

Make a Frog Blower!

As frog- and toadspawn season gets started, make this funny frog blower to see how amphibians catch their prey!

What you'll need:



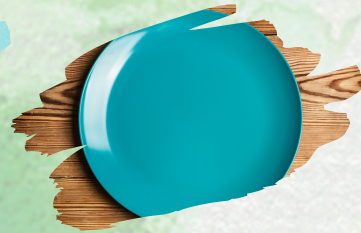
Green card



White paper and coloured pens



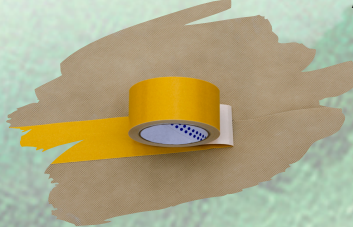
A paper straw



A plate or something circular about 20cm diameter



Scissors

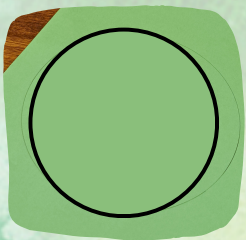


Thin double-sided tape

How to create your Frog Blower:

Step 1

Place your plate on a piece of green card and draw round it. Carefully cut round your circle.



Step 2

Fold your circle in half and cut a small hole halfway down the folded side, so the straw can fit through it.



Step 3

Draw some rosy cheeks and nostrils on to one side of the green semicircle.



Step 4

Create your frog's eyes by cutting two circles out of white paper and drawing on a pupil in black pen/pencil. Stick them each side of the small hole you have just made, on the folded edge.



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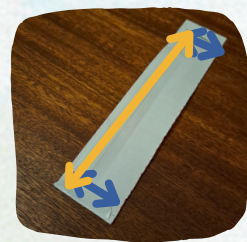
Step 5

Cut a strip of paper around 6cm x 21cm. Colour one side in with whichever colour you like - this will be your frog's tongue.



Step 6

Place thin strips of double-sided tape along one of the long and both short edges of your tongue.



Step 7

Place the first 6cm of your straw at one end of your tongue, in the middle of the short edge. Fold your tongue in half lengthways with the straw still poking out about 14cm. Make sure the tongue is stuck to the straw to hold it in place, and that there are no gaps - this will help your tongue to shoot out properly!



Step 8

Using a pen or pencil, roll your tongue until it's curled up to the bottom of the straw, and being careful not to squash the straw.



Step 9

Push the exposed straw through the hole in your frog's face, so the tongue hangs out the bottom of the semicircle.



Step 10

Place strips of double-sided tape around the inside of the circular part of your frog face and stick the two halves together.



Step 11

Blow through your straw and see what happens! Draw some flies on a piece of paper and see who can catch the most food with their tongue! Roll your tongue back up after each try.

