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Who's in the Pond?

Directions: Cut along the lower edge of this paper to create the effect of ripples on the water's surface. Then fold the paper up along the dotted line to create a pretend pond. (When you do this, these directions will be hidden!) Using a small sponge and a blue and/or green stamp pad (or tempera paints) sponge color over the pond to make it look like water. Next, glue the vertical edges of the folded paper together to create a sort of 'pond pocket.' Color and cut out the drawings on the accompanying page that show a few creatures who have evolved to live in ponds. Carefully place your creatures in their new home.

Ask your friends and family to guess who lives in the pond. If they guess correctly, 'fish out' the creatures that they've guessed and have them hold them until the guessing game is over. Can anyone guess the names of all the creatures who are in this little pond habitat. Who guessed the most?

You can also draw other pond dwellers and then cut them out and add them to your pond. A book on pond life can provide reference pictures for your drawing and more information about the many beings who know that ponds can be good places to live.