

ACTIVITY TIME

Shoo You Crocodile!

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Re-tell the fun and energetic story of *Shoo You Crocodile!* with your very own crocodiles. Half the fun will be making them! As your child makes their puppets, they will be exploring different technology as they use the scissors and pegs. They will also develop fine motor skills and thinking skills as they use their hands and follow the directions on how to make the puppet.

Once the puppet is made, prompt your child to tell the story in their own way, using the puppet. You can give them help as you go along to form the story. I wonder what will happen at the start? Now what will the crocodile do? Will you be brave and make the noises to shoo the crocodile? Or perhaps very unexpected adventures will happen!

This type of play helps children begin to learn that there is a sequence to a story, a beginning, middle and end. Learning about sequences is an important part of science.

Crocodile puppet

Instructions:

1. Print on card, or glue the crocodile shapes from the template onto card
2. Cut out and glue the head to one side of the peg
3. Cut out and glue the bottom jaw to the other side of the peg
4. Cut out and glue the body to the peg (below the head – see photo)
5. Use the peg to open and close the crocodile's mouth
6. Have fun!

Alternatively, use recycled boxes and containers to create a crocodile. You could use a variety of collage materials, textures and paints to decorate!

Songs to sing

*Row Row Row Your Boat, One Potato Two Potato,
1 2 3 4 5 Once I Caught A Fish Alive.*

Key message

Children learn by doing.



Adult supervision is essential. Involve and talk with your child as much as possible.



***You can introduce simple Science Technology, Engineering & Maths (STEM) concepts to children aged 2+ years through every day play.**

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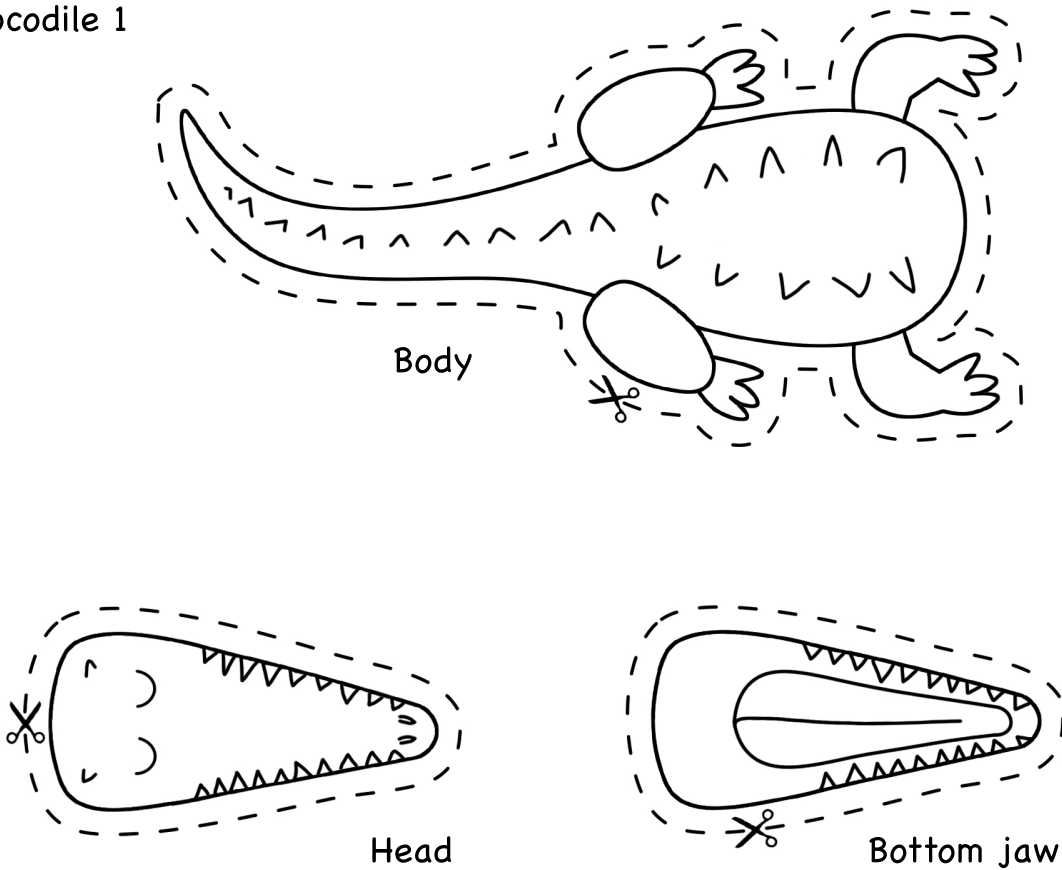
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