

How to make... Hare and Tortoise puppets

Suitable for ages 3-6 with some adult help
Suitable for ages 7-11 independent working

You will need:

- An egg box
- Cotton wool
- Three cotton wool buds
- Scissors
- Tape (masking tape works best)
- Felt tip pens
- White paper

Optional:

- Access to a printer
- Paint and paint brushes
- A small amount of thin card (e.g. a cereal box or the inside of a toilet roll)



If you enjoyed Rachel Leonard's reading of *The Hare and the Tortoise*, why not try making your own hare and tortoise puppets, and race them round our track? This activity sheet includes some templates you can use for your puppets and race track, or you can draw them yourself.

Instructions:

Step 1:

Cut an egg compartment out of the box, following the lines in this picture. You will need one egg compartment for each puppet.



Step 2:

Trim this down a little further, following the lines in these pictures. This should leave you with one opening to your egg cup.

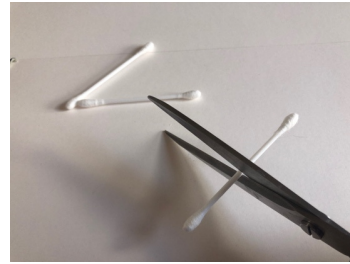


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Making the tortoise:

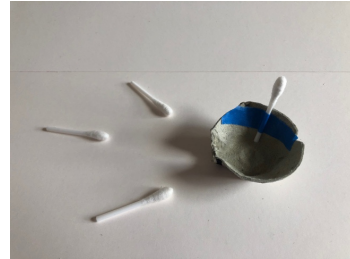
Step 1:

Take two of the cotton wool buds and cut them in half.



Step 2:

Tape them to the inside of your egg cup.



Step 3:

Cut a strip of card or paper, roughly 5cm by 1.5cm and fold it in half. Draw out a face on one half, putting the nose on the fold. Cut it out, making sure that you don't cut away the fold completely.



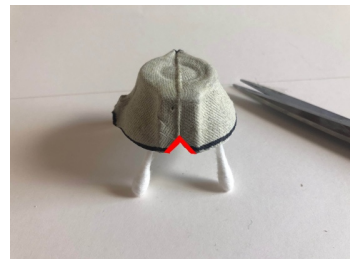
OR

Print out the template and cut out the rectangle first. Glue the template on to some card if you have it. Colour it in. Fold along the dotted line. Then cut out the head shape.



Step 4:

Glue the head on to the last cotton wool bud.



Step 5:

Cut a small triangle on the opposite side to the opening of your egg cup.



Step 6:

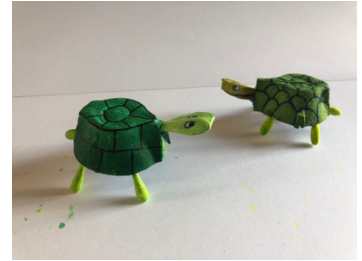
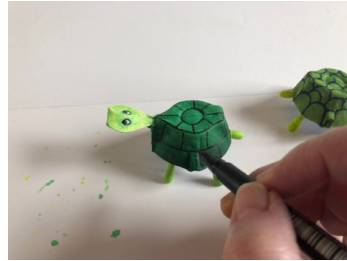
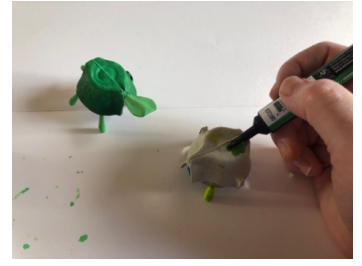
Place your last cotton wool bud into the egg cup, with the head coming out of the opening and the other end sitting in the small triangle you have just cut out. Tape in place.

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Step 7:

Using either felt tip pens or paint, colour in your tortoise. Try adding lines on the shell for their scales.

Tip: If you are using felt tip pens, add a little water to the cotton wool buds once they have been coloured to help smooth down all the fluff.



Making the hare:

Step 1:

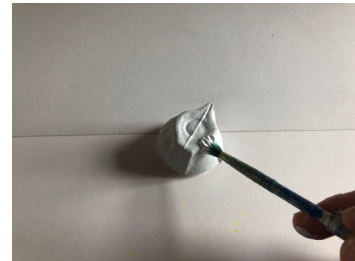
If you have paints, first paint the egg cup white.

Step 2:

Coat the inside of your egg cup with glue.

Step 3:

Stuff the inside of your egg cup with cotton wool.

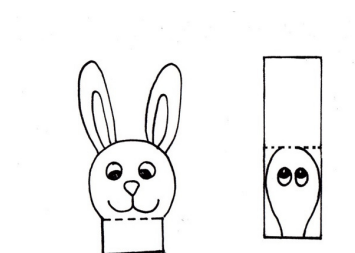


Step 4:

On white paper, draw a head for your hare. Add a little tab to the neck to help you stick it to your egg cup. Colour it in and cut it out.

OR

Print out the template. Colour it in and cut it out.



Step 5:

Fold down the tab so that it folds behind the head. Glue the head on to the side of your egg cup, opposite the opening, with the cotton wool tummy facing you.



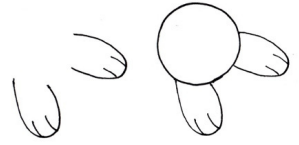
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Step 6:

Place your egg cup, opening facing down, on a piece of white paper and draw some feet poking out. Remove the bunny and draw a circle to connect your two feet. Cut the whole shape out.

OR

Print out the template and cut the feet out.



Step 7:

Glue your feet onto the bottom of the egg cup (over the opening).



Step 8:

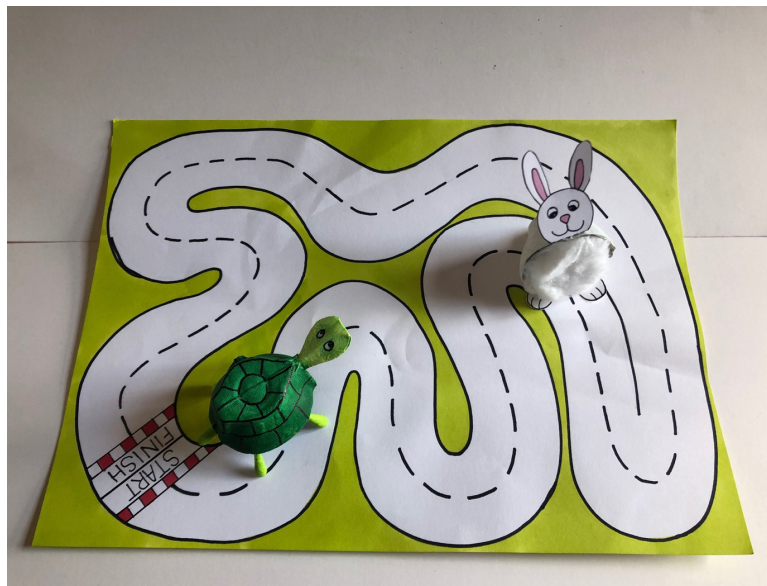
Roll a little ball of cotton wool and glue it on to the base of your egg cup to make a fluffy tail.



What next?

Why don't you set up a racetrack for your hare and tortoise? You could add obstacles to make it even harder and see who comes in first.

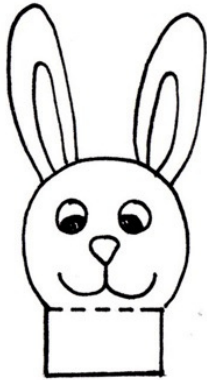
You could draw your own racetrack or print and colour in our template.



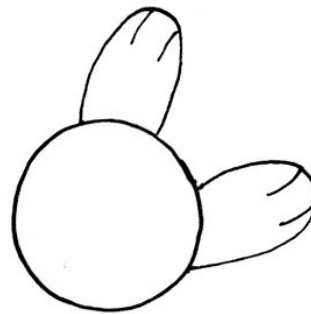
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Hare and tortoise templates:

Hare:



Head



Feet

Tortoise:



Head

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Race track template:

