

ORIGAMI STORY FROG

MATERIALS FOR 1 FROG:

- 1 Index Card (any size)
or a Rectangular Piece of Card Stock Craft Glue
- Marker (optional)
- 2 Googly Eyes (optional)
- 2 Small Buttons (or 2 stickers or 2 of anything for eyes (optional))

Note: Younger kids might need an adult helper for this craft.



Directions:

(A visual walk through of this craft is on the next page and it is demonstrated in the paired video.)

First, make creases.

1. Fold the card in half so the longer sides touch. Reopen.
2. Take the top corner and fold across to the other side so the sides' line up. Unfold. Repeat with the other top corner.
3. Where the diagonal creases meet in the middle of the card, fold the paper backward. Crease well. Reopen.
4. Place your thumb and forefinger on the endpoints of the crease that you made in step 3. Bring these points towards the center line until they touch. Flatten again. The creases should help! You should have formed a triangle shape at the top of your card.

Next, make folds.

5. Fold the outer points of the triangle up toward the top point to form a diamond shape.
6. Fold the sides of the card into the center line.
7. Fold the bottom up so it lines up with the center of the diamond.
8. Fold the same part in half, downward.

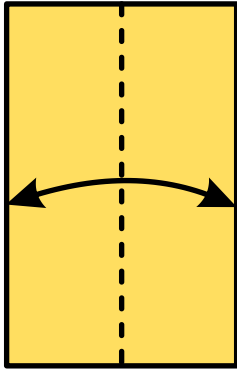
Finally, put it all together!

9. Decorate your frog with eyes drawn with a marker or by gluing on googly eyes or other eye decorations.
10. Press on the backside to make it jump. RIBBIT! RIBBIT!
11. Enjoy!

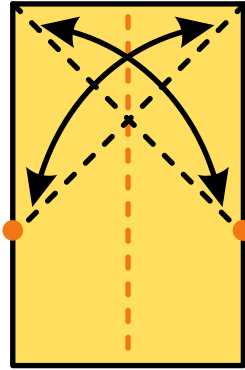
Storyologist Idea: Open up the card and write a story about your frog on the inside. Here are some “What If” ideas to get you started. What if...your frog liked to roller skate instead of jump? What if...your frog forgot how to ribbit? What if...your frog was lonely and wanted some friends? What if...your frog wanted to have a birthday party and wasn't sure who to invite? What if...your frog entered a high- jumping contest?

Science Fun Fact: Frogs have excellent night vision and are very sensitive to movement. The bulging eyes of most frogs allow them to see in front, to the sides, and partially behind them. Launched by their long legs, many frogs can leap more than 20 times their body length. Can you make your frog jump that far?

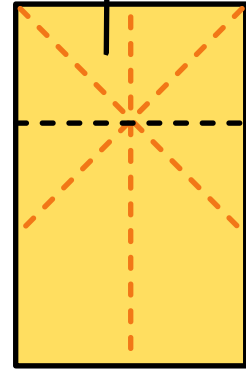
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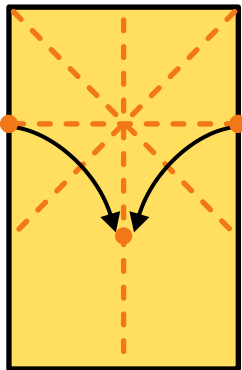
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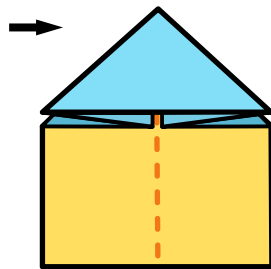
2. Fold one top corner to the opposite edge of the paper, then unfold. Repeat with the other top corner.



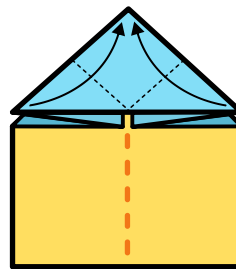
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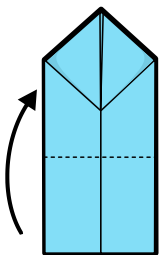
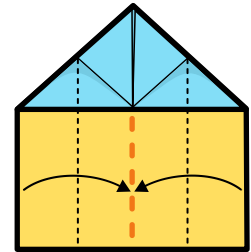
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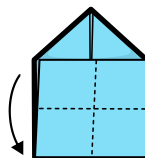
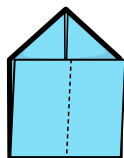
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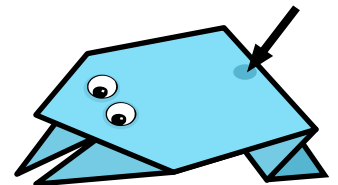
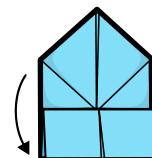
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