

Hungry Galápagos Tortoise Craft

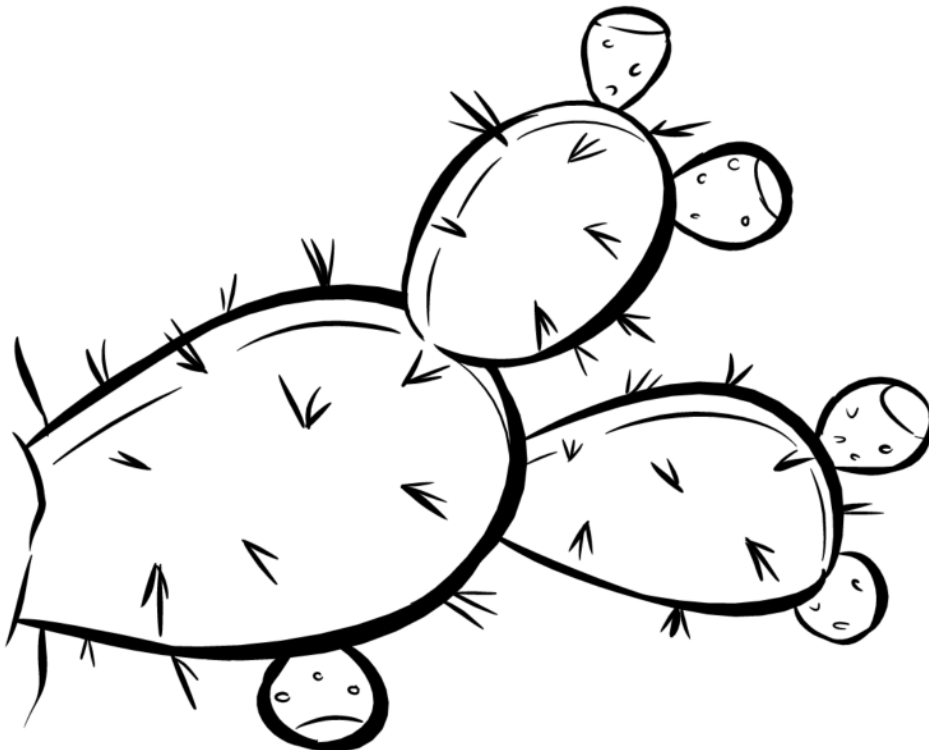
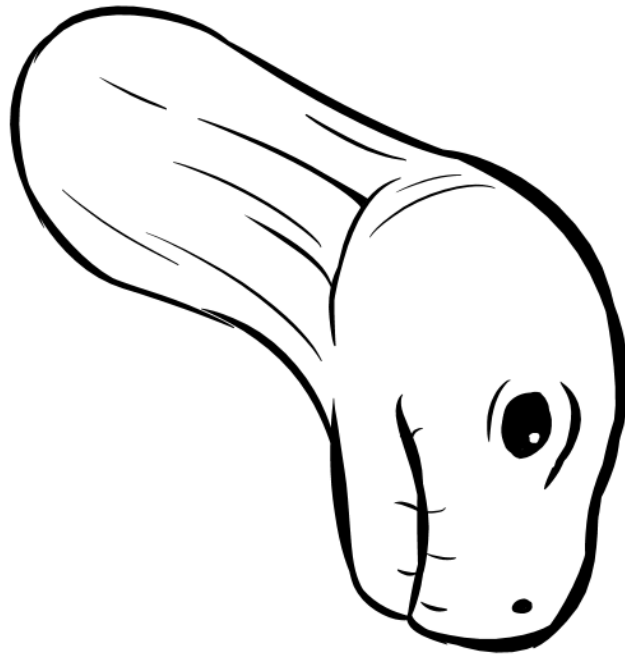
The Galápagos tortoise is the largest living species of tortoise in the world, weighing over 400 kg (900 lbs)! Their large size is what scientists think made it possible for their ancestors to make the 1000 km (620 mile) crossing from South America to the Galápagos Islands: Their longer necks let them breathe easier at sea, and their ability to go without food and water for months at a time helped them adapt to the Galápagos' dry habitats once they arrived. Follow the instructions below to make your own long-necked Galápagos tortoise!

Materials

Print-out templates (pages 2 & 3)
Metal brads
Scissors
Crayons or markers

Directions

1. **Color** in the attached illustrations with crayons or markers.
2. **Print** out the templates on pages 2 & 3 and **cut** out the 3 templates (tortoise body, tortoise neck & head, and prickly pear cactus) with your scissors.
3. **Poke** a hole in the middle of the tortoise body template with a metal brad.
Poke another hole at the base of the tortoise neck & head cutout with a metal brad.
4. **Attach** the neck and head template to the body template with the metal brad.
Make sure the neck is in the center of the tortoise's body.
5. **Move** the neck of the tortoise up and down to eat the prickly pear cactus.





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