PROJECT 1 STEPS: TURTLE

PREPARATION:
1. Knot the yarn around one popsicle stick (or “leg”) close to the center. This will be your starting leg (#1 in the diagram). Cut off the loose tail end of the knot.

WEAVING:
You’re going to weave the yarn around the popsicle sticks starting from the center and moving outwards to the tips of the legs.
2. Loop the yarn once around the starting leg (#1 in the diagram) from front to back close to the center (the knot you made to start does not count as a loop).
   ⇒ Pro-tip: Hold on to the tied string as you start to loop the yarn so it doesn’t slip.
3. Move to the next adjacent leg (#2 in the diagram) and loop the yarn once around it from front to back close to the center.
4. Move to the next adjacent leg (#3 in the diagram) and loop the yarn once around it from front to back close to the center.
5. Continue this method of weaving on the next three legs.
6. Returning to the starting leg, start your second row of weaving continuing to loop the yarn from front to back.
   ⇒ Pro-tip: Loops should not overlap, but should lay next to each other. Make sure loops are packed together snugly and neatly as you go.
7. Continue weaving in this manner, looping the yarn around each leg from front to back, until the legs fill with yarn (or you run out!).

TO FINISH:
8. Leave about a 1 or 2-inch tail of yarn at the end to tuck in.
9. Choose which “leg” to make the neck. Add googly eyes and draw in a smile!
PROJECT 2 STEPS: BUTTERFLY

PREPARATION:
1. Knot the yarn around the one popsicle stick close to the center. This will be your starting or upper stick (#1 in the diagram). Cut off the loose tail end of the knot.

WEAVING:
You’re going to weave the yarn around one half of the “X” to make the first butterfly wing before moving to the other side to make the second wing. For each wing, you’ll start at the center and move outward, weaving in a figure 8 pattern.
2. Loop the yarn once around the starting or upper stick (#1 in the diagram) from front to back close to the center (the knot you made to start does not count as a loop).
   ⇒ Pro-tip: Hold on to the tied string as you start to loop the yarn so it doesn’t slip.
3. Bring the yarn in between the starting or upper stick and the stick beneath it (the lower stick, or stick #2 in the diagram).
4. Wrap the yarn around the lower stick (#2) from front to back close to the center.
5. Bring the yarn in between the lower stick (#2) and upper stick (#1).
6. Wrap the yarn around the upper stick (#1) from front to back.
7. Continue this method of weaving until you reach the ends of the sticks.
   ⇒ Pro-tip: Loops should not overlap, but should lay next to each other. Make sure loops packed together snugly and neatly as you go.
8. To finish your first wing: Cut the yarn, leaving a 1 - 2 inch tail of yarn to tuck in.
9. Weave your second wing, repeating steps #1 - 8 above.

TO FINISH:
10. Fold your pipe cleaner in half, slide it over the middle of the popsicle sticks and twist to create antennae. Curl or bend the tips of the pipe cleaner in for an added touch!