

Sea Turtle Shell Craft

Learning Level

- Prek-1st

Skills

- Coloring
- Cutting
- Gluing/taping

Materials

- Paper
- Scissors
- Markers/colored pencils/crayons

Vocabulary

- Sea Turtle
- Bone
- Skeleton

Duration

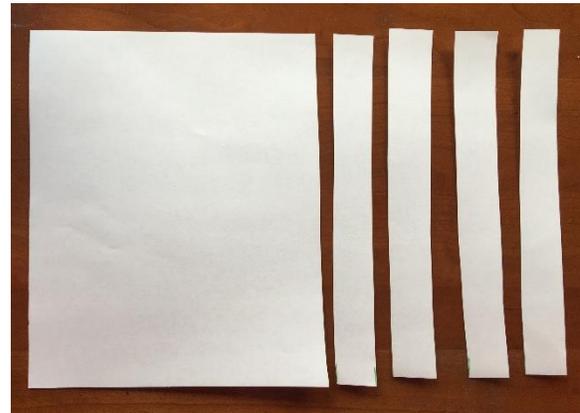
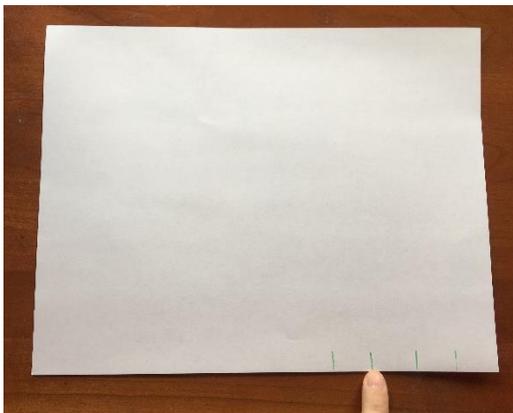
- About 15 minutes

Background

Sea Turtles have a hard shell on their back. See if you can find a hard part on your body. It's likely that what you were feeling was a **bone** from your **skeleton** inside your body. We make our bones, and they grow with us as we get bigger. Our bones help to give us shape. The shells that sea turtles have are also their bones (The shell is their ribs). They are a part of the turtles' skeleton, and their shell grows with their body. Their shells help give their body shape too! They also help to protect them.

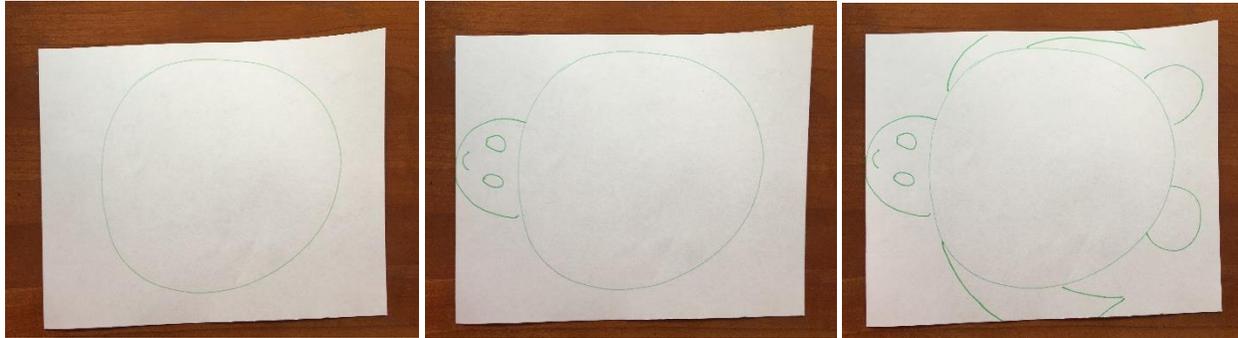
Procedure

1. Start with a blank piece of paper. Mark off 4 sections to one side. Then cut along that to create 4 strips of paper.

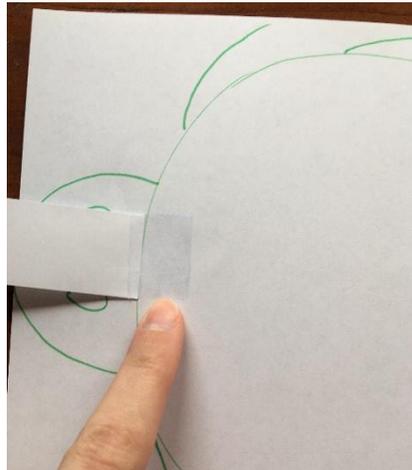


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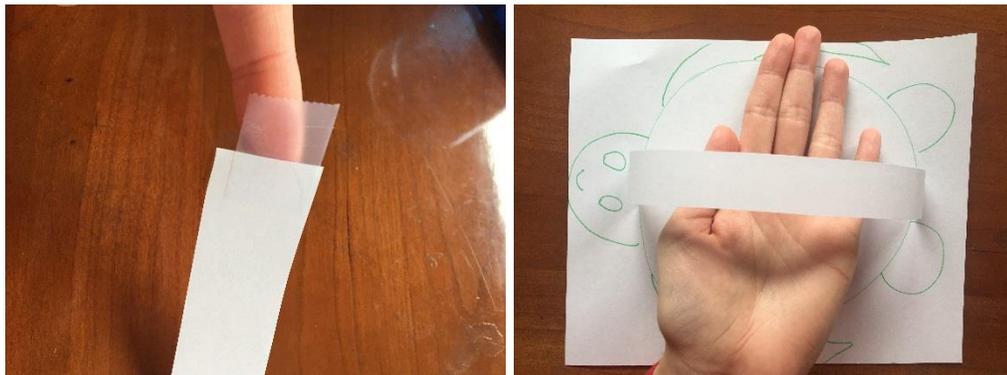
3. With the remaining rectangle, you will draw in your turtle. Start with a big circle. Then add in features like a head and flippers, to help it see and swim. Decorate it as much as you want! 😊
Coloring the strips of paper will also add to your sea turtle!



4. Now grab one of your strips of paper. Tape or glue down the edge of the paper at the top of your turtles shell.

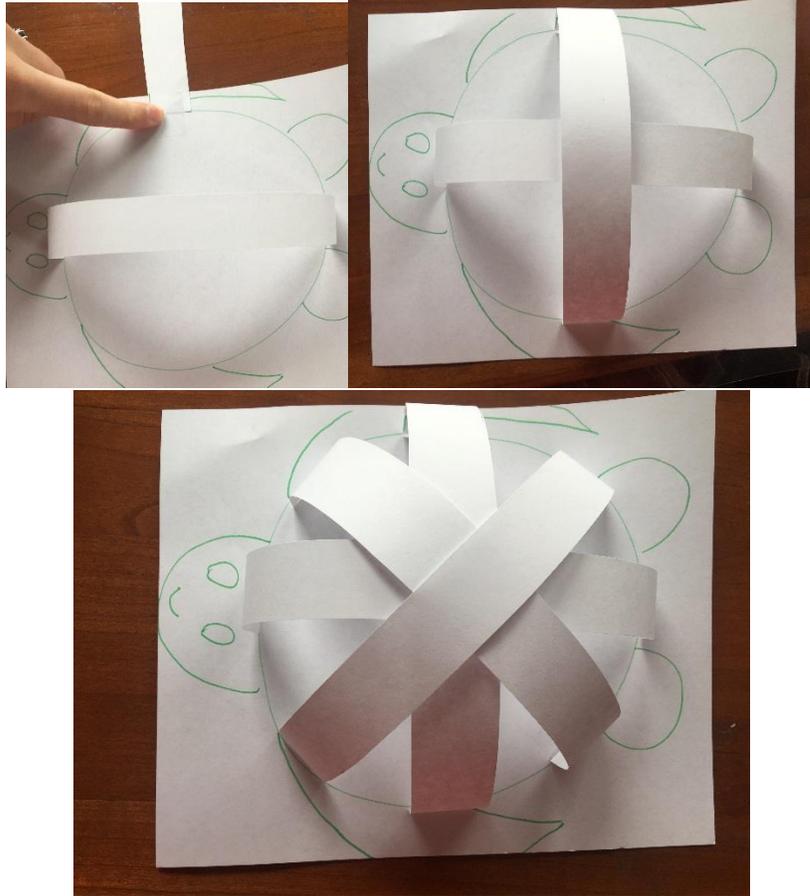


5. On the same strip of paper that is taped down, go to the end that is free. On that, place some tape on it so that the sticky side is underneath where the finger in the photo is positioned. You are going to pull the strip over to the opposite side of the turtle shell, and place the tape down so it creates an arc.



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7. Repeat that for the rest of the strips all over the turtle to build a big shell that covers its body.



8. You did it! Be sure to share your creation with us on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter @NEAq