Create your own snail and whale with paper plates!

Snail instructions

1) Take one of the paper plates and paint it the color of your choice with the washable paint (or color it with markers).
2) Using a paint brush (or your finger!) make a spiral in the paint and set aside to dry. If you’re using markers instead, use one color to color in the shell and another to make the spiral.
3) While you wait for the paint to dry, take the construction paper and trace the shape of a snail body.
4) Draw an eye and mouth on the head of your snail or use a googly eye, if available.
5) Once your plate dries, you can glue the paper plate to the snail body.

Whale instructions

1) Paint the paper plate blue and leave to dry.
2) Once it’s dry, cut a piece off the bottom (about one quarter of the plate straight across). This will be the end of the tail.
3) Using a piece of blue construction paper, cut out a rectangle to attach the head (large piece of the plate) and the tail (short piece of the plate). You can also use plain white paper and color it blue.
4) Next, cut a piece of construction paper or plain paper to make it look like water that will come out of the whale’s head.
5) Glue all the pieces together:
   a. Water to the top of the big plate piece
   b. The two tail pieces together
   c. The constructed tail to the big plate piece
6) Draw a smile and an eye on your whale or use a googly eye, if available.

What you’ll need:

• 2 white paper plates
• Markers or crayons
• Washable finger paints (helps with the snail spiral shell!)
• Plain white paper or colored construction paper
• Glue
• Scissors
• Googly eyes (optional)
Can you help the snail find the Whale?

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