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.

b. **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.