

# Crocodylians

Crocodylians are large, amphibious, carnivorous reptiles of lizard-like appearance.

There are 3 types of Crocodylians; Crocodiles, Alligators/Caimans, and Gharial. Within these types there are at least 23 different species of crocodylian.

Crocodylians can be found in tropical and subtropical wetlands, rivers, ponds, lakes, and coastlines all across the world.

Crocodylians unique bodies allow the eyes, ears, and nostrils to be above the water surface while most of the animal is hidden below.

[www.britannica.com/animal/crocodile-order](http://www.britannica.com/animal/crocodile-order)



# American Alligator

American Alligators are 1 of 2 kinds of alligators, the other is the Chinese Alligator. Alligators are closely related to the Caiman.

American Alligators can only be found in the southern part of the United States.

The average life span of alligators is about 50 years in the wild. However, there have been reports of some specimens living beyond 70 years of age in captivity.

The American Alligator was once an endangered species due to over hunting and loss of habitat. The Endangered Species Act of 1973 combined with conservation efforts have allowed the species to make an excellent comeback.

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# Week 1 Video Story Time

## Books

- Claude: The True Story of a White Alligator by Emma Bland Smith
- Arrivederci, Crocodile or See You Later Alligator by Fred Marcellino & Eric Puybaret
- The Truth About Crocodiles by Maxwell Eaton

## Craft Supplies

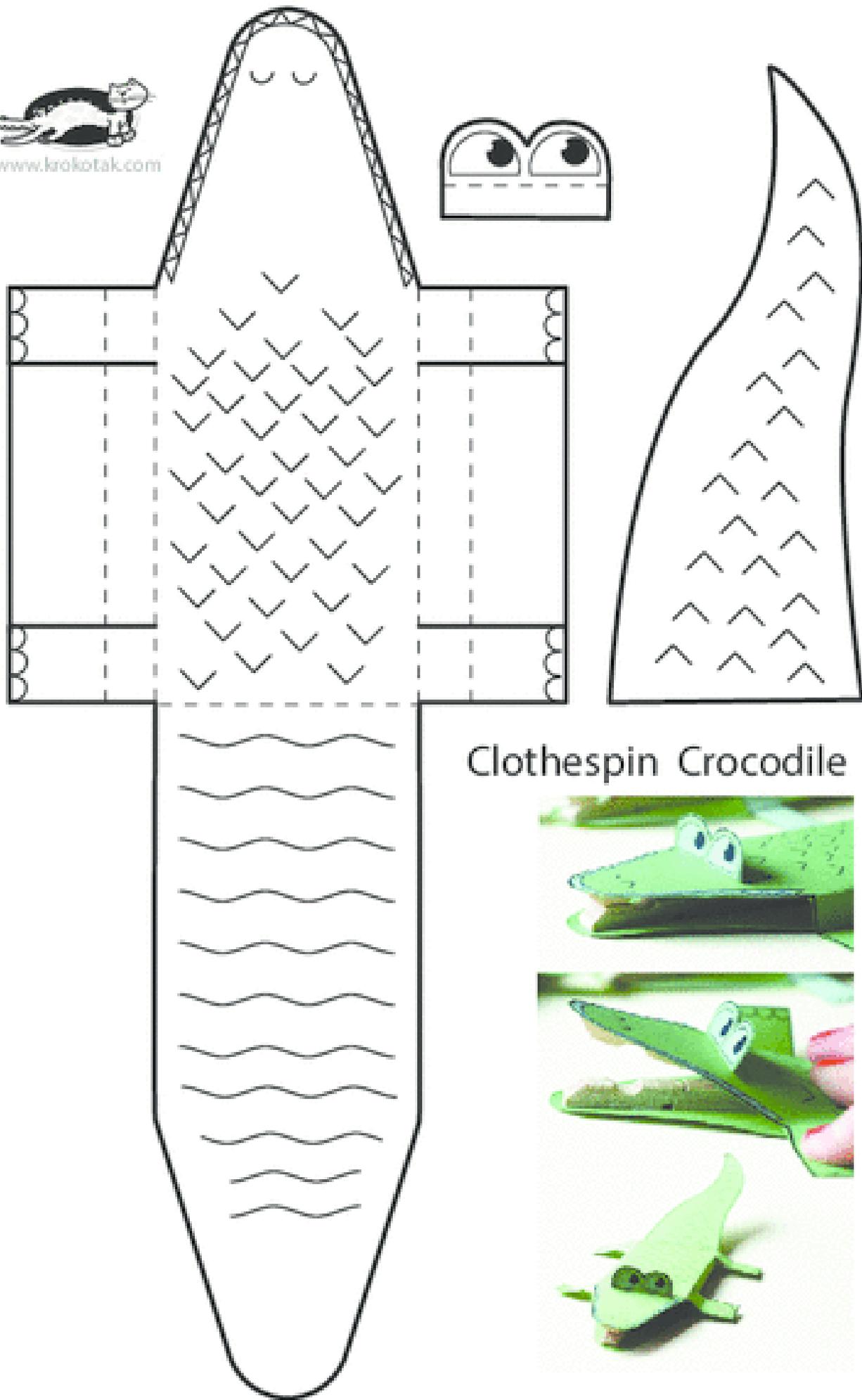
- Clothespin Crocodile/Alligator print outs
- Clothes pins
- Glue
- Scissors
- Crayons or colored pencils

## Instructions

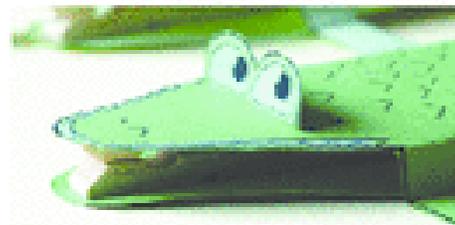
- Color your Crocodiles/Alligators.
- Cut out all the pieces. When your done you'll have the body, the tail, and the eyes.
- Fold the body in half along the dotted line. The belly part of the body should now be on the bottom, and your Crocodiles/Alligators should now have mouths.
- Glue the tail onto the body.
- Glue the eyes onto the head.
- Glue clothespin inside mouth of Crocodiles/Alligators, to both the top and bottom. (You'll need either white glue or hot glue for this part)
- Let dry



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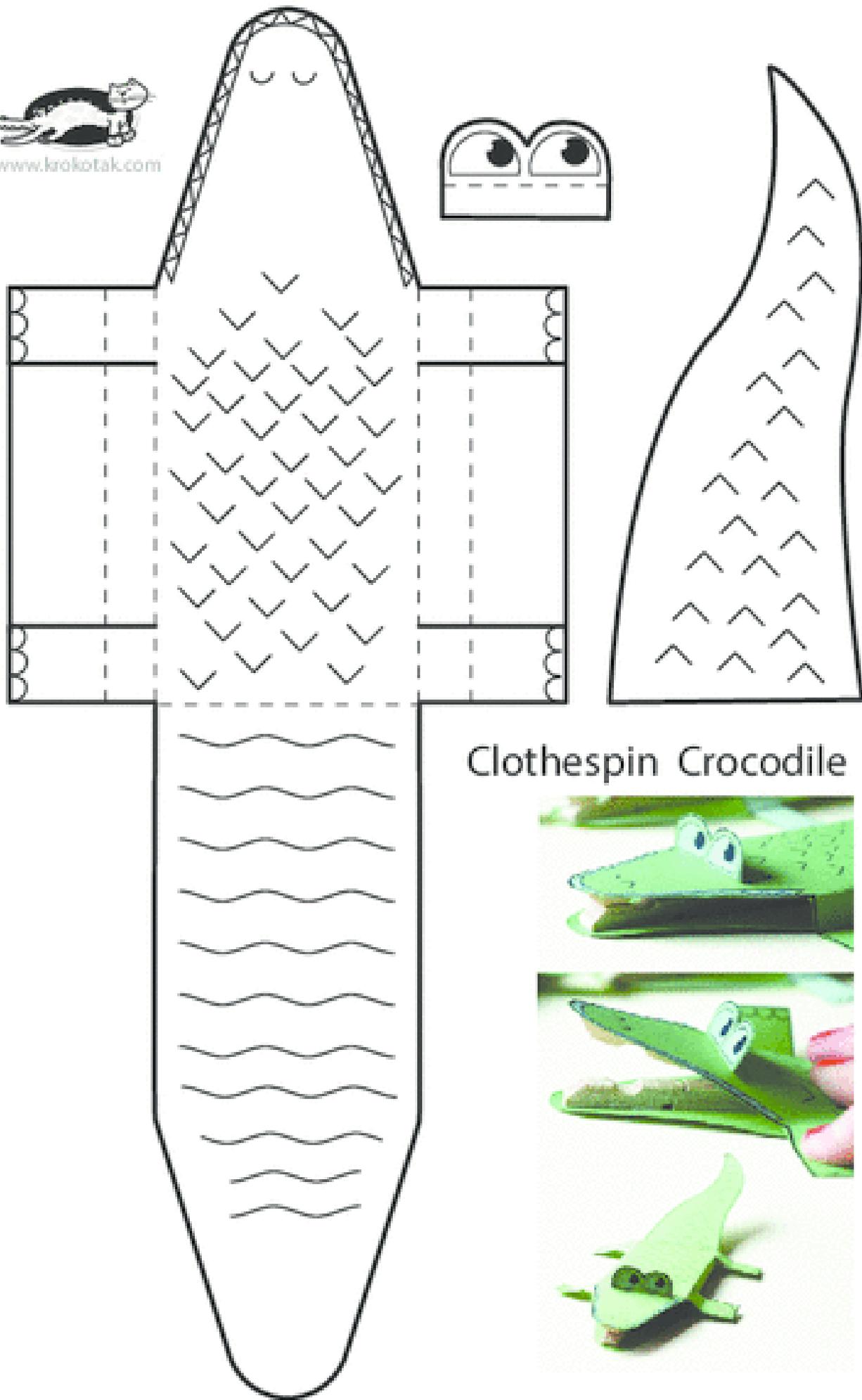


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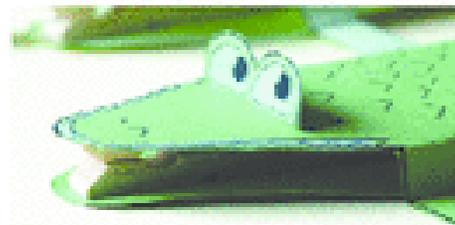




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## Watched Video Story Time!

If you watched the Mansfield Free Public Library's Summer Library Program Story Time video you can put this ticket towards a prize or towards the programs raffle.

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## Made The Craft!

If you made the craft from the Mansfield Free Public Library's Summer Library Program Story & Craft Time video you can put this ticket towards a prize or towards the programs raffle.

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## Read for 15 Minutes!

Take some time to read by yourself or with a parent/guardian.

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