

# Planarian Craft

Planaria move by stretching out and scrunching up their bodies. They get long and thin, then short and wide.

You can use the picture on the next page to make a model planarian.

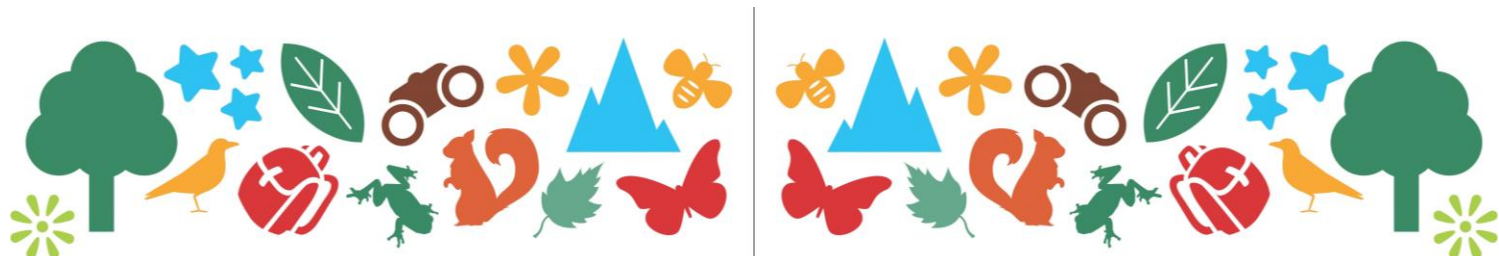
Cut out the shape on the dark outline.

Fold on the gray lines. For a solid gray line, make the fold go up and for a dashed gray line, make the fold go down. (This is similar to folding a paper fan.)

When it's folded up, the planarian is making its body short and wide. When you pull the folds open, the planarian's body is long and thin. The planarian can move its front part\* forward and pull in the back part to catch up. Try to make your paper planarian climb something nearby.

\*Which end is the front? What do you see that makes you think it's the front or head end of the planarian?

Did you know? The planarian's eyes can only see light and dark. They can't see clear shapes or colors the way we can. Planaria like to move away from light and toward the dark.



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