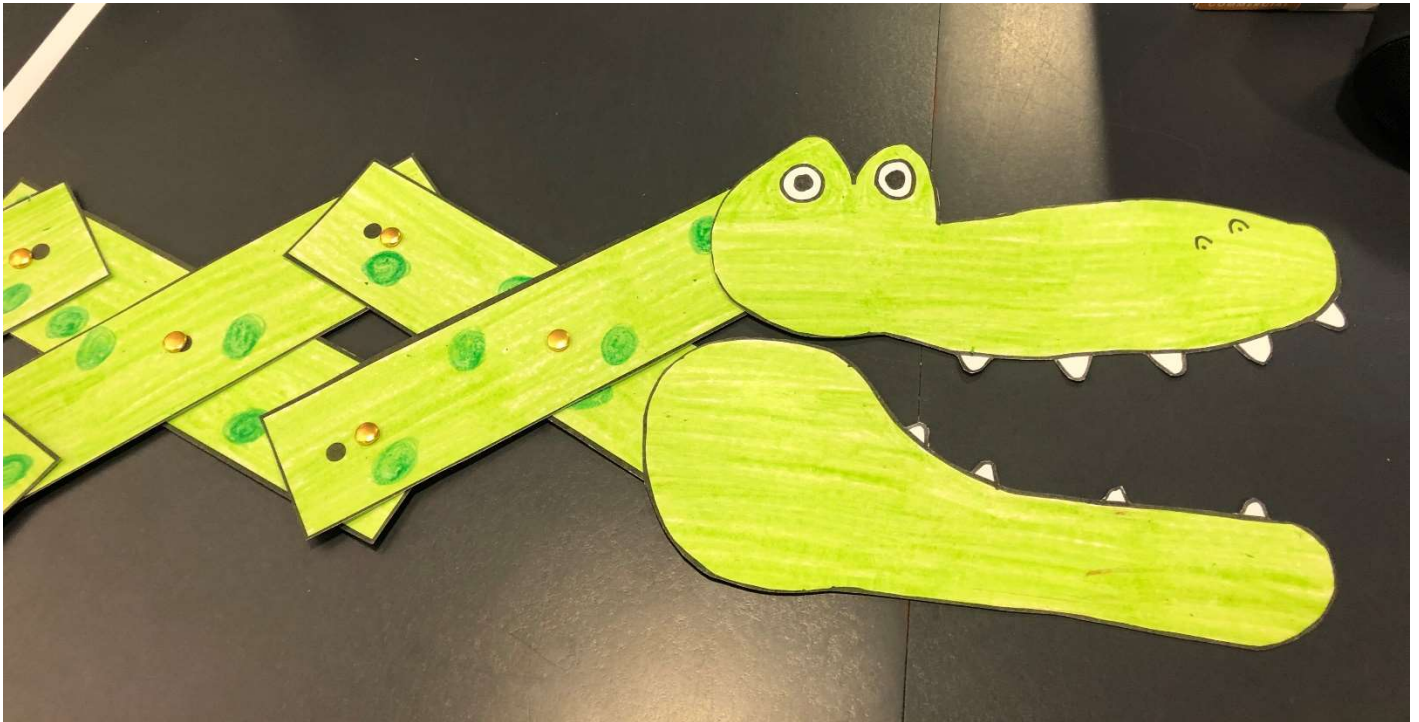


# Create a snappy creature!

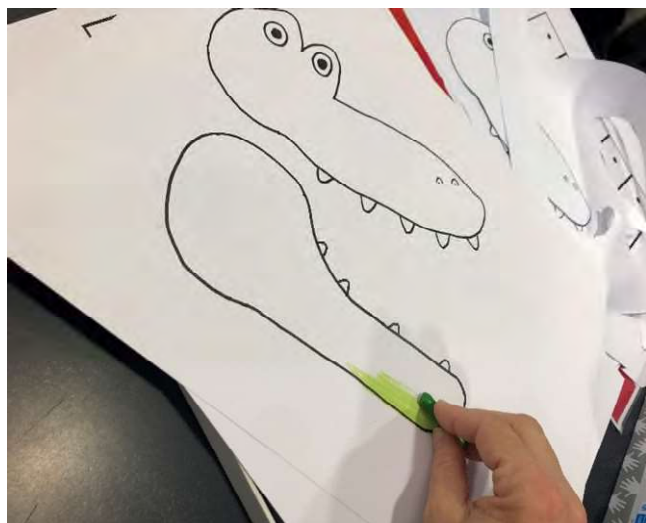


You will need:

- > White paper or thin card
- > Crayons, pencils or textas
- > Scissors (check with an adult that it's okay for you to use these)
- > Cardboard (I used an old box)
- > A glue stick
- > 7 x split pins or brads
- > An adult to help with some tricky bits (including a Stanley knife and drawing pin or metal skewer)



1. If you have a printer, print off our template or you could measure out six strips 20cm long and 5 cm wide and draw your creature's head onto the paper/thin card. Remember, if drawing your own creature that you need a top and bottom section for the snappy head to work.



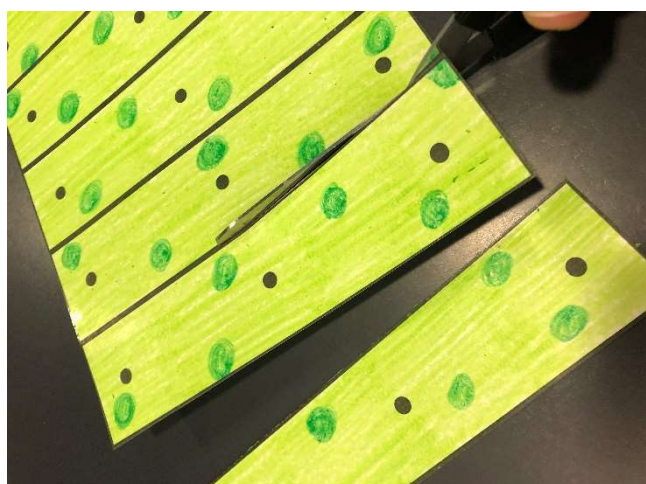
2. Colour in your creature and the strips
3. Cut out your coloured strips and both pieces of the head (remember to check with a grown up before using scissors).

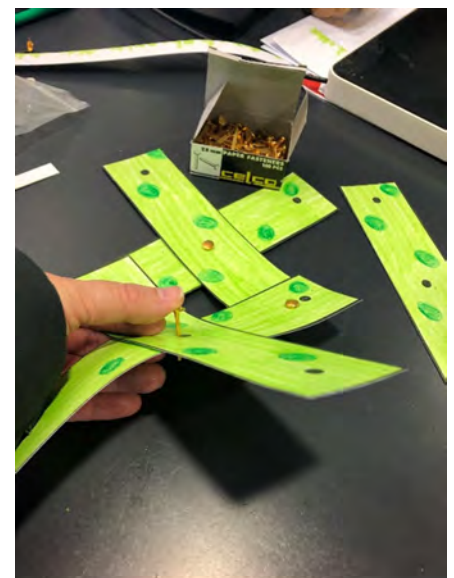
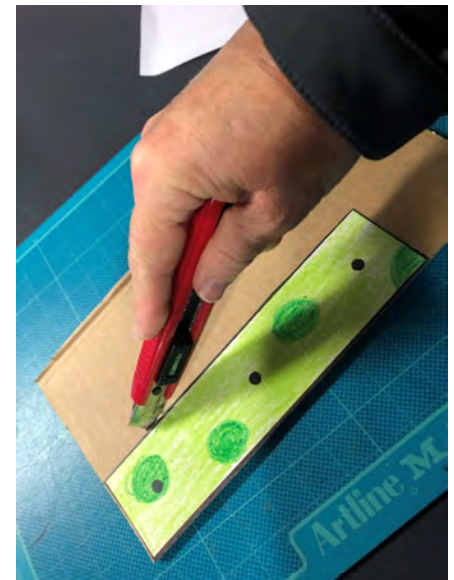
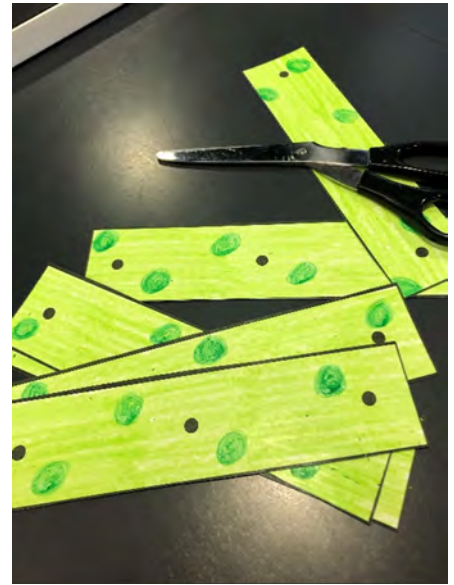
4. Now's where you will need some help from your adult... Using the box, they will need to cut out six strips to match the strips you made and coloured already. I used a Stanley knife which is definitely an adult piece of equipment!



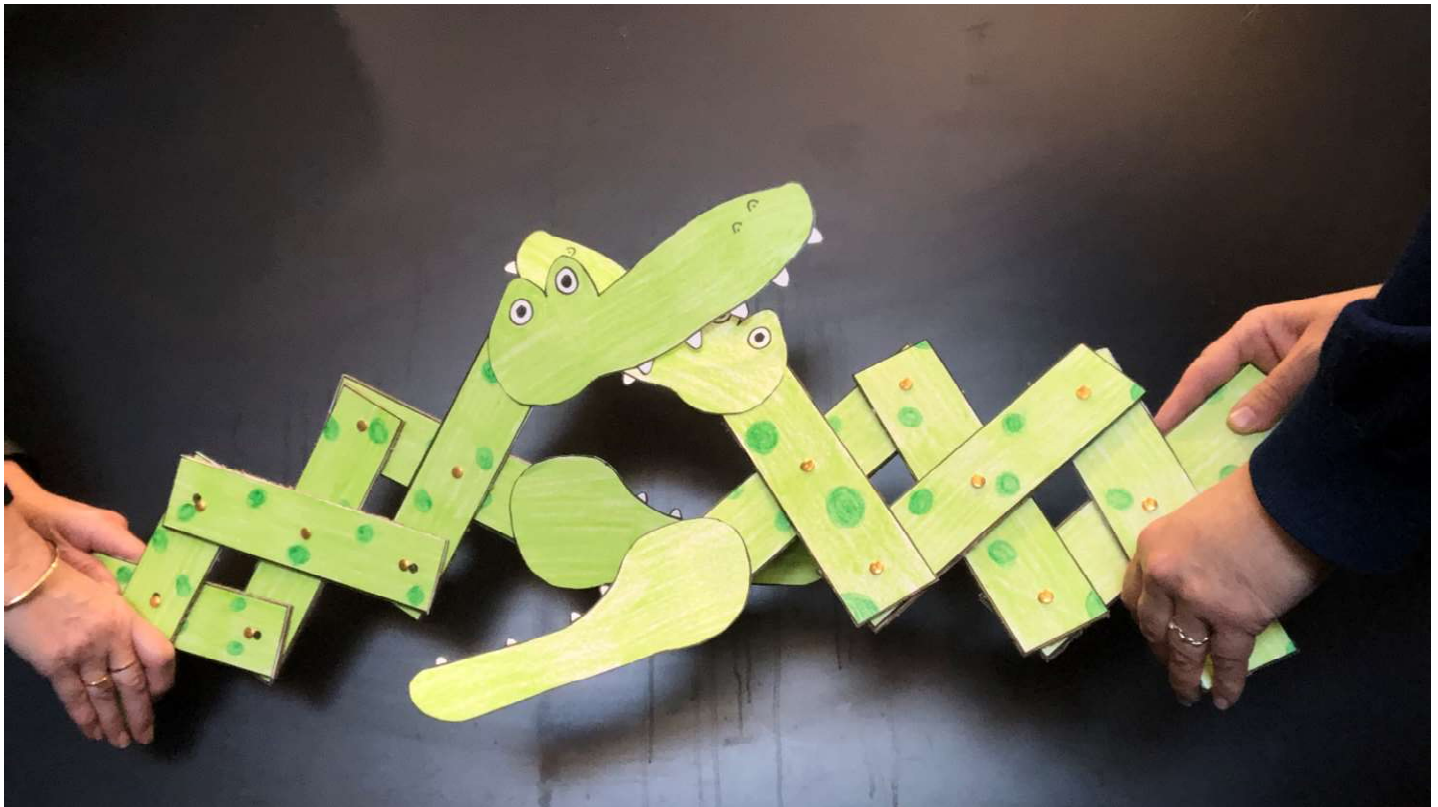
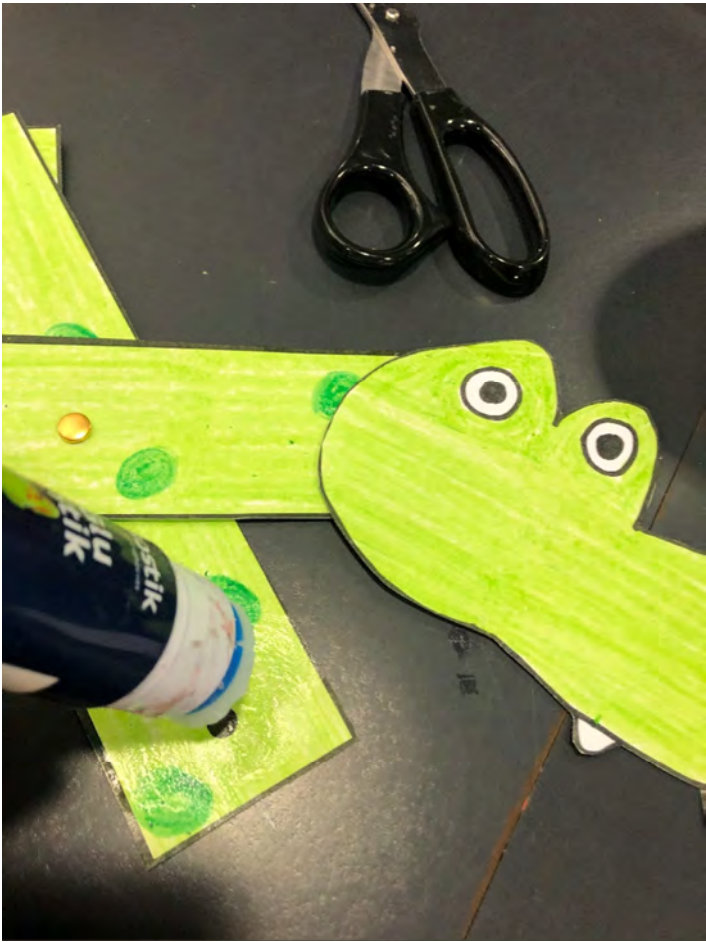
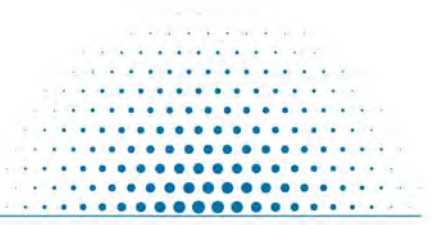
5. Glue your coloured strips onto the cardboard pieces so they are nice and strong (you can do the same with your creature's head too if you want)

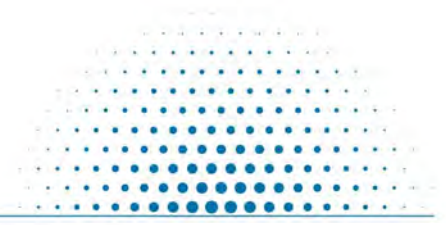
6. Colour the back of the cardboard if you want



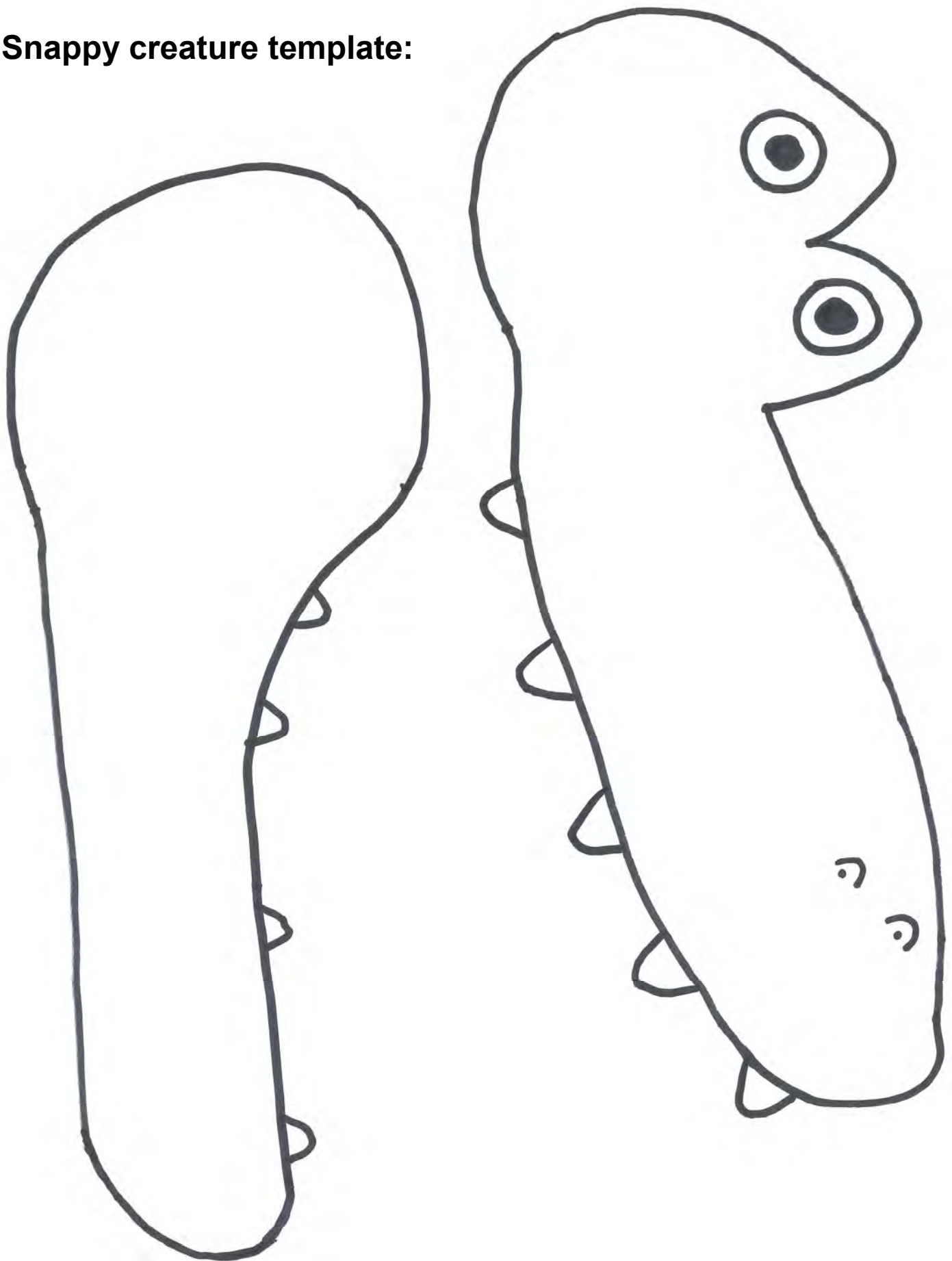


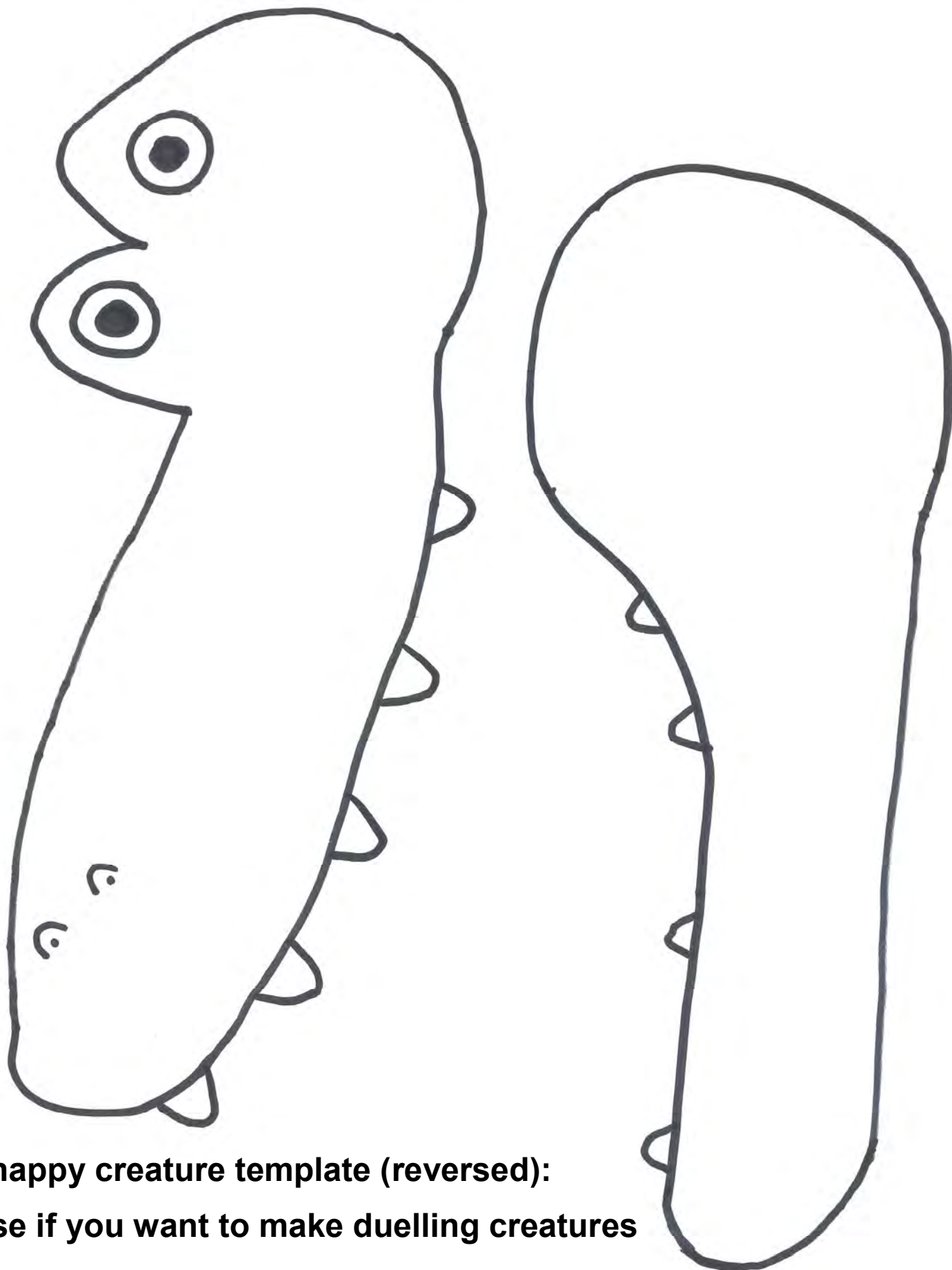
7. **Request a bit more help from your adult:** they need to poke some small holes through the cardboard strips so you can slide in the split pins/brads. I used a tiny screwdriver but a metal skewer or drawing pin would work too. You will need three holes on two pieces (one in the centre and the other two on each side) and two holes each on the rest just like I've marked on the template (centre and just one side).
8. Glue the top of your creature's head onto one of the strips with only two holes – the head goes on the end without a hole.
9. Do the same with the bottom of the head/jaws.
10. Now join your creature together using split pins/brads – by making the strips into crosses and then pinning the crosses together to join the ends.
11. Give your snappy creature a test run but remember not to snap on your brother or sister as the teeth could hurt them.
12. This toy uses simple mechanics (fulcrums and levers) to give you loads of fun!



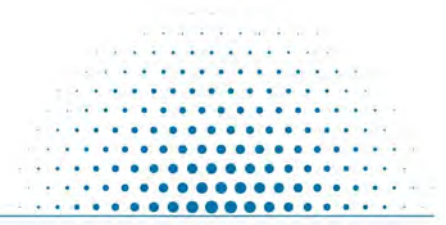


**Snappy creature template:**

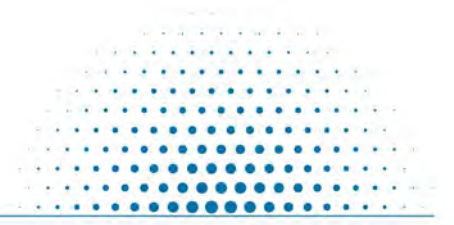




**Snappy creature template (reversed):  
Use if you want to make duelling creatures**



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