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<http://www.raisingbutterflies.org/cabbage-white/>

Raising Caterpillars of the Cabbage White Butterfly:

1. Caterpillars of this common butterfly feed on many garden mustards such as broccoli, cauliflower, and cabbage. However, this butterfly is common around city lawns and parks as its caterpillars feed on whitetop (*Cardaria draba*) which grows commonly in the spring around Utah and Salt Lake Valleys in disturbed areas, unbuilt properties, unmowed patches of parks, areas around freeway ramps, along the Jordan River Parkway, Provo River Parkway, growing adjacent to alfalfa fields, etc.



2. Cut plant into sections with each stem containing two or three leaves. Place larva on a leaf and into butterfly raising container provided. Poke holes in the lid of container.
3. Every three days, find caterpillar and cut around caterpillar in order to place it on fresh leaves. Find fresh cuttings of plant and repeat step 2.



4. Repeat steps two and three for 2-3 weeks until the caterpillar forms a chrysalis either on the leaf, stem, or side of container.
5. Allow chrysalis to go undisturbed for 1-2 weeks until it emerges as an adult butterfly. If the caterpillar forms a chrysalis on a leaf, fasten the leaf with which the chrysalis is attached using masking tape to an emergence container; which can be easily constructed by taking a 12 ounce yogurt or butter container; gluing in paper towel around the sides, and attaching the leaf on any side of the container; once the glue has dried. Watch until it emerges. Keep out of direct sunlight!



Emergence container: Please note that your butterfly emerging is small and white and not an indra swallowtail that is emerging in this photo. The blue in this photo is glued on shop towels. Paper towels allow the butterfly to hang on easier and dry its wings after emergence. Any brand of paper towel will do.