

## SCCWS Frog Hopper Crafts

### 1.) Darting Dragonfly

You will need:

- Jumbo craft sticks (coloured or plain)
- Small googly eyes
- Overhead transparent sheets
- Glitter glue
- Fishing line
- Scissors
- Glue stick
- Markers

What to do beforehand:

- 1.) Trace wings from template onto overhead sheets. Cut them so that the outline is still available for the kids to cut out. So cut out in square sections, with a wing traced onto each one. Poke a small hole in the center of each wing outline.

What to do:

- 1.) Have kids decorate wings with glitter glue first, as it takes awhile to dry.
- 2.) Set wings aside. Have each kid colour a craft stick however they want to look like a dragonfly. Have them glue two small eyes on after they are done colouring.
- 3.) Have the kids cut the wings out. Cut each of them a piece of fishing line and tie it around the stick just above center. Have the knot facing upwards. Pull tight and cut the trailing strand off.
- 4.) Feed the end of the line through the hole in the center of the wings. Use a glue stick (works better than white glue) and glue the wings on top of the knot in the line and press down onto the craft stick. Let dry.

## 2.) Pocket Turtle

You will need:

- Egg carton segments
- Construction paper
- Small google eyes
- Scissors
- White glue
- Glitter glue
- Markers, crayons, etc...
- Paint and supplies- trays, water, brushes, water cups, paper towel

What to do beforehand:

- 1.) Trace outline onto different coloured construction paper Cut each outline into its own square segment so each kid can cut out their own.
- 2.) Cut the segments of an egg carton (paper or Styrofoam) out and round the edges down for the shell.

What to do:

- 1.) Have kids each paint their shells for the turtles first as they will need to dry.
- 2.) In the meantime, have them colour and decorate the bottom of the turtle however they want.
- 3.) If they want to, add glitter glue in a turtle shell pattern to the egg carton segment. It will have to dry a bit.
- 4.) Have them cut out the turtle pattern.
- 5.) Run white glue all along the bottom rim of the egg carton segment and stick and hold it onto the paper bottom for a bit to make sure it stays. It will have to dry overnight to become thoroughly stuck. Tell the kids that and be careful.
- 6.) Glue on two small eyes to the face or draw on.

### 3.) Paperbag Frog

You will need:

- Brown paper bags
- Large google eyes
- Red or pink pipe cleaners
- White glue
- Scissors
- Markers, crayons, pencil crayons, etc...

What to do:

- 1.) Have kids colour and decorate their bag however they want to look like a frog. Open the flap and have them colour in a mouth.
- 2.) Glue on two eyes, tape a pipe cleaner to the inside of the flap in the mouth and curl up the end if wanted for a tongue.

#### 4.) Fishbowl

You will need:

- Clear plastic cups with clear plastic lids (Bubble or flat)
- Coloured gravel or sand
- Construction paper
- Scissors
- Clear tape
- Fishing line
- Glue stick
- Markers, pencil crayons, crayons
- Pipe cleaners
- shells

What to do:

- 1.) Put about 1.5 – 2 inches of sand or gravel in bottom of cup. Shape pipe cleaners into plants or cut paper into plant shapes and stick into gravel and cover so they stand up.
- 2.) Put in as many shells as you want.
- 3.) Draw and decorate fish, snails, crayfish etc... out of paper. Be sure to decorate both sides the same.
- 4.) Cut out the shapes and either tape a piece of fishing line to it or make a small hole to feed it through.
- 5.) Tape the other ends of the fishing line to the inside of the lid in different places.
- 6.) Put lid on cup and let the critters dangle down.
- 7.) Draw blue water marks on outside of cup if wanted.
- 8.) If using a lid with a hole, make a critter look like its jumping out or looking in.

## 5.) Beaded Dragonfly or Firefly

You will need:

- Pipecleaners (assorted colours) and sparkle
- Assorted plastic beads (large holes) and glow-in-the-dark beads
- Small google eyes
- White glue

What to do:

- 1.) Use one piece of pipecleaner for a body. You can use an entire one or cut one in half
- 2.) Fold one end of pipecleaner over itself once to make a “head” for your bug. This will also hold the beads on. Thread on beads in coloured patterns, all the same, or add glow-in-the-dark beads to one end for a firefly. Fold the end of the pipecleaner as you did for the front so the beads stay put!
- 3.) Shape a sparkle pipecleaner into wings and glue to the top of your bug.
- 4.) Glue two eyes on the head of your bug.

## 6.) Ladybug and Tadpole TIC-TAC-TOE

You will need:

- Craft paint in assorted colours (or red, black, white, green, and brown) for ladybugs and tadpoles
- Six small round and flat stones
- Paintbrush, paper towel, and water
- Blue foam craft paper
- Optional: tree cutting as a base
- Google eyes
- White glue

What to do:

- 1.) Paint three stones as ladybugs and three stones as tadpoles. Let dry.
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- 3.) Glue google eyes on ladybugs and tadpoles.
- 4.) Create a TIC-TAC-TOE grid on blue foam craft paper. Glue this onto a tree ring if using as a base.
- 5.) Play your TIC-TAC-TOE game with your ladybugs and tadpoles!

## 7.) Sponge Magnet Butterflies

You will need:

- Assorted colours of square sponges
- Pipecleaners in assorted colours
- White glue
- Small google eyes
- Stickers, sparkles, beads, etc.. to decorate the butterfly wings
- Magnets

What to do:

- 1.) Using a pipecleaner, wrap it around the center of a sponge and twist it together at the end for butterfly wings and antenna.
- 2.) Glue on google eyes and any decoration you like.
- 3.) Glue the magnet piece on back of butterfly in the center so you can hang it on the fridge!