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# New Year's Frog<sup>1</sup>

*Nelli Piattoeva*

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*New Year celebrations in kindergartens and schools were common across the Soviet Union. The girl's frog costume consists of a newly purchased white-and-green dress, a pair of gloves and a hat sewed by her mother. The gloves and the hat were made from grandmother's green satin coat lining.*



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1 This is a childhood memory produced as part of the Reconnect/Recollect project discussed in the introduction to this book.



Photographs of Nelli Piattoeva dressed as a frog for a New Year's party, n.d. From Nelli Piattoeva's family archive.