



Mission Possible: Spy a Book!



Preschool Programs

by Leila Parrish

Dinosaur Detectives

Books to Share

Big Old Bones: A Dinosaur Tale by Carol & David Carrick.

Bones, Bones, Dinosaur Bones by Byron Barton.

Digging Up Dinosaurs by Aliko.

Dinosaur Bones by Bob Barner.

Where to Look For A Dinosaur by Bernard Most.

Books to Show and Booktalk

Archaeologists Dig For Clues by Kate Duke.

Dinosaur Bones by Aliko.

Dinosaur Hunters by Kate McMullan.

Fossil Factory by Nile Eldredge.

Rare Treasure: Mary Anning and Her Remarkable Discoveries by Don Brown.

Stone Girl, Bone Girl: Story of Mary Anning by Laurence Anholt.

Bulletin Board

Dig Up A Good Read

Enlarge and copy the dinosaur bones using the patterns at the end of this chapter. List titles and call numbers of dinosaur books on the bones. Place the bones randomly on a brown background and add plastic shovels. Center the slogan, "Dig Up a Good Read", on the bulletin board.

Display

Ask a local group to display fossils.

Nametags

As children enter the storytime area, give them a nametag in the shape of a dinosaur. (Patterns included at the end of this chapter.)

Fingerplay

Suppose

(Adapted by Leila Raven Parrish)

Do you suppose a dinosaur *(Reach toward ceiling on tiptoe)*
Who is tall—tall—tall—tall,
Could ever be a little child
Who is small—small—small? *(Crouch down)*
But the little child who is tiny
Will try—try—try
To reach up to the dinosaur *(Reach toward ceiling)*
Who is high—high—high.

Poem

Read poems from *Tyrannosaurus Was A Beast* by Jack Prelutsky.

Puppet Play

“The Mysterious Egg” in *One-Person Puppet Plays* by Denise Anton Wright.

Craft

Paper Plate Dinosaur

Materials

Dinosaur patterns
Large paper plate

Green construction paper

Glue

Stapler

Directions

Pre-cut the dinosaur legs, tail, and body from patterns at end of the chapter. Fold the paper plate in half. Staple the body inside the folded paper plate with the head at one end and the tail on the other end. Glue or staple the two legs to the bottom of plate where it is folded.

Activity

Dinosaur Dig

Photocopy the dinosaur bones pattern at end of chapter on card stock. Cut them out and place one set in a shallow container. Cover with small pebbles, sand, or rice. Give children paint brushes and/or plastic spoons and let them uncover the bones. After finding them, children can reconstruct their dinosaur. For a large group activity, enlarge the bones and copy several sets on different colors of card stock. Place only one or two bones in numerous containers, bury as above, and let the children find them. The children then reconstruct the dinosaurs as a group.

Guest Speaker

Invite a paleontologist or a member of a local rock and mineral society to bring fossils to show to the preschoolers and give a simple talk about fossils and prehistoric plants and animals.

Audio Recordings

“When I Was A Dinosaur” on *Big Trouble* by Trout Fishing in America.

“If I Had A Dinosaur” on *Singable Songs Collection* by Raffi.

Web Sites

Dinosaur Game

www.kidsdomain.com

Dinosaur Maze

www.kidsdomain.com

Professional Resource

Tyrannosaurus Was A Beast by Jack Prelutsky.



Mystery Blast off!

Books to Share

Alistair in Outer Space by Marilyn Sadler.

Big Silver Space Shuttle by Ken Wilson-Max.

Curious George Gets a Medal by Hans A. Rey.

Harold's Trip to the Sky by Crockett Johnson.

Books to Show and Booktalk

Best Book of Spaceships by Aan & Ian S. Graham.

Blast Off To Earth: A Look At Geography by Loreen Leedy.

Me and My Place In Space by Joan Sweeney.

Space Shuttle Eye on the Universe by Jacqueline Camillo.

To Space and Back by Sally Ride.

Bulletin Board

Blast off for a Good Read!

Against a sky-blue background, attach “Inflate Astronauts” from Oriental Trading Company. Surround them with rockets cut from construction paper with the titles, authors, and call numbers of books about space written on them. Place large letters with the words “Blast Off For A Good Read!” across the top of bulletin board.

Display

Blast Off for a Good Read!

Create a large rocket with “Blast Off for a Good Read!” written on it and place it on a table with a long blue tablecloth. Place books about space around the rocket.

Nametags

As children enter the storytime area, give them a nametag shaped like the Space Shuttle. (Pattern included at the end of this chapter.)

Action Rhyme

Rocketship

(By Leila Raven Parrish)

Here I am *(Point to self)*
In a rocket ship *(Raise hands over head to create a point)*
With just enough room
Getting ready to BLAST OFF *(Crouch down)*
To the moon! *(Point to ceiling, still crouching)*
Ready for the countdown?
10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1! *(Shout out and slowly begin to stand up)*
ZOOM! *(Jump up)*

Poem

“High Flight” by John Gillespie Magee, Jr. in *Imaginary Gardens* by Charles Sullivan.

Crafts

Rocket Pin

(Adapted from *Crafts for Kids Who Are Wild About Outer Space* by Kathy Ross.)

Materials

- Old neckties
- Gold and red rickrack trim, cut in 2 ½-inch pieces
- Large safety pin
- Fabric glue

Directions

Precut 3-inch long pieces off the thin, pointed end of the neckties. Let each child select a tie and glue or staple two pieces of red and two pieces of gold rickrack to the flat end of the tie to create a fiery tail for the rocket. An adult attaches a safety pin to the back of rocket. Optional: Children may add star stickers or the letters “U.S.A.” to the rocket.



Rocket Ship

Materials

Rock patterns
Empty toilet paper roll
Construction paper
Self-adhesive stars
Tape

Directions

Pre-cut the cone and fin patterns at end of this chapter. Precut pieces of construction paper to an appropriate size to cover the toilet paper rolls. Give each child a toilet paper roll, a piece of construction paper, one cone, and two fins. With the help of an adult, the children wrap pre-cut construction paper around the toilet paper roll and attach it with tape. Tape the fins to the bottom of rocket, roll the cone pattern, and tape it to the top of the rocket. Children then add self-sticking stars to decorate the rocket.

Activity

Blast-Off Maze

Distribute photocopies of the “Blast Off Maze” found at the end of this chapter.

Professional Resources

Crafts for Kids Who Are Wild About Outer Space by Kathy Ross.
Imaginary Gardens by Charles Sullivan.

Freedom

Books to Share

America A Patriotic Primer by Lynne Cheney.
The Flag We Love by Pam Munoz Ryan.
Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing by James Weldon Johnson.
Story of the Statue of Liberty by Betsy Maestro.

Books to Show and Booktalk

Freedom's Gifts: A Juneteenth Story by Valerie Wilson Wesley.
God Bless America by Irving Berlin.
My America: Poetry Atlas of U.S. by Lee Bennett Hopkins.
The Star-Spangled Banner illustrated by Peter Spier.
Statue of Liberty by Lucille Penner.
This Land is Your Land by Woody Guthrie.

Bulletin Board

Handprint Flag

Invite children attending preschool storytime to put their handprints on white craft paper to create a U.S. flag. See detailed directions in the “Hand Print Flag” craft in this chapter.

Display

Let Freedom Ring

Place books, videos, and audiotapes about U.S. symbols such as

the flag, Statue of Liberty, the 4th of July, around a U.S. flag on a table decorated with red, white, and blue paper or on streamers.

Decorations

Display a U.S. flag and/or hang red, white, and blue streamers or banners.

Sticker

As children enter the storytime area, give them a sticker of the U.S. flag.

Action Song

I'm An American

(Adapted by Leila Raven Parrish. Sing to the tune of "I'm a Little Teapot".)

I'm an American, look at me. (Point to self with both hands)
Here is my flag, for all to see. (Point to flag)
When I get excited, then I sing; (Cup hands around mouth)
Let America's freedom ring!

Poem

Read "On Freedom" by James Russell Lowell from *Imaginary Gardens* by Charles Sullivan.

Song

Yankee Doodle

(It is believed that the song "Yankee Doodle" originated during the French and Indian War. Dr. Richard Schuckburg, a British Army surgeon, reportedly wrote the tune to ridicule the Americans in the early 1750s. Some scholars believe it is a variant of the nursery rhyme "Lucy Locket". Despite the fact it began as ridicule, the colonials took the song for their own. Countless versions and parodies evolved, many of which made fun of their officers, including George Washington. There are said to be as many as 190 verses of "Yankee Doodle".)

Yankee Doodle went to town
Ridin' on a pony,
Stuck a feather in his cap
And called it macaroni.

Chorus:

Yankee Doodle keep it up,
Yankee Doodle Dandy,
Mind the music and the step,
And with the girls be handy.

Activity

Read the book, "God Bless America" by Irving Berlin and illustrated by Lynn Munsinger and play the accompanying CD by Barbra Streisand.

Crafts

Freedom Hat

Materials

Hat pattern
Red and blue construction paper
Glue
Self stick silver stars
Stapler

Directions

Pre-cut the red stripes, blue paper, and the hat using the pattern at end of this chapter. Children attach red stripes and blue paper to the white hat and then attach stars to blue paper with the help of an adult. An adult staples a 18" x 2" strip to the hat to fit each child's head.

Handprint Flag

Materials

White craft paper
Blue and red tempera paint
Pie tins

Directions

In advance, precut craft paper into a large rectangle and draw a square in the upper left corner. Place blue and red tempera paint in separate pie tins. The children dip their hands in blue paint and make handprints in the upper left corner, leaving white spaces between them to create stars on the flag. They make seven lines of red handprints to create stripes on the flag. Hang the completed flag in storytime area or on bulletin board.

Guest Speakers

Invite a Scout Troop or member of the VFW, Elks Lodge or American Legion to demonstrate proper flag etiquette and flag folding.

Audio Recordings

"Living in the Promised Land" on *Sing America* by Various Artists.

"This Land is Your Land" on *Sing America* by Various Artists.

Videos

This Land is Your Land. (7 minutes)

Star-Spangled Banner. (7 minutes)

The Story of the Statue of Liberty. (7 minutes)

Web Sites

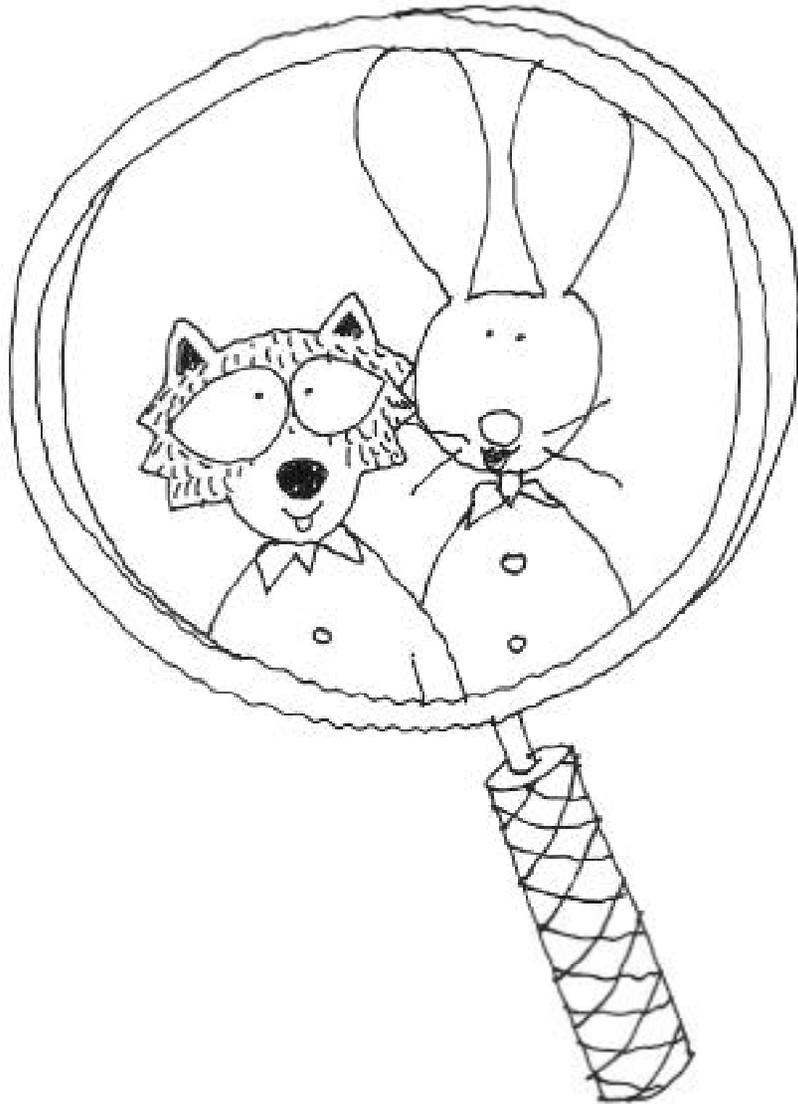
Betsy Ross Home Page
www.ushistory.org/betsy

Star Spangled Banner
www.treefort.org

Oriental Trading Company
www.orientaltrading.com

Professional Resource

Imaginary Gardens by Charles Sullivan.



I Spy: Numbers

Books to Share

12 Ways to Get to 11 by Eve Merriam.

The Doorbell Rang by Pat Hutchins.

Math Curse by John Scieszka.

Missing Mittens by Stuart Murphy.

Mission Addition by Loreen Leedy.

Books to Show and Booktalk

Grapes of Math by Greg Tang.

How Much is a Million? by David Schwartz.

If You Made a Million by David Schwartz.

Math for All Seasons by Greg Tang.

Bulletin Board

Mathematical Mysteries

Place book jackets of books about math and numbers on the bulletin board. Surround them with numbers and simple mathematical equations in various colors and sizes.

Decorations

Hang large numbers from the ceiling.

Nametags

As children enter storytime area, give them nametags shaped like various numbers from 1 to 5. (Patterns are included at the end of this chapter.)

Fingerplay

“Enumeration” from *Ring A Ring O’Roses* by Flint Public Library.

Poems

“Arithmetic” by Carl Sandburg in *The New Oxford Treasury of Children’s Poems* by Michael Harrison.
“One To Ten” by Janet S. Wong in *Marvelous Math* by Lee Bennett Hopkins.

Song

“Three Blind Mice”

Math Story

The Doorbell Rang

Read *The Doorbell Rang* by Pat Hutchins. Place 12 large felt chocolate chip cookies on a flannelboard. As friends arrive and cookies are shared, do the math with the children and divide cookies appropriately on the flannelboard. For example, there are 4 children and 12 cookies, $12 \div 4 = 3$, each child

has 3 cookies. When Grandma arrives, add a gray felt square with 2 dozen smaller cookies on it.

Flannel Board Stories

“Five Little Chickens” in *The Flannel Board Storytelling Book, 2nd Edition* by Judy Sierra.
“Bridge of Crocodiles” in *The Flannel Board Storytelling Book, 2nd Edition* by Judy Sierra.

Craft

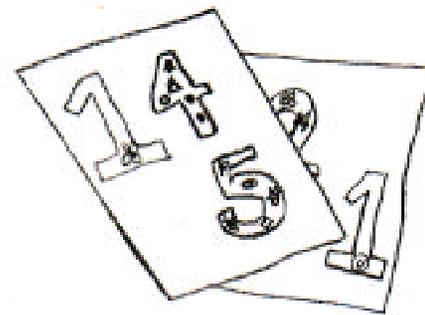
Sticker Numbers

Materials

Small stickers
Glue stick (optional)
Construction paper (optional)

Directions

Precut the numbers one through five from construction paper. Give each child three to five different numbers and an assortment of stickers. The children affix one sticker to the number one; two stickers to the number two and so on. Optional: Children glue the numbers with the sticker on them to a large piece of paper.



Activities

I Spy Numbers

Hide large number shapes around storytime area and let the children hunt for them.

Number Flash Cards

Print Jan Brett's Numbers at www.janbrett.com/numbers/numbers_flash_cards_main.htm. Show the children the cards one by one and ask them to read the numbers with you.

Videos

How Much Is A Million? (12 minutes)
If You Made A Million. (12 minutes)

Web Sites

Scholastic Kids Fun Online Games and Contests
www.scholastic.com/kids/games.htm

Jan Brett's Numbers
www.janbrett.com/numbers/numbers_flash_cards_main.htm

Professional Resources

The Flannel Board Storytelling Book, 2nd Edition by Judy Sierra.
Marvelous Math by Lee Bennett Hopkins.
The New Oxford Treasury of Children's Poems by Michael Harrison.
Ring A Ring O'Roses by Flint Public Library.

Nature Mysteries

Books to Share

A Color Of His Own by Leo Lionni.
Daniel's Mystery Egg by Alma Flor Ada.
Mixed-Up Chameleon by Eric Carle.
Where Do the Animals Live? by Stephanie Peterson.

Books to Show and Booktalk

Chamelons Are Cool by Martin Jenkins.
I Like Bugs by Margaret Wise Brown.
What Color is Camouflage? by Carolyn Otto.
Plants That Never Bloom by Ruth Heller.

Nametags

Give each child a chameleon nametag made from the pattern at the end of the chapter as they enter storytime.

Rhyme

Weather
(Traditional)

Whether the weather be fine
Or whether the weather be not,
Whether the weather be cold
Or whether the weather be hot,

We'll weather the weather
Whatever the weather,
Whether, we like it or not.

Action Song

Chameleon

(Adapted by Leila Raven Parrish. Sung to “Battle Hymn of the Republic)

The little green chameleon had a fly upon his nose,
(Point to nose)

The little green chameleon had a fly upon his nose,
(Point to nose)

The little green chameleon had a fly upon his nose,
(Point to nose)

And he licked and it was gone.
(Stick out tongue and try to lick nose)

Yum!
(Rub belly)

Storytelling

Tell *The Mixed-Up Chameleon* by Eric Carle using Childcraft Literacy Bag (#353797 in catalog).

Flannel Board Stories

Tell *A Color Of His Own* by Leo Lionni as a flannel board story using felt figures.

“Fisherman’s Surprise” from *The Storytelling Handbook* by Anne Pellowski.

“The Mysterious Soup” in *Storytelling with the Flannel Board Book Two* by Paul S. Anderson or “Soup from a Nail” in *The Flannel Board Storytelling Book, 2nd Edition* by Judy Sierra.

“The Caterpillar” in *The Flannel Board Storytelling Book, 2nd Edition* by Judy Sierra.

Crafts

Crafty Chameleon Stick Puppet

Materials

Chameleon pattern
Construction paper, several colors
Glue
Craft sticks

Directions

Precut chameleons in many different colors using pattern at the end of this chapter. Children choose two different colors and glue them together with a craft stick in between to make a chameleon stick puppet.

Nature Camouflage Bracelet

Materials

Masking tape
Small leaves and flowers

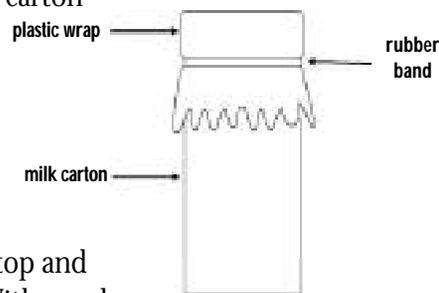
Directions

Place a large assortment of leaves and small flowers on a long table. An adult wraps a piece of masking tape, sticky side out, around the wrist of the child. The child attaches leaves and flowers to the masking tape to create a bracelet.

Nature Spy

Materials

Half gallon milk or juice carton
Plastic Wrap
Rubber band
Tape
Optional: Aquarium or
container of goldfish



Directions

In advance, remove the top and bottom of the cartons. With an adult's help, the children attach plastic wrap to one end of carton using tape and/or a rubber band. Children may use the Nature Spy to look at life in an aquarium, a goldfish or two in a container, or life in ponds or puddles.

Activity

Which is an Animal? Activity Sheet

Give each child a copy of the "Which is an Animal? Activity Sheet" found at the end of this chapter. Ask them to circle the animals and then let them color all of the pictures.

Guest Speakers

Invite a representative from a pet store, the SPCA, or a nature group to bring animals to the library and tell children about them.

Video

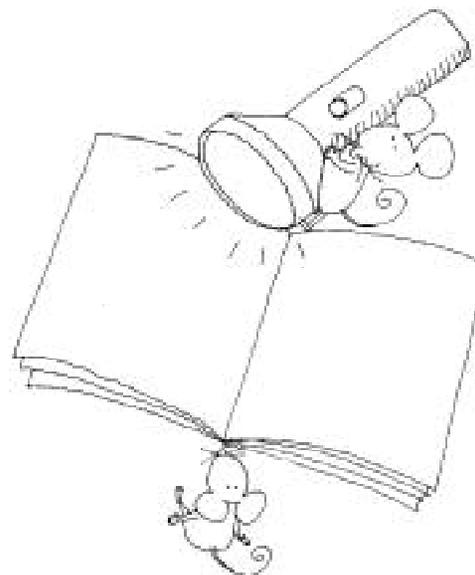
The Caterpillar and The Polliwog. (7 minutes)

Web Site

Childcraft Education Corporation
www.childcraft.com

Professional Resources

One-Person Puppet Plays by Denise Anton Wright.
The Storytelling Handbook by Anne Pellowski.
Storytelling with the Flannel Board Book Two by Paul S. Anderson.
The Flannel Board Storytelling Book, 2nd Edition by Judy Sierra.



Shiver Me Timbers!

Books to Share

Captain and Matey Set Sail by Daniel Laurence.

Pirate Pete by Kim Kennedy.

Pie Rats Ahoy! by Richard Scarry.

Tough Boris by Mem Fox.

Books to Show and Booktalk

Do Pirates Take Baths? by Kathy Tucker.

I Spy Treasure Hunt by Jean Marzollo.

Ooey Gooyey by Mercer Mayer.

Pirate School by Cathy E. Dubouski.

Bulletin Board

Ahoy Matey! Come Aboard for a Good Read!

Create a large pirate ship and place it on the lower half of the bulletin board. Place pirates across the hull of ship. Write book titles, authors, and call numbers of books and videos about pirates on the pirate shapes.

Display

Shiver Me Timbers!

Create a display of books and videos about pirates and treasure hunts. Use a pirate piñata as the centerpiece.

Decorations

Hang pirate and parrot piñatas.

Nametags

As children enter the storytime area, give them nametags of a pirate or parrot. (Patterns are included at the end of the chapter.)

Fingerplay

Pirates, Pirates

(Adapted by Leila Raven Parrish.)

Pirates, pirates everywhere, (*Motion around room*)

Pirates climbing stairs, (*Climb stairs*)

Pirates giving stares, (*Hand above eyes*)

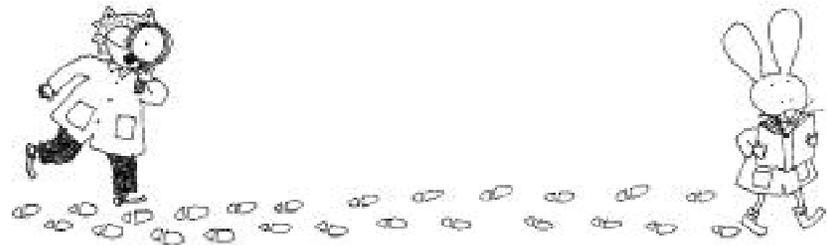
Pirates shouting "Ahoy There!" (*Cup hands*)

Pirates sitting on chairs. (*Pretend to sit down*)

ARGH! (*With frustration*)

Pirates washing hairs! (*Rub hands on head*)

Pirates, pirates everywhere! (*Motion around room*)



Song

Three-Corner Hat (Traditional)

My hat it has three corners,
Three corners has my hat,
If it did not have three corners,
It would not be my hat.

Crafts

Three-Corner Pirate's Hat

Materials

Pirate hat and bone patterns
9" x 12" black construction paper
White construction paper
Glue
Stapler

Directions

For each child, precut three copies of the pirate's hat pattern from black construction paper and cut two bones from white construction paper using the patterns at the end of the chapter. With the help of an adult, the children cross and glue or staple the two white bones to one hat piece and then staple the two additional hat pieces together create a three-cornered pirate hat.

Pirate's Eye Patch

Materials

Black felt
Yarn, cut in 18-inch lengths

Directions

Using the pattern at the end of this chapter, pre-cut eye patches from black felt and cut two slits on top. Let the children thread yarn through the holes. Tie it over one eye.

Activities

Pirate or Parrot Piñata

Fill a pirate or parrot piñata with gold coins, jewelry, eye patches, and other pirate loot. Let the children take turns swinging at it with a plastic bat or stick. With very young children, do not use the blindfold.

Performing Pirates

Children wear their hat and eye patches and perform the *Three-Corner Hat* and *Pirates, Pirates* fingerplays, and sing along to "Pirate's Life" from the soundtrack to Disney's *Peter Pan*.

Guest Speaker

Invite a storyteller/magician dressed like a pirate to tell pirate stories.

Audio Recordings

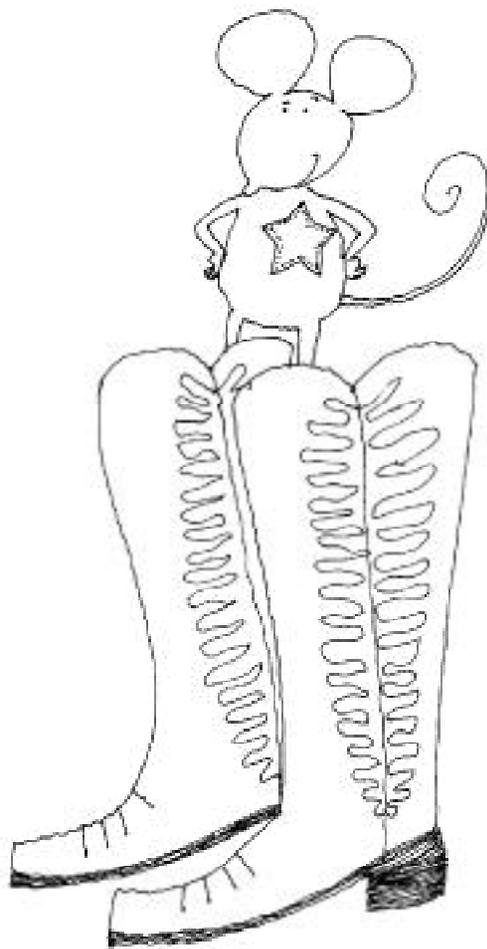
"Pirate's Life" on Disney's *Peter Pan* Soundtrack.

CD-ROMs

I Spy Treasure Hunt.

Professional Resource

Great Pirate Activity Book by Deri Robins.



Top Secret Adventures

Books to Share

Bookstore Burglar by Barbara Maitland.

Julian Secret Agent by Ann Cameron.

Robbery at the Diamond Dog Diner by Eileen Christelow.

Secret in the Dungeon by Fernando Kahn.

Where Do Balloons Go? by Jamie Lee Curtis.

Books to Show and Booktalk

Kidnap at the Catfish Cafe by Patricia Reilly Giff.

Galileo's Treasure Box by Catherine Brighton.

Junie B. Jones and Some Sneaky Peeky Spying by Barbara Park.

Bulletin Board

Can You Keep A Secret?

Cover the bulletin board in a bright colored paper. Make a large book from a poster board and add the slogan, "Can You Keep a Secret?" to the front of it. On the inside of the poster board book, write information about Storytime or other upcoming programs at the library.

Display

Top Secret Book

Decorate a box with bright paper question marks. Cut slits to let in light on the top of the box and a peephole on one side. Inside the box, place a book. Change the book weekly. Surround the box with mystery books that may be checked out.

Puppet Fingerplay

Could It Be?

(Repeat this traditional rhyme twice. The second time through, hide a finger puppet on your thumb and surprise the children!)

Here is a box (*Make fist on one hand*)
Put on a lid (*Cover fist with other hand*)
I wonder whatever inside it is hid.
Could it be? (*Peek in*)
Yes, without a doubt (*Peek in again*)
Let's open our box and let it come out
(*Open fist and pop out thumb*)

Action Rhyme

Balloons

(Traditional. If the alternate ending is used, follow this rhyme by reading the book, *Where Do Balloons Go?* by Jamie Lee Curtis.)

Five little balloons, going up, up, up. (*Sail fingers upward*)

One little balloon popped (*Clap hand loudly*)
Then there were four.

Four little balloons, going up, up, up...

Three little balloons going up, up, up...

Two little balloons going up, up, up...

Then there was one little balloon (*Sail one finger sadly up*)
That little balloon popped
And then there were none. (*Palms up and shrug*)

Alternate ending:

Then there was one little balloon (*Sail up one finger*)
Who sailed away (*Place hand over eyes and look up*)
Which brings me to the great mystery...
Where do balloons go? (*Shrug shoulders up*)

Story

Tell "The Chase" from *Mystery Fold: Stories to Tell, Draw, and Fold* by Valerie Marsh.

Craft

Top Secret Puzzle

Materials

Blank puzzles
Markers

Directions

Let each child create a top-secret message or picture on a blank puzzle.

Activities

I Spy Word Search

Let the children find and circle the words with the help of an adult.

I SPY WORD SEARCH						
Find the words listed above by looking in each line.						
CAT		DOG		SPY		
TOP		BAT		BALL		
C	A	T	H	B	A	T
B	S	B	A	L	L	P
T	O	P	X	S	P	Y
U	V	Y	D	O	G	M

Professional Resource

Mystery Fold: Stories to Tell, Draw, and Fold by Valerie Marsh.

Detectives

Books to Share

Big Max by Kin Platt.

Case of the Hungry Stranger by Crosby Newell Bonsall.

Hunting The Daddysaurus by Teresa Bateman.

Missing Mitten Mystery by Steven Kellogg.

Books to Show and Booktalk

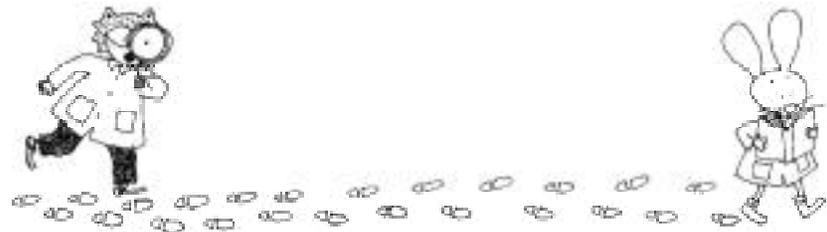
Aunt Eater Loves a Mystery by Doug Cushman.

Eggnapped! by Marisa Montes.

Display

Invisible Detective

Using the artwork in this manual as a guide, create an invisible detective by suspending on fishing wire a detective hat, cap, gloves, and a magnifying glass. Create a face by suspending eyes, mouth, and even a "Sherlock Holmes" pipe from the hat. Display detective and mystery books.



Songs

I Am Detective Dog

(By Leila Raven Parrish. Sing to the tune of “The Farmer in the Dell”.)

I am detective dog,
I am detective dog,
Hi ho the library-oh,
I am detective dog.

I like to find things,
I like to find things.
Hi ho the library-oh,
I like to find things.

Oh look, there it is,
Oh look, there it is.
Hi ho the library-oh,
I am detective dog.

Where Oh, Where Has Detective Dog Gone?

(Adapted from traditional song by Leila Raven Parrish.)

Where oh where has detective dog gone?
Oh where or where can he be?
With his ears cut short,
And his tail cut long,
Oh where oh where can he be?

Action Rhyme

“Who Stole the Cookie From the Cookie Jar?”

(This traditional action song/rhyme can be sung or chanted. It is best played sitting in a circle. Clap hands then knees to keep fast-pace clapping rhythm. Nametags are helpful along with brief introductions. In each verse, insert the name of a child until all have been included. The leader may need to repeat the rhyme slowly two or three times until the group understands.)

All: Who stole the cookie from the cookie jar?

(repeat 3 times in rhythm)

Leader: Jenny stole the cookie from the cookie jar!

Jenny: Who, me?

All: Yes, You!

Jenny: Couldn't be!

All: Then who?

All: Who stole the cookie from the cookie jar? (repeat 3 times)

Jenny: Sean stole the cookie from the cookie jar!

Sean: Who, me?

All: Yes, you!

Sean: Couldn't be!

All: Then who?

All: Who stole the cookie...

Story to Tell

“That Was Good! Or Was It!?” from *Joining In* by Teresa Miller.

Puppet Show

“The Case of the Disappearing Books” in *One-Person Puppet Plays* by Denise Anton Wright.

Puppet Story

Story Detectives

Use finger puppets and tell silly versions of “Goldilocks and the Three Bears”, “Little Red Riding” and “Three Little Pigs” from *Fun Puppet Skits for Schools and Libraries* by Joanne Schroeder. Ask children to be “Story Detectives” and spot mistakes in your version of the story.

Craft

Detective Magnifying Glass

Materials

Small white paper plate
Jumbo craft stick
Tape
Marker, pens, and/or pencils

Directions

In advance, cut the centers out of the paper plates, leaving only the outer ring about one to two inches thick. Children tape a craft stick to the paper plate ring and decorate the front to create a magnifying glass.

Adult/Child Craft

Detective Derby

Materials

Newspaper
Masking Tape
Scissors
Feathers

Directions

If adults generally do not attend with the children, solicit staff and volunteers to help create hats as the children arrive. To make the crown of the hat, unfold several double sheets of newspaper. Place the paper on the top of the child’s head, fanning out the sheets in different directions. Form the crown of the hat by gathering the paper all the way around the child’s head at eyebrow level and wrapping the base of the crown with a long piece of masking tape. Reinforce with a second layer of tape. To style it into a detective derby, trim an inch or two from the brow band and adorn it with a feather.

Activities

Magnifying Glass

Give each child a plastic magnifying glass to take home.

Scent Detectives

Bring 4 or 5 bottles of spices or extracts such as cinnamon and clove and vanilla and orange extract. Ask the child to smell them and guess what they are. If they cannot guess, give them a clue such as, “It’s delicious on toast with butter and sugar.” Or,

make a card with a picture of a common food that includes the ingredient. Reward all of the children with stickers or other trinkets.

Guest Speakers

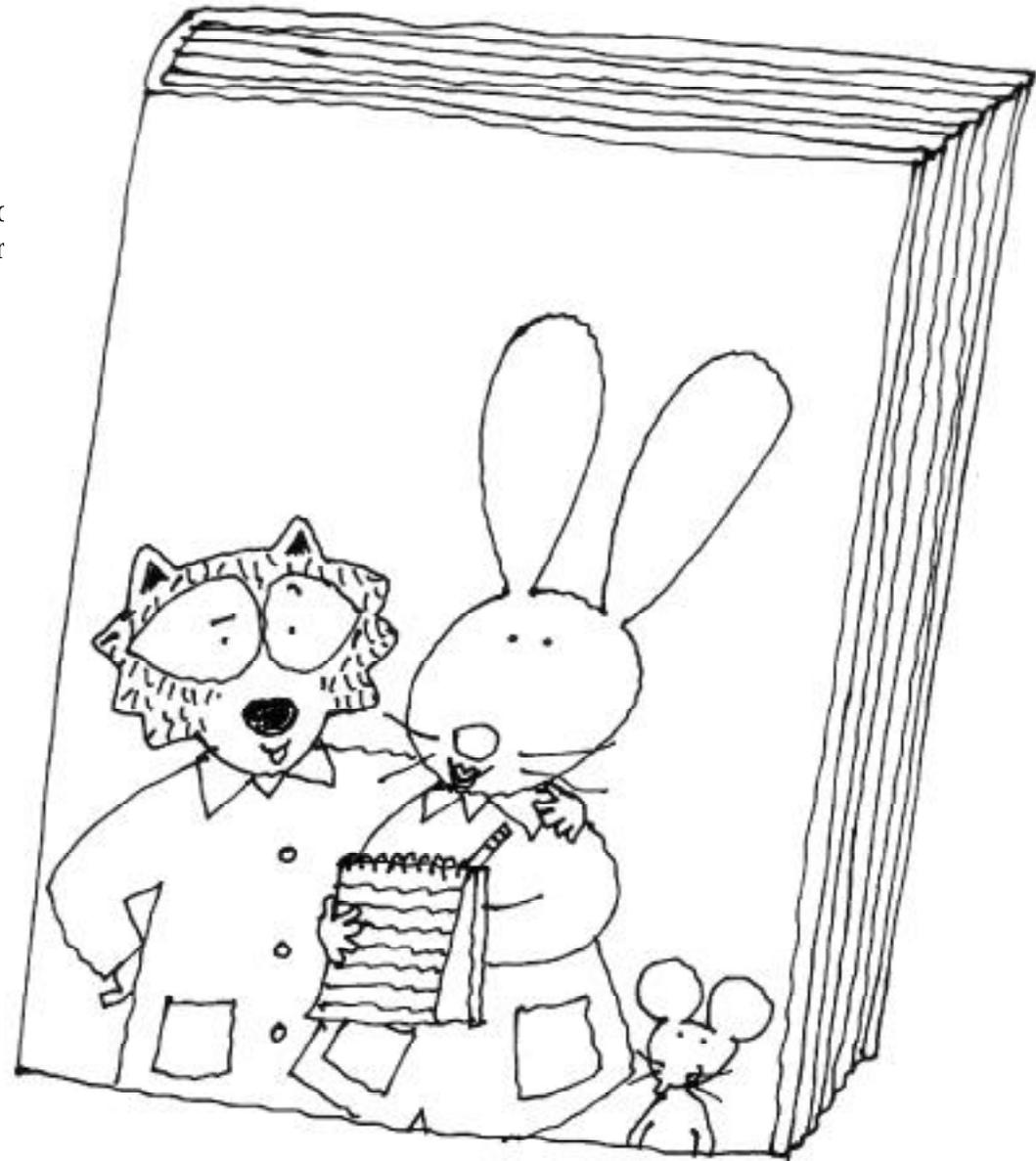
Invite a police officer to bring his or her police dog and patrol car to the library and talk to the children.

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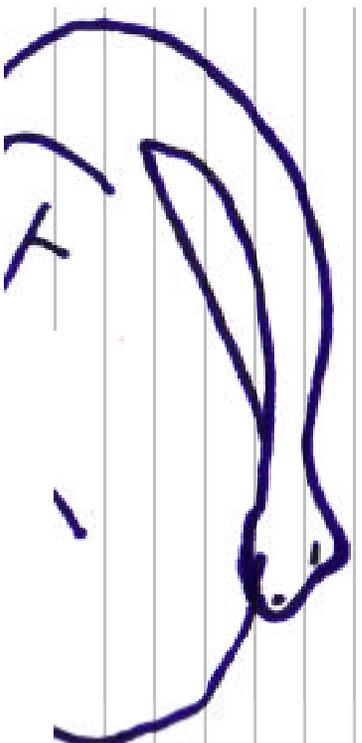
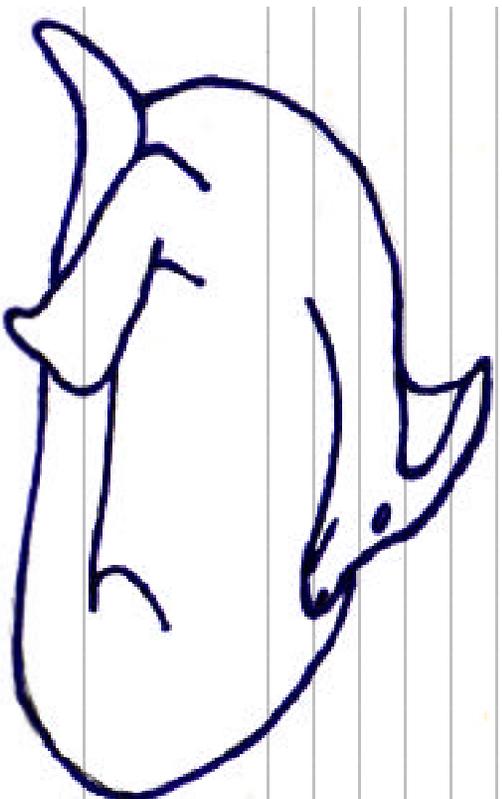
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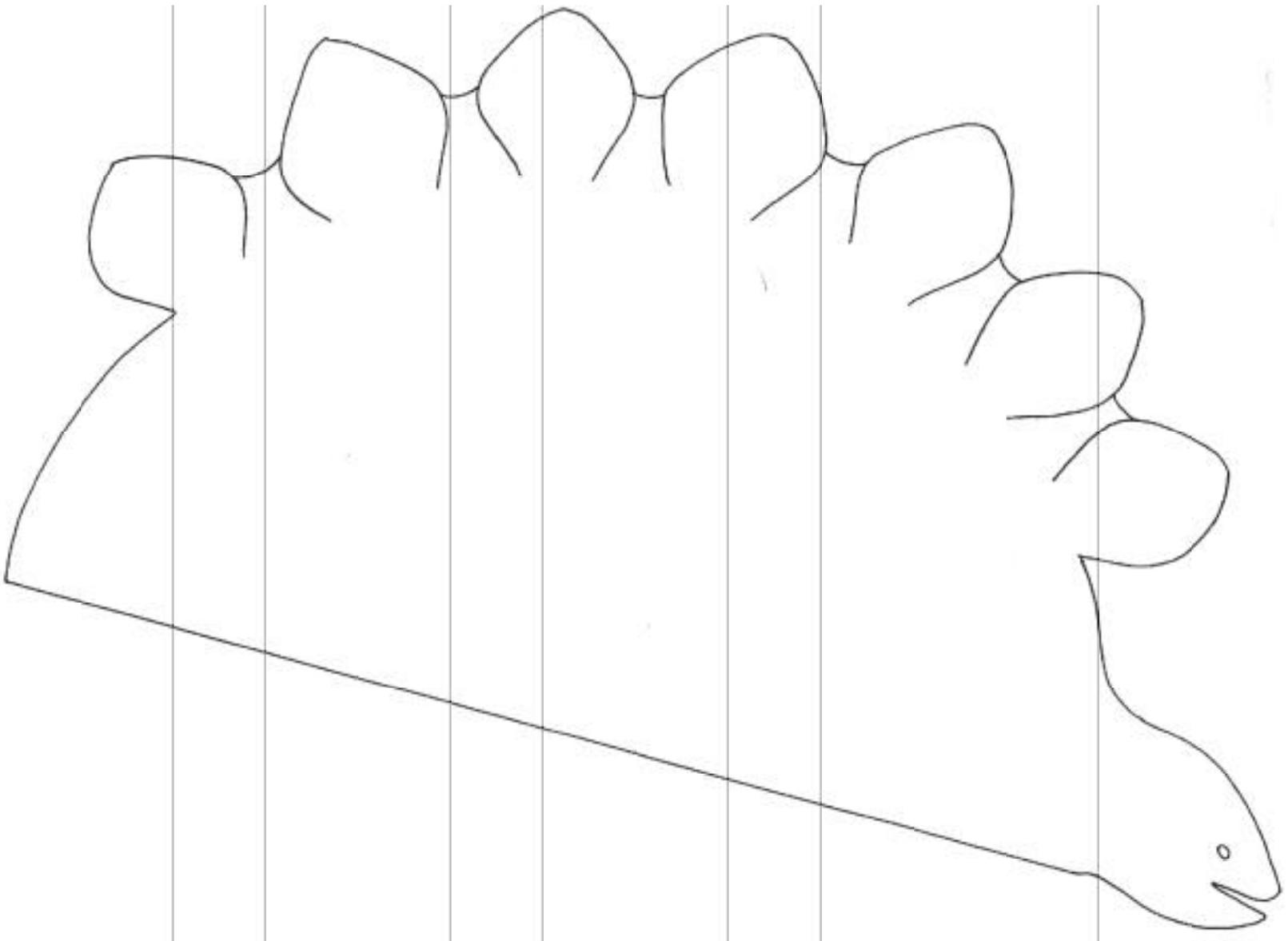
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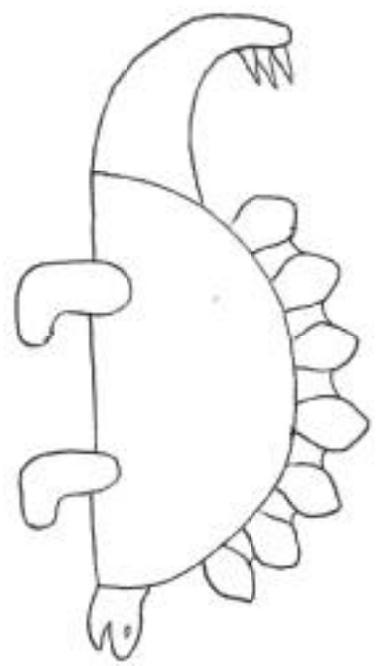
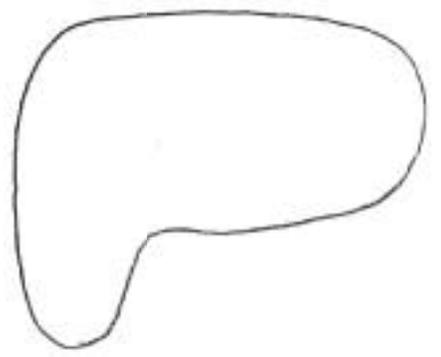
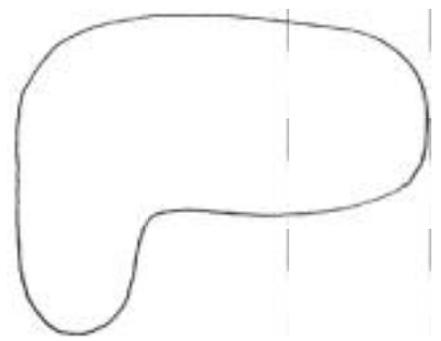
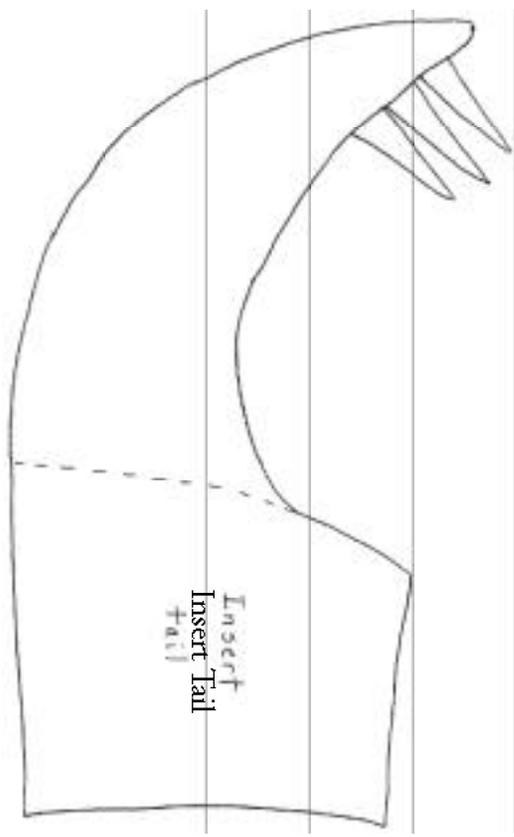
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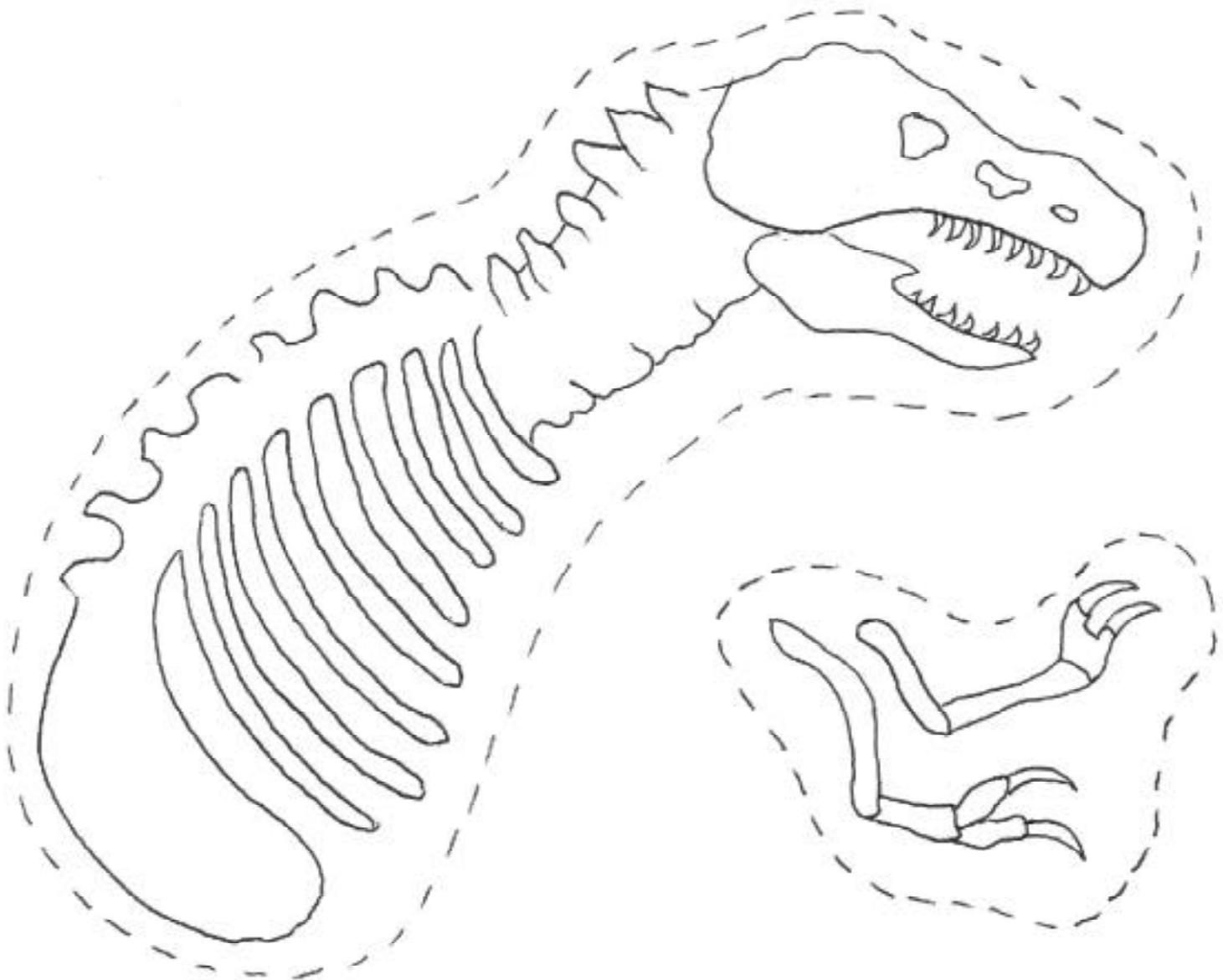
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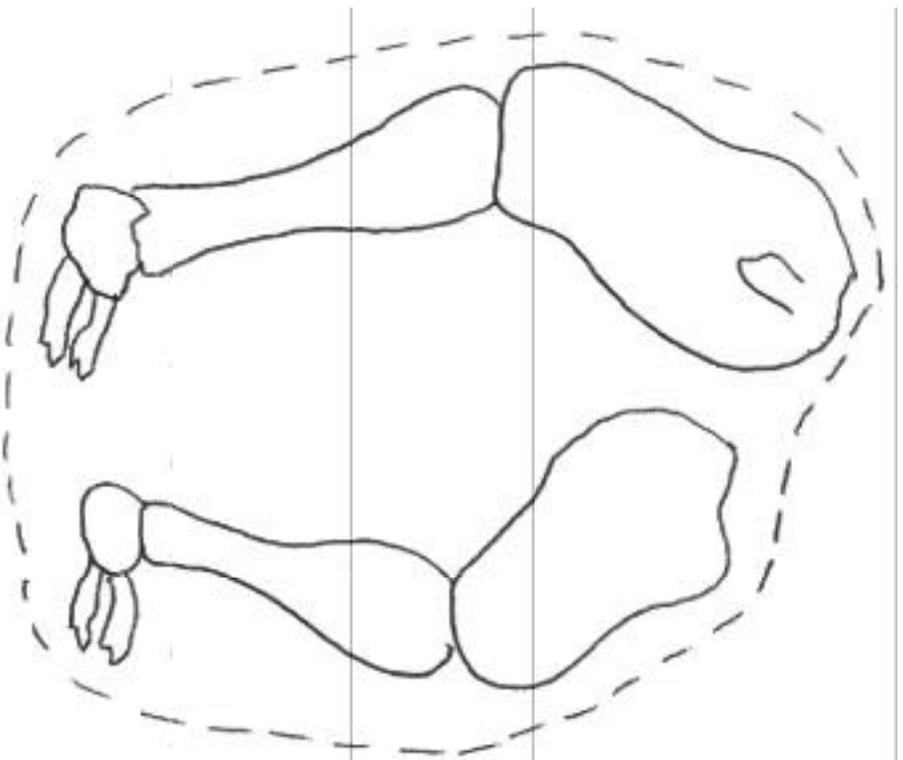
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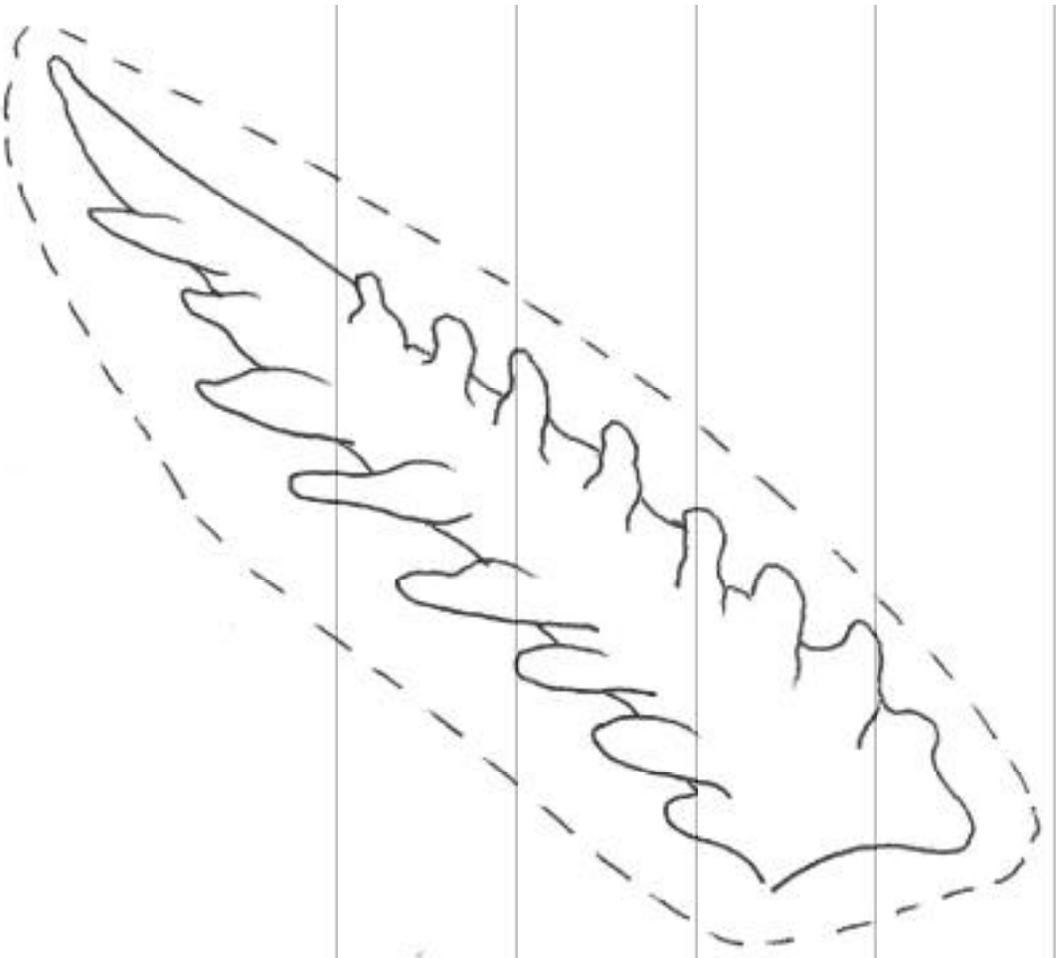
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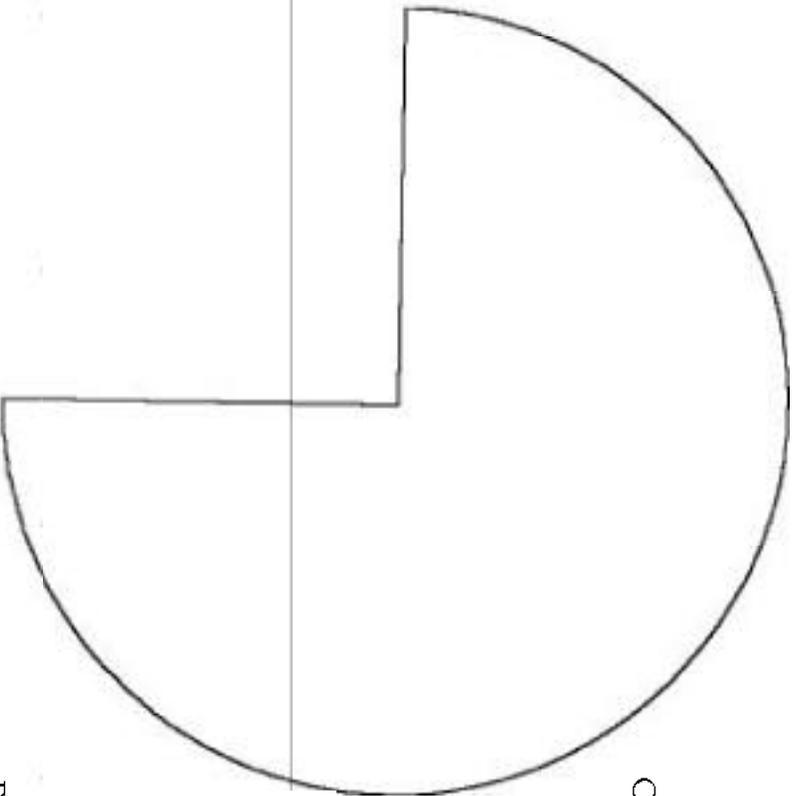
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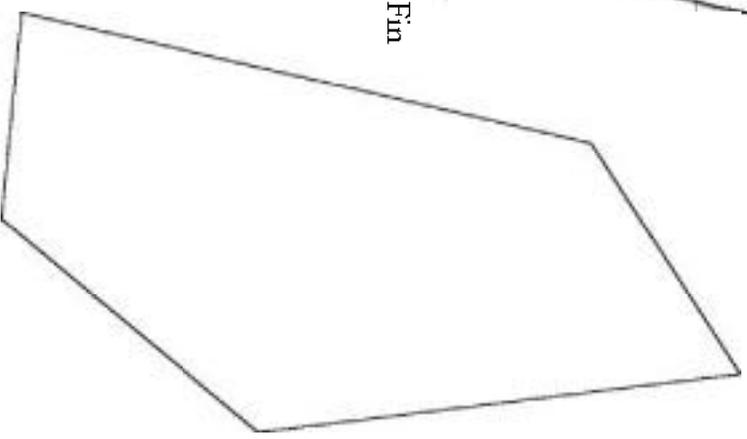
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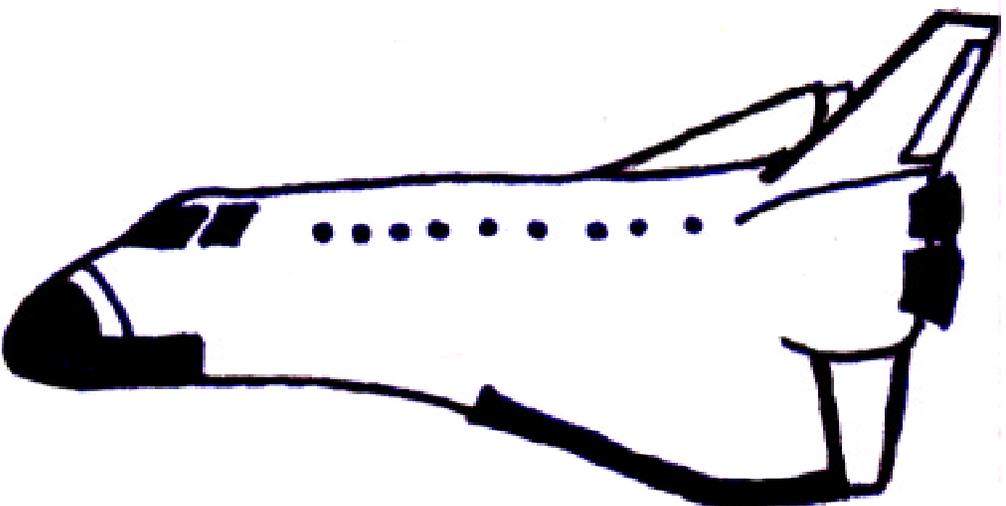


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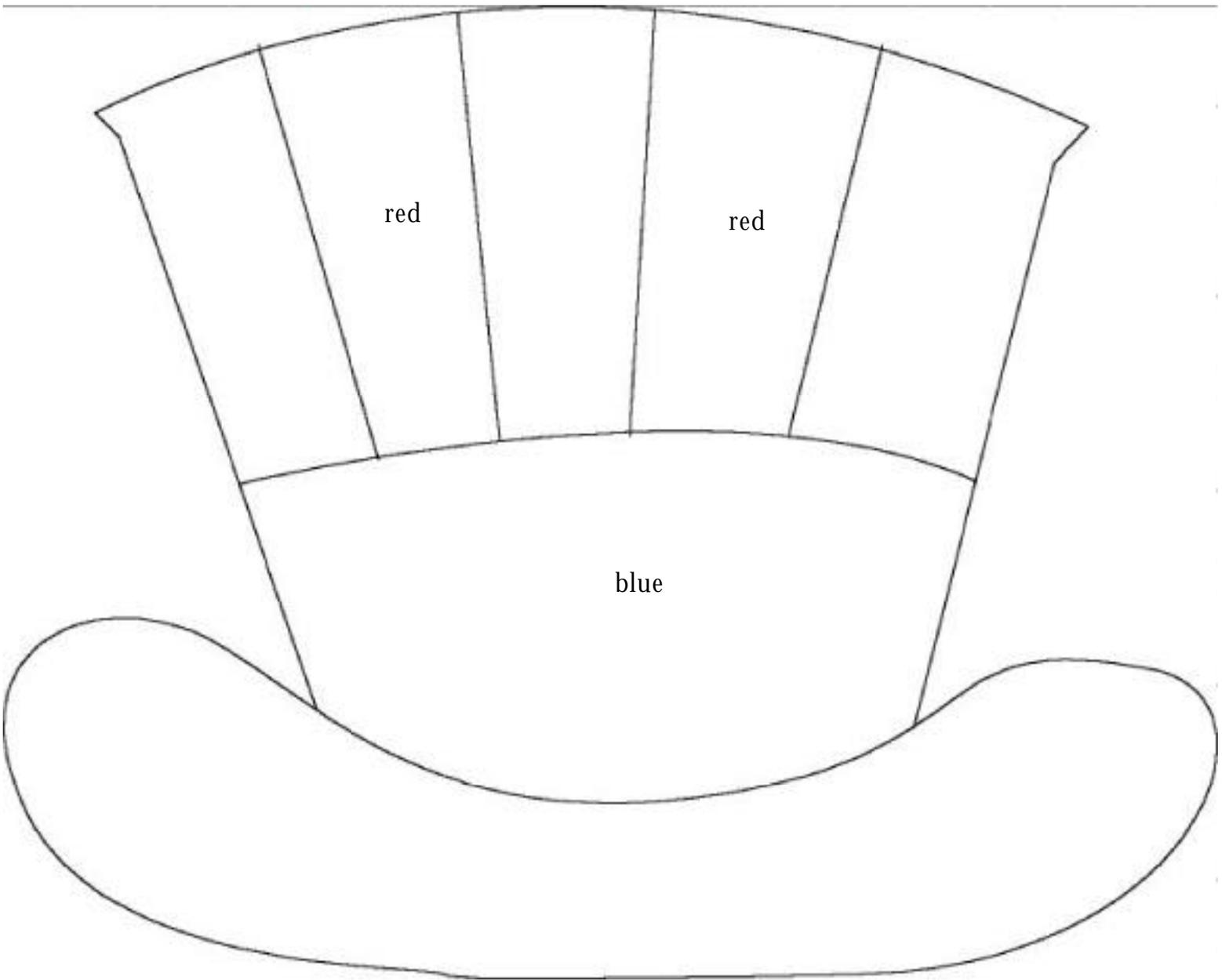


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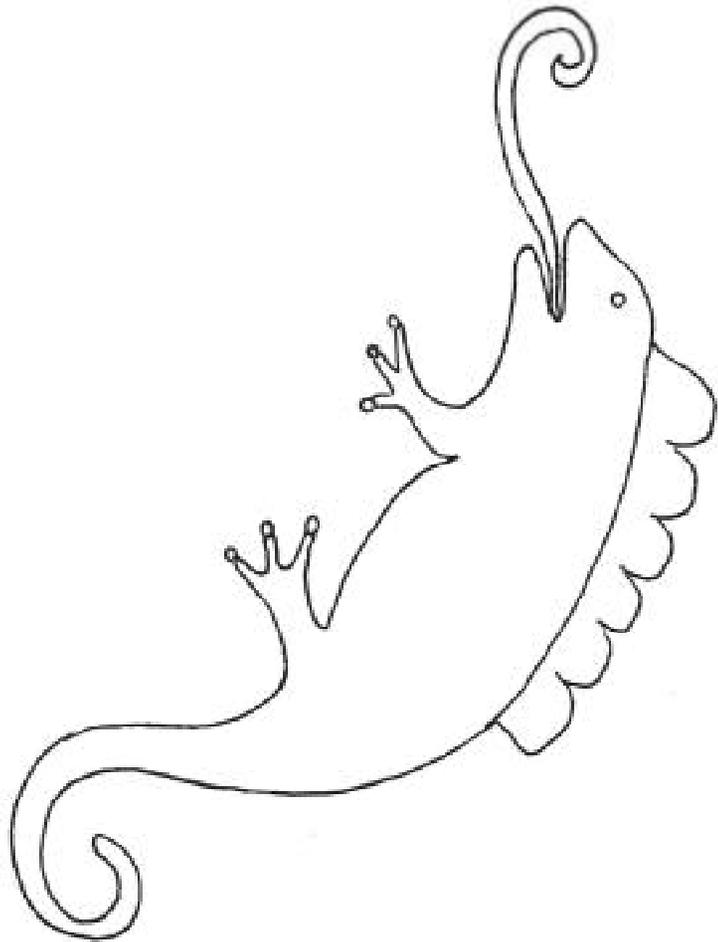
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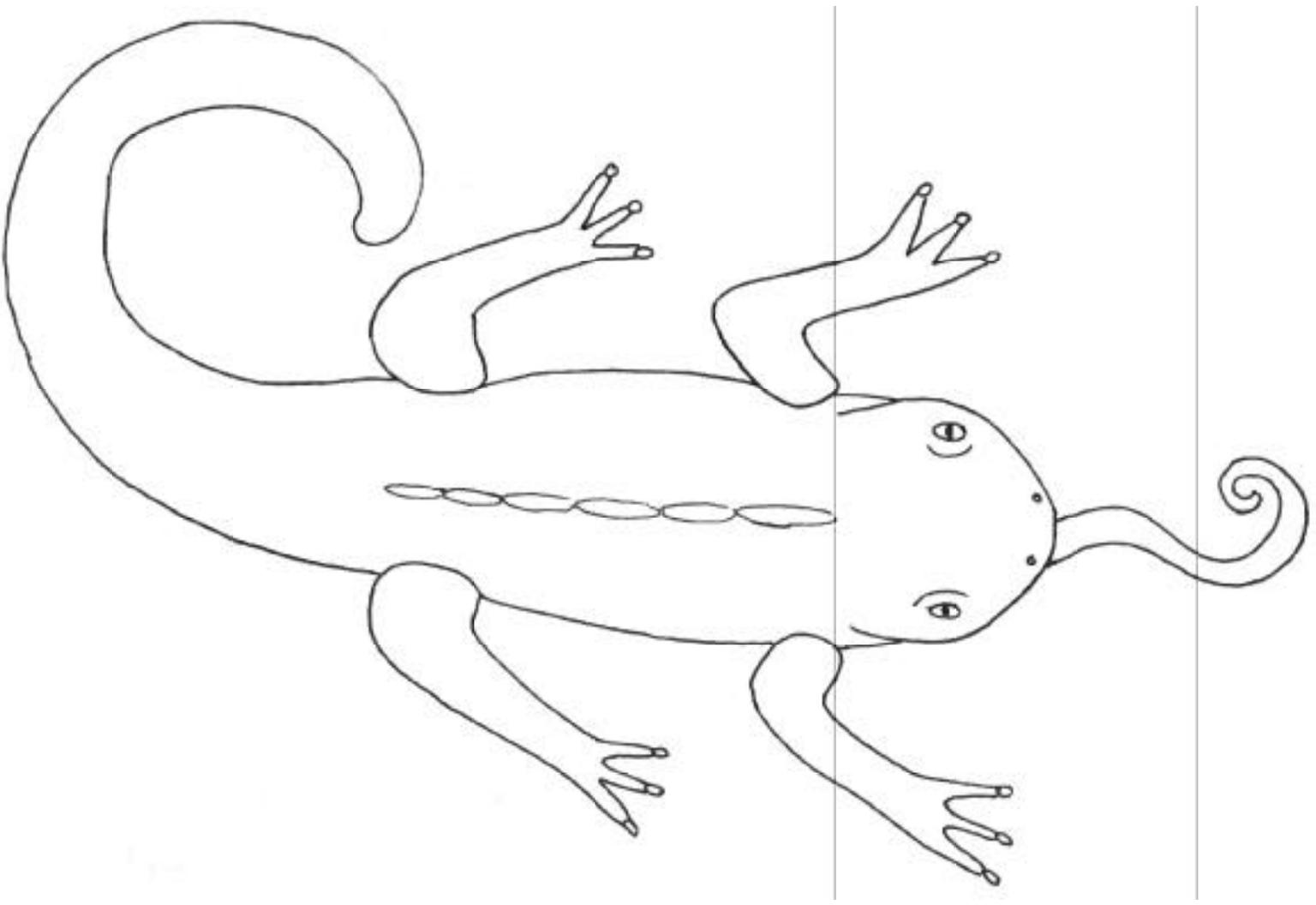
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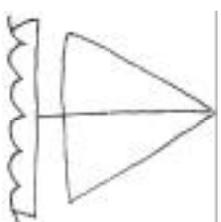
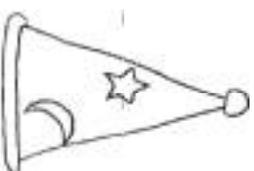
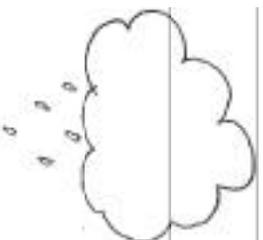
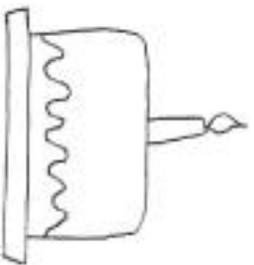
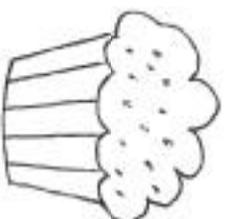
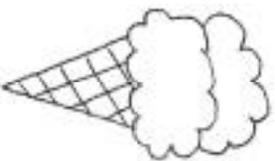
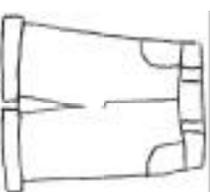
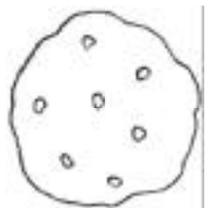
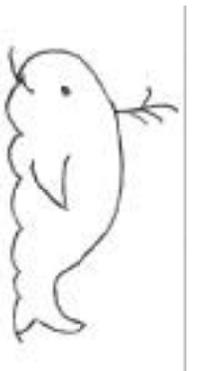
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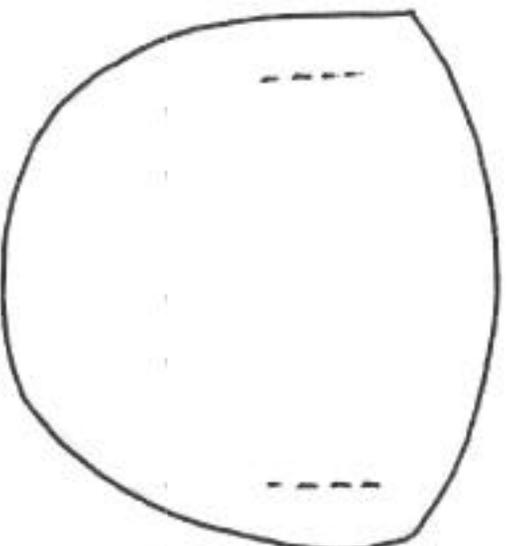
Which is an Animal? Activity Sheet



Shiver Me Timbers Nametags



Pirate Hat Craft



Pirate Patch

Pirate Hat

