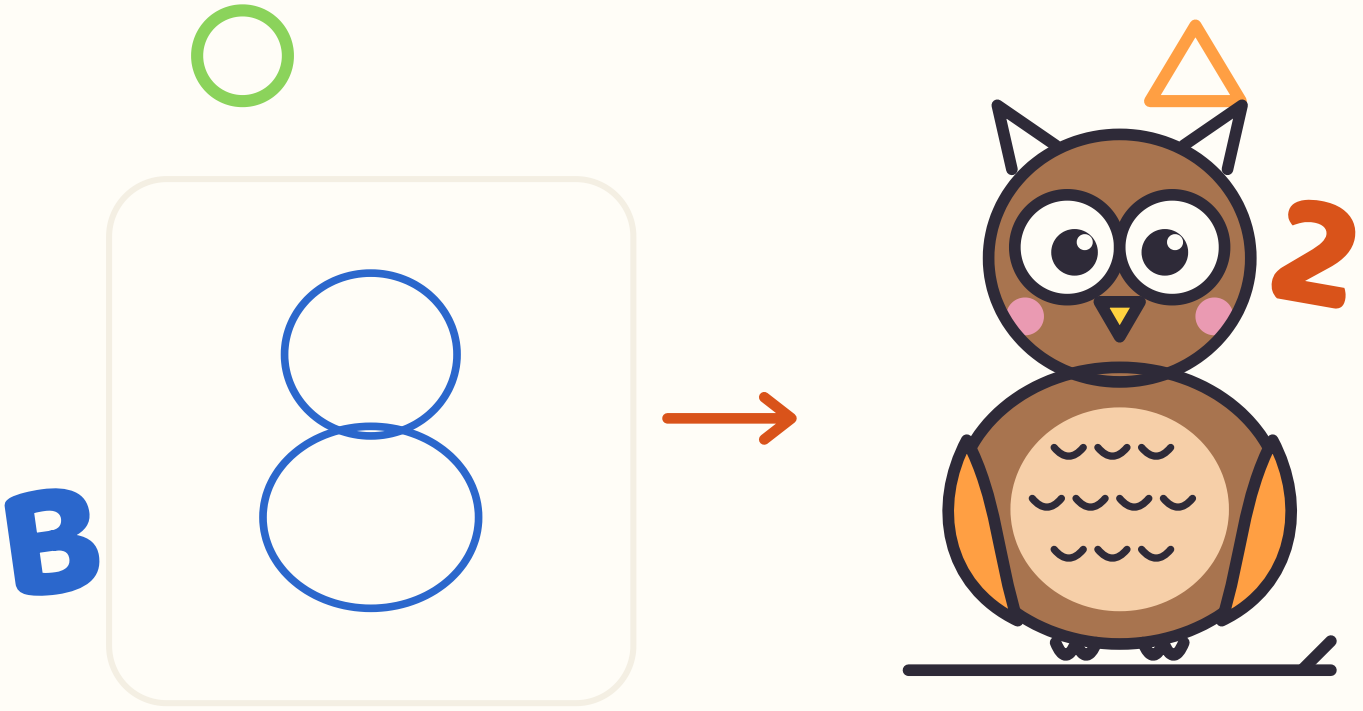
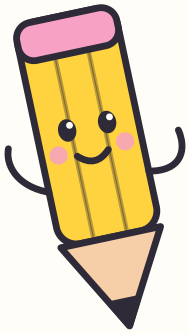
Lapizoo

Play and learn as you draw, step by step





Let's draw!

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Ages 4+

Draw on your own or as a family

Volume 1

by **WanPilot**

How to use this book

Hi! Let's draw!

In this book, every drawing starts from a number, a letter or a shape children already know.



What is Lapizoo?

A step-by-step drawing book for children ages 4 and up. The 8 becomes an owl, the 2 becomes a swan and a circle becomes all kinds of animals. While drawing, children practice pencil control and recognize numbers, letters and shapes.

How it works

1. Open a drawing on the screen: follow the book in order or pick a trail.
2. Draw one step at a time on your paper. The new line is shown in orange.
3. At the end, show your drawing and try the Challenge on the page.

Game rules

- Use any sheet of paper and follow the steps on your screen (phone, tablet or computer).
- Draw alone or with others: everyone makes their own drawing, following the same steps.
- At the end, show your drawing. Someone who didn't draw can pick a favorite or give it a score from 1 to 10!
- **You'll need:** any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

Tip for grown-ups

Praise the idea, not perfection: wobbly drawings count too. Let your child choose the colors.

Levels and ages

Level	Age	What to expect
✎ **Beginner**	Ages 4+	Starts from a simple number, letter or shape; few steps and details
✎✎ **Intermediate**	Ages 6+	More parts and details; needs care with proportions
✎✎✎ **Advanced**	Ages 8+	Drawings with many parts, for kids who have the hang of it

The four trails

Number Trail
From 0 to 9: every number becomes a drawing
24 drawings · starts on p. 4
Beginner (20) · Intermediate (4)

Letter Trail
A to Z: letters and words turn into drawings
33 drawings · starts on p. 29
Beginner (25) · Intermediate (8)

Shape Trail
Circles, ovals, triangles and other shapes
38 drawings · starts on p. 63
Beginner p. 64 · Intermediate p. 87

Challenge Trail
For those who want to go further
15 drawings · starts on p. 102
Beginner p. 103 · Intermediate p. 104 · Advanced p. 116

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Intermediate	8 drawings	

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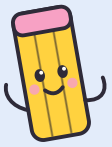
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Number Trail

From 0 to 9: every number becomes a drawing



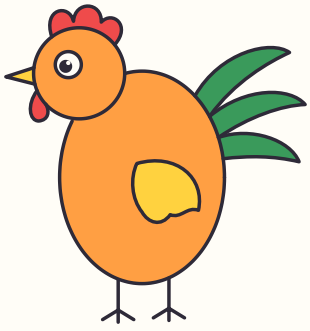
Every number becomes a drawing!

What children practice

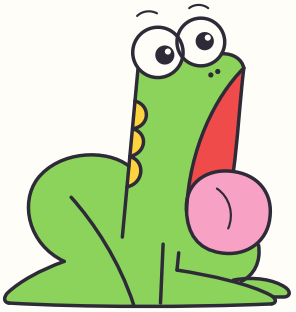
Recognizing and writing the numbers 0 to 9, following steps in order and practicing pencil control.

Beginner	20 drawings
Intermediate	4 drawings

First drawings



The Number 0 Rooster
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The Number 16 Frog
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8 Number Trail

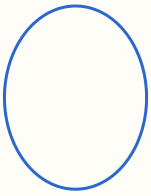
The Number 0 Rooster

Shapes: oval, circle, triangle

Beginner · Ages 4+ · 10 min

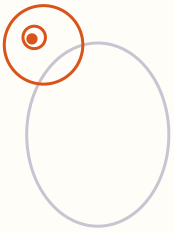
Let's play! Cock-a-doodle-doo! Today's rooster has a comb and long tail feathers.

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Write a big 0.

2



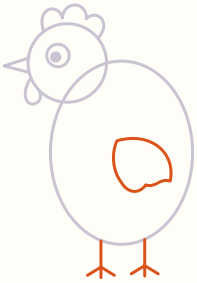
Draw a round head and one eye.

3



Add a triangle beak, a comb and a wattle.

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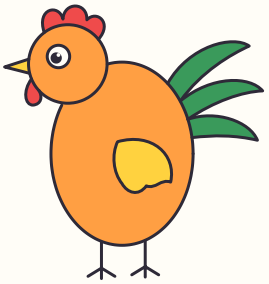
A wing on the body and two feet.

5



Three long tail feathers.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

The 0 can be rounder or taller: both become a rooster. Count together: how many tail feathers are there?

Challenge

The number 0 turned into a rooster! Can you find the 0 hidden in the drawing?

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

8 Number Trail

The Number 16 Frog

Shapes: lines, curves, circles

Beginner · Ages 4+ · 10 min

Let's play! Two numbers, one whole frog: the 1 and the 6 are about to hop onto your paper!

1



Write the number 16 nice and big.

2



Two round eyes on top of the 1.

3



The mouth from the head down to the 6, and the back leg.

4



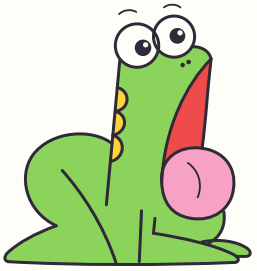
The ground under the frog and a little foot by the 6.

5



Legs, back bumps, tongue, nostrils and eyebrows.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

Write the 1 and the 6 slowly, one at a time. The loop of the 6 becomes the frog's tongue!

Challenge

The number 16 turned into a frog! Can you find the 1 and the 6 hidden in the drawing?

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

8 Number Trail

The Number 2 Swan

Shapes: arc, triangle, teardrop

Beginner · Ages 4+ · 10 min

Let's play! The swan glides slowly across the water. Draw the same way: no rush!

1



Write a really big 2.

2



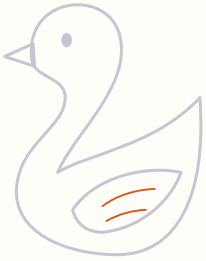
The chest and belly in one stroke, and the beak.

3



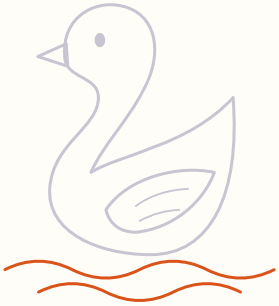
A little eye and the wing.

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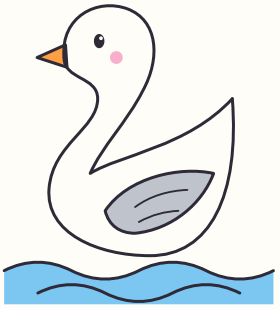
Two little feathers on the wing.

5



Draw the water under the swan.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

Before you start, trace a 2 in the air together with your finger. Then draw it on paper.

Challenge

The number 2 turned into a swan! Can you find the 2 hiding in the drawing?

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

8 Number Trail

The Number 2222 Birds

Shapes: circle, triangle, arc

Beginner · Ages 4+ · 10 min

Let's play! Four 2s side by side turn into two little birds who love each other.

1

22 22

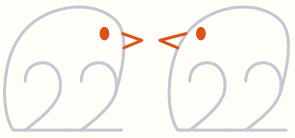
Write 2222: two 2s on each side.

2



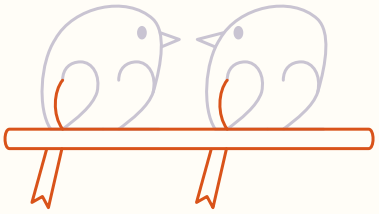
A big curve around each pair of 2s for the body.

3



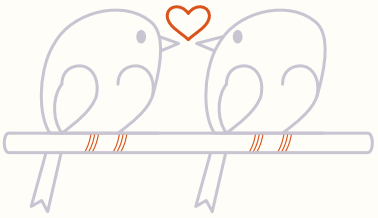
A little eye and a triangle beak on each bird.

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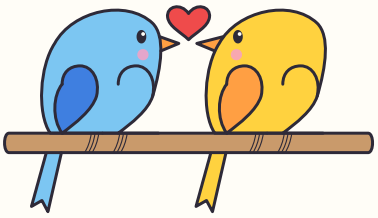
A wing on each bird, the branch and the tails.

5



A heart between them and the feet on the branch.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

Count the 2s with your child: there are four! The birds can be any colors they like.

Challenge

How many 2s can you find in the birds?

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

8 Number Trail

The Number 20 Sleepy Cat

Shapes: oval, triangle, arc

Beginner · Ages 4+ · 10 min

Let's play! Shh! The 20 is sleepy and about to become a napping cat. Draw very quietly.

1



Write a big number 20.

2



Two triangle ears on top of the 0.

3



Sleepy eyes, a nose and a little mouth.

4



The base of the 2 reaches the 0. Then the body around it.

5



Three whiskers on each side.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

20 is made of two digits: the 2 becomes the body and the 0 the head. Count to 20 together while the cat sleeps.

Challenge

The 20 turned into a sleeping cat! Where is the 2? And the 0?

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

8 Number Trail

The Number 3 Fish

Shapes: curve, triangle, circle

Beginner · Ages 4+ · 10 min

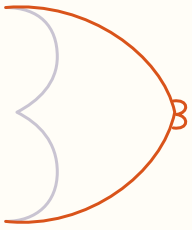
Let's play! A tall 3, one curve, and there's a fish swimming on your paper!

1



Write a tall number 3.

2



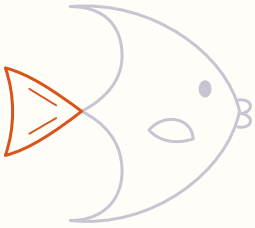
A curve from top to bottom of the 3, and a mouth.

3



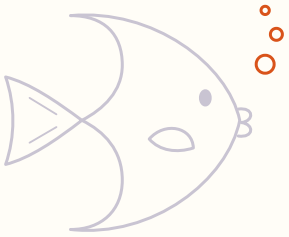
An eye and a fin.

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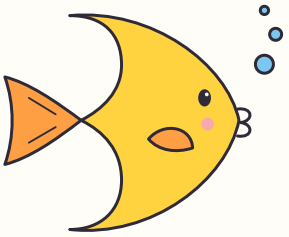
A tail in the middle of the 3, with two lines.

5



Three bubbles coming out of its mouth.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

Count the bubbles together. Your child can draw more bubbles and count again.

Challenge

The number 3 turned into a fish! Can you find the 3 hidden in the drawing?

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

8 Number Trail

The Number 3 Monkey

Shapes: curve, oval, heart

Beginner · Ages 4+ · 10 min

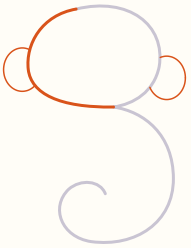
Let's play! Monkeys love to swing around, and this one has a curly tail!

1



Write a big number 3.

2



Close the head and add two ears.

3



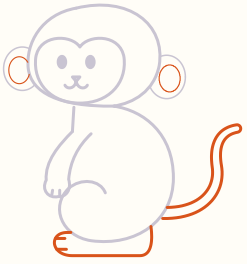
A heart-shaped face and two eyes.

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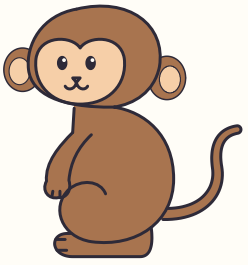
Nose and mouth, the front of the body and an arm.

5



The inner ears, the foot and the long tail.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

The 3 has two bumps: the top one becomes the head and the bottom one the body. Point it out first.

Challenge

The number 3 turned into a monkey! Can you find the 3 hidden in the drawing?

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

8 Number Trail

The Number 34 Elephant

Shapes: curves, straight lines

Beginner · Ages 4+ · 10 min

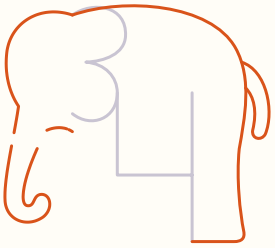
Let's play! Elephants never forget, and you won't forget this trick either!

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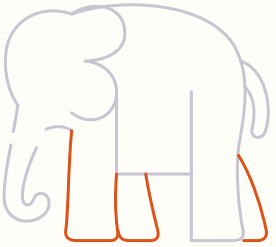
Write a big 34: the 3 up high, the 4 lower down.

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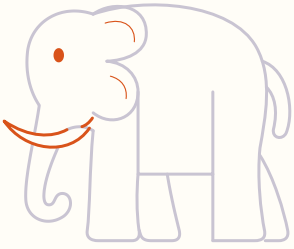
The head with the trunk, the back and the tail.

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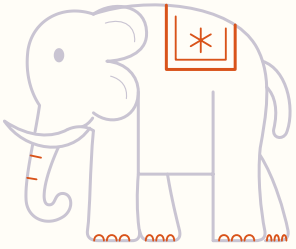
The two front legs and the back leg.

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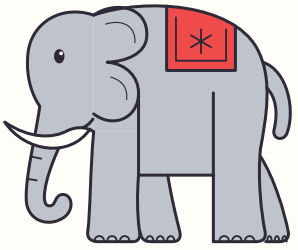
An eye, the tusk and the folds of the ear.

5



The blanket on the back, the toenails and trunk lines.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

Write the 34 together and count: 3, 4! A wobbly trunk is fine: elephants move their trunks too.

Challenge

The 34 turned into an elephant! Where is the 3? And the 4?

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

8 Number Trail

The Number 4 Fish

Shapes: triangle, curve

Beginner · Ages 4+ · 10 min

Let's play! This little fish loves swimming in clear water. Shall we put it in the sea?

1



Write a big 4.

2



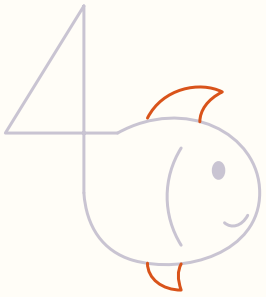
A round curve for the body, and the mouth.

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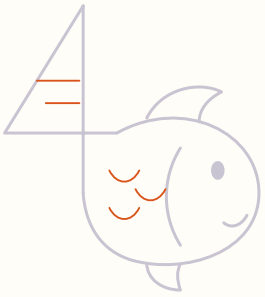
An eye, and a curve behind it.

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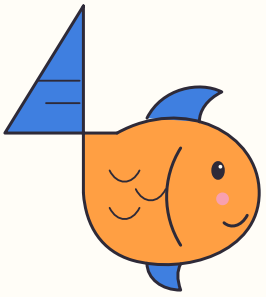
One fin on top and one below.

5



U-shaped scales and stripes on the tail.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

The triangle of the 4 becomes the tail. Leave room to the right of the 4 for the round body.

Challenge

The number 4 turned into a fish! Can you find the 4 hiding in the drawing?

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

8 Number Trail

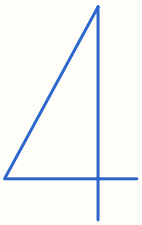
The Number 4 Sailboat

Shapes: triangle, curves, straight lines

Beginner · Ages 4+ · 10 min

Let's play! Fair winds! Today we'll sail a boat that starts from a number.

1



Write a big 4.

2



The second sail and a flag on top.

3



The boat's hull and a little window.

4



Two stripes on the sail.

5



Waves in the sea.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

Make the 4 with a long leg: it becomes the mast. Ask which color your child wants for each sail.

Challenge

The 4 turned into the sail and the mast! Where will your boat sail to?

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

The Number 5 Bird

Shapes: curves, straight lines

Beginner · Ages 4+ · 10 min

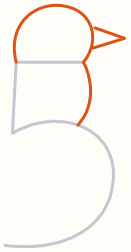
Let's play! Tweet, tweet! This little bird loves to sing early in the morning.

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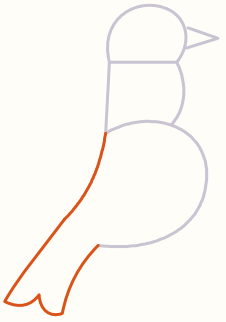
Write a big number 5.

2



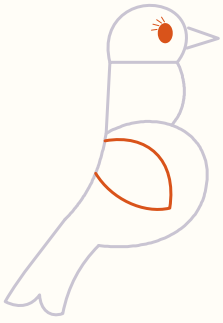
The head on top of the 5, the beak and the chest.

3



The back and the long tail.

4



An eye, and the wing on the belly.

5



Feathers on the wing and little legs.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

Count to 5 on your fingers together. The top line of the 5 becomes the bird's collar.

Challenge

The 5 turned into a bird! Can you find the hidden 5 in the drawing?

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

The Number 500 Lying Cat

Shapes: curves, straight lines, ovals

Intermediate · Ages 6+ · 15 min

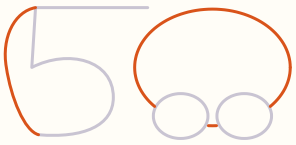
Let's play! This kitty is resting after lots of play.

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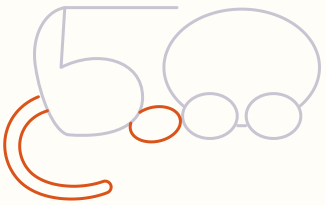
Write 500: a big 5 and two lying-down zeros.

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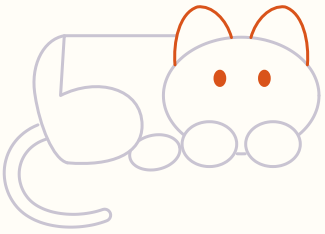
The head over the zeros and the back behind the 5.

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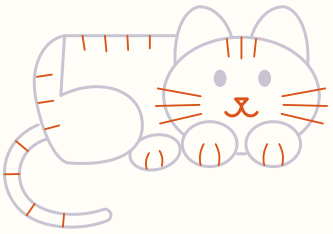
A back paw and the long tail.

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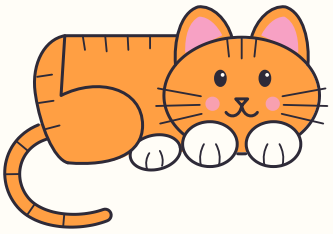
Two ears and two eyes.

5



Nose, mouth, whiskers, stripes and toes.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

The zeros lie flat and squashed. Say it together: five hundred! Then count the stripes on the cat.

Challenge

The 500 turned into a cat! Where is the 5? And the two zeros?

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

8 Number Trail

The Number 6 Seal

Shapes: curves, circle, heart

Beginner · Ages 4+ · 10 min

Let's play! The seal dives head first and wiggles its tail up high!

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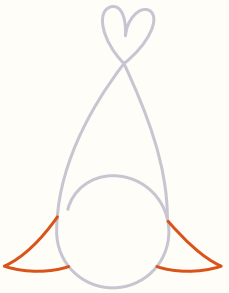
Write a 6 with a nice round loop.

2



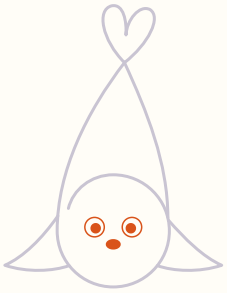
The other side of the body and the heart-shaped tail.

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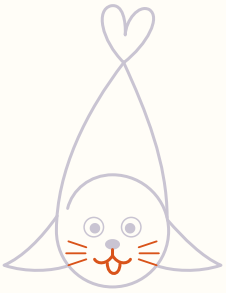
Two flippers, one on each side.

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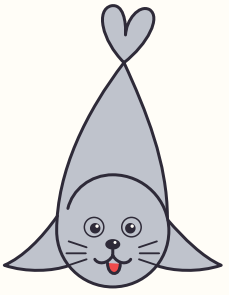
Two round eyes and the nose.

5



The mouth, the tongue and three whiskers on each side.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

The loop of the 6 is the head and the stem is one side of the body. Three whiskers a side make 6!

Challenge

The 6 turned into a seal! Count the whiskers: how many in all?

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

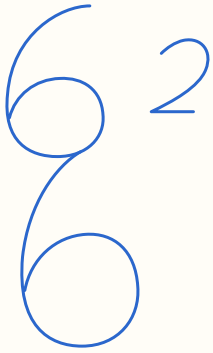
Dog from 662

Shapes: curves, straight lines, circles

Beginner · Ages 4+ · 10 min

Let's play! Three numbers will turn into a sitting puppy. Let's play!

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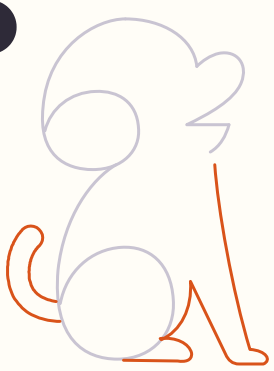
Write a 6, another 6 below it and a 2 beside them.

2



The top of the head over to the 2 and the chin below it.

3



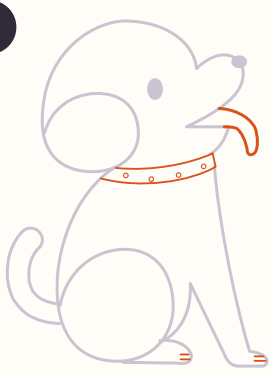
The chest and front leg, the tail and the back paw.

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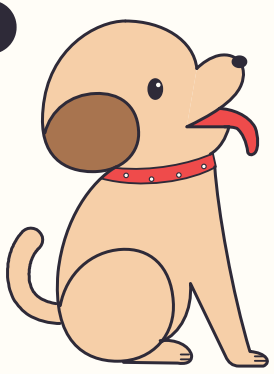
The eye and the nose.

5



The tongue sticking out, the collar and the toes.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

The top 6 becomes the ear, the bottom 6 the thigh, and the 2 the snout. Help place the numbers first.

Challenge

6, 6 and 2 became the dog! Can you find each hidden number?

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

8 Number Trail

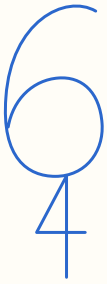
The 6 and 4 Peacock

Shapes: curves, circle, straight lines, ovals

Intermediate · Ages 6+ · 15 min

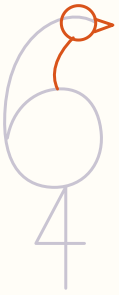
Let's play! The peacock spreads its tail to show all its colors!

1



Write a 6 and, below it, a 4.

2



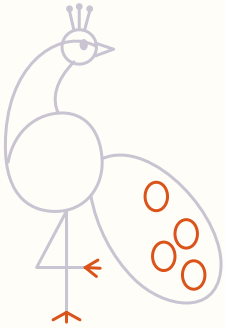
The head, the beak and the neck line.

3



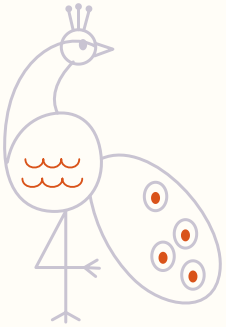
The eye, the three-dot crest and the big tail.

4



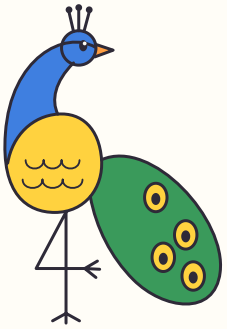
Ovals on the tail, and the toes.

5



A dot in each oval, and the wing feathers.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

The 6 is the neck and body; the 4 is the legs: one standing, one raised with toes at the end of the bar.

Challenge

The 6 and the 4 turned into a peacock! What is 6 plus 4? How many ovals on the tail?

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

8 Number Trail

The Number 7 Mouse

Shapes: straight lines, curves

Beginner · Ages 4+ · 10 min

Let's play! Shh! Someone tiny has an eye on a tasty snack. Who could it be?

1



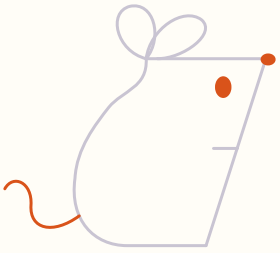
Write a big 7.

2



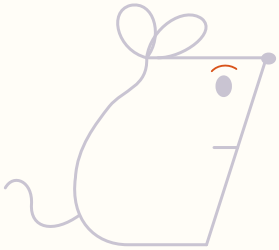
The curved back and two round ears.

3



The eye, the nose at the tip and the tail.

4



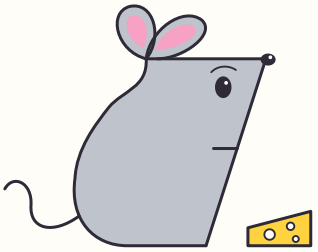
An eyebrow above the eye.

5



A piece of cheese with little holes.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

The 7 becomes the snout: the top line is the head and the slanted leg is the face. The back closes the body.

Challenge

The number 7 turned into a mouse! Can you find the 7 hidden in the drawing?

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

The Number 7 Girl

Shapes: straight lines, triangle, circle

Intermediate · Ages 6+ · 15 min

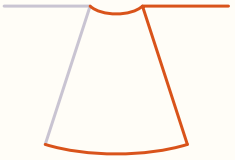
Let's play! With her arms wide open, she wants to give a great big hug!

1



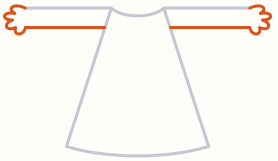
Write a big number 7.

2



The other arm, the dress side, the neckline and the hem.

3



The sleeves and the hands, with little fingers.

4



The head and the hair with two buns.

5



Eyes, a smile, legs and shoes.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

The top bar of the 7 is an arm and its stem is one side of the dress. The fingers are loose little lines: they need not match.

Challenge

The 7 turned into a girl! Open your arms like her and count to 7.

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

8 Number Trail

The Number 8 Teddy Bear

Shapes: circles, curves

Beginner · Ages 4+ · 10 min

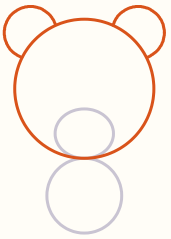
Let's play! A cuddly teddy bear to hug at bedtime.

1



Write an 8: two loops, one on top of the other.

2



The head around the top loop, and the ears.

3



Two eyes and the nose.

4



The body, with arms and legs.

5



The mouth and the little paws.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

The top loop of the 8 is the muzzle and the bottom one is the tummy. Count to 8 together.

Challenge

The 8 turned into a teddy bear! Where is the 8? Give your bear a name.

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

8 Number Trail

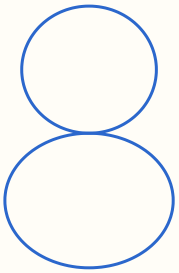
The Number 8 Owl

Shapes: circle, oval, triangle

Beginner · Ages 4+ · 10 min

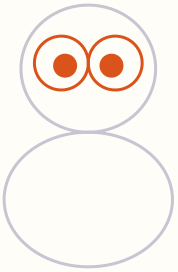
Let's play! Hoo, hoo! The owl stays up at night, perched on its branch.

1



Write a really big 8.

2



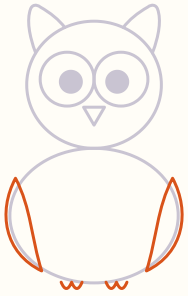
Draw two round eyes in the top circle.

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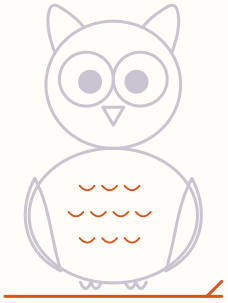
Add a triangle beak and two pointy ears.

4



Wings on the sides and little feet below.

5



U-shaped feathers on the tummy, and a branch.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

Let your child draw the 8 their own way: wobbly circles make owls too. Praise the idea, not perfection.

Challenge

The number 8 turned into an owl! Can you find the 8 hiding in the drawing?

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

8 Number Trail

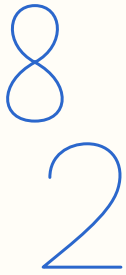
Mouse from 82

Shapes: curves, straight lines, triangle

Beginner · Ages 4+ · 10 min

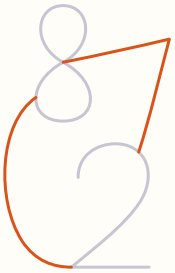
Let's play! Who loves cheese and has round little ears? Let's draw!

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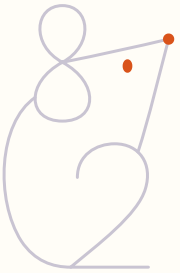
Write an 8 and, below it, a 2.

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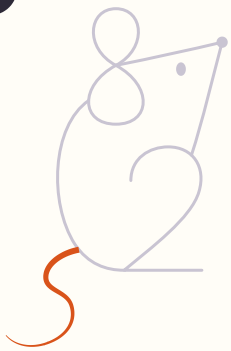
The pointy snout and the round back.

3



The eye and the nose on the tip.

4



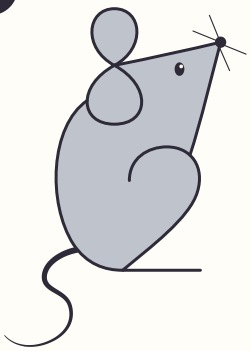
The long, curly tail.

5



The whiskers on the nose.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

The 8 becomes the ears and the 2 the leg and base. Two lines from the 8's middle form a triangle snout.

Challenge

The 82 turned into a mouse! Can you find the 82 hidden in the drawing?

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

The Number 9 Bird

Shapes: circle, curves, triangle

Beginner · Ages 4+ · 10 min

Let's play! This little green bird likes to rest on a branch.

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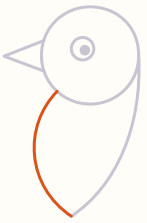
Write a big number 9.

2



A triangle beak and a round eye.

3



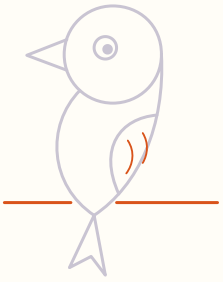
The chest: a curve from the head to the end of the 9.

4



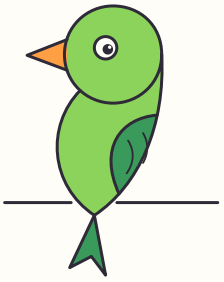
The wing and the tail.

5



Little feathers on the wing, and the branch.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

The loop of the 9 is the head and the stem is the back. Turn the page: an upside-down 9 looks like a 6!

Challenge

The 9 turned into a bird! Can you find the hidden 9 in the drawing?

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

8 Number Trail

Number 9 Rabbit with Carrot

Shapes: circle, curves, triangle

Beginner · Ages 4+ · 10 min

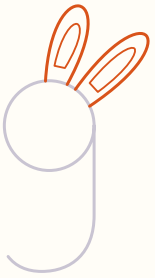
Let's play! The rabbit found a carrot bigger than itself!

1



Write a big number 9.

2



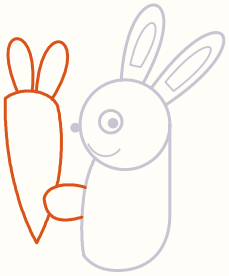
Two long ears, with their inner part.

3



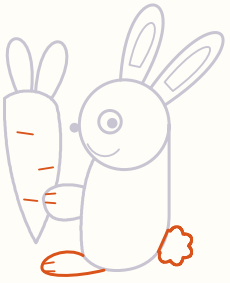
The eye, the nose, the smile and the front of the body.

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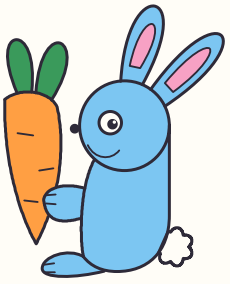
The carrot with leaves and the arm holding it.

5



The foot, the pompom tail and the little lines.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

The loop of the 9 is the head and its stem is the back. The nose is a little dot at the front.

Challenge

The 9 turned into a rabbit! How many carrots does it eat a day? Draw more!

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

8 Number Trail

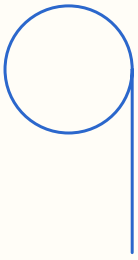
Cat from a 9

Shapes: circle, straight lines, curves, triangles

Beginner · Ages 4+ · 10 min

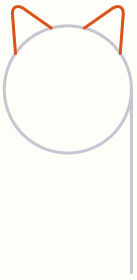
Let's play! A number will turn into a spotted kitty. Let's play!

1



Write a big 9.

2



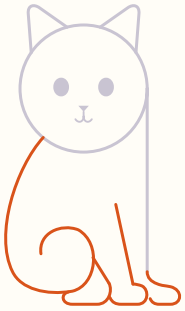
Two pointy ears.

3



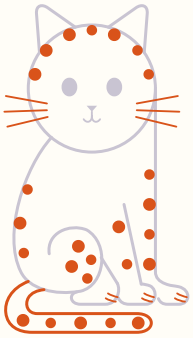
The eyes, the nose and the mouth.

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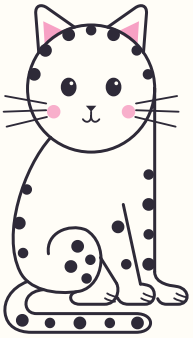
The chest, the curled back leg and the paws.

5



The tail, the whiskers, the spots and the toes.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

The loop of the 9 is the head and its stem becomes the back. Draw it big, leaving room for the body on the left.

Challenge

The 9 became a cat! Can you find the 9 hidden in the drawing?

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

The Number 9 Giraffe

Shapes: oval, straight lines, circles

Intermediate · Ages 6+ · 15 min

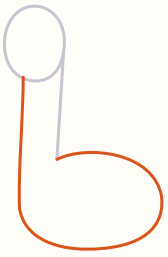
Let's play! The giraffe stretches its neck to reach the highest leaves!

1



Write a tall number 9.

2



The body: from the foot of the 9 back up to the head.

3



Two front legs, with hooves.

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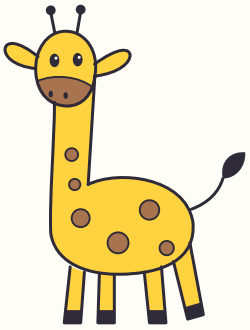
Two back legs and a tail with a pointy tip.

5



Horns, ears, eyes, muzzle and the spots.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

The loop of the 9 is the head and its stem is the neck. Count to 9 together.

Challenge

The 9 turned into a giraffe! Count the spots: how many did you make?

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

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Letter Trail

A to Z: letters and words turn into drawings



Let's draw the alphabet!

What children practice

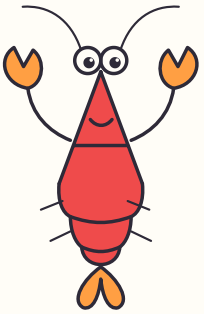
Recognizing letters, linking each one to words and practicing uppercase and lowercase strokes.

Beginner	25 drawings
Intermediate	8 drawings

First drawings



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The Letter A Crayfish
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A Letter Trail

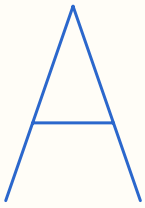
The Letter A Ladybug

Shapes: lines, curves, semicircle

Beginner · Ages 4+ · 10 min

Let's play! Each side of the A gets a round wing full of spots.

1



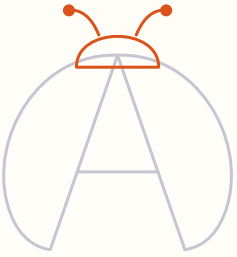
Write a big letter A.

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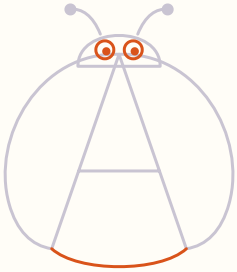
Two round wings, one on each side.

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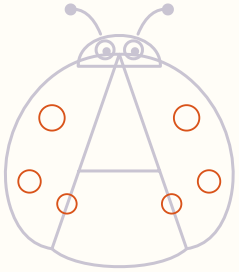
The head on top and two antennae.

4



Two eyes and the tummy at the bottom.

5



Three spots on each wing.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

Say the letter's name while your child writes the A. Count the spots together: there are 6 in all.

Challenge

The letter A turned into a ladybug! What other words start with A?

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

A Letter Trail

The Letter A Crayfish

Shapes: lines, curves, circles

Beginner · Ages 4+ · 10 min

Let's play! This time the A is tiny: the rest of the crayfish comes right behind it!

1



Write a small letter A.

2



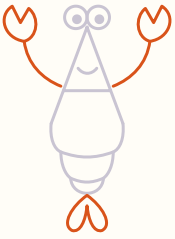
Two eyes on top and a smile.

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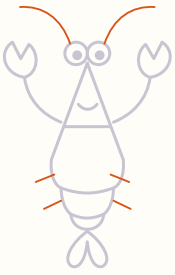
Three body parts under the A.

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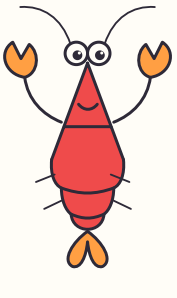
Two claws and a fan-shaped tail.

5



Long antennae and little legs.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

Here the A starts small and becomes the head. Show that the same letter can come in different sizes.

Challenge

The letter A turned into a crayfish! What other words start with A?

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

A Letter Trail

The Word boy Kid

Shapes: circle, arc, line

Beginner · Ages 4+ · 10 min

Let's play! Three letters, one face: the word boy is getting glasses and a smile.

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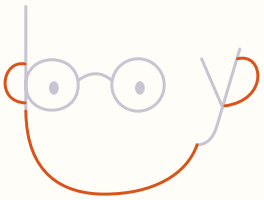
Write the word boy nice and big.

2



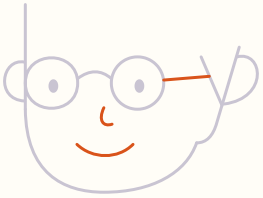
Eyes in the b and the o, and the glasses bridge.

3



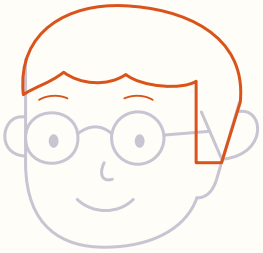
Draw the face and the two ears.

4



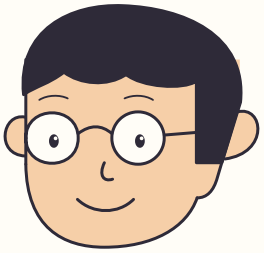
A nose, a smile and the arm of the glasses.

5



The hair, which covers one line of the y, and the eyebrows.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

The b and the o become glasses, and the y becomes the other ear. Ask if your child noticed!

Challenge

The word boy turned into a boy! Where are the b, the o and the y?

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

A Letter Trail

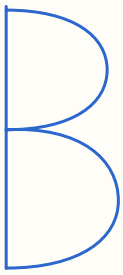
The Letter B Panda

Shapes: line, semicircle, oval

Beginner · Ages 4+ · 10 min

Let's play! Pandas spend all day eating bamboo. This one gets a stalk all to itself!

1



Write a tall letter B.

2



Two eye patches and a nose.

3



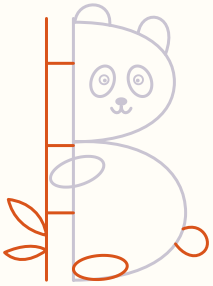
Little eyes in the patches and a smile.

4



Two ears and an arm.

5



The leg, the little tail, the bamboo and the leaves.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

The B has a straight line and two bumps: the top one becomes the head, the bottom one the body. Let your child discover it.

Challenge

The B turned into a panda! What other words start with B?

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

A Letter Trail

The C, U and L Puppy

Shapes: arc, oval, line

Beginner · Ages 4+ · 10 min

Let's play! Write C, U and L close together and leave room: this puppy is a long one!

1



Write the letters C, U and L side by side.

2



An arch over the U: the top of the head.

3



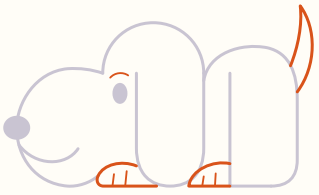
The back: a curve from the U to the foot of the L.

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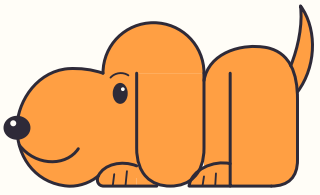
The nose, the eye and the mouth on the C.

5



The paws with toes, the tail and the eyebrow.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

Say each letter's name as your child draws it: C, U, L. Then look for words that start with each one.

Challenge

Three letters turned into a dog! Where are the C, the U and the L?

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

A Letter Trail

The Letter C Hedgehog

Shapes: curves, short lines, circle

Intermediate · Ages 6+ · 15 min

Let's play! This hedgehog has lots of spikes and an apple for a snack.

1



Write a small C.

2



The snout and belly, an eye and a nose.

3



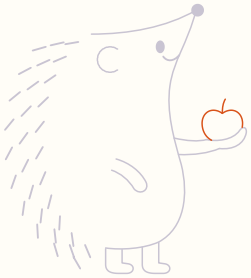
Two arms and the two little legs.

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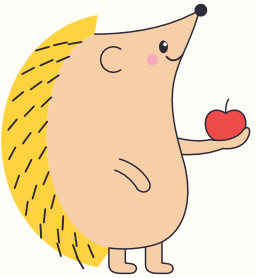
Lots of little spike lines on the back and a smile.

5



An apple in its hand.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

The small C becomes the ear. The spikes are short lines, all leaning the same way.

Challenge

The C turned into a hedgehog! What other words start with C?

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

A Letter Trail

The Word "dog" Dog

Shapes: letters, circles

Beginner · Ages 4+ · 10 min

Let's play! Write dog in big, round letters: every letter has a job to do!

1



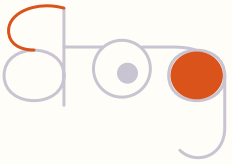
Write the word dog with round letters.

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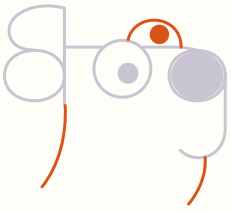
A pupil inside the o and the top of the head.

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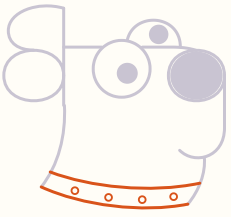
An ear on the d. Fill in the g: it's the nose!

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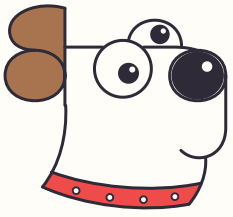
The other eye on top and the lines of the neck.

5



The collar with little dots.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

Read the word together: d-o-g. Then your child can write the name of their own pet.

Challenge

Dog is the word for this animal! Where are the d, the o and the g?

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

A Letter Trail

The Letter E Penguin

Shapes: lines, semicircle

Beginner · Ages 4+ · 10 min

Let's play! Every penguin looks like it's wearing a tuxedo. This one even has a little tuft!

1



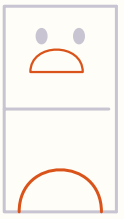
Write a tall letter E.

2



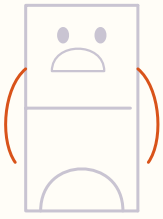
Close the side of the E and add two eyes.

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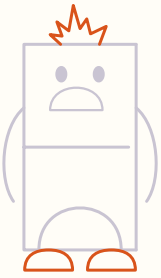
The beak and a round belly at the bottom.

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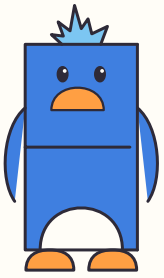
A wing on each side.

5



The feet and a tuft of hair.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

The E has three arms. Ask your child to close it with a line: it becomes a little box.

Challenge

The E turned into a penguin! What other words start with E?

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

A Letter Trail

The Letter F Wading Bird

Shapes: straight lines, half circle, curves

Beginner · Ages 4+ · 10 min

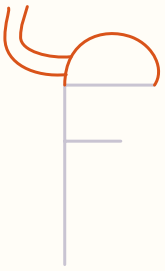
Let's play! This bird can stand still on just one leg. Can you?

1



Write a tall F.

2



A round body on top, and the neck.

3



A round head and a curved beak.

4



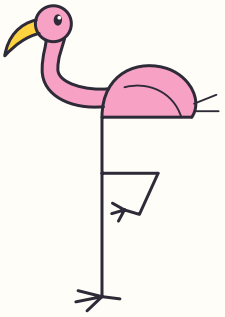
An eye, and a wing on the body.

5



The bent leg, the feet and the tail.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

Play at standing on one leg, like the bird. The middle line of the F becomes the bent leg.

Challenge

The letter F turned into a bird! What other words start with F?

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

A Letter Trail

The Letter G Shark

Shapes: curves, straight lines, triangles, zigzag

Intermediate · Ages 6+ · 15 min

Let's play! Watch out! This shark opened a mouth as big as a G!

1



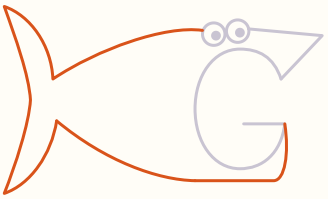
Write a tall G: this is the open mouth.

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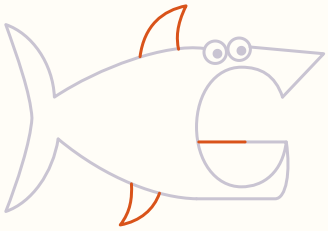
Two eyes on top of the G and the pointy snout.

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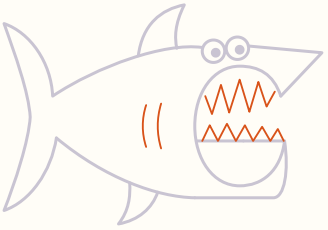
The back with the tail, the belly and the chin.

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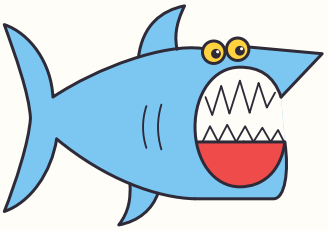
The top fin, the bottom fin and the line closing the G.

5



Zigzag teeth and the gills.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

The G is the mouth: the inner line closes the lower part, painted red. The chin runs under the G.

Challenge

The letter G turned into a shark! What other words start with G?

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

A Letter Trail

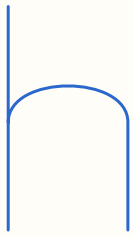
The Letter h Dinosaur

Shapes: straight lines, curves, zigzag

Beginner · Ages 4+ · 10 min

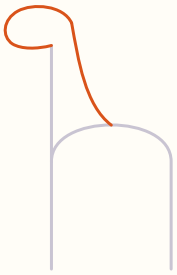
Let's play! This dinosaur is huge, but gentle: it only eats leaves!

1



Write a tall h.

2



The head and neck on top of the h.

3



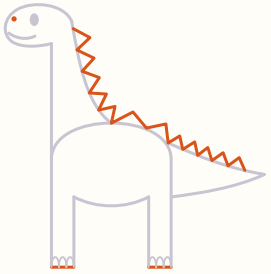
The tummy between the legs and the pointy tail.

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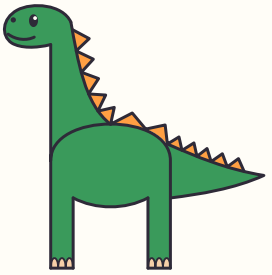
An eye, a smile and the toenails.

5



Zigzag spikes, the nostril and the soles.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

The zigzag is the trickiest line: go slowly together, saying up, down, up, down.

Challenge

The letter h turned into a dinosaur! What other words have the letter h?

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

A Letter Trail

The Letter I Chameleon

Shapes: straight lines, curves, circle

Beginner · Ages 4+ · 10 min

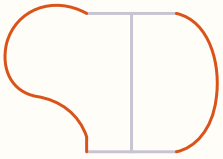
Let's play! The chameleon changes color to play hide-and-seek!

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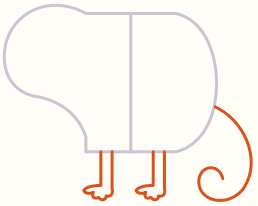
Write a big I, with a line on top and one at the bottom.

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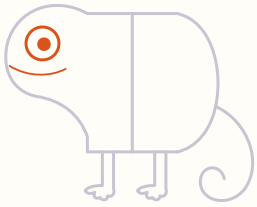
The head on one side and the back on the other.

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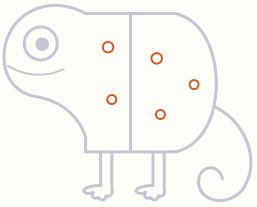
Two legs and a curly tail.

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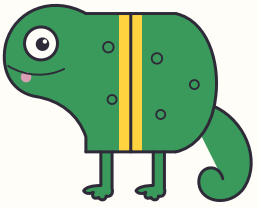
A great big eye and the mouth.

5



Little dots all over the body.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

The middle line of the I becomes a stripe. Ask your child to find the I on the body before coloring.

Challenge

The letter I turned into a chameleon! What other words start with I?

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

A Letter Trail

The Letter j Dog

Shapes: curves, circles, triangle

Intermediate · Ages 6+ · 15 min

Let's play! Hi! This dog lifts a paw to wave hello.

1



Write a j with the dot on top.

2



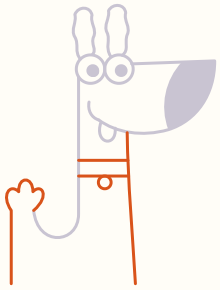
Two big eyes and the muzzle with a black tip.

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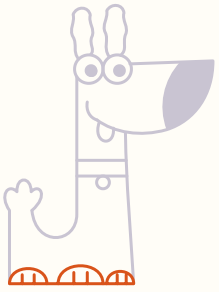
Two wavy ears, the mouth and the tongue.

4



The arm with its paw, the back and the collar.

5



Three paws on the ground, with little toes.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

The dot of the j becomes an eye's pupil, and the hook of the j is the waving arm. Words with J: jam, jump, jelly...

Challenge

The letter j turned into a dog! What did the dot of the j become?

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

A Letter Trail

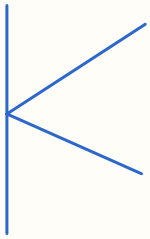
The Letter K Parrot

Shapes: straight lines, curves

Beginner · Ages 4+ · 10 min

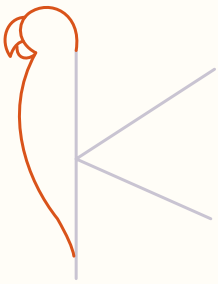
Let's play! The parrot loves to chat. What do you think it will say?

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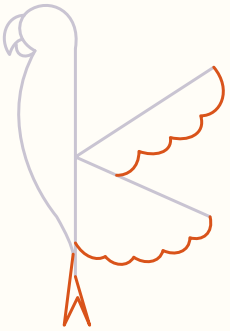
Write a big letter K.

2



The head on top of the K, the beak and the belly.

3



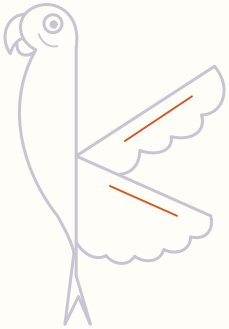
A wing on each arm of the K and the two-pointed tail.

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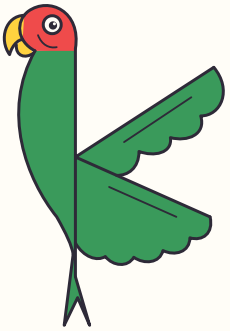
The eye and the face mark.

5



A feather line on each wing.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

The K has three strokes: one upright and two slanted. The two slanted ones become the open wings.

Challenge

The letter K turned into a parrot! What other words do you know with K?

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

A Letter Trail

The Letter L Llama

Shapes: straight lines, curves, cloud

Beginner · Ages 4+ · 10 min

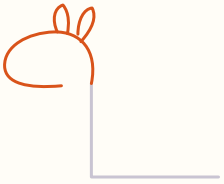
Let's play! The llama lives in the mountains and wears a colorful blanket.

1



Write a big letter L.

2



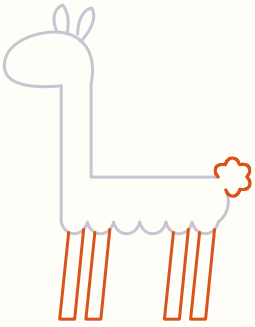
The head on top of the L, and the ears.

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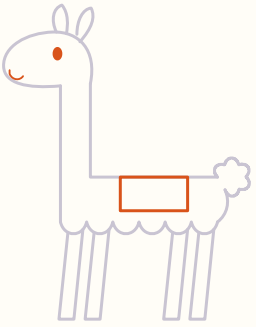
The front of the neck, the wavy belly and the rump.

4



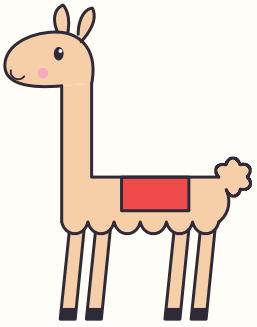
Four slanted legs and the pompom tail.

5



The eye, the mouth and the blanket.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

The L is the back of the neck and the back, both straight. The belly is wavy, like wool.

Challenge

The letter L turned into a llama! What other words start with L?

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

A Letter Trail

Mouse from an M

Shapes: straight lines, circles, curves, ovals

Beginner · Ages 4+ · 10 min

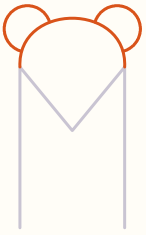
Let's play! A letter will turn into a little mouse with a snack. Let's play!

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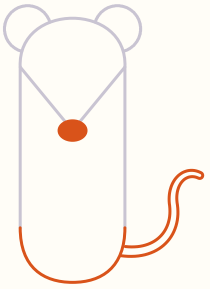
Write a big M.

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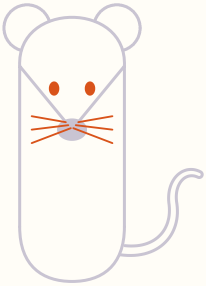
The top of the head and two round ears.

3



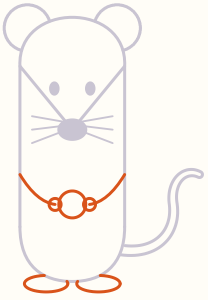
The bottom of the body, the nose and the tail.

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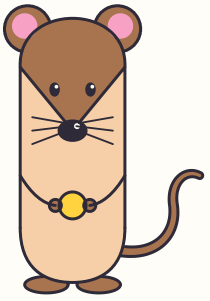
The eyes and the whiskers.

5



The arms holding a cookie and the feet.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

The M's legs become the body's sides and the V in the middle marks the face, with the nose at its tip.

Challenge

The letter M became the mouse! Can you think of words with M?

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

A Letter Trail

The Letter M Bicycle

Shapes: straight lines, circles

Intermediate · Ages 6+ · 15 min

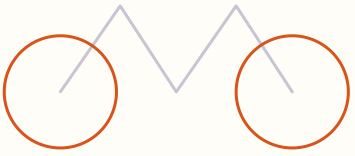
Let's play! With an M and two wheels, the bicycle is ready for a ride!

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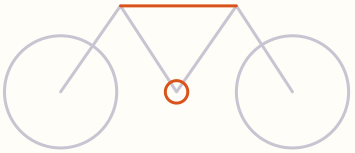
Write a wide letter M.

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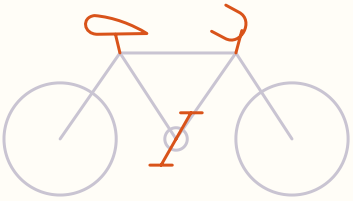
A wheel at each end of the M.

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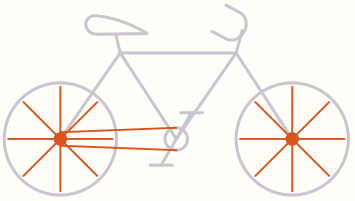
A bar joining the peaks of the M, and the pedal hub.

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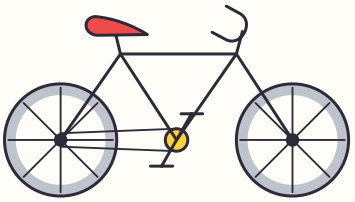
The seat, the sideways U handlebar and the pedals.

5



The wheel spokes, the hubs and the chain.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

The M is the bicycle frame. For the wheels, tracing a lid or a cup works well.

Challenge

The letter M turned into a bicycle! Where would you ride to?

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

A Letter Trail

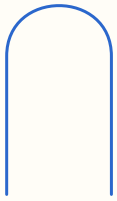
The Letter n Popsicle

Shapes: curves, straight lines

Beginner · Ages 4+ · 10 min

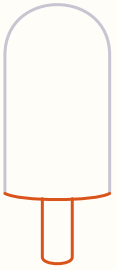
Let's play! A smiling popsicle to cool down the day!

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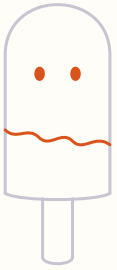
Write a tall letter n.

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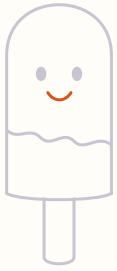
Close the bottom with a curve and add the stick.

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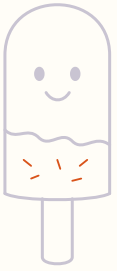
The dripping topping, in waves, and two eyes.

4



A smile.

5



Sprinkles: little lines on the topping.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

The lowercase n is the popsicle itself. Compare it with capital N: they look quite different!

Challenge

The letter n turned into a popsicle! What flavor is yours? Color it to match.

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

A Letter Trail

Elephant from nn

Shapes: arches, curves, straight lines

Beginner · Ages 4+ · 10 min

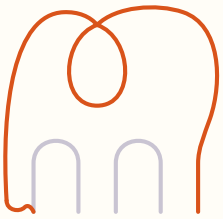
Let's play! Stomp, stomp! A really big animal is coming. Let's see who it is!

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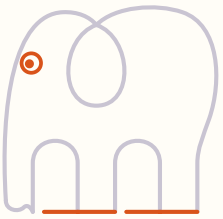
Write two n side by side.

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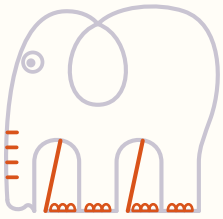
One line over the top: trunk, head, ear and back.

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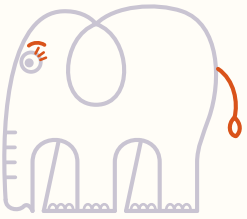
The eye and the ground under the feet.

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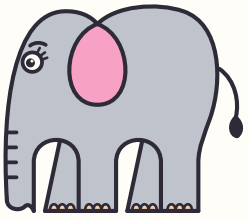
Lines on the trunk, the back legs and the toenails.

5



The tail, the eyebrow and the eyelashes.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

Each n is a pair of legs. The long top line makes the trunk, loops into the ear and runs down the back.

Challenge

The nn turned into an elephant! Can you find the two n hidden in the drawing?

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

A Letter Trail

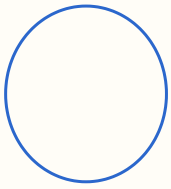
The Letter O Octopus

Shapes: oval, curve

Beginner · Ages 4+ · 10 min

Let's play! The O is the head. Now get ready to draw lots of tentacles!

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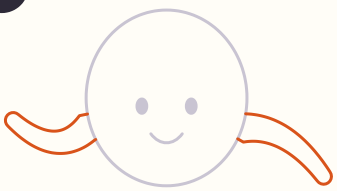
Write a big letter O.

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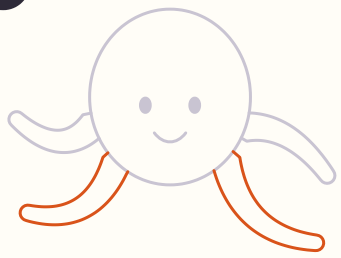
Two little eyes and a smile inside the O.

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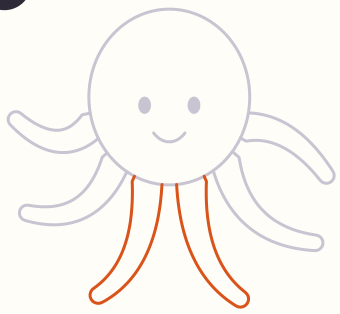
One tentacle on each side, nice and curvy.

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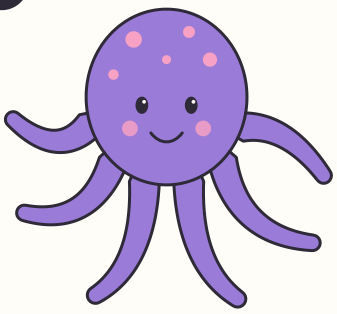
Two more tentacles, one to each side.

5



The last two, underneath. That makes six!

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

Real octopuses have 8 tentacles; this one has 6. Count them together and find words with O: owl, orange, ocean.

Challenge

The O turned into an octopus! Count the tentacles: how many did you draw?

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

A Letter Trail

The Letter P Ant

Shapes: line, semicircle, spiral

Beginner · Ages 4+ · 10 min

Let's play! This little ant is very friendly: it's going to wave at you!

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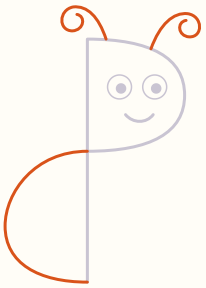
Write a tall letter P.

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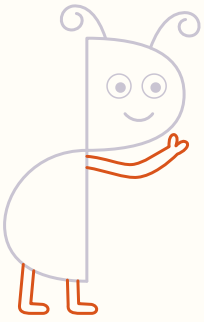
Little eyes and a smile in the bump of the P.

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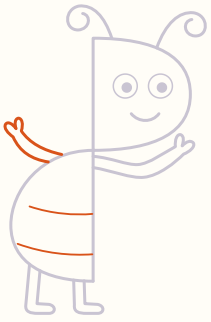
A round body below and two antennae.

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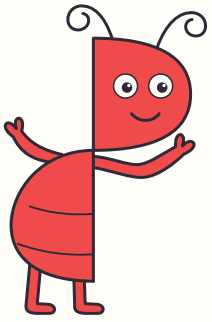
Two little legs and an arm waving hello.

5



The other arm and two stripes on the body.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

The P has a straight line and a bump: the bump becomes the head and the line, the ant's back. Point it out before you start.

Challenge

The P turned into an ant! What other words start with P?

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

A Letter Trail

The Letter Q Queen

Shapes: circle, triangle, straight lines

Intermediate · Ages 6+ · 15 min

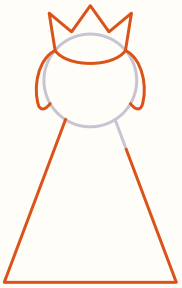
Let's play! Make way! A letter is getting a crown and a gown, and becoming royalty.

1



Write a big Q.

2



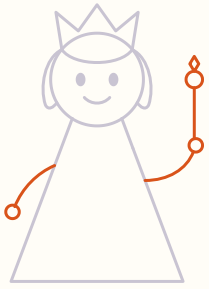
The crown, hair on the sides and a triangle dress.

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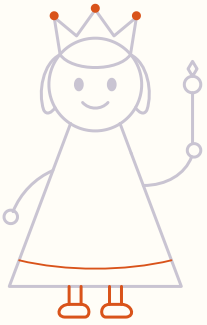
Two eyes and a smile.

4



The arms with little hands and the scepter.

5



Jewels on the crown, the dress hem and the legs.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

The round part of the Q becomes the face, and its tail becomes one side of the dress. Make the triangle wide.

Challenge

The letter Q turned into a queen! Can you find the Q hidden in the drawing?

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

A Letter Trail

Girl in the Rain from R

Shapes: straight lines, half circle, curves

Intermediate · Ages 6+ · 15 min

Let's play! Drip, drop! It's raining. Who is going out in a raincoat and boots?

1



Write a big R.

2



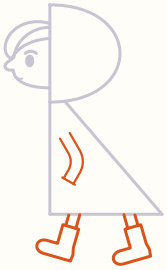
A line at the bottom closes the coat, and a side face.

3



The hair, the eye and the smile.

4



The arm inside the coat and the legs with boots.

5



Lots of raindrops and little marks by the boots.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

The R's bowl becomes the hood and its leg the coat. A line at the bottom closes the triangle.

Challenge

The R turned into a girl in the rain! Can you find the R hidden in the drawing?

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

A Letter Trail

Duckling from S

Shapes: curves, wave

Beginner · Ages 4+ · 10 min

Let's play! Quack, quack! Someone is swimming in the pond. Let's find out who!

1



Write a big S.

2



The beak on the head and a curve for the neck.

3



The back with a little tail, and the wing.

4



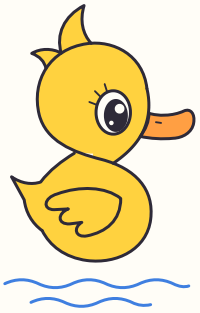
A big eye and the tuft on top.

5



Water waves, lashes and a little line on the beak.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

The S's top curve is the head and the bottom one the body. Close the body with the back; add the beak.

Challenge

The S turned into a duckling! Can you find the S hidden in the drawing?

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

A Letter Trail

The SS Hugging Bunnies

Shapes: curves, ovals, heart

Beginner · Ages 4+ · 10 min

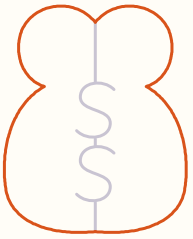
Let's play! Two bunny friends in a great big hug.

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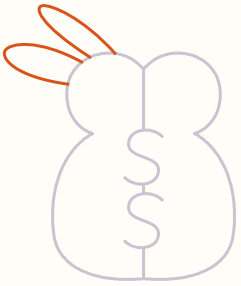
Write two S, one above the other, and a line in the middle.

2



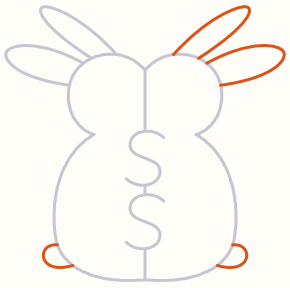
A bunny on each side: head and body.

3



The two ears of the bunny on the left.

4



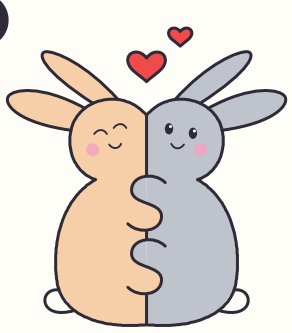
The ears of the other bunny, and the little tails.

5



The little faces and two hearts.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

Each S holds one paw from each bunny: the top one is the right bunny's, the bottom one the left's. Color each in its owner's color.

Challenge

Each S turned into a pair of paws! Who do you like to get a hug from?

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

A Letter Trail

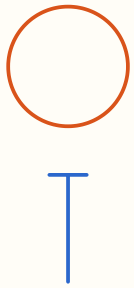
Cat from a T

Shapes: circle, straight lines, curves

Beginner · Ages 4+ · 10 min

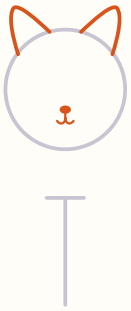
Let's play! A circle and a letter will turn into a sitting kitty. Let's go!

1



A circle for the head and a big T below it.

2



The pointy ears, the nose and the mouth.

3



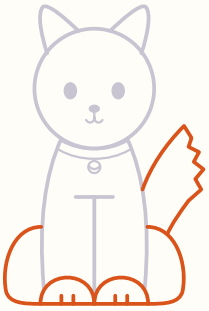
The eyes and the collar.

4



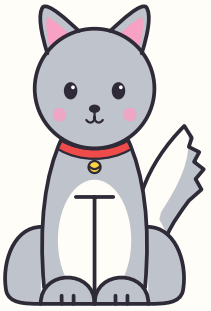
The sides of the body and the bell on the collar.

5



The back legs, the front paws and the fluffy tail.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

The T sits in the middle of the chest and splits the front paws. Draw the body sides well away from the T.

Challenge

The letter T became the cat! Can you think of words with T?

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

A Letter Trail

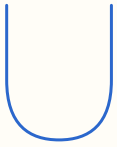
The Letter U Tulip

Shapes: curve, straight lines, leaves

Beginner · Ages 4+ · 10 min

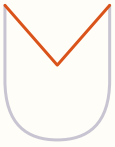
Let's play! A red flower to give to someone special.

1



Write a big letter U.

2



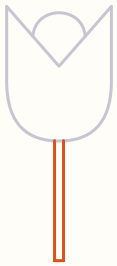
A V inside the U, from tip to tip.

3



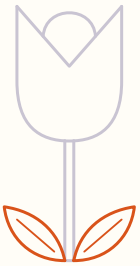
A round petal in the middle.

4



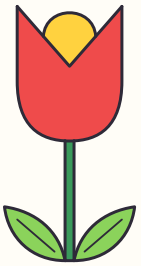
The stem: two straight lines going down.

5



Two leaves, each with a line down the middle.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

The U is the cup of the flower. Words with U: umbrella, up, under, uncle...

Challenge

The letter U turned into a tulip! What other words start with U?

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

A Letter Trail

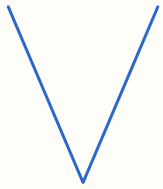
The Letter V Ice Cream

Shapes: triangle, clouds, circle

Beginner · Ages 4+ · 10 min

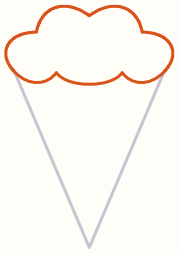
Let's play! Three scoops of ice cream and a cherry on top. Yummy!

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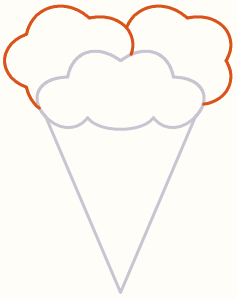
Write a big letter V.

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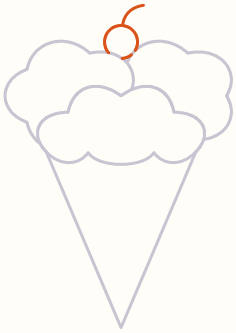
A scoop of ice cream on top of the V, like a cloud.

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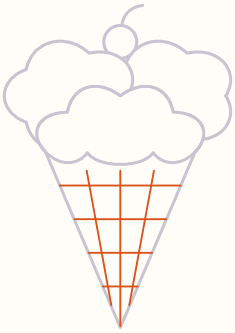
Two more scoops behind the first one.

4



The cherry and its stem.

5



Crisscross lines on the cone.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

The V is the cone. Ask your child for words with V: van, vase, violin...

Challenge

The letter V turned into an ice cream! Which flavors would you pick?

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

A Letter Trail

The Letter V Bird

Shapes: straight lines, curves, circle

Beginner · Ages 4+ · 10 min

Let's play! A tiny letter is about to spread its wings and fly across the page!

1



Write a V.

2



Two feathery wings coming out of the tip of the V.

3



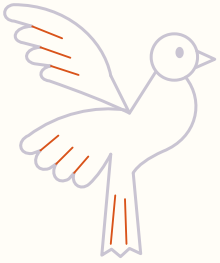
A little circle for the head and the curve of the chest.

4



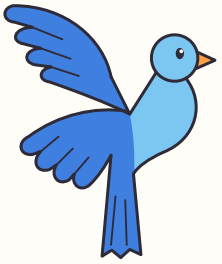
The long tail, the beak and the eye.

5



Little feather lines on the wings and tail.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

Keep the V small and high on the page: it becomes the shoulder where both wings meet.

Challenge

The letter V turned into a bird! Can you find the V hidden in the drawing?

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

A Letter Trail

The Letter W Whale

Shapes: straight lines, curves

Beginner · Ages 4+ · 10 min

Let's play! Splash! A pointy letter is about to dive into the sea as a big animal!

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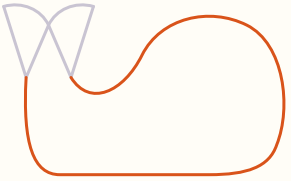
Write a W.

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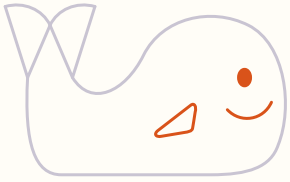
Two little curves on top of the W.

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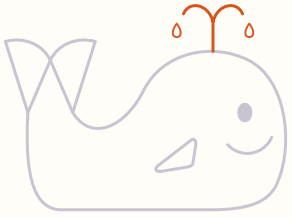
The big, round body coming out of the W.

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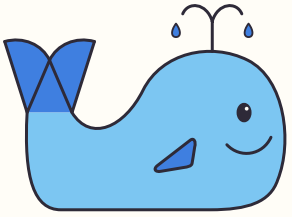
The eye, the smile and the flipper.

5



The water spout on top and two little drops.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

The W becomes the whale's tail. Write it small, in a corner, to leave room for the body.

Challenge

The letter W turned into a whale! Can you find the W hidden in the drawing?

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

A Letter Trail

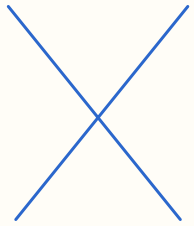
Birds from an X

Shapes: straight lines, circles, curves, triangles

Beginner · Ages 4+ · 10 min

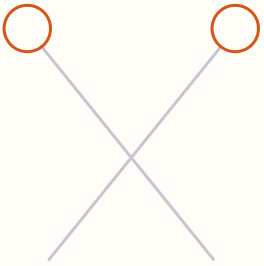
Let's play! Two crossing lines will turn into two friends on a branch. Let's go!

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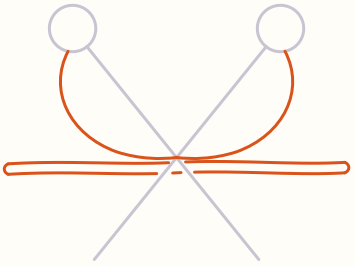
Write a big X.

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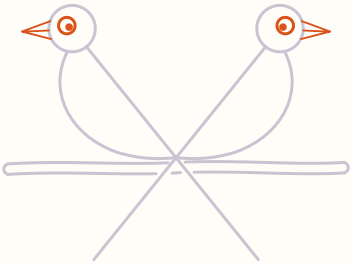
A circle at the top end of each line.

3



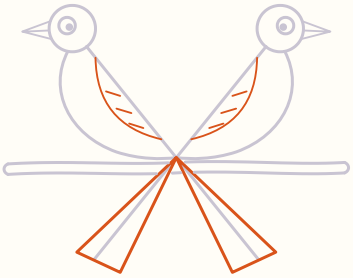
A round belly on each bird and the branch.

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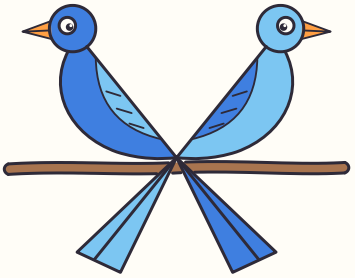
A pointy beak and an eye on each head.

5



The wings with little lines and triangle tails.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

Each arm of the X becomes a bird: the top end is the head, the bottom end the tail. The two birds mirror each other.

Challenge

The letter X became two birds! Can you think of words with X?

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

A Letter Trail

Cat from Y

Shapes: oval, straight lines, curves

Intermediate · Ages 6+ · 15 min

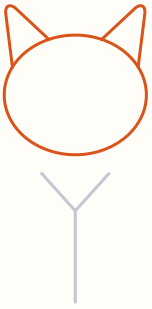
Let's play! Meow! A cute little animal is coming. Let's find out who it is!

1



Write a big Y.

2



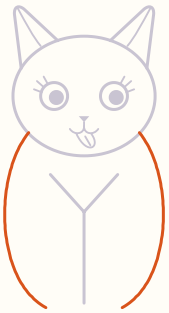
A round head on top and two pointy ears.

3



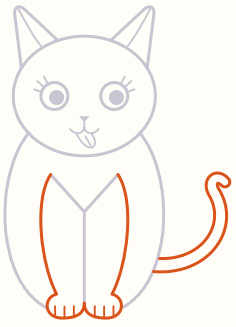
Lines in the ears, eyes with lashes, nose and tongue.

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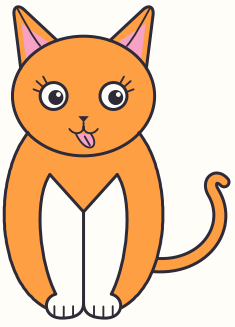
Two long curves on the sides for the body.

5



The front legs with paws and a curly tail.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

The Y's arms mark the chest and its stem splits the front legs. Draw the head just above it.

Challenge

The Y turned into a cat! Can you find the Y hidden in the drawing?

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

A Letter Trail

The Letter Z Parrot

Shapes: straight lines, curves, circle

Intermediate · Ages 6+ · 15 min

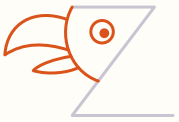
Let's play! A zigzag letter is about to get colorful feathers and start talking!

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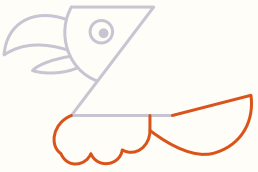
Write a big Z.

2



The round head, the hooked beak and the eye.

3



A wing on each side of the bottom line of the Z.

4



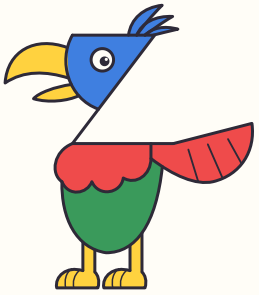
The belly, the legs and the crest.

5



Feet with little toes and feathers on the wing.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

The top of the Z sits inside the head and the bottom line becomes the wings' shoulder. Leave room for the belly.

Challenge

The letter Z turned into a parrot! Can you find the Z hidden in the drawing?

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

Shape Trail

Circles, ovals, triangles and other shapes



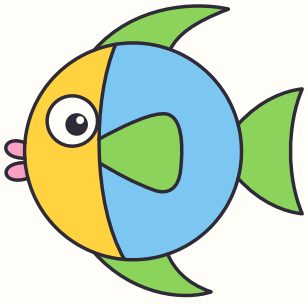
Simple shapes become drawings!

What children practice

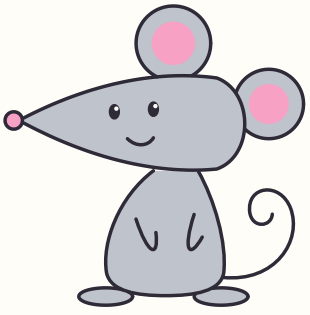
Recognizing circles, ovals and triangles and discovering how shapes combine into drawings.

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Shape Trail

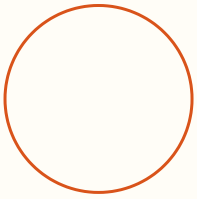
Circle Fish

Shapes: circle, curves, triangles

Beginner · Ages 4+ · 10 min

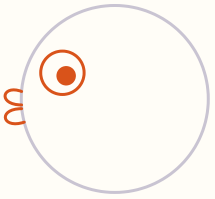
Let's play! One big circle becomes a round little fish. Blub, blub!

1



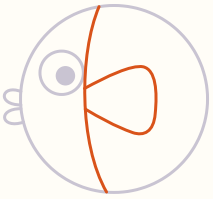
Draw a big circle.

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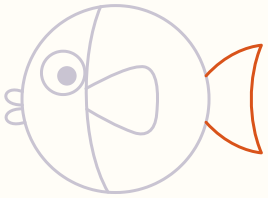
One round eye and a little mouth.

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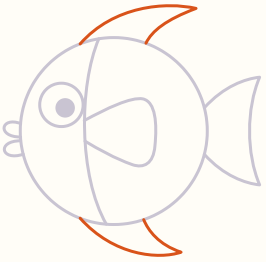
A curved line and a fin.

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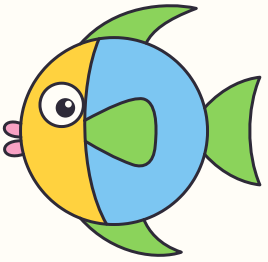
The tail on the other side.

5



One fin on top and one below.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

If the circle comes out wobbly, that's fine: it becomes a chubby fish! Ask where the fish lives and what it eats.

Challenge

How many fins does your fish have? Give it a name!

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

Shape Trail

Little Mouse

Shapes: triangle, circle

Beginner · Ages 4+ · 10 min

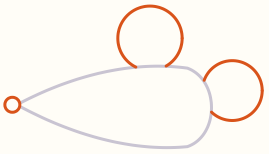
Let's play! It all starts with a triangle lying on its side. Where's the little mouse?

1



A triangle lying down, pointing sideways.

2



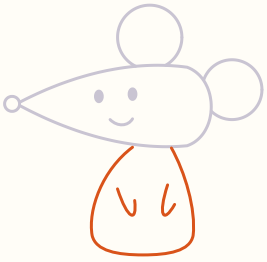
Two round ears and a nose on the tip.

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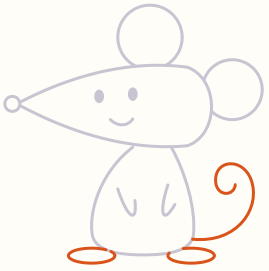
Two eyes and a smile.

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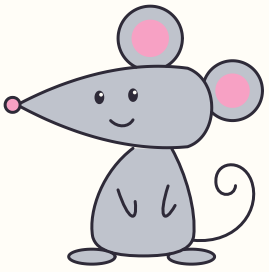
The body and two little arms.

5



The feet and a long tail.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

Before you start, draw a triangle and a circle in the air with your finger, together.

Challenge

How many circles did you use to make the mouse? Give it a name!

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

Shape Trail

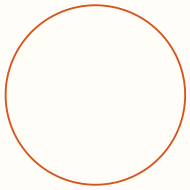
Snail

Shapes: circle, spiral

Beginner · Ages 4+ · 10 min

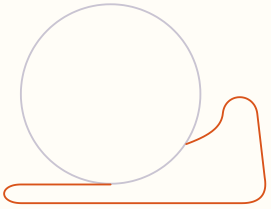
Let's play! Slow and steady: the snail is in no hurry, and you don't need to be either.

1



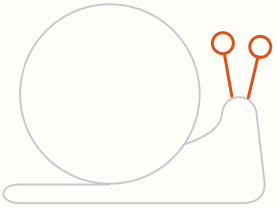
A big circle for the shell.

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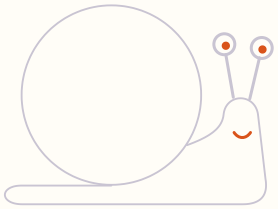
The body: long at the bottom and rising at the front.

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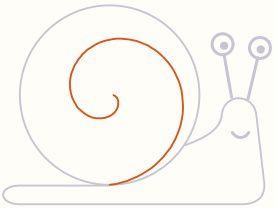
Two antennae with little balls on top.

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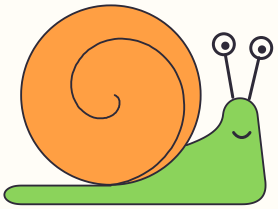
Eyes in the balls and a smile.

5



A spiral inside the shell.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

Spirals are hard for little ones. Practice first on scrap paper, turning slowly.

Challenge

Trace the spiral with your finger, from the inside out. Where is the snail going?

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

Shape Trail

Triangle Fish

Shapes: triangles, straight lines, circles

Beginner · Ages 4+ · 10 min

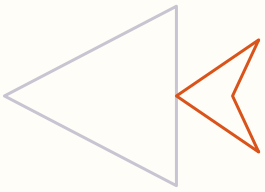
Let's play! With two triangles, a little fish swims away!

1



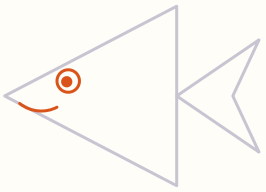
A sideways triangle: this is the body.

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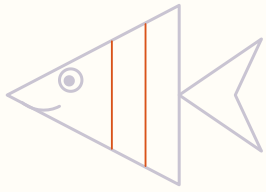
The tail: another triangle, with a notch.

3



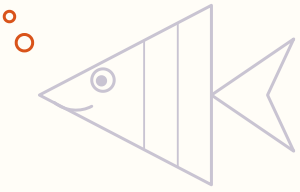
The eye and the mouth.

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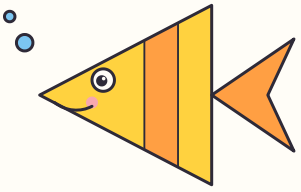
Two stripes.

5



Air bubbles.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

Good for talking about triangles: three sides and three corners. The front corner is the snout.

Challenge

How many triangles can you find in the fish? Draw a whole school of them!

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

Shape Trail

Big-Eyed Fish

Shapes: circles

Beginner · Ages 4+ · 10 min

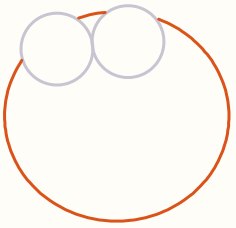
Let's play! This fish has eyes so big it sees everything happening in the sea!

1



Draw two big circles for the eyes.

2



A really big circle for the body.

3



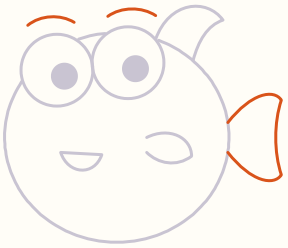
Two pupils and an open mouth.

4



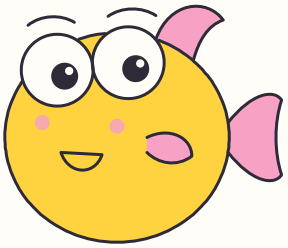
One fin on the body and one on top.

5



The tail and the eyebrows.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

The body goes behind the eyes: show with your finger where the line stops and starts again.

Challenge

Make a fish face: big eyes and an open mouth! How many circles are in the drawing?

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

Shape Trail

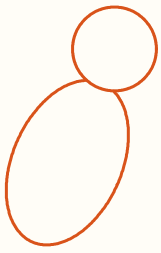
Smiling Bee

Shapes: circle, oval, rectangles

Beginner · Ages 4+ · 10 min

Let's play! A circle, an oval and two stripes: bzzz, the bee is ready to fly!

1



A circle for the head and an oval for the body.

2



Two little eyes and a smile.

3



Two antennae and two double stripes on the body.

4



One stripe at the top and one at the bottom of the body.

5



One wing on each side.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

Point out the shapes before you start: the circle is the head and the oval is the body. Naming shapes helps kids remember.

Challenge

Which shapes did you use to make the bee? Give your drawing a name!

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

Shape Trail

Snake

Shapes: circle, arc, line

Beginner · Ages 4+ · 10 min

Let's play! This snake is a friendly one: just a smile, some spots and a little tongue.

1



Draw a circle for the head.

2



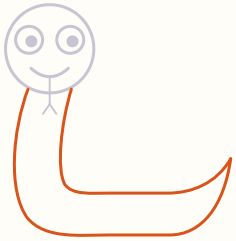
Two round eyes.

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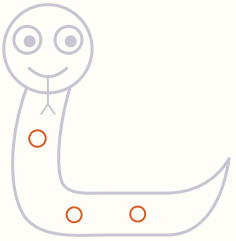
A smile and a little tongue.

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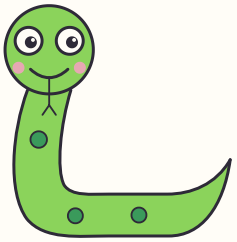
Two long lines for the body.

5



Little spots on the body.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

In step 4, the two lines run side by side and meet at the tip of the tail. If they drift apart, the snake just gets chubbier.

Challenge

The snake is shaped like a letter. Which one?

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

Shape Trail

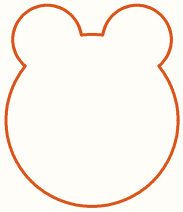
Little Frog

Shapes: circle, oval, arc

Beginner · Ages 4+ · 10 min

Let's play! One big circle and two eyes on top: here comes the little frog!

1



A big circle with two bumps on top.

2



Two eyes inside the bumps.

3



A smile and two little hands.

4



An oval tummy and the back legs on the sides.

5



Two little feet with toes.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

The circle and the two eye bumps are one single line. Trace the path with a finger first.

Challenge

Can you hop like a frog? How many hops to the other side of the room?

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

Shape Trail

Floppy-Eared Puppy

Shapes: oval, curve

Beginner · Ages 4+ · 10 min

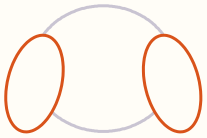
Let's play! This puppy has ears so long they almost touch the ground!

1



Two arcs for the head: one on top, one below.

2



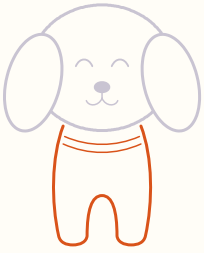
Two long ears, one on each side.

3



Sleepy eyes, a nose and a mouth.

4



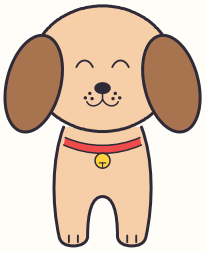
The body and a collar.

5



Dots on the snout, little toes and a tag.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

The ears can be any size your child likes: long, short, or one of each.

Challenge

Is your puppy happy or sleepy? Give it a name!

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

Shape Trail

Chick

Shapes: circles

Beginner · Ages 4+ · 10 min

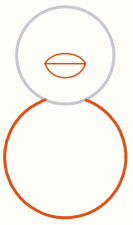
Let's play! Peep! The chick just hatched and already wants to go for a walk.

1



Draw a circle for the head.

2



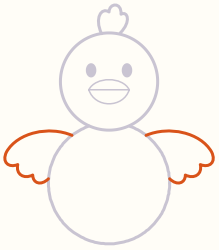
A bigger circle for the body, and the beak.

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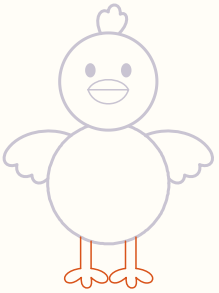
Two eyes and the tuft.

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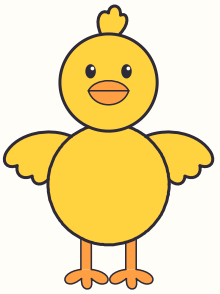
The two little wings, one on each side.

5



The legs and the feet.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

A small circle on top of a big one starts lots of animals. Compare the sizes together.

Challenge

Draw the egg the chick came out of. Does it have brothers or sisters?

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

Shape Trail

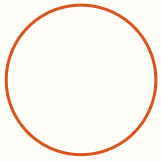
Circle Crab

Shapes: circle, curves

Beginner · Ages 4+ · 10 min

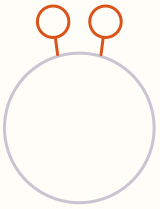
Let's play! The crab walks sideways across the sand on the beach.

1



Draw a big circle for the body.

2



Two round eyes on top.

3



The pupils and a smile.

4



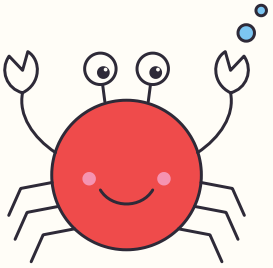
Two claws, one on each side.

5



Three legs on each side, and little bubbles.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

Count the legs: 3 on each side, plus the 2 claws. The legs start right on the circle.

Challenge

Walk sideways like a crab! How many legs does it have in the drawing?

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

Shape Trail

Cow Face

Shapes: circles, oval, curves

Beginner · Ages 4+ · 10 min

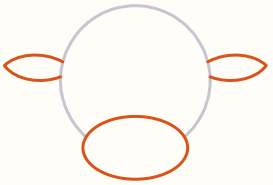
Let's play! Moo! Who could be calling? Let's draw her little face!

1



A big circle for the head.

2



An oval below for the snout and two ears.

3



Two horns on top and two round eyes.

4



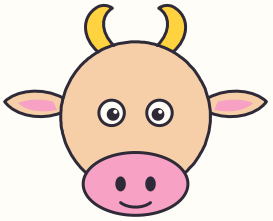
Two little marks on the snout for the nostrils.

5



A smile under the nostrils.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

Leave the head circle open at the bottom so the snout oval fits there. The eyes are circles inside circles.

Challenge

How many circles did you use for the cow? Give her a name!

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

Shape Trail

Flying Chick

Shapes: circles, curves

Beginner · Ages 4+ · 10 min

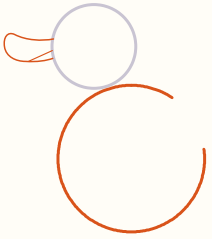
Let's play! Cheep, cheep! This chick has spread its wings and wants to learn to fly.

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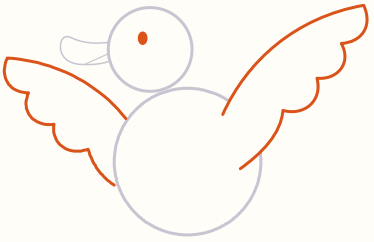
Draw a circle for the head.

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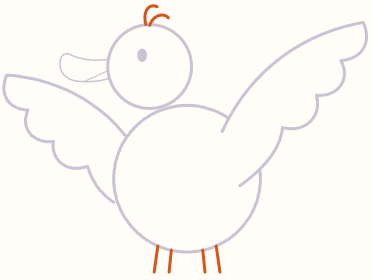
A bigger circle for the body, and the beak.

3



The eye and the two open wings.

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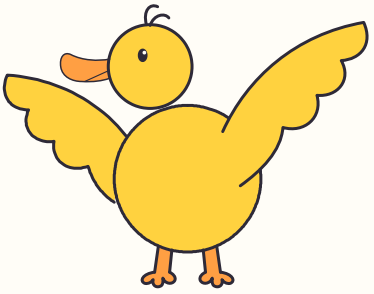
The little legs and the tuft.

5



Feet with three little toes.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

The wings have wavy tips: let your child draw as many tips as they like.

Challenge

Spread your arms like the chick! Where will it fly to?

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

Shape Trail

Big-Eared Mouse

Shapes: circles, oval

Beginner · Ages 4+ · 10 min

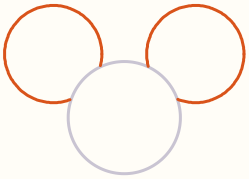
Let's play! With those huge ears, this little mouse hears everything!

1



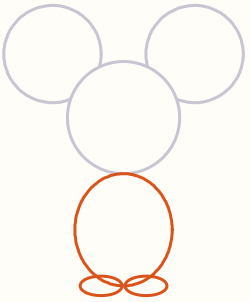
Draw a circle for the head.

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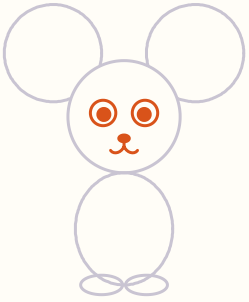
Two big circles for the ears.

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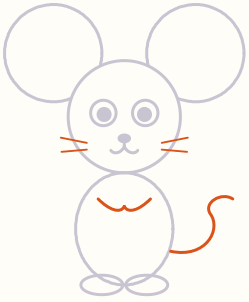
An oval for the body and two little feet.

4



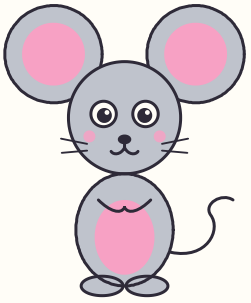
Two big eyes, the nose and the mouth.

5



The little arms, the tail and the whiskers.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

The ears sit behind the head: the line stops when it touches the circle. Show with your finger where to stop.

Challenge

How many circles did you draw? Count the big ones and the small ones!

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

Shape Trail

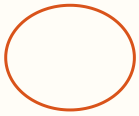
Bunny with a Carrot

Shapes: ovals, circles, curves

Beginner · Ages 4+ · 10 min

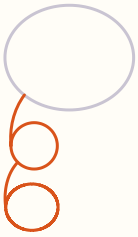
Let's play! Yum, what a tasty snack! Who could be so hungry?

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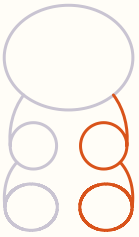
An oval for the head.

2



On one side, the body, a round paw and a round foot.

3



On the other side, the same: body, paw and foot.

4



Two long ears and the carrot with leaves.

5



Eyes, nose, mouth with teeth and lines on the carrot.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

Four circles make the paws and feet. Draw one side, then copy it on the other, like a mirror.

Challenge

Which shapes did you use for the bunny? Give it a name!

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

Shape Trail

Jellyfish

Shapes: half circle, waves

Beginner · Ages 4+ · 10 min

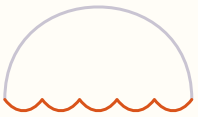
Let's play! The jellyfish sways slowly with the waves of the sea.

1



Draw a half circle, like an umbrella.

2



Close the bottom with a wavy edge.

3



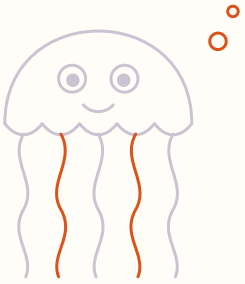
Two eyes and a smile.

4



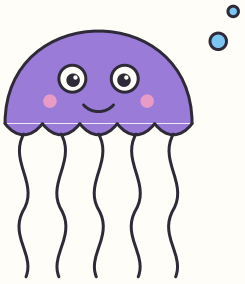
Three wavy tentacles.

5



Two more tentacles, and little bubbles.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

The tentacles are S-shaped lines. Let your child practice the wave in the air with a finger first.

Challenge

Wiggle your arms like the jellyfish's tentacles! How many does it have?

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

Shape Trail

Rose

Shapes: spiral, oval, curves, straight lines

Beginner · Ages 4+ · 10 min

Let's play! Can a little swirl turn into a flower? Let's spin the pencil and see!

1



A small spiral.

2



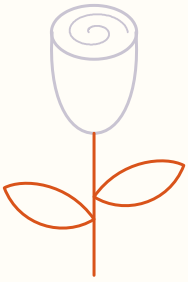
An oval around the spiral.

3



A U-shaped curve below for the flower.

4



The straight stem and two leaves.

5



Little lines on the leaves and thorns on the stem.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

The spiral in the oval looks like petals from above. The U curve from the oval's ends gives the flower volume.

Challenge

Which shapes did you use for the rose? Give it a name!

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

Shape Trail

Tree

Shapes: straight lines, cloud, curves

Beginner · Ages 4+ · 10 min

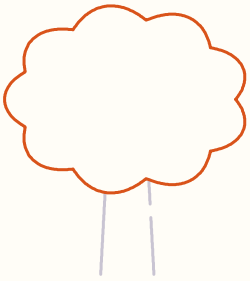
Let's play! It gives shade, a home for birds and sways in the wind. Shall we plant one?

1



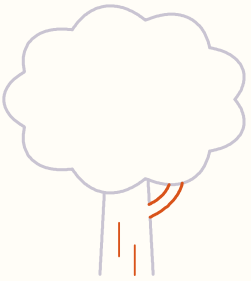
Two standing lines for the trunk.

2



A big cloud on top for the treetop.

3



A branch coming off the trunk and lines on the bark.

4



Little leafy curves inside the treetop.

5



Grass on the ground and two falling leaves.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

The treetop is one big cloud: just go around in bumps. Leave the trunk open on top; the treetop closes it.

Challenge

Which shapes did you use for the tree? What animal could live in it?

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

Shape Trail

Smiling Cupcake

Shapes: circle, cloud, straight lines

Beginner · Ages 4+ · 10 min

Let's play! A happy little cake, with frosting and a cherry on top.

1



Draw a circle for the cherry, and its stem.

2



The frosting: a cloud under the cherry.

3



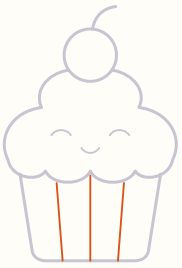
The wrapper below, narrower at the bottom.

4



Two little closed eyes and a smile.

5



Three stripes on the wrapper.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

Point out the shapes: a circle for the cherry, a cloud for the frosting and a trapezoid for the wrapper.

Challenge

What flavor is your cupcake? Draw one more to share!

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

Shape Trail

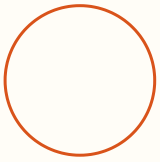
Helicopter

Shapes: circle, triangle, ovals

Beginner · Ages 4+ · 10 min

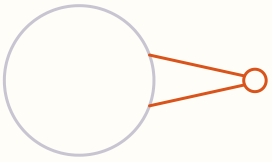
Let's play! Chop-chop-chop! The helicopter rises as its blades spin.

1



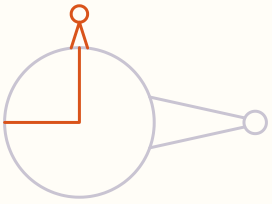
Draw a big circle for the cabin.

2



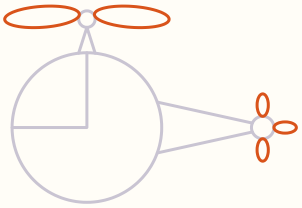
The tail: two straight lines and a small circle at the tip.

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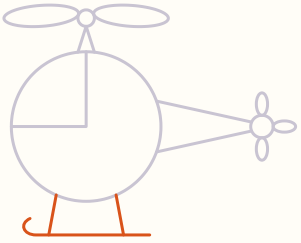
The mast with a little ball on top, and the window.

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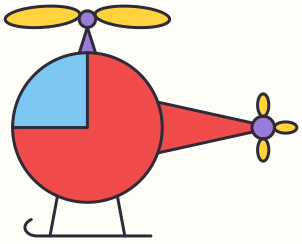
Two big blades and the tail rotor.

5



The legs and the landing skid.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

Look for the shapes together: circles, triangles and the oval blades. How many of each?

Challenge

Where will your helicopter fly? Spin your arms like the blades!

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

Shape Trail

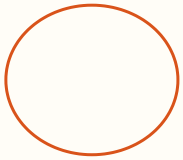
Colorful Fish

Shapes: oval, curves

Beginner · Ages 4+ · 10 min

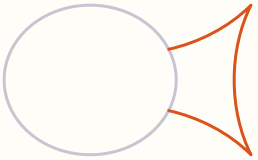
Let's play! Glub, glub! Let's dive in and draw a colorful friend from the sea!

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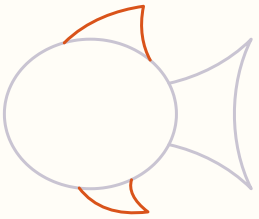
An oval for the body.

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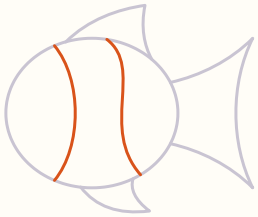
The tail, like a fan, behind the body.

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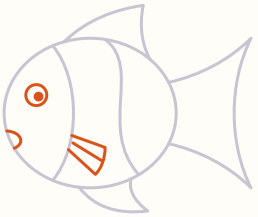
One fin on top and one below.

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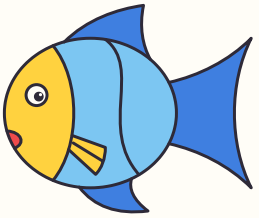
Two curves on the body: the face and a stripe.

5



The eye, the mouth and a small side fin.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

It all starts with the oval: the inner curves split the body into bands, great for different colors.

Challenge

Which shapes did you use for the fish? Give it a name!

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

Shape Trail

Turtle

Shapes: half circle, ovals

Beginner · Ages 4+ · 10 min

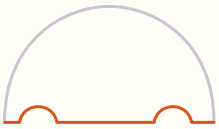
Let's play! Slow and steady, the turtle gets where it wants to go.

1



Draw a half circle for the shell.

2



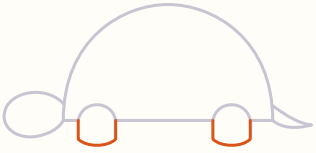
Close the bottom, leaving two arches for the legs.

3



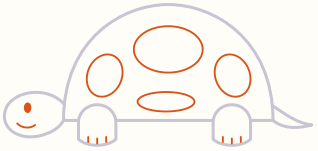
The head on one side and the little tail on the other.

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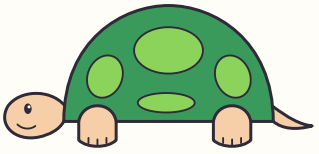
Two legs under the arches.

5



The spots on the shell, the face and the toenails.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

The shell is a half circle and the spots are ovals. Ask your child to count the spots after coloring.

Challenge

Walk very slowly, like a turtle! How many spots are on the shell?

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

Shape Trail

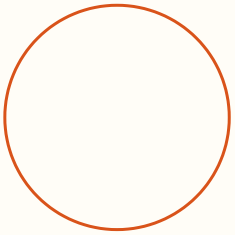
Dog Face

Shapes: circles, oval, triangle

Beginner · Ages 4+ · 10 min

Let's play! This puppy sticks its tongue out when it is happy.

1



A very big circle for the head.

2



Two circles for the eyes.

3



The muzzle, with an upside-down V below, and the nose.

4



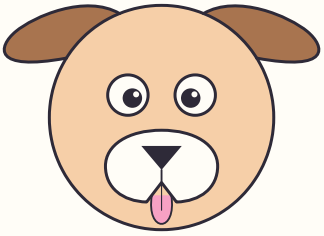
The line from the nose, the tongue and the pupils.

5



Two floppy ears.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

The muzzle is the white part and ends in an upside-down V; the tongue comes out there, with a thin line.

Challenge

What is your dog called? Draw a collar with its name on it.

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

Shape Trail

Frog on a Lily Pad

Shapes: semicircle, circle, oval

Intermediate · Ages 6+ · 15 min

Let's play! The frog is going to sunbathe on a giant leaf in the pond.

1



Draw a half circle, like a bowl.

2



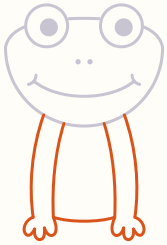
Two round eyes on top.

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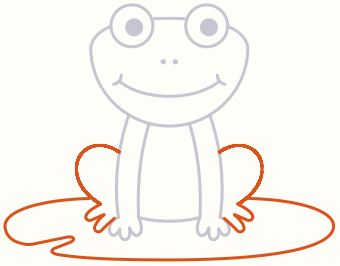
A big smile and two dots for the nose.

4



The body with the front legs and little toes.

5



The back legs and the leaf.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

A lily pad is a big leaf that floats on the water. Frogs love to rest on them!

Challenge

Make up a name for the frog and say what it is thinking.

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

Shape Trail

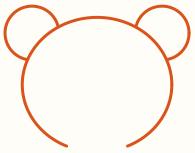
Teddy Bear

Shapes: circles, oval

Intermediate · Ages 6+ · 15 min

Let's play! A cuddly bear to hug! It's wearing a bow because today is a party day.

1



A big circle for the head and two ears.

2



The muzzle, the nose and the mouth.

3



Two eyes and a bow at the neck.

4



The body and two round feet.

5



Circles inside the ears and the tummy.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

Circles don't need to be perfect: teddy bears are soft and a bit wobbly anyway. Praise the effort.

Challenge

Who will your teddy bear cuddle at bedtime? Give it a name!

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

Shape Trail

Lion

Shapes: circle, cloud, curves

Intermediate · Ages 6+ · 15 min

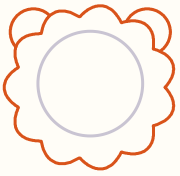
Let's play! The king of the jungle has a mane that looks like a cloud!

1



A circle for the face.

2



The mane around it, like a cloud, and two ears.

3



Smiling closed eyes, the nose and the mouth.

4



The body, the front legs and the back paws.

5



The tail with a tuft at the tip, and the whiskers.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

The mane is a cloud of little bumps around the circle. The ears peek out from behind it.

Challenge

How does your lion roar? Give it a name and draw the jungle around it.

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

Shape Trail

Ant with Watermelon

Shapes: circle, ovals, triangle

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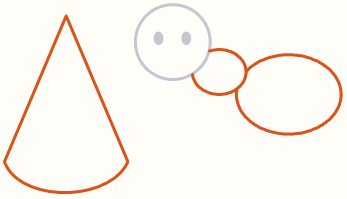
Let's play! The little ant found a slice of watermelon. What a feast!

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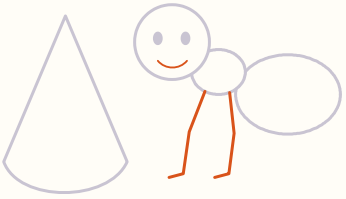
A circle for the head and two little eyes.

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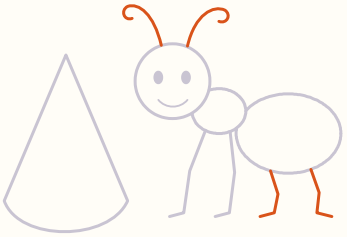
Two ovals for the body and a triangle for the slice.

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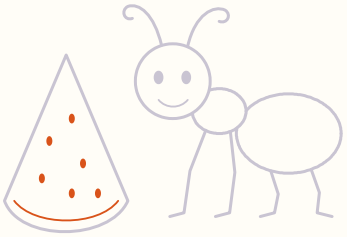
Two front legs and a smile.

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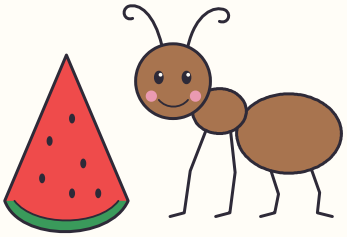
The antennae and two more legs.

5



The rind and the seeds of the watermelon.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

An ant has three parts: head, thorax and abdomen. Here it has 4 legs; a real one has 6.

Challenge

How many seeds does your watermelon have? Draw another slice to share!

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

Shape Trail

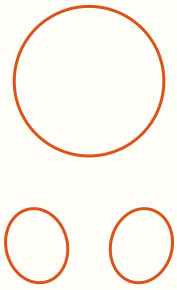
Sitting Panda

Shapes: circle, ovals, curves

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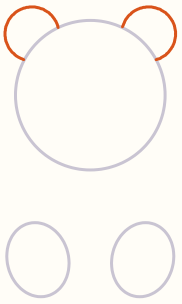
Let's play! The panda sits among the bamboo to rest after lunch.

1



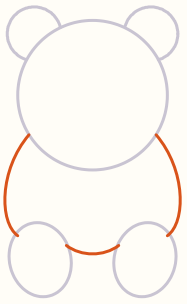
A circle for the head and two ovals for the feet.

2



Two round ears.

3



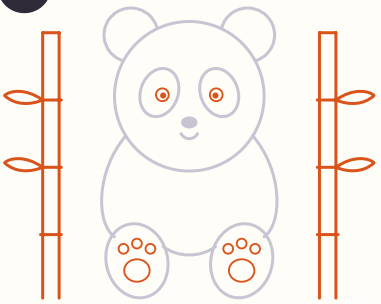
The arms and the line that closes the tummy.

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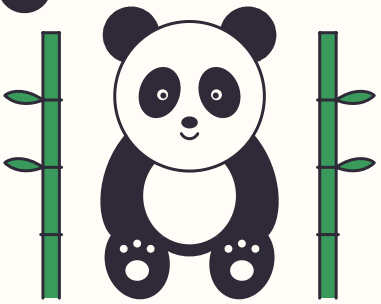
The eye patches, the nose and the mouth.

5



The eyes, the foot pads and the bamboo.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

The panda only needs black and white: fill in the ears, arms, feet and eye patches well.

Challenge

How many bamboo stalks will your panda eat? Draw a few more for it.

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

Shape Trail

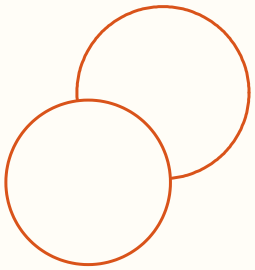
Playful Kitten

Shapes: circles, triangles, curves

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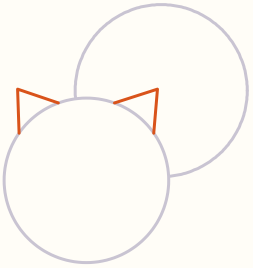
Let's play! This spotted kitten is ready to pounce on the ball!

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Two circles: the body and, in front, the head.

2



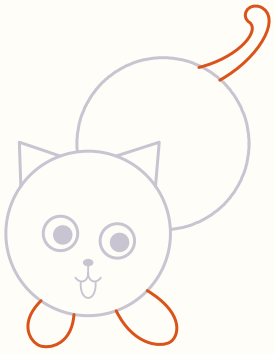
Two triangle ears.

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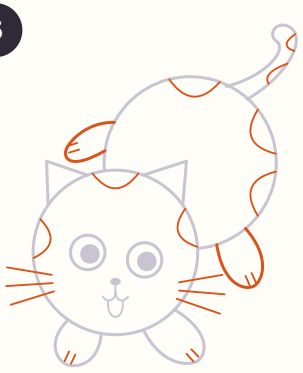
Two big eyes, the nose, the mouth and the tongue.

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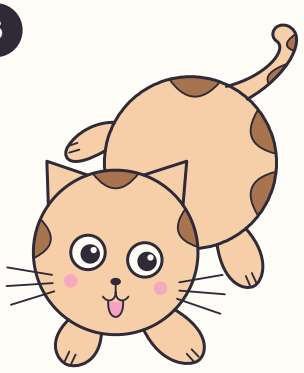
Two front paws and the long tail.

5



Whiskers, back paws, toes and the spots.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

Two touching circles make the cat seen from above. The spots sit on the outline.

Challenge

What is your kitten playing with? Draw its toy!

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

Shape Trail

Car

Shapes: circles, straight lines, curves

Intermediate · Ages 6+ · 15 min

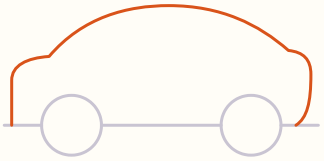
Let's play! Vroom, vroom! Where would you go for a ride in this car?

1



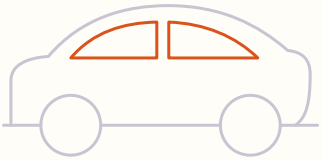
Draw two wheels and the ground between them.

2



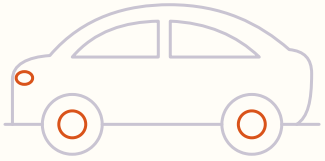
The body: a curve over the wheels.

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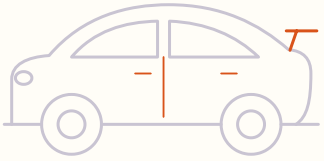
Two windows.

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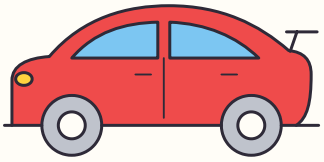
The hubcaps and the headlight.

5



The door handles, the door and the spoiler.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

Start with the wheels: they set the car's size. The body is a single line, without lifting the pencil.

Challenge

What color is your car? Draw the road it drives on!

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

Shape Trail

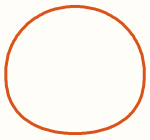
Little Bunny

Shapes: circle, ovals, curves, straight lines

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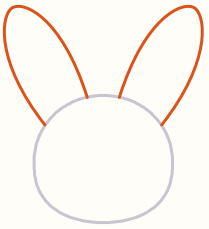
Let's play! Long ears and whiskers... who could it be? Let's draw!

1



A slightly flat circle for the head.

2



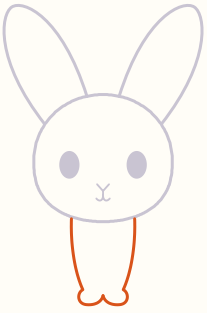
Two long ears.

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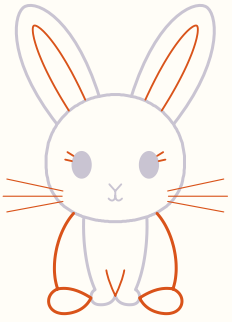
The eyes, the nose and the mouth.

4



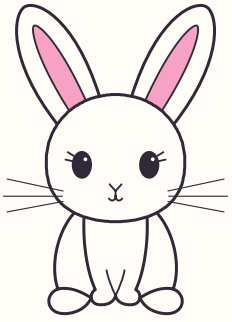
The body with the little front paws.

5



The back feet, the inner ears and the whiskers.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

It all starts with the head: ears grow from the top and the body hangs below. Back feet are two lying ovals.

Challenge

Which shapes did you use for the bunny? Give it a name!

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

Shape Trail

Clownfish

Shapes: leaf shape, curves, bands

Intermediate · Ages 6+ · 15 min

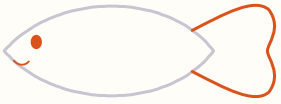
Let's play! The clownfish lives among the tentacles of the anemone.

1



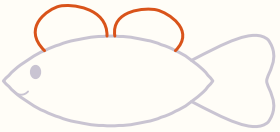
Draw the body: two curves that meet at the tips.

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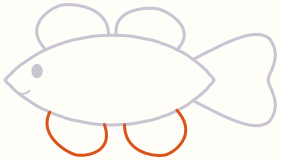
The tail, an eye and the mouth.

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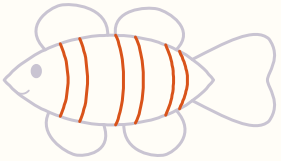
Two fins on top.

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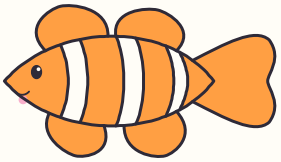
Two fins underneath.

5



Three bands: each one is two curved lines.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

The bands stay white: only the rest is colored. It is good practice for coloring inside the lines.

Challenge

How many white bands does your clownfish have? Color the rest orange!

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

Shape Trail

Heart Swans

Shapes: heart, curves

Intermediate · Ages 6+ · 15 min

Let's play! Two friends swim close together on the lake. Let's draw their hug!

1



A heart in the middle of the page.

2



Two swans: head, neck and body on each side.

3



Closed eyes and beaks touching.

4



The wings and a tuft on each head.

5



Water lines under the swans.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

Each half of the heart is a swan's neck. Trace around the outside, the same on both sides, like a mirror.

Challenge

Which shapes did you use for the swans? Give each one a name!

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

Shape Trail

Little Cow

Shapes: ovals, curves, straight lines

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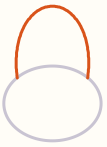
Let's play! The little cow strolls through the field swishing its tail.

1



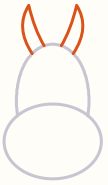
A sideways oval: this is the muzzle.

2



The head, on top of the muzzle.

3



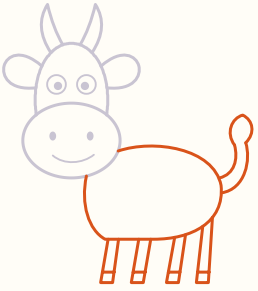
Two curved, pointy horns.

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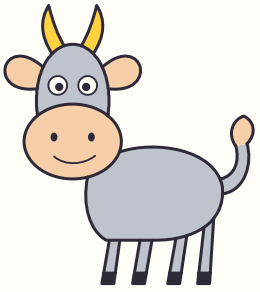
The ears, the eyes, the nostrils and the smile.

5



The body, four legs with hooves and the tail.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

Start with the muzzle: it sets the size of the head and body. The legs lean slightly forward.

Challenge

What sound does the cow make? Draw the field and what it likes to eat.

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

Shape Trail

Baby Elephant

Shapes: semicircle, curves, ovals

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Let's play! Big ears and a long trunk... shall we draw a baby?

1



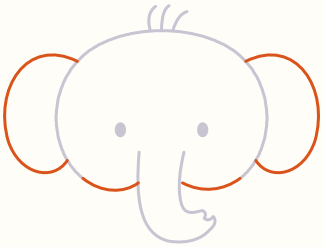
A big curve for the head and three hairs on top.

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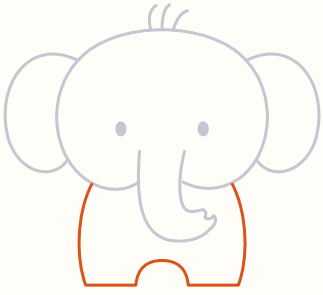
The eyes and the trunk.

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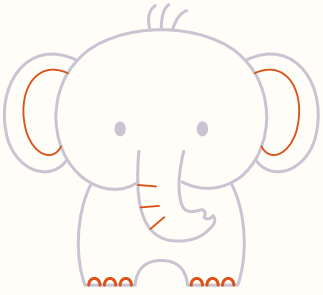
The big ears and the cheeks.

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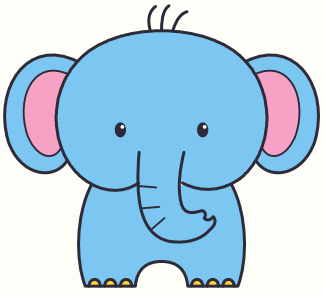
The body with two legs.

5



The toenails, the trunk lines and the inner ears.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

The head is a semicircle open at the bottom; the trunk and cheeks close the face. The ears are ovals behind it.

Challenge

How many curves did you use for the baby elephant? Give it a name!

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

Shape Trail

Mallard Duck

Shapes: circle, ovals, curves

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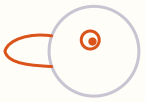
Let's play! The mallard has a green head and a white ring around its neck.

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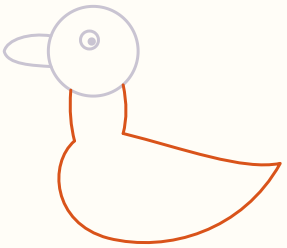
A circle for the head.

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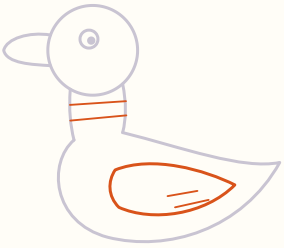
The beak and the eye.

3



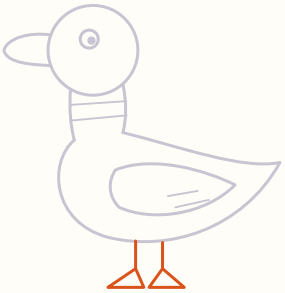
The neck and the body.

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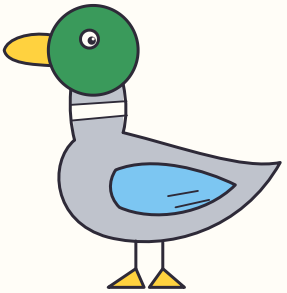
The wing, the neck ring and the feathers.

5



The legs and the feet.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

The male mallard has a green head; the female is brown. Look up photos of both and compare.

Challenge

Where will your duck swim? Draw the lake and its friends.

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

Shape Trail

Lying Dog of Circles

Shapes: circles, curves, straight lines

Intermediate · Ages 6+ · 15 min

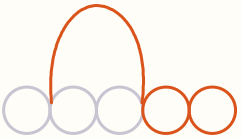
Let's play! A row of little circles will turn into a resting dog. Let's go!

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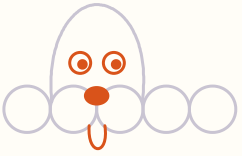
Three circles side by side.

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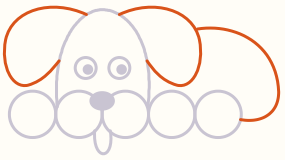
Two more circles and the head on top.

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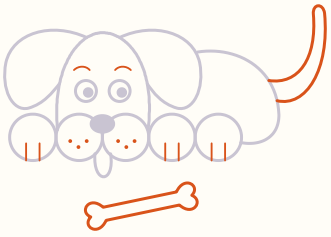
The eyes, the nose and the tongue.

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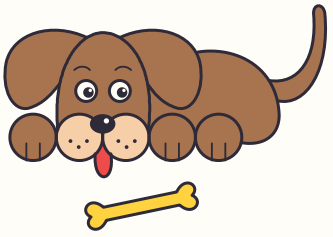
The floppy ears and the dog's back.

5



The tail, the bone, eyebrows, little dots and toes.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

The two circles under the head become the snout; the other three are paws. Keep them the same size and touching.

Challenge

How many circles did you use for the dog? Give it a name!

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

Shape Trail

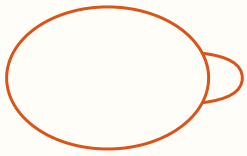
Goldfish

Shapes: oval, fan, scales

Intermediate · Ages 6+ · 15 min

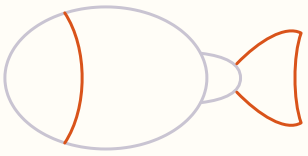
Let's play! The goldfish shines when the sun hits the water.

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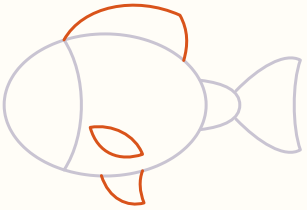
Draw a big oval and the start of the tail.

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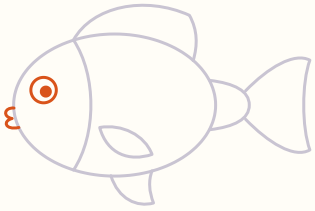
The fan-shaped tail and the curve of the head.

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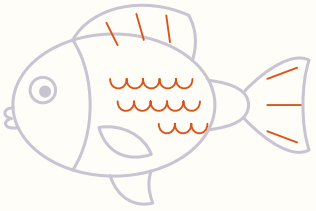
Three fins: on top, underneath and in the middle.

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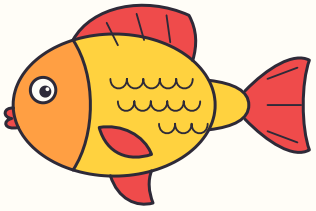
A big eye and the mouth with two lips.

5



U-shaped scales and lines on the fins.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

The scales are rows of letter u's. Let your child practice one row on scrap paper first.

Challenge

Count the rows of scales! Where does your goldfish live?

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

Challenge Trail

For those who want to go further



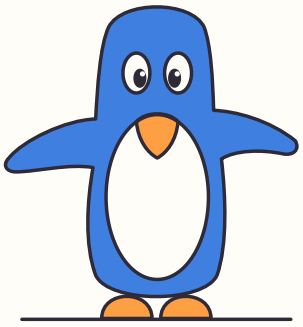
Time to make your drawings even more amazing!

What children practice

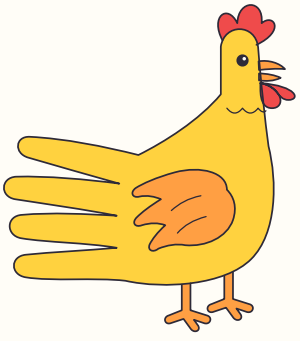
Using imagination: tracing hands, making free shapes and drawings with more parts.

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First drawings



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Hand Hen
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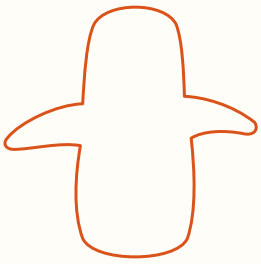
Hand Penguin

Shapes: hand outline, oval, triangle

Beginner · Ages 4+ · 10 min

Let's play! Today your hand is the template! Hold it flat on the paper before tracing.

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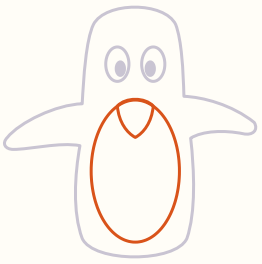
Trace your hand with thumb and pinky spread out.

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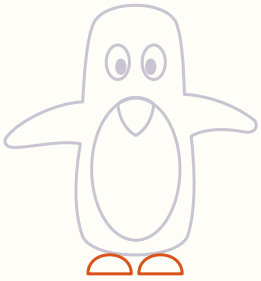
Two big oval eyes.

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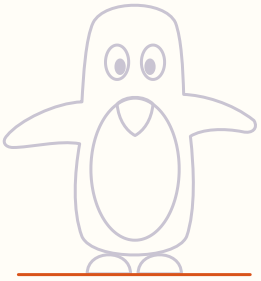
The oval tummy and the beak at the top of it.

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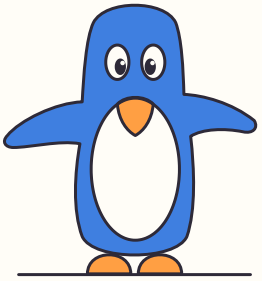
Two little round feet at the bottom.

5



A line for the icy ground.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

Help your child keep their hand still on the paper while tracing. Keep the three middle fingers together.

Challenge

Trace your hand: which fingers became the penguin's wings?

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

☆ Challenge Trail

Hand Hen

Shapes: hand outline, triangle, curves

Intermediate · Ages 6+ · 15 min

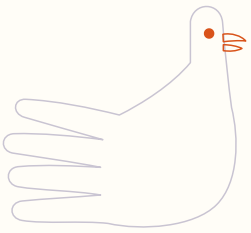
Let's play! Your hand is turning into a hen! Lay it on the paper with your thumb up.

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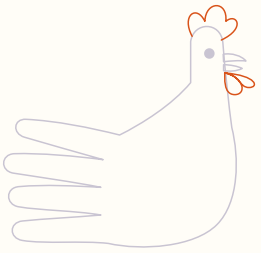
Trace your hand with the thumb pointing up.

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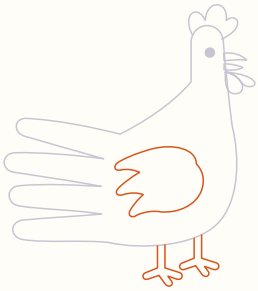
An eye and a beak on the thumb.

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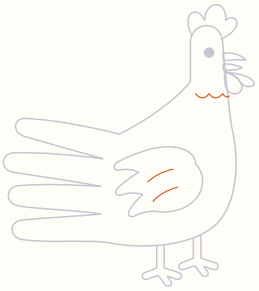
The comb on top and the wattle.

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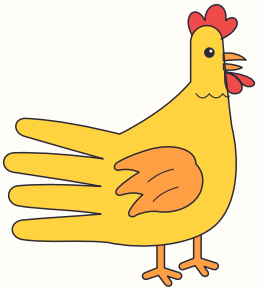
A wing and two legs.

5



Feathers on the neck and little lines on the wing.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

The four fingers lying down become the tail feathers. If you like, color each finger a different color.

Challenge

Trace your hand: which finger became the hen's head?

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

☆ Challenge Trail

Smiling Whale

Shapes: freehand shape, teardrop

Intermediate · Ages 6+ · 15 min

Let's play! Whales are the biggest animals in the sea, so draw yours nice and big!

1



Draw the body: round in front, thin at the back.

2



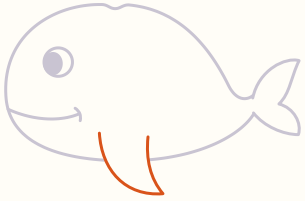
A little eye and a smile.

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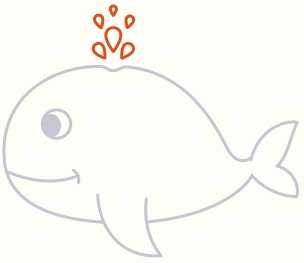
The tail at the end of the body.

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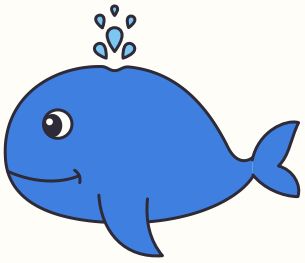
A fin under the tummy.

5



The water spout on top.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

Here the starting shape is freehand. If the first try doesn't work, draw another one next to it: practice counts too.

Challenge

The whale sprays water! What other animals live in the sea?

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

☆ Challenge Trail

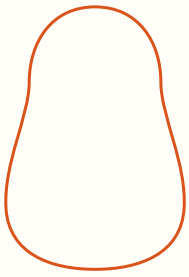
Penguin

Shapes: freehand shape, triangle

Intermediate · Ages 6+ · 15 min

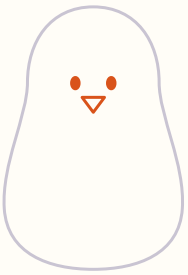
Let's play! Start with a tall body, like an egg standing up. Penguins waddle along slowly!

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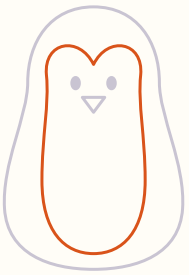
Draw a tall, rounded body.

2



Two little eyes and a triangle beak.

3



The white tummy around the face.

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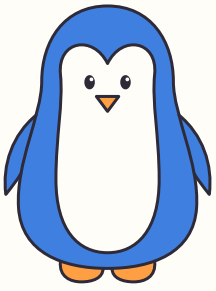
Two wings, one on each side.

5



Two oval feet at the bottom.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

In step 3, the tummy line goes around the eyes: it's the penguin's white face. Trace the path with your finger first.

Challenge

Penguins can't fly, but they swim really well. What other birds do you know?

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

☆ Challenge Trail

Peeking Cat

Shapes: line, semicircle, triangle

Intermediate · Ages 6+ · 15 min

Let's play! A curious cat is about to peek out. Start with its little paws!

1



Two little paws, like two arches.

2



The head above the paws and two ears.

3



Two eyes, a nose and a mouth.

4



The back behind the head and the tail.

5



Stripes, whiskers and little toes.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

The back is behind the head: the line starts and ends at the head without crossing it.

Challenge

What is the cat hiding from? Draw what it is peeking at!

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

☆ Challenge Trail

Dolphin

Shapes: curve, triangle

Intermediate · Ages 6+ · 15 min

Let's play! One big curve and the dolphin is already leaping out of the sea!

1



A big curve for the back.

2



The snout and belly, and the mouth.

3



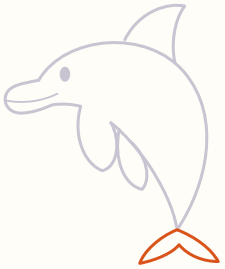
An eye and the fin on its back.

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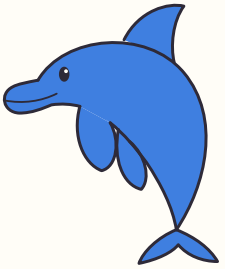
Two flippers under the head.

5



The tail at the end of the body.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

The back and belly are two curves that meet at the tail. Show it with your finger first.

Challenge

Your dolphin is jumping! Draw the sea waves and make up a name for it.

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

☆ Challenge Trail

Sitting Kitten

Shapes: freehand shape, triangle

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Let's play! No number or letter this time: the kitten comes straight from your pencil. Meow!

1



Draw the head with two pointy ears.

2



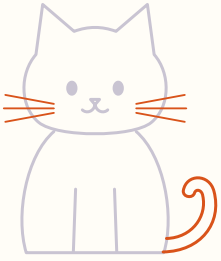
Little eyes, a nose and a kitty mouth.

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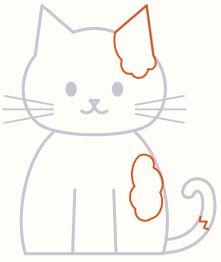
The sitting body and the front legs.

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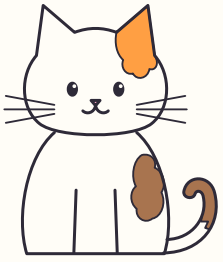
A curly tail and the whiskers.

5



Patches on the head, the body and the tail tip.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

A kitty mouth looks like a 3 lying on its side. It may help to show that first.

Challenge

What name would you give this kitten?

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

☆ Challenge Trail

Duck

Shapes: freeform, oval

Intermediate · Ages 6+ · 15 min

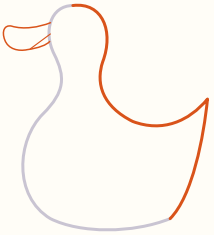
Let's play! The duck starts with an S-shaped curve. Take it slow: that's the trickiest part!

1



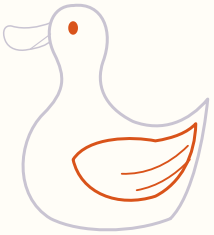
A curve from the head down to the belly, like an S.

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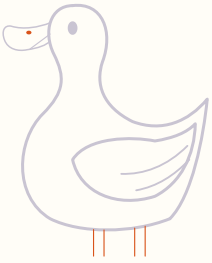
The back up to the tail, and the beak.

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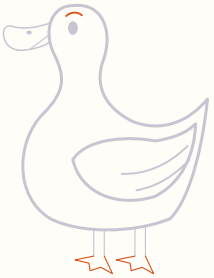
The eye, the wing and two feathers.

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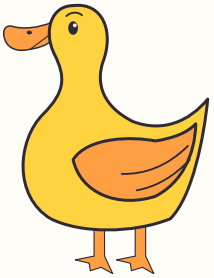
Two little legs and a nostril on the beak.

5



The duck feet and the eyebrow.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

The first curve is the secret of the duck. If it comes out wobbly, that is fine: it makes a different duck.

Challenge

Where will your duck go swimming? Draw a pond for it!

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

☆ Challenge Trail

Little Pig

Shapes: oval, curves

Intermediate · Ages 6+ · 15 min

Let's play! Oink, oink! The piggy is squeaky clean today. Will it stay that way?

1



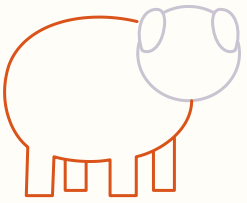
Draw an oval for the head.

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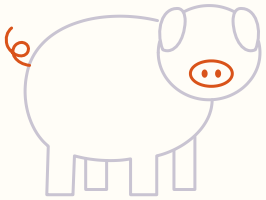
Two ears on top.

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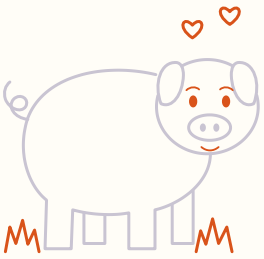
The body and legs, all in one line.

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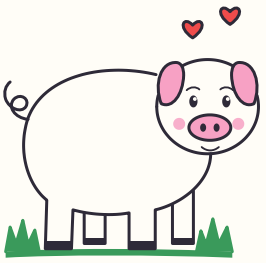
The snout with two little holes and a curly tail.

5



The eyes, a smile, two hearts and some grass.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

The body is one line that goes over, down the legs and back. Trace the path with your finger first.

Challenge

The piggy wants to play in the mud! Draw a puddle for it.

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

☆ Challenge Trail

Sheep

Shapes: oval, cloud

Intermediate · Ages 6+ · 15 min

Let's play! Baa! The sheep's wool is as fluffy as a cloud.

1



An oval for the face and cloudy wool on top.

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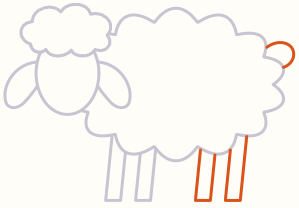
Two ears, one on each side.

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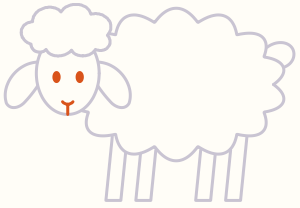
The cloud body and the front legs.

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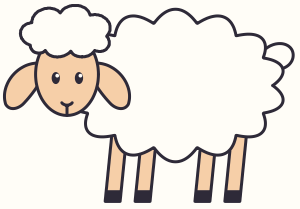
The back legs and a little tail.

5



Two eyes, the nose and the mouth.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

The cloud is made of little bumps: say 'bump, bump' while your child draws the wool.

Challenge

How many wool bumps does your sheep have? Count them with someone!

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

☆ Challenge Trail

Scaly Feather Bird

Shapes: teardrop, curves

Intermediate · Ages 6+ · 15 min

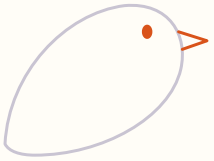
Let's play! This little bird has neat feathers, one next to the other.

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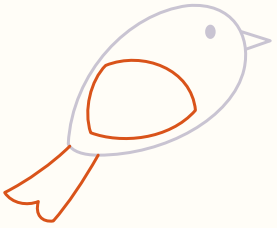
Draw a lying-down teardrop for the body.

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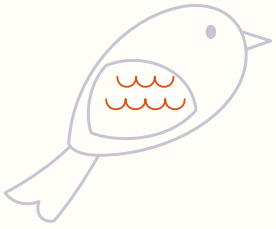
The beak and the eye.

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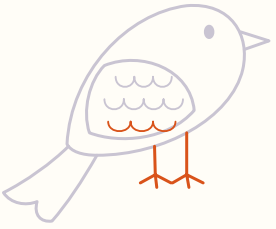
The wing and the tail.

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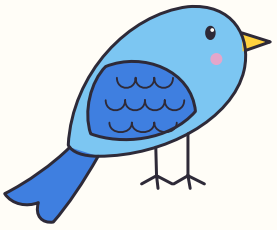
Two rows of scales on the wing.

5



One more row, and the feet with three toes.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

The scales are rows of letter U's. Let your child practice one row on scrap paper first.

Challenge

Draw a branch for the bird to land on. Will it have a scaly friend?

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

☆ Challenge Trail

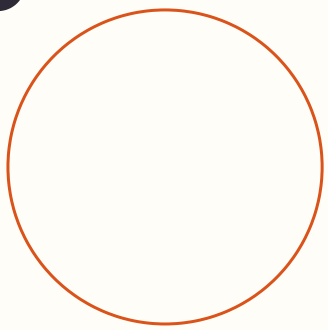
Landscape with a House

Shapes: circle, square, triangle, curves

Intermediate · Ages 6+ · 15 min

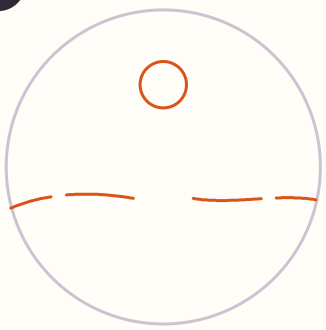
Let's play! A whole sunny day fits inside a circle!

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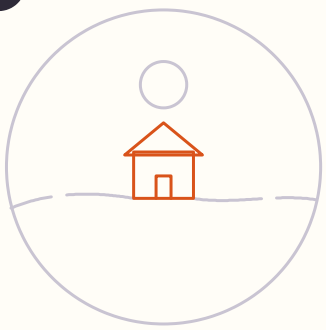
A very big circle: this is the frame.

2



The ground, leaving room for the house and trees; the sun.

3



The house: a square, a triangle roof and the door.

4



The treetops, like clouds.

5



The trunks and a clump of leaves.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

This drawing uses six colors. The ground line skips the house and trunks, which sit in front of it.

Challenge

Who lives in this house? Draw more things in the landscape: clouds, flowers, a path.

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

☆ Challenge Trail

Parakeet

Shapes: curves, straight lines, triangle

Intermediate · Ages 6+ · 15 min

Let's play! A little curved line will turn into a bird on a branch. Ready?

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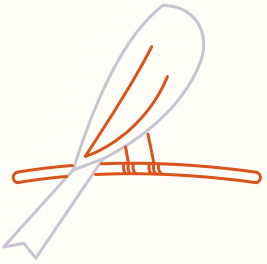
A line that goes up and curves over: the head and back.

2



The belly and a long tail with a notch at the end.

3



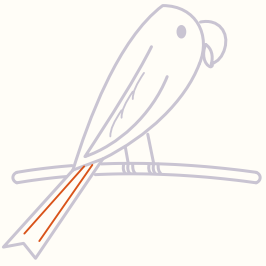
The wing, the branch and the little legs.

4



The hooked beak, the eye and the wing feathers.

5



Two lines on the tail.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

The first curve makes the head and back; the belly closes the body. Encourage one light, smooth stroke.

Challenge

What was the parakeet's first line? Make up a story about it!

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

☆ Challenge Trail

Shark

Shapes: curves, triangles, zigzag

Advanced · Ages 8+ · 20 min

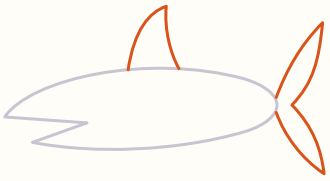
Let's play! The shark swims fast and shows its saw teeth!

1



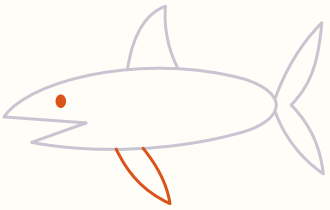
The long body, with the open mouth at the front.

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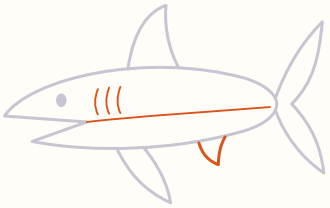
The top fin and the tail.

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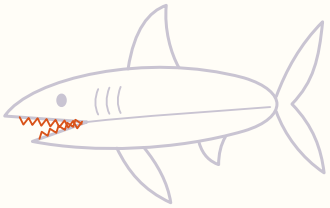
The bottom fin, curving backward, and the eye.

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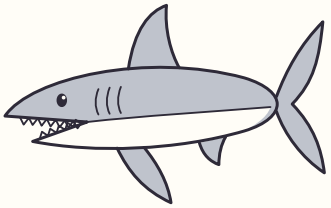
The gills, the belly line and one small fin.

5



Saw teeth on top and bottom.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

An observation drawing: start with the whole body in one stroke and leave details for last.

Challenge

How many teeth does your shark have? Draw the little fish swimming with it.

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)

☆ Challenge Trail

Eagle

Shapes: curves, zigzag

Advanced · Ages 8+ · 20 min

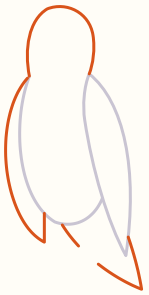
Let's play! High up on the mountain lives a strong, brave bird. Shall we draw it?

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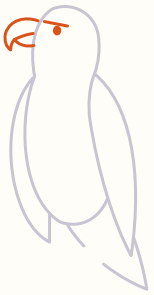
A U-shaped curve for the chest and a long wing beside it.

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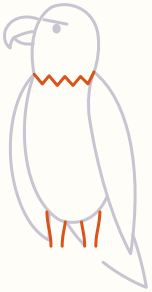
A round head on top, the other wing and the tail tip.

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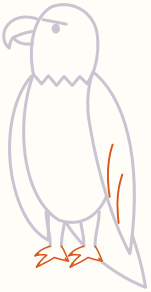
The hooked beak and the eye with an eyebrow.

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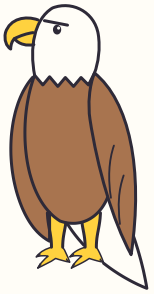
A zigzag at the neck and the two legs.

5



Clawed feet and little feather lines on the wing.

6



If you like, color it in with colored pencils!

For grown-ups

It all starts with a U and a long leaf shape beside it. The zigzag splits the white head from the brown body.

Challenge

Where will your eagle fly? Make up a story about it!

You'll need: any sheet of paper, a pencil, an eraser and colored pencils (optional)