Create your own Butterfly Life Cycle
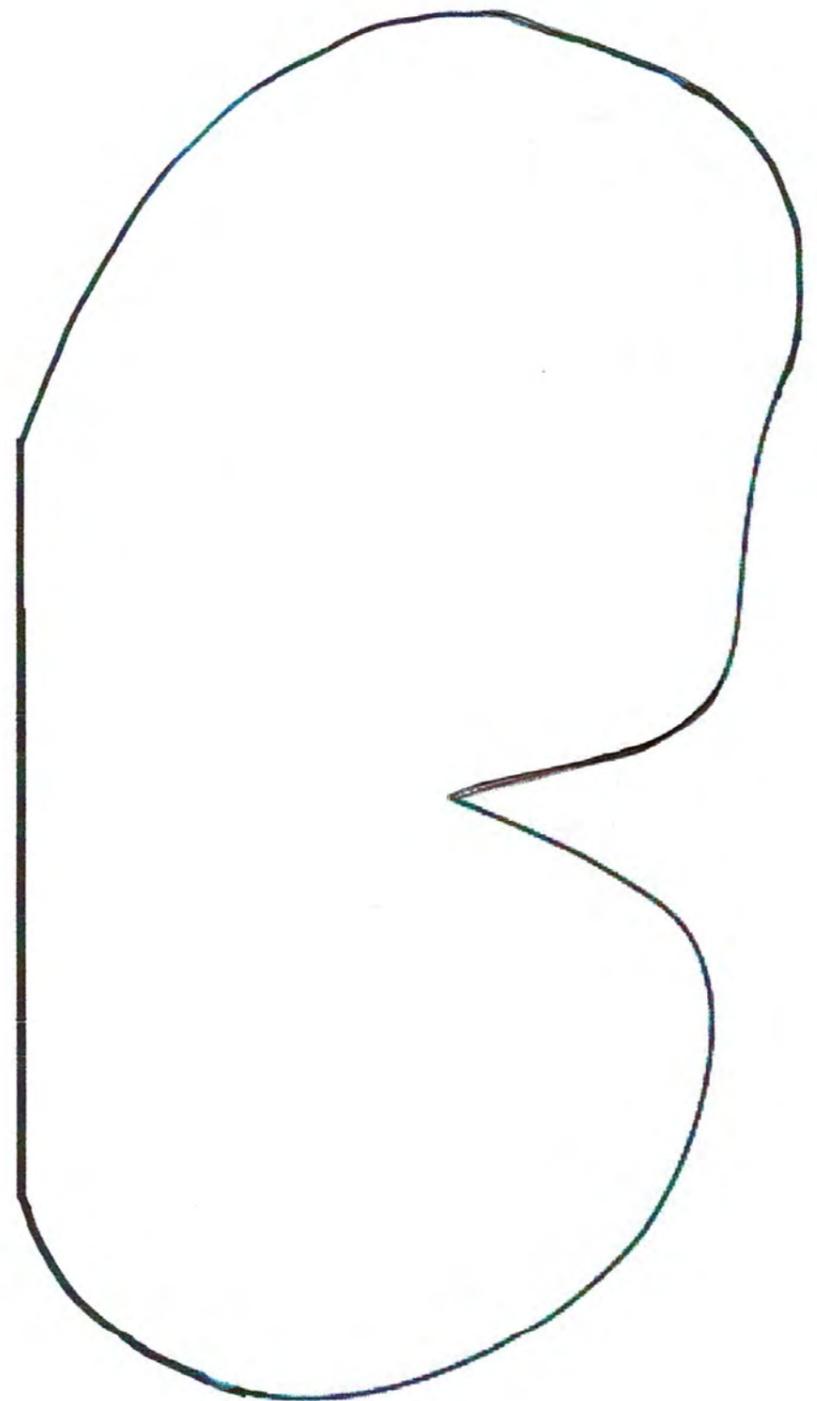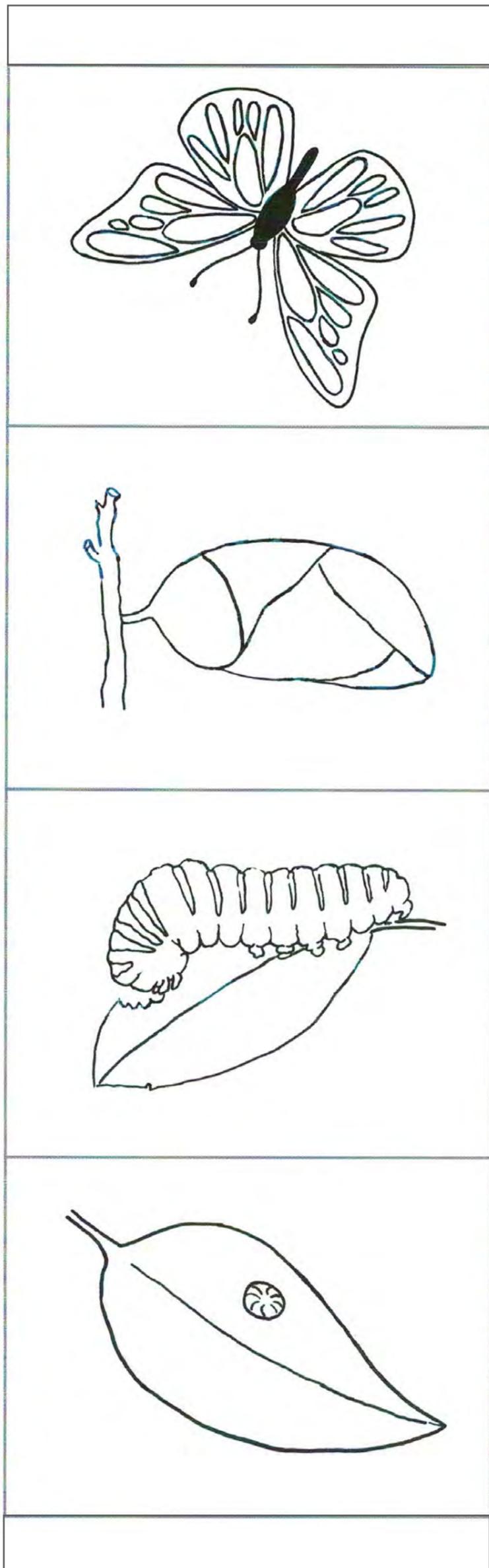
Life Cycle 1

Life Cycle 2

Easy ways to create your own life cycle with paper, cardboard, colour pens or pencils, a pair of scissors and some glue.

Follow the instructions on pages 2 and 3.

Butterfly Life Cycle No 1

Brisbane's
Big Butterfly
Count

What do I need?

Paper, cardboard, scissors, glue, colour pencils

How do I create the life cycle?

1. Print out in A3 or A4 size.
2. Cut out the life cycle stages (all as one long shape including the glue strip at both ends.
3. Cut out the half of the butterfly wings, then transfer shape to colour cardboard, turn over and transfer again, so that the other butterfly half has matching wings. Cut out and decorate.
4. Colour in the life cycle stages and decorate the cardboard butterfly wings
5. Fold the individual life cycle stages at each marked line. Start by folding over at the line between caterpillar and chrysalis, then fold back the outer depictions, and again the glue strip.
6. Use craft glue and attach each glue strip to the underside a butterfly wing. Do it in such a way that the wings are matching and the larger upper wing are at the top.
7. Once dry, you can create your butterfly by holding on to the folded life cycle stages below the wings. Compare with image on page 1.

Butterfly Life Cycle No 2

What do I need?

Round paper plate (or other round cardboard surface), paper, colour pencils, scissors, glue

How do I create the life cycle?

1. Use a paper plate, and decorate the rim with colour pencils (paint works too, or glued on pieces of decoration)

2. Divide the inner area of the paper plate into four quarters by drawing lines.

3. Colour in the life cycle stages, cut them out, and glue them into the quarters in sequence of their development: egg—caterpillar—chrysalis—adult butterfly. It doesn't hurt to add arrows to make sure everyone knows what comes first.

Of course, if you prefer to draw every stage of the life cycle directly into the quarters rather than use the line drawings, that is fine too.