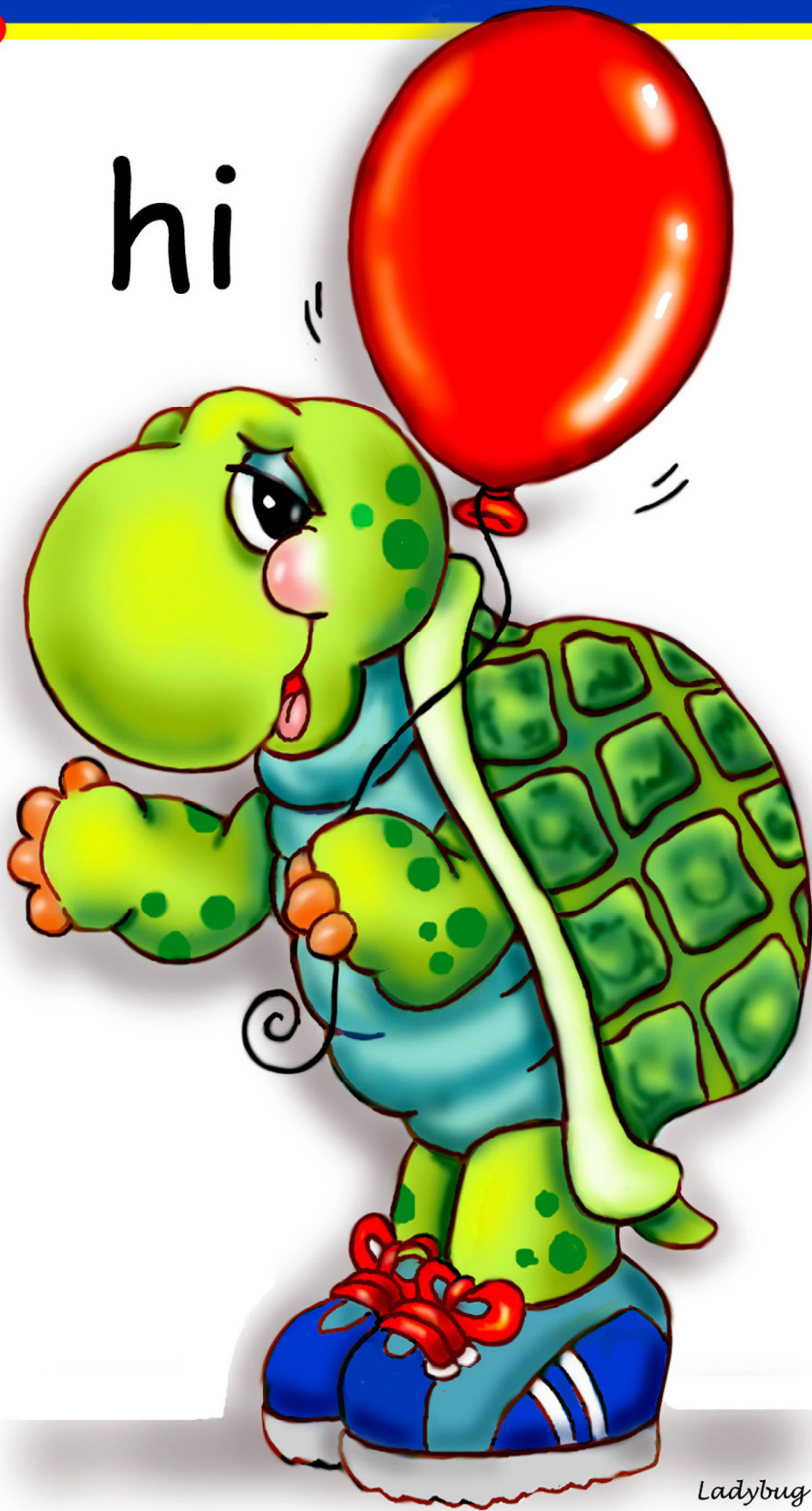


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# A turtle hi

## Beginner-intermediate level design

This design was originally donated as a free design on my web site for downloading for those who were willing to paint "Treasure Boxes" for sick children in hospitals. It was later also donated to SDP for their painting station at the convention in 2006.

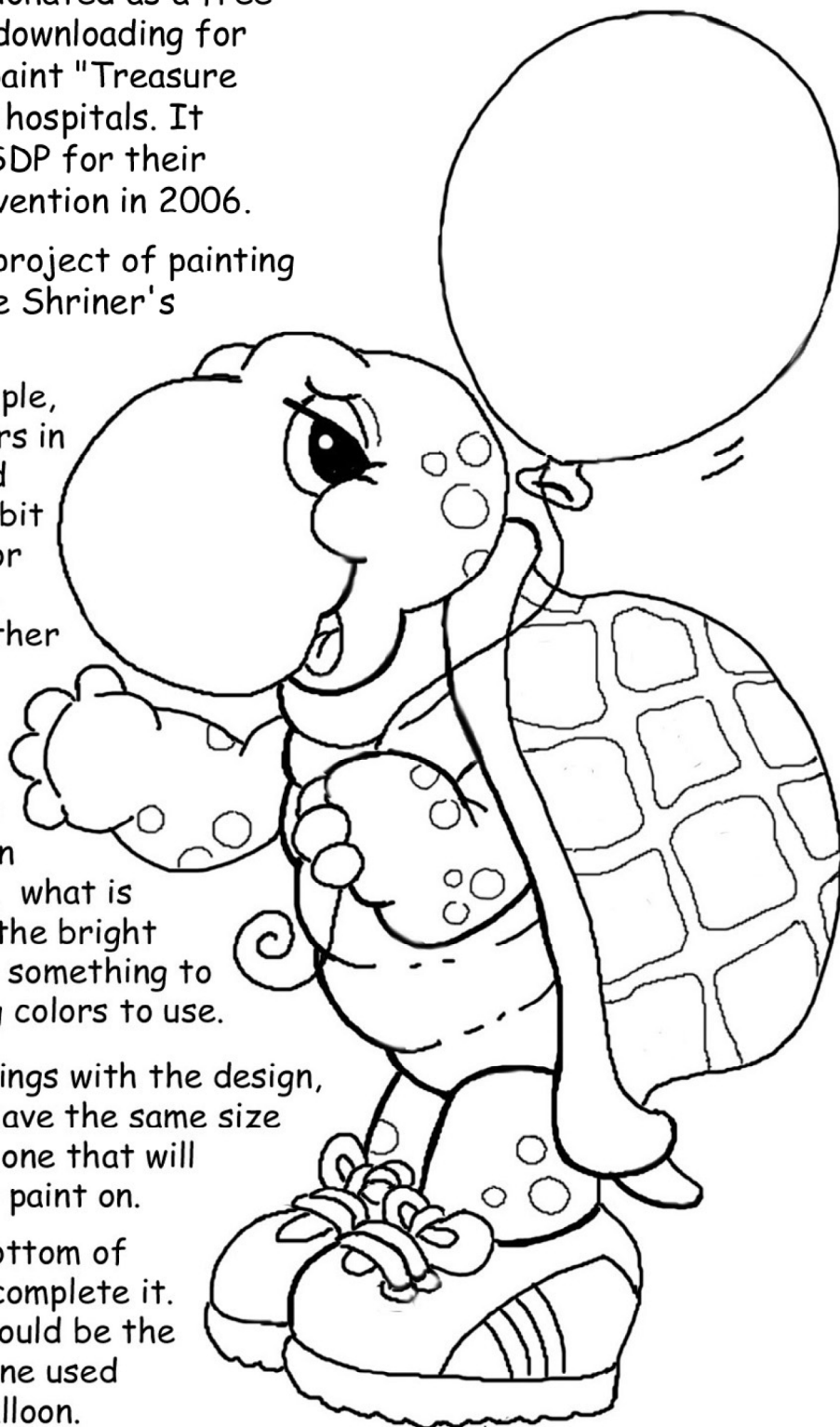
SDP has joined me in this project of painting the treasure boxes for the Shriner's Children Hospitals.

The design can be done simple, by just blocking in the colors in a coloring book fashion and outlining it, or with a little bit of painting experience, color can be floated to achieve a nice dimensional effect. Either way will be great on a Treasure Box painted for a sick child.

Children are most forgiving about the style or manner in which something is painted, what is more important to them is the bright cheerful colors it has on it, something to keep in mind when selecting colors to use.

I have given two line drawings with the design, because not everyone will have the same size box handy to paint, so pick one that will fit the surface you have to paint on.

Don't forget to paint the bottom of the box, inside and out to complete it. A easy selection of color would be the trim you use on the lid or one used for the turtles shoes or balloon.



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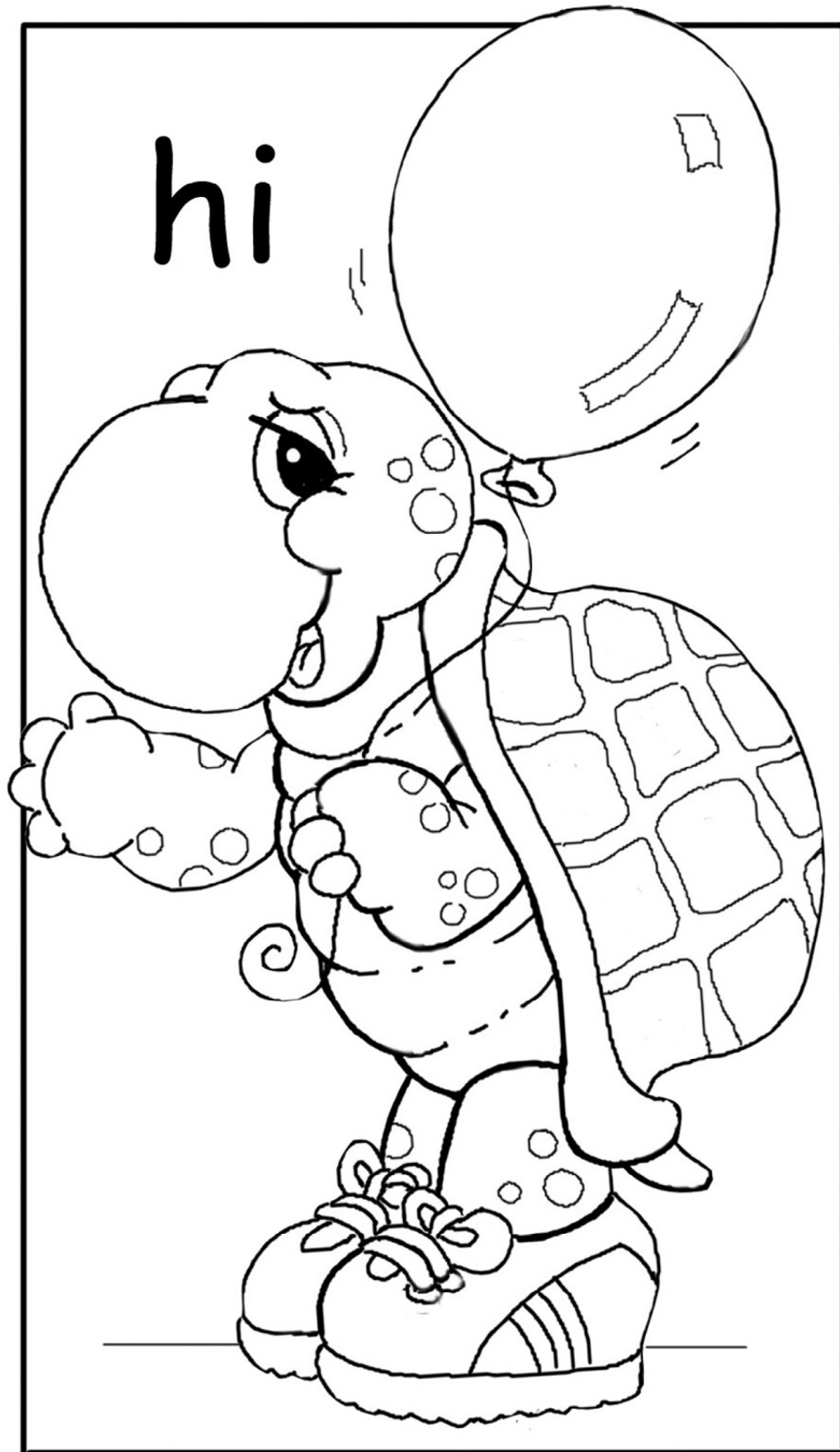
## Standard Shoe Box Size

This layout is true size and will fit a 10.5" x 6.5" standard shoe box.

This design can be given to either a boy or girl, if the balloon is painted a warm color such as red, orange or yellow.

Should you want it just for a boy, try blue, with blue sneakers to match. Same goes for a girl, use pink or purple with her sneakers to match.

Use it on a light background color. Make border trim a darker one of the same color family.



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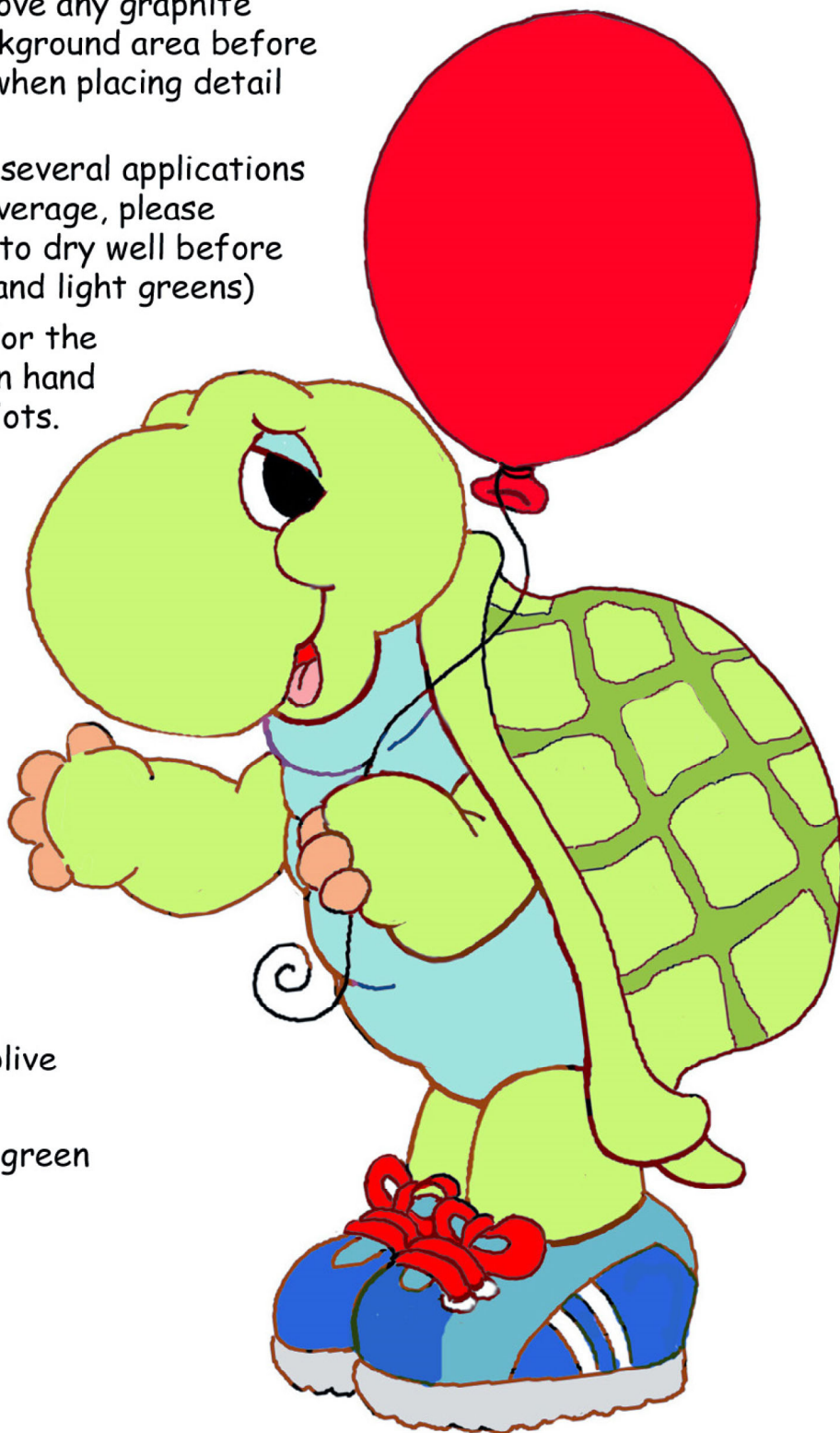
### 3-Basic Colors Used:

This is showing all of the basic colors used to block in the design in a coloring book fashion. Once all the colors are made solid and allowed to dry, transfer back in any of the detail lines you will need to finish the design. (Be sure to remove any graphite lines that get on to the background area before base coating or afterward when placing detail lines in.)

Some of the colors require several applications in order to achieve total coverage, please give each coat enough time to dry well before adding another coat. (reds and light greens)

No brand names are given for the colors, use what you have on hand and match up to the color dots.

-  light grey
-  true blue
-  grey-blue
-  white
-  black
-  light teal or aqua
-  dark lime green or olive
-  lime green or yellow green
-  light orange
-  pink
-  true red



## 4-Contour shape colors used:

To achieve this look, the colors were floated into place. This can also be done by dry brushing as well. Whatever way works best for you is the way to do it.

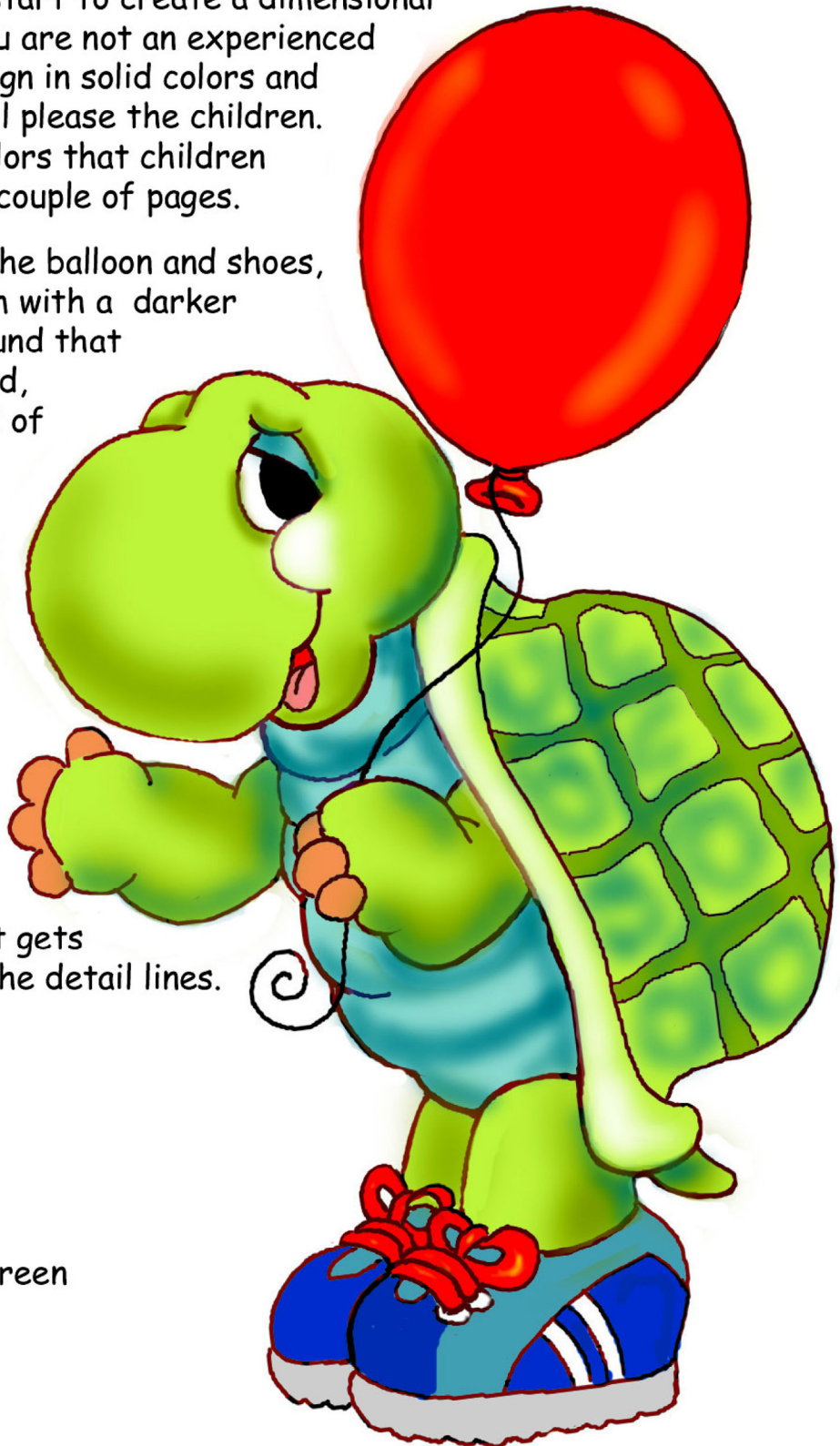
The idea in this step is to start to create a dimensional effect to the design. If you are not an experienced painter, just doing the design in solid colors and outlining the design will still please the children. After all it's the bright colors that children love most. Skip to the last couple of pages.

If you have used pink for the balloon and shoes, you will need to shade them with a darker shade of pink or rose. I found that purple works equally as good, depending upon what brand of acrylics you use.

I also found that it worked great to do several lids with this design, so that as one dried I could work on another one and just rotate them along.

Don't worry about the balloon string, it is merely being shown so you can see the placement of it....it gets painted in last along with the detail lines.

-  white
-  dark teal
-  olive or dark lime green
-  blue-green
-  bright yellow



Yellow is used on red areas at this stage to give strength to highlights later.



## 5-Shadows:

By adding layers of darker colors it gives depth to the design. The balloon will be the hardest one to control the brush on, so take your time doing it. This is one reason why I wait until I have this step done before adding a cast shadow on the background color. It allows me the chance to touch up any goofs that might get out of the lines into the background area.

The painting will look a wee bit out of focus at this stage, but this is normal, so don't worry about it. It all clears up when you outline later.

Depending upon what background color you use, when this step is complete you can then add a shadow cast with a darker shade of the background color. Should it be white, try a light blue or even green rather than grey, it will keep it from looking dull or dirty.

These colors are floated into place the same as the last page.

-  burnt orange
-  pink or coral- on cheek
-  maroon or dark red
-  kelly or bright green- dots on body
-  dark blue green- on shell and for shadows.
-  dark grey-blue- on shoes  
(dark pink if you changed it.)
-  navy blue- on shoes  
(violet if you have change it.)
-  dark grey- on soles of shoes



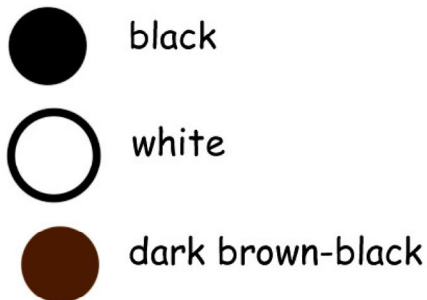
## 6-Details and highlights:

Now if you are just blocking the design in, or looking for a fast way to paint up lots of boxes, then dig out a permanent black pen with a fine tip (0.2) and simply outline the design as shown here. Again, I must warn you that not all pens are as permanent as they claim. So go easy on a light spray or coat of sealer to seal the design first, then go back and apply a second good coat.

For the completed dimensional look, float in the white highlights as shown here, such as on the balloon, shell edge, shoe strings, eye lid and cheek. Also add a solid white dot in the eye.

Black detail lines can be used, however if you are painting the lines in, a dark brown-black line with a liner brush will look even better than black. It's not as harsh and blends into the design better.

The cover image shows the background shadow and border added.



Besides the treasure box that this design was designed originally for, the design would be ideal for a grade school or Sunday school teacher to use in the classroom.

Another suggestion might be, is to create several turtles on a long board (using different colored shoes and balloons), and then putting a peg hook in each balloon for a clothes hanger.

Have fun with the design, it's the kind that will bring a smile to everyone's face.

