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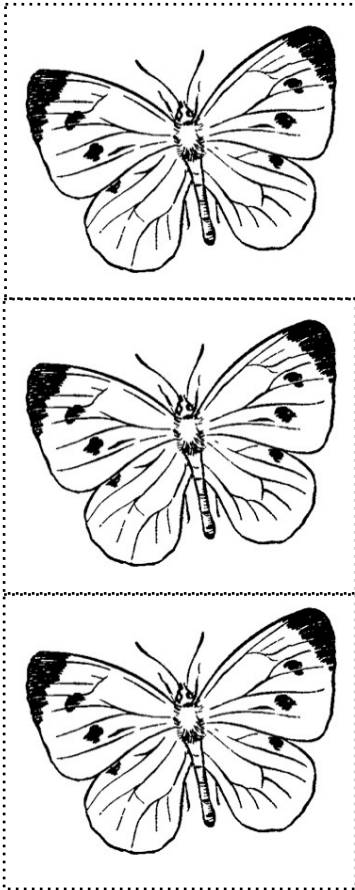
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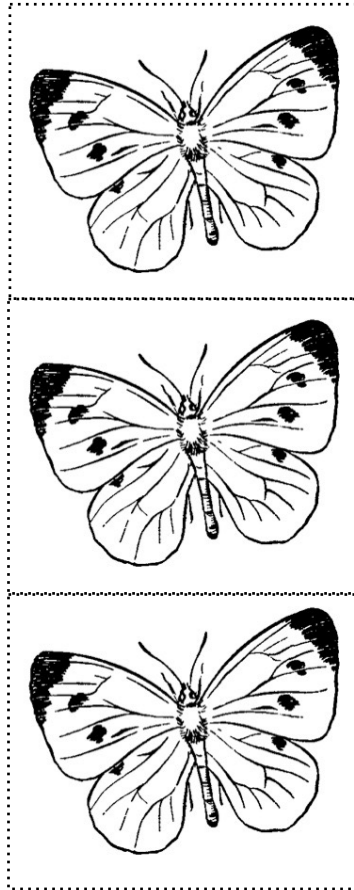
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1. Cut out individual decoys.
2. Cut a length of clear packaging tape. Lay your cut outs on the tape.
3. Cut 9"-18" lengths of thread and place one end of thread on the moth head of each cut out.
4. Add a second piece of tape over the first, so that the cut outs and thread are sandwiched between the tape. Now cut the tape into squares with a butterfly cutout in each square. The tape provides enough stiffness so the decoy will flutter in the breeze.
5. Tie the free end of the thread to something rigid so decoy hangs about 8" above your plants.
6. Place several decoys among your Brassica plants.
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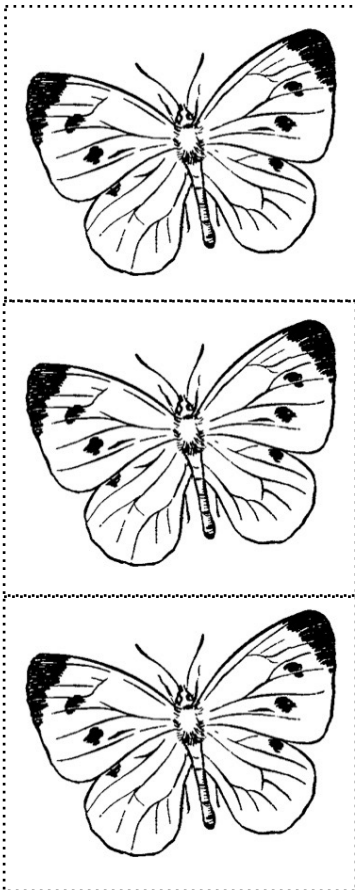
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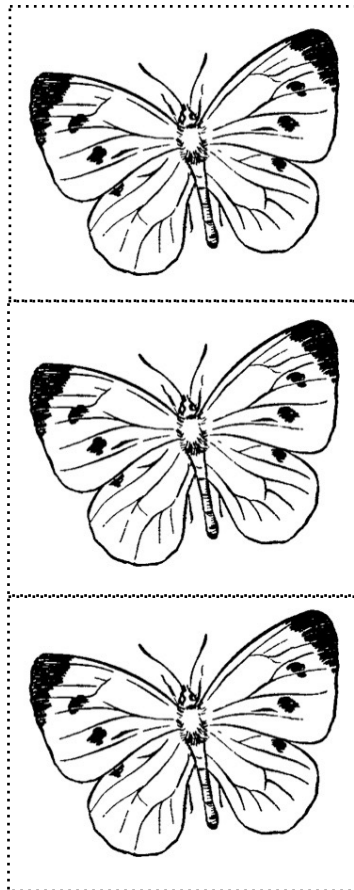
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