

Two color copies of Butterfly Memory Cards (or draw your own), scissors, cardstock, glue.

Print the butterfly memory cards directly on cardstock, or print on plain paper and glue to cardstock. Cut out all 12 pairs (24 cards in total) along the solid lines.

Lay the 24 cards face-down. Take turns flipping over two cards. If the two cards match the player keeps the pair and goes again. If they do not match the player leaves the cards where they are and turns them face-down again. The next player takes their turn.

Continue playing until the cards have all been matched and collected. The player with the most pairs is the winner.

To adapt the game for younger children, play with fewer pairs. Choose butterflies that look the most different from each other.

Look at the butterfly cards and discuss what you see. What kinds of colors, shapes, and sizes do you observe?

There are about 80 different species of butterflies in Alaska. Keep an eye out for butterflies as the weather gets warmer! Do you recognize any of the butterflies from the game?

Right: Canadian Tiger Swallowtail ( ).

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