

## Leap Frog Pond



In this activity we will be creating a traditional mini pond scene with a leaping frog. By using an accordion paper folding technique, we will make your frog jump right off the page! Now let's hop to it!

### Materials:

- Blank Paper (X2)
- Markers/Pencil Crayons
- Glue Stick
- Scissors
- Ruler



### Part 1: Creating Pond Scene Pieces

1. Take the first sheet of blank paper and fold it in half. Using that same sheet of paper, fold in half again.
2. Open your sheet to reveal four sections; this will be used to create the parts of your pond scene.
3. In the first box, color the entire section using a light blue marker, remember to colour in the same direction to practice proper colouring skills. Use a dark blue marker to add a line that resembles water to create movement. (Example, wavy, straight spiral, etc)



4. In the second box, draw a medium sized flower for your lily pad. *Start by drawing a large letter "U". Next, for the top of your flower, draw the top of three triangles or the letter "W", be sure to connect the lines. Finally, colour your flower with a nice soft colour.*
5. In the third box, draw a large circle that takes up as much space as possible in your section. Colour that section with a light green marker. Next, lightly draw a dot in the middle of your circle as a guide. Draw two lines from the dot to create a triangle inside your circle. (This triangle will be cut out later.)
6. In the fourth section, we will draw a frog with its arms and legs spread out, so it looks like it's leaping in the air. This will be drawn in a bird's eye view, meaning that we are looking at the top of the frog.
  - a. *To create a frog, start with a sideways oval for the head. Draw two half circles at the top of the head for the eyes.*
  - b. *Next draw an oval shape for the body, starting from the head and returning back.*
  - c. *Draw long arms and legs; you can use the shape of the letter "U" to help guide you.*
7. Outline your frog with a black marker and colour the body with a medium green marker. Use a darker green to add spots all over your frog. If you like, add a long red tongue as if your frog is sticking it out to catch a fly.



## **Part 2: Assembling the Pond Scene**

1. Now that your pond sections are complete and coloured, cut out your pieces. Remember to cut a triangle out of your lily pad to keep the classic look.
2. Glue your lily pad in the center of your water piece. After that, glue your flower near the top of the lily pad.

## **Part 3: Attaching Leaping Frog**

1. Using the second sheet of blank paper, use your ruler to measure two stripes to create your accordion. 2 cm wide and 11 inches long.
2. Glue the ends of the paper stripes together so it looks like the letter "L".



3. Fold the bottom strip over the top strip and crease the fold, try your best to keep the neat and tidy.
4. Repeat and continue taking turns by crisscrossing the bottom over the top of each stripe until you finish the top.
5. Glue the top stripe down for the last fold so your accordion doesn't unravel.
6. Finally, add some glue to the bottom of your accordion, and place it in the middle of your lily pad. Then, glue your frog to the top of the accordion and you're done!

