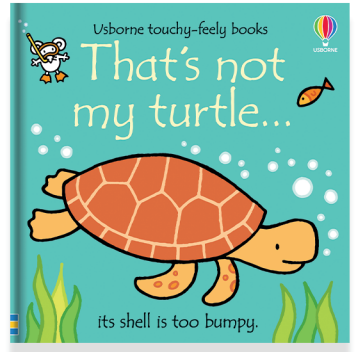




That's not my turtle... Play Prompts



Usborne has teamed up with Claire Russell of **play hooray!** who has written five play ideas for all ages using *That's not my turtle...*
Let's play!



Babies 0-1 years

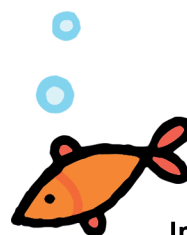
Sensory bottles are a lovely way to stimulate young babies. Older siblings could even help you to make these. Mix warm water with a small blob of blue/green paint or food colouring and give it a good mix. Pour into a small clear plastic bottle from your recycling. Add a handful of colourful buttons to the bottle of coloured water. Secure the lid tightly and add strips of tape to make it secure. Now shake or roll the bottle towards your baby and let their eyes focus on the coloured items swirling round and round inside.



Toddlers 1-3 years

Toddlers love to be active and messy, so let's combine two things they're good at.

Add green children's paint to a paper plate and encourage your child to dip a potato masher into the paint, they will love this. Then invite them to stamp the masher all over a big piece of paper leaving lovely 'turtle shell' prints. Once dried, using a felt tip pen, draw on cute little heads and four flippers to turn your stamps into terrific turtles. Cut them out and proudly stick your toddler's artwork on the fridge.



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Pre-schoolers 3-5 years

Let's create our own small world turtle beach. Place handfuls of sand at one end of your water box and pour in some water (you could add a touch of blue food colouring) to the other end. Then cut simple 'turtle' shapes from any spare sponges you have and add them onto your beach scene. Invite your little ones to pretend play with the turtles, telling stories, scuttling along the beach and into the water where they can swim and play. Add any shells or other sea life creatures you have to make it extra special.



Kids 5+

It's so important that we teach our children about looking after the natural world, and what better way than to do this through play. Fill a water tray with inviting blue water (a blob of blue paint or food colouring mixed in works well.) Then add any pretend sealife creatures you have to the water. Now have a rummage in your recycling box and see what you can find to be 'pollution' like plastic bags, bottles and lids. Using a sieve or a pair of tongs, can your child help to clean up the ocean and save the animals by scooping out the rubbish and sorting it into the recycling bin? Talk to your child about the importance of caring for the world around us.



Siblings

It can be tricky encouraging children of different ages to play together, but I'm sure they will love this one and can engage in the activity at their own level. Start by collecting big smooth rocks or pebbles next time you're out and about. They are lovely to paint and decorate, especially for turning into turtle shells. Add paper heads and flippers to your dried rocks and use them in their play. They look super cute and kids of all ages will be so proud of their creations.



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