

Clothespin Crocodile

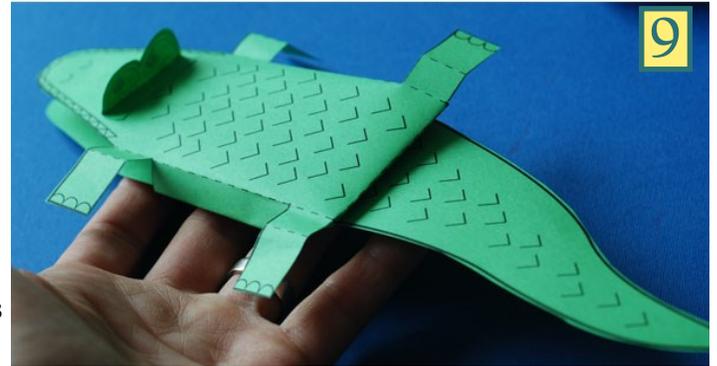
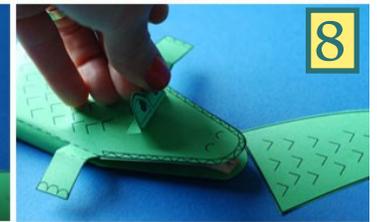
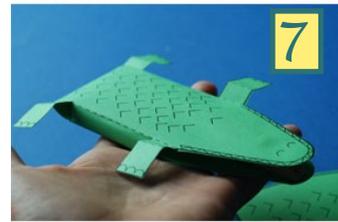
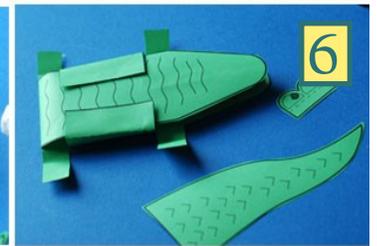


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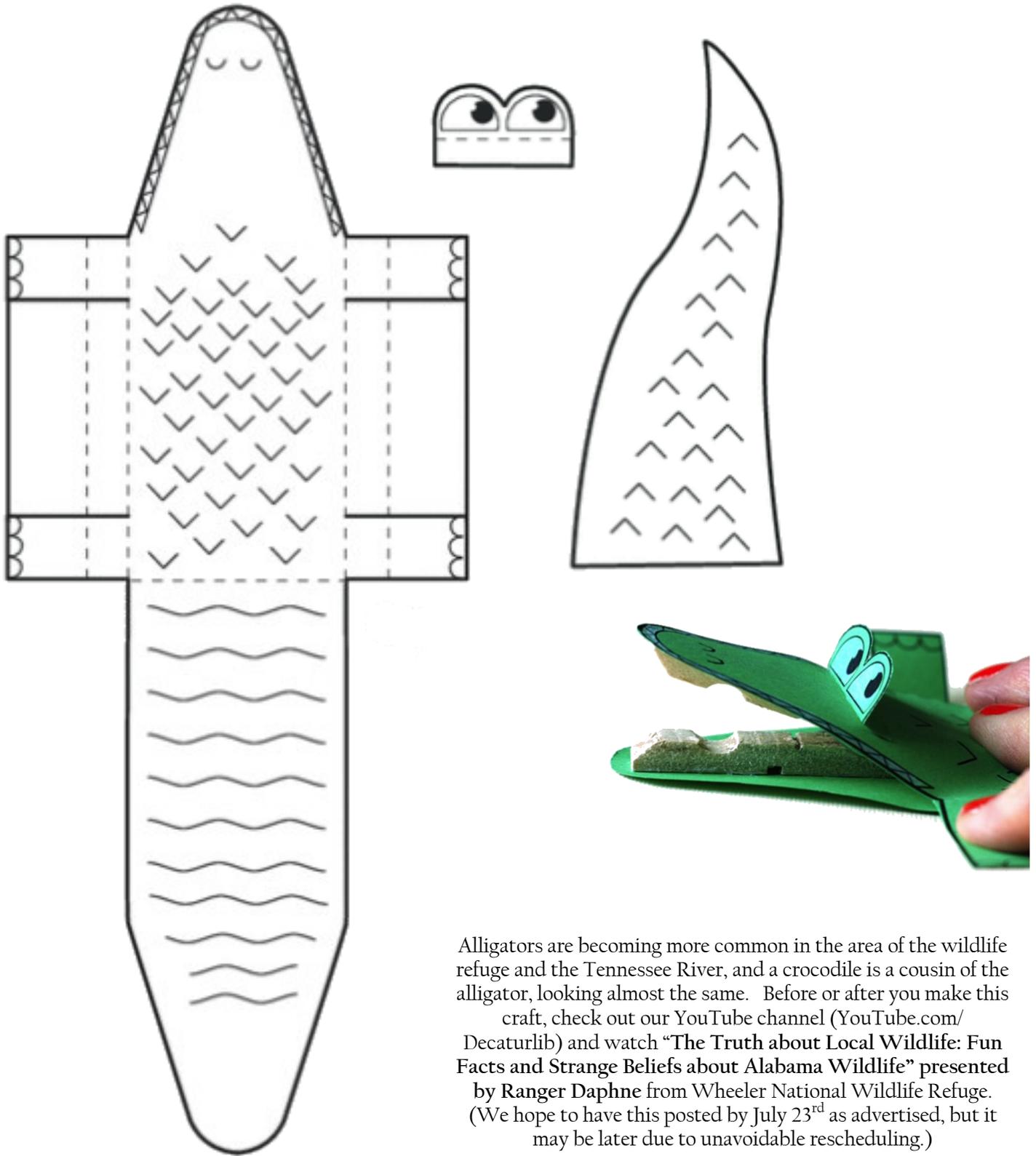
- A clothespin (be sure to ask your adult before taking one from the laundry area!)
- Crocodile template (next page)
- Glue or tape

Directions

1. Color the parts of the crocodile template; be sure to color both sides of the paper (or you can print it out on green paper).
2. Cut them out, but be sure to **ONLY CUT SOLID LINES**. The dotted lines will be folded later. Pay close attention to the crocodile's legs!
3. Once cut out, go ahead and make folds along the dotted lines before attaching to the clothespin.
4. Flip your crocodile body so that the markings are on the table and not facing you. Place the clothespin on the part of the crocodile body *without* the legs (as shown in the picture above, marked "Step 4"). Center the clothespin at the very tip of the crocodile body and glue it down.
5. Fold the body in half and glue the legs portion to the other side of the clothespin.
6. Fold the stomach tabs around the body and glue them down, as in picture 6.
7. Flip your crocodile so that his legs, snout, and scales are on top (picture 7).
8. Glue your crocodile's eyes on and then attach his tail (pictures 8 & 9).



Craft and template from <http://krokotak.com/2017/06/clothespin-crocodile/>



Alligators are becoming more common in the area of the wildlife refuge and the Tennessee River, and a crocodile is a cousin of the alligator, looking almost the same. Before or after you make this craft, check out our YouTube channel ([YouTube.com/Decaturlib](https://www.youtube.com/Decaturlib)) and watch “The Truth about Local Wildlife: Fun Facts and Strange Beliefs about Alabama Wildlife” presented by Ranger Daphne from Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge. (We hope to have this posted by July 23rd as advertised, but it may be later due to unavoidable rescheduling.)

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