



Walking Box Turtle Craft

Instructions:

Materials Needed:

- Turtle Template (provided in email) OR draw your own
- Paper Plate AND Paper Bowl
- Safety Scissors
- Crayons or Markers
- Stapler (or Tape or Glue)
- Unsharpened Pencil
- String or Yarn- about 2-3 feet
- Optional: Green construction paper

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1. Cut out your Turtle's HEAD, LEGS, and TAIL from Green Construction Paper (or Color your white Turtle Template pieces green first, and then cut them out)
2. Turn your PLATE upside-down and place your Turtle's HEAD, LEGS, and TAIL around the edge of the PLATE. (You may tape or glue the pieces on at this time if you wish.)
3. Turn your BOWL upside-down and place it on top of the PLATE, making sure that the Turtle's HEAD, LEGS, and TAIL are "sandwiched" between the plate and bowl.
4. STAPLE the BOWL to the PLATE, making sure that the Turtle's HEAD, LEGS, and TAIL are all stapled together between the PLATE and BOWL (if you haven't already taped or glued them in position).
5. Color the CARAPACE (top shell) of your Turtle in any design you choose
 - a. Be sure to DRAW the SCUTES.
 - b. DRAW on some CLAWS to its FEET.
 - c. DRAW circles for EYES.
 - d. Don't forget to DRAW on a BEAK.
6. Measure out and cut your STRING to be as long as your grownup allows. But it should be at least 2-3 feet long; shorter for younger/longer for older.
7. Tie a KNOT onto one end of the STRING. Then, STAPLE (or TAPE) the KNOT onto the bottom of the PLATE near the HEAD.
8. Then, tie another KNOT around the middle of the unsharpened PENCIL.
9. STRETCH out your STRING so that your Turtle is away from you and looking at you. You should HOLD onto both ends of the PENCIL while looking at your Turtle.
10. Make your Turtle "walk" to you by WINDING the STRING on your PENCIL. You can make it WALK SLOW or FAST.

For More Fun:

1. Take your new Turtle Friend outside and see what happens when you take it for a “walk” on the ground. Is it different from being on the floor?
2. Get someone else to make a Turtle Friend, too. Make sure that you each have the same length of STRING. Place them side-by-side at a starting point and have a Turtle Race!

