

OSTRICHES & OTHER RATITES

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Emilee Alyssa van Hoff, age 9

Ostriches are not rich
 Nor are they a snitch.
 They just want to have fun
 Under the hot hot sun.

Evrett, age 10



Matt Meserve, age 8

Mr. Ostrich,
 You have wings
 But you do not fly,
 You are a large guy,
 That must be why!

Henry Smith, age 6



Ruhi Bhati, age 6



Issac Armstrong, age 9



Gracie Clinton, age 11

I have a long neck,
 A body with feathers,
 What am I?
 Yes, I'm a bird,
 But what kind?
 I have a wide beak,
 Long legs for running,
 What am I?
 Still don't know?
 Here's one more:
 I'm the world's largest bird.
 Right! Yes! Correct!
 I'm an ostrich!

Nora Winegar, age 9



Aurelia Miller, age 8



Ridley Shirley, age 7



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We want to see your original poem, story, or drawing by August 17, 2021 for "Seabirds."

WHICH CAME FIRST, the Ratite or the Egg?

A shy ratite is hiding in the mixed-up picture on the left. To discover this flightless bird, color each space where you see a tiny dot.



Egg Paint



Bonnie Pilson Kuhn

Have you ever used an egg to paint a picture? For many centuries, this is just what many artists did. They called their egg paint tempera. You can make some of this egg paint yourself to create a painting of your favorite ratite. Follow these directions:

You will need: an egg yolk, water, vinegar, small bowls or jar lids, food coloring, soft paintbrushes, and paper or white cardboard.



Break the egg into a bowl. Separate the yolk from the white. To the yolk, add a tablespoon of water and a drop of vinegar. Mix well.



Separate the egg mixture into small bowls or jar lids. Add several drops of food coloring to each bowl to make the colors you wish to use.



Paint a picture of your favorite ratite. Perhaps you might also include several eggs in your painting. (In paintings, eggs are often included as a symbol of life.)



Clean your paintbrushes well with water.



Answers,
Shapely Ratites:

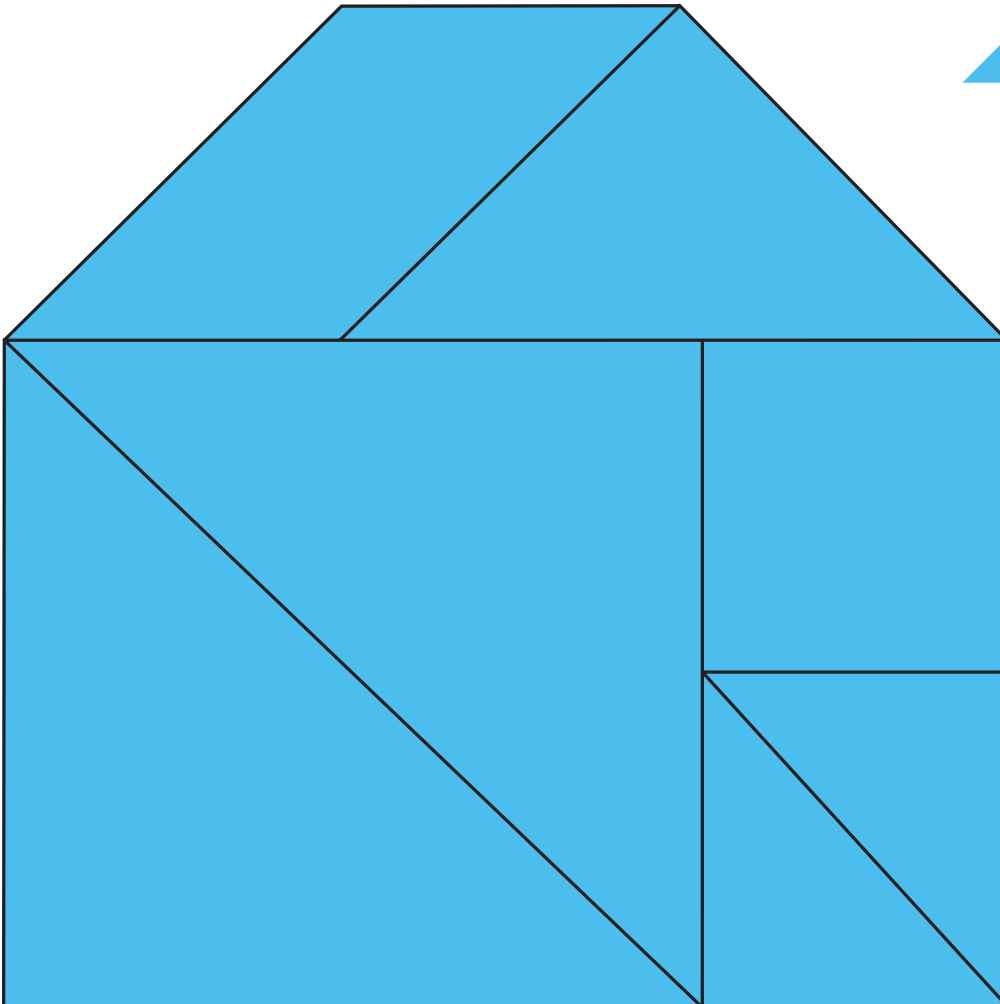
Which Came First, the Ratite or the Egg?
The shy ratite hiding in this puzzle is a kiwi.

SHAPELY RATITES

- Can you turn the house below into a ratite? In fact, can you turn it into 3 different ratites?
- Cut apart the 7 shapes that make up the house. Then, put the shapes back together to make the 3 ratites shown to the right. Use all 7 shapes to make each picture. (You can make a photocopy of this page if you don't want to cut it up.)

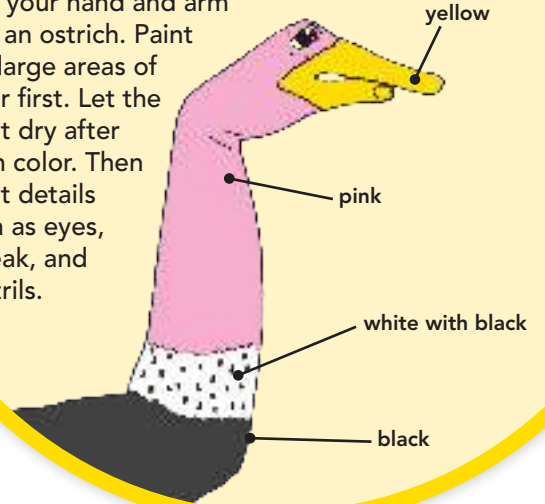
CHALLENGE

- Can you use the 7 shapes to make a perfect square? Try to solve this ancient Chinese puzzle called a Tangram. What other pictures can you create with your 7 Tangram shapes?

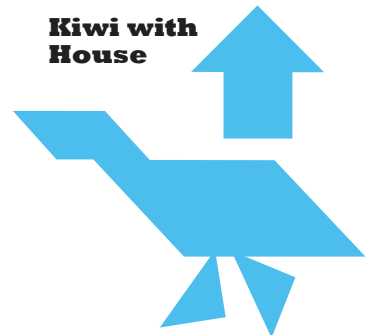


Try Your Hand at This One

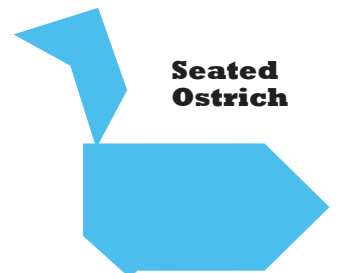
Use finger paint, colored zinc oxide, or makeup to turn your hand and arm into an ostrich. Paint the large areas of color first. Let the paint dry after each color. Then paint details such as eyes, a beak, and nostrils.



Running Cassowary



Kiwi with House



Seated Ostrich

Picture This, Ratite

Get out your quill (er, uh, pencil) as you attempt this special picture crossword. Use the picture clues to fill in the words that go across or down.

The five ratites from this book are all in this puzzle. Can you find and name them? (See page 4 for help.)

Across

1.



3.



7.



8.



10.



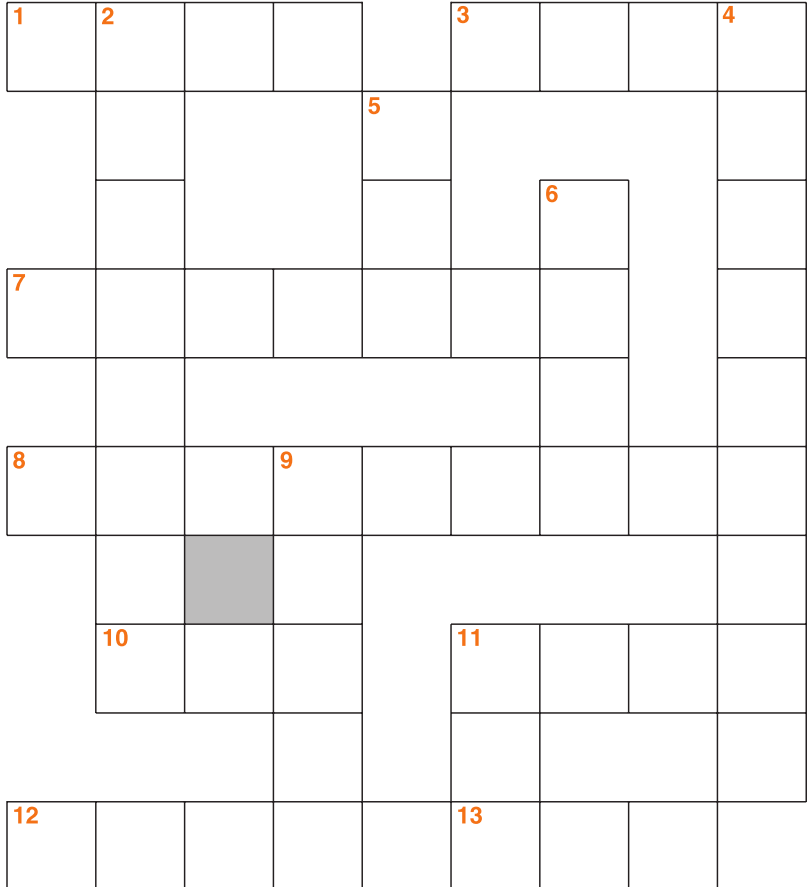
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11.



13.



Down

4.



5.



2.



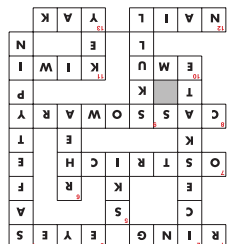
11.



9.



6.



Answers: