

# Reading Inspires!

## Viewing Party Kit



Celebrate Reading Is Fundamental's 60th Birthday with our annual virtual event, Reading Inspires! Kick off the reading fun on Friday March 6, 2026 (and available on demand until September 30, 2026) at [RallytoRead.org/events](https://RallytoRead.org/events) to watch our live reading celebration event featuring best selling authors, Nick Bruel and Dan Yaccarino. To help make this celebration more fun, use this exclusive kit which includes the following printable materials to create your very own viewing party from your classroom or home.

- **Birthday Pinwheel:** Create a fun party favor.
- **Coloring Page:** Color inspiring Rally To Read characters.
- **Bookworm Bookmark:** Build your own bookworm bookmark with celebration accessories.
- **Party Hat/Reading Crown:** Create simple party attire to enjoy the celebration.
- **Selfie Frame:** Show off your love of reading and take some fun photos.
- **Coloring Sheets:** Make your own 'Step and Repeat' and create a classroom photo backdrop.
- **RIF's 60th Birthday Book Word Ladder:** Build vocabulary and celebrate books from the past 60 years with this classroom activity.
- **Author Classroom Activities:** Unique Ideas Provided by Dan Yaccarino and Nick Bruel

Be sure to share your reading celebration on social media! Use #RIFReadingInspires!, #RIF60 or #RallytoRead and tag RIF so we can repost, showcasing your Rally to Read 100 fun!



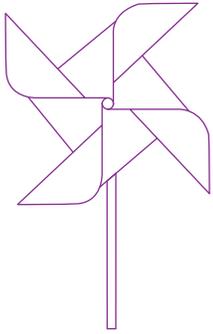
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# Make a Reading Inspires! Pinwheel

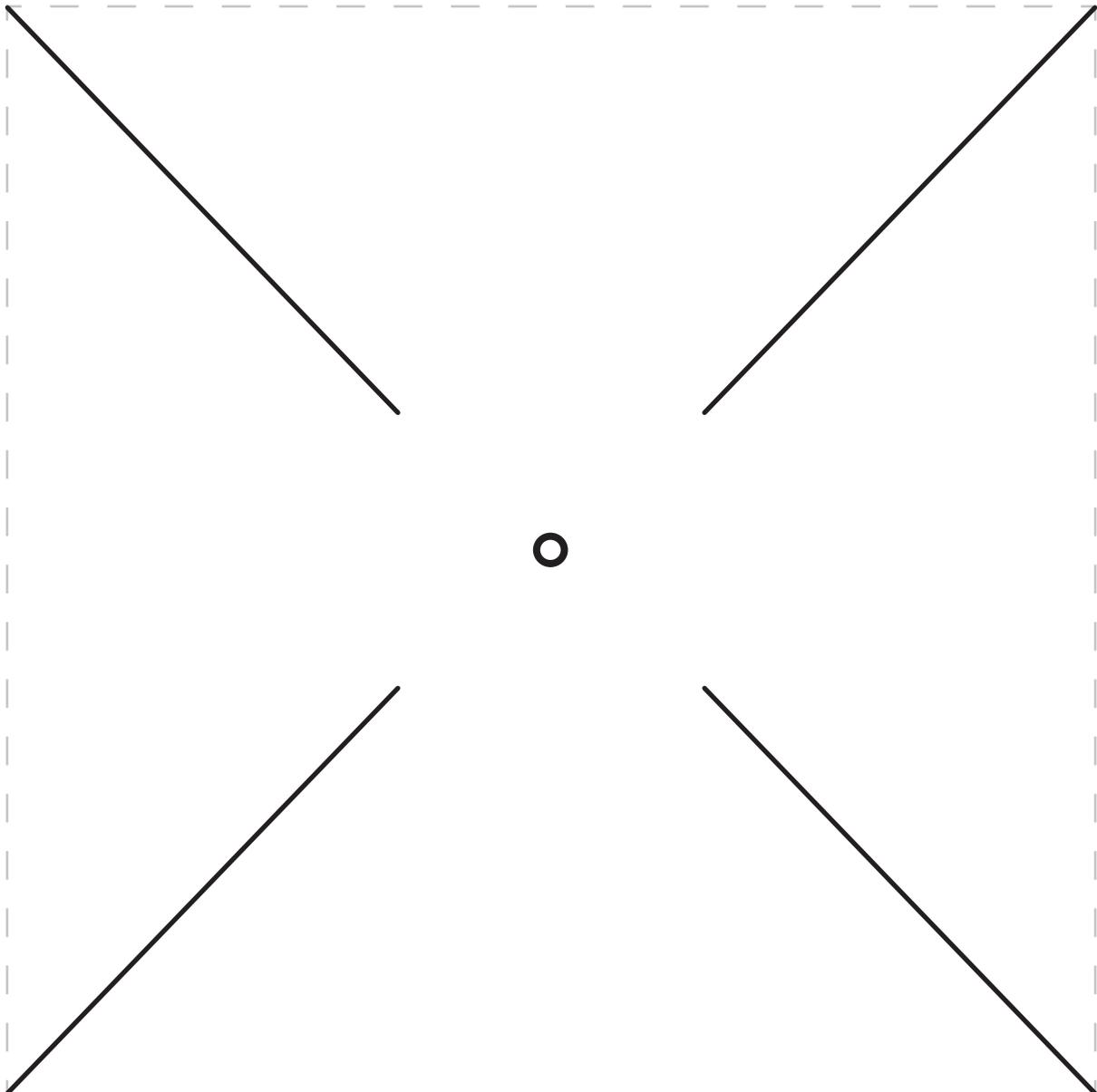


**Materials:** Scissors + a straight pin (or tape or glue) + a pencil with eraser

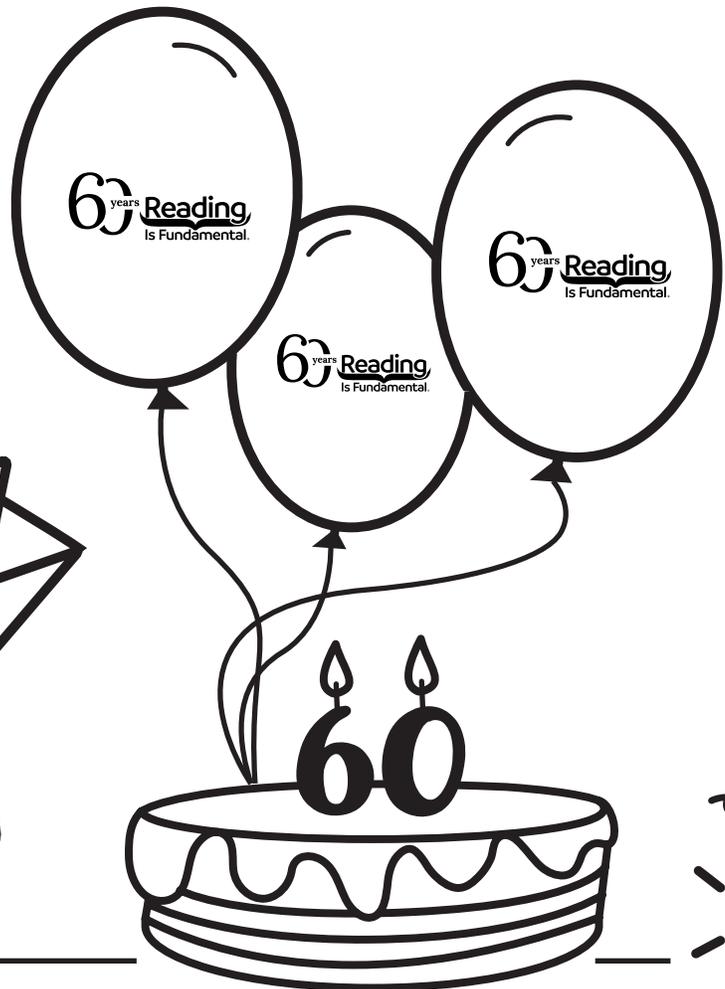
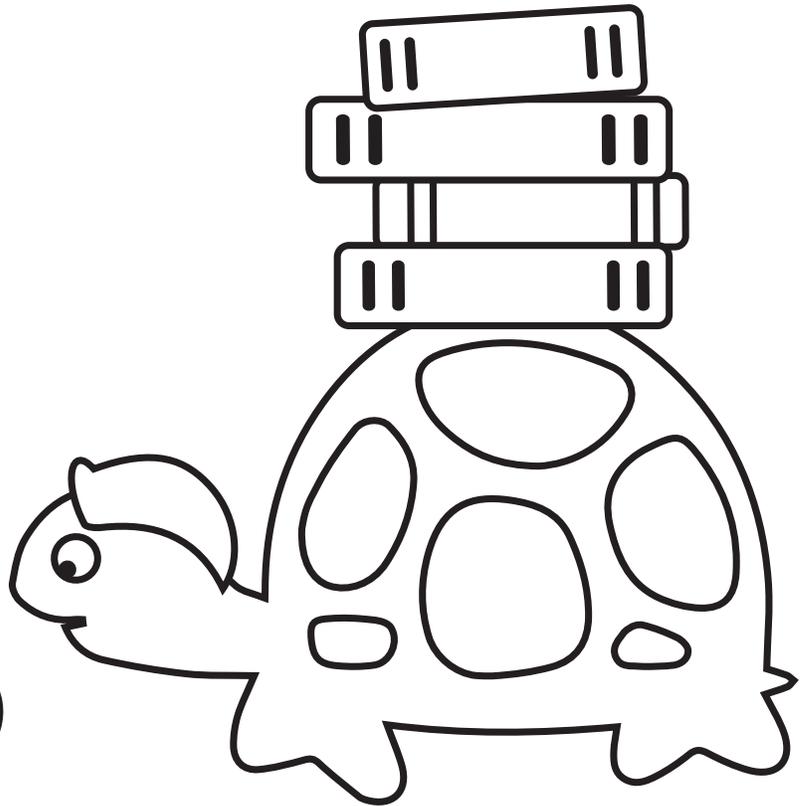
**Instructions:** Decorate your pinwheel paper by coloring the different panels. Use Rally to Read colors, purple, green, and blue.

1. Cut along the dashed line, then down the diagonal lines.
2. Gently bend (don't fold) alternating corners until 4 points meet in the center.
3. Stick the pin (or glue or tape) through all 4 points and into the pencil eraser.
4. Cut out the 60's, balloons or Rally to Read logo and put it in the center before you stick the pin through to make your pinwheel extra celebratory!

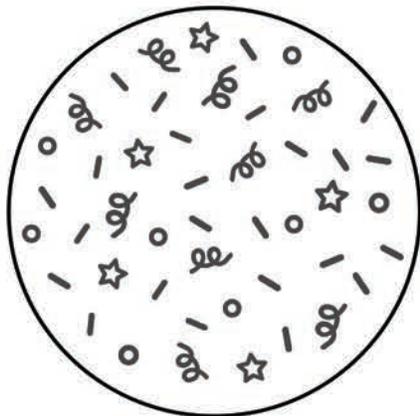
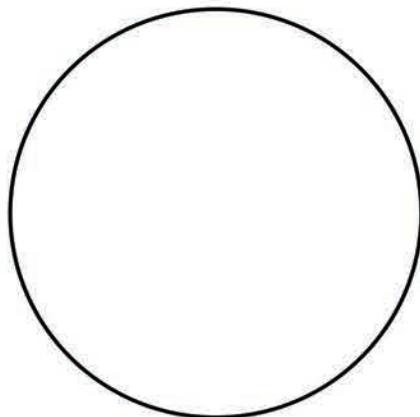
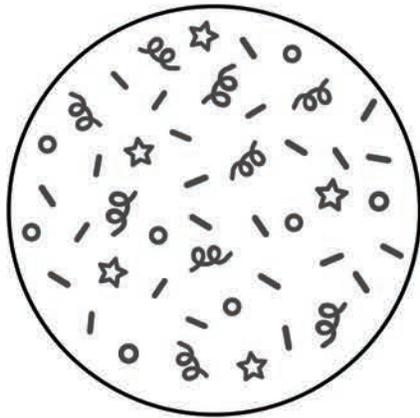
**Show us your pinwheels!** #RIF60 #ReadingInspires! #RallytoRead



# Color Me!



# Make a Bookworm Bookmark!

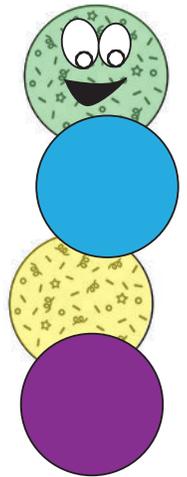


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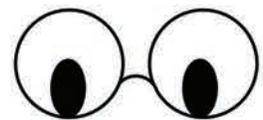
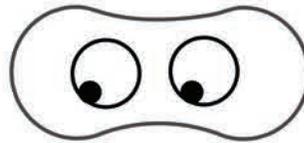
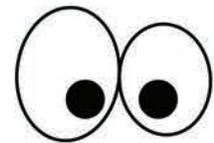
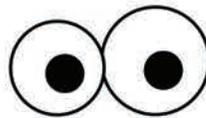
- Glue
- Markers, crayons
- Scissors

## Instructions:

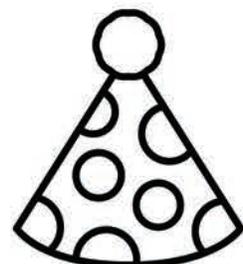
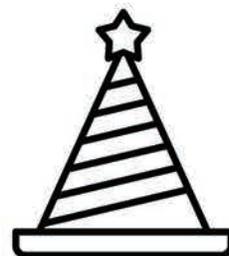
1. Cut out the circles, faces, and accessories.
2. Have students color in each section.
3. Overlap each large circle, attach with glue.
4. Choose your favorite eyes, mouth and accessories and glue them to make your bookworm come to life!



## Face options



## Accessories



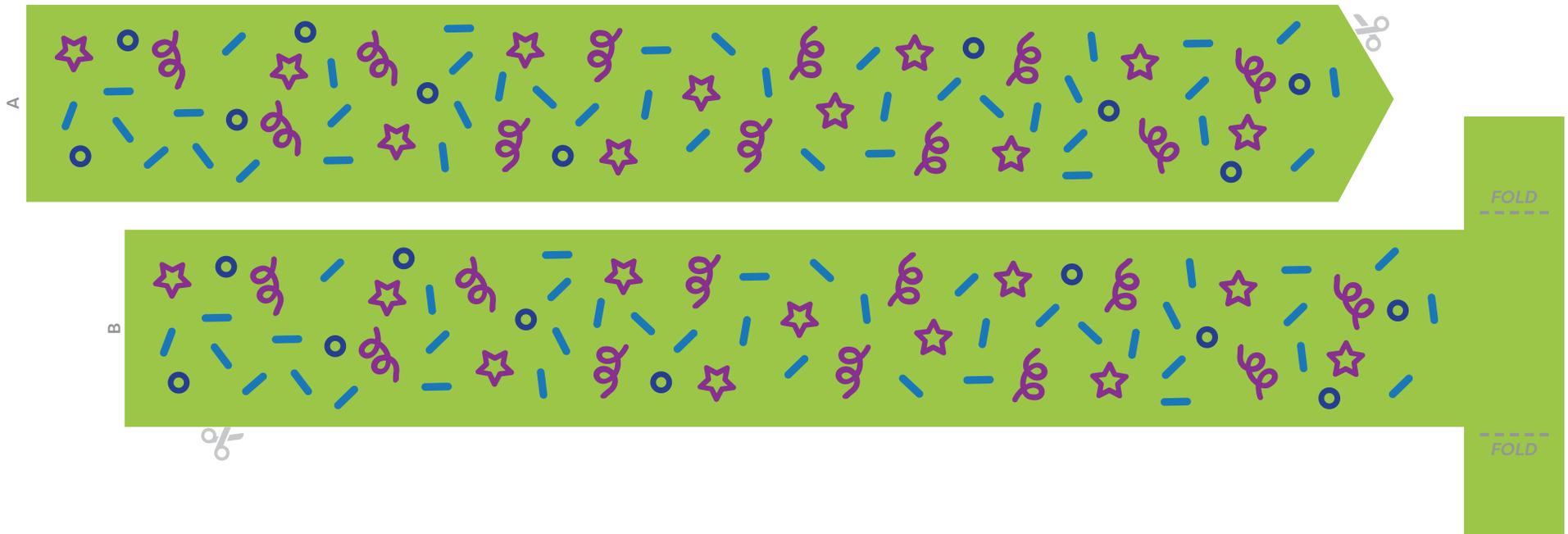
# Reading Crown!

## Materials:

- Glue or tape, scissors

## Instructions:

1. Cut out each section.
2. Tape or glue the flat edged peices together, A to A and B to B. One end will have the pointed edge, and the other end will be the T shape.
3. Wrap the crown around a child's head and then fold the ends of the T down on the inside of the crown. Tape or glue to reinforce the strap of the crown.



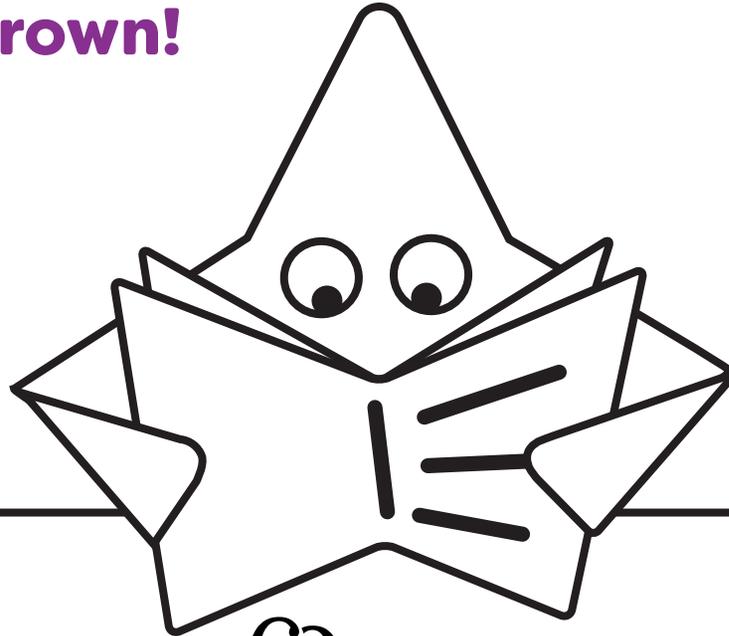
# Color in Reading Crown!

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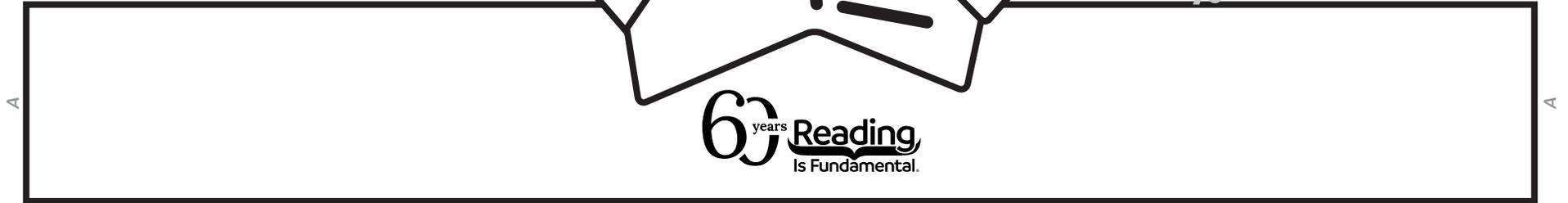
- Glue or tape, scissors

## Instructions:

1. Color in the crown.
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6<sup>years</sup> Reading  
Is Fundamental.



# Party Hat!



## Materials:

- Stapler, elastic cord or string

## Instructions:

1. Cut out along the dotted lines.
2. Curl the hat into a cone and tape or glue at the edge to secure.
3. Attach elastic cord to the hat by stapling each end where indicated to the inside

# I Rallied to Read!

## Selfie Frame

Cut out the inner white rectangle  
to create your selfie frame.  
Take pictures and share using  
[#RIFReadingInspires!](#)



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# Step and Repeat Coloring Sheets

(example below)

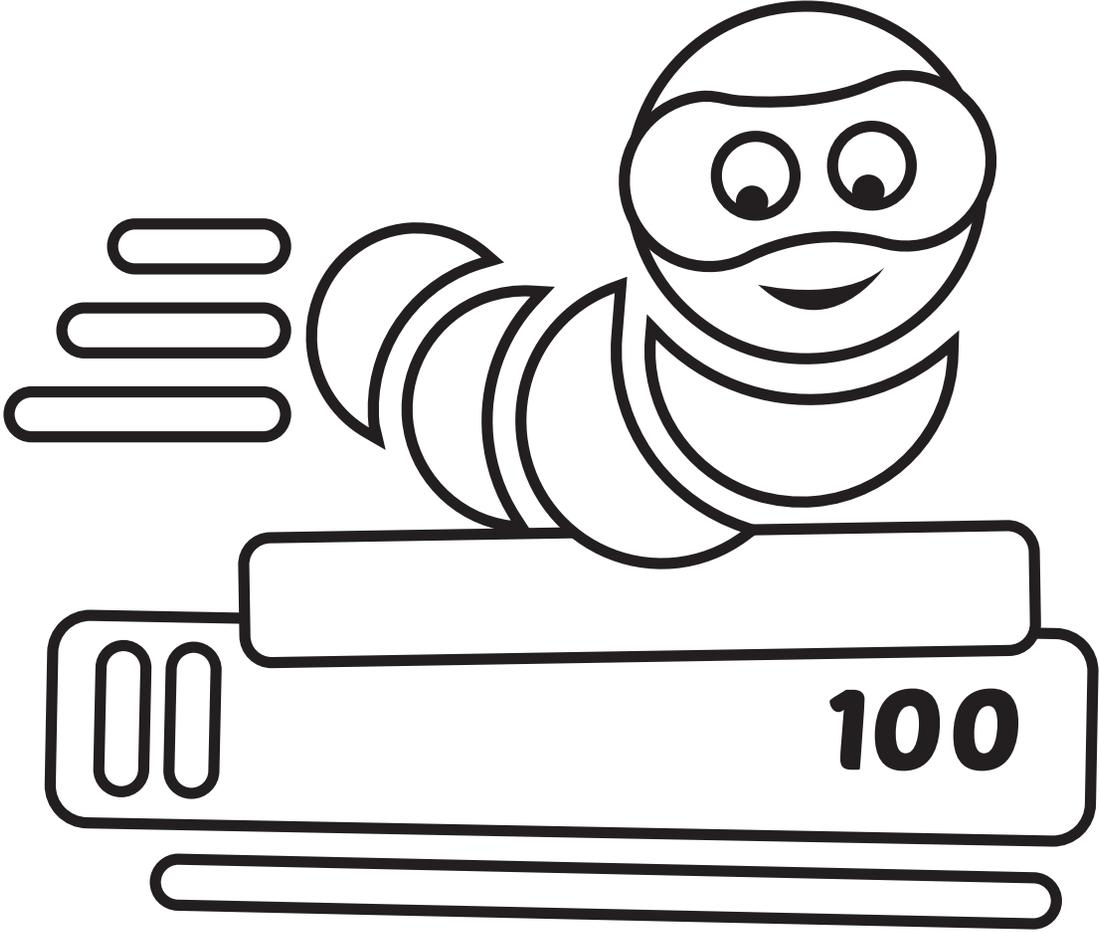
1. Provided are a number of downloadable coloring sheets.
2. Print them in landscape orientation and have each student choose one to color.
3. Hang the collection of sheets on a bulletin board or wall.
4. Have your students stand in front of their very own Rally to Read 'step and repeat' banner and take pictures.

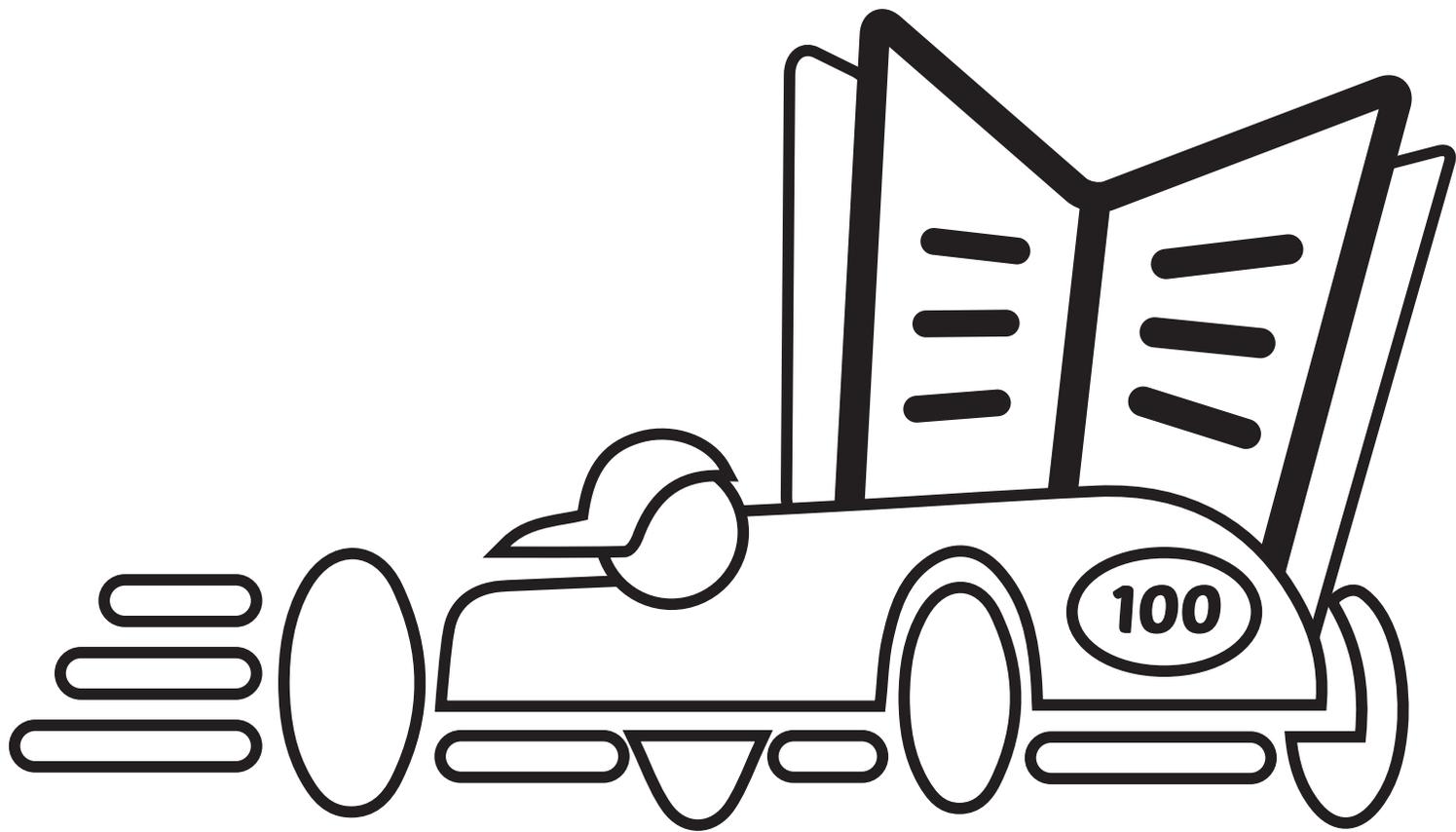


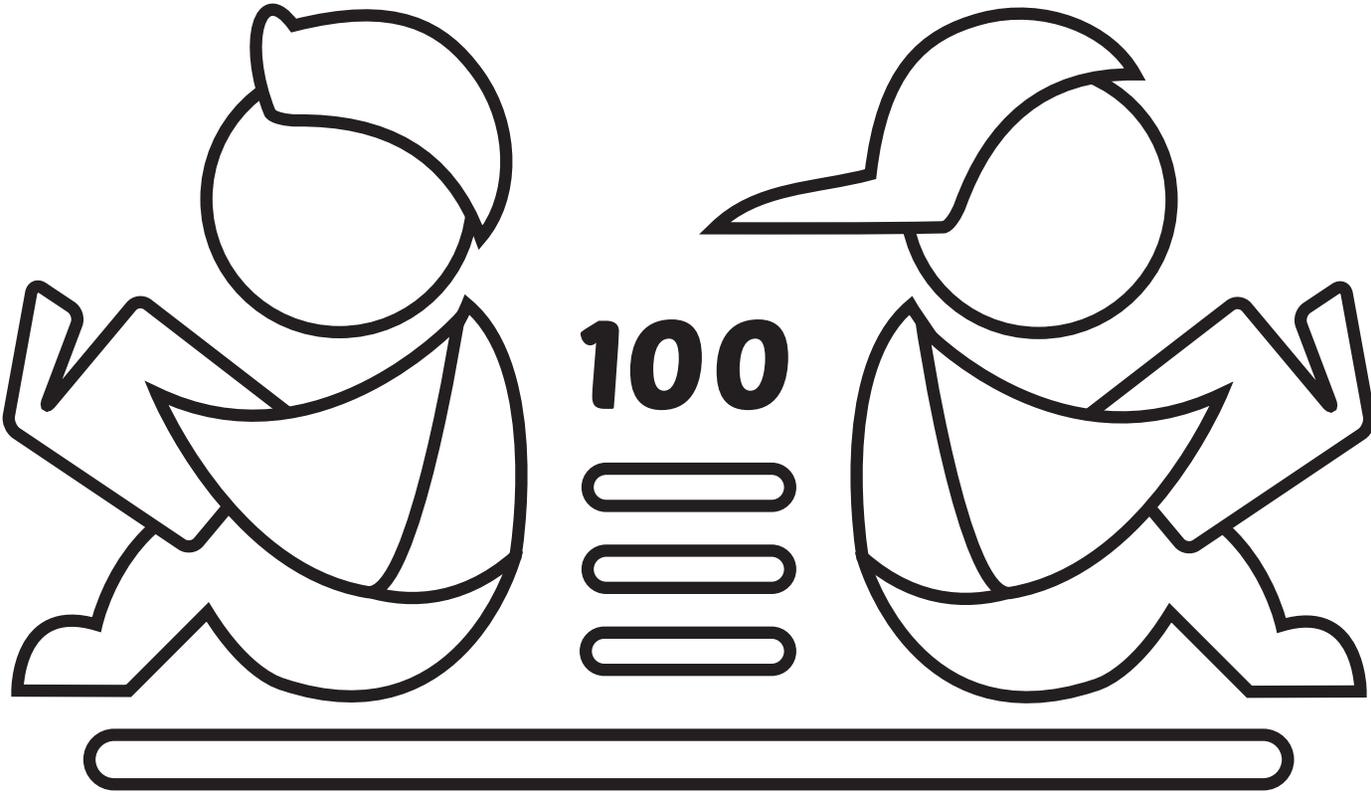
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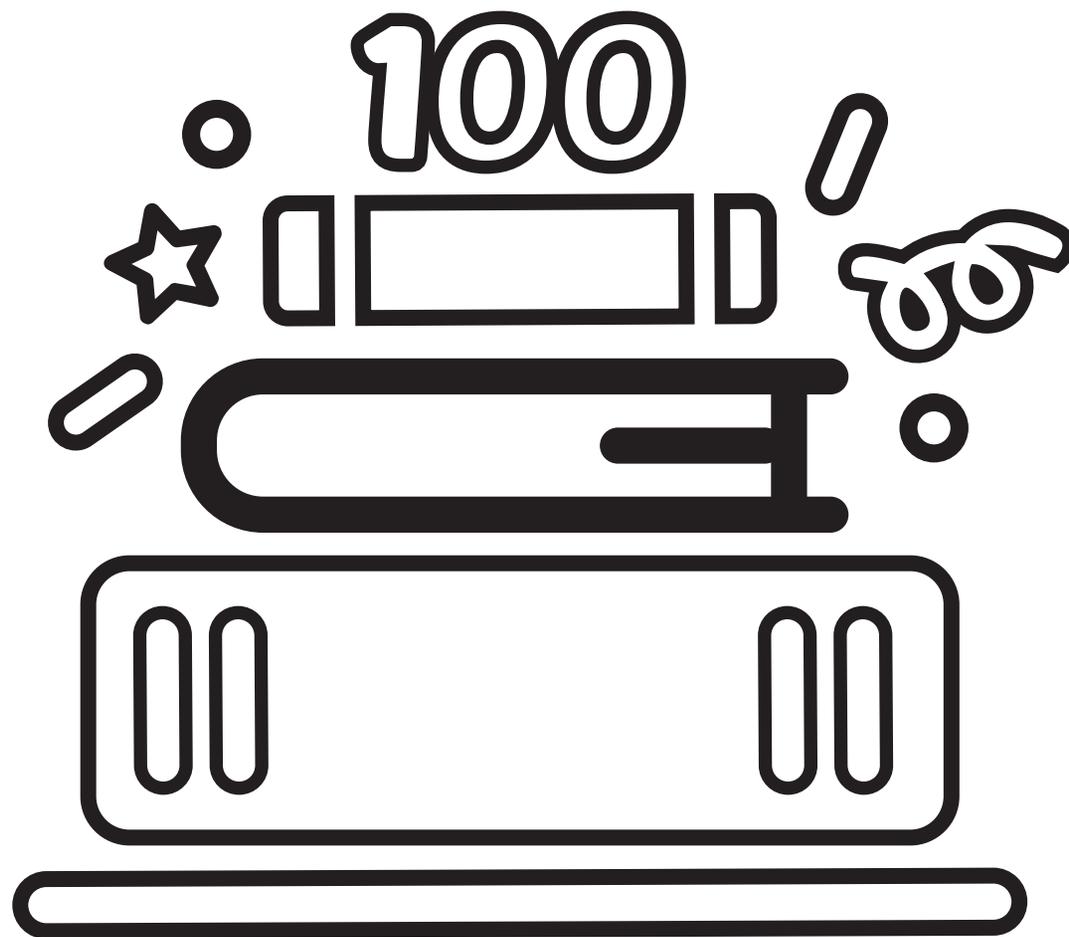
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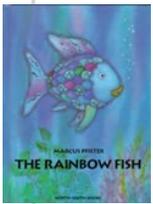


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### WORD LADDER Short Vowels

*Directions*

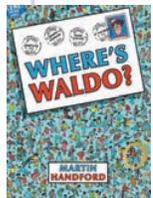
1. Start at the bottom and climb to the top.
2. Read the clues, then write the words.
3. To scaffold this activity, check out [RIF's Sound Spelling Cards](#).



This helps the fish swim in the ocean.  
**Change the vowel sound.**



This animal is part of a bedtime story that keeps getting interrupted.  
**Change the first sound.**



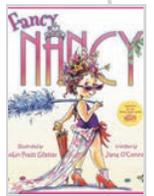
This bright color helps Waldo stand out.  
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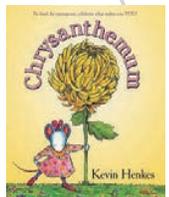
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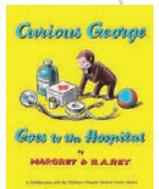
Nancy loves stylish things and might wave this dramatically.  
**Change the first and vowel sound.**



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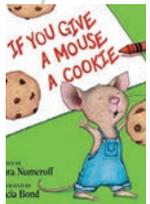
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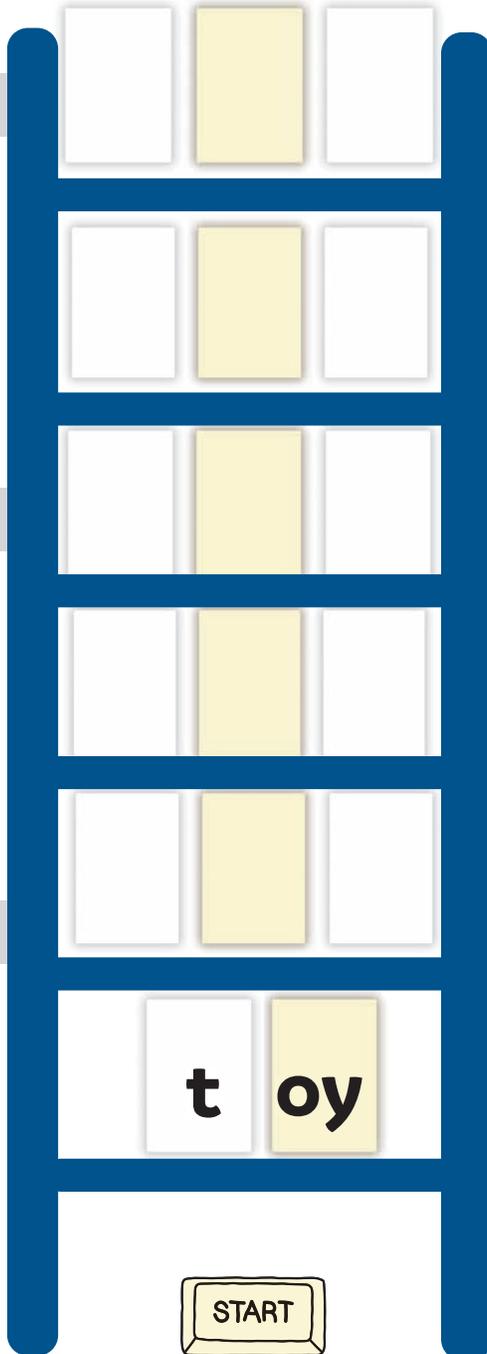
They protected the water against the black \_\_\_\_\_.  
Change the first sound to a blend.



You \_\_\_\_ cookies in the oven.  
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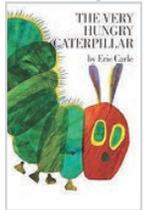


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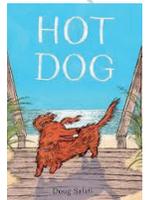


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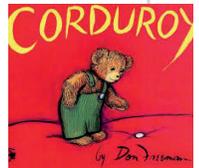
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Change the first sound.



Hot Dog and his owner went here to escape the city.  
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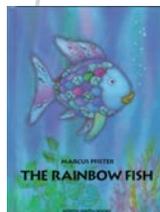
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Read the word.



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## ANSWER KEY PK - 2



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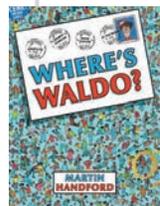
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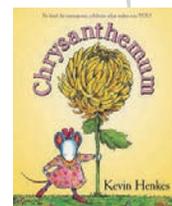
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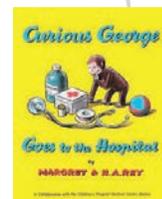
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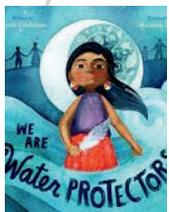
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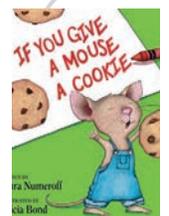
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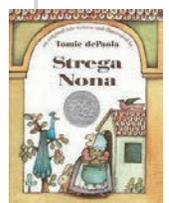
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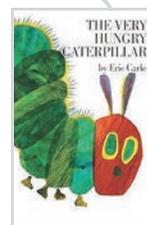
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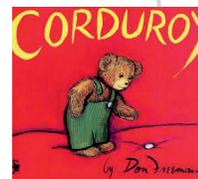


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The Luna Sisters



Activity Kit



## WHAT'S INCLUDED IN THIS KIT:

- A Simple Lever Project
- Coloring with the Luna Sisters
- The Luna Sisters and Their Amazing Lunafish!
- The Luna Sisters and the Battle for the Moon Blossom!

## MEET THE LUNA SISTERS!

The Luna Sisters live together on the moon and they're very different.



**Nera** is an engineer and loves machines. She lives on the Dark Side.



**Lucy** is an artist and loves being creative. She lives on the Bright Side.

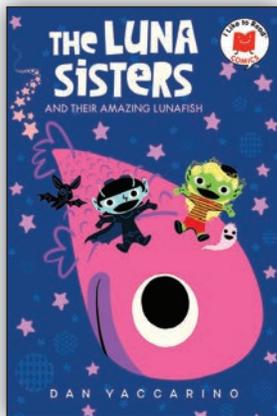




## ABOUT THE CREATOR

**Dan Yaccarino** is an author-illustrator who has been named on the Texas Bluebonnet list for *The Fantastic Undersea Life of Jacques Cousteau*, *Kirkus Reviews* Best Children's Book list for *All the Way to America*, *The New York Times* 10 Best Illustrated Children's Books list, and the Bologna Ragazzi Honorable Mention list for *Every Friday*.

## THE LUNA SISTERS BOOKS

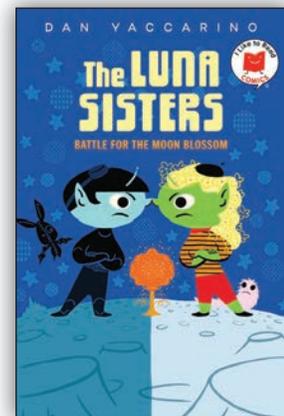


The sisters never share anything, until they get a new pet for their birthday—Moona the Lunafish. The girls set aside their differences to take care of their pet.

But when a strange man comes to the moon, Nera sells Moona to the Aquarius Aquarium without a thought. It is only when Nera arrives at the aquarium does she realize her mistake! But is it too late? Can Lucy help her sister rescue their beloved Moona?

Lucy and Nera spot a beautiful Moon Blossom growing right in between the Dark and Bright Sides of the Moon. There's only one problem: they both want it!

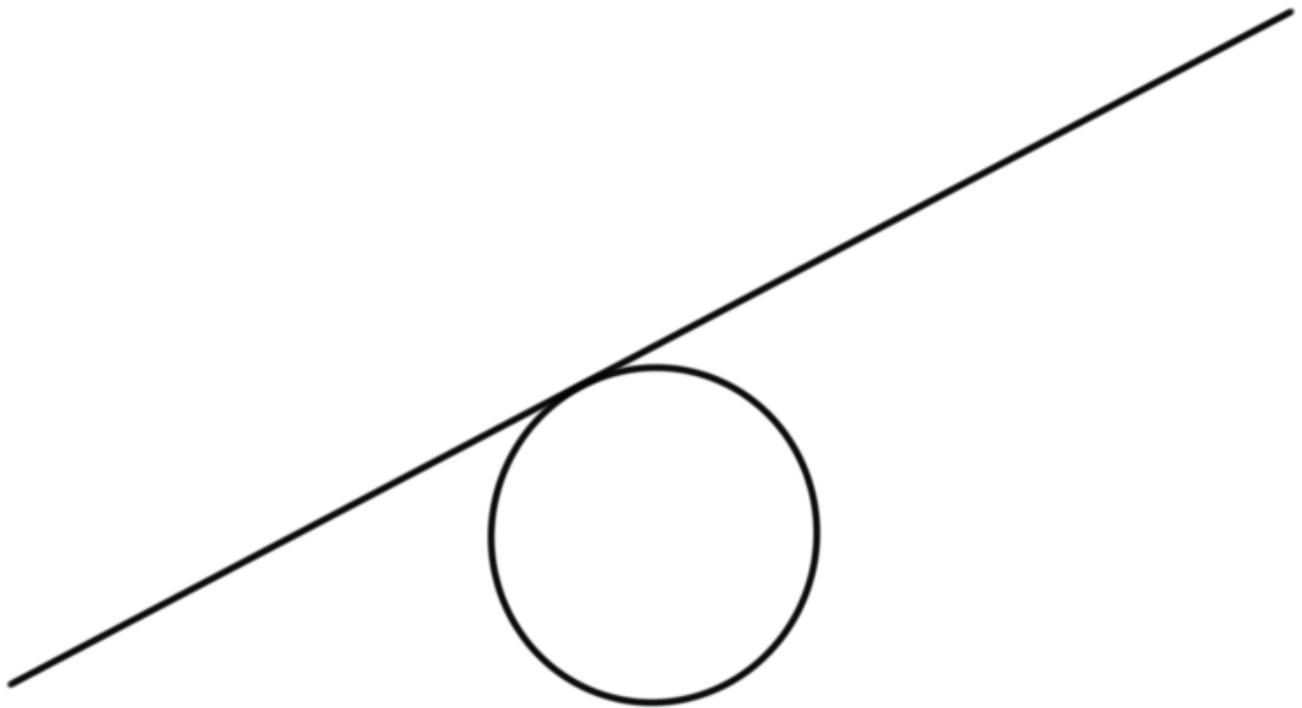
Lucy releases her flippity flappy butterflies, a thunderstorm, and her polka dotted elephant. And Nera counters with a grabby claw and a robotic tarantula. But while they're squabbling, a Galactic Green Goat is about to gobble up their Moon Flower. Can the bickering sisters come together to outwit the goat and rescue their blossom?



# A SIMPLE LEVER PROJECT

Get creative with this fun lever activity! Build a lever using a ruler and paper roll, decorate it, and add objects to lift or balance. Experiment with the fulcrum to explore how it affects weight and balance.

Create, play, and showcase your masterpiece!



Take a look at this video for inspiration:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5463MP5zRQk>



HOLIDAY HOUSE 



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# COLORING WITH THE LUNA SISTERS

Get creative by coloring the Luna Sisters and Moona!  
Print out these images and color them any way you like!



## The LUNA SISTERS



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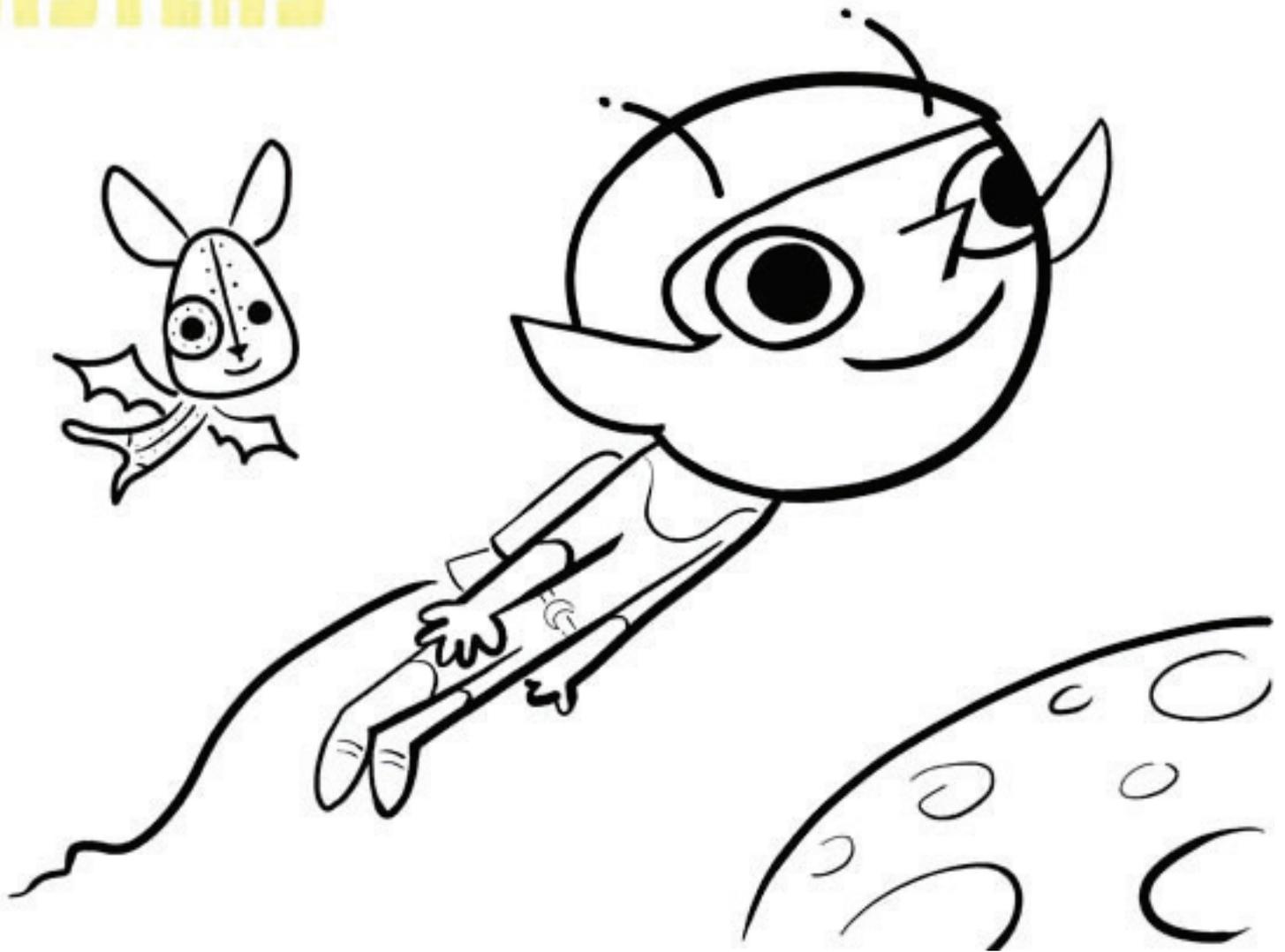
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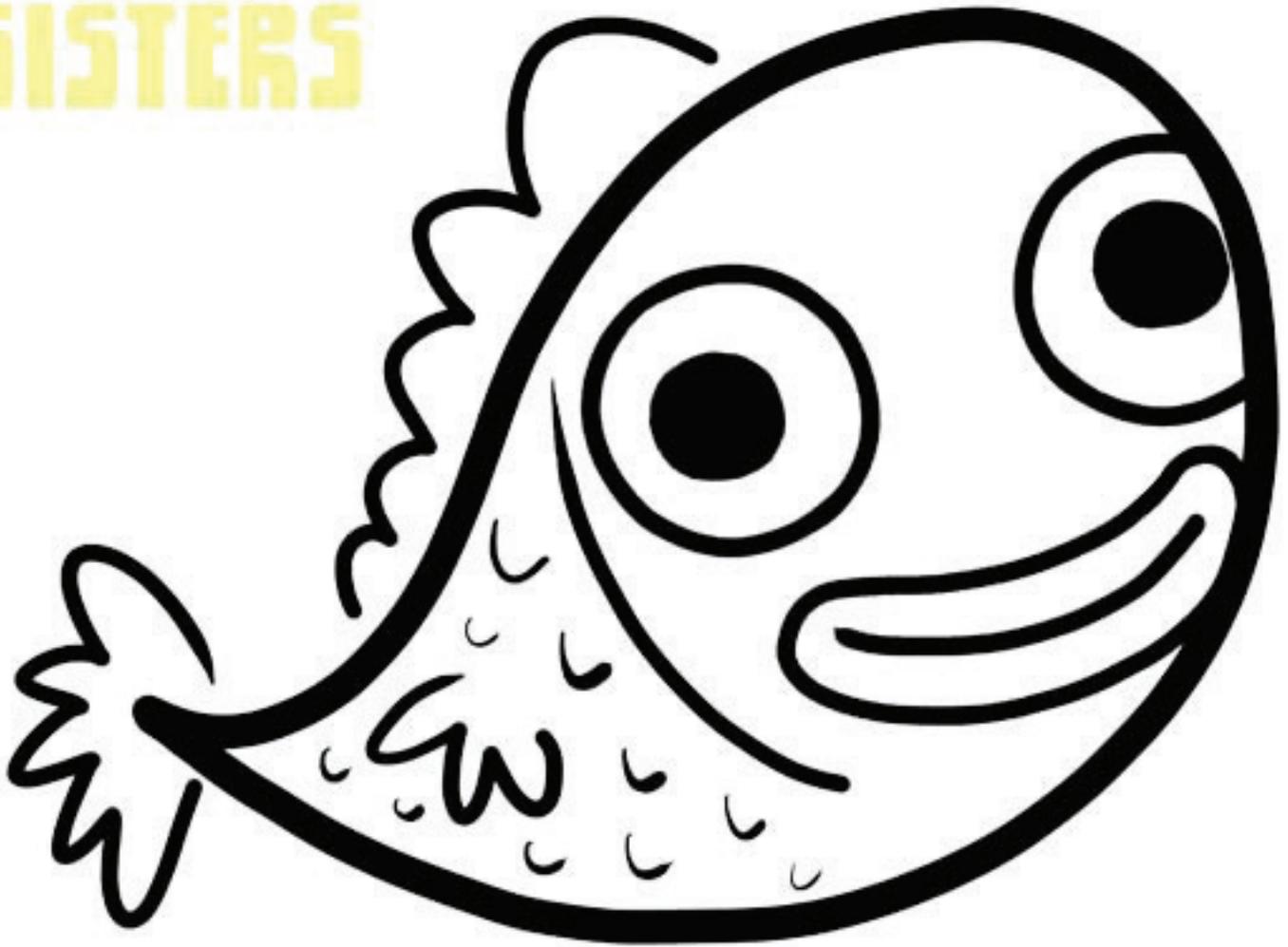
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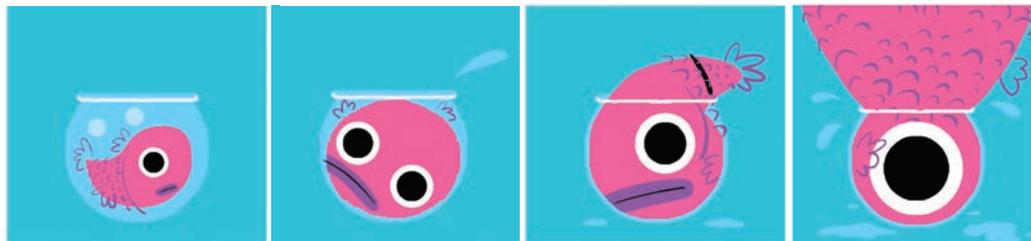
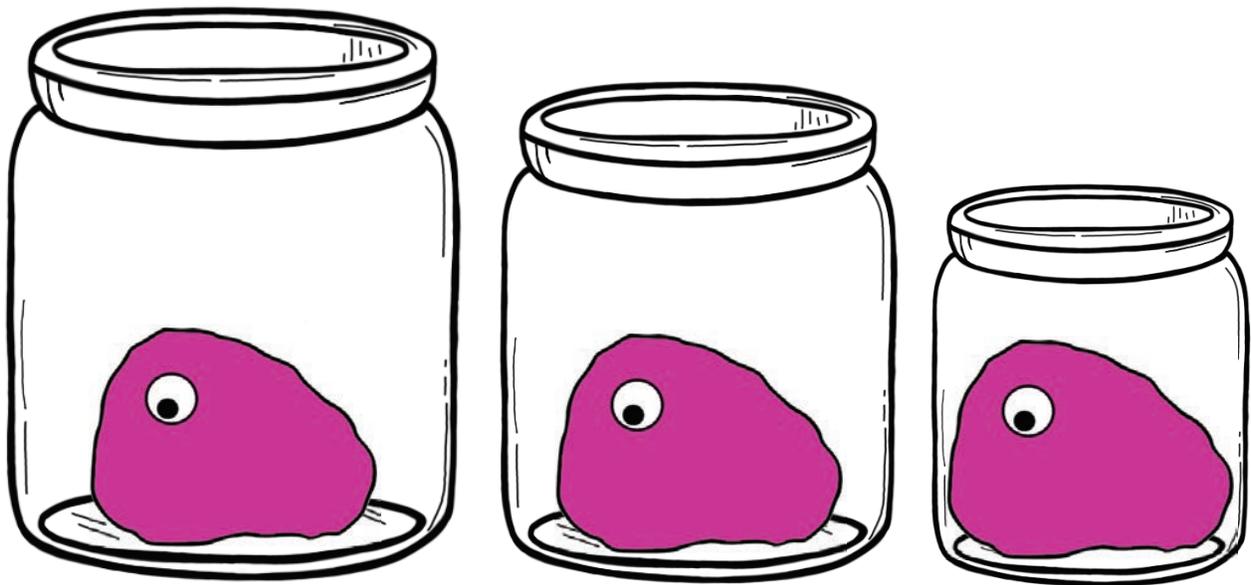


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# THE LUNA SISTERS AND THEIR AMAZING LUNAFISH!



Let students bring in clear containers in different sizes and use them as fish tanks and rocks as fish, then paint their rocks (fish) with colorful patterns. Discuss how fish of different sizes need different tank sizes, then experiment by placing the fish in tanks and recording the results!



# THE LUNA SISTERS AND THE BATTLE FOR THE MOON BLOSSOM!

Have students outline and cut out their favorite animal, then discuss how animals camouflage to blend into their environments. Let them pick a classroom setting, use its colors and patterns to camouflage their animal, and place it in its new habitat!

Watch this TikTok for inspiration:  
<http://bit.ly/4iWGujK>



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# BAD KITTY

ACTIVITY KIT AND EVENT GUIDE



# PLAN YOUR OWN BAD KITTY PARTY!

## SNACK IDEAS

### “Painted” Paw Print Cupcakes

Even on the day of her own party, Bad Kitty just can't seem to stay out of trouble...or out of wet paint! Luckily, her colorful paw prints make a snazzy topper for these scrumptious cupcakes. Follow this recipe, and your guests will be complimenting Kitty's delicious mess! (Makes approximately 2 dozen regular cupcakes)

#### Ingredients:

*For the cake:*

2 sticks butter  
3 cups all-purpose flour  
1 tbsp. baking powder  
½ tsp. salt  
1½ cups sugar  
4 large eggs, room temperature  
1 tbsp. vanilla extract  
1 cup milk

*For the frosting:*

1 cup butter  
1 tsp. vanilla extract  
6 cups confectioner's sugar  
24 round chocolate-peanut candies  
96 round chocolate candies

### “Milk Bowl” Ice Cream

For a fun and delicious treat to pair with your kitty cupcakes, encourage guests to try lapping up “milk” (ice cream) from a bowl—just like a cat! Use any kind of ice cream you like, but remember—no hands!

#### Instructions:

*For the cake:*

- Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.
- Line cupcake pans with standard liners.
- Combine dry ingredients in a large bowl.
- Lightly whisk eggs in a medium bowl. Add remaining ingredients and stir together until blended.
- Add wet ingredients to dry ingredients, mixing well until completely combined.
- Pour into liners until each one is  $\frac{2}{3}$  full.
- Bake for about 30 minutes or until a toothpick comes out clean when inserted.
- Let cool for 10 minutes before removing from pan; cool completely on a wire rack.

*For the frosting and paw prints:*

- Beat butter and vanilla together.
- Fold in confectioner's sugar in batches, scraping down the sides of the bowl between each batch.
- Frost generously!
- Place one chocolate-peanut candy in the center of each frosted cupcake.
- Line the top half of each cupcake with 4 chocolate candies to form a paw prints.

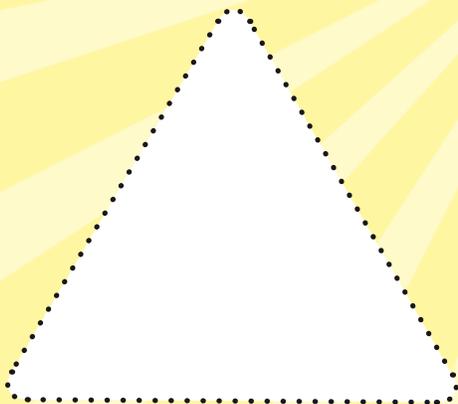
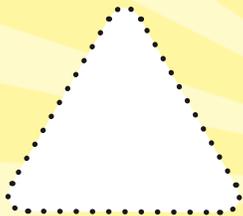


# PLAN YOUR OWN **BAD KITTY** PARTY!

## DECORATION AND CRAFT IDEAS:

### Cat Ear Headbands

Print out the below cat ear template. Line up the templates on a sturdy piece of felt and cut out two of each piece from the felt. Center the smaller piece of felt in the middle of the larger piece and secure with fabric glue. With the help of an adult, use a hot glue gun to secure the ears to the top of an inexpensive black headband for a quick and easy cat costume!



### Guessing Game

Fill a fish bowl with goldfish crackers and encourage guests to guess how many fish are in the bowl by writing their answer with their name on a small piece of paper and placing in a second fish bowl beside it. Whoever has guessed closest to the actual number of fish in the bowl (without going over) is the winner!

### Bad Kitty Mask

For more fun with Bad Kitty, copy the mask template on the next page and encourage your guests to color it in and cut it out (with a parent's help). Make a hole with scissors or a paper punch on each side of the mask on the designated point near the edge. Cut a length of elastic cord or yarn to fit around your head, leaving a few extra inches. Thread the cord through each hole, and tie off on each side.

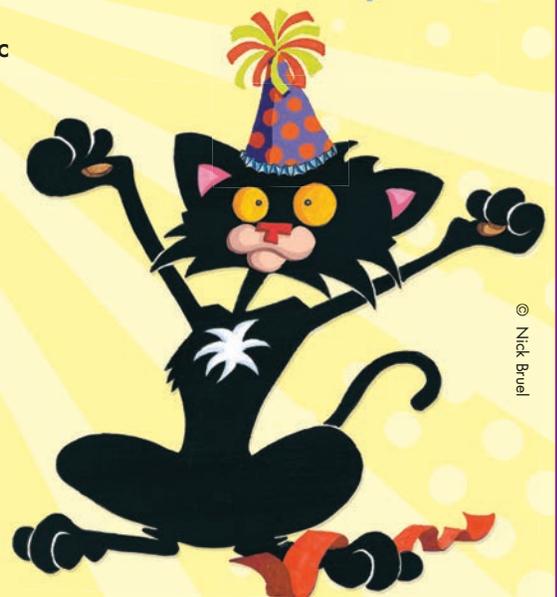


### Have a Ball with Balls of Yarn!

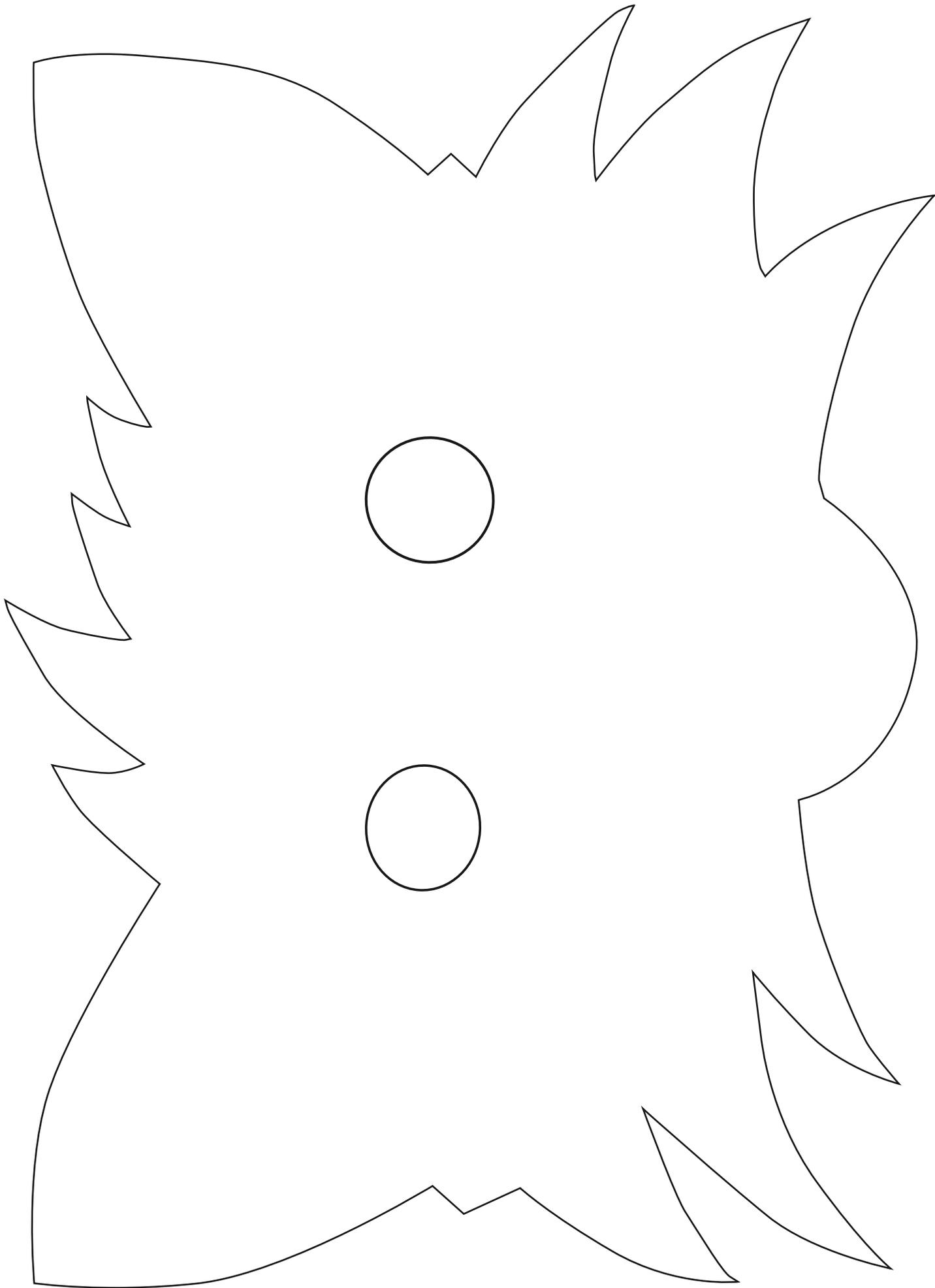
For an inexpensive, multipurpose decoration, try using yarn balls! Hang the balls (carefully) from light fixtures or the ceiling, place in large bowls as centerpieces, or even leave a few loose on the tables—after all, Bad Kitty certainly isn't the neatest creature.



For even more fun with yarn, use the string for a game of cat's cradle!



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# COLOR IN YOUR FAVORITE BAD KITTY CHARACTERS



# FIND KITTY'S FAVORITE FOODS!



**AARDVARK BAGELS**

**CLAM DOUGHNUTS**

**EEL FRITTERS**

**GRILLED HUMMINGBIRDS**

**IGUANA JELLY**

**KOALA LEMONADE**

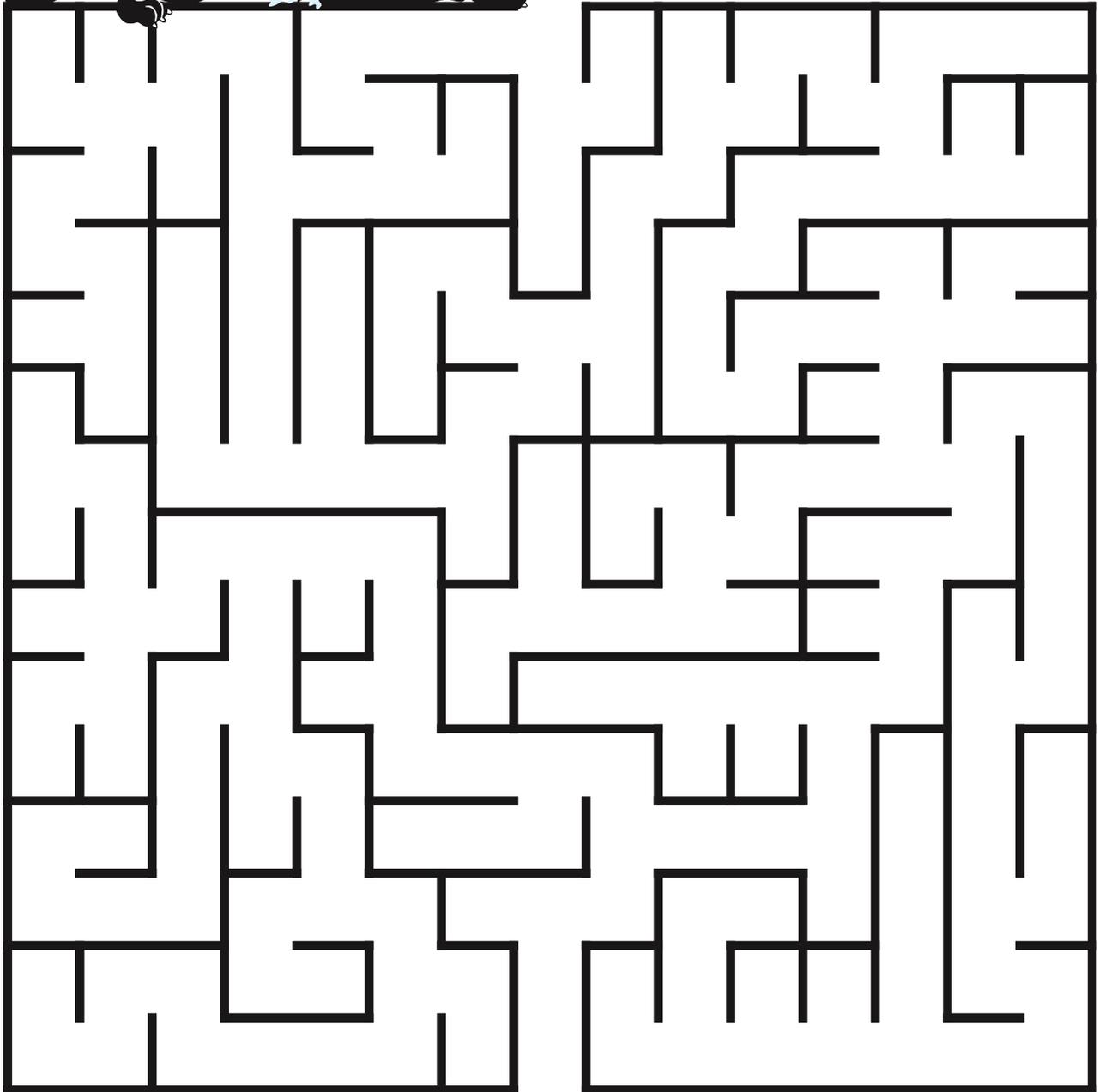
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**SNAKE TORTILLAS**

**YAK ZABAGLIONE**

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# HELP KITTY FIND HER TOY



# DRAW YOUR OWN KITTY

Follow the instructions and draw Kitty in the space below.

1. Draw her nose.



2. Draw her mouth.



3. Draw her eyes.



4. Now draw the hair on her head.



5. Now draw her ears.



6. And finally her whiskers.



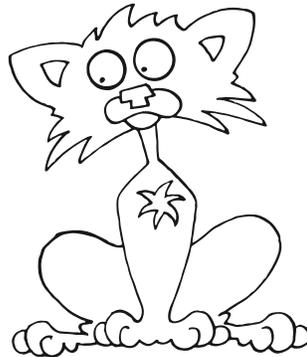
7. Next we draw Kitty's neck.



8. Draw her shoulders, front paws, and tuft of fur.



9. Now her back legs and paws.

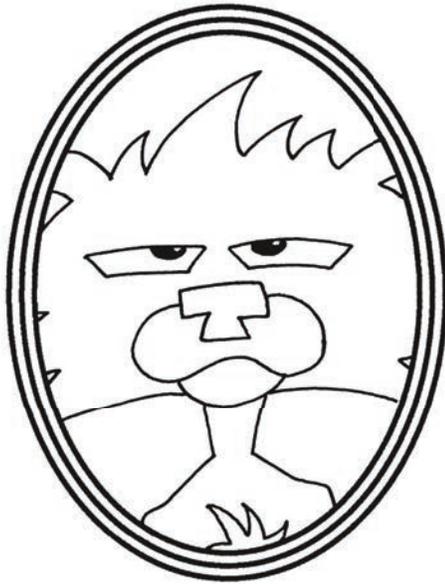


10. And finally her tail.

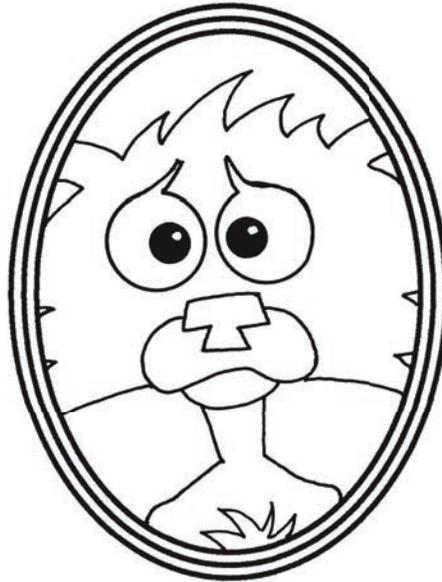


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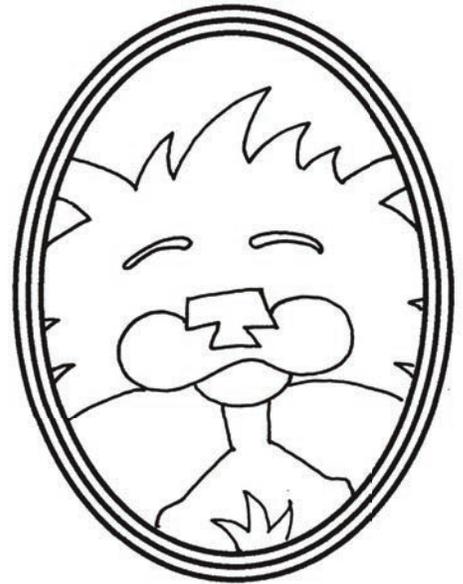
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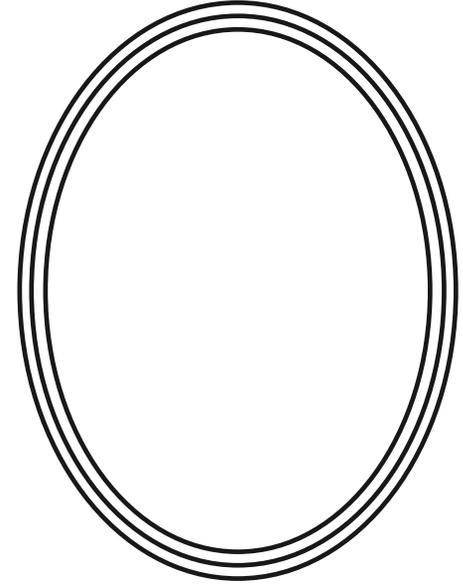
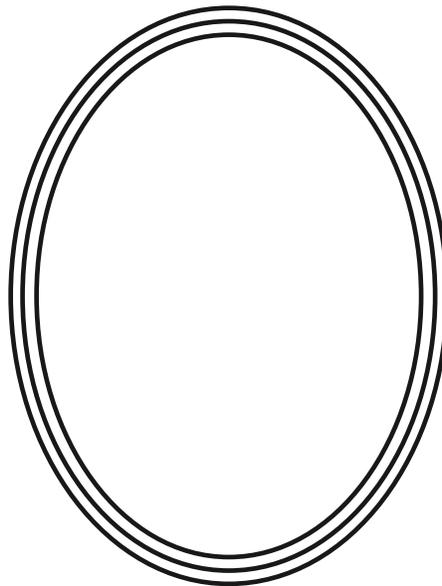
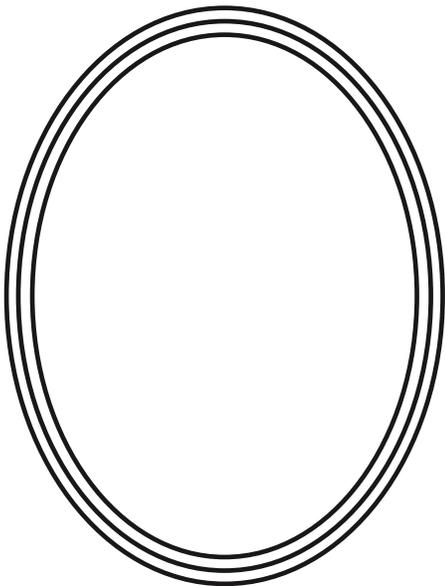
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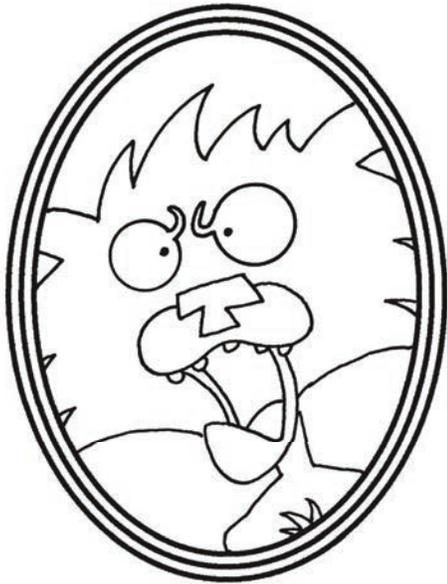


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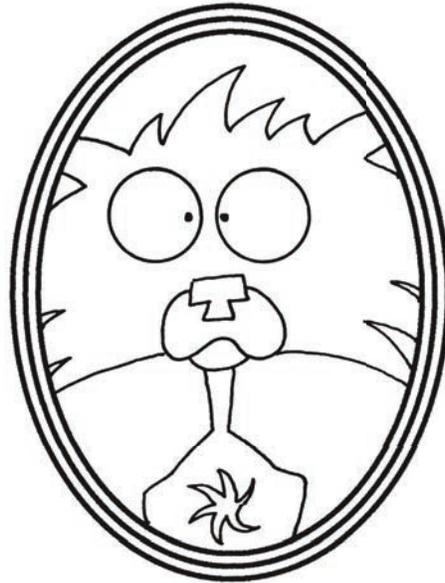


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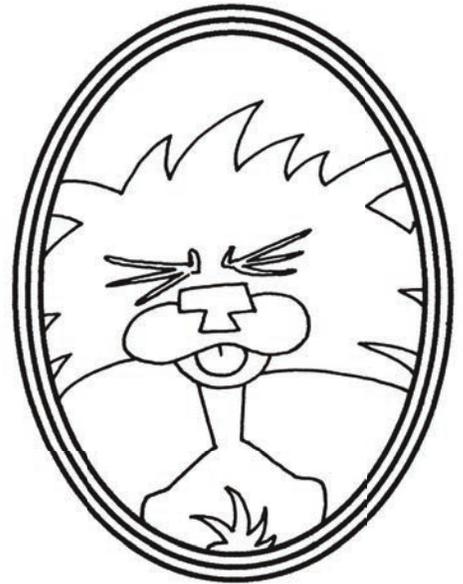
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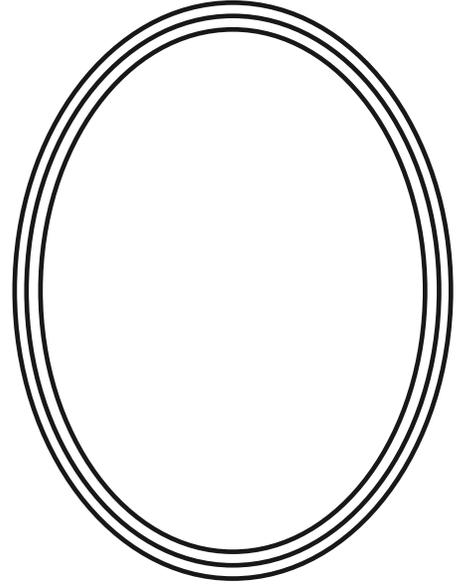
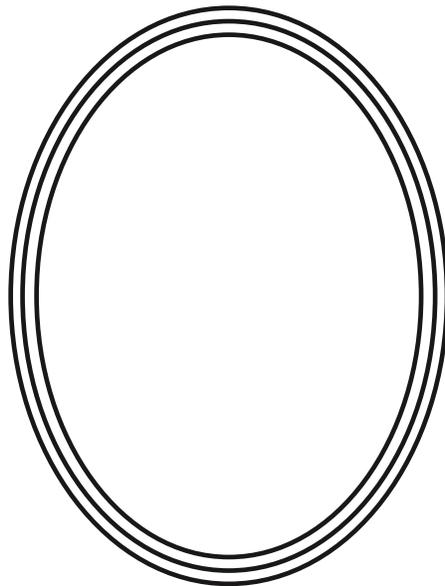
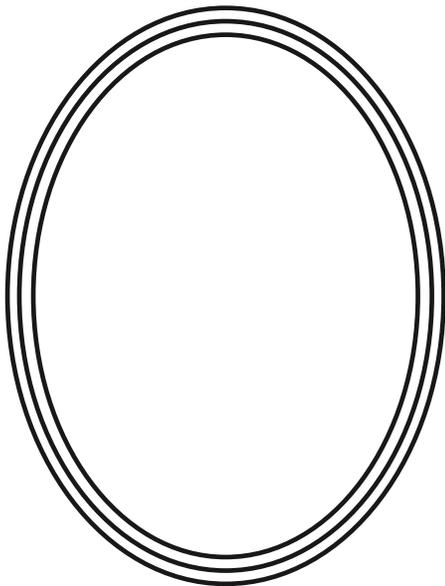
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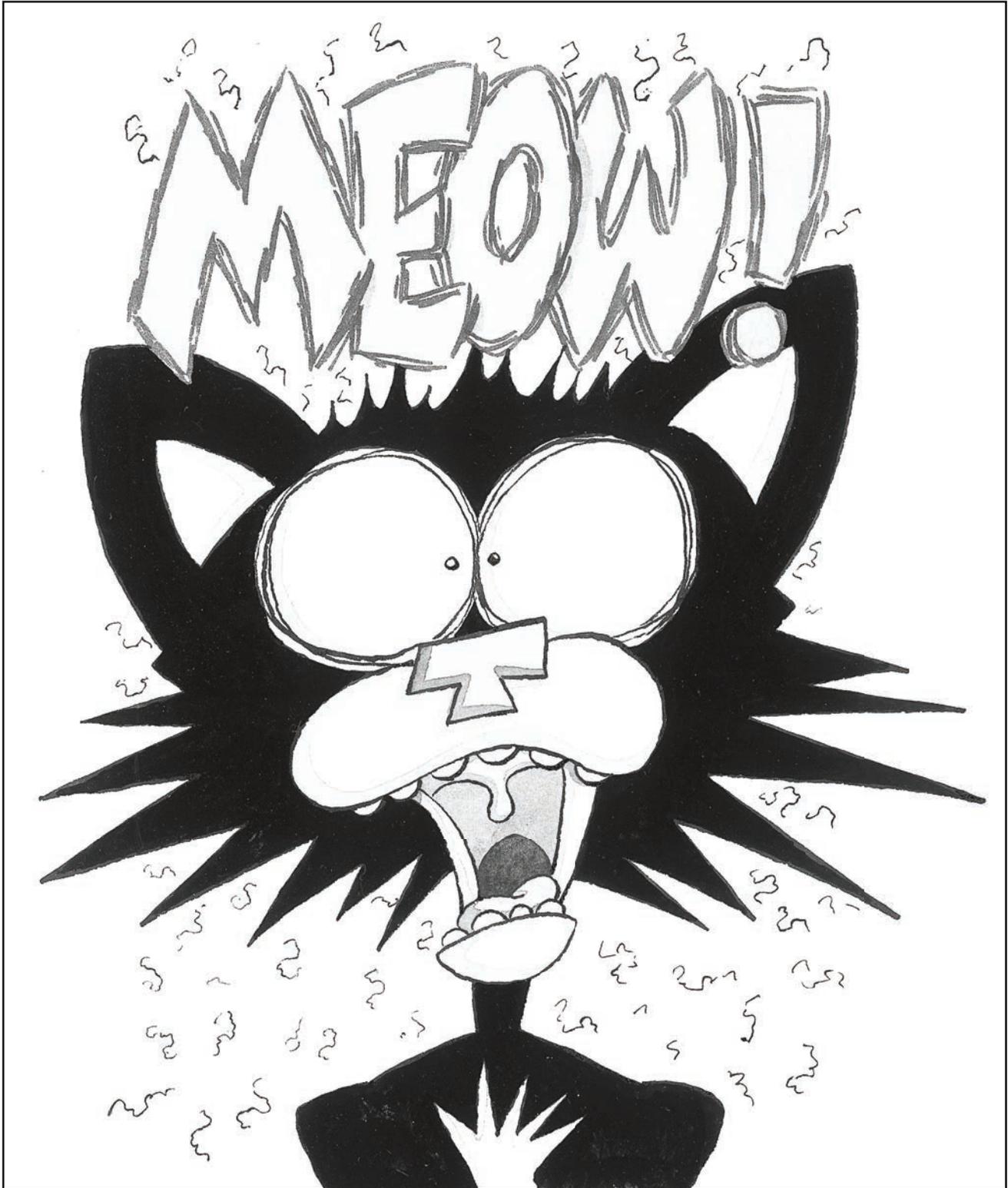
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