

# Crayola.com Inspiring Ideas

## Frog "Dissection"



### Crayola Supplies

- Washable Kid's Paint
- Paint Brushes
- Model Magic® (white)

### Other Supplies

- recycled newspaper
- paper towels
- water containers
- plastic dinnerware

## Why?

Does biology make you squeamish? Or do you dig dissecting frogs and worms? Make a Model Magic® frog puzzle that's as realistic or as gross as you can imagine!

## How?

1. Find a diagram that shows the anatomy of a frog. Or rely on your drawings and experiences from biology class. Your Crayola® Model Magic® frog can even be larger-than-life! It won't smell or feel slimy, either!
2. Shape a frog with Model Magic®. Use plastic dinnerware to "dissect" your frog. Cut out major organs and appendages. Make the pieces fit like a puzzle inside and outside. Air-dry all of your frog parts for at least 24 hours.
3. Cover your art area with newspaper. Use Crayola® Washable Kid's Paint and Paint Brushes to paint each body part. How realistic (or disgusting) can you make the frog's colors? Air-dry everything.
4. Reassemble and dissect your frog as often as you like. It won't ever hop away!

## When and Where Suggestions?

- "We played Leap Frog while the paint dried. The kids had fun reassembling their frogs." Shayla N., teenage babysitter of ages 8 and 11.

- "Our children researched frogs indigenous to our area. Their replicas document what they learned." Claire C., homeschool parent of ages 7 and 10.

## Interesting Information

Frogs range in size from nearly one foot (.3 m), the largest, to 1/2 inch (1.27 cm), the smallest. Frogs live on every continent except Antarctica.

## Safety Guidelines

Safety guidelines recommend this art project is suitable for children age 4 years and older. Close adult supervision is required to ensure children's safety.

Model Magic® and other modeling compounds: Keep finished product away from open flame. Do not mold into candleholders or other like items for use around flame. Do not put in oven, microwave, or kiln.

## Related Books

Amphibians by Robert Hofrichter

Frogs by David P. Badger

From Tadpoles to Frog by Gerald Legg

The Nature of Frogs by Harry Parsons

## Related Videos

Amphibians, Fish, and Reptiles

National Geographic's Reptiles and Amphibians

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