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One day after Moses was grown up, he was out in the desert watching sheep. As he walked along, suddenly he saw something **very strange**. A bush was **on fire**, right in the middle of the desert. But the bush burned and burned and **NEVER** burned up! "I wonder why the bush is not burned up?" Moses said.

As Moses got closer to the burning bush, he heard a voice calling to him, "*Moses, Moses*" the

voice said. Why, it sounded as if the voice came from the bush! *“Moses, Moses,”* the voice called once again.

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God spoke again, *“I have seen how badly the mean king is treating my Hebrew people in the land of Egypt. He makes them work very hard, and they are crying for help. Moses, I want you to go to the king and tell him to let my people go free so they can live somewhere else. Then Moses, you will be their leader.”*

But Moses wasn't so sure about this! *“How can I go to the king? He won't listen to me. I'm not strong enough to lead the people out of Egypt. How can I do such a big job as this?”* Moses asked God.

“I will be with you,” God said. *“I will help you.”* So Moses chose to obey God even though he was frightened. He went to the king and he said *“Let God's people go!”* . But when the wicked king heard this, he became very angry. *“Who is the Lord, that I should obey His voice? I don't even know the Lord, and I will NOT let the people go!”*

Then the mean king made the Hebrew people work harder and harder and treated them meaner and meaner. He'd show them that he was the king and didn't have to obey **ANYONE!** But the king was wrong. Because he would not obey, God punished him and all the king's people in the land of Egypt. First God turned all the water in Egypt into blood so that no one had anything to drink! Moses returned to the king once again and said "*Let God's people go!*" But still the king said **NO!**

So God sent a second punishment to the king and the people of Egypt. This time, God sent hundreds and hundreds of frogs. There were frogs **everywhere!** In their houses, and in their food, in their shoes and everywhere else you looked, there were frogs.

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“Yes, Moses, yes! the king finally yelled. “Get all your people out of my land. It is because of you that I’ve had all these punishments from your God. Hurry and go away!”

Moses was glad to lead God’s people away from the mean king and into the new land. He knew that God was helping him to be a strong and wise leader.

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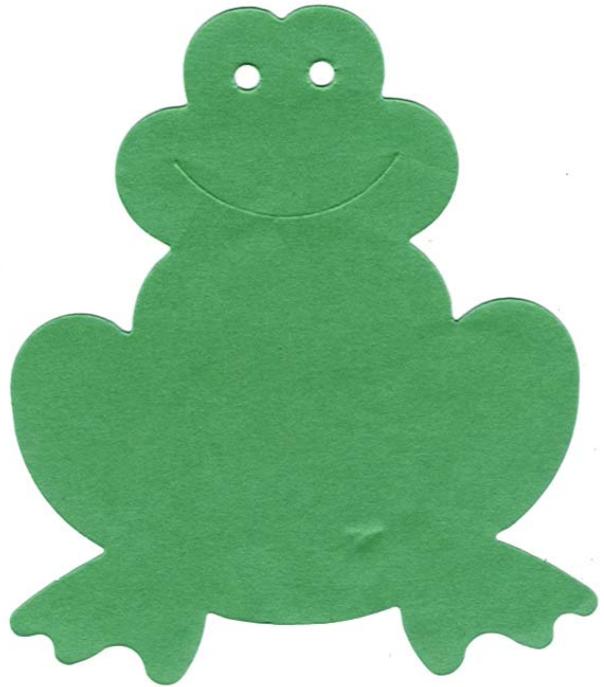
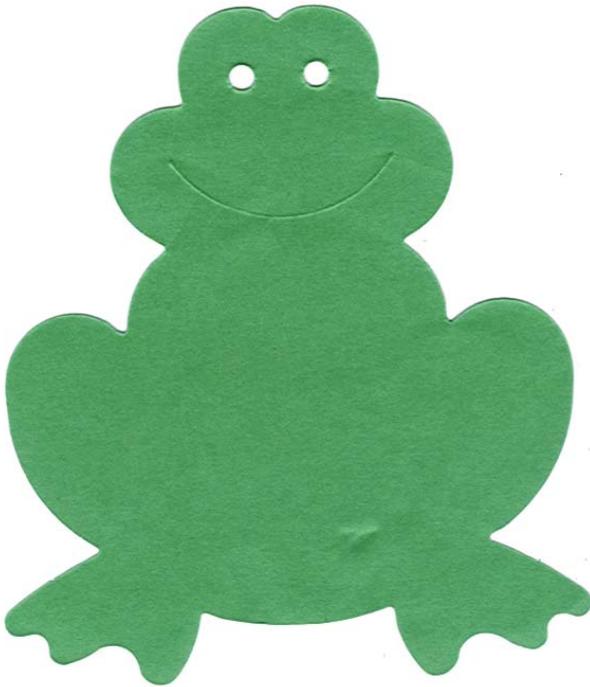
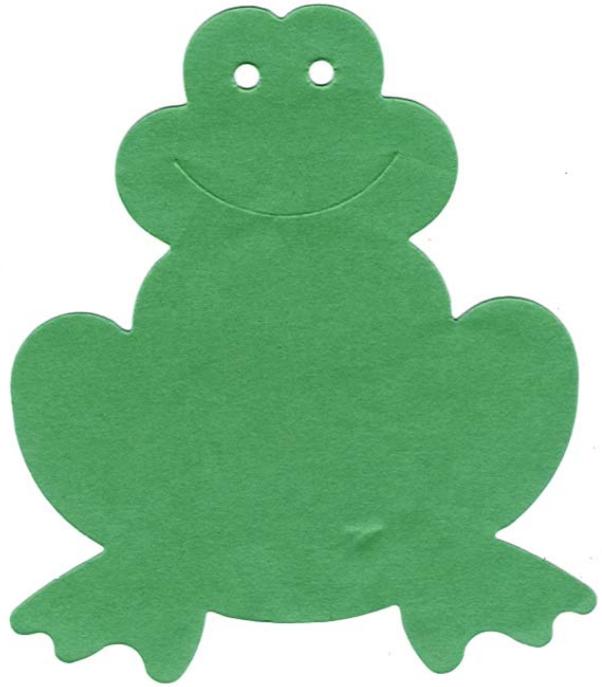
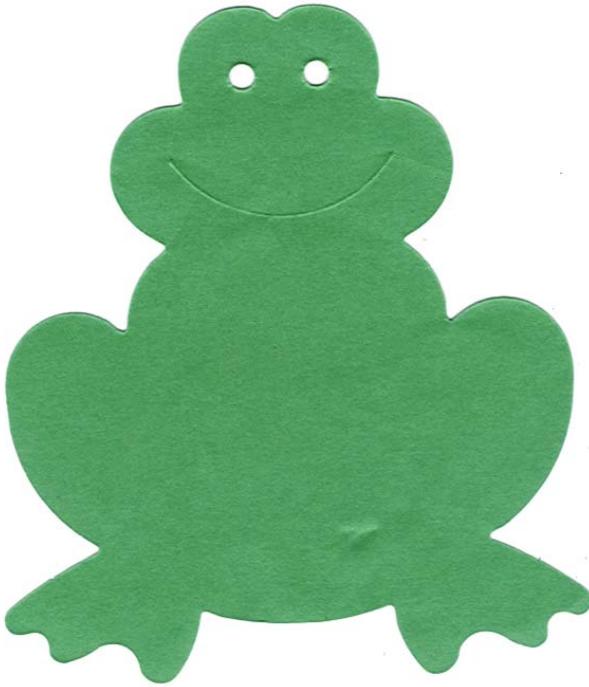
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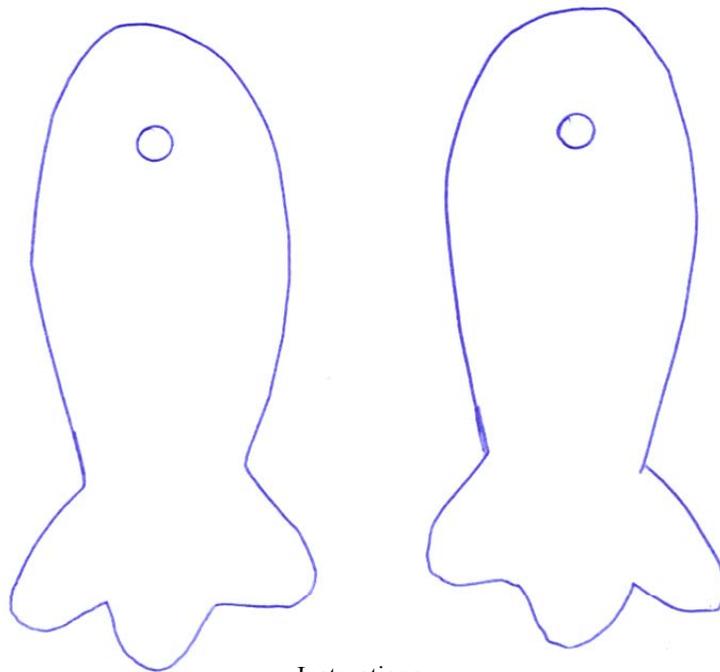
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Instructions:

Cut out 1 Frog and 2 legs for each child. (Using Green Posterboard)

Punch holes around the entire circumference of the frog per diagram on the left,

Punch two holes on the frogs stomach (per diagram on left)

Punch two holes in the frogs legs (per diagram above)

Cut 1 piece of yarn per child using green yarn. (approx 36")

To make a needle, Take a bread twist tie, tie one end of the yarn around the twist tie. (middle of the twist tie) and make a couple of tight knots.

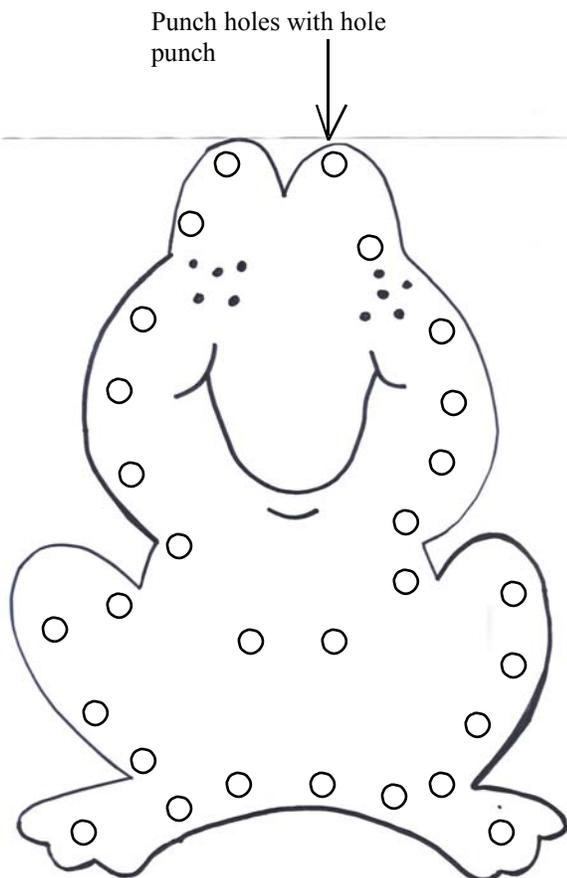
Fold the twist tie in half and twist it together all the way to the end of the twist tie.

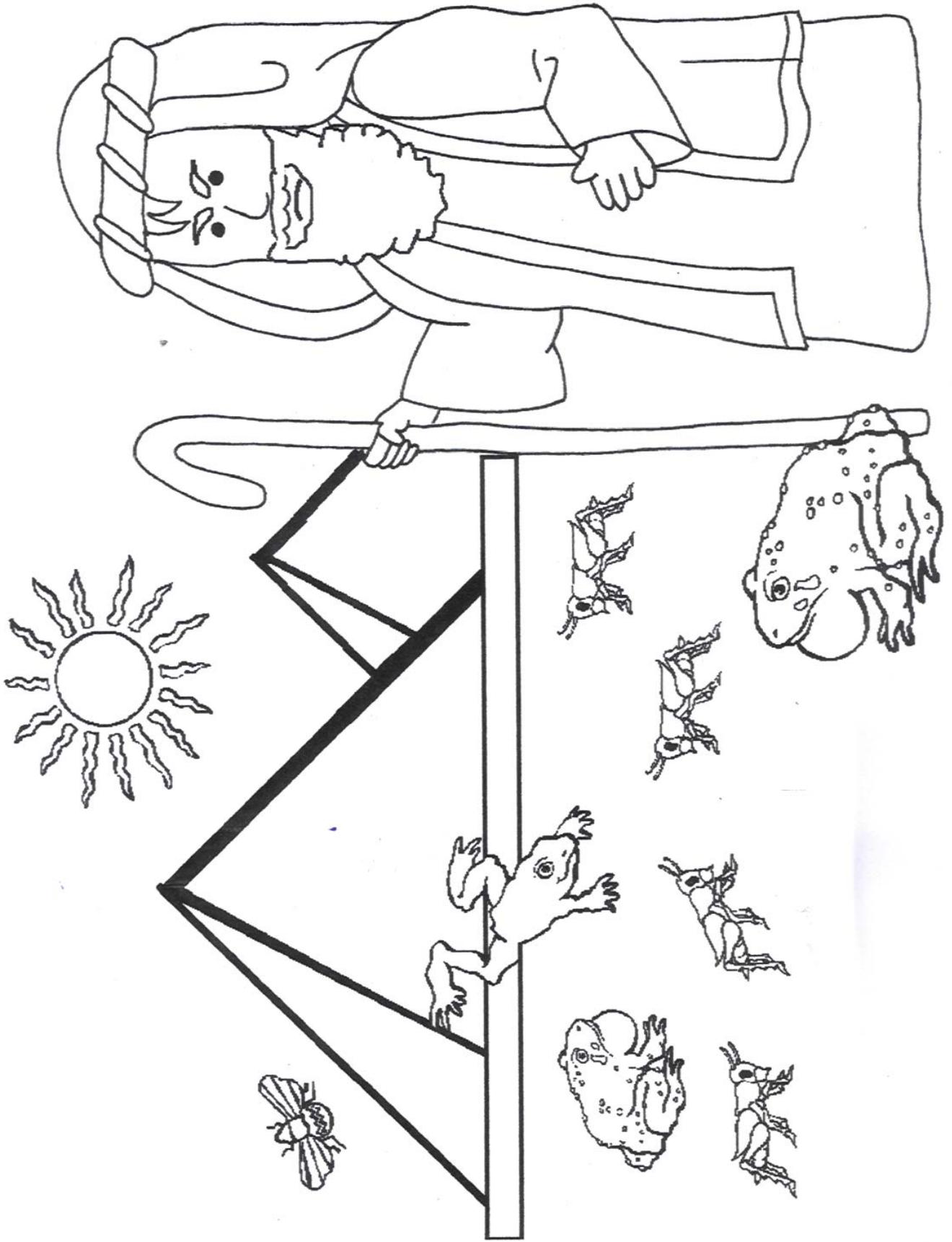
If you are working with younger children, go ahead and lace the loose end of the yarn through one of the holes at the bottom and tie it in a knot. If you are working with older children, they can tie it themselves.

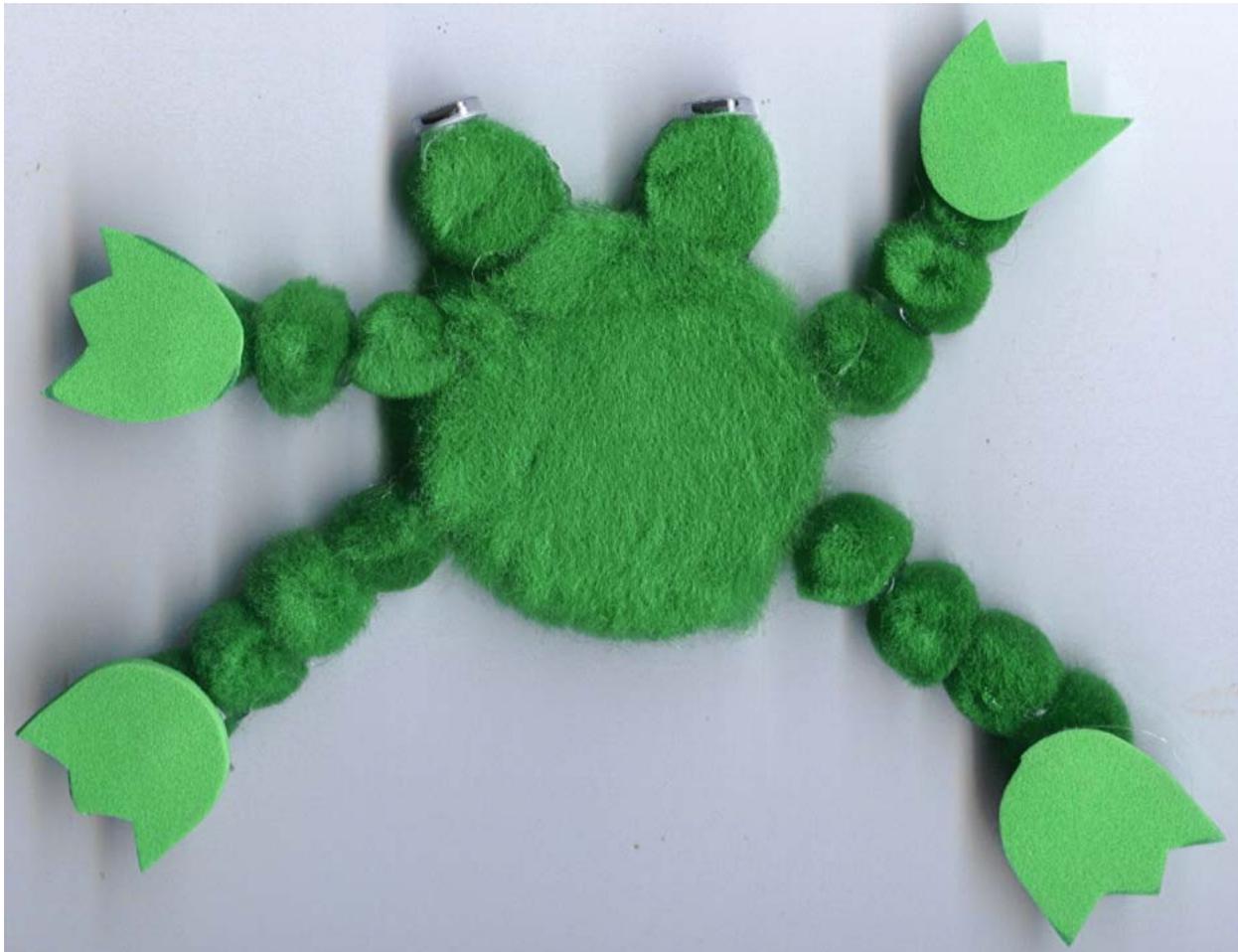
Instruct the children to start at the bottom and follow around the entire frog lacing it. Always go bottom to top, bottom to top with your laces to make it look nicer.

Take two brads and put them thru the frog legs and then through the two holes on the stomach to form poseable legs

Glue on wiggle eyes. (Sample picture of finished craft enclosed)







Alternate Craft (VERY CUTE BUT TIME CONSUMING)

This craft requires extra time to complete due to the glue having to dry well.

If you are working with older children, hot glue works best.

Experiment with glue to find the best type for the amount of time you have with the children.

- 1 large pom-pom 2-3" green
- 14 small pom-poms for legs green
- 2 medium pom-poms for eyes green
- 2 wiggle eyes
- 1 scrap piece of green foam for feet

Start with the legs, gluing 4 and 4 and 3 and 3 together. Glue the feet onto each string of pom, poms Set aside to dry.

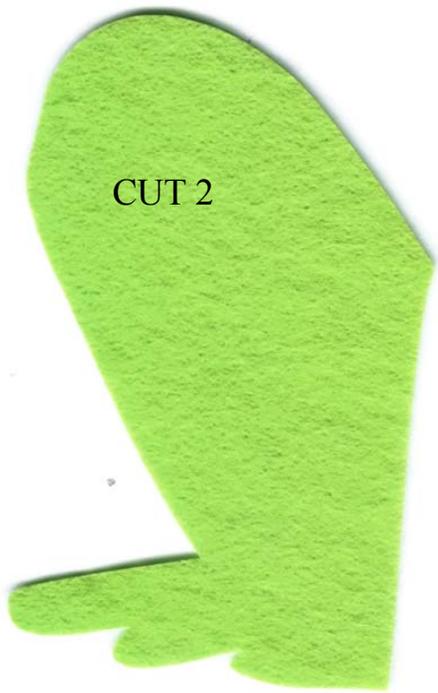
Glue the wiggly eyes onto the medium side pom-poms set aside to dry

Glue the legs to large pom-pom and then the eyes (medium pom-poms) to large pom-pom.

Let dry thoroughly

Note: If working with older children, you could use thread and a needle instead and let the children thread the pom-poms together. This would take less time for drying.

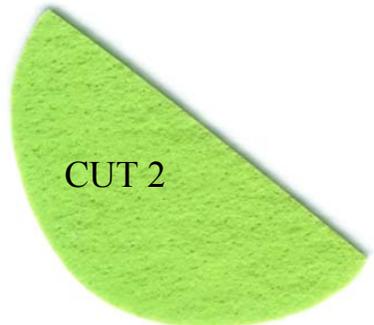
LEG



EYE



EYE LID





Cut the stomach pieces from scrap felt
Just various odd shapes.

Craft can be made from fun foam or felt
as well as other items