

Plunky Green Frog

Recommended for grades: 3-4

What You'll Need:

Green Construction Paper

Copies on Green & White Cardstock or Construction Paper

Baby Formula Can or Similar Container w/ Lids

Rubber Band

Tape

Glue

Scissors

Markers or Crayons

Instructions:

This fun craft is described in Ranger Rick's NatureScope, Wild and Crafty. The design, with a rubber band stretched between two points on a plastic lid, allows kids to make their own frog sounds! The call of the Green Frog sounds like the twang of a loose banjo string. Male frogs call to attract a mate. Each species has its own type of call, and females respond only to the calls of their own species.

Steps:

1. Cover the container with green construction paper. Glue or tape in place.
2. Draw and make copies of frog face, eyes, feet and belly on green and white cardstock or construction paper (see photo).
3. Cut out face and eyes and glue eyes to the face. Draw pupils, mouth and nostrils on face. Glue or tape the face to the side of the container.
4. Cut out feet and tape or glue to the bottom of the container. Cut out oval-shaped white belly and glue below the face (see photo).
5. Cut a tab near the edge of each side of the plastic lid and bend the tabs up. Stretch a rubber band around the tabs and plunk away! Changing the tension of the rubber band will change the sound produced.

Source: Ranger Rick NatureScope, Wild and Crafty, 1998.



