Instructions for Travelling without

1 Discover a love for butterflies

- a. Become a butterfly collector
- b. Learn facts about butterflies, for example:
 - why butterflies are prettier than moths
 - why butterflies don't fly at night
 - why butterflies taste with their feet
- c. Bore your family with these facts over dinner (don't worry about boring them they'll get over it).

2 Buy a kitset model of a plane

- a. Spend two days and two nights putting it together on your bedroom floor (listening to podcasts about famous aviators)
- b. Paint the plane(don't let your brother/sister touch it).

3 Put the plane beside your bed

- a. Keep one eye open when you go to sleep (so you can watch if the plane lifts off)
- b. Sleep
- c. Dream (of flying)
- d. Repeat.

4 Grow your own wings ASAP

- a. Research food that contains the protein needed to do this
- b. Add these items to the shopping list
- c. Eat these foods (eggs? tuna? chocolate yoghurt?) in vast quantities
- d. Be patient.



Touching the Ground

- **5** Join an online forum about growing wings
 - a. Do everything anyone has ever suggested ("anyone" especially means old people)
 - b. Introduce yourself to this new community
 - c. Share progress.
- **6** Locate a handheld mirror
 - a. Stand in front of the bathroom mirror
 - b. Check for obvious changes around the collarbone (aka wingbones)
 - c. Arrange handheld mirror so you can see your back
 - d. Take photos to track progress if possible.
- 7 Whenever you're alone, simulate flight
 - a. Close your eyes
 - b. Make a whooshing sound with your mouth
 - c. Imagine this sound in your ears (air passing over your wings)
 - d. Do this regularly.
- 8 Make sure all your friends and relatives know you're growing wings
 - a. Request flying-related things for your birthday and Christmas
 - b. Share the wing thing with long-lost relatives
 - They may come out of the woodwork
 - This will help you understand your identity
 - They may become the role model you have been looking for.

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