

What do I need?

2 large leaves with leaf stalks attached

2 medium leaves

Small twig

Strong glue

Orange, black & white acrylic paint

Fine paintbrushes

Sewing thread

Painted Lady leaf butterfly

What do I do?

Decide which way up to use your twig as your butterfly body. Cut the leaf stalks from your large leaves and glue them to the top of your twig to make the antennae. Take a look at page 2 to see a diagram of a painted lady butterfly.

To make your butterfly's forewings, glue your large leaves close to the top of the twig, one on each side.

Now make the hindwings by glueing your medium leaves to either side of your twig a little lower down.

Set your leaf butterfly aside for at least 30 minutes to allow the glue to dry.

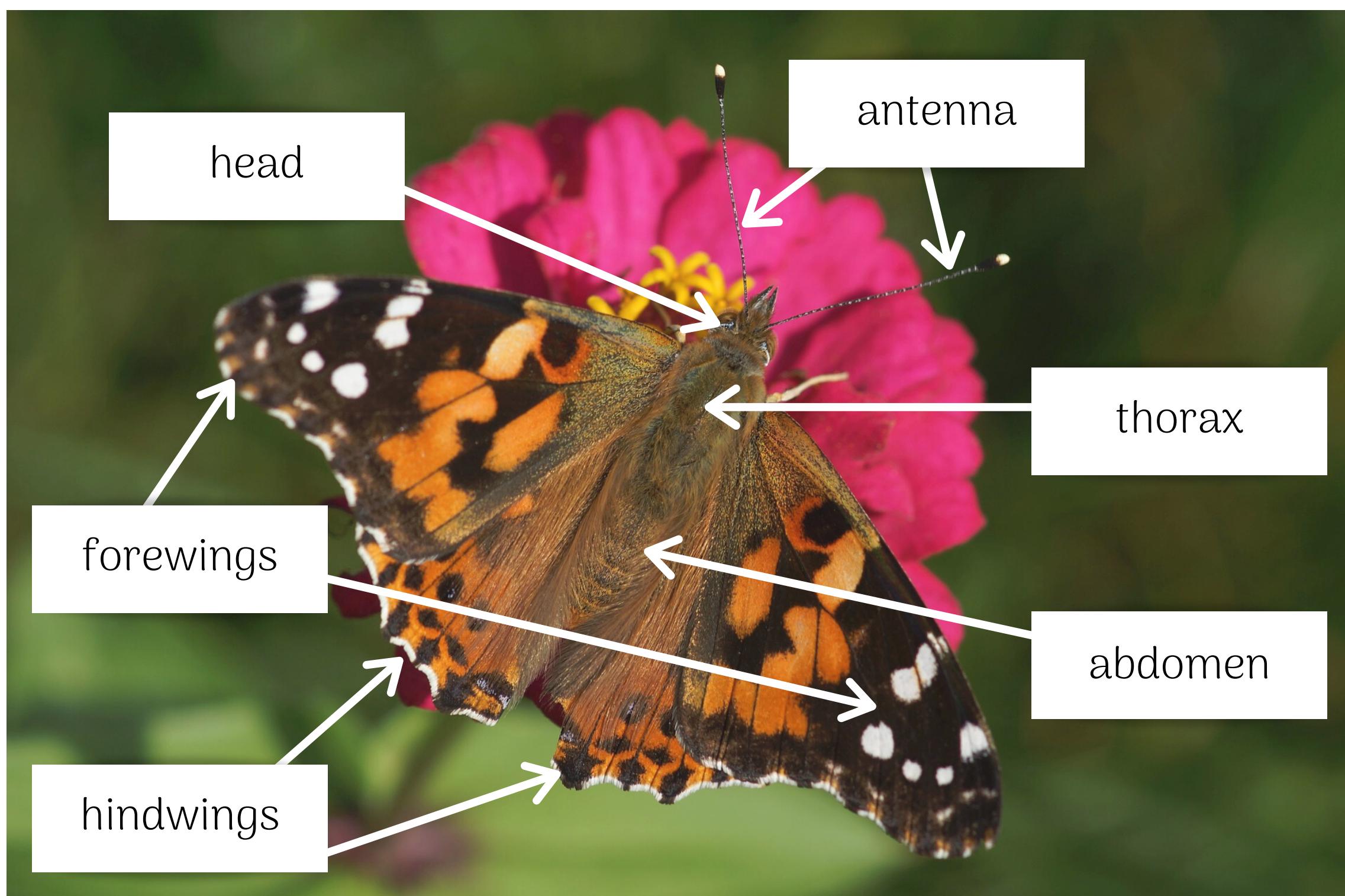


Look at the picture of the painted lady butterfly below or at the diagram on page 2. Paint a similar pattern onto your leaf wings with your acrylic paints. This will bring your butterfly to life!

Leave the paint to dry for at least 1 hour. Once dry, tie a length of sewing thread to the twig so that you can hang it in your house or on a tree or shrub in your garden.



Parts of a Painted Lady



Glossary

Abdomen: the lower part of the butterfly's body, beneath the thorax. The abdomen contains the heart, reproductive organs and most of the digestive system.

Antenna: long, thin organs on the butterfly's head which are used for smelling and sensing.

Forewings: the two upper wings which are attached to the thorax near the head.

Head: the butterfly's head contains the brain, two eyes, two antennae, and the proboscis - a tube-like tongue through which it drinks liquids like nectar from flowers.

Hindwings: the two wings which are attached to the lower part of the thorax near the abdomen.

Thorax: the middle section of a butterfly's body, between the head and the abdomen. It bears the legs and wings and has muscles to move them.