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Door Hanger Project

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Survive!

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4. Clean up the beach.
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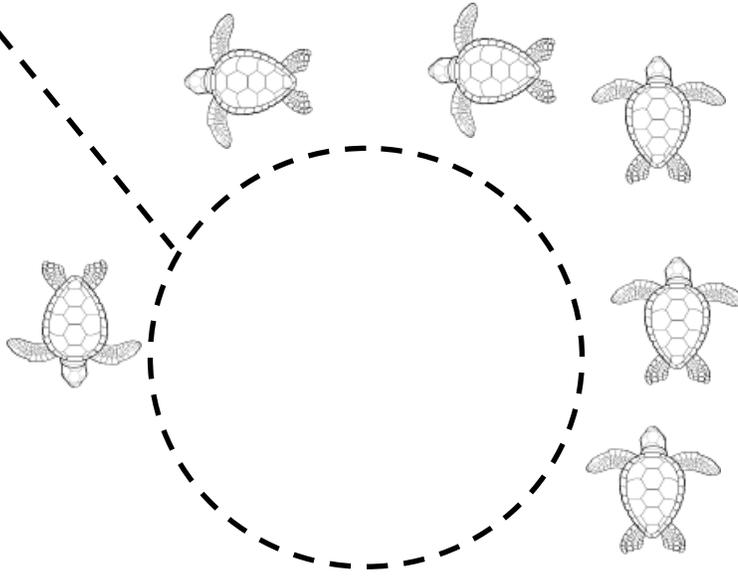
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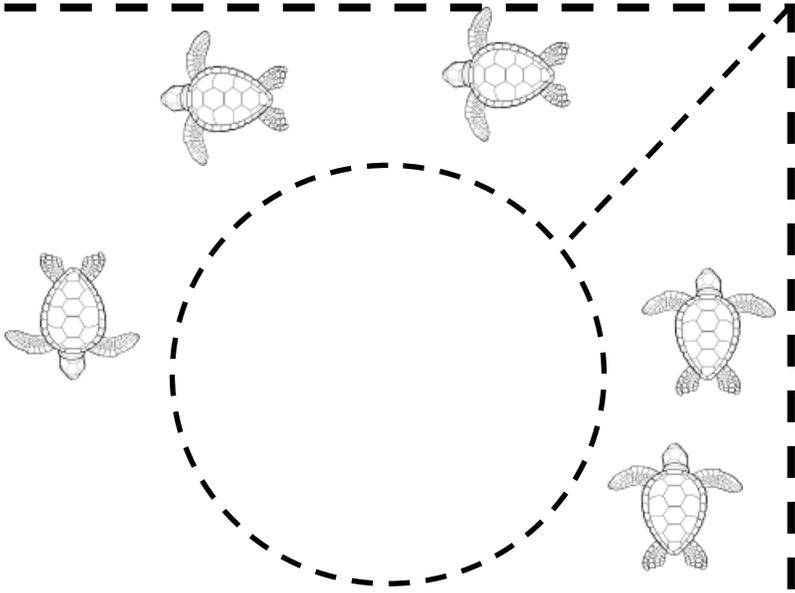
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Directions

- 1. Print out page 2 and 3 on card stock.**
- 2. Color both door hangers.**
- 3. Cut out door hangers following the dashed lines.**
- 4. Glue the two hangers together so you have a front and back.**
- 5. Make one for yourself and make more to give to family and friends.**



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- 1. Carry** reusable straws, water bottles and shopping bags. If a sea turtle eats plastic bags or other plastics that become tangled in the seaweed, this can injure or kill them.
- 2. Artificial light** in homes can discourage female turtles from nesting and confuse hatchlings trying to make their way to the ocean. If you do keep your lights on, close your blinds to reduce the glare as much as possible.
- 3. If you encounter** a sea turtle, remain calm and quiet and avoid it. If you frighten a female sea turtle, she may end up returning to the ocean instead of nesting on the beach.
- 4. Trash** often ends up on our beaches where it confuses baby sea turtles trying to make their way to the ocean. Whether you participate in group beach cleanups periodically or you walk the beach every so often to help clean up, remove trash that can be destructive to a sea turtle's habitat.
- 5. Holes** and sandcastles can become obstacles for nesting turtles or emerging hatchlings, so fill your holes and knock down sandcastles before you leave the beach. Remove chairs and umbrellas, so sea turtles are not turned away.

