

It lets the water get inside,
And go outside as well;
That is why our amphib friends
Must seek wet spots to dwell.

It keeps away the chomping jaws
Because of its bad taste.
The poison there can do some harm,
So hunters leave in haste.

Amphibians have special skin,
A most amazing cover.
Always shiny, smooth, and moist—
Just look and you'll discover.

Air moves through, both in and out.
(Sometimes no lungs are needed),
Another reason to stay moist—
Lest dry air is exceeded.

That smooth skin on a toad or frog
Sal'mander or tiny newt
Is just exactly what he needs:
The perfect amphib suit.



The Skin of an Amphibian

1. Cut this instruction strip off the paper at this line.
2. Fold paper into 8 sections—4 top, 4 bottom—and unfold.
3. Cut between the dots (or fold at center and cut both halves at once;

- cut to the dot only—do NOT cut to the edge).
4. Fold paper in half longwise along the line you just cut.
5. Holding both ends, push toward the middle until there is one flap

- facing forward, one facing back. You will have made an X shape.
6. Fold the four "pages" in one direction, like a book, with the title page to the front, and flatten.

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