



Snapping Turtle Chomper

Alligator snapping turtles have a specialized tongue that looks like a worm. When the turtle opens its mouth, its tongue tempts fish to take a closer look, and then...SNAP! Snack time.

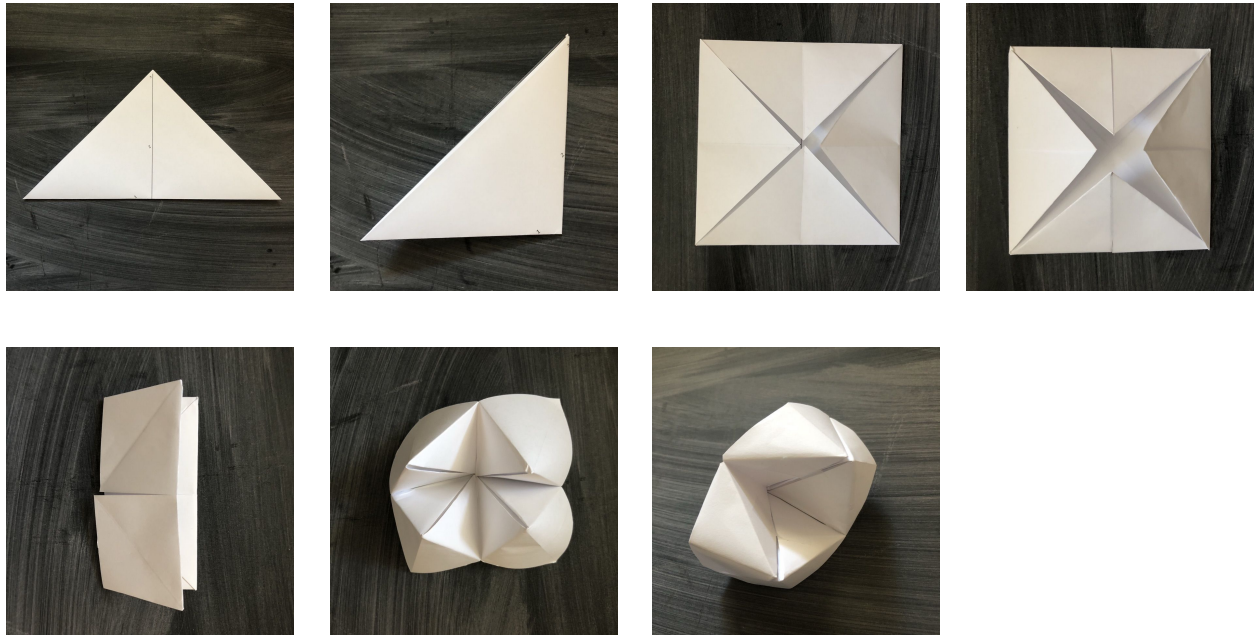
Make your own alligator snapping turtle chomper by following the directions below and start snapping some fish!

Materials

Print out templates (pages 3 and 4)
Crayons or colored pencils
Scissors
Tape

Directions

1. **Color in** the turtle, tongue, fish, and origami mouth.
2. **Cut out** the turtle, tongue, fish, and square origami mouth with scissors.
3. **Fold** the origami mouth using the step-by-step photos on the next page as a guide.
4. **Tape** the turtle body to the origami mouth, letting the nose corner hang over the mouth a bit to give the snapping turtle its characteristic pointy nose.
5. **Tape** the tongue inside the origami mouth.
6. **Insert** your fingers into the origami mouth and practice snapping up some fish!



How to fold the origami mouth:

- a. **Fold** the square in half along the "1" to make a large triangle.
- b. **Fold** in half along the "2" to make a smaller triangle.
- c. **Unfold** back to the original square, then **fold** each corner (where the "3" is) to the square's center.
- d. **Flip** the square over and **fold** all four corners (where the "4" is) to meet in the middle.
- e. **Fold** in half vertically, then horizontally.
- f. **Push** your fingers underneath the tabs and wiggle them to **open** the four points.
- g. **Fold** under each of the four corners (where the "3" is), then **tape** the two top "upper jaw" tabs together and the two "lower jaw" tabs together

