

Make a handprint tortoises activity



Engage and Reflect

Watch *Educational Lesson: Q and A about Tubby the African Spurred Tortoise*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fUI6Et2WIsI>



Skills

- Fine motor skills
- Hand-eye coordination
- Spatial Reasoning



Visual Arts

- Apply skills and knowledge to create in the arts.

Math Concepts / Standards

- Reason with shapes and their attributes.



Experience

- Two 10-15 minutes sessions

When looking closely at a tortoise, you will notice they have four legs and head along with their shell. Tortoise's shells are a part of their spine, they provide protection from predators. You can make a tortoise-themed work of art by using your handprint! Your fingers will be his or her legs, and your thumb will be the head. Remember that the shell is part of the tortoise, too. We will draw the shell on to protect our handprint tortoise.



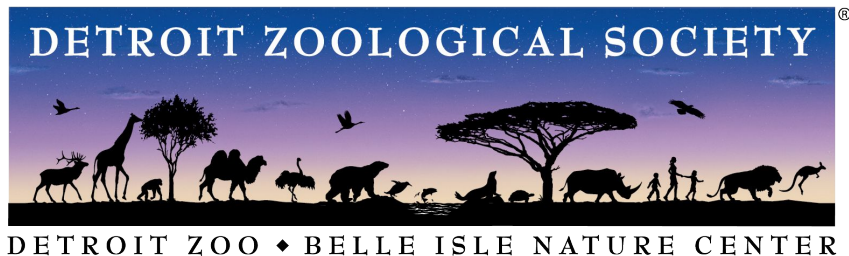
Celebrating and Saving Wildlife

Tubby, the African spurred tortoise who lives at the Detroit Zoo, was surrendered from a private owner who was unable to provide appropriate care for him. He found his forever home at the Detroit Zoo where he has a lot of space to spend his days exploring, and a team of people who is able to care for him for his incredibly long life (potentially over 100 years!)



Take Action

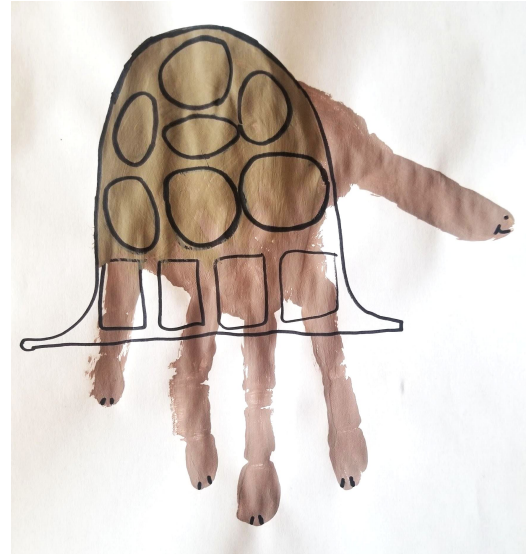
Before you choose a companion animal, ensure you have the space, resources and expertise to care for the individual animal you are considering. Do some research and make an informed decision when opening your home to a new member of your family.



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Supplies

- Acrylic Paint- (Watercolors work too!)
 - Blue, Yellow, red and white
- Marker
- Paint brush
- Paper



Directions

- Mix paint
 - One part blue
 - Two parts yellow
 - One part red
 - Four parts white
- Paint the palm and fingers of one hand with a thin layer of paint.
- Press your hand onto paper.
- Fill in any blank areas (palm and fingers) with paint using a paintbrush.
- Wait for the paint to dry.

- Turn the paper upside down, so the fingers point down.
- Draw a tortoise shell on top of handprint.
- Draw a face and toenail marks.