The Hellbender

From the film The Last Dragons: Protecting Appalachia's Hellbenders



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Fold along blue lines and glue/staple top for a stand-up photo display to go with your model

Instructions

1. Watch 'The Last Dragons' (viewable at: vimeo.com/wemayfly/thelastdragons)

- 2. You'll need: good scissors, white glue, a toothpick, and patience!
- 3. Cut sections out along lines, (green areas will be trimmed after gluing).
- 4. Assemble head, body, body bend, and legs separately using glue, peak folds [/], valley

folds [V], and matching up colored dots (a toothpick helps to apply glue lightly and evenly).

- 5. Assemble parts in this order: head (with eyes), body, body bend, tail, legs.
- 6. Eyes are assembled into half-cylinders, and tabs are glued to inside of head.
- 7. Green areas are sandwiched, glued together completely, and green is later trimmed away, so that sides of head/body become flattened skin folds and tail is also flat.

8. Place in a prominent spot - and remember the 'bender!

- 9. Be careful not to disturb river rocks when you're in hellbender country!
- 10 Be an ambassador for hellbenders and their habitat!
- II. Send feedback and questions (on film or paper model) to: info@wemayfly.org



