

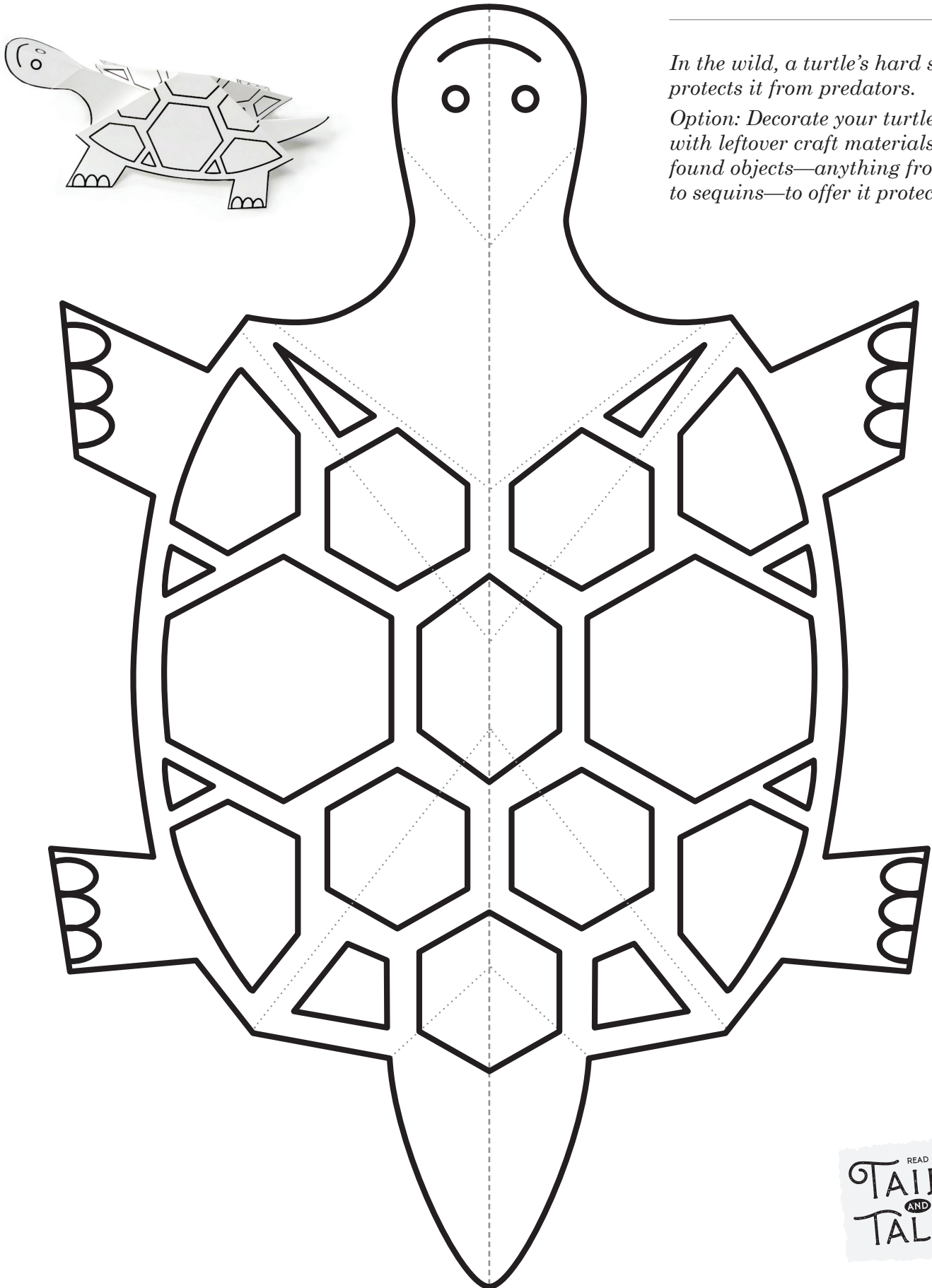
# Stand-up Turtle Craft

Color and cut out your turtle. Fold in half along the spine (dashed line), then fold and unfold along each of the faint diagonal dotted lines. Unfold the turtle into a “tent” shape and bend the head/neck into the shell along the folds. Maintain the crease along the top of the head. Repeat with the tail.

This craft was adapted from Krokotak. Visit [krokotak.com](http://krokotak.com) and search “turtle paper craft” for a video demonstration.

*Turtles feature in the mythologies and folklore of many cultures. They may be symbols of longevity, strength, wisdom, or good fortune. Have you heard the story of the Tortoise and the Hare? What do you think the tortoise represents?*  
*Option: Add symbols to your turtle to give it special meaning.*

*In the wild, a turtle’s hard shell protects it from predators.*  
*Option: Decorate your turtle’s shell with leftover craft materials or found objects—anything from cereal to sequins—to offer it protection.*



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Most species of turtles are aquatic, living in bodies of water ranging from small ponds and bogs to large lakes and rivers. A few are strictly terrestrial (tortoises), and others divide their time between land and water.

Source: <https://www.britannica.com/animal/turtle-reptile>

