



Grades 1-4

Exploring Reptiles

Learning Lapbook with Study Guide



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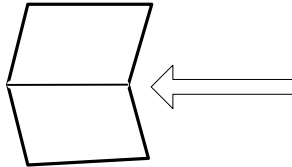
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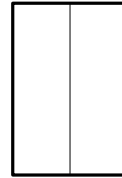
Things to Know

Keep in mind that children of the same age can have very different academic and motor skills. Some children may have trouble writing in some of the smaller spaces of this lapbook. If this describes your child, we encourage you to let your child dictate the answers and you write for him. A lapbook is to be a fun project, not stressful.

Hamburger Fold-Fold horizontally



Hotdog Fold-Fold vertically



Dotted Lines-These are the cutting lines.

Accordion Fold-This fold is like making a paper fan. Fold on the first line so that title is on top. Turn over and fold on next line so that title is on top again. Turn over again and fold again on the next line so that title is on top. Continue until all folds are done.

Cover Labels-Most of the booklets that are folded look nicer with a label on top instead of just a blank space. They will be referred to as "cover label."

How Long Does it Take to Complete the Lapbook?

Doing a study guide page and mini-booklet a day, a 3-folder lapbook takes about one month to complete. However, you can expand the study portion and make it last as long as you like! That's the beauty of homeschooling! Do it YOUR way!

Lapbook Assembly Choices

(see photos on how to fold and glue your folders together)

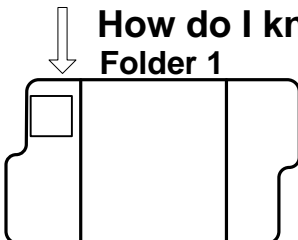
We recommend using Zip Dry Glue or Elmer's Extreme.

Choice #1 -Do not glue your folders together until you have completely finished all three folders. It is easier to work with one folder instead of two or three glued together.

Choice #2 -Glue all of your folders together before beginning. Some children like to see the entire project as they work on it. It helps with keeping up with which folder you are supposed to be working in. The choices are completely up to you and your child!

How do I know where to place each template in the folder?

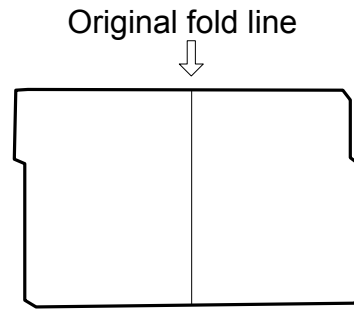
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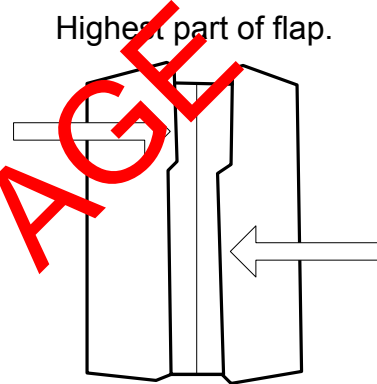
This placement key tells you the template goes in the first folder at the top of the left flap.

Folding a Lapbook Base

Gather the number of folders required for the project. Fold them flat as seen here.



For each folder, fold the left and right sides inward toward the original line to create two flaps. Crease so that the highest part of each flap is touching the original line. It is important not to let the two flaps overlap. *You may want to take a ruler and run it down each crease to make it sharper.*



Glue your folders together by putting glue (or you may staple) on the inside of the flaps. Then press the newly glued flaps together with your hands until they get a good strong hold to each other. Follow this step to add as many folders as you need for your project. Most of our lapbooks have either 2 or 3 folders.

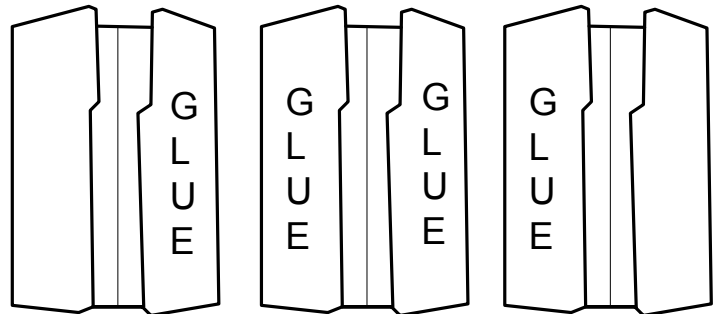
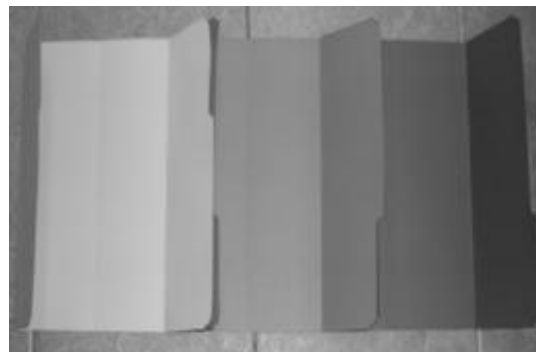
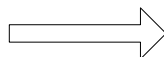


Photo of a completed lapbook base



Supplies and Storage

- *Lapbook Pages
- *3 Colored File Folders
- *Scissors
- *Glue
- *Stapler
- *Brads (not needed for every lapbook. If brads are not available, a stapler will do.)
- *Hole Puncher (again, not needed for every lapbook.)

To make the storage system (optional)

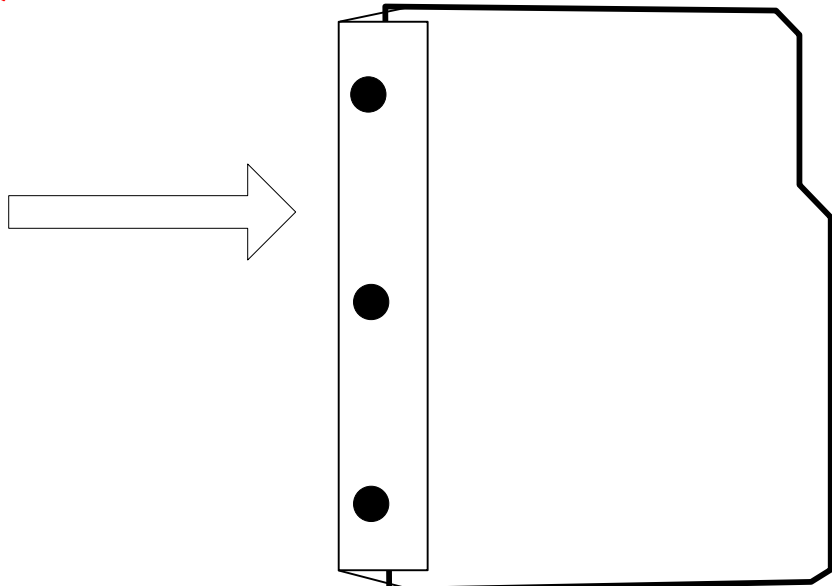
See details below about the use of a storage system.

- *Duct tape (any color)
- *One 3-ring binder
- *Hole Puncher

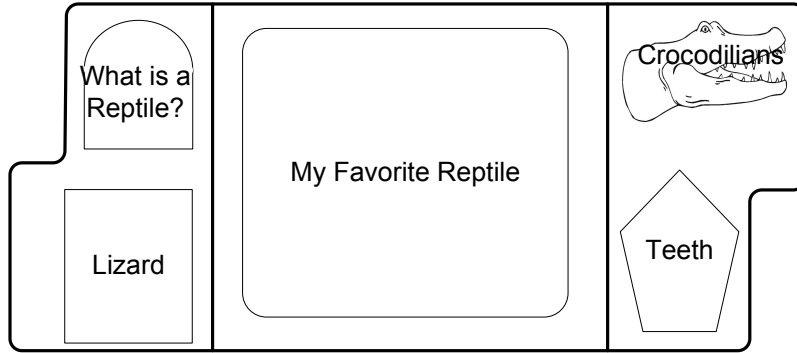
My child has made several lapbooks. Can I store all of the lapbooks together in one place?

Yes! A three-ring binder serves as a great place to keep your lapbooks. This method of storage not only keeps your lapbooks from getting lost but also keeps them neat and readily available to share with dad, grandparents, friends, etc. When you are through sharing your lapbooks, just place the three-ring binder back on your bookshelf! Below are step-by-step directions of how to prepare each lapbook to be placed in a three-ring binder.

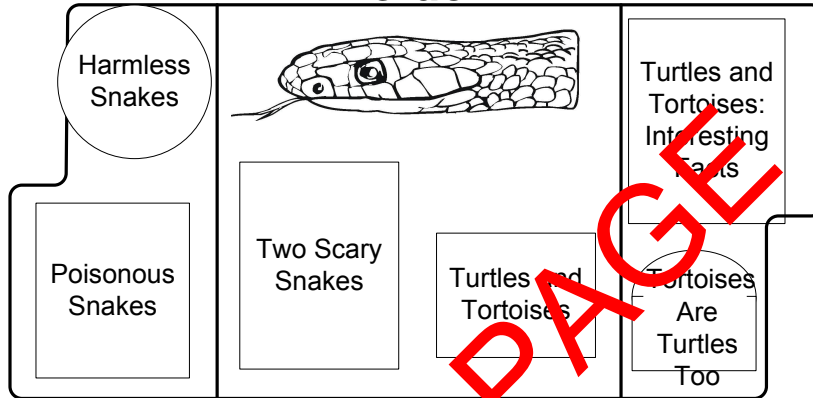
Close the lapbook. Measure a piece of duct tape that is as long as the lapbook. Place the edge of the duct tape on the top edge of the lapbook. Then fold the duct tape over so that it can be placed on the bottom edge. Make sure to leave enough duct tape sticking out from the edges to punch three holes. Be careful when punching the holes that you do not punch the holes in the folder. If you do, that's okay. Then place in three-ring binder. Depending on the size of your three-ring binder, you can store many lapbooks in it.



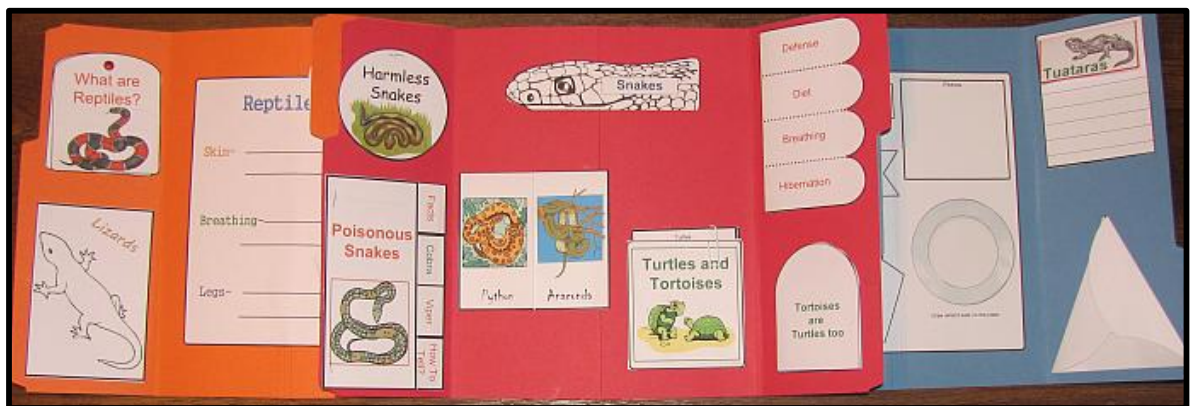
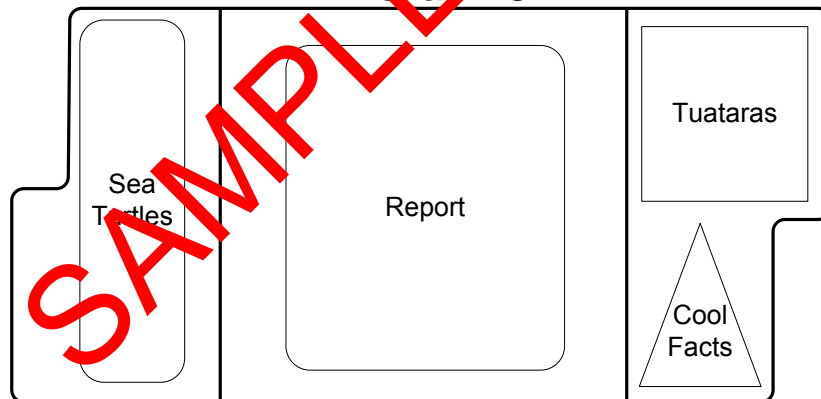
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Folder 2



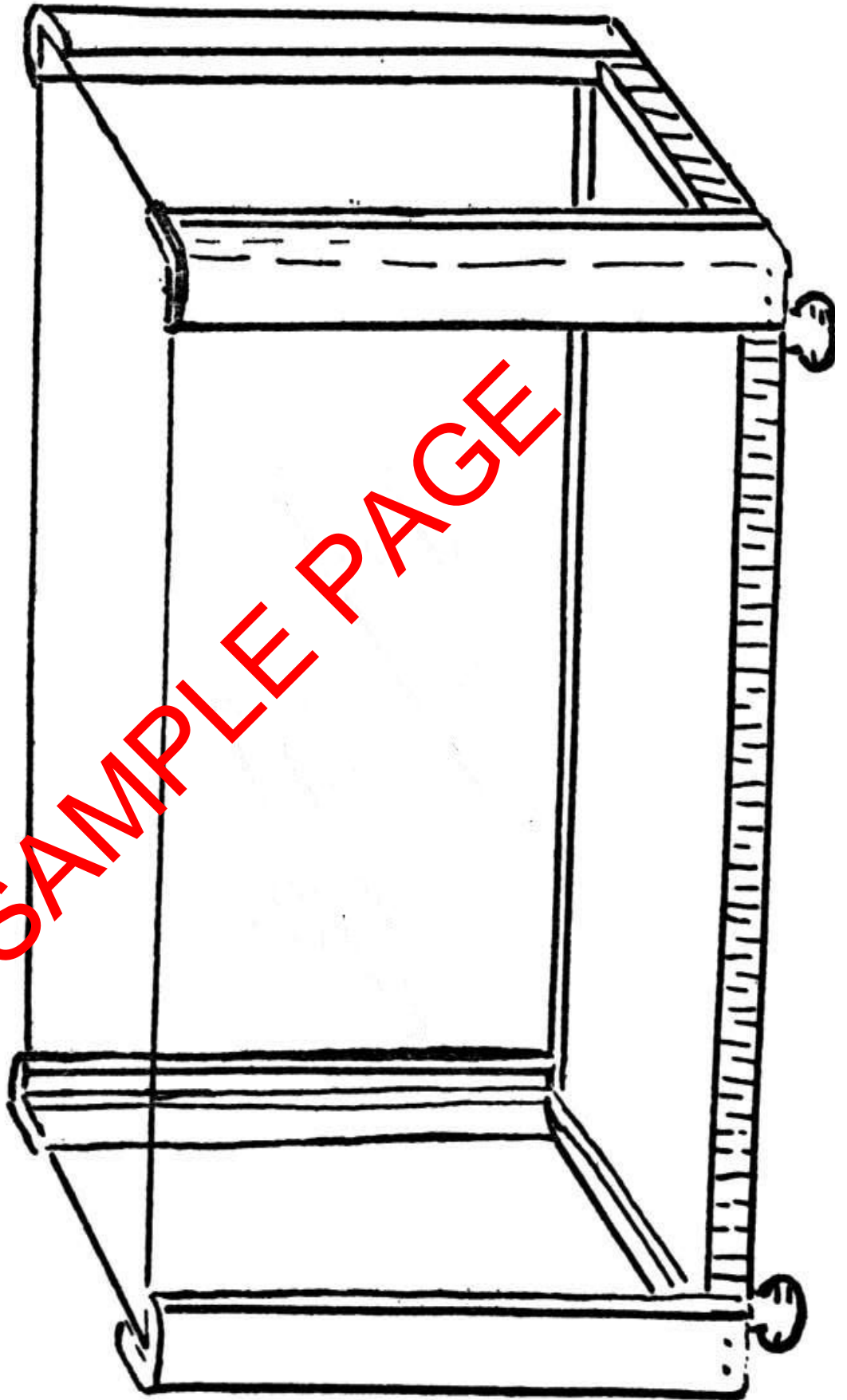
Folder 3



Cut out the page on the dotted lines. Glue to the front of your closed lapbook. Inside of the aquarium, create a home for your reptile pet. Don't forget to draw your pet and name it, too!

Reptiles Lapbook

SAMPLE PAGE



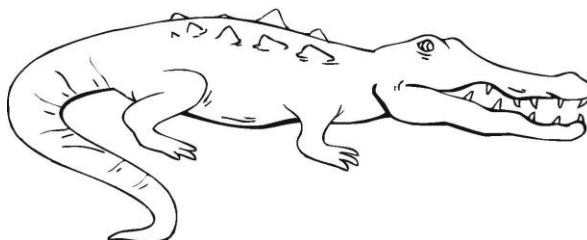
Fearsome Reptiles: Crocodilians

Crocodilians are the largest and the fiercest of the reptiles. Crocodilians include crocodiles, alligators and caymans. All crocodilians look alike: they have long tails, and large jaws. Their skin is covered by small bony plates and scales. They look like giant lizards!

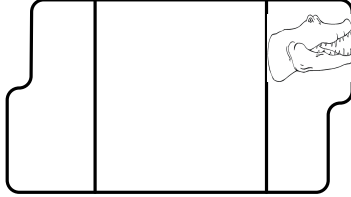
Crocodilians like water. Most spend their life around freshwater lakes, rivers or swamps. A few are found near the coast. In water, these reptiles are good swimmers. If they happen to be on a mud bank, crocodilians slide on their stomachs but, if they need to travel long distances, they walk on their short legs.

Most crocodilians live in the tropics but certain species can be found in the warm, moist regions of the temperate zones. All crocodilians lay eggs. They lay 20 to 90 eggs in a group or clutch. The eggs are usually long, white and shiny with a thick, hard shell. Believe it or not, the fierce crocodilians are good mothers: they protect their eggs and then the hatchlings. Young hatchlings feed on fish, insects and shellfish. Adults feed on bigger prey like fish, birds, and any other animals they can catch.

Crocodilians live a long time. In captivity, such as in a zoo, they can live up to 50 years. They are the heaviest of reptiles, weighing as much as 1,000 pounds. Crocodilians make lots of barking and grunting noises but can be quiet if necessary. When it gets too cold or too hot, crocodilians hibernate or aestivate.



Folder 1



Read Fearsome Reptiles: Crocodilians.

Cut out each piece. Stack on top of each other. Fasten with a brad.
Glue into lapbook.

Directions: Inside of the booklet, answer the questions.

Crocodilians

SAMPLE PAGE

How much can they weigh?

How long do they live?