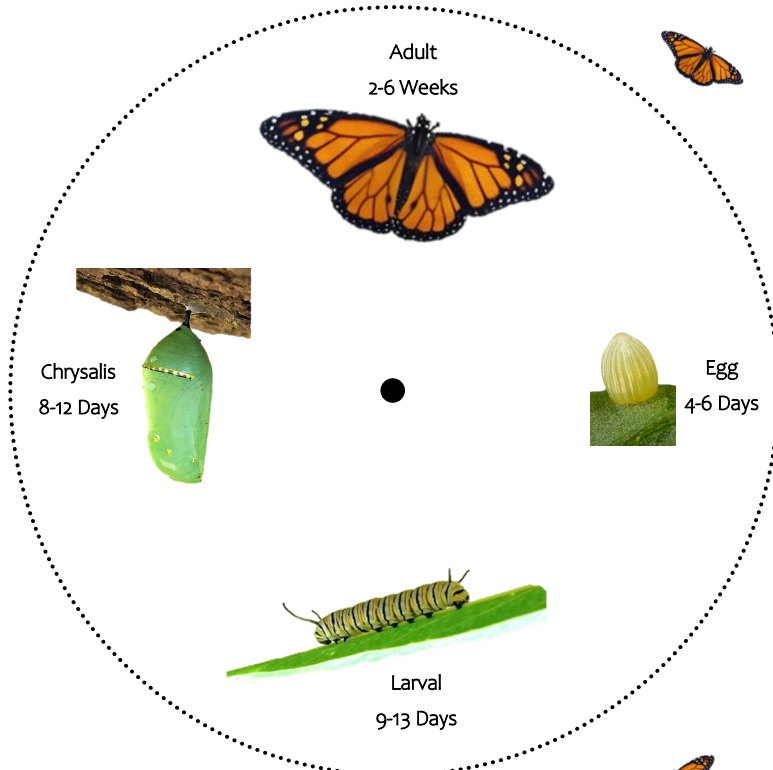
Materials Needed

1. Scissors 2. Metal fastener (1)



Instructions

1. Cut out circles along the dotted line.
2. Place the circle with the cut out wedge on top of the circle with the monarch life cycle.
3. Align circles and use a thumbtack to make a pilot hole through the center of the black dot on the top circle. Push metal fastener through both circles. Bend the metal wings down on the back to secure the two circles together.
4. Cut out the fact card below and wow your friends with how much you know about the amazing Monarch Butterfly!



All About The Monarch Butterfly *Danaus plexippus*



- The host plant for monarchs are milkweed species, and they need these plants to lay their eggs.
- Monarch caterpillars go through five instar stages before they form their chrysalis.
- Due to habitat loss, monarch populations have declined 90% over the past 20 years.
- In late summer and early fall, monarchs complete a migration to the Oyamel Forests in the Sierra Madre Mountains, Mexico.



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