

Recycled Egg Carton Sea Turtle

Here's what you'll need:

1. Recycled egg carton
2. Cotton balls
3. Googly eyes
4. Cardboard (Get some from a left over box, like a pizza box!)
5. Markers and/or paint
6. Materials to decorate the turtle shell (Sequins, beads, pipe cleaners, tissue paper, or anything else you can find around your house!)
7. Glue
8. Scissors

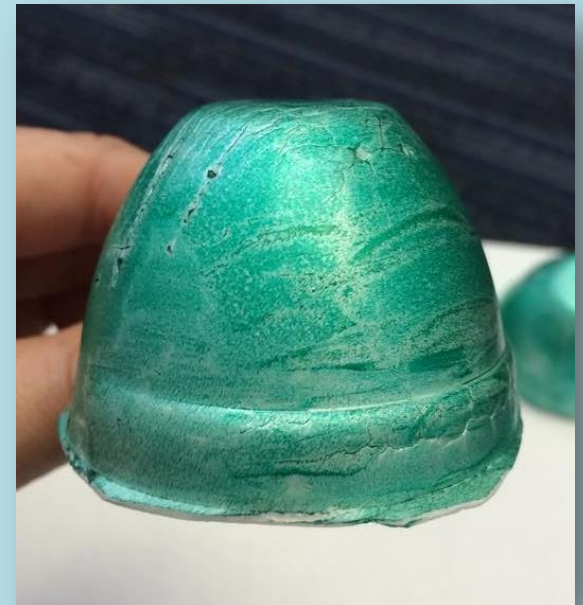


Step 1: Take your recycled egg carton and cut out one of the cups. This will be your sea turtle's shell!

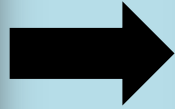


Step 2:

Color your turtle shell! We used a blue marker to color our shell. Use a color you think would be good for a sea turtle shell! What about green?!



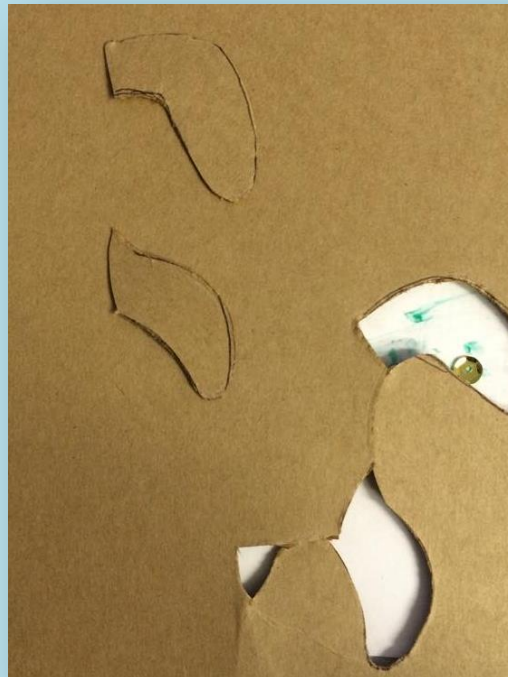
Step 3:



Once your shell has dried, place it on a piece of cardboard. With a pen or pencil, trace one front flipper, a back flipper, and a tail like we have drawn here! Next, cut them out.

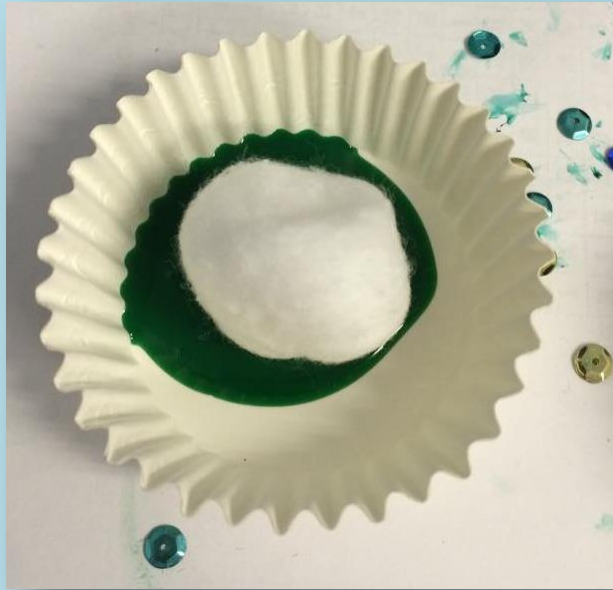
Step 4:

Now take the front and back flipper you cut out and trace them again on the same piece of cardboard. Cut them out. Now you have two front flippers, two back flippers, and a tail!



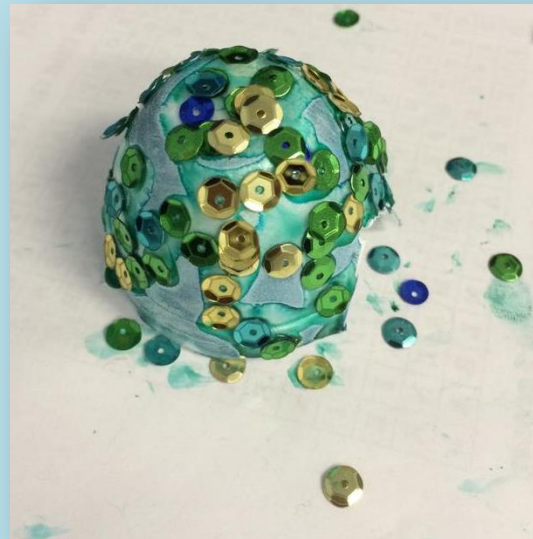
Step 5:

Put some green paint in a small dish and place your cotton ball inside. Roll the cotton ball around until it's covered in green! Can you guess what part of the sea turtle this is going to be... it's the head!



Step 6:

Now that we have all our sea turtle parts, it's time to decorate! We used sequins to decorate our shell. Just drizzle glue all over the shell and then sprinkle blue, green, and gold sequins on top. Get creative and design your own sea turtle shell. You could use beads, pipe cleaners, or other colors of paint!



On our flippers we drew scales to look a real life sea turtle! Draw some on your flippers too!

Step 7:



Once your decorated shell has finished drying, glue all the flippers to the shell! Glue the tail on the back too!

Step 8:

Once your flippers and tail are attached, take the green cotton ball and glue it on the front. Now stick two googly eyes on where your sea turtles eyes would be! Now you have your very own sea turtle!





Get creative and make lots of sea turtle friends! Miami Seaquarium would love to see all the awesome sea turtles that you guys make! Post a picture of your sea turtles to Facebook or Twitter and hashtag: #MiamiSeaquariumReefRangers so we can see what you make!