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Forests and Fins

Build a Macroinvertebrate

Make a model of an aquatic macroinvertebrate, a stream bug. First, it's important to have enough macroinvertebrates in the stream for the salmon to eat. Second, macroinvertebrates are something we call indicator species. Indicator species are species that indicate, or give us information about, the quality of the water. They give us a sort of shortcut way to figure out whether the water is healthy if we don't have the tools to measure it directly. Be sure to watch our video that explores the fry life stage of salmon and how to make this model: [Forests and Fins: Fry](#).

Materials:

- Clean household recyclable items – get creative!
- Tape
- Markers

Example of a damselfly nymph model:

