

ArtStream

Written Instructional Guide



Drawing Animals and Their Habitats

For K, 1st, and 2nd grade Students

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Lesson 3: Sea Turtle – Swimming in the Water

Introduction

- Hi, I am Merideth Ferrell, I am a teaching artist with the Lane Arts Council
- In this lesson, we will be drawing and coloring our artwork in 4 steps:
 1. Draw the Sea Turtle (swimming in the water)
 2. Design the Habitat (where the Sea Turtle lives in Nature)
 3. Add color and texture to the Sea Turtle
 4. Add color and texture to the Habitat



Materials

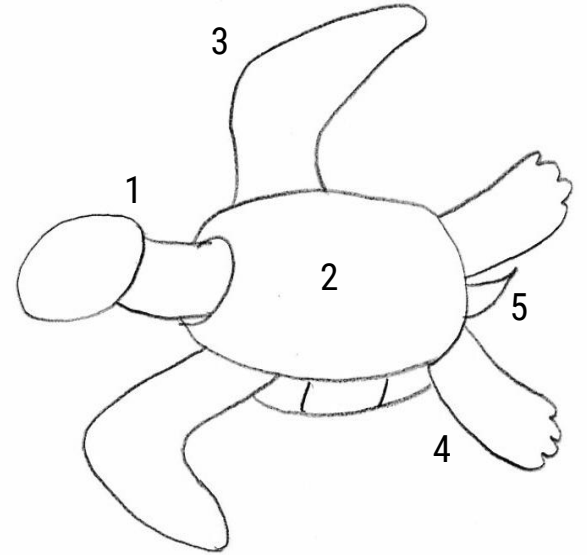
- White paper: 8 ½" copy paper, or bigger drawing paper
- Pencil
- Colored pencils: red, yellow, blue, green, orange, purple, brown, and black



Step 1: Draw the Sea Turtle

Part A: We will draw each of our Sea Turtle's body parts as they connect to each other. Think of the shape of each part before and as you draw.

1. First, draw the Sea Turtle's head, then its neck, as it connects to the head.
2. Next, draw the body and shell.
3. Now, draw one front flipper on one side, and one on the other side.
4. Then draw the 2 back legs.
5. Last, draw the tail, connected to the back of the body

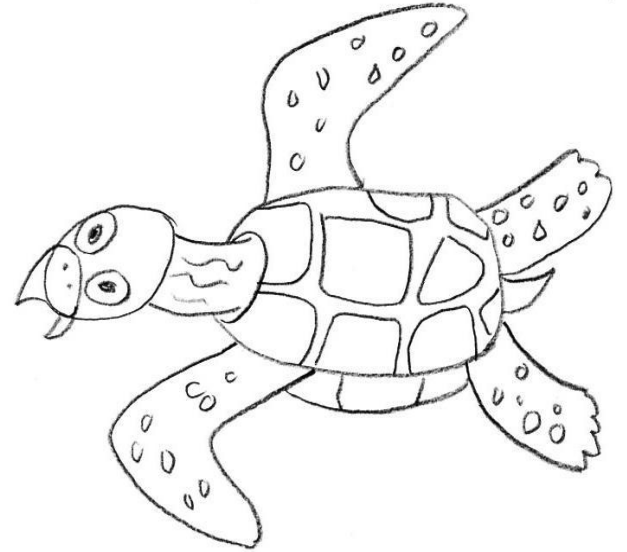


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Step 1: Draw the Sea Turtle (continued))

Part B: Now, add the details

1. Draw the 2 eyes in the middle, and draw circles around them.
2. Next, draw the beak in 2 parts, the upper and lower.
3. Then, draw the big square-shaped patterns on the shell.
4. Last, draw the bumpy scales on its legs.



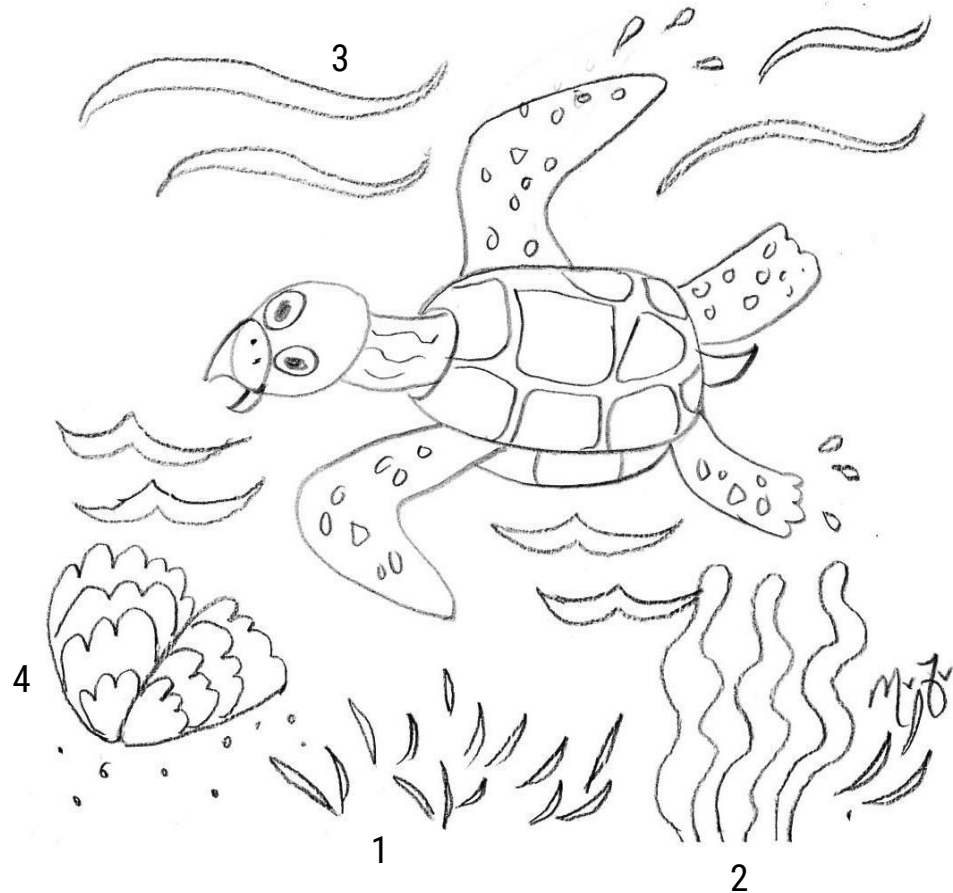
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Step 2: Design the Habitat

The **Habitat** is where the Sea Turtle lives. For this Sea Turtle, her habitat is in the Ocean.

1. First, draw the sea grass that the Turtle will eat.
2. Then, draw the seaweed that grows in the water.
3. Next, draw ocean waves that the Turtle is swimming in.
4. Last, draw the coral that grows and keeps the Ocean healthy.

What other plants, creatures, and objects are found in the ocean where your Sea Turtle lives?



Step 3: Add Color to the Sea Turtle

When you color, think about the direction of how things go and how they grow. Also, think about how things would feel and color in a way that represents this **texture**.

1. First, color the Turtle's head.
2. Then color down the neck.
3. Next, color the shell and the square patterns in it. Use light dark, to show the rough texture.
4. Now, color each leg, as it grows out of the body, with round, bumpy strokes.
5. Last, color the tail.



Step 4: Add Color to the Habitat

Again, think about how things would feel to the touch. Use the texture you imagine to influence how you draw.

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

How do you use different drawing techniques to create texture?



Thank you!

Next, Lesson 4 in Drawing Animals and Their Habitats is **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, or other sea animals. Imagine what could be on the ocean floor. Happy drawing!