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Please find enclosed larvae with sufficient medium for them to feed on through to pupation. When they first arrive the pupae may not be very active, but within a few days you will notice a significant growth.

Room temperature is ideal but try to avoid sudden changes.

The larval stage takes between 5-15 days, when they are ready to pupate they tend to remain at the top of the container. Whilst the chrysalides are forming they attach themselves to the lid.

Once formed remove the lid and carefully remove the tissue paper with the chrysalises suspended and attach to the top of a butterfly net. (*Sticky fixers work well!*) They may move during this process, they are not hatching, this is their form of defence.

After another 8-15 days the butterflies will emerge. You may notice a red liquid, this is called meconium. It is left over colour from the process of the wing formation.

You can add things like flowers, twigs and leaves to the net. To feed the butterflies, make a solution of 1 tablespoon of sugar and 200ml of cold water. Saturate some tissue and place in a petri dish. feed the daily. Once you have finished observing them release at the warmest part of the day.