

Make a paper pond skater!

Carefully cut around the pond skater below. Fold the pond skater in half and then fold all of the feet outwards so that the pond skater can stand up. Spread some oil or butter over all six feet to make them a little water resistant. Fill a large bowl or bucket full of water and place your insect on the surface so that all of its feet touch the surface at once – make sure that your pond skater's feet are all flat on the surface. Can you blow your bug along the water? When its feet become water-logged, it will start to sink. Create more bugs of your own designs on paper or card or waterproof juice cartons. What happens if you make their feet bigger or smaller?

