

How to make... a 2D swimming turtle puppet

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Suitable for ages 4 - 10

You will need:

- Access to a printer to print out the templates (or you can draw your own shapes)
- Cereal box card
- 2 paper fasteners/split pins
- 2 lolly sticks or strips of cardboard box card
- Pritt stick glue
- Coloured pencils/felt pens/tissue paper/scraps of recycled paper to decorate



Instructions

Step 1:

Print out the turtle templates (one for the body and one for the legs). If you prefer you could draw your own by copying the templates. Decorate the turtle shapes with coloured pencils or sticking on tissue paper or scraps of recycled paper. You can make your puppet look like a real turtle or one from your imagination! Remember to add eyes, nostrils and toenails!



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Step 2:

Glue the decorated print outs or drawings onto the cereal box card and cut out.



Step 3:

Using a sharp pencil, make holes marked by the printed dots.



Step 4:

Holding the legs underneath, push the split pins through the shell and then through the legs.



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Step 5:

Open the split pins underneath but don't press too tightly. Make sure the legs can swing easily!



Step 6:

Glue the lolly sticks or strips of strong cardboard onto the legs. If you like you can secure with sticky tape.



You've finished! Have fun with your turtle puppet – to make it swim, gently move the lolly sticks in and out. Why not make up some stories to teach people how we can protect the oceans and all the creatures who live there?!

