

## BALANCING MOSQUITO

(Artwork courtesy of *Mosquitoes in the Classroom: Teacher and Resource Guide & Classroom Curriculum*)

Students can make a mosquito that will balance on the tip of a finger or a pencil eraser.

### Materials

Balancing mosquito template (one for each student)

Heavy paper (manilla folder or cardboard)

Crayons, colored papers, markers

Glue

Pennies (2 per student)

Toothpick (1 per student)

Clear tape

### Instructions:

Glue the mosquito template on the heavy paper.

Color the mosquito.

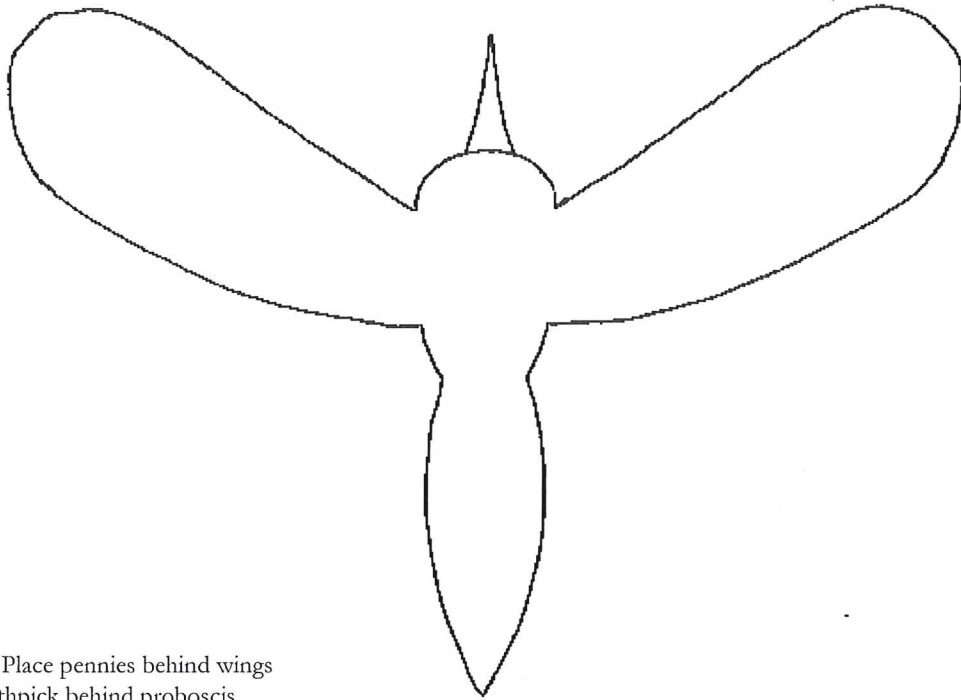
Cut out the mosquito.

Flip the mosquito over. Tape or glue one penny to the back of each wing as shown on the diagram. Tape or glue the toothpick behind the proboscis to reinforce the paper tip.

Let glue dry. Then try to balance the mosquito on the tip of your finger, a pencil eraser or the corner of a desk

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Back view: Place pennies behind wings  
and toothpick behind proboscis.

