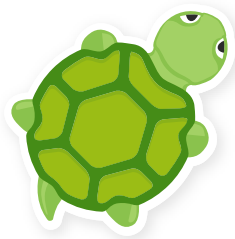


Web



TurtleArt

Reference Guide





Click to select a category of programming blocks:

- - Turtle
- - Pen
- - Math
- - Flow
- - My Blocks

Click on the stack to run

Save

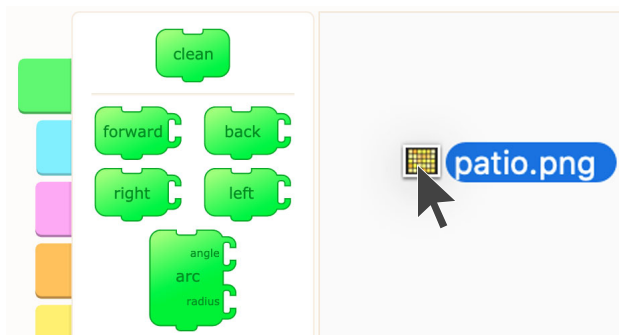
Run the main stack

Hide blocks


zoom controls

Open the **Options Menu**


Load & Save



Drag and drop a TurtleArt PNG file the workspace to **load** a project.

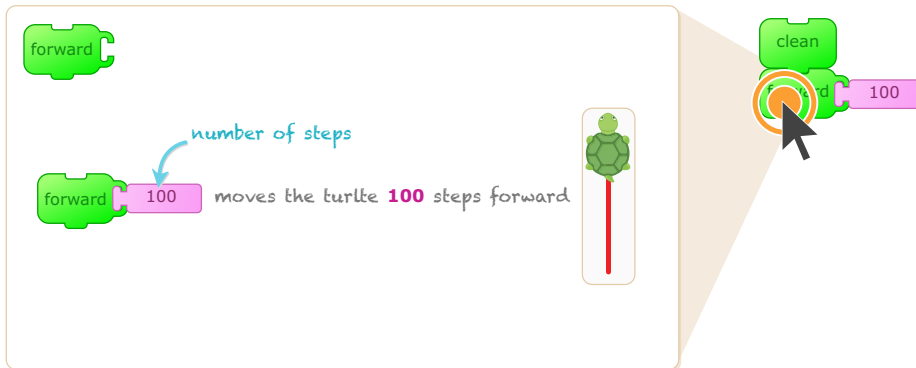
Click on  to **save** your project.

Options Menu

Clears the contents, and starts a new project.	
Save a copy of the current project.	
Opens the Web TurtleArt Converter Dialog Box.	







Find out what a block does



Click and hold on a block to see what it does.























Undo & Redo

Press Ctrl + Z () or  + Z () to undo your last change

Press Ctrl + Y () or  + Shift + Z () to redo your last undo

Colors and Shades

The color numbers in TurtleArt are between 0 and 100.
The shade numbers are between 0 and 100.

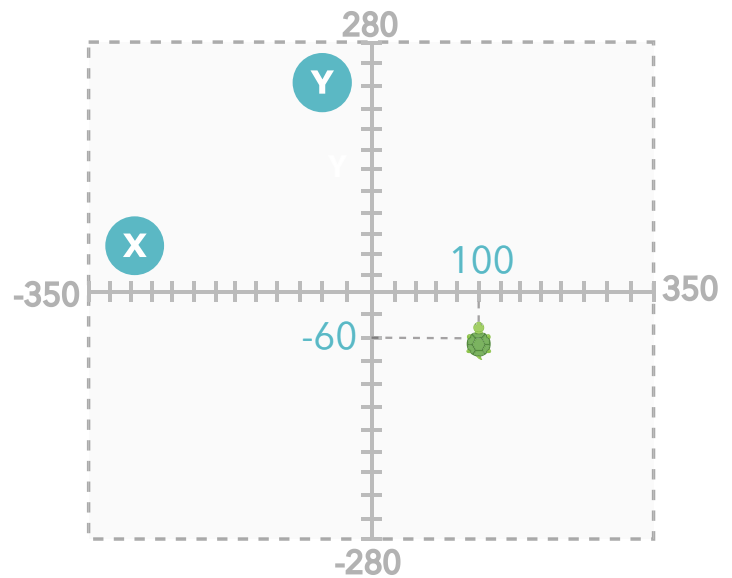
Color											
	0	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100
Shade											
	0	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100

The default color is 0 and the default shade is 50.
Black color is -9999 and shade 0.
White is color -9999 and shade 100.



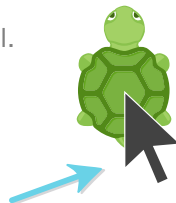
Coordinate System

TurtleArt works with a coordinate system. The Turtle's default position is (0, 0), which is the middle of the TurtleArt canvas.

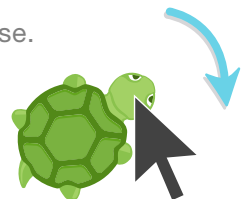


Move and turn the turtle

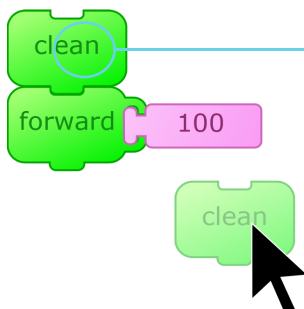
Move the turtle by dragging it by its shell.



Turn the turtle by dragging it by its nose.



Copy & Paste



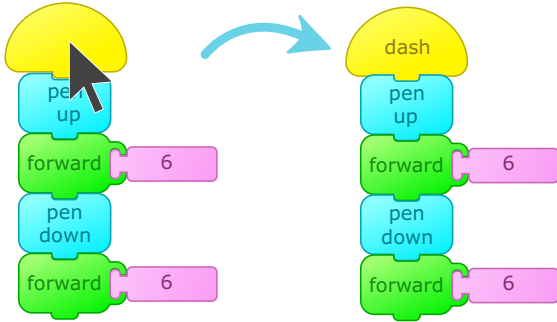
Hold the Shift key and drag to get a copy of a stack. You'll only see the ghost of the block you are dragging. Yet when you release the mouse, you'll get the copy of all the blocks attached to that block.



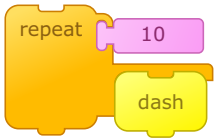
Defining Procedures



Place a hat on top of a stack. Click to give it a name.

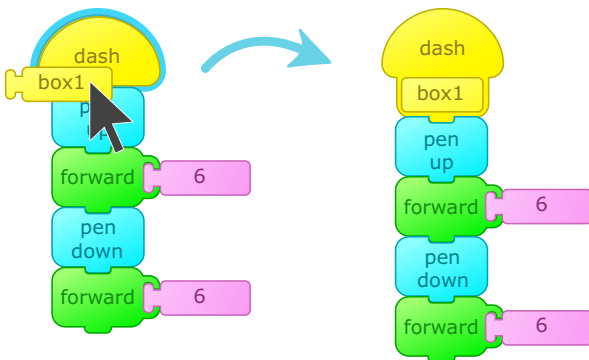


A block with that name will appear on the yellow blocks palette. Use that block alone or in other stacks.

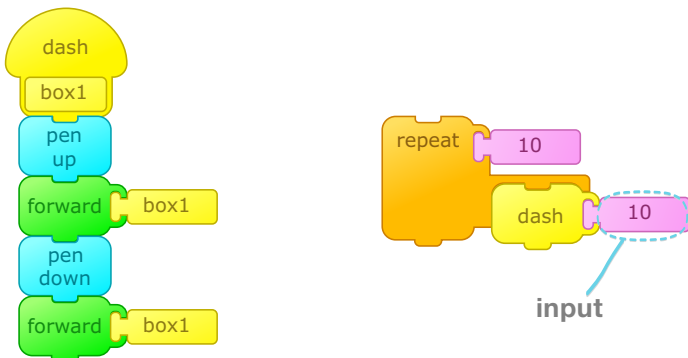


Local Boxes

To add an **input**, drag a box block (box 1, 2, or 3) and drop it on a named hat.



Change the **input** to temporarily change the value of the box.



Hats can have a maximum of 2 **inputs**.





Turtle

clean



Clear the screen and reposition the turtle to the center.

forward



Move the turtle forward.

right



Turn the turtle right.

arc



Draw an arc.

setxy



Set the position of the turtle.

set heading



Set the heading of the turtle.

back



Move the turtle backward.

left



Turn the turtle left.

x coordinate



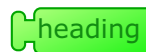
The x (horizontal) coordinate of the turtle.

y coordinate



The y (vertical) coordinate of the turtle.

heading



The heading of the turtle.





Pen

pen up



Raise the turtle's pen so that it will not draw.

pen down



Lower the turtle's pen so that it will draw.

set pen size



Set the width of the turtle's pen.

pen size



The width of the turtle's pen.

set color



Set the color of the turtle's pen.

color



The color of the turtle's pen.

set shade



Set the shade of the turtle's pen.

shade



The shade of the turtle's pen.

start fill



Mark the start of an area to be filled.

end fill



Mark the end of the area and fill it.

fill screen



Fill the screen with a color and a shade.





Numbers

Arithmetic in TurtleArt proceeds from left to right. $1+2*3$ is read as $(1+2)*3$ not $1+(2*3)$.

number



A number to be used as an input.

add



Add two numbers.

multiply



Multiply two numbers.

modulo



Calculate the remainder when dividing two numbers.

random



Generate a random number between the two specified values.

greater



Test if one number is greater than another.

equal



Test if two numbers are equal.

subtract



Subtract one number from another.

divide



Divide one number by another.

one of



Choose one of two numbers.

less



Test if one number is less than another.



open bracket



Open a parenthesis.

close bracket



Close the parenthesis.

print



Print a number.

Flow

wait



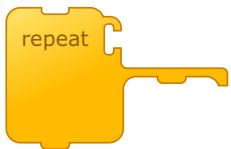
Wait for some time (in tenths of seconds).

forever



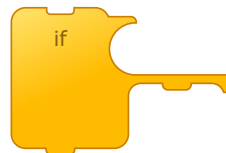
Run some blocks over and over.

repeat



Repeat some blocks a specified number of times.

if



Conditionally run some blocks.

stop



Stop the stack that is running.

vertical spacer



A spacer for layout purposes.

horizontal spacer



A spacer for layout purposes.



My Blocks

store in box



Store a number in a box.

box



The current value of a box.

hat



Name a stack to create your own block.


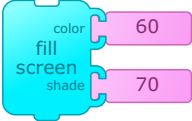



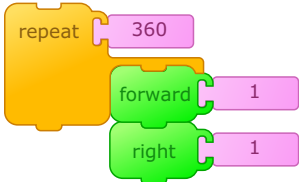
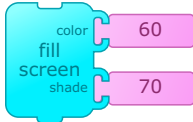


About

The TurtleArt Converter is a tool that converts your TurtleArt project into SVG images. It allows you to bring your designs life with digital fabrication tools, such as a craft cutter, laser cutters, drawing machines (like axidraw), sewing machines, and so many other things, opening you to the world of Digital Fabrication.

Here are a couple of tips and tricks for TurtleArt and Digital Fabrication

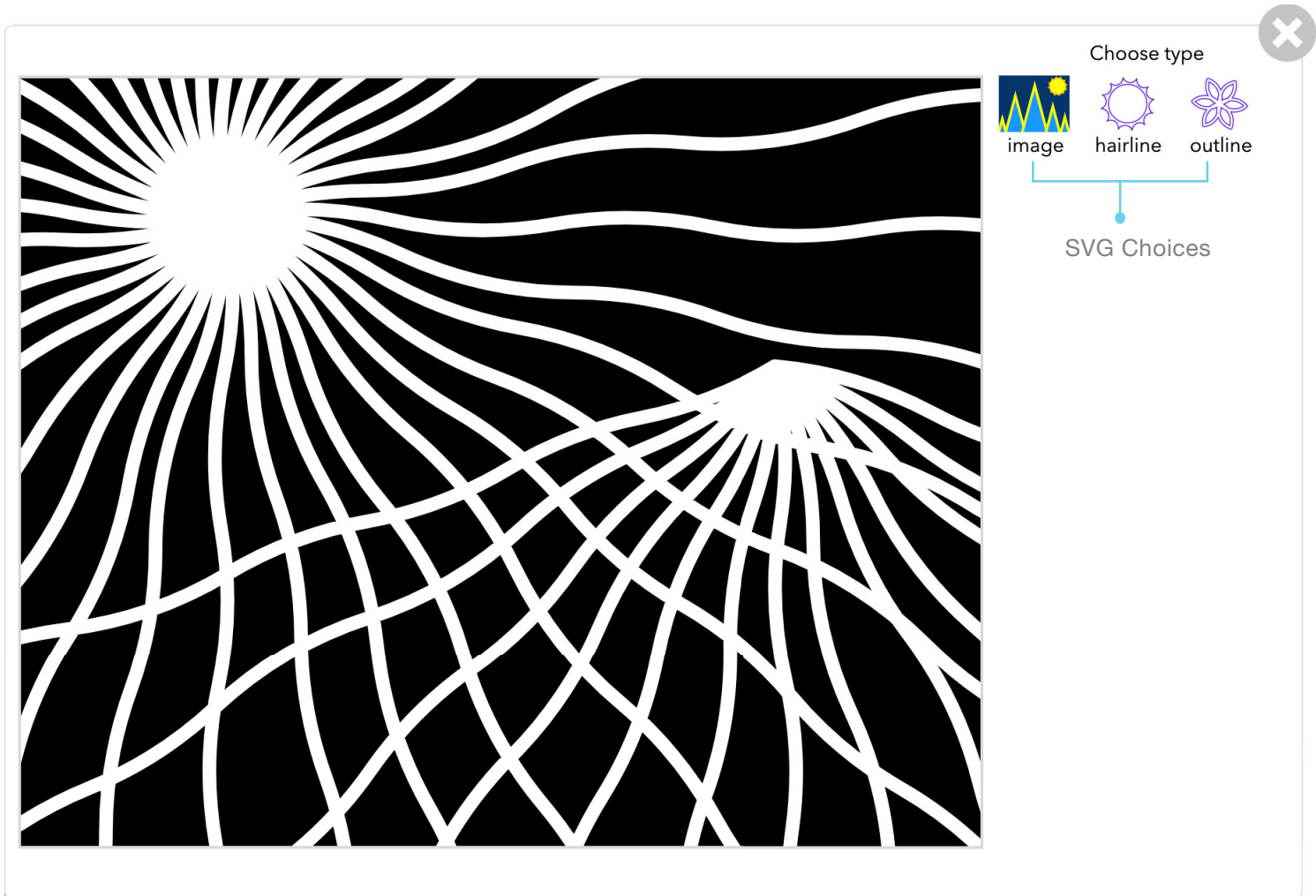
1. The main stack should start either with a  or a  block.
2. Make sure the entire design can be generated by clicking on the  button.
3. Keep your design simple, if you are planning to use the TurtleArt Converter for Digital Fabrication, Avoid TurtleArt images that have too many small strokes. For example:

Instead of doing  just use 

This tool won't run code that uses forever. It is also not recommend to run images with lots of small TurtleArt strokes (even if it is just to convert your colorful image to SVG), as it generates very large file. The TurlteArt Converter will warn you if the size is too large, but it won't prevent you from saving a very large file (though your browser may).



Dialog Box



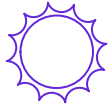
Image



Converts a TurtleArt PNG image to SVG (clips the image to its canvas size). Note that it will remove the background rectangle if its color is the default TurtleArt white: #FAFAFA.

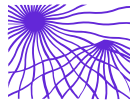
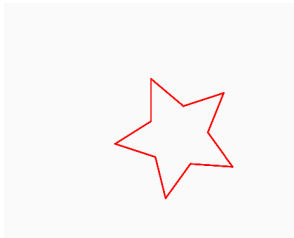


Hairline

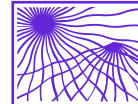
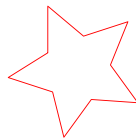


Generates an SVG using just the turtle path ignoring the pensize. It is useful for cutting polygones and non-crossing paths images. Choose between these options:

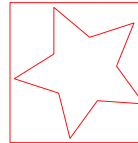
TurtleArt Image



Plain



Border

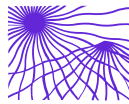


Outline

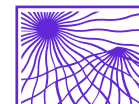


Generates an SVG taking into account the pensize and fill areas. The frame option adds a border to your image. Choose the its thickness, by typing a number on the number field.

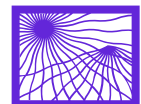
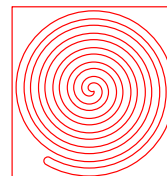
TurtleArt Image



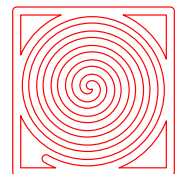
Plain



Border



Framed



Notes

Hairline and Outline modes generate SVGs with red 0.001px strokes, which are barely visible or not visible at all in your browser.

The TurtleArt Converter is an experimental feature. We update the version regularly.