

Mini Park Rangers



Camouflage

When an animal blends in to its surroundings or its environment it is camouflaged. In our natural world camouflage is a great way to go undetected and keeps animals protected from predators. Some well known animals that use camouflage include spiders, insects, frogs, reptiles, possums, turtles and birds.

Parent Notes:

Camouflage colour search

With your Mini Park Ranger create a collection of coloured chips or swatches. These could be cut from old paint charts or magazines or coloured by hand using pencils and paper. Include colours of different shades and colours you may not expect to find in nature. Keep the cards in a small bag or box.

- Take the cards on your next walk in your neighbourhood or local park.
- While you are exploring encourage your Mini Park Rangers to take a colour from the bag and find it in nature. Repeat with another card.
- Can they find all the colours in the bag?
- Can they find a plant or animal that is well camouflaged?
- Perhaps the colour leads them to a piece of litter that shouldn't be in nature? Can you put it in a bin?
- Look high and low, explore different colours, different shades and different textures.
- For another idea download and print this sheet: [Colour Match Activity](#) created by our friends at Parks Victoria.

Draw a picture

What did you see camouflaged in the garden?

A large, empty rounded rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for a child to draw a picture of something camouflaged in a garden.

Camouflage Hide & Seek

Using a plastic animal toy play a camouflage version of Hide and Seek.

- Ask your Mini Park Ranger to cover their eyes and count to 12.
- While they count hide the animal in the garden so it is camouflaged but not covered completely.
- Let your Mini Park Ranger find the animal.
- Once found, let them hide it for you to find.
- For variety have a few different plastic animals that you can hide, one at a time or hide many at once for an extended game!

Mini Park Rangers, can you camouflage yourself so you blend in with your home environment?

What colours could you wear to camouflage:

- in leafy garden
- behind a large tree or near rocks
- on the sand at the beach or in the sand pit
- next to a flowering bush or shrub

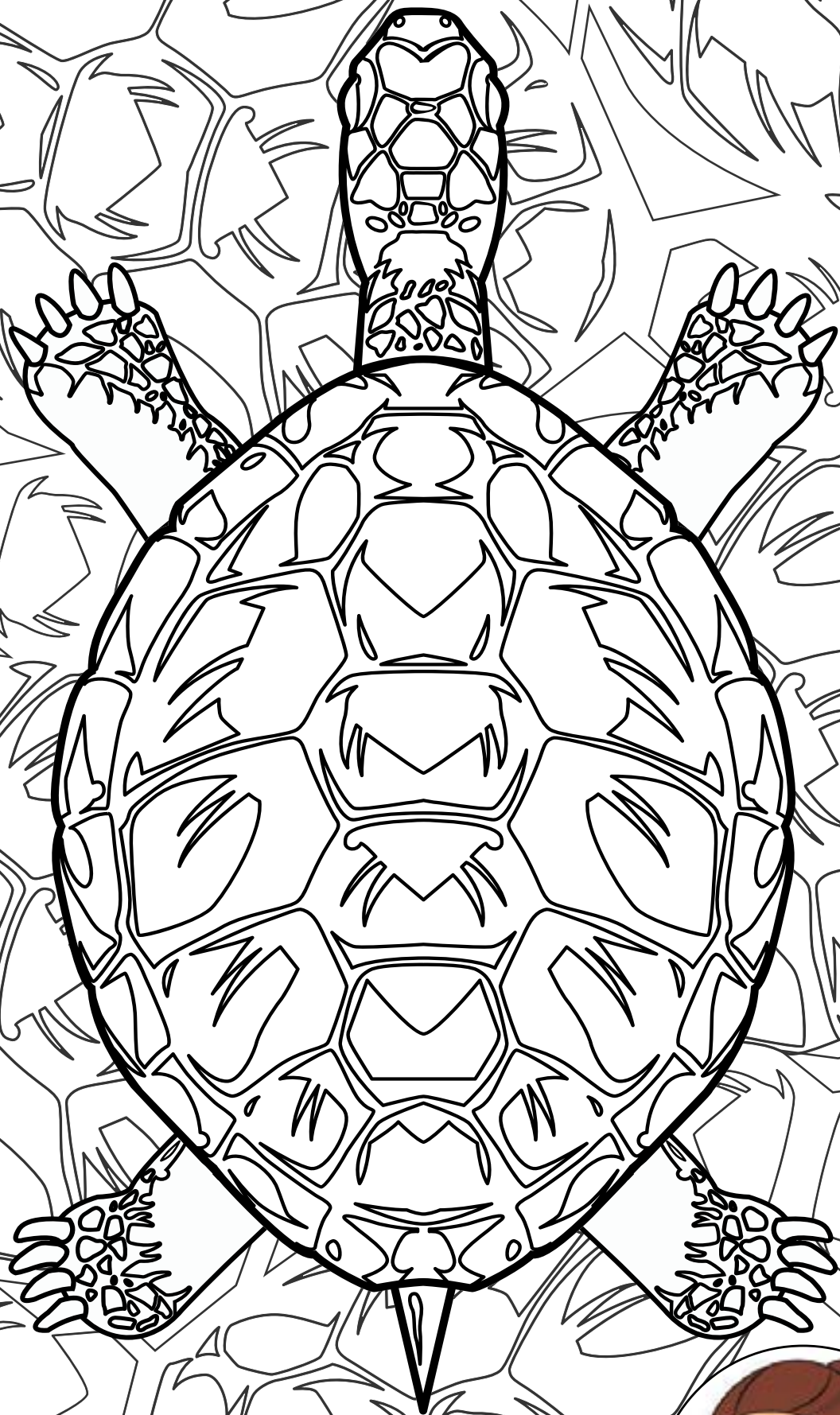


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Hey Mini Park Rangers!
Can you colour in this artwork and find the hidden wetland animal.

