



QUEENSLAND
**CHILD
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WEEK**

How to make your lotus flower



The Lotus flower is often thought to be a symbol of life's ebbs and flows. The flower's ability to rise from murky waters into something beautiful makes it a powerful symbol of hope and perseverance. This incredible process is a reminder that as a community we must together support the safety and protection of children to ensure they reach their full potential. Protecting children is everybody's business.

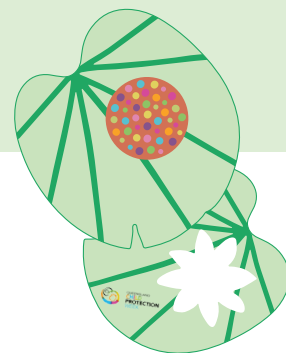
You will need

1. Colouring pencils, markers, or crayons
2. Glue stick
3. Sticky tape
4. Scissors (ask an adult for help if needed)
5. Stapler
6. 2 A4 pieces of thin cardboard (like a cereal box) if you didn't receive the artwork kits at a workshop or in the post
7. Print petal template (you need a total of 8 petals)
8. Printed lily pad template (this template has the lotus flower base striped strip, the lily pad for your base and the little frogs)



Petals

- Colour in the petals
- Carefully cut out each of the petals
- You will have 8 petals for your lotus flower
- You can colour in the other side of the petals too (optional)



Lily Pad

- Cut out the lily pad, petal base (striped strip), and frogs from the template
- Staple (or sticky tape) the petal base (striped strip) to make a cylinder shape



Attach the Petals

- Start at the top black line of the petal base
- Staple or tape four petals with colour side facing in where it is marked
- Move to the next black line
- Staple or tape four more, colour side facing in again this time
- Once finished, gently fold the bottom layer of petals down then the next layer of petals fold them down also

Decorate your Lily Pad

- Write the names of people or places that make you feel safe in the blank area on the lily pad
- You might like to decorate the lily pad (optional)

Put it all together

- Tape or glue your lotus flower onto the spotted area on the lily pad
- Glue your little frogs onto the petals or the lily pad



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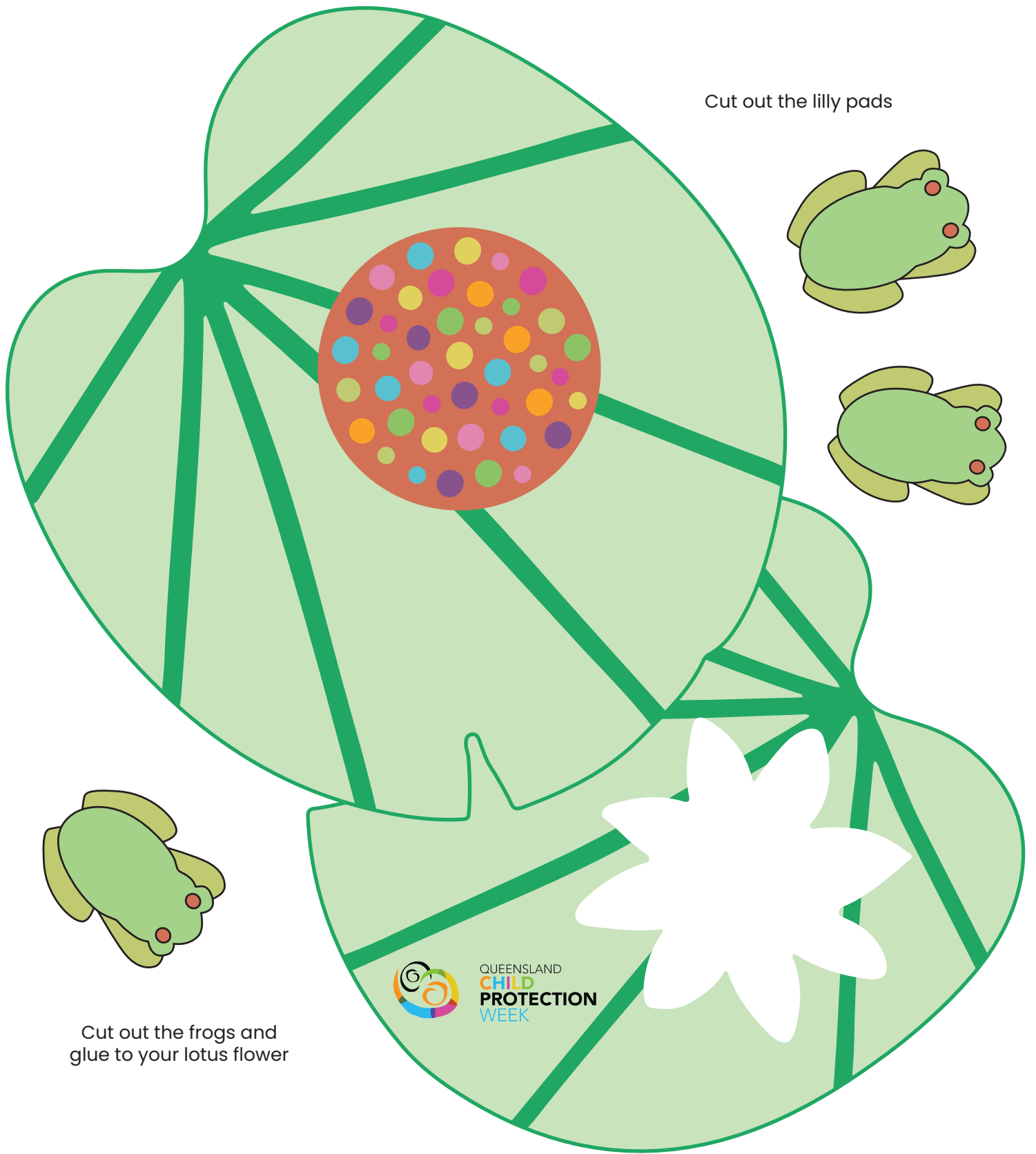
Watch the DIY video www.childprotectionweek.org.au/2025-art-project/



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Lotus flower petals.
Colour, decorate and cut out.



Cut out the lilly pads

Cut out the frogs and glue to your lotus flower



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Child Protection Week is a national event held during the first full week of September.

Queensland Child Protection Week is co-ordinated by the Queensland Child Protection Week Committee and funded by the Queensland State Government. Sponsor partners include Telstra, Peakcare Queensland and Channel 7.

The week is launched with an awards ceremony recognising outstanding practice in child protection. Child Protection Week focuses attention on **child protection being everyone's business** and ensuring that communities across Queensland take responsibility for children being protected and experiencing well-being.

This campaign runs all year long through sharing key messages of child protection, culminating in an action-packed week of media and community events. Over 150 events will take place across Queensland during child protection week.

For a full list of events please refer to the Queensland Child Protection Week website;
<http://childprotectionweek.org.au/events/>

By promoting the value of children and focusing attention on the issues of child abuse and neglect, the objectives of Child Protection Week are to:

- Raise the profile of all issues connected with child protection, including child abuse prevention, treatment, research, education, service provision and support for children, young people and families
- Create a state-wide umbrella focus for child protection allowing government and non-government agencies to present a cooperative and coordinated community-oriented campaign
- Support and value professionals and volunteer child protection workers by providing 'best practice' training and a forum to exchange ideas and information
- Offer a framework to recognise advances in the field, and thereby contribute to better outcomes for all children and young people, especially those who have been harmed or are at risk of harm.



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Key Messages;

- Child protection is everyone's business. The responsibility lies with adults in keeping children safe from harm. All members of society need to play a part in ensuring children are nurtured and safe.
- Adults are essential to ensure children's safety and well-being.
- Listening to children and young people is the number one indicator in assisting their safety and well-being.
- Children and young people are honest. They are unlikely to lie about abuse. They are more likely to stay quiet about abuse or harm than to speak up (especially if they know their abuser).
- Mean or cruel words harm children and young people.
- Understanding why people harm children and young people is essential in helping to prevent child abuse.
- The corruption of children and young people by being forced into acts against their will, including illegal activity harms children and young people.
- Being ignored, going hungry and feeling and/or being treated as invisible harms children and young people.
- Seeing or directly experiencing domestic and family violence harms children and young people.
- Being physically, verbally, sexually, or emotionally abused harms children and young people.
- Not having health, educational and other developmental needs met harms children and young people.
- Being groomed for sexual abuse harms children and young people.
- Being forced to do something that feels 'wrong' harms children and young people.
- Being forced into situations that feel unsafe harms children and young people.
- Being forced to be with people (even those who are 'known' and 'loved') who feel unsafe harms children and young people.
- Being forced to be with people who children or young people have stated have abused them, harms children and young people.
- Not being heard when they speak about abuse or trauma harms children and young people.
- Being removed from their home and/or family causes trauma and loss and harms children and young people.
- Knowing they have no voice to speak of how they feel and what they have experienced in terms of their safety and well-being harms children and young people.
- Being without the right to make decisions in their life such as where they live, who they visit and where they spend time harms children and young people.
- Caring for children and keeping them safe is a shared responsibility.

To find out more about **Queensland Child Protection Week** or to access resources please visit our website: childprotectionweek.org.au

Resources include guides, brochures, posters, information sheets, videos, and links to websites and social media pages.

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