

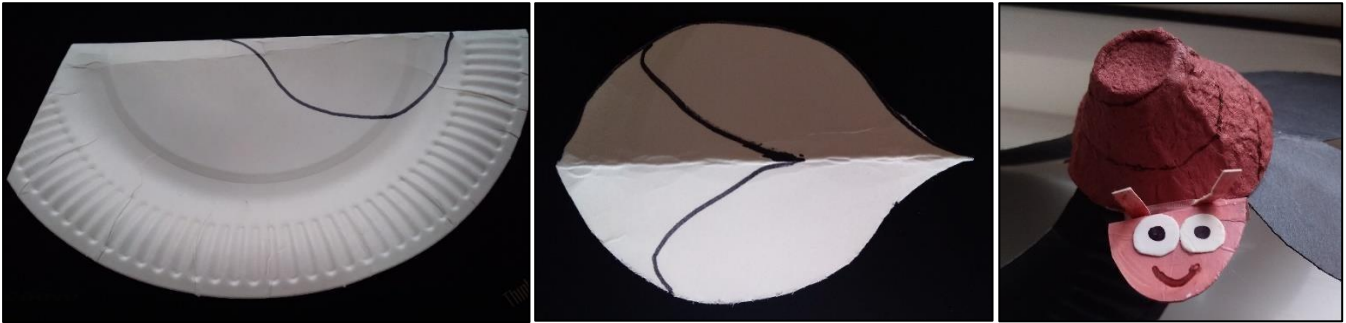
# Make the snail and the whale

We were inspired by the charming story, *The Snail and The Whale*, by Julia Donaldson.

**You will need:** a large paper plate (or thin card from a cereal box or similar and a dinner plate), pencil, scissors, paint, paintbrush, pieces of scrap (thin) card, egg box carton, felt tip pens (black and brown), glue stick, sticky tape, stapler (optional).

## Instructions:

1. Fold the paper plate in half. If you don't have a paper plate, use a large piece of thin card (from a cereal box or similar) and a dinner plate. Draw around the plate, cut out the circle and fold in half.
2. Fold in the front of the plate, which will form the face of the whale, and draw the shape as shown on the picture below (left). Cut out the shape.



3. Do not discard the shape you have cut out. Draw a tail fin shape on this (see picture above, middle) and cut out. With the remaining card, make a side fin also. You may need to trim.
4. With the black felt tip pen, draw details onto the whale, and then paint the whale, the side and tail fins. Leave to dry.
5. Cut one section of the egg box carton (snail's shell). Draw and cut out a small tongue shape (snail's body) from a scrap of thin card, along with two antennae. Paint and leave to dry.
6. Draw two very small circles and one large circle on a scrap of thin card. These will be the eyes of your snail and whale respectively. Cut out. With a felt tip pen, add a pupil to each.
7. Cut out a mouth shape on your whale. Glue on the whale's eye, side fin and tail fin – you can also use sticky tape or a stapler. Leave to dry, if using glue.
8. Glue the eyes and antennae onto the snail's body. Attach the body to the snail's shell with sticky tape. With a felt tip, add details to the snail (see picture above, right). Leave to dry.
9. Your snail and whale are complete! You can use them to act out the story.



**Fun facts: the story tells of a tiny snail hitching a ride, and having an amazing adventure, on the tail of an enormous humpback whale.**

**We have some snail shells in the museum collection, including a 'copse snail' shell. This is a medium-sized land snail. Their shell is mottled brown and their body dark brown. While most UK snails live 1-2 years, it is thought that this snail lives up to 17!**