

Crafts with Fifi: Tiny Walnut Tortoises

Never be stuck for something to do! Keep your hands and brain busy with glue, tape and scissors - and have crafty fun with Fifi!

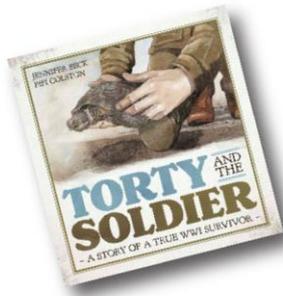
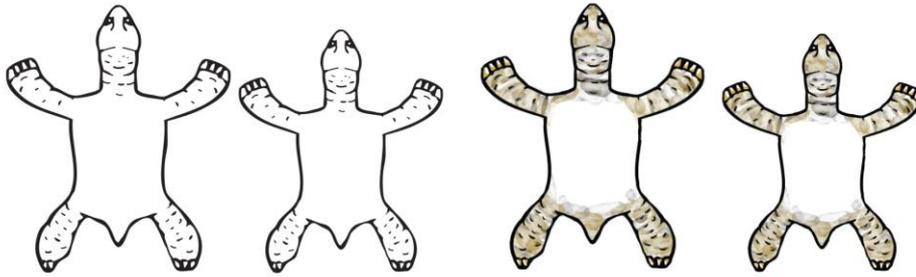
An adult Greek tortoise, like Torty, is around 20cm long. But you can make a mini one from a walnut shell! Torty has some toes missing from her run in with an artillery gun in 1916. Can you see which ones they are?

You will need:

- Walnut shells (halved and kernels removed) NB These are in-season this month & next, so ought to be available at supermarkets and roadside stalls.
- Torty template
- Craft glue
- Scissors (small ones are best)
- Felt tipped pens (optional)



1. Print out



TORTY TEMPLATE

choose the right size for your walnut shell!
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Print off the template – attached - onto heavy paper or thin card.

2. Colour



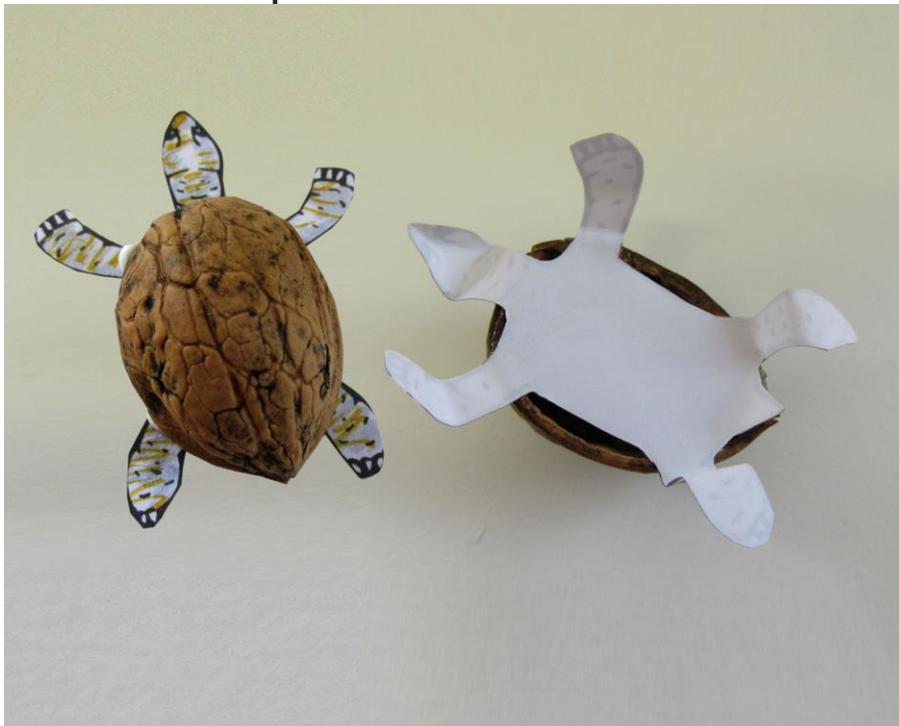
Colour in a tortoise, or use a pre-coloured one.

3. Cut & glue



Cut it out and dot glue onto the legs.

4. Stick & flip



Stick the shell to the tortoise and flip it onto it's back to dry.

5. Finishing touches



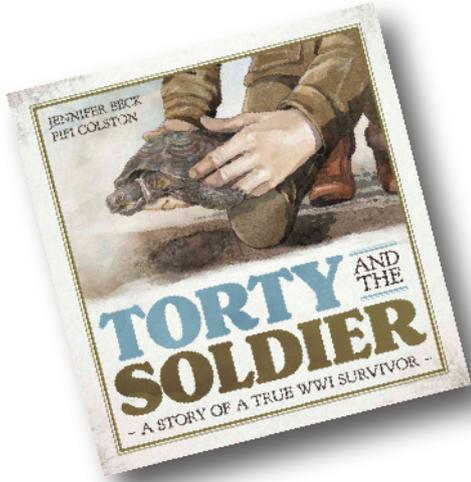
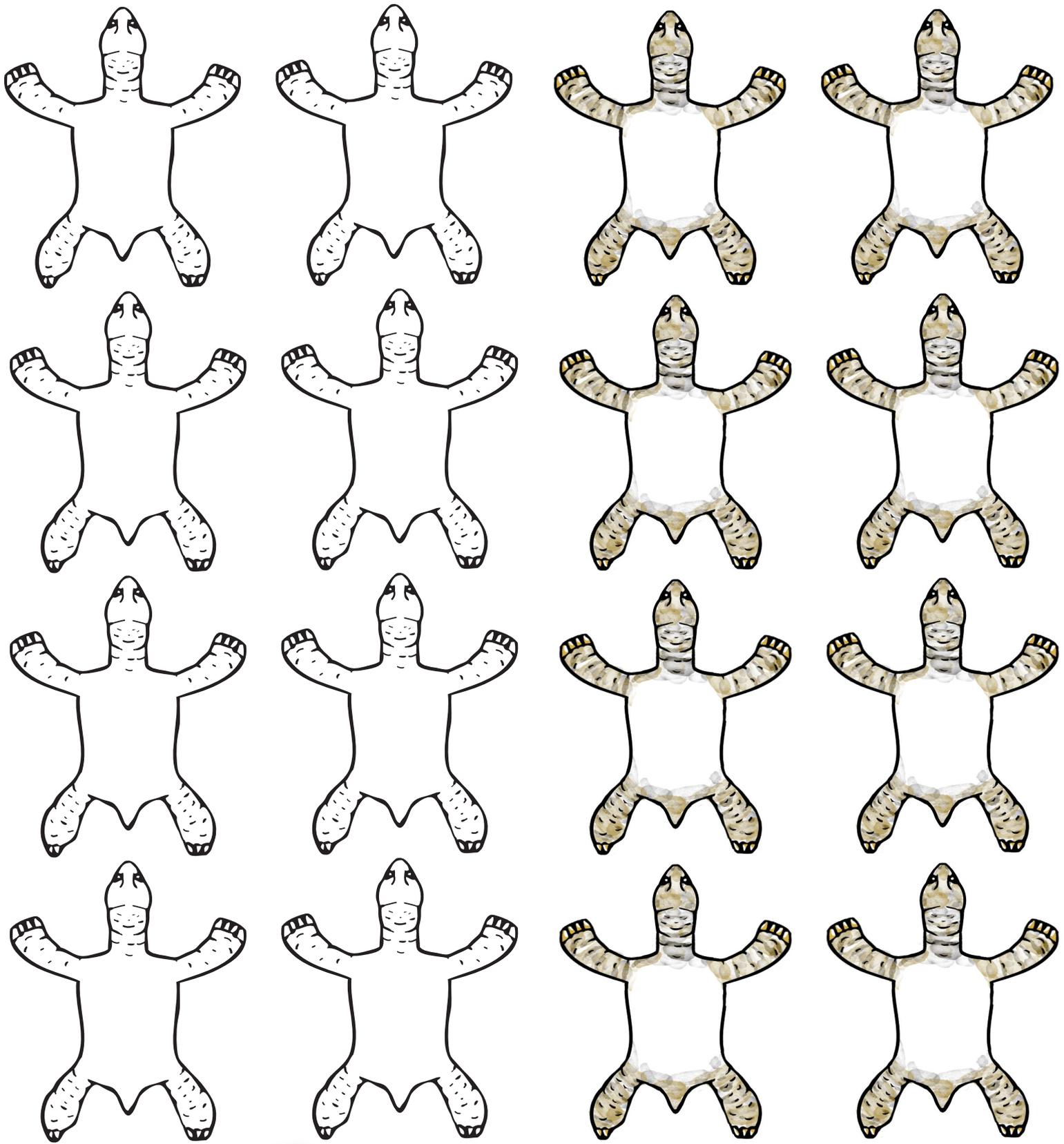
When it is completely dry, bend the neck, legs and tail to make the tortoise stand. Pinch the nose a little to give the head shape.

Make a whole bunch! Did you know a group of them is called ‘a creep’ of tortoises?

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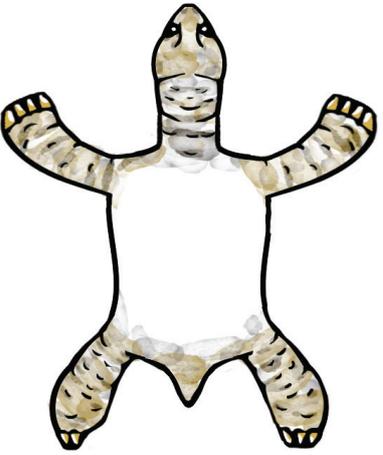
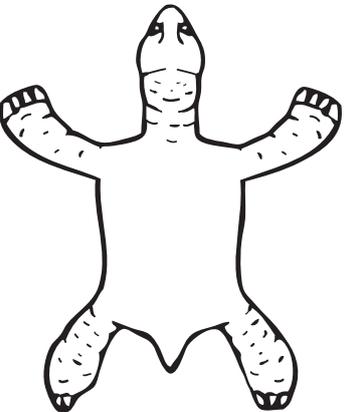
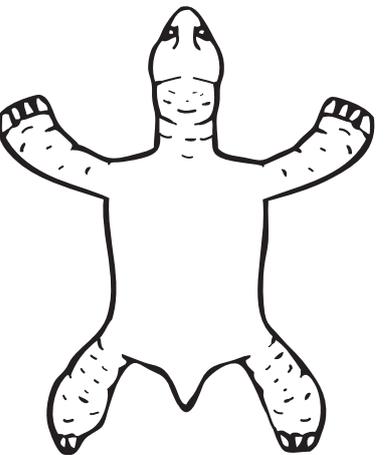
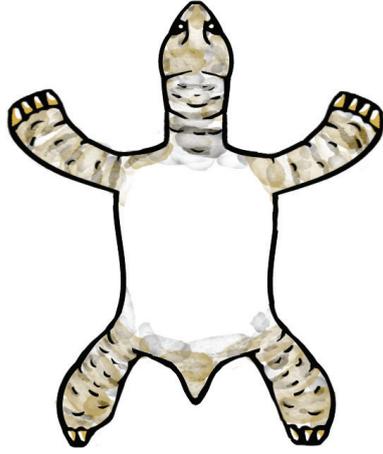
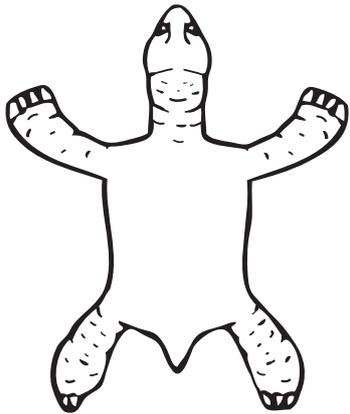
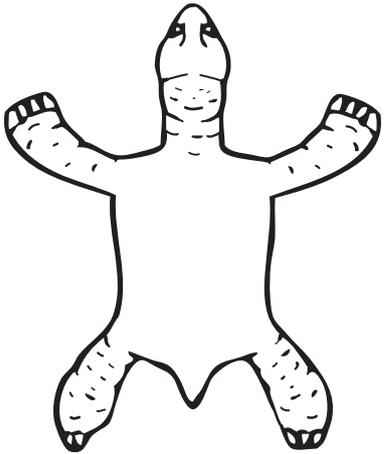
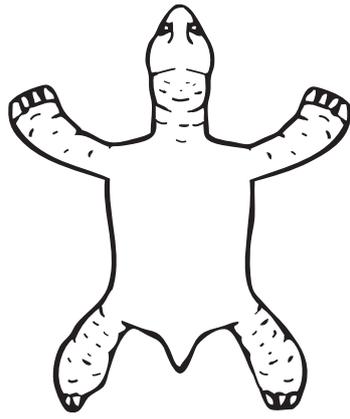
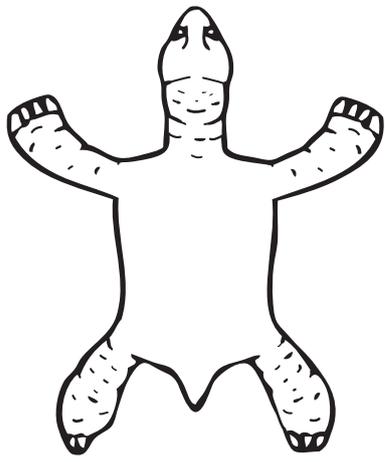
When she has a moment, Fifi visits schools and community groups, inspires budding artists and writers and runs workshops in creative process. You can find her at <http://fificolston.blogspot.com>.



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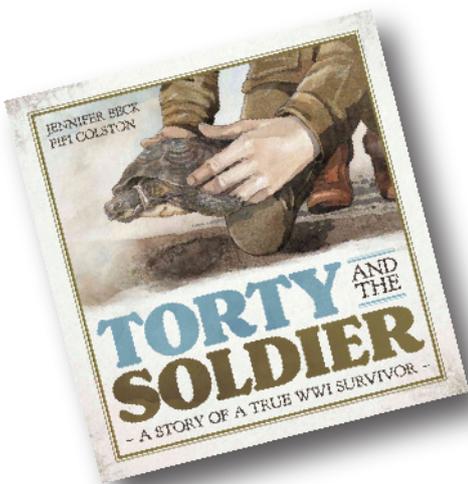
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