

How to make... a 3D swimming turtle puppet

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Suitable for ages 4 - 10

You will need:

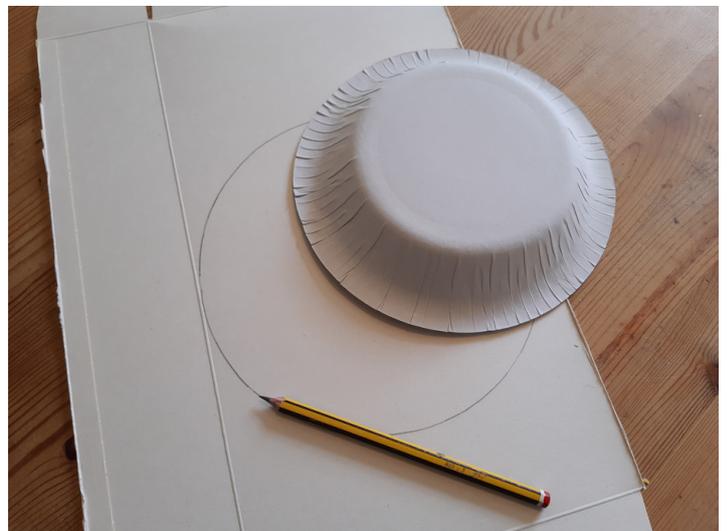
- A paper bowl (or round margarine tub, yoghurt pot etc)
- Cereal box card
- 2 paper fasteners/split pins
- 2 lolly sticks or strips of cardboard box card
- Pritt stick glue
- Coloured pencils/felt pens/paints/tissue paper/scraps of recycled paper to decorate
- Access to a printer to print the template for legs or draw your own from the picture
- Scissors and pencil



Instructions

Step 1:

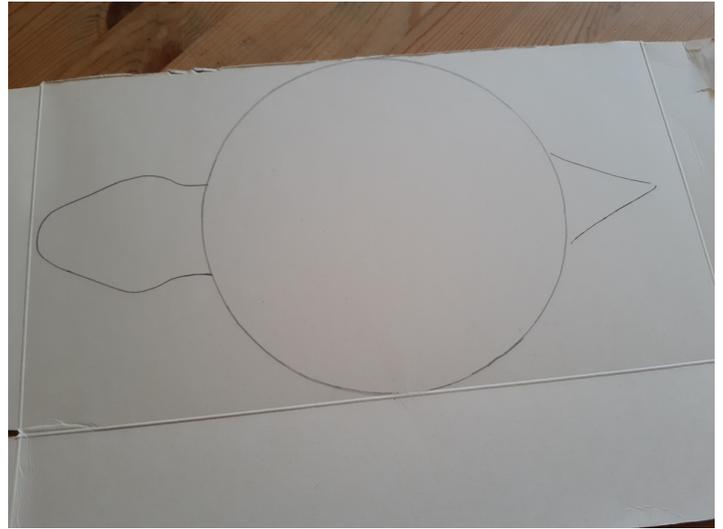
Draw around the paper bowl onto a piece of cereal box card.



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Step 2:

Using the picture for guidance, draw a tail and head shape.



Step 3:

Cut out the shape and decorate the head and tail areas with paints, felt pens, tissue paper or scraps of junk mail. (There's no need to decorate the body section as it will be covered with the bowl). You can make a realistic turtle or use colours from your own imagination! Remember to draw eyes and nostrils!



Step 4:

Decorate the outside of the paper bowl to be your turtle's shell.



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Step 5:

Either print out the template for legs and glue onto cereal box card, or draw your own leg shapes using the picture as guidance. Cut out the leg shapes and decorate, remember to add toenails!



Step 6:

Make holes in the legs and body with a sharp pencil (copy the placement from the picture).



Step 7:

Push the split pins through the holes, starting through the upper side of the body, then through the legs (with the decorated side facing upwards).



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Step 8:

Open out at the back. Make sure they are not too tight, you need the legs to swing freely.



Step 9:

Glue the lolly sticks (or strips of strong card) to the underside of the legs, as in the picture. You can secure with sticky tape if you want to use your puppet straight away.



Step 10:

Glue the inside rim of the paper bowl.



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Step 11:

Stick the bowl down over the body section.



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 that live there?

