

Sea Turtle Marionette

This project is about using recycled materials to create a fun, educational toy. Use materials collected in a beach clean-up, for example, or recycle items found in your household.

Materials:

- 1 small clear plastic bottle
- Colored tissue paper
- 4 clear plastic spoons
- 1 makeup wedge sponge
- Non-toxic paint, any color
- Clear fishing line or colored string
- 2 popsicle sticks
- Box cutter
- Glue

Instructions:

1. Remove the label, cap, plastic ring neck and any remaining adhesive from the bottle
2. Cut the thin end of the makeup sponge rounded to create a sea turtle head
3. Paint the makeup sponge and let dry
4. Lay the bottle on a flat surface. Using the box cutter, make two slits on each side of the bottle. The slits should be approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ an inch in length and each slit should be approximately 1 inch apart. There should be four slits total to create the flippers. **CAUTION: kids make sure your parents do this part!**
5. Tear the colored tissue paper into small strips and stuff the pieces of tissue paper inside the bottle
6. Break off the bottom portion of each spoon handle
7. Insert the end of the spoons, facing down, into the slits created on the sides of the turtle to create the flippers
8. Create small divots on each end of the popsicle stick to hold the fishing line in place
9. Glue the popsicle sticks together at the center to form a cross
10. Take the fishing line (or string) and cut it into four equal size pieces
11. Tie the fishing line (or string) to each edge of the popsicle sticks
12. Then match each to each spoon, tying the fishing line (or string) to the spoons making sure the strings are taught once all of them are tied to the spoons
13. Insert the spray painted makeup sponge in the opening of the bottle



Congratulations! You have created a sea turtle marionette!

