The project on the next page goes along with the book *The Snail and The Whale* by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler.

This book tells the story of an unlikely duo—a snail who has never left home and a whale who has spent his whole life swimming around the world! When they decide to adventure together, they build a fast friendship. But one day, the whale gets into some trouble and it forces the snail to overcome both his real and perceived limitations.

In honor of one of our book’s main characters, today’s art project is all about SNAILS! You have the chance to create your own snail and take it on adventures with you!

MUSEUM CONNECTION

This ROAR! story was inspired by this sculpture of a giant snail, currently on display outside the Rose Garden on the grounds.

This sculpture was created by artist Cornelia van Auken Chapin, who specialized in sculptures of animals. She followed the relatively rare practice of sculpting directly from life, without making a model before beginning a sculpture.

We hope that you come check out this sculpture on our grounds the next time you visit The Ringling!
ACTIVITY
SNAIL SPIRAL

MATERIALS:
2 PAPER PLATES OR PIECES OF PAPER, GLUE OR TAPE, Q-TIPS, SOMETHING TO COLOR WITH.

DIFFICULTY LEVEL:
SIMPLE

DIRECTIONS
1. Draw a spiral on the first paper plate starting in the middle and going outwards to create the shell
2. Decorate your snail shell with paint, colored pencils, crayons, or markers
3. Cut out the body of the snail and decorate
4. Glue or tape the snail shell to the snail body, and add q-tips to your snail’s head to form its antenna!

Now you have a new snail friend to go on adventures with!

WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE WHAT YOU CREATE!

Click here to share your masterpiece on our Family Programs Facebook Group!

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