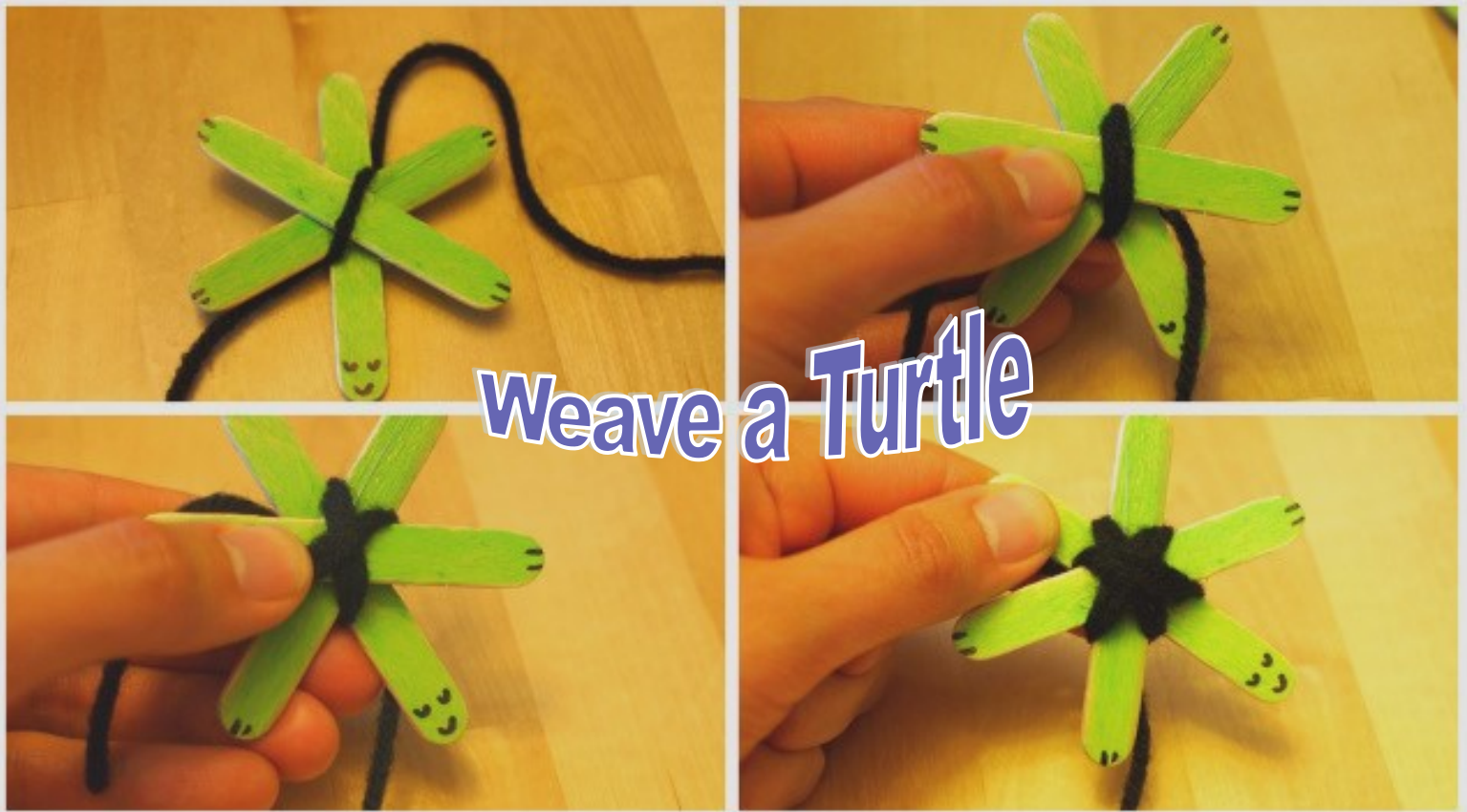


# Turtle Helps Make the Earth

Did you know that turtles play positive roles in the folklore of many cultures! In Hindu mythology the world is thought to rest on the backs of four elephants who stand on the shell of a turtle. In the creation myths of the Iroquois, the Great Spirit created their homeland by placing earth on the back of a giant turtle. Lilly Baker, who was a Mountain Maidu basketweaver, wove images of turtles into her baskets. She was inspired by a Maidu creation myth where turtle swims deep into the bottom of the ocean and brings up dirt to make the first land for humans to live on.



**Materials:** Popsicle sticks or branches/ sticks you collect outside, glue, yarn, markers or paint.

**How To:** Glue or tie sticks together to form a star. Once dry, tie a knot with yarn around the center and weave (as shown in the pictures). Decorate your sticks and add a face and feet to your turtle!

