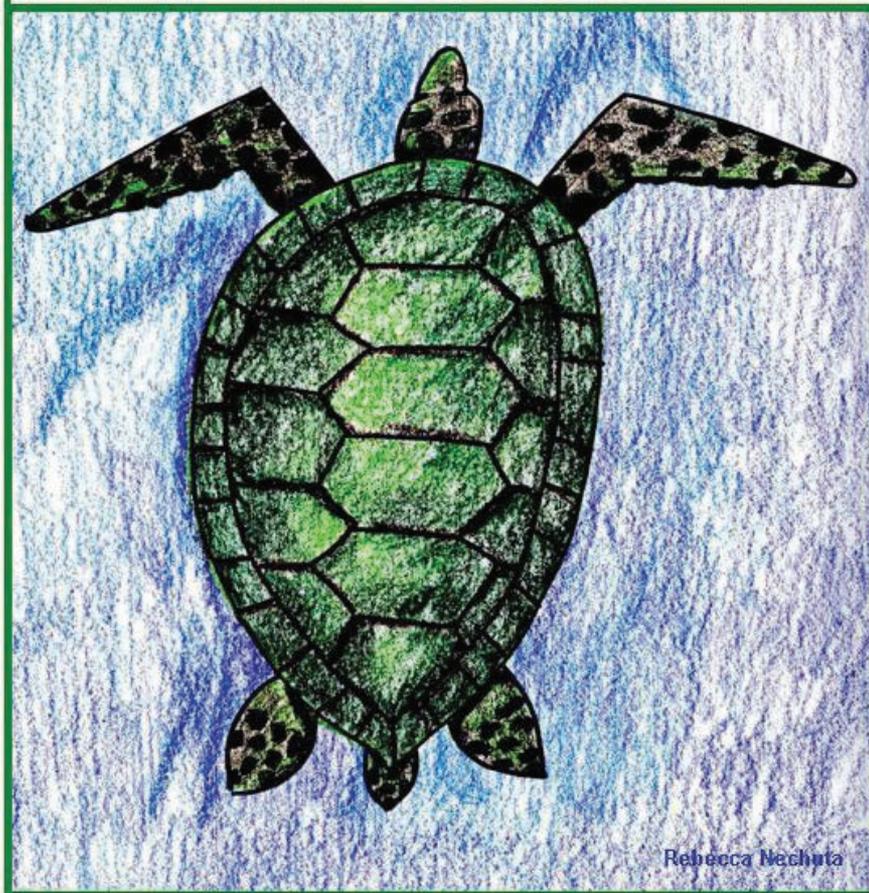


Turtle Trivia: Did you know?

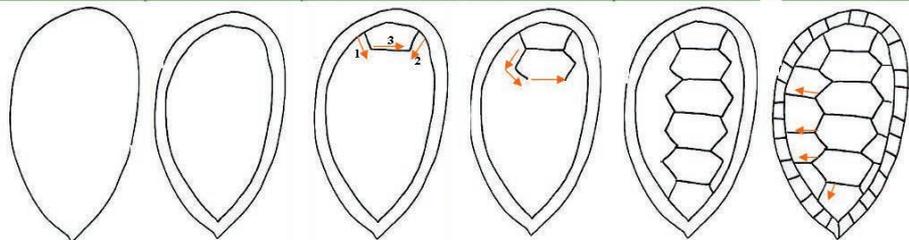
- ▶ Turtles have been living on earth for a very long time. For millions of years they shared the planet with dinosaurs. They survived and the dinosaurs did not.
- ▶ Turtles can be found living all over the world. There are over 300 different kinds of turtles that live in the oceans, wetlands, forests, grasslands, and deserts.
- ▶ Turtles don't need to change their shells as they grow. The turtle's shell grows with them like our bones do when we grow.
- ▶ Turtles are reptiles.
- ▶ Turtles can live to be very old. A common painted turtle can be live to be up to 25 years old. Some land turtles have lived well over 100 years.
- ▶ Turtles are cold-blooded, which means they soak up heat from their environment. Turtles often warm themselves by sun bathing.
- ▶ The Leatherback is the largest sea turtle and can grow to over 6 feet long and weighs over 2,000 pounds.
- ▶ Stories about turtles can be found in many cultures around the world. Turtles in the stories usually symbolize peace, patience, and long life.

Did you know that turtles have been painted, drawn, and sculpted for thousands of years? Here is a fun step by step turtle for you to draw and color. Take your time and have fun.

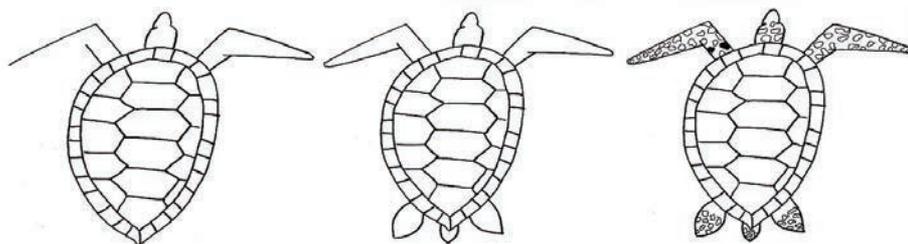
The **Green Sea Turtle** lives in the tropical seas of the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans.



Let's Make A Green Sea Turtle!



1. Draw an oval shape, making one end come to a point.
2. Inside the oval shape, make a smaller oval.
3. To create a shell pattern, begin at the top - drawing 2 angled lines and connect them with a straight line as shown.
4. Draw 2 "v" shapes and connect with a straight line as the red arrow shows.
5. Continue this pattern down the entire center of the shell.
6. To finish the pattern, draw straight lines from each point to the outer shell as shown.



7. At the top of the oval, draw the head as shown. The front flippers are near the head. Draw a "V" shape. Add a short line to create the top part of the flipper, then enclose it making a triangular shape. Do this on both sides of the head.
8. Draw the tail and two back flippers as shown.
9. Add some detailing, such as irregular spots on the flippers, tail and head. Time to fill in with color. Use markers, colored pencil or watercolor. Use several shades of greens and browns. Have fun!