

# EGG CARTON BABY TURTLE

1st grade



Hi 😊 My name is Renata Rodrigues and I am a visual artist. I have been a teaching artist for the last 3 years, working on arts integration with teachers, after school programs, summer camps and privately from my home studio.

The “egg carton baby turtle” is a craft you can make after reading the book “Iris and Walter and the field trip”. Watch a read out loud video here: <https://youtu.be/70RkngrlXto>

Then retell the story and describe its characters using the illustrations in the book.

This craft is a great way to start talking about nature conservation and protecting the beach areas where the turtles lay their eggs. Watching turtles hatch and head for the sea is really special. Watch it here:

<https://youtu.be/T8eGw1oyYoQ>

You will need an egg carton, paint or markers, scissors, glue, paper, pom poms and googly eyes.

1. First cut the egg boxes into individual ‘shells’ (Children may need assistance with this part). Use any colors you like. Make a few different shells.



Images from Pinterest



2. Then trace and cut the shape of the body. A turtle has 2 legs and 2 arms that are shaped like paddles to help them swim and they also have a little pointy tail at the back. Make as many as you want and in any colors you like. Try tracing different shapes. This is only an example. 😊 ➡

3. Glue the egg shell to the body of the turtle.

4. Add a pom pom for the head and googly eyes.

Tips:

\* Try to add details to the shell, arms and legs, using real photos of turtles as reference. What can you see?

\* Paint or draw a beach setting big enough to glue your baby turtles to.

\* Try your best and have fun! 😊

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