Want to enjoy Tiny Thursdays at home? Explore a DAI artwork, watch a virtual read-aloud story and then follow along with project instructions found below!

**Paper Collage Hedgehog and Turtle**

**Project Description:** young artists read a story about the adventures of a hedgehog and a turtle in need of some cheering up, learn about friendships and create their own paper-based hedgehog and turtle friends using cutting, glue and composition skills.

**Story:** “The Hug” by Eoin McLaughlin and Polly Dunbar (Faber & Faber Children’s; 2019)

Let’s Talk about this Artwork!

- Can you count how many creatures there are?
- How do you think the artist made this?
- Describe what these turtles are doing.
- What emotions are the turtles feeling? What makes you say that?
- How can we describe the artwork's texture?
  - Would this sculpture feel: soft or hard, scratchy or smooth, cold or warm?

Artwork: Japanese, Netsuke, wood. Gift of Mr. Brainerd B. Thresher 1942.249.3
Supplies
1) 9” x 12” brown, green and cream/white construction paper
2) Scissors
3) Pencil
4) Crayons
5) Glue stick
6) Large lid or pot to use as a circle stencil (any hard, round shape will work)

Project Instructions
1) Place a circle stencil on brown construction paper and carefully trace around it with pencil. Cut the circle out. If scissors are very new, place your hand on top of a caregiver’s while they are cutting so they model this skill for you.

**Helpful hint:** Make sure you trace very slowly so that way, your outline hugs the stencil tightly! Cut around the tracing first, then go back afterwards and try to cut more closely to your traced outline.

2) Fold your circle edge to edge like a taco. Press on the fold to make it flat, then open up the circle and cut on the folded line. You will have two matching half-circles.

Project Skills
1) Fine / Gross Motor:
   a) drawing
   b) cutting/tearing
   c) gluing
2) Language development
   a) Expressive: speaking
   b) Receptive: listening
   c) Discussing
   d) Shape knowledge/spatial relationships
3) 21st-Century:
   a) Critical thinking
   b) Creativity
   c) Problem-solving
   d) Collaborating

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3) Cut the white/cream paper in half longways (like a hotdog,) then create spikes for your hedgehog from these two strips by cutting or tearing diagonal lines out from the paper’s edge.

4) Take one of your brown half-circles. Using a dark crayon, draw a curved line on the right side to outline a head, draw a nose in the corner and a smile underneath. Cut out a small circle from some white/cream scrap paper and glue it on your hedgehog’s face. Color the eye in more with a crayon.

5) Place a thin, curved line of glue about halfway back on your hedgehog body, from top to bottom. Next, glue row of spikes in a row, along the glue line, with pointy end facing away from the hedgehog’s face. After that, repeat with another thin, curved line of glue, but closer to the head this time and continue filling in with white spikes covering almost all of the hedgehog’s brown body.

6) With a piece of brown scrap paper, fold in half and draw a half-oval, (avoid drawing on the fold.) Cut shape out and glue both at the bottom to create the legs.

7) From your second brown half-circle, draw and cut out the body for your turtle. Discard the smaller piece.

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8) Cut a rectangular strip, about 2” wide, out of your green paper. Then, cut squares from the strip and finally, create triangles by cutting squares from corner to corner. Glue triangles onto the brown half-circle to pattern your turtle’s shell.

Extra challenge: cut some of triangles even smaller to fill in the pattern in even more.

9) Using green scraps, draw and cut out the turtle’s head and neck. Glue at the front of the shell. Follow the same steps as the hedgehog to make legs.

10) Give your turtle a happy face! Use a dark crayon to draw a smile and an eye—or, cut out a small circle from white/cream scrap paper and glue it on your hedgehog’s face.

11) Watch your creations become friends!