



Painted Turtle • La Tortuga Pintada SPANISH

# Wetlands are Wonderful!

Wetlands help keep our drinking water clean.

Wetlands are home to wildlife around the world. This includes one third of North America's threatened and endangered wildlife species.

Wetlands store water during droughts.

Wetlands help to reduce flooding.

Wetlands are important resting, feeding and breeding areas for migratory birds.

When we protect wetlands, we keep the whole planet healthy.

Ducks Unlimited Canada is an environmental charity made up of people who know this. We have worked with others to conserve wetlands since 1938. We know good things happen when people work together!

Get to know your local wetlands - you will love them!

# ¡Los pantanos, son lugares increíbles!

Los pantanos ayudan a mantener limpia el agua potable.

Es el lugar donde habita la flora y la fauna en el mundo. Esto incluye la tercera parte de las especies en peligro de extinción en América del Norte.

Los pantanos almacenan el agua durante las sequías.

Ayudan a reducir las inundaciones. Constituyen un lugar importante de descanso, de alimentación y reproducción de las aves migratorias.

Cuando protegemos los pantanos ayudamos a mantener saludable todo el planeta.

"Ducks Unlimited Canada" es una organización del medio ambiente sin fines de lucro integrada por gente que esta consciente de esto. Desde 1938 hemos trabajado con otros para que los pantanos no desaparezcan. ¡Sabemos que cuando la gente trabaja unida suceden cosas importantes!

¡Aprende a conocer los pantanos que existen en tu área – te van a encantar!

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wetland world

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## Painted Turtle

Did you know people in North America, China, Africa and India all have ancient beliefs that the Earth is carried on a turtle's back? And, that you can find turtles in most parts of the world, as long as there are a few warm summer months?

The Painted Turtle is found in many of the small lakes and wetlands of southern Canada. They eat many different things – like plants, worms, leeches, tadpoles, insects and even, small fish or frogs. A hard shell surrounds their body and protects them from predators, such as a hungry fox or raccoon. The bottom shell has a beautiful design that looks like it is painted and its face has bright coloured markings. I bet you can guess how this turtle got its name!

To create your own animal model follow the steps on the back page. But wait, wetlands are full of life! There are other creatures in this series, each with its own story. Visit our website at [education.ducks.ca](http://education.ducks.ca) to download other wildlife models. Then you, your family or friends can create more creatures and even build your own wetland.

## La Tortuga Pintada

¿Sabían ustedes que la gente de América del Norte, China, Africa e India tienen la antigua creencia de que una tortuga lleva a la tierra en su espalda? ¿Y que las tortugas se pueden encontrar en la mayor parte del mundo siempre y cuando haya por lo menos unos pocos meses calientes de verano?

La tortuga pintada se encuentra en muchos de los pequeños lagos y pantanos en el sur del Canadá. Se alimentan de plantas, gusanos, sanguijuelas, renacuajos, insectos, pequeños peces o sapos. Una caparazón dura le protege el cuerpo contra animales voraces como el zorro o el mapache. El interior de la caparazón tiene un hermoso diseño que parece que ha sido pintado y su cara exterior tiene colores brillantes. Me imagino que ya adivinaron de idonde la tortuga sacó su nombre!

## Para crear tu modele propio

Sigue los pasos que aparecen en el reverso de la hoja. Ten cuidado - ilos pantanos están llenos de vida! Existen otros seres en esta serie, cada uno con su propia historia. Visita nuestro sitio web en [education.ducks.ca](http://education.ducks.ca) para bajar otros modelos de flora y fauna. Luego, tú, tu familia o amigos pueden generar más criaturas y aún más construir un pantano propio.

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Trabajando Juntos

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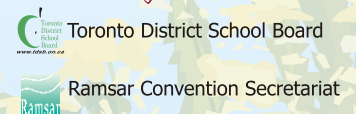
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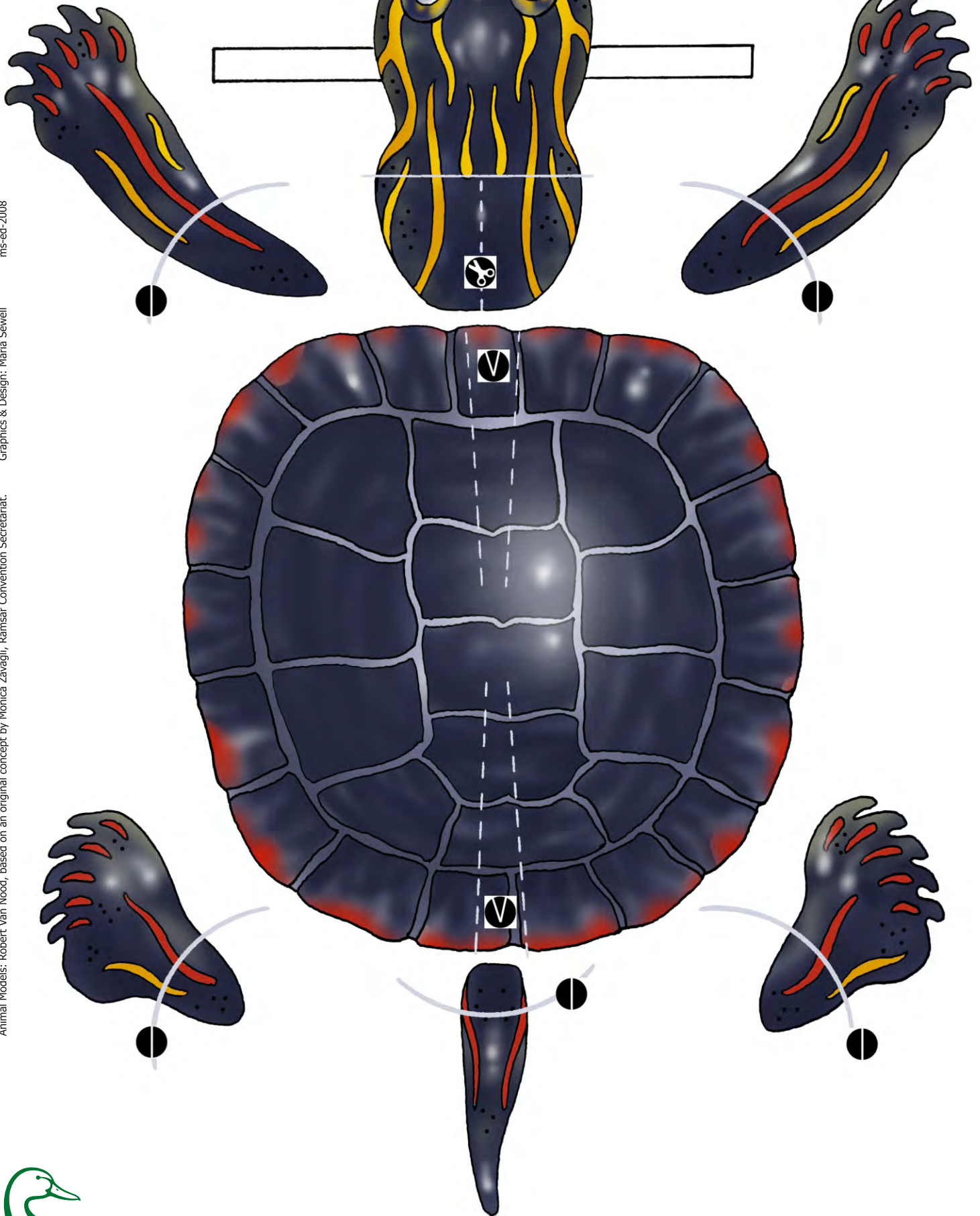


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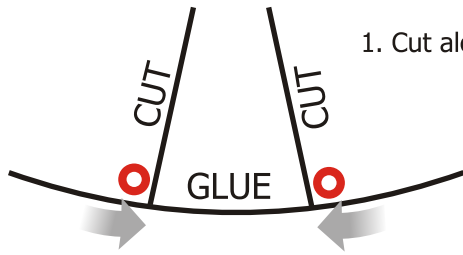
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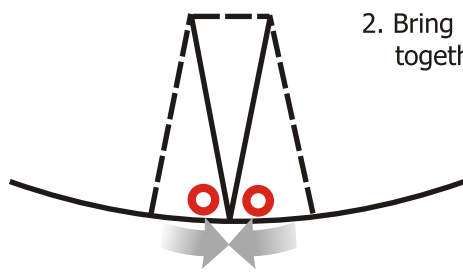
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You will need: scissors, glue for paper (glue sticks work well)

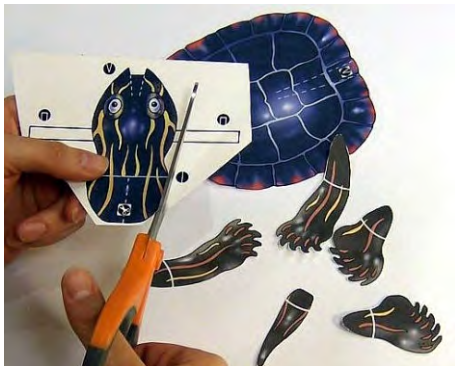
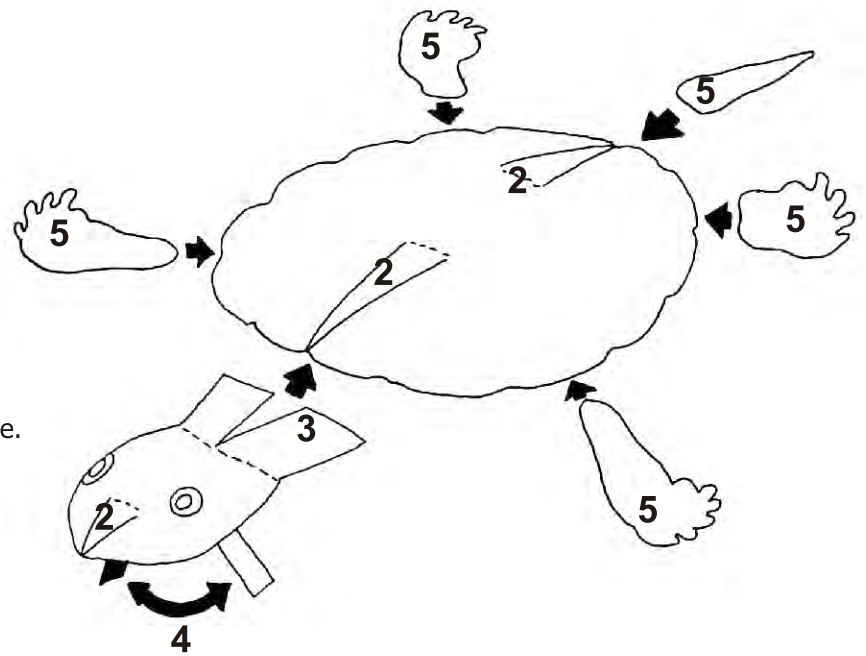
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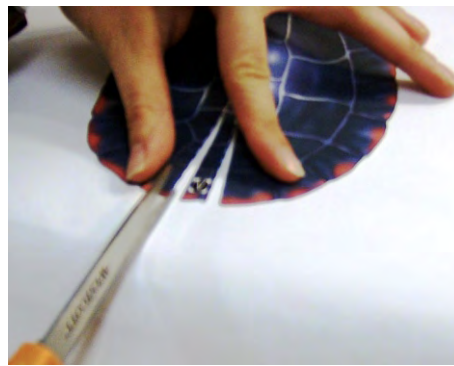
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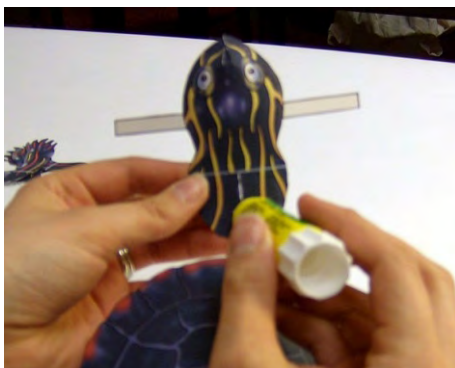
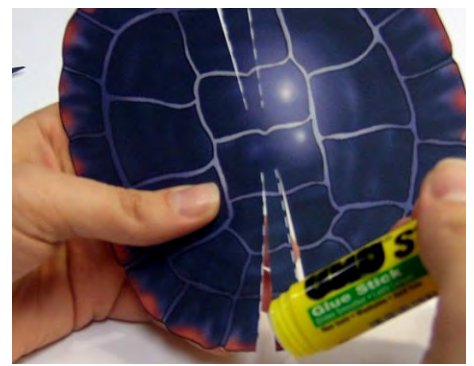
2. Bring points together and glue.



1. Cut out all pieces.



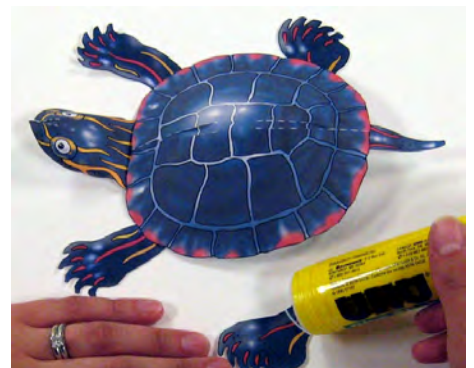
2. Cut and glue darts on nose and shell.



3. Cut neck and glue neck to underside of shell.



4. Position head and glue tabs together underneath.



5. Glue legs and tail in place on underside of shell.