



# TORTOISE

## **Make:** A hibernating tortoise

Any colour A4 activity paper  
Brown paper/card  
Straw  
Black pen/crayon  
Scissors  
Glue  
Card for template

1. The A4 paper is the tortoise's box. Cut a slit, as illustrated, big enough for the tortoise to slide through.
2. Draw circles using dots for the children to join up or they can draw circles themselves to represent holes in the box.
3. Put a small amount of glue in the 'holes' and along the outside of the slit and stick on pieces of straw to make it look as if straw is sticking out of the box. Let the children choose a name for the tortoise and write it on the side of the 'box' eg Tommy's box.
4. Make a template of the tortoise and cut out of brown card/paper or photocopy onto card and colour if necessary.
5. Let the children colour the shell and eyes with pen/crayon.
6. Make a crease in the neck so that the tortoise can be tucked in when he goes in the box.

**Rhyme:** A tortoise moves slowly,  
Close to the ground,  
His little feet plodding,  
Without any sound,  
On his back is his shell,  
and he doesn't complain,  
For it keeps out all weather -  
The snow, frost and rain!

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**Activity:** Make a tortoise with a moving head - Cut out a tortoise shell with felt using picture opposite. Cut out the head and long strip as shown. Fix the head by means of 2 vertical strips of card secured at the back of the tortoise with sticky tape enabling the horizontal strip and head to move through and along, so moving the head in and out of the shell.

**Talk about:** What does a tortoise look like? What does he use his shell for? Has anyone seen a tortoise? Make up a story about a tortoise that goes to sleep in a box for winter.