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Written Instructional Guide



Drawing Animals and Their Habitats

For 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade Students

With Teaching Artist Merideth Ferrell

Lesson 3: Green Sea Turtle – Swimming in the Water

Introduction

- Hi, I am Merideth Ferrell, I am a teaching artist with the Lane Arts Council, funded by Rotary Club of Eugene and others.
- We will be drawing and coloring our artwork in 4 steps:
 1. Draw the Green Sea Turtle – Swimming in the Water
 2. Design the Habitat (where the Sea Turtle lives in the Pacific & Atlantic Oceans)
 3. Color the Sea Turtle
 4. Color the Habitat



Materials

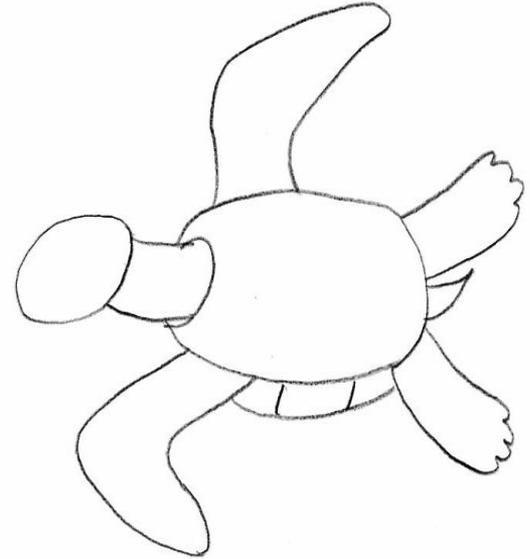
- White paper: 8 ½" copy paper, or bigger drawing paper
- Pencil
- Colored pencils: red, yellow, blue, green, orange, purple, brown, and black



Step 1: Draw the Sea Turtle

We will draw each of our Sea Turtle's body parts as they connect to each other. Think of the shape of each part.

- First, draw the Sea Turtle's head, then its neck, as it connects to the head.
- Next, draw the body and shell. The shell is what we see on the outside and the body is inside the shell.
- Now, draw one front flipper on one side, and one on the other side.
- Then draw the 2 back legs.
- Last, draw the tail, connected to the back of the body

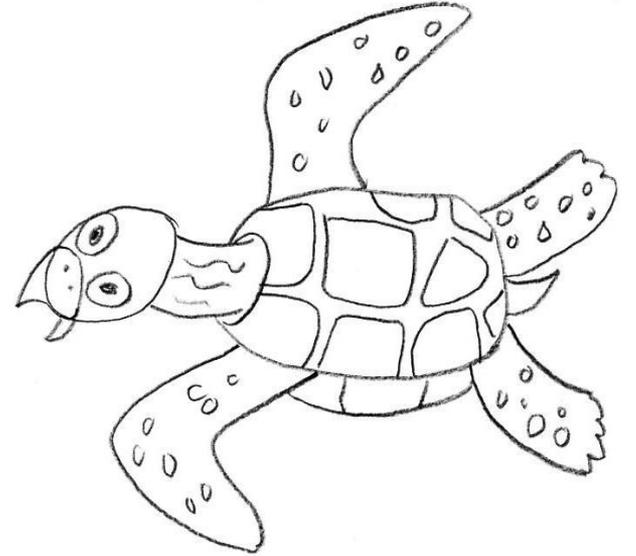


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Step 2: Add Details to the Sea Turtle

Now, we add details

- Draw the 2 eyes in the middle, and draw circles around them, the natural markings.
- Next, draw the beak in 2 parts, the upper and lower part.
- Then, draw the big square patterns on the shell.
- Last, draw the bumpy scales on its legs and flippers.

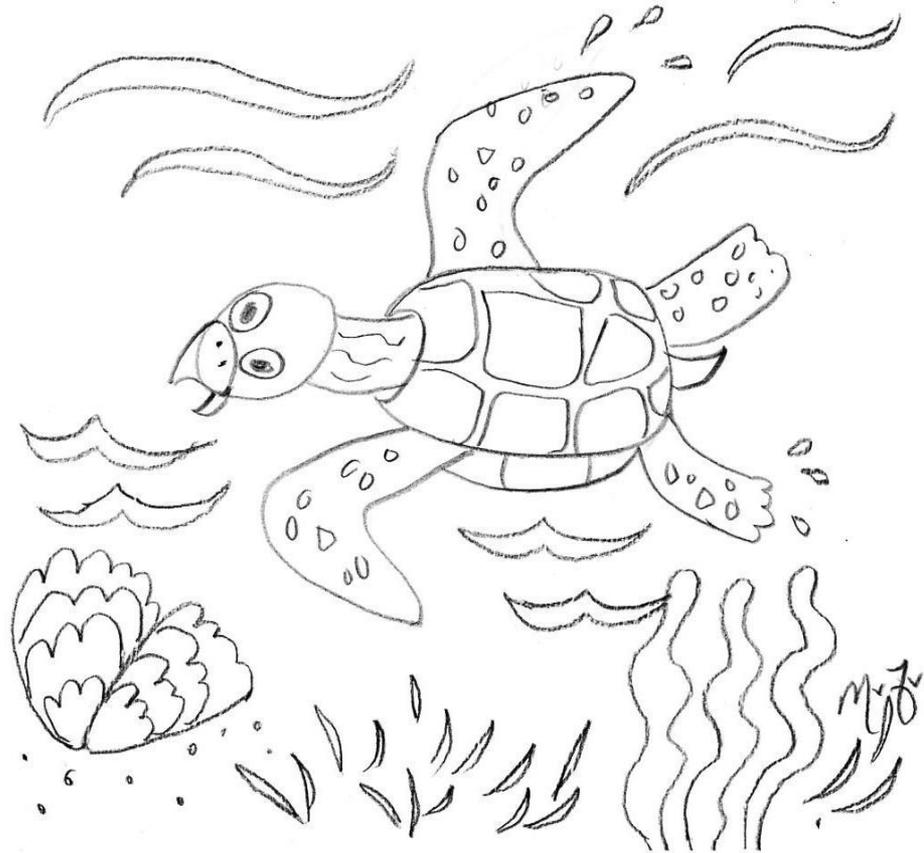


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Step 3: Design the Habitat

The Habitat is where the Green Sea Turtle lives in the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans.

- First, draw the sea grass that the Turtle will eat, which grows in the warmer parts of the oceans where Green Turtles live.
- Then, draw the seaweed that grows in the water.
- Next, draw ocean waves that the Turtle is swimming in.
- Last, draw the coral that grow in reefs and keeps the Oceans healthy.



Step 4: Color the Sea Turtle

When you color, think about the direction of how things go and how they grow. Also, how things would feel.

- First, color the Green Turtle's head and beak.
- Then color down the neck.
- Next, color the shell and the square patterns in it. Use light and dark colors to show the rough texture.
- Now, color each leg, as it grows out of the body, with round, bumpy strokes for the scales.
- Last, color the tail.



Step 5: Color the Habitat

Again, think about how things would feel to the touch and color with Texture

- Use long, smooth strokes to color the slippery seaweed.
- Use short strokes for the seagrass.
- Color the Ocean waves with long, sweeping strokes, to show the smoothness of the water.
- Last, color the bumpy coral, and the lovely patterns it grows in. Use pretty colors.



Thank you!

Next, in Lesson 4 of Drawing Animals and Their Habitats: **Mallard Ducks – Walking on the Land, Flying in the Sky, and Swimming in the Water.**

Look at your drawing, and think of what you want to add. You could add fish, shellfish that the turtles would feed their young, or draw other sea animals, like a dolphin! Happy drawing!