

# TALE SNAIL

This Snail Knows The Inside Story!

## MATERIALS:

- 1 Paper Dinner Plate
- 1 Paper Dessert Plate (Or Card stock/plate cut to size)
- Scotch Tape
- ½ of a Pipe Cleaner
- 2 Googly Eyes (optional)
- Paint or Crayons or Markers (any 2 colors)
- 1 Marker (any other color)



## DIRECTIONS:

### First, make the body.

1. Using any color, paint the bottom side of a paper dinner plate. You may need two coats of paint.
2. Using a different color, paint the bottom side of a paper dessert plate. You may need to do this twice too.

### Next, make the eyes.

3. Cut a pipe cleaner in half and bend one of the pieces into a U shape. Save the other piece for another project or share it with a friend.
4. Using Scotch Tape, attach a googly eye to each end of the U shaped piece.

### Then, make the shell & tale.

5. On the painted side of the dessert plate, use a marker to draw a spiral shape. This is your snail's shell.
6. Optional: On the unpainted side of the dinner plate, write a story about your snail. What's your snail's name? Does your snail always have a shell attached? Does your snail have a best friend?
7. Fold the dinner plate in half. The paint should be on the outside and the story should be on the inside. This is your snail's body.

### Finally, put it all together!

8. Put the snail's body on your table with the straight edge at the top. Position the snail's shell over its body. The curved edge of the shell should line up with the curved edge of the body and match up at one end. The shell should cover approximately three quarters of the body's straight edge and peek above the straight edge.
9. Turn the snail over and use Scotch Tape to attach the shell to the body.
10. With the snail still turned over, position the U shaped pipe cleaner along the remaining one quarter of the straight edge. The googly eyes should be facing down and only part of the pipe cleaner should extend over the straight edge. Use tape to attach the pipe cleaner to the body.
11. Turn the snail over and use a marker to draw a mouth near the edge under the eyes.
12. Have fun telling stories with your Tale Snail!

**Variation:** If you don't have paint, markers or crayons can be used to decorate the plates.