Turtle Activity Instructions

Supplies Needed:

- Colored construction paper (green)
- Glue or glue sticks
- Paper plates
- Tissue paper of varying colors (we recommend pre-cutting these into squares)
- Markers or crayons or color pencils
- Scissors
- Eye stickers (optional)
- Tape (optional but recommended)

Instructions:

1. Take a paper plate and glue tissue paper onto one side until it is fully covered. You can choose any colors you like. You can apply glue to the plate and then stick the tissue paper on OR you can apply glue to the tissue paper and put it on the plate.
2. Next, you will need to glue the arms and head of the turtle onto the other side of the plate, as shown in the example. Tape can be used to keep the head and arms from falling off.
3. A face can be drawn on with marker, crayon, or color pencil. You can further decorate the arms of the turtle if you would like to.

Many Indigenous people call North America Turtle Island. Many indigenous groups use the animals around them to help tell important stories such as creation stories.

The peoples of the Haudenosaunee Confederation believe that the land was formed when Sky Woman fell from Skyworld. She was caught by swans and helped to land on a turtle's back. The animals knew that Sky Woman needed land, so they brought mud from the bottom of the ocean. The turtle volunteered to have the mud put on his back. Sky Woman planted grasses, fruits and trees in the mud. That was how the whole world was formed.