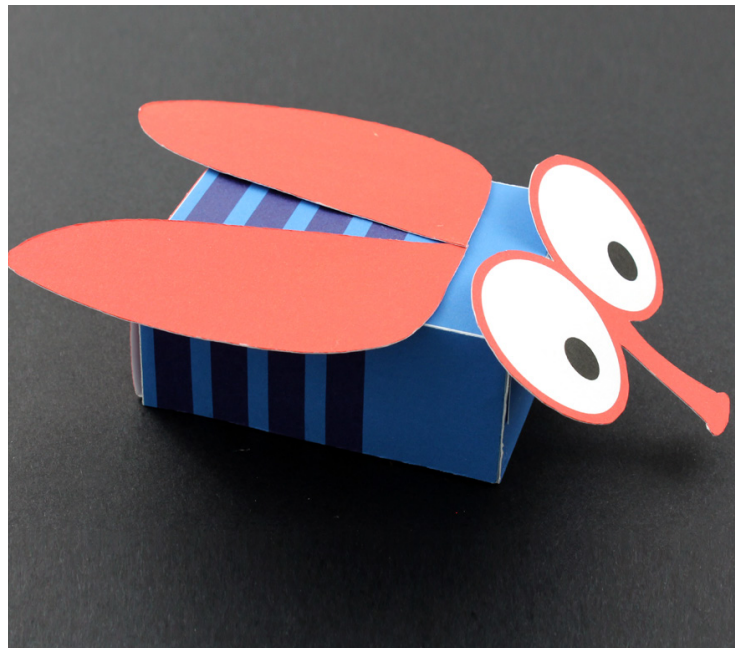


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Printable Halloween Crafts for Kids



By Kate Grono

11 FUN
printable crafts plus
photographs and
instructions

INTRODUCTION

As an Australian parent I have often wondered if I should encourage my kids to celebrate Halloween or not. When I was growing up it was always a bit of a non-event in our country so I don't have the childhood memories of fun and festivities that other people around the world hold dear. On top of that there are quite a few Halloween grinchers in and around the community who resent having to participate in a tradition that is not really our tradition at all. Worst of all is all that sugar! My girls definitely don't need any more of that.

The girls, however, are very enthusiastic about the whole concept and get excited when Halloween looms closer. For the past month they have been asking continually, *"how many more days until Halloween?"*, and *"Can we dress up and go trick or treating this year? Please, please, can we?"*, and *"What lollies are we going to buy for the kids who come knocking at our door this year?"*

What to do?

I have decided, this year, to embrace Halloween. It's a great excuse to have fun and I just love themed crafting anyway. If you happen to pass by our house we will be one of those crazy people with decorations hanging up. My girls are planning their costumes and I'll be taking them trick-or-treating. We also have this book of **printable Halloween crafts** to share. It includes **eight brand new crafts** along with three favourites from our archives. We hope you like it!

How to use this ebook

- Whilst all of these crafts can be printed on ordinary paper most of them work best on **card stock** because it is stronger and more sturdy.
- Australian standard printer paper is **A4 size** so this book has been designed to fit A4. If you live in a country which uses **LETTER** sized paper as the national standard you will need to select the 'fit to page' option in your printer menu when you are printing out the templates.
- All of the crafts are featured with photographs and step by step instructions at the beginning of the book, with all of the templates at the end. To find a particular template quickly click on the **skip to template** link featured in an orange bubble on the instructions page for each craft.

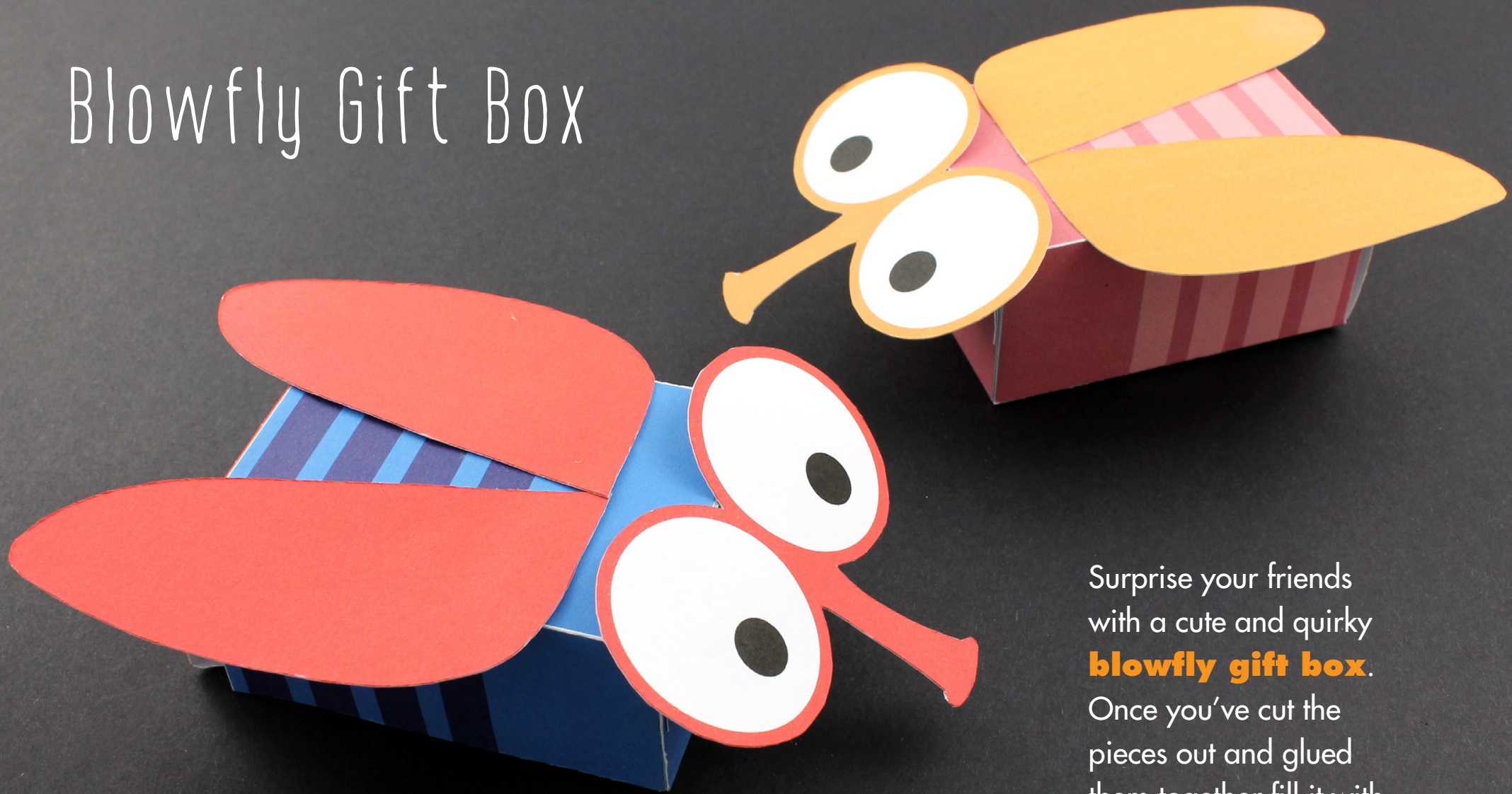


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Blowfly Gift Box



Surprise your friends with a cute and quirky **blowfly gift box**. Once you've cut the pieces out and glued them together fill it with small treats – which your finished fly can then poo out ...yum!



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YOU WILL NEED

- A4 paper – for best results use card stock
- Glue stick
- Scissors
- Ruler and a blunt knife for scoring (e.g. a butter knife)
- Treats - we've used chocolate liquorice bullets

HOW TO

- 1) Cut all of the pieces out to create your fly.
- 2) Use a blunt knife and ruler to score along the fold lines (scoring creates an indent which makes lines very easy to fold neatly).
- 3) Add glue to the tabs which have "glue here" written on them and glue your box together. Be sure to leave the flaps on the rear end unglued so that they can be opened and closed.
- 4) Glue the eyes to the reverse of the extra folded piece so that they 'pop' out from the front when you stick this piece on, and glue the wings to the top of the box.



Black Cat Mask

Use this **black cat mask** to complete your Halloween costume or just for play!

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YOU WILL NEED

- A4 paper – for best results use card stock
- Hole punch
- Hat elastic
- Scissors

HOW TO

- 1) Print and cut out your black cat mask.
- 2) Punch holes in the sides and tie a piece of hat elastic through it. Measure the hat elastic to fit the head of the person who will be wearing it and tie it to fit.





Monster Mask

With the help of some yarn, your **monster mask** can have some fuzzy, woolly hair!



YOU WILL NEED

- A4 paper – for best results use card stock
- Hole punch
- Hat elastic
- Scissors
- Thick yarn
- A cardboard scrap

YOU WILL NEED

- 1) Print and cut out your monster mask.
 - 2) Create three woolly yarn pom poms using a cardboard scrap as shown in the image above (for a more detailed pom pom-making [tutorial](#) visit our blog).
 - 3) Punch six small holes across the top of the head and use them to tie the pom poms on to the mask so that they look like hair.
 - 4) Punch two more holes on the sides of the mask and tie on your hat elastic to fit.
- Ta-da! Your **SCARY** monster mask is ready.



Spooky Noise and Action Dice





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To Play: This is a fun Halloween-themed game. Roll one dice and then the other and complete your wacky sound and action together at the same time... now try to do it without laughing!

YOU WILL NEED

- A4 paper – for best results use card stock
- Glue stick or double sided tape
- Scissors
- Ruler and a blunt knife for scoring (e.g. a butter knife)

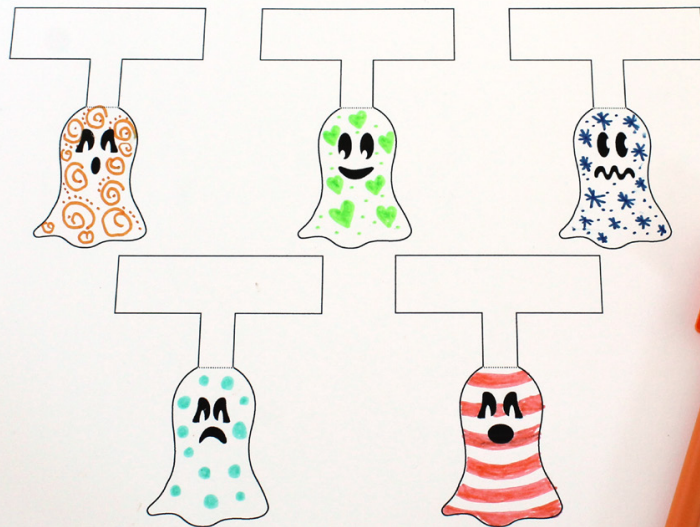
HOW TO

- 1) Print and cut out your dice templates (there are two pages for this one).
- 2) Use a blunt knife and ruler to score along the fold lines (scoring creates an indent which makes lines very easy to fold neatly).
- 3) Fold and glue together using a glue stick, or for extra strength use double-sided tape. Then play!

Ghostly Finger Puppets



These little **ghost puppets** come in a rainbow of colours or in plain white so you can colour your own.



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Ghostly Finger Puppets

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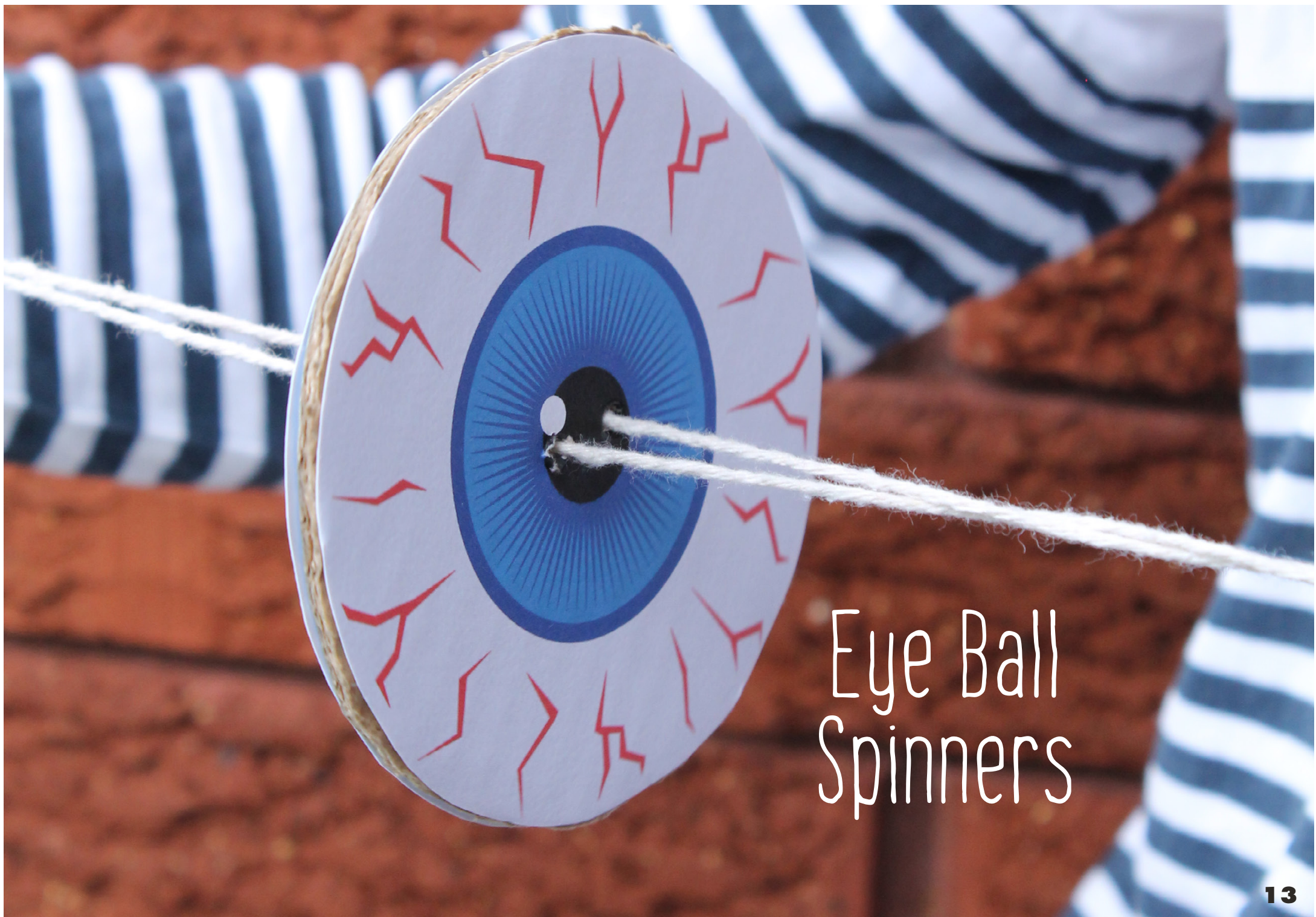
- A4 paper - we have used card stock but ordinary paper will also be fine
- Glue stick or double sided tape
- Scissors

HOW TO

- 1) Print and cut out your ghosts. If you choose the white ones you can colour and decorate them first, or just keep them as traditional white ghosts if you prefer.
- 2) Fold along the dotted line and bend the top strip around to create a loop and stick together.
- 3) Bend the loop you have just made backwards and glue onto the back of the ghost. You can now slip them onto your fingers to make finger puppets.

First glue top strip into a loop before gluing looped piece onto the back of your ghost





Eye Ball Spinners



Give a traditional DIY toy a Halloween twist with our printable **eyeball spinners**. They come in four different eyeball designs or in blank so that you can design your own



YOU WILL NEED

- A4 paper - ordinary paper will be fine for this craft
- Glue stick
- Scissors
- Kitchen skewer
- String
- Recycled cardboard scraps

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HOW TO

- 1) Print and cut out your spooky eyeballs from the template provided.
- 2) Use your glue stick to glue one eyeball to a piece of cardboard scrap.
- 3) Cut around the cardboard scrap so that it is now the same shape and size as the eyeball, and glue a different eyeball to the back.
- 4) Poke two holes through the cardboard disc on the dots marked in the centre of the eye using a skewer.
- 5) Thread a long piece of string through one hole, then back through the other and tie so that it forms a large loop.
- 6) To spin your spinner: hold each end of the string and twirl the spinner backwards by tossing it around in circles so that the string gets all twisted. Once your string is very, very twisted pull it tight and watch the spinning magic!

Jointed Paper Witch Doll

Use our template to create a paper witch doll of your very own.

Is she going to be a **friendly** witch or a **scary** one?

She comes in full colour as pictured here and also in a colour-your-own black and white version



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YOU WILL NEED

- A4 paper – for best results use card stock. Ordinary paper will be too floppy for this craft.
- Scissors
- Paper fasteners (brad fasteners)
- Optional craft knife (a grown up needs to do the part using a craft knife)

HOW TO

- 1) Cut out all of the pieces to make your witch.
- 2) Poke the brad fasteners through where the small dots are marked on the limbs and body. It makes this step easier to cut a small slit first with a craft knife (ask a grown up to do this part for you).
- 3) Attach all the pieces together and you have your paper witch doll.

Paper Bat

Decorate for Halloween
with a **paper bat**.
Suspend her from a
string so it looks like
she's flying!





YOU WILL NEED

- A4 paper – for best results use card stock
- Hole punch
- Hat elastic
- Scissors

HOW TO

- 1) Print out the two pages you'll need to make up your bat. Cut out the body, ears and two rectangles which will be used to make the wings.
- 3) Fold the wing rectangles in half along the fold line and glue together with your glue stick. It should now have a solid colour on the back and wing detail on the front. Cut out the wing shapes.
- 4) Score the fold lines on the body before folding it into shape (scoring creates an indent which makes them very easy to fold neatly).
- 5) Cut slits where the ears are to go and slot them into place. Glue the wings onto the body one at a time before punching holes over the marked dots. Tie string through the holes so that you can now hang your bat.



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Monster Jokes!

These printable monster joke cards are so **funny** and make a great addition to kids' lunch boxes or party bags

YOU WILL NEED

- A4 paper – for best results use card stock
- Scissors

HOW TO

Simply print, cut out and you're done!

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Create your own fun Jack-o-Lantern treat basket from paper – this printable comes in both orange and colour-your-own versions

YOU WILL NEED

- A4 paper – for best results use card stock
- Scissors
- Double sided tape or a glue stick
- A blunt knife and ruler for scoring

HOW TO

- 1) Print and cut out your pumpkin.
- 2) Use your blunt knife and ruler to score along the fold lines (scoring creates an indent which makes them very easy to fold neatly).
- 3) Use your double sided tape to stick the flaps down, staple on the handle and you're done.

Paper Pumpkin Basket

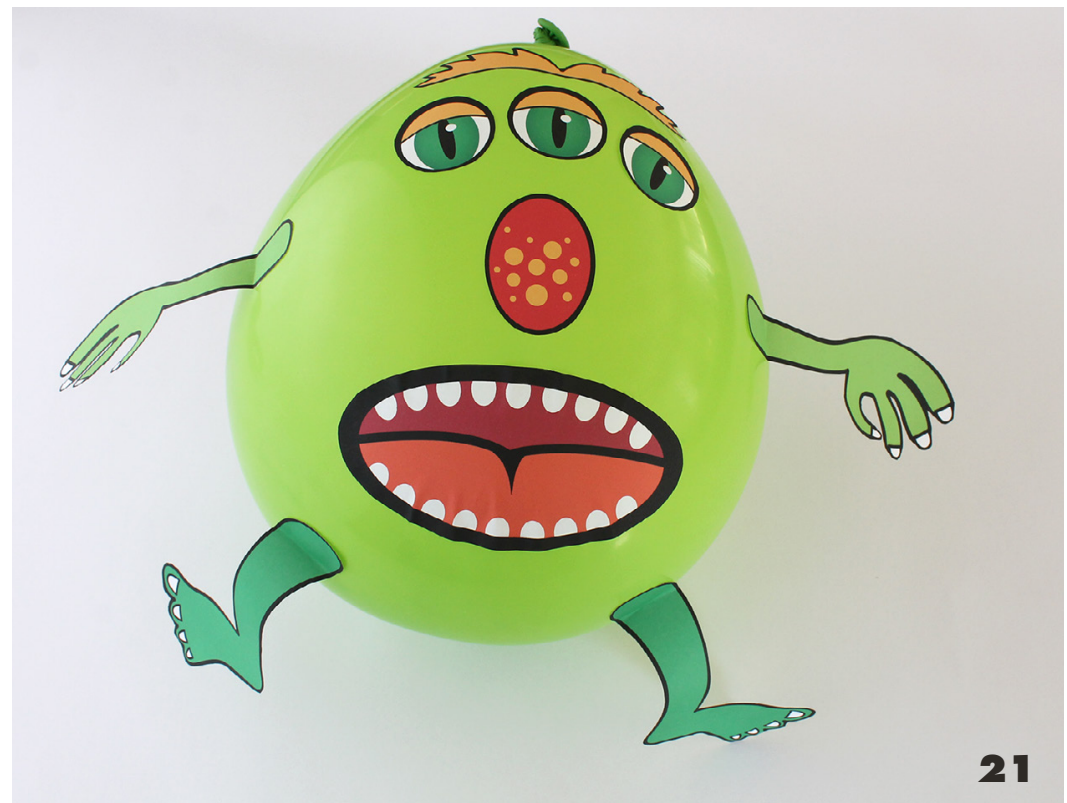
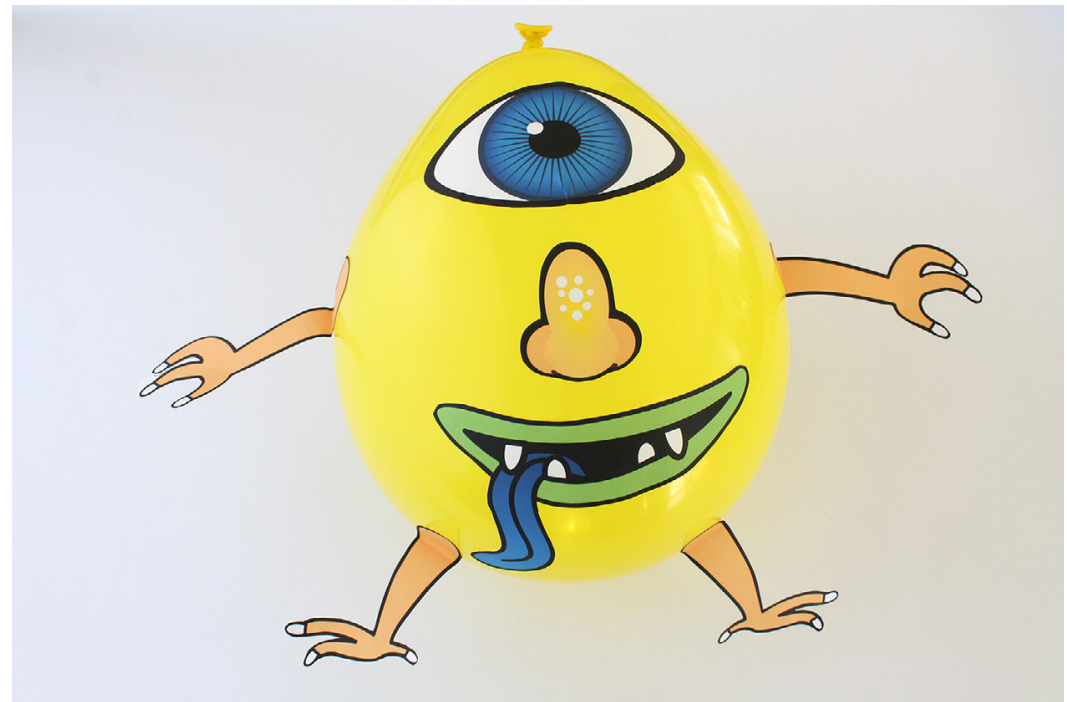


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Balloon Monsters

Make some fun **Balloon Monsters** with our printable monster parts. Mix, match and create your own quirky character





YOU WILL NEED

- A4 paper – for best results use card stock
- Glue stick
- Scissors
- Balloons
- String

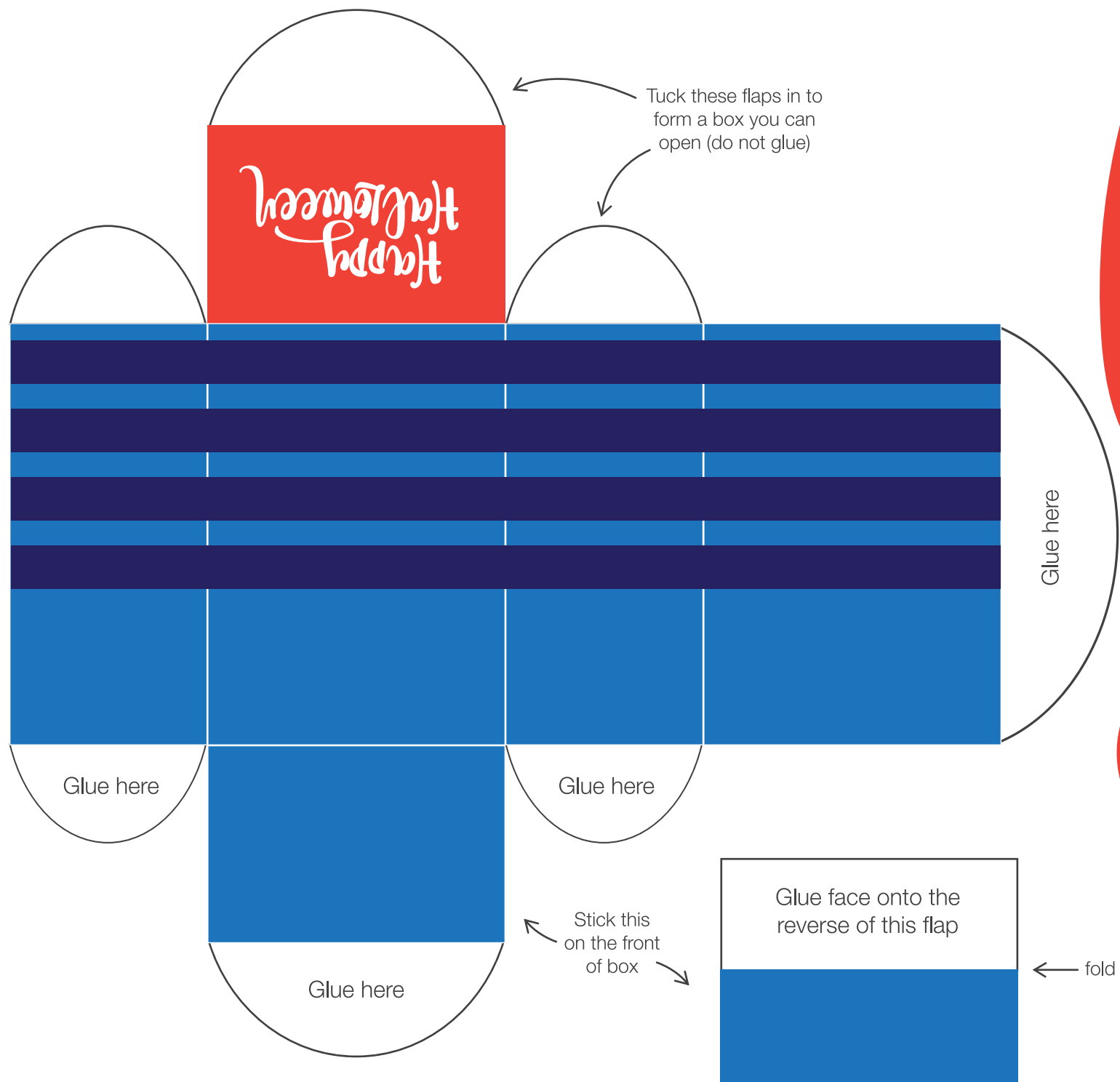
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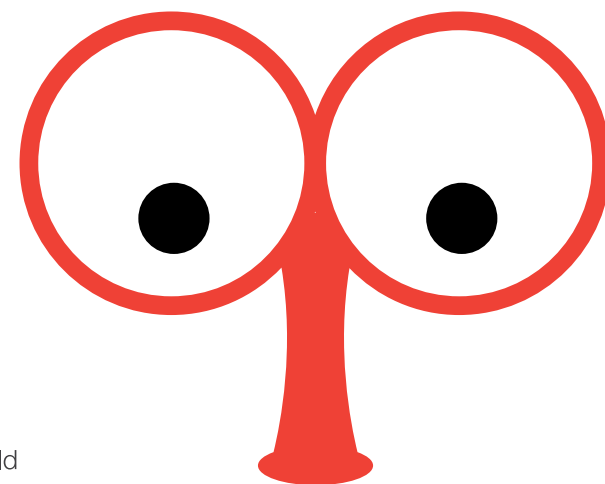
- 1) Print out your monster parts, cut out and stick them onto your blown-up balloons using a glue stick.
- 2) If you wish to suspend your monster friend from a string you'll need to keep the knot at the top of the head (otherwise it will hang upside down!).



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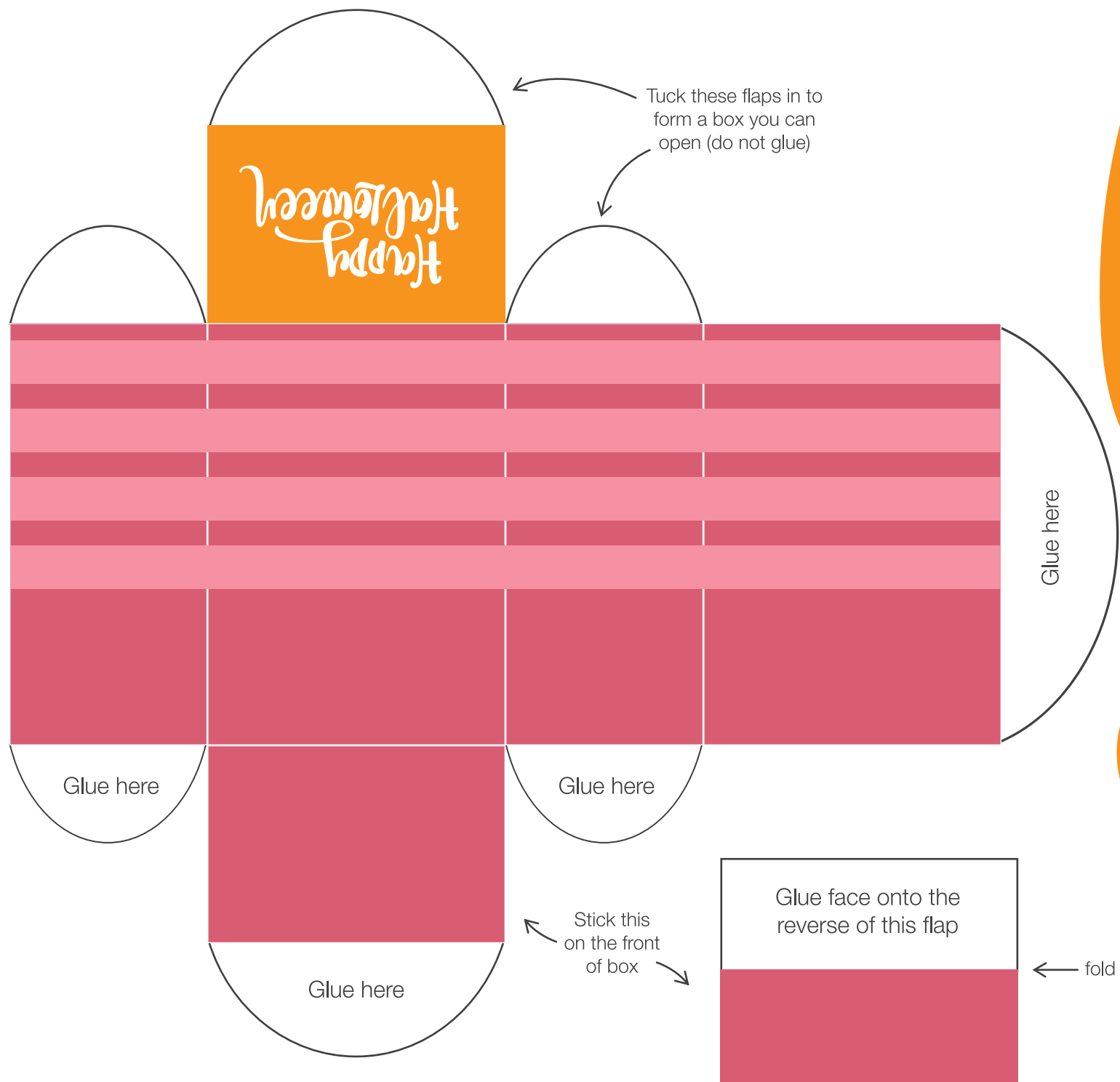


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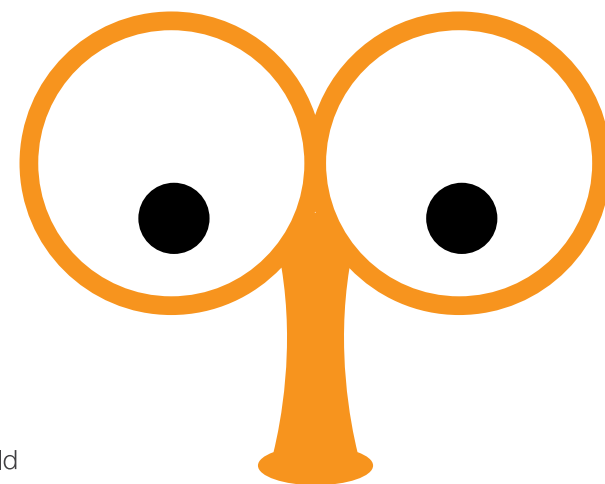


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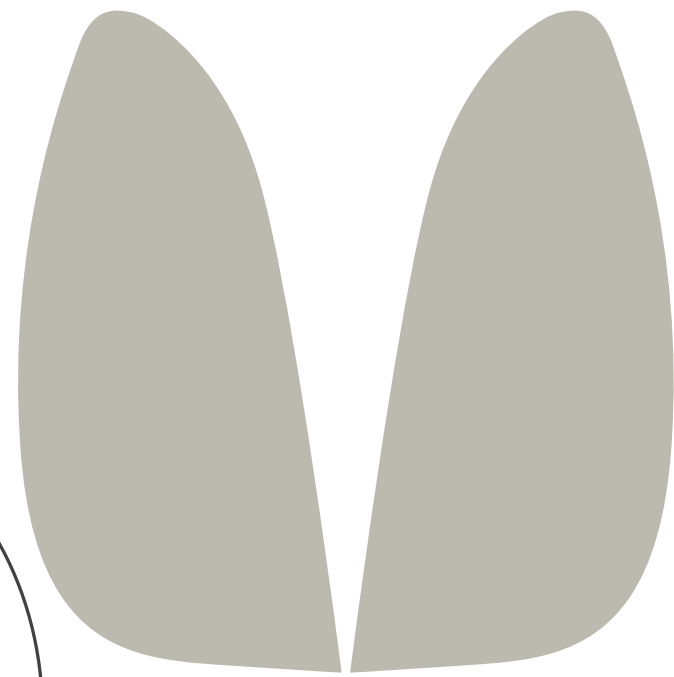
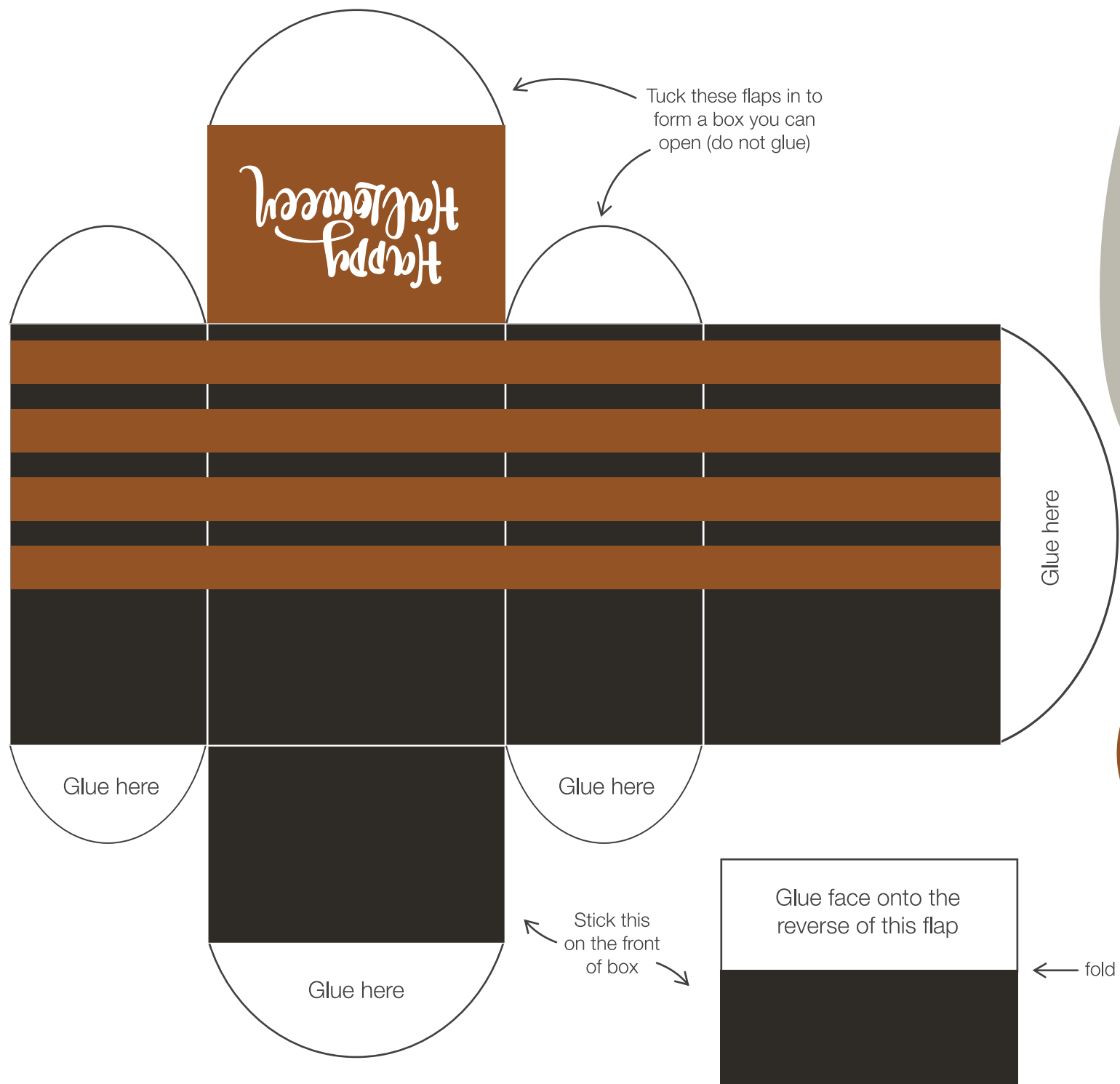
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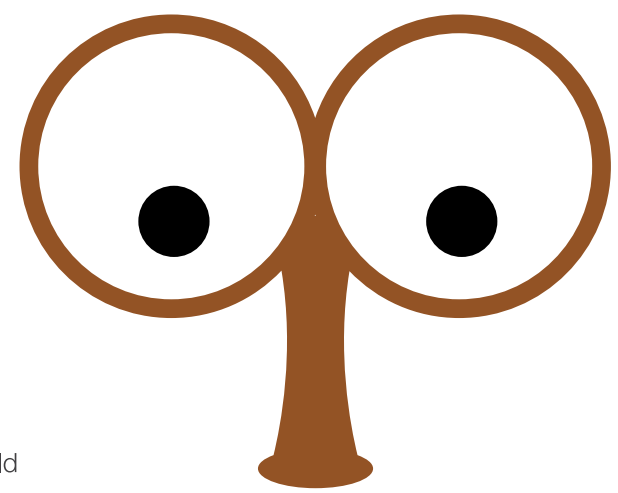
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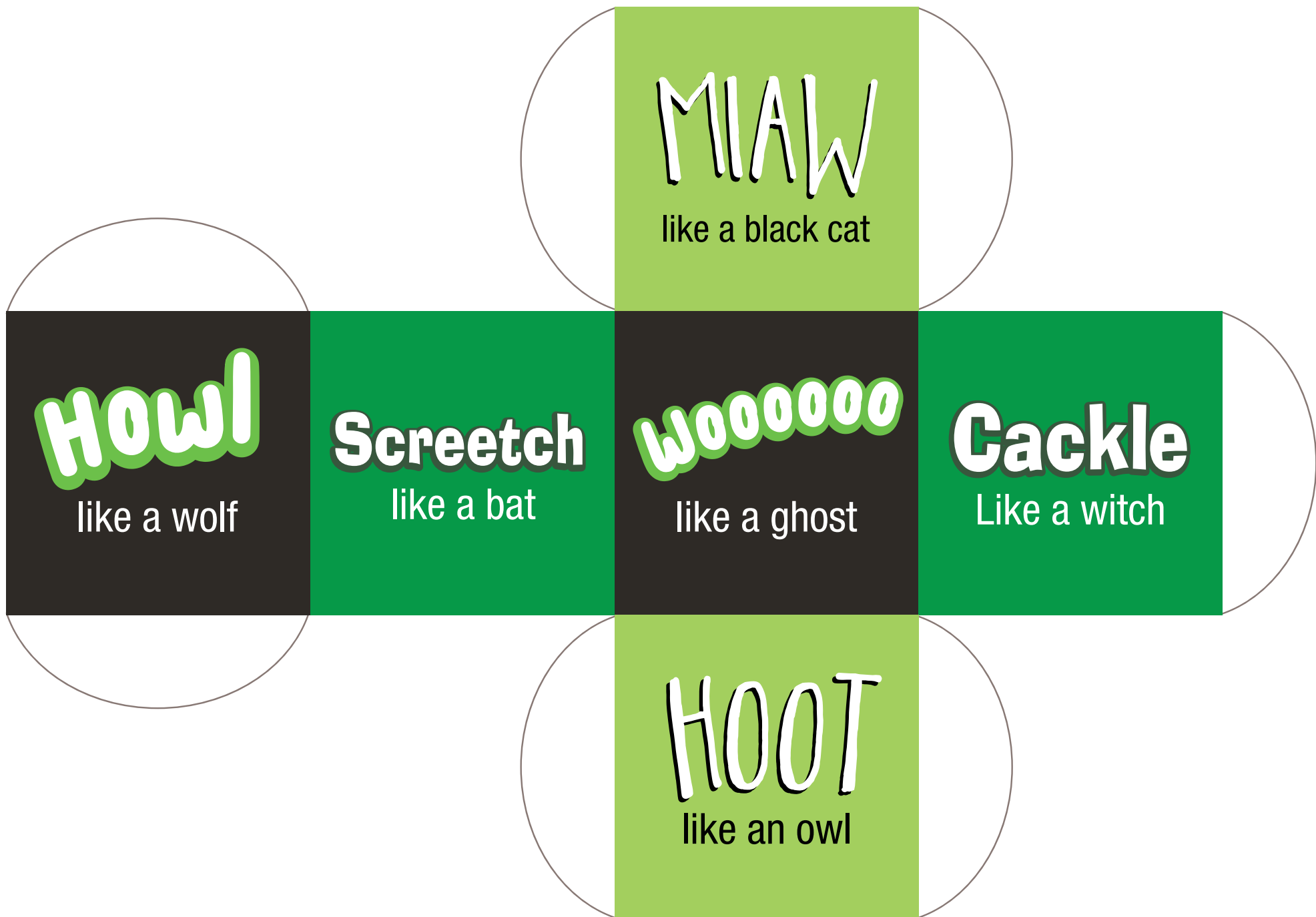


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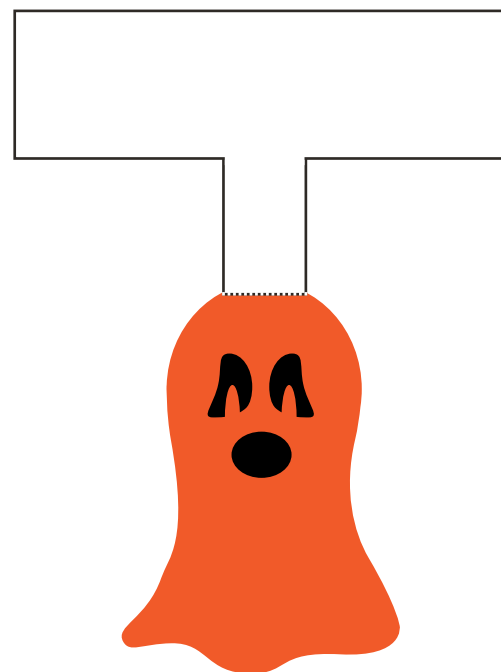
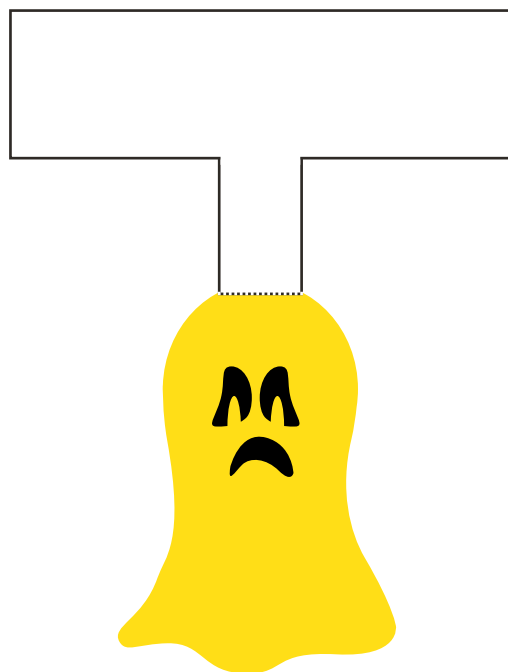
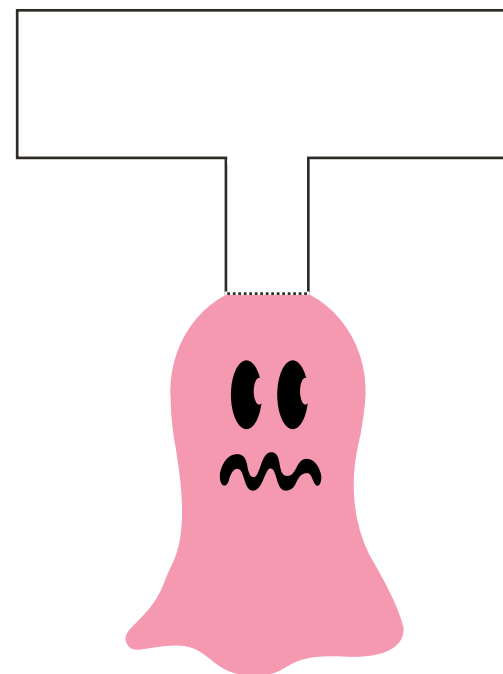
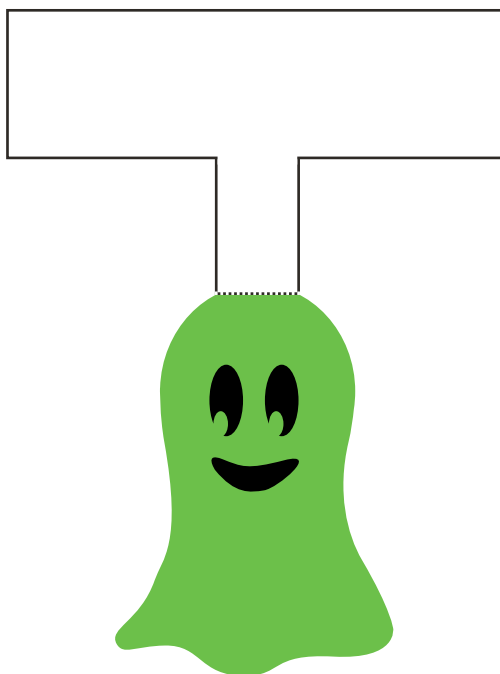
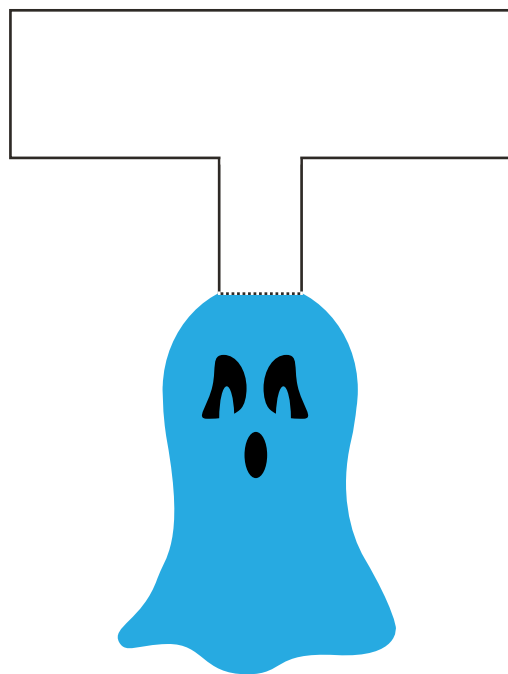


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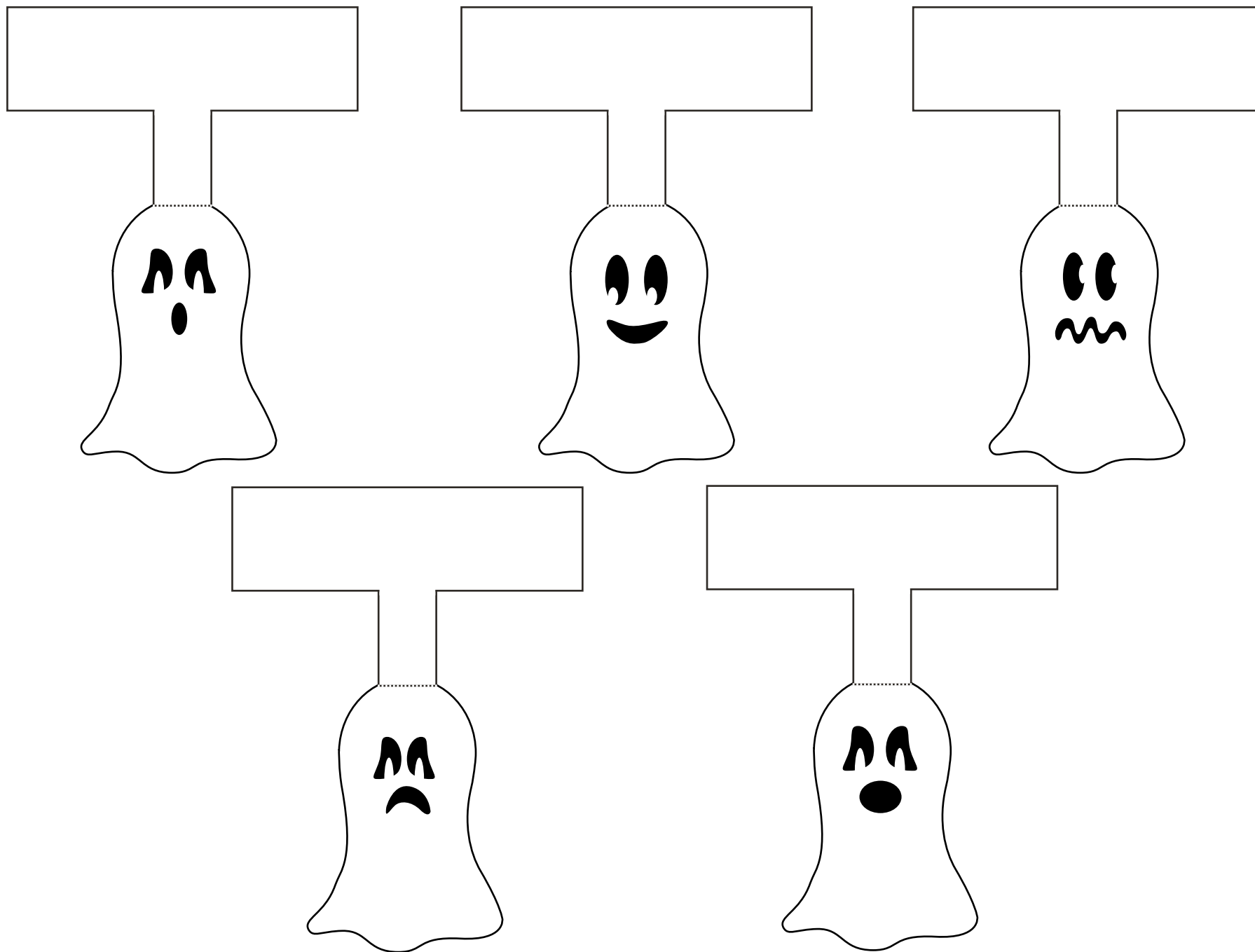
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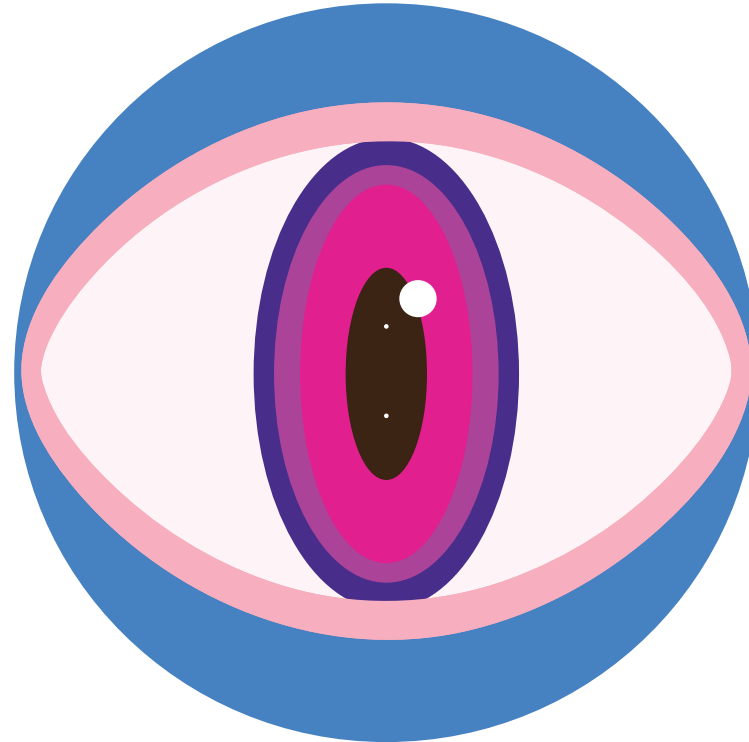
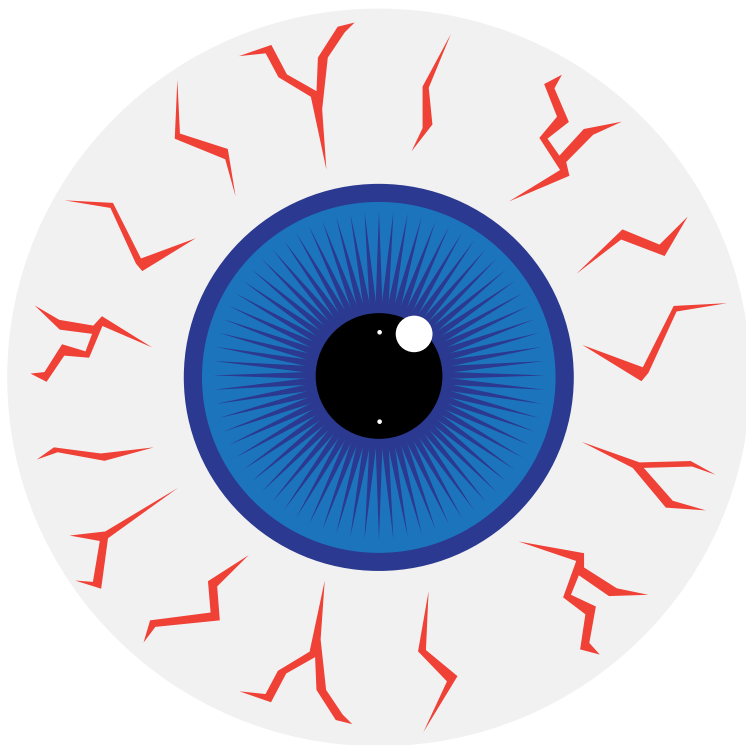
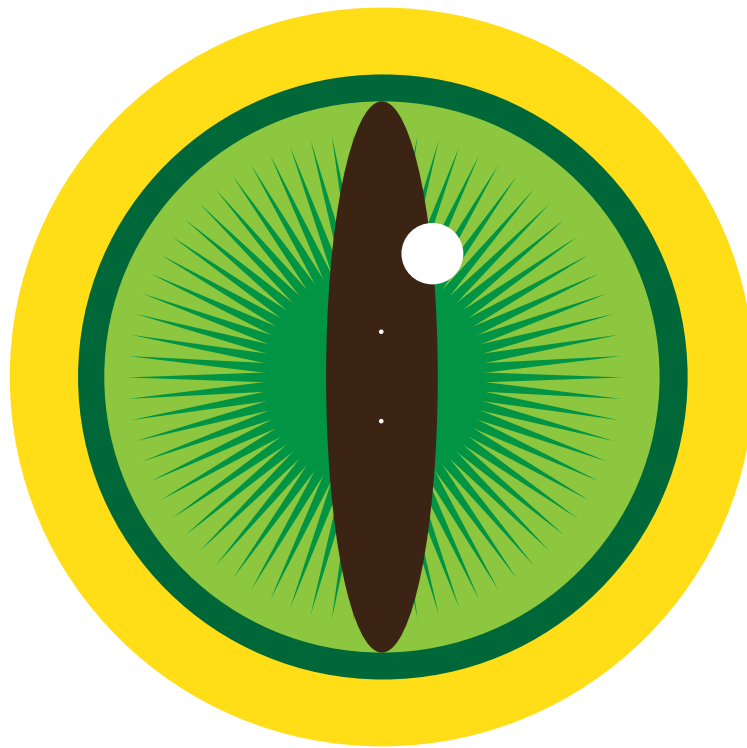
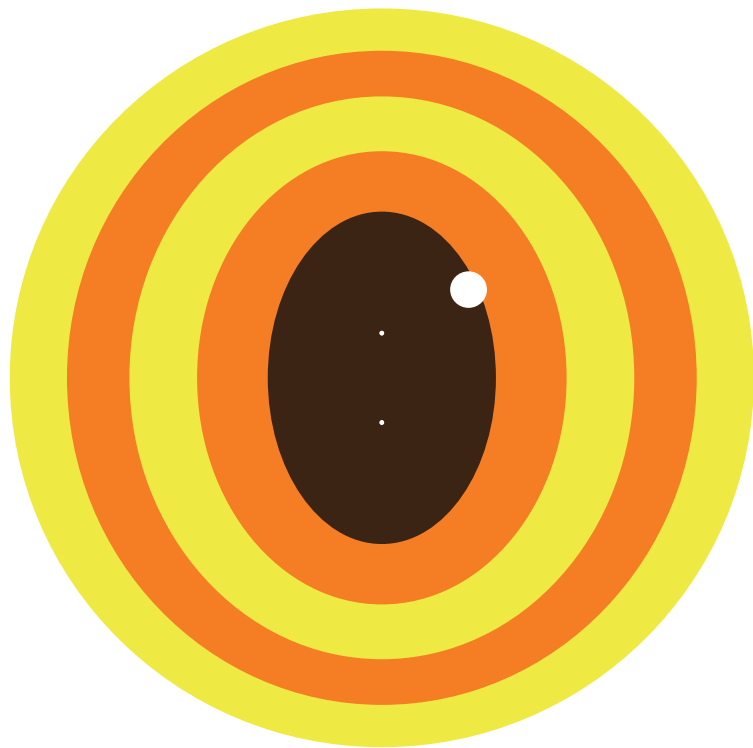




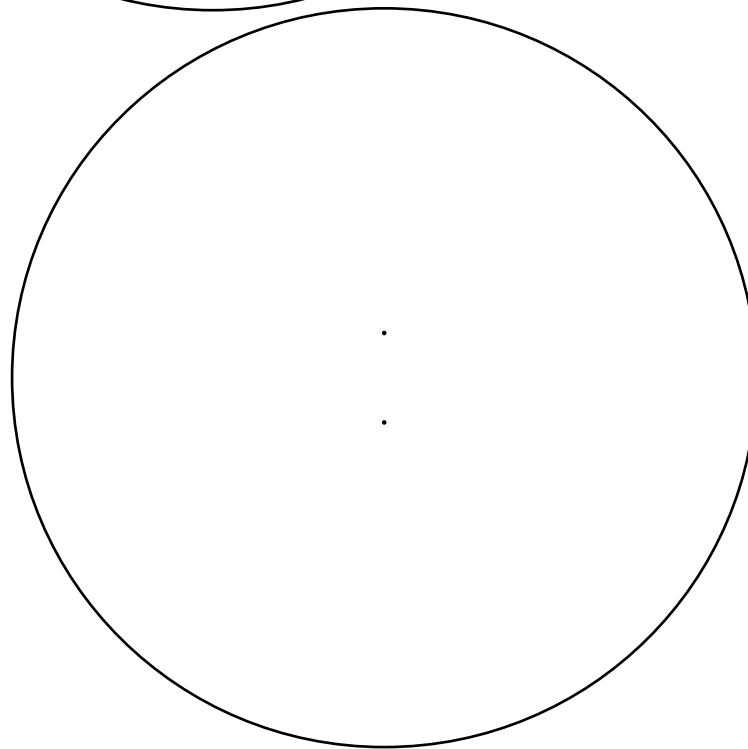
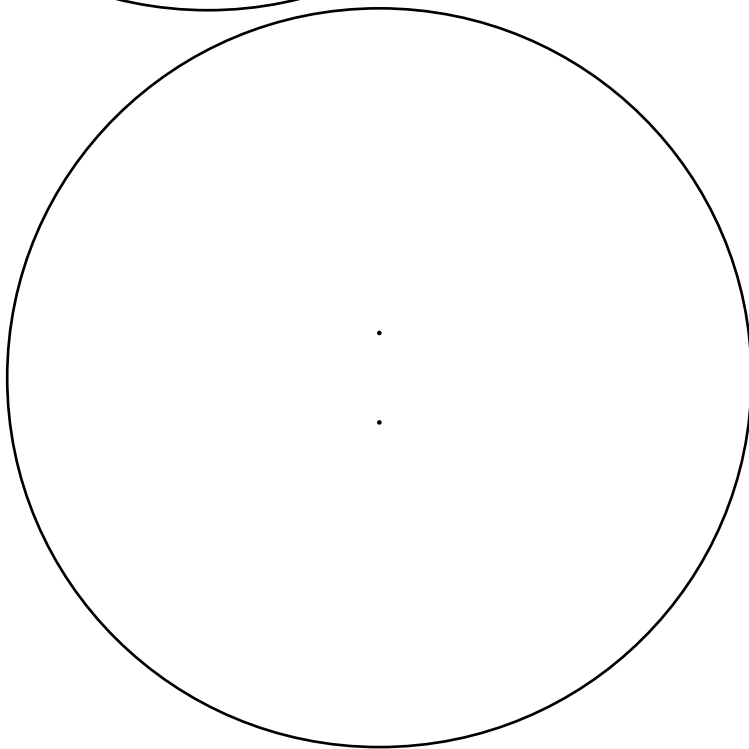
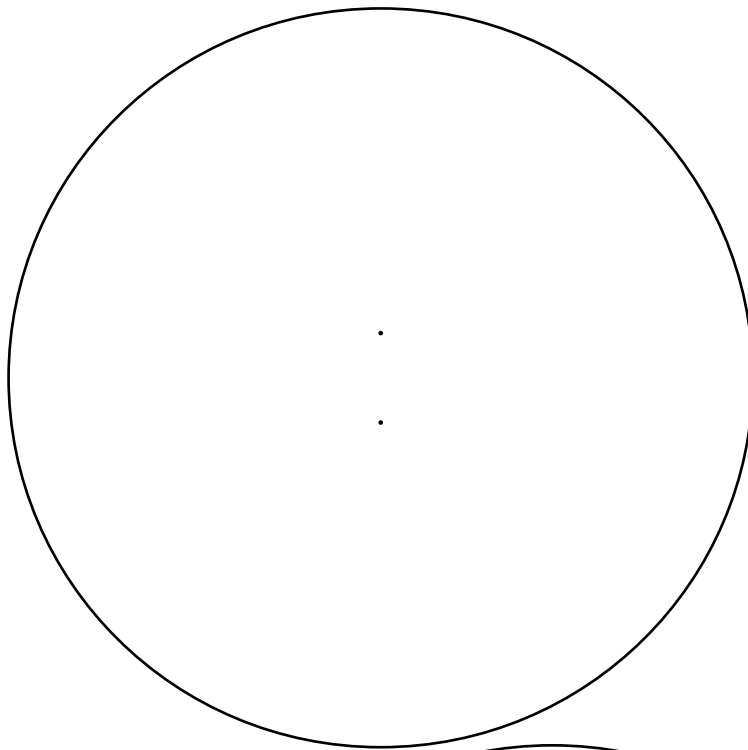
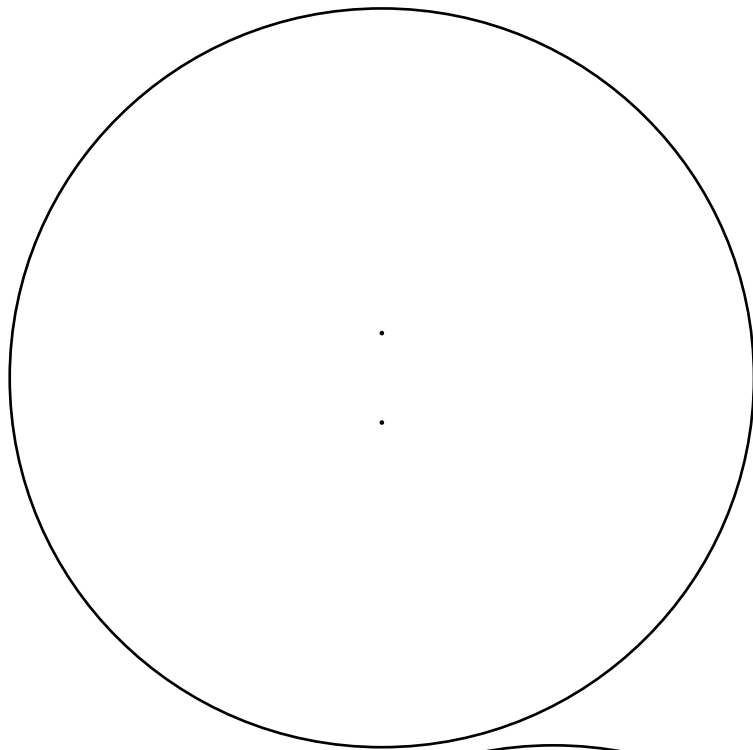
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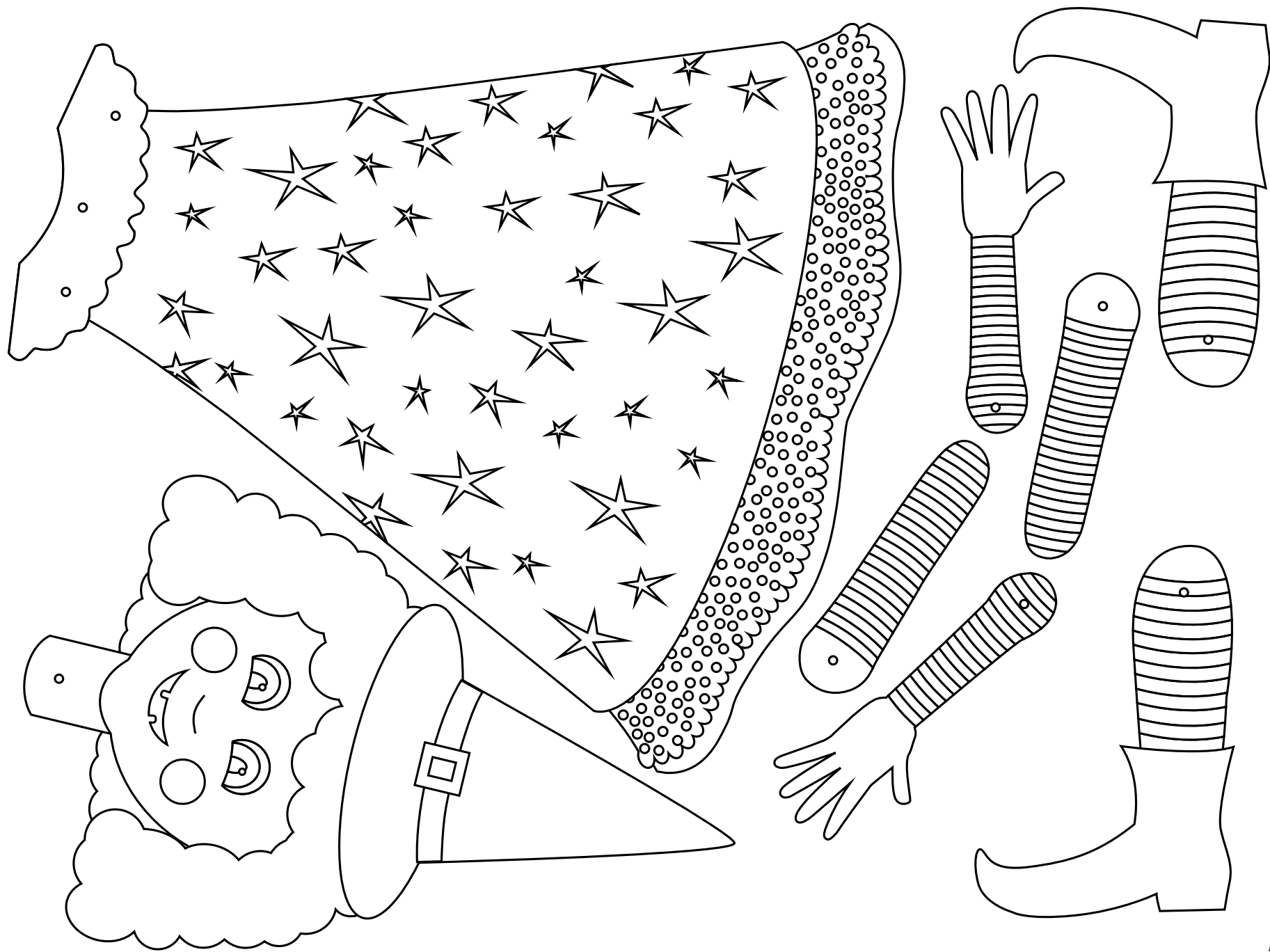


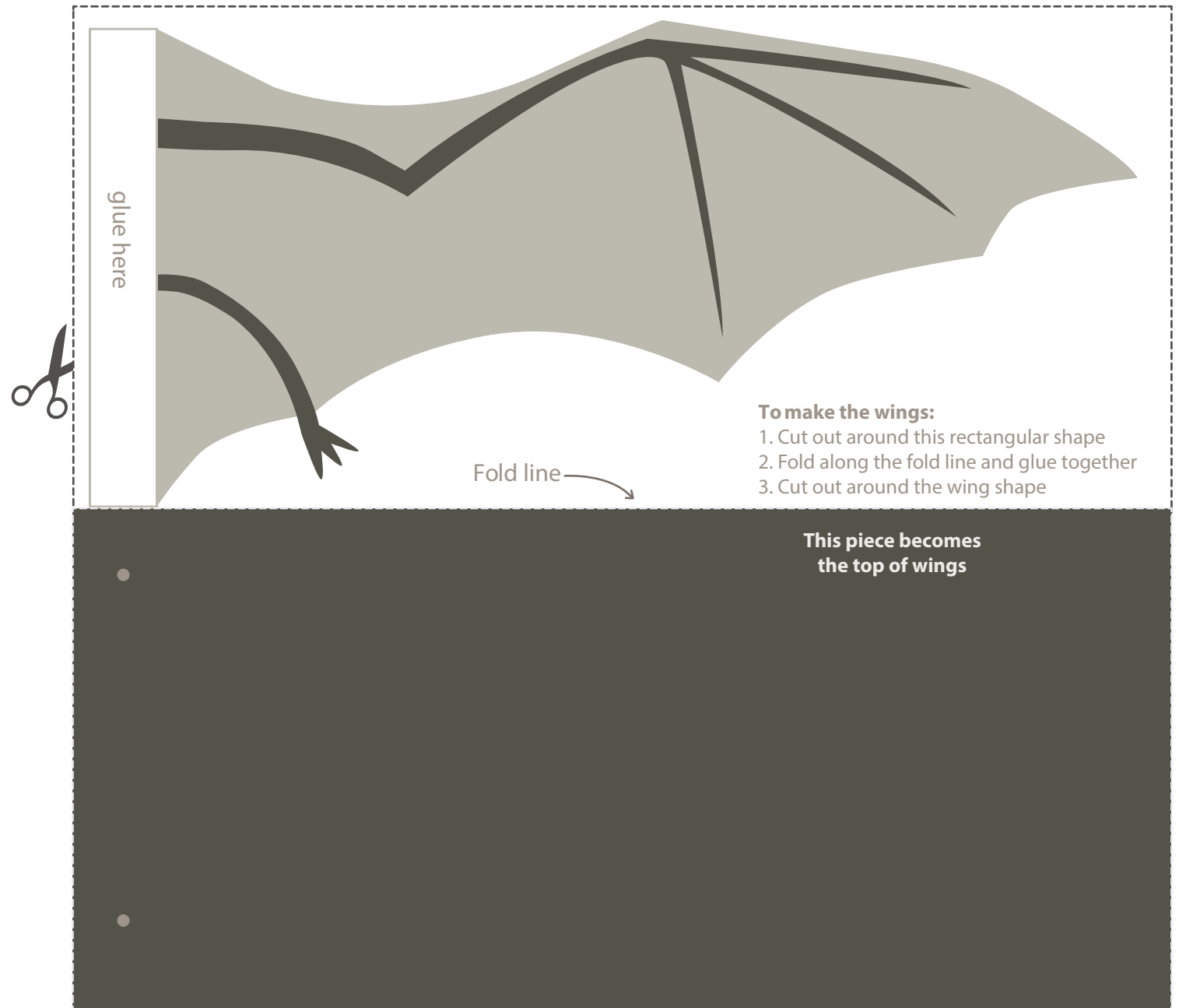
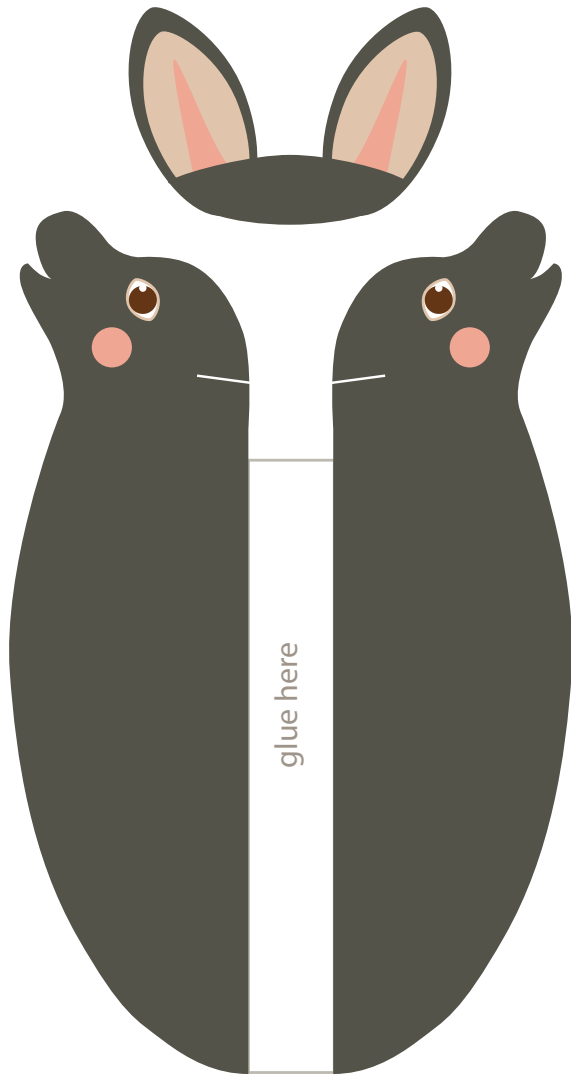
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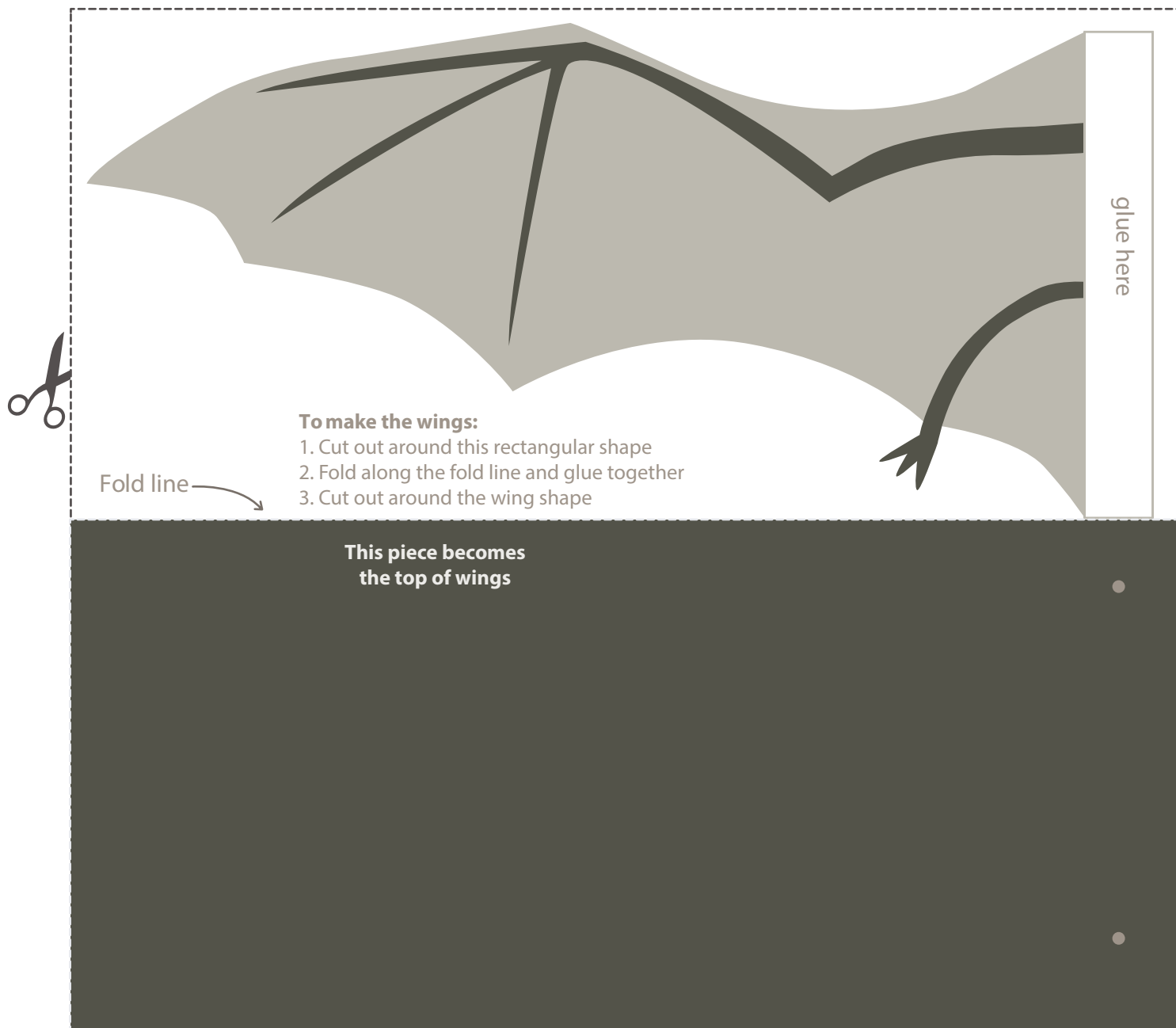


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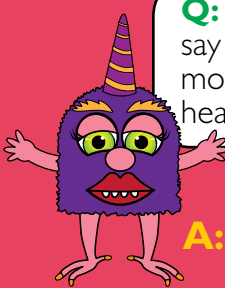
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A: Daycare!



Q: What did the big scary monster say to his sweetheart?

A: "You're pretty ugly!"



Q: What do you say to a big scary monster with two heads?

A: "Hello, hello!"



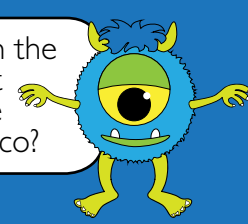
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A: Because everything kept going into one ear and out of three others



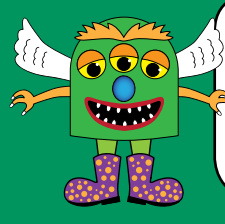
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A: His beautiful ghou! friend



Q: Who won the prize for best dancer at the monsters' disco?

A: The boogieman!



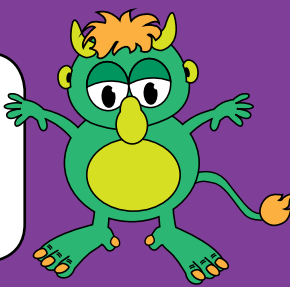
Q: What did the big scary monster paint in art class?

A: A monsterpiece!



Q: How do you keep a big scary monster in suspense?

A: I'll tell you tomorrow




Q: What's a big scary monster's favourite snack?

A: Human beans on toast!



Q: How does a big scary monster wash her hair?

A: With a bit of sham-boo!



Q: What is big, hairy and bounces up and down?

A: A monster on a pogo stick!



Q: What's a monster's favourite game?

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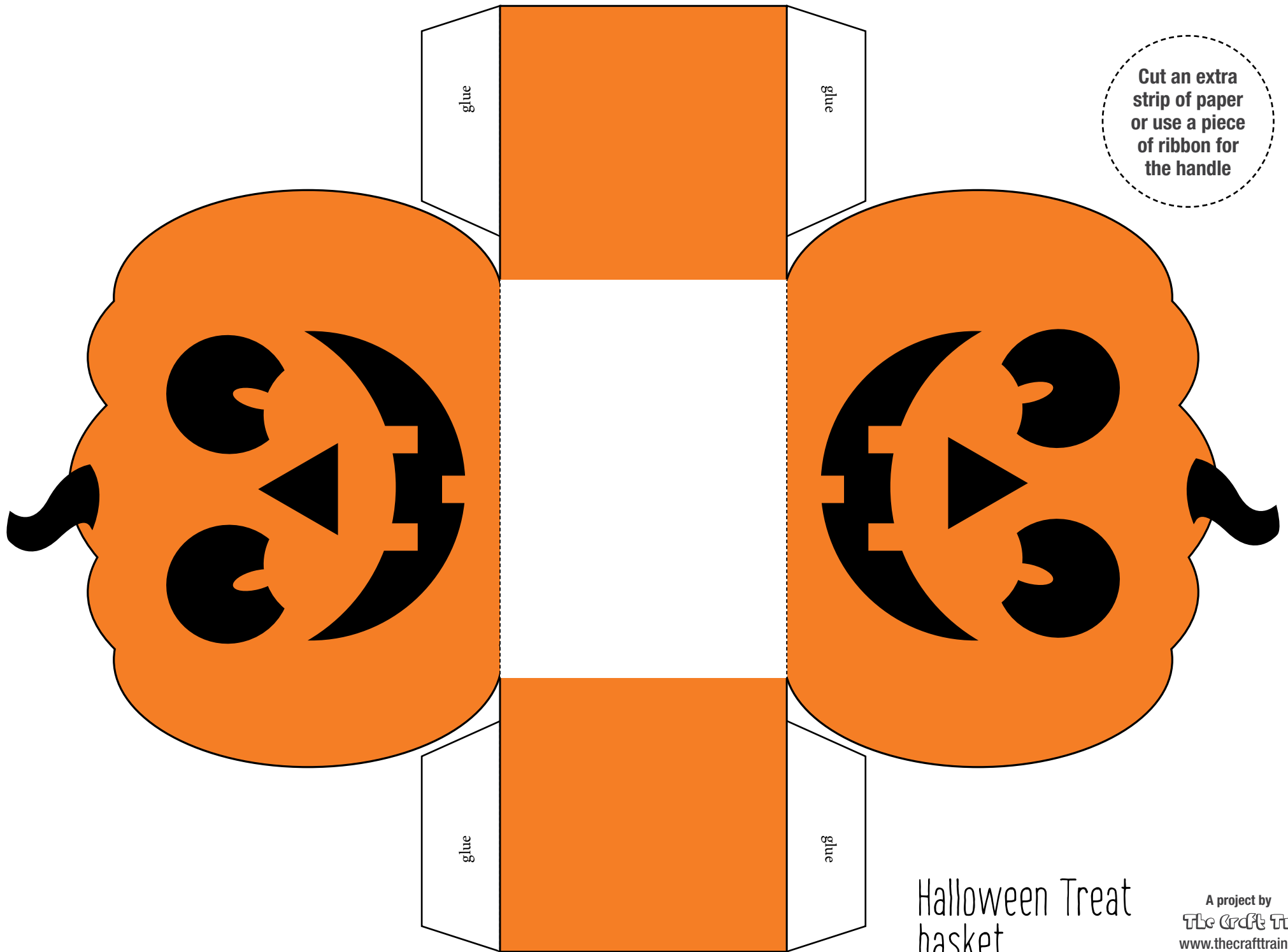


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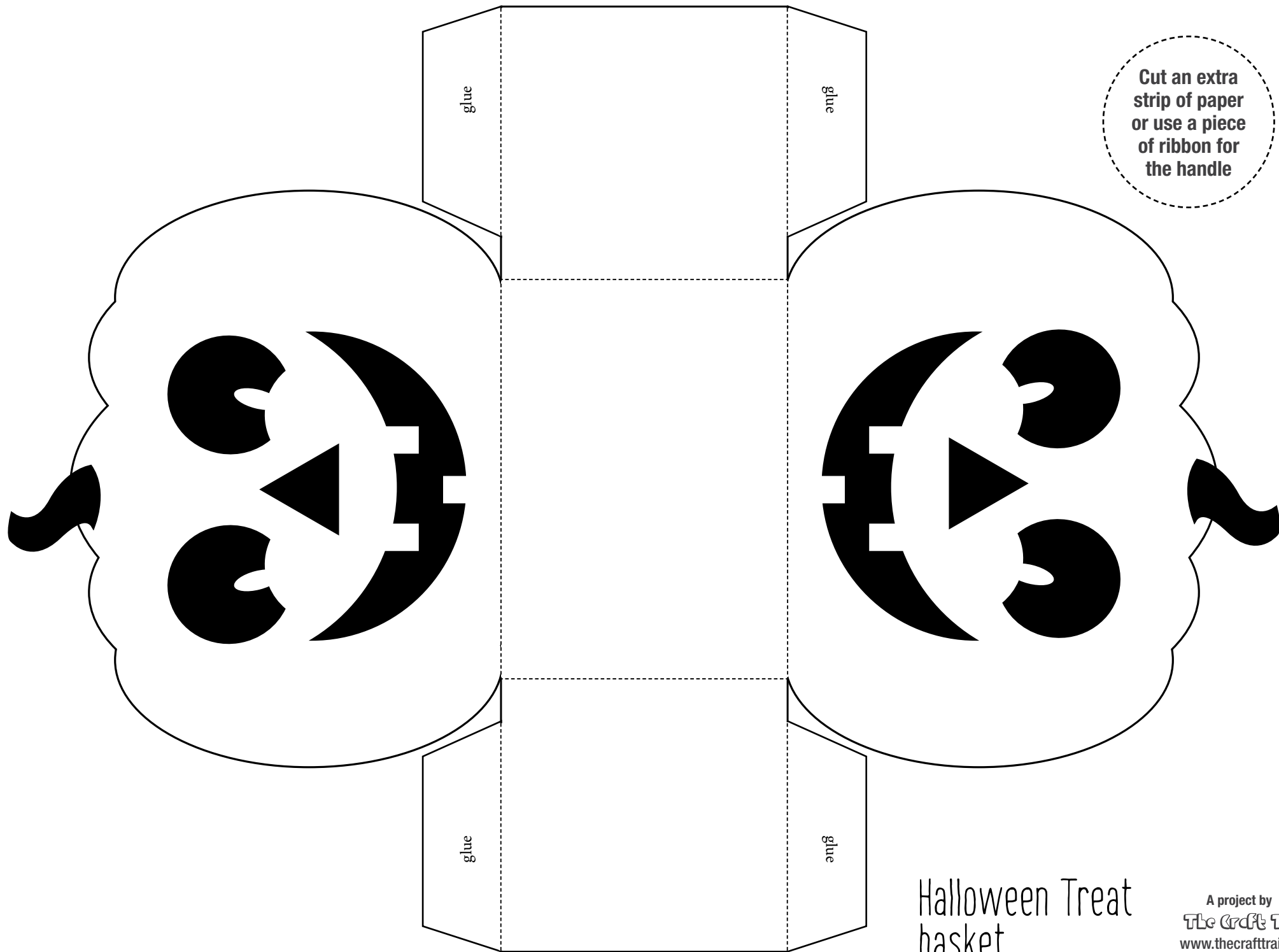
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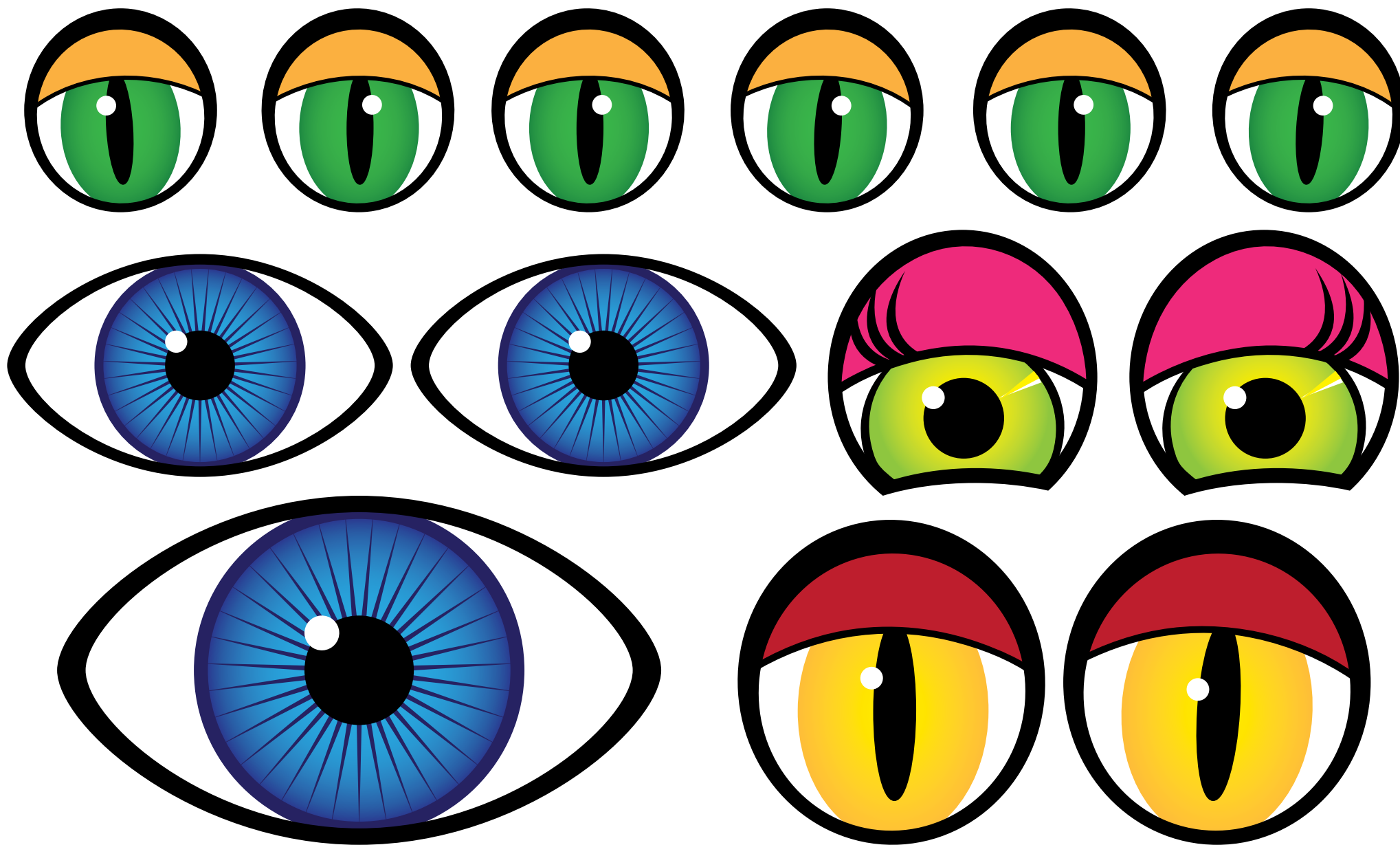
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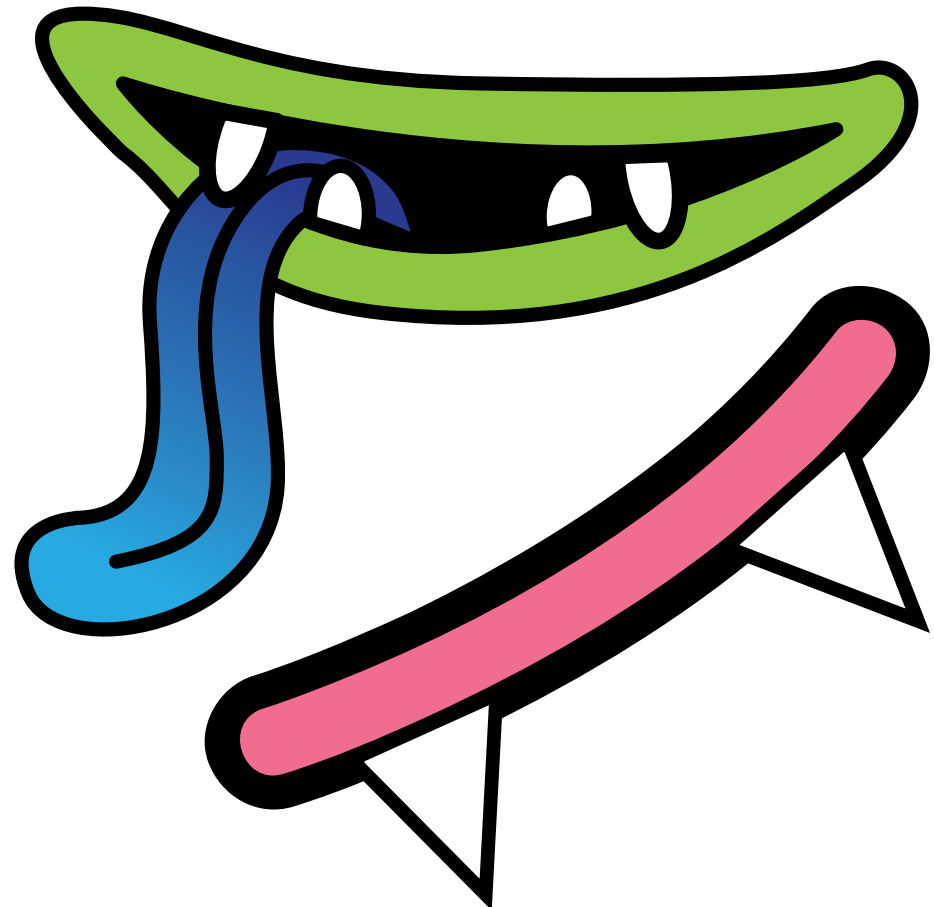
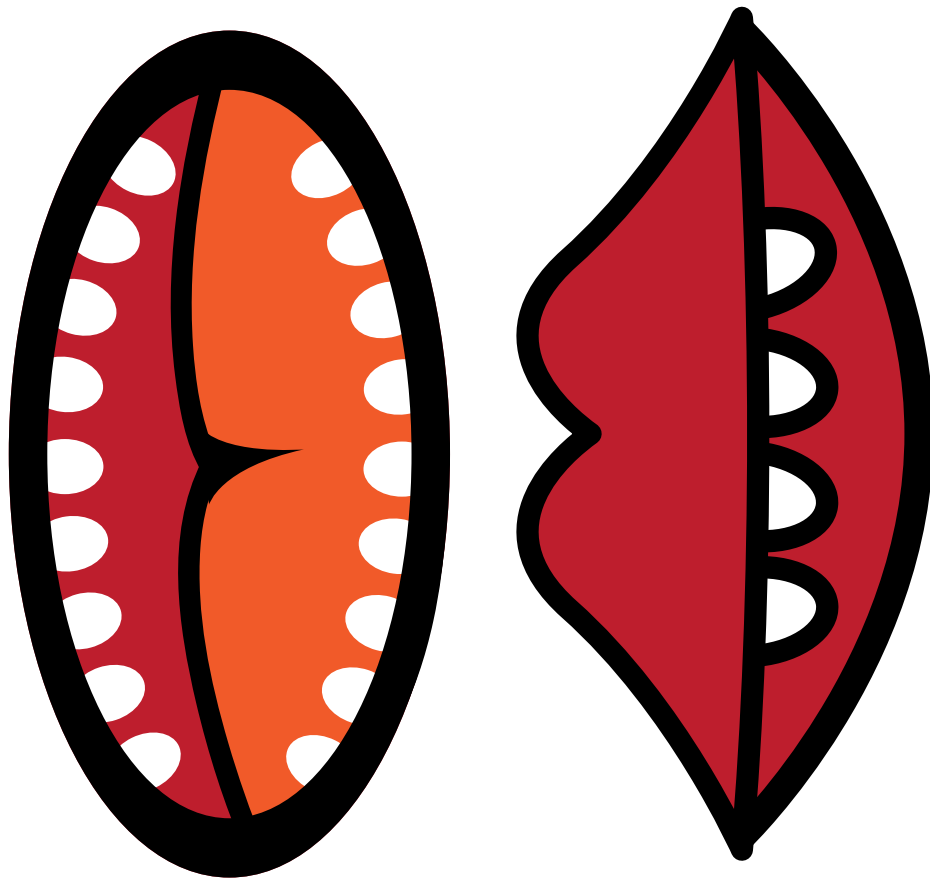
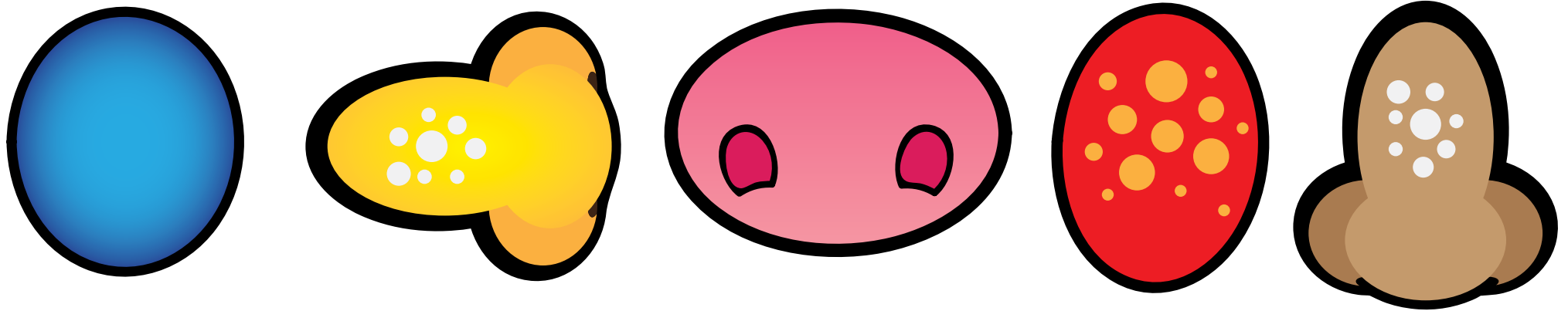
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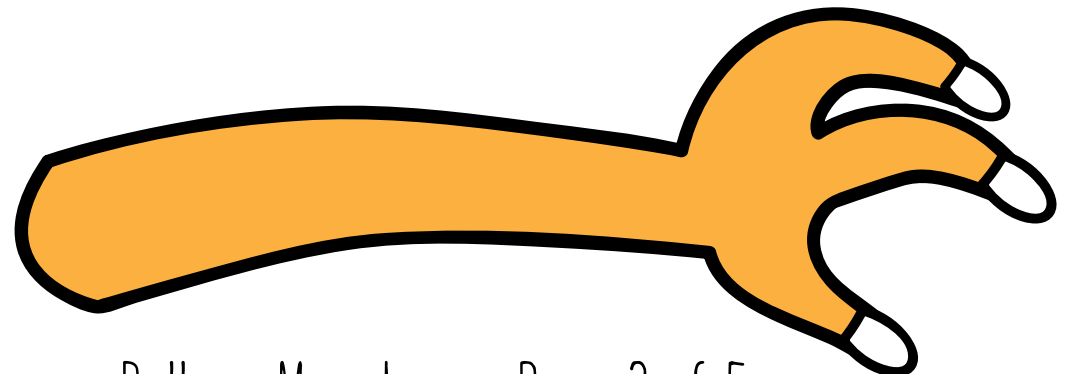
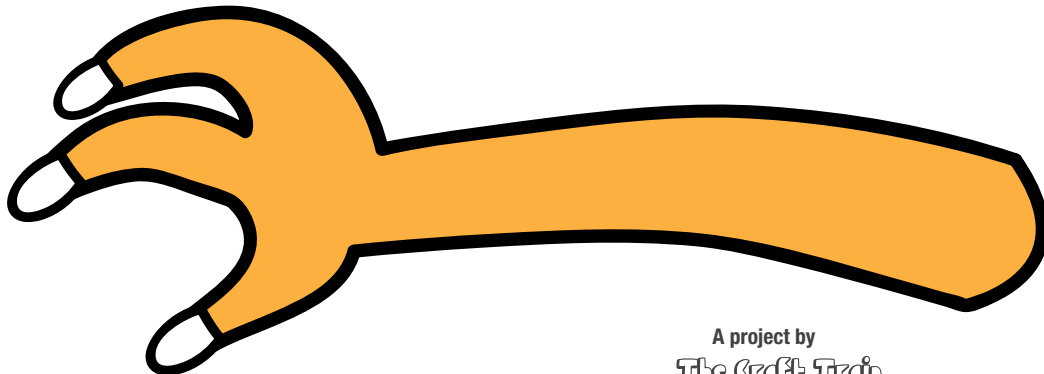
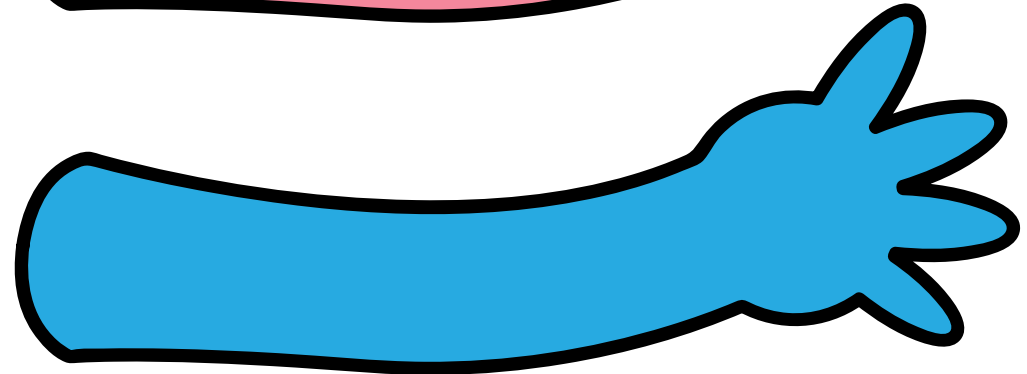
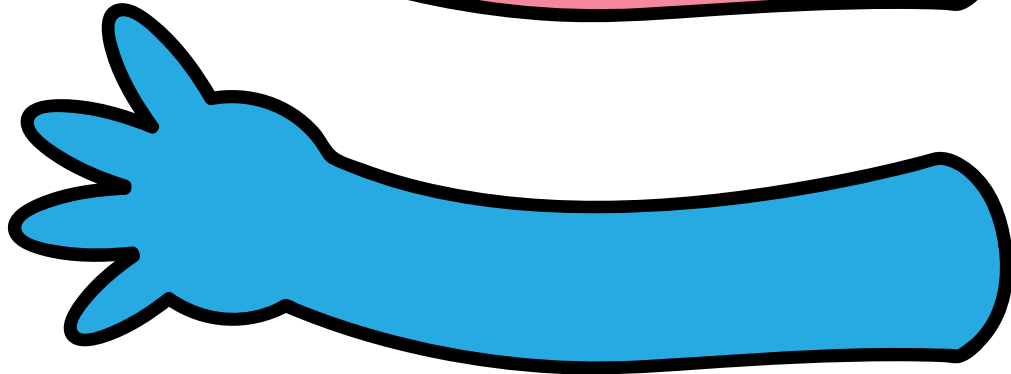
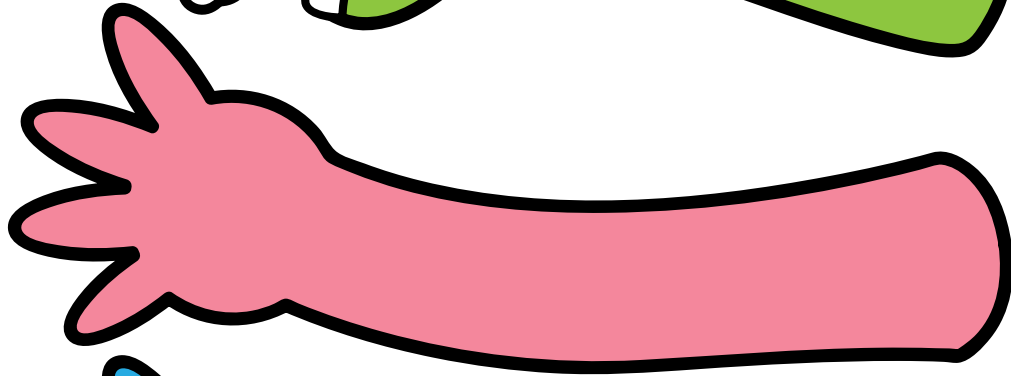
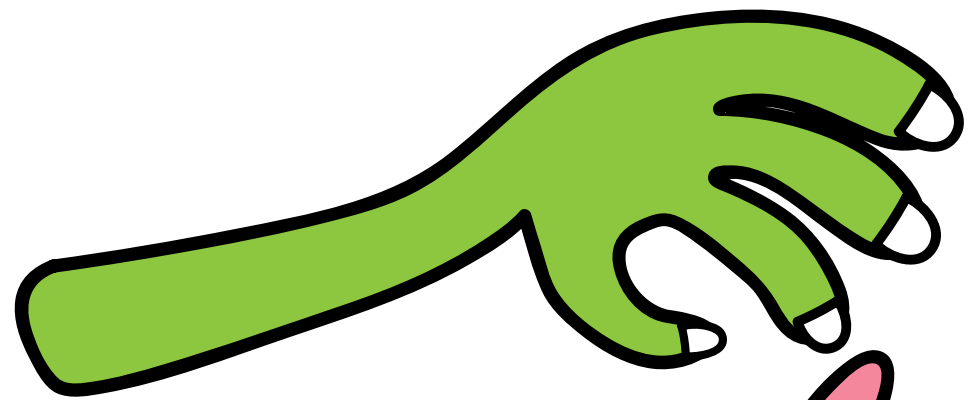
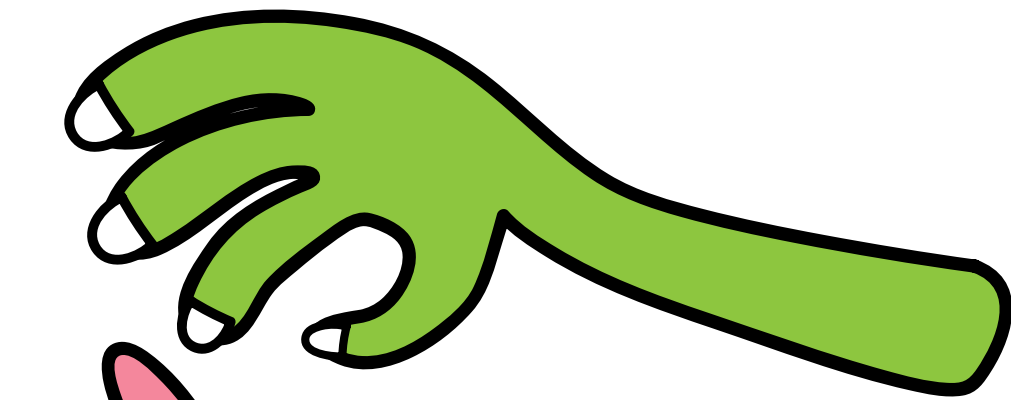
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Monster noses and mouths

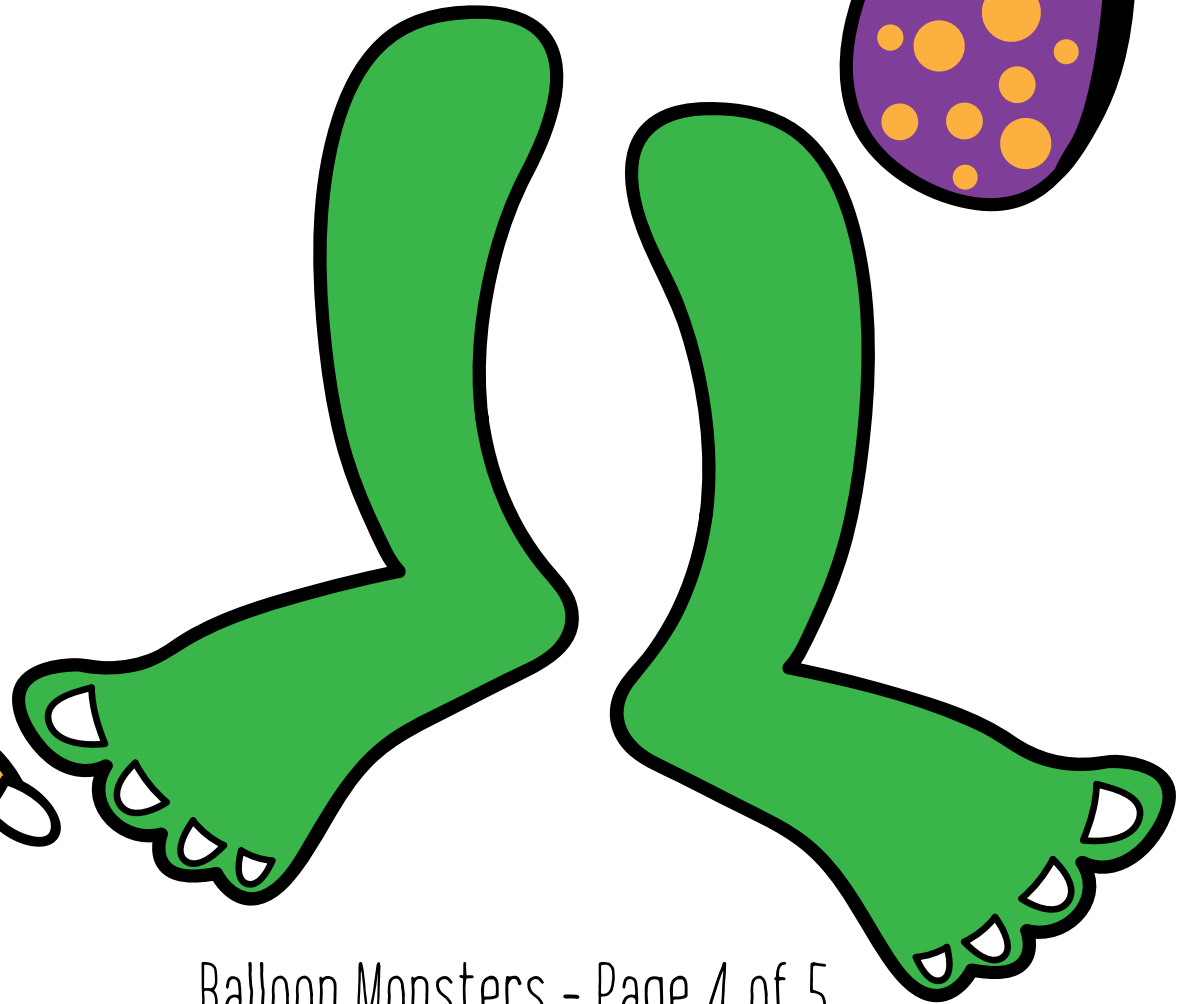
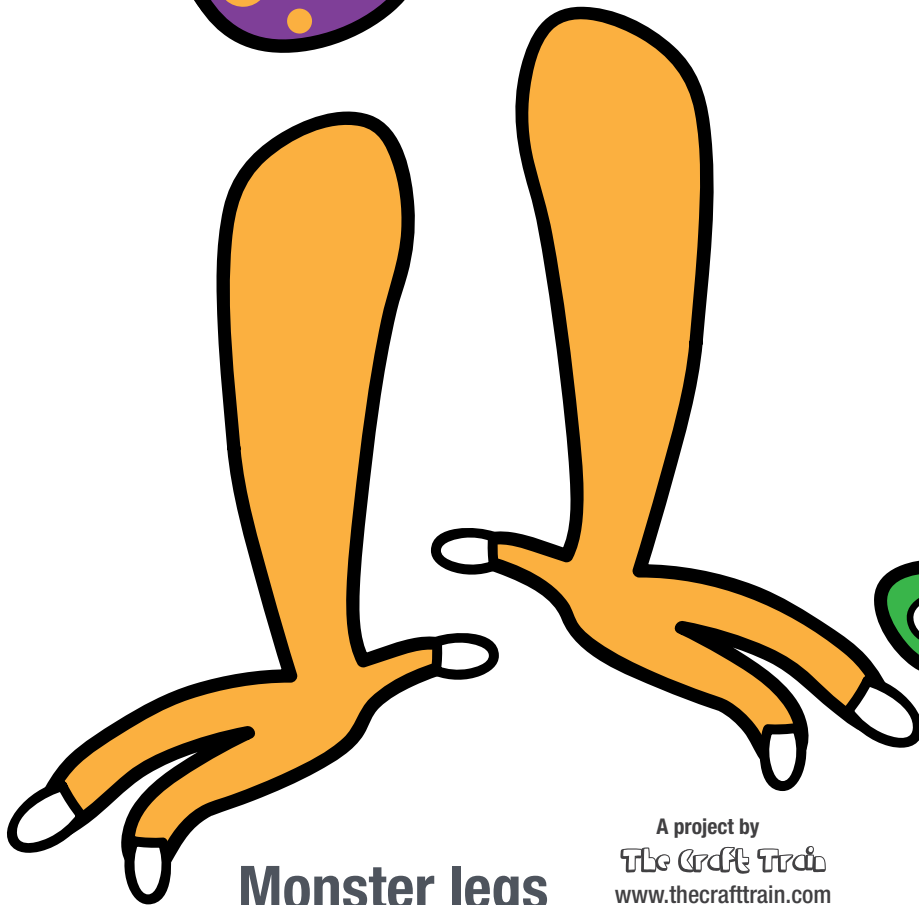
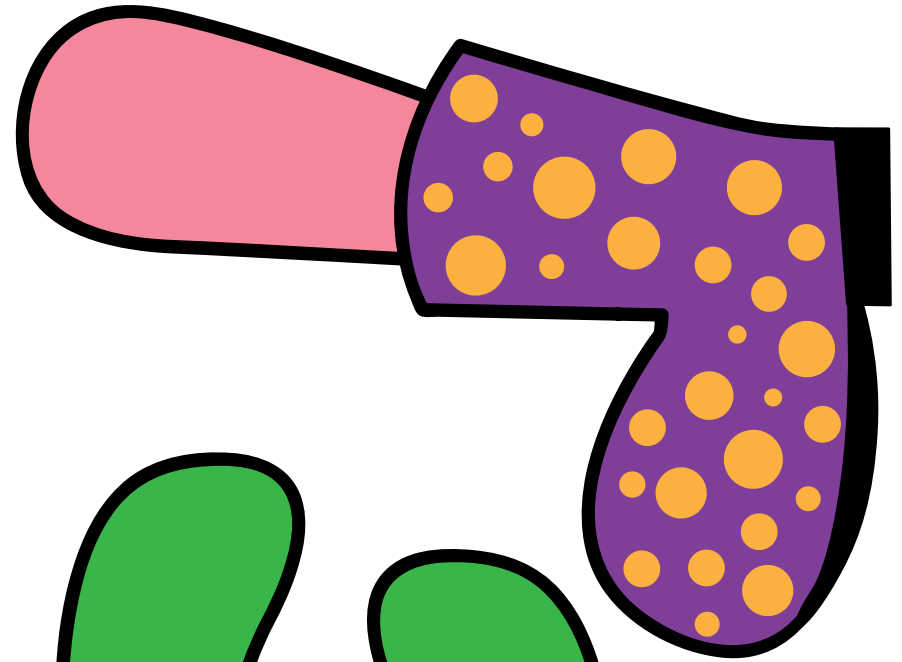
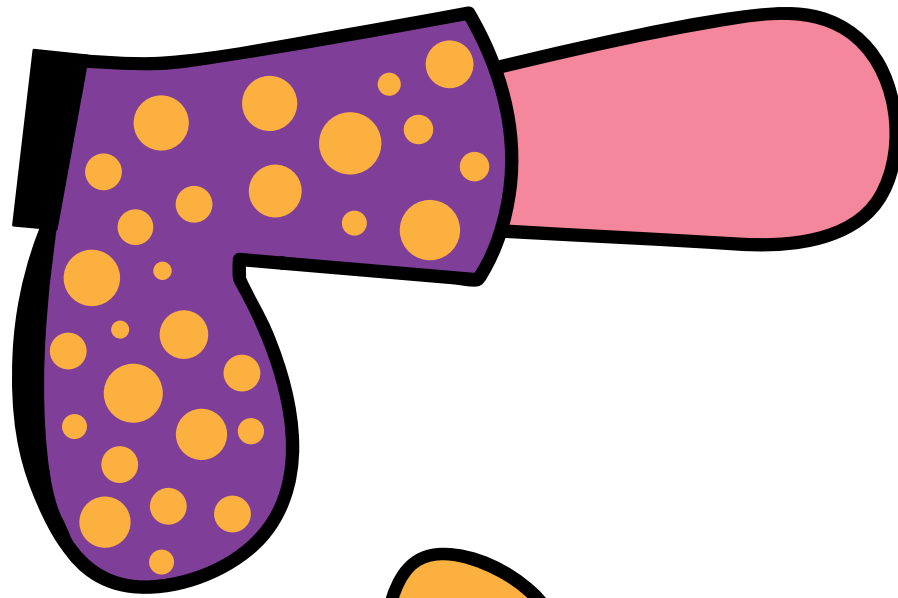
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