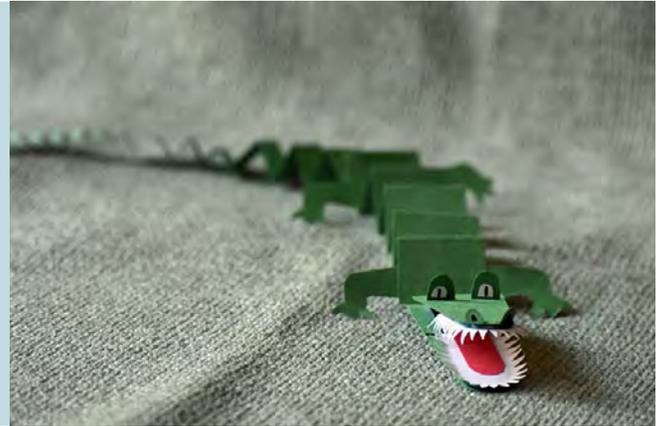


**You will need:**

- Construction paper
- Popsicle stick or jumbo craft stick
- Glue
- Scissors
- Markers
- Ruler



**Directions:**

1. Measure and cut the following strips out of whatever color construction paper you want: 12" x 1 ¼", 6" x ¾", 3 ½" x ½" and 4 ½" x ¼". Accordion fold each strip.
2. Glue one end of the ¾" wide strip to one end of the largest strip, then glue one end of the ½" wide strip to the free end of the ¾" strip and then glue one end of the ¼" strip to the free end of the ½" strip.
3. Cut a popsicle stick or jumbo craft stick in half and tape the cut ends together.
4. Cut out 2, 3" x 1 ¼" rectangles out of the construction paper and round off one end of the rectangles.
5. Glue each piece to the top and bottom of the sticks.



Step 1



Step 2



Step 3

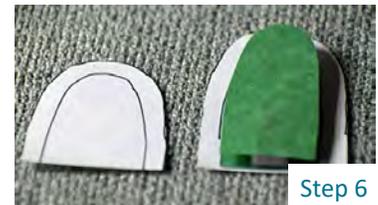


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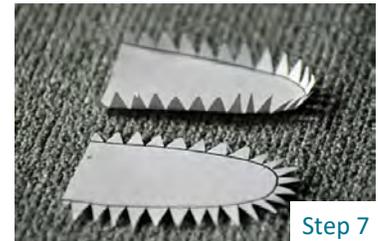
Step 5

6. Trace about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the head onto white paper and then add another  $\frac{1}{4}$ " around that line. Repeat and cut out so you have 2 sets of teeth.



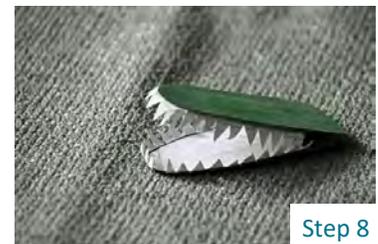
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7. Cut small triangles out around the outside of each white piece of paper and fold up the teeth.



Step 7

8. Glue teeth inside the mouth of the alligator.



Step 8

9. Cut a 6" x  $\frac{1}{2}$ " strip of red paper, accordion fold about half of one end and round off the other end.



Step 9

10. Glue this inside the mouth to give the alligator his chomping ability!



Step 10

11. Make 3-D eyes and nose by cutting out four U shapes and bending part of the flat end back. Draw on eyes and nostrils and glue onto the head.



Step 11

**Optional:** use wiggly eyes instead of drawing them on.

12. Glue the head to the widest end of the body.



Step 12

13. Cut out 4 legs and glue onto the widest part of the body.



14. Make several for your very own congregation of alligators!



15. Share your creations on our Facebook group “Adventures in EdZOOcation” or tag the North Carolina Zoo at #NCZoo or #NCZooEd.