

# ABC Crafts for Lowercase Letters

a letter recognition activity



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# ABC Crafts for Lowercase Letters

Take your preschooler on an alphabet adventure with our ABC Crafts! You'll find 26 easy-to-assemble crafts—one for every letter of the alphabet. Use these crafts as letter-of-the-week activities or make them all at once. Hang them on the wall or the refrigerator, or compile them all into a big, colorful Lowercase ABC Book.



## Here's what you'll need

### To create your letter crafts:

- Printer paper (to print templates)
- An assortment of card stock
- 17 “googly” eyes
- Glue sticks
- Pencil, markers, and scissors

### To assemble your craft books (optional):

- 3-hole punch (for a tied book)
- Yarn (for a tied book)
- Clear reinforcement labels (for a tied book)
- 3-ring binder (for a 3-ring book)
- 26 plastic page sleeves (for a 3-ring book)

## Instructions

1. Print the templates for each letter and cut out the pieces.
2. Trace the letter and the animal pieces onto card stock. You can use any colors you like to create your letters, or use the pictures on the ABC Crafts Color Guide on page 4 to help you select a color scheme.
3. Glue each letter and the corresponding animal pieces to a sheet of card stock as shown in the samples on the ABC Crafts Color Guide.
4. Glue on googly eyes as shown in the craft illustrations.

**If you decide to compile your completed crafts into a book, trim your background papers to 8.5" x 11". Then choose one of these options:**

**Option 1:** Slip your completed craft pages into plastic page protectors and place them into a 3-ring binder. For a great finishing touch, print the My Lowercase ABC Book cover on page 5.

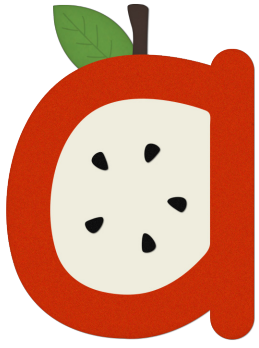
**Option 2:** Punch holes through the letter craft pages with a 3-hole punch. Reinforce the holes with clear reinforcement labels. Tie your pages together with yarn or string.

# ABC Crafts Color Guide



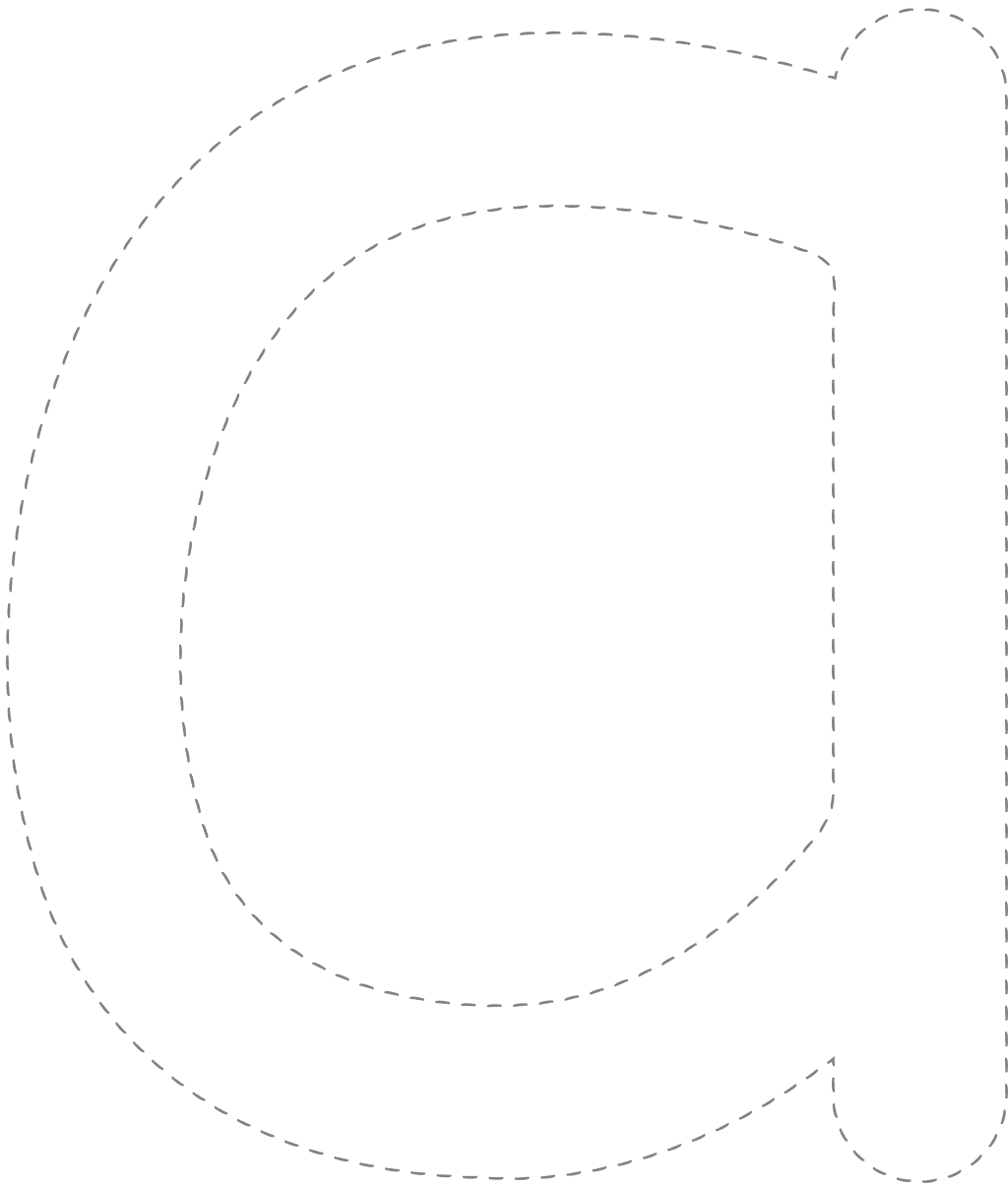
# My Lowercase ABC Book

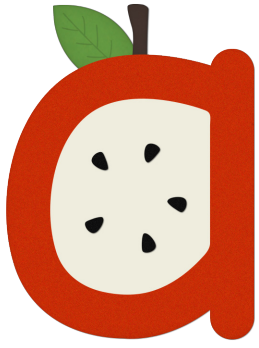




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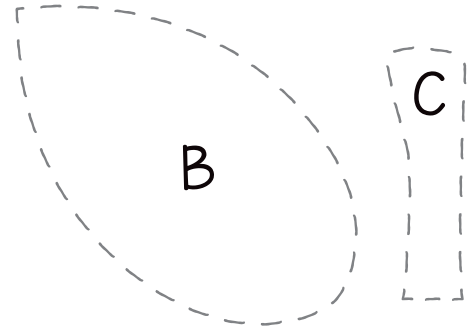
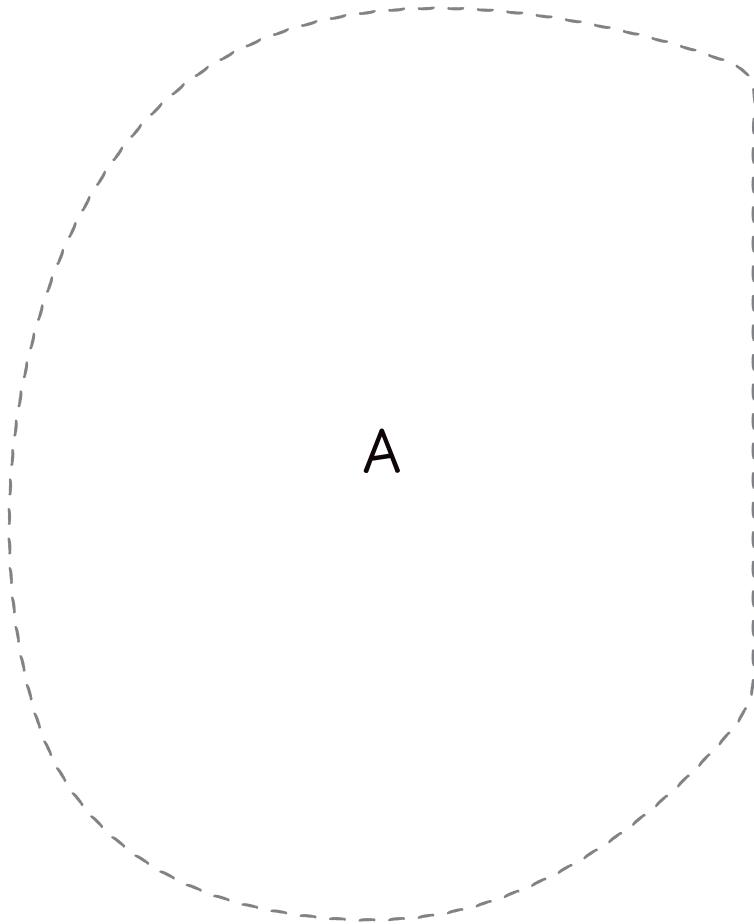
Letter A (red)





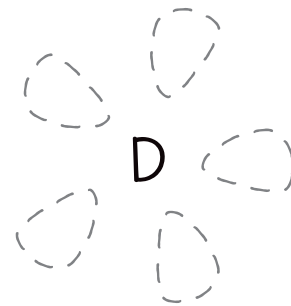
## A Is for Apple Craft

- A - Apple Core (tan)
- B - Leaf (green)
- C - Stem (dark brown)
- D - Seeds (black)
- Background (green)



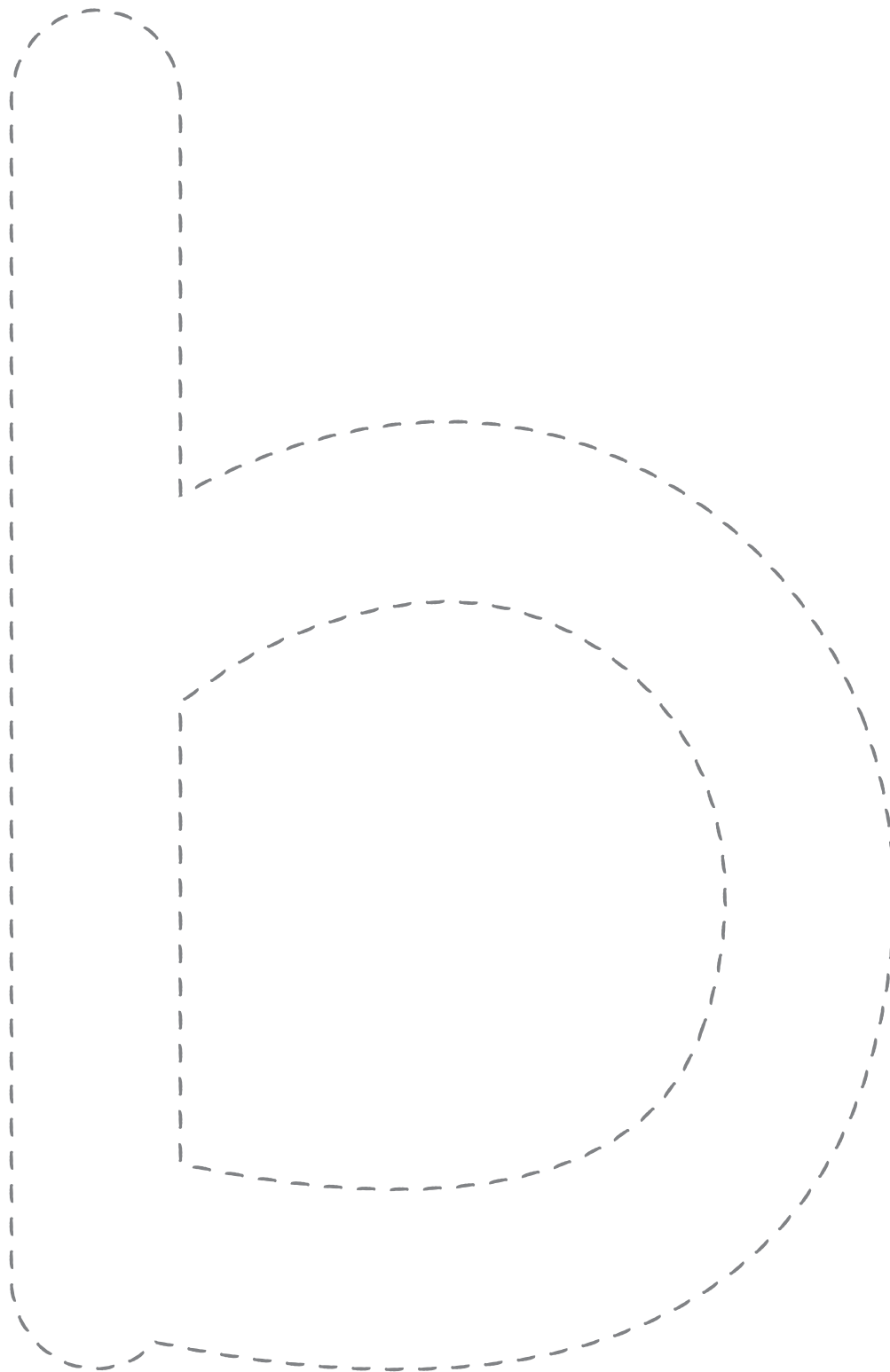
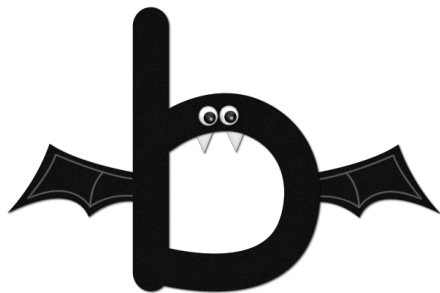
### Craft Tip:

After assembling the apple, use a marker to draw the details on the leaf.

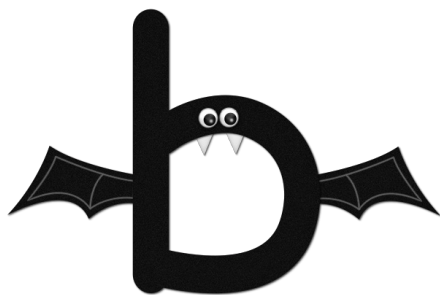


# B Is for Bat Craft

Letter B (black)

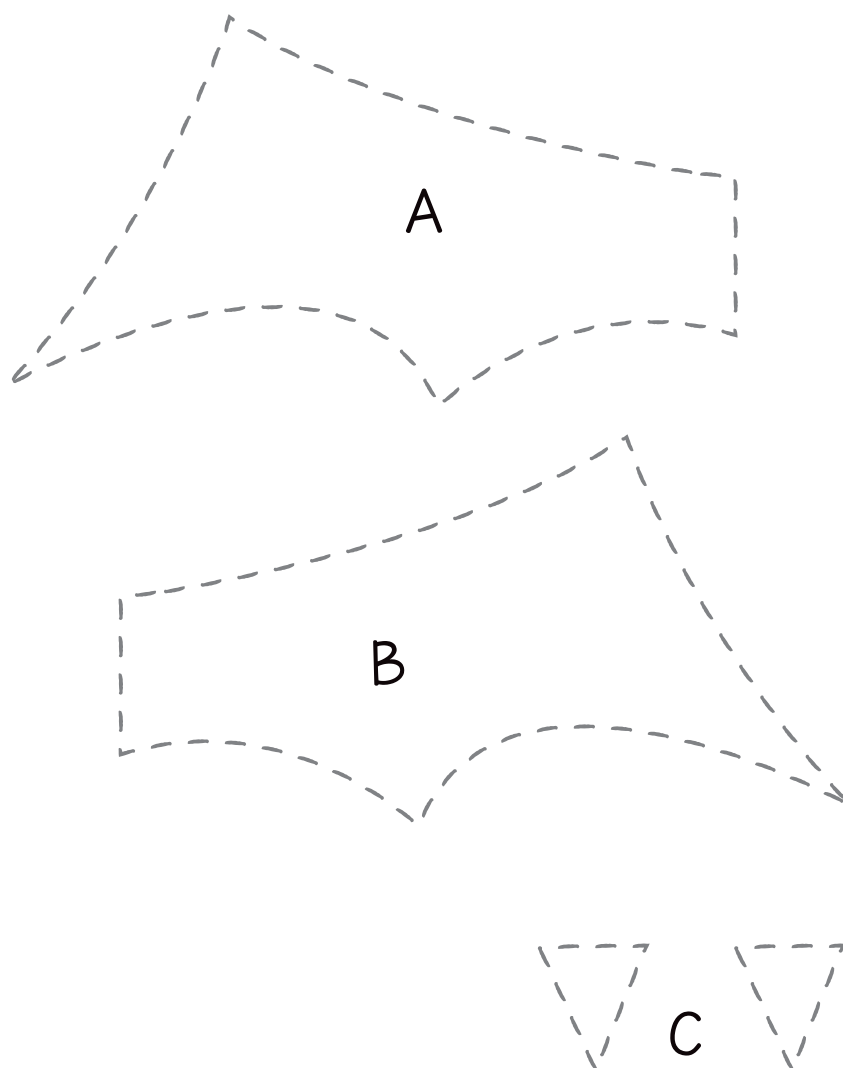






## B Is for Bat Craft

- A - Left Wing (black)
- B - Right Wing (black)
- C - Fangs (white)
- Background (yellow)

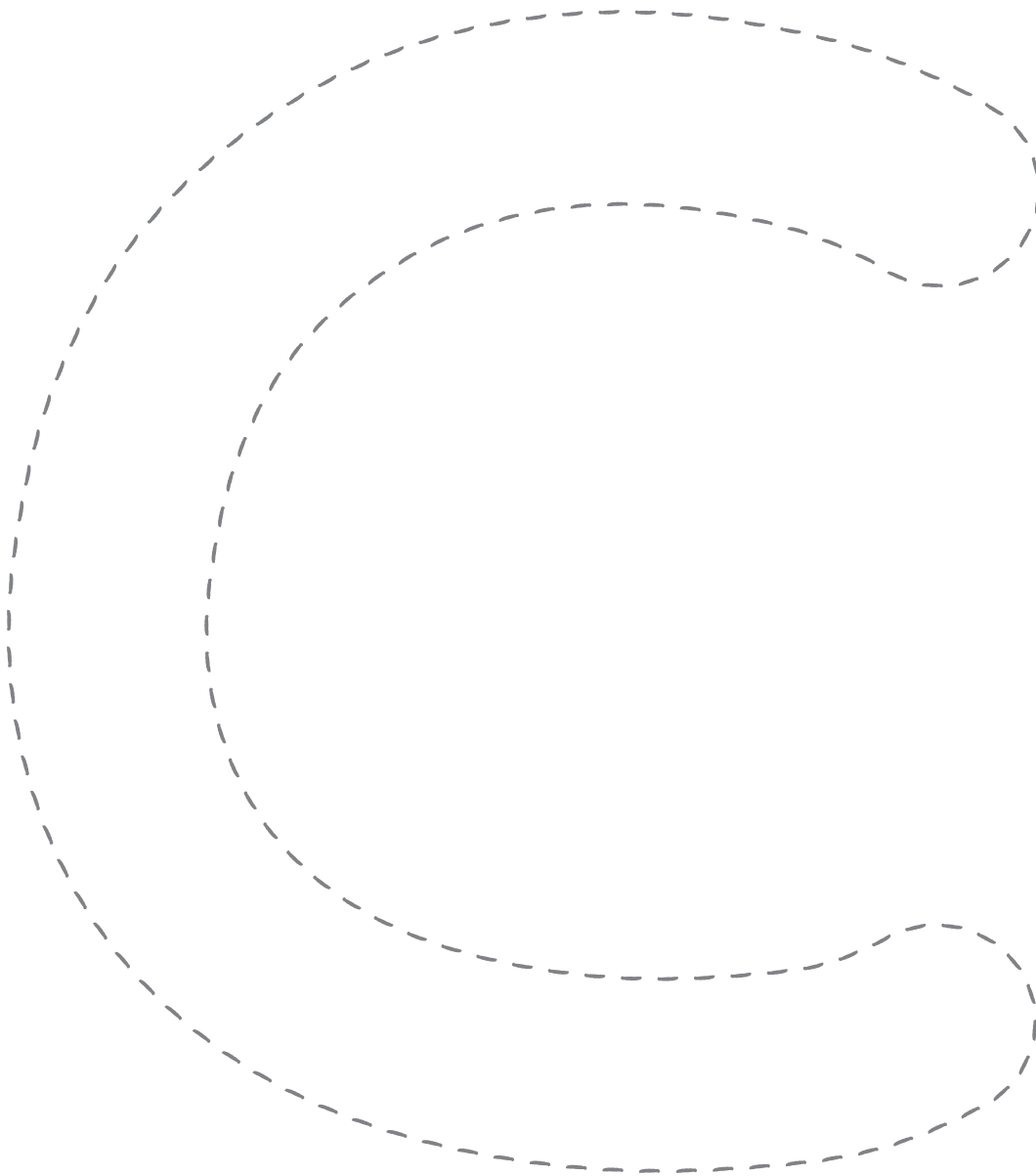
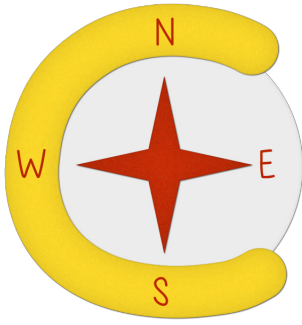


### Craft Tip:

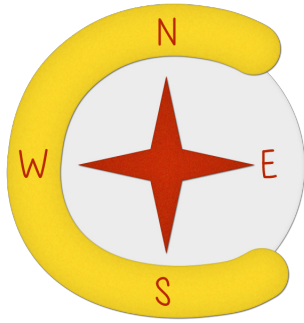
Use a white colored pencil to draw the details on the wings.

# C Is for Compass Craft

Letter C (yellow)



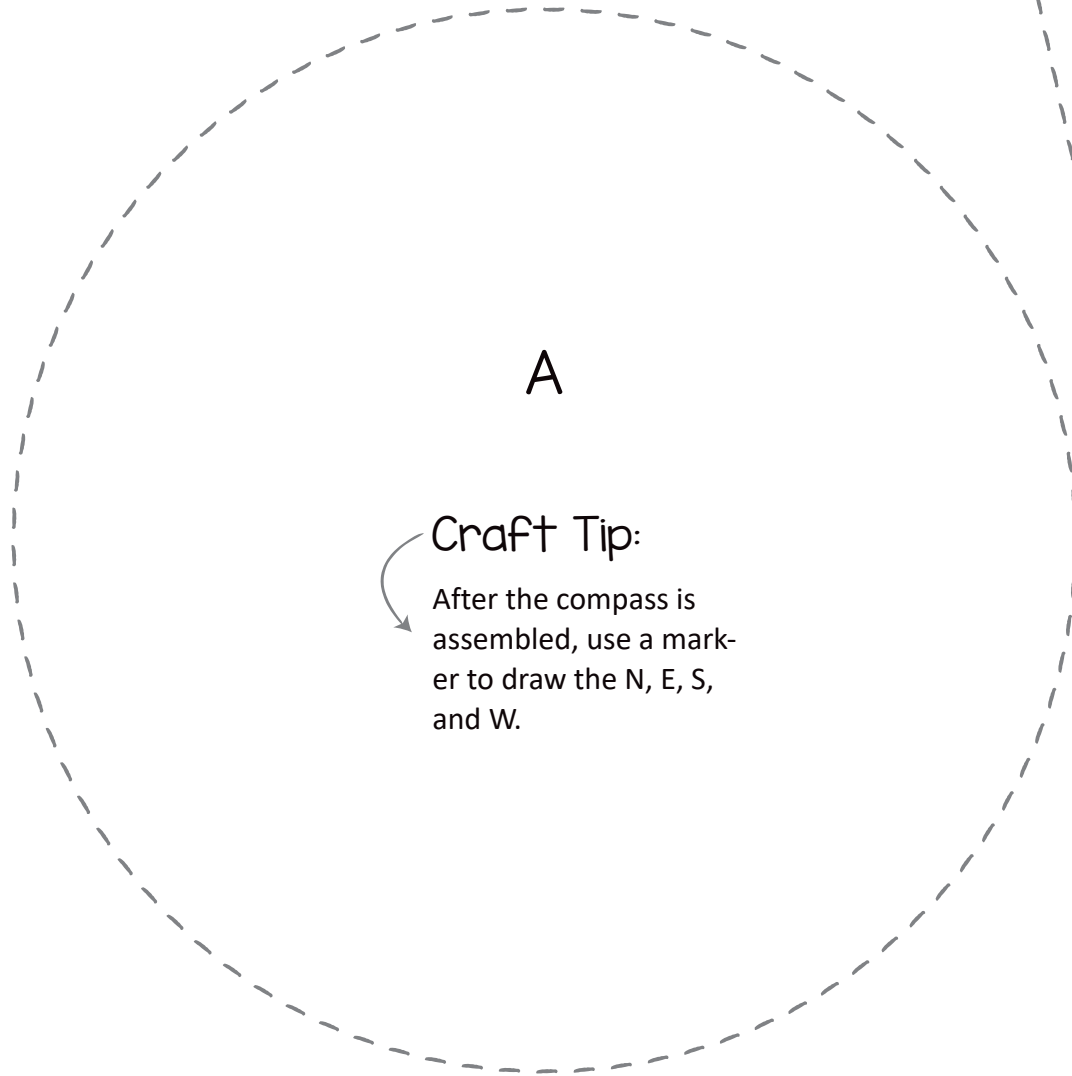
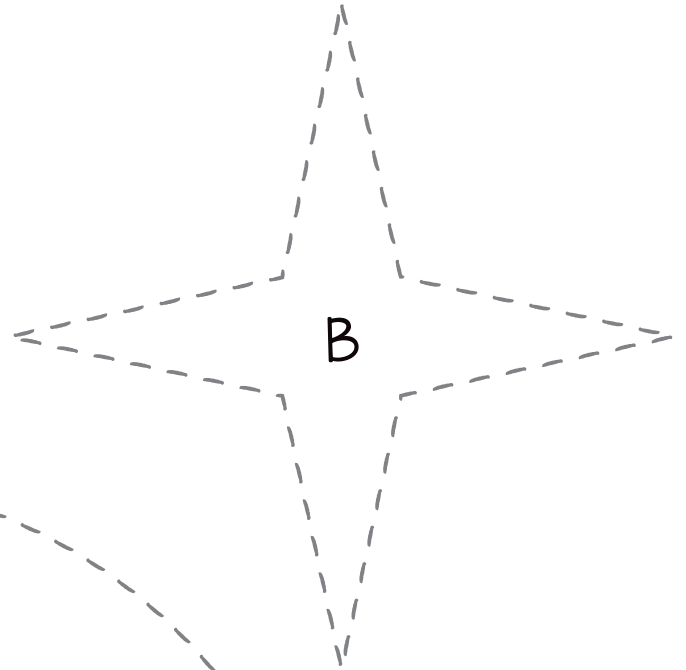
# C Is for Compass Craft



A - Base Plate (white)

B - Dial (red)

Background (green)

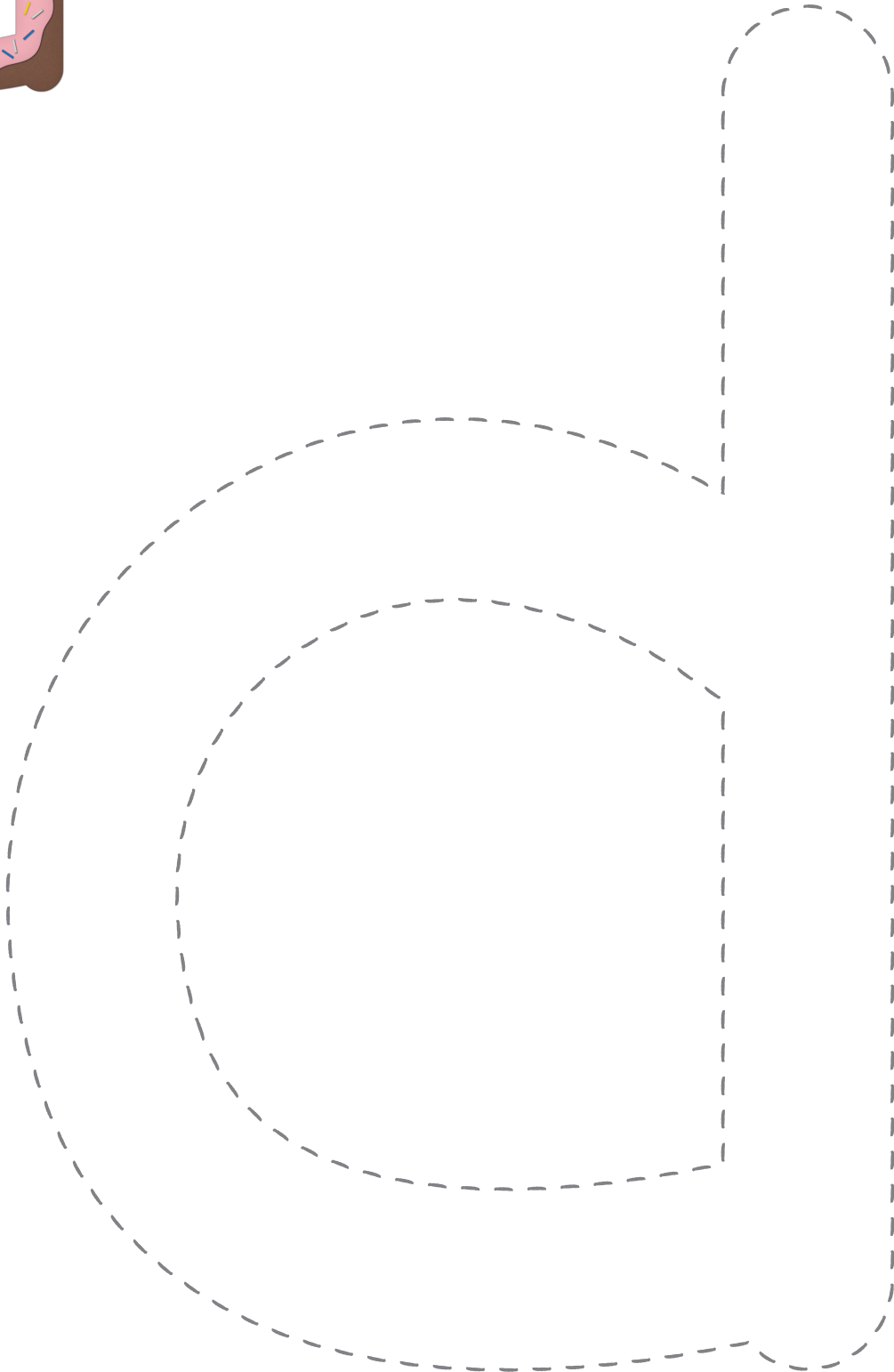


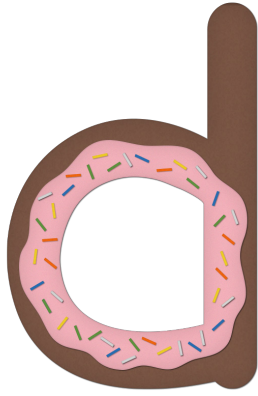
## Craft Tip:

After the compass is assembled, use a marker to draw the N, E, S, and W.

# D Is for Doughnut Craft

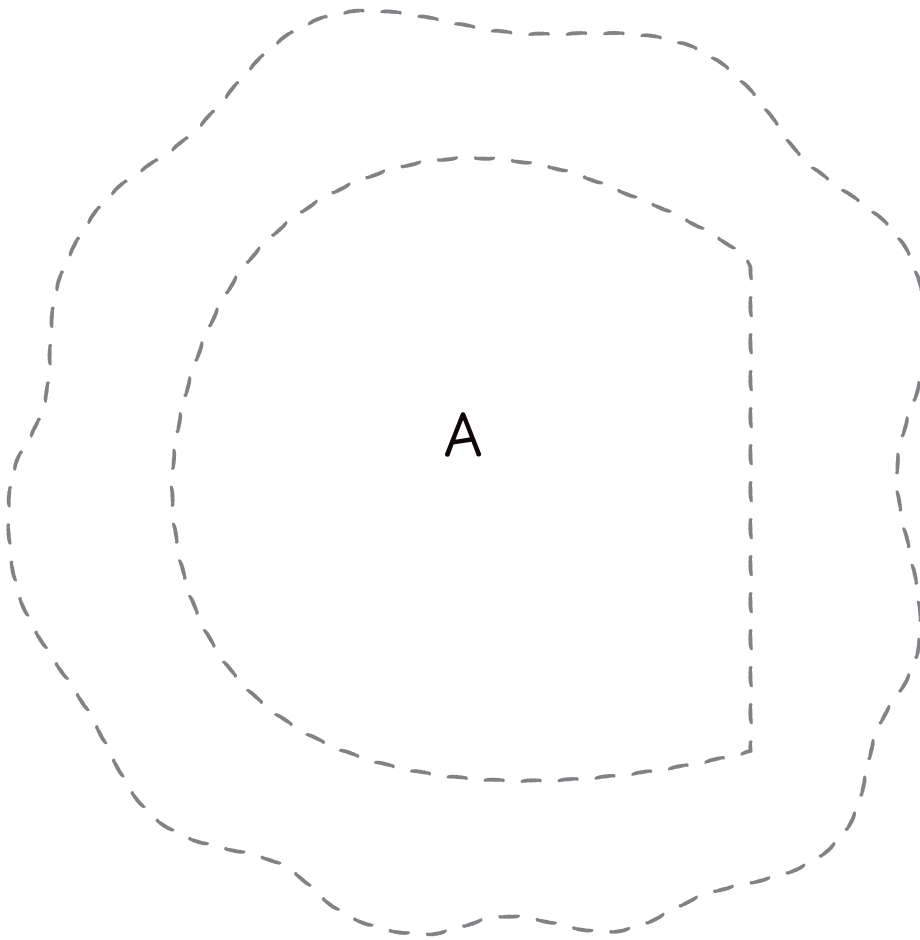
Letter D (brown)





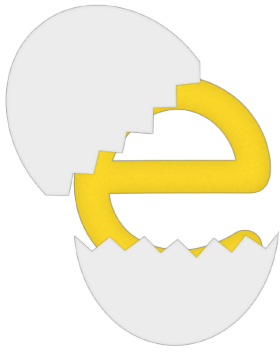
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A - Frosting (light pink)  
Background (blue)



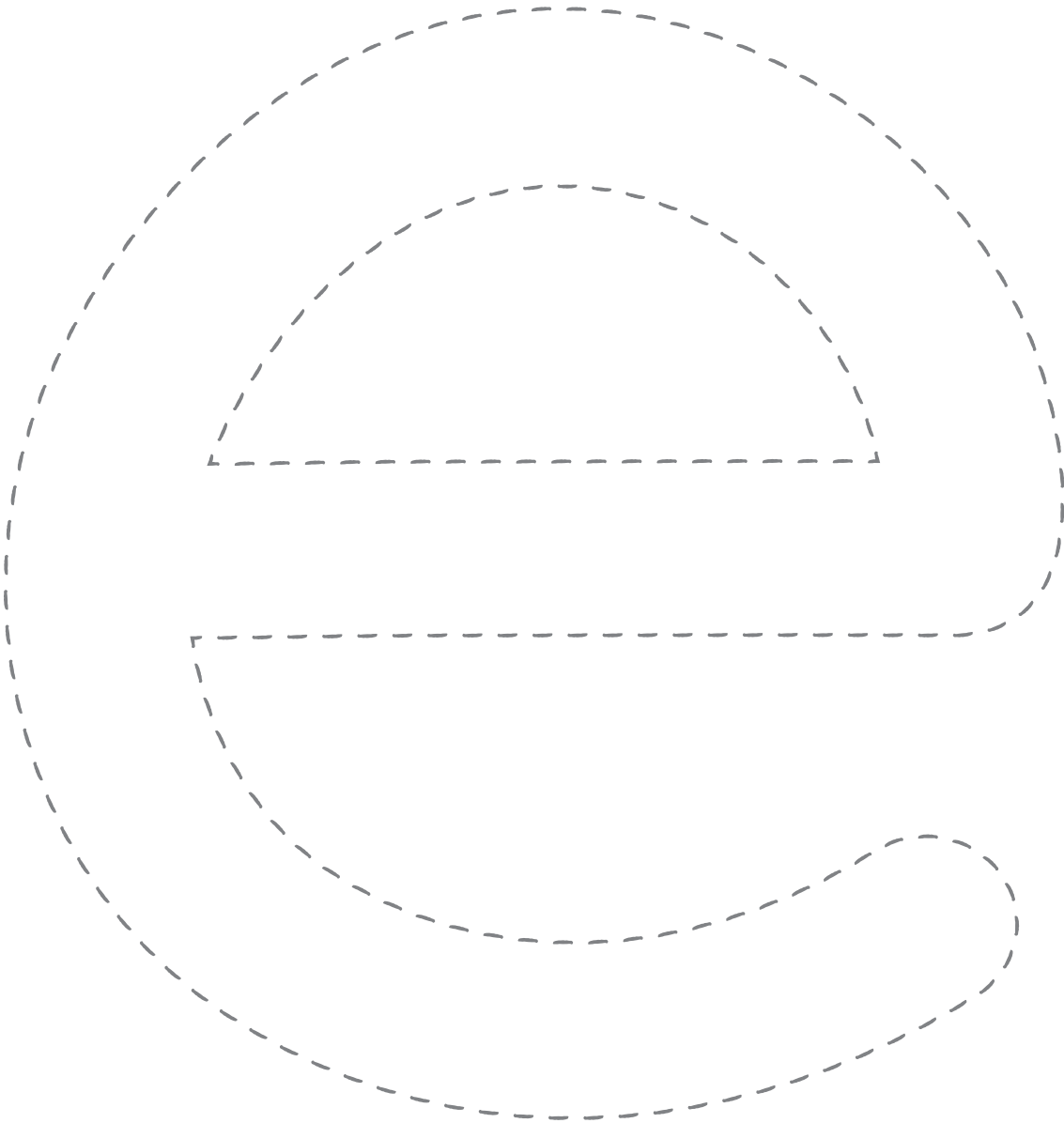
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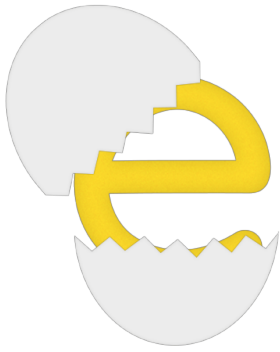
Use different colored markers to draw the doughnut's sprinkles.



# E Is for Egg Craft

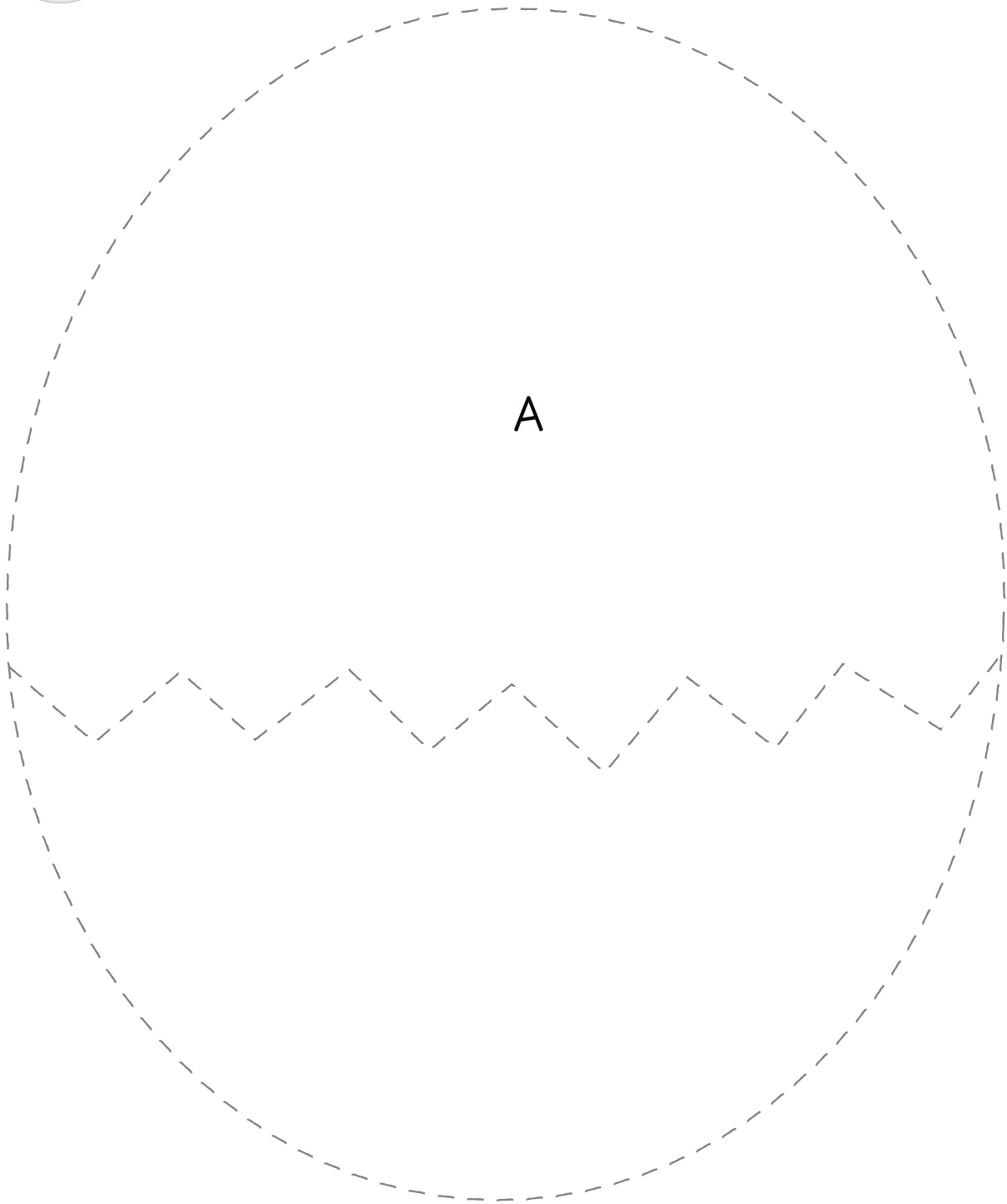
Letter E (yellow)

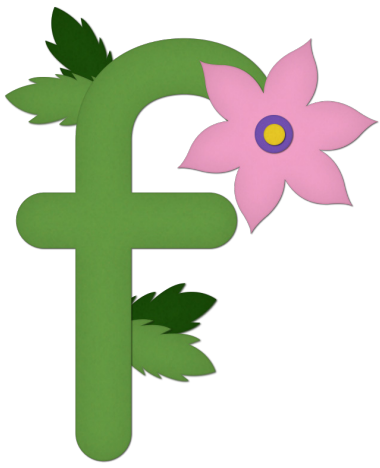




# E Is for Egg Craft

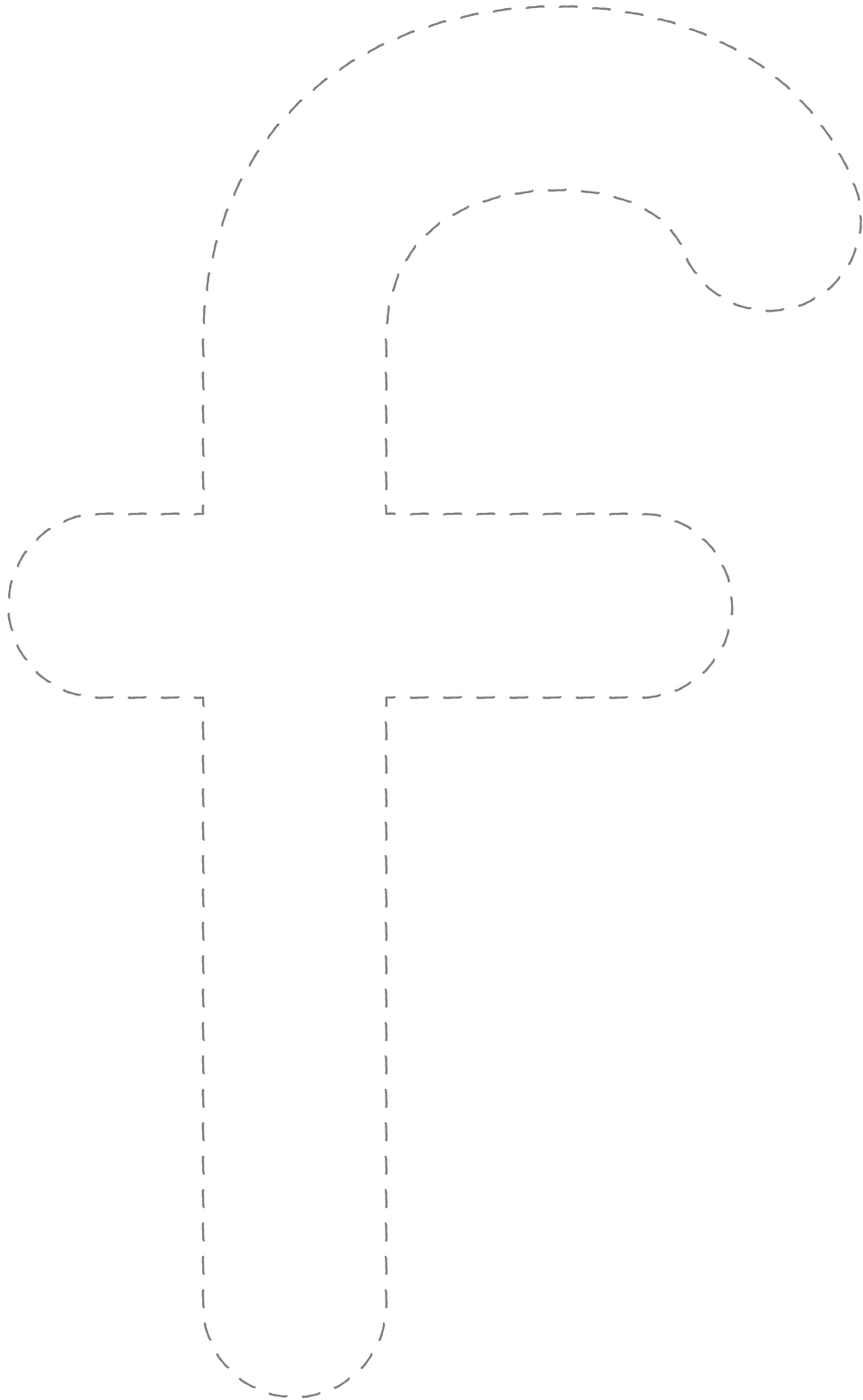
A - Egg Shells (white)  
Background (orange)



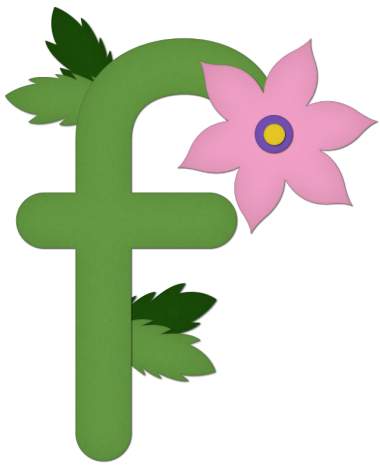


# F Is for Flower Craft

Letter F (green)

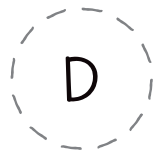
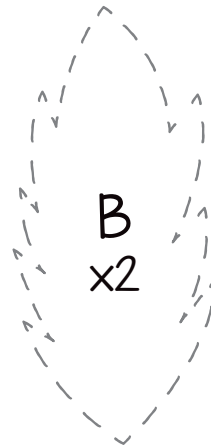
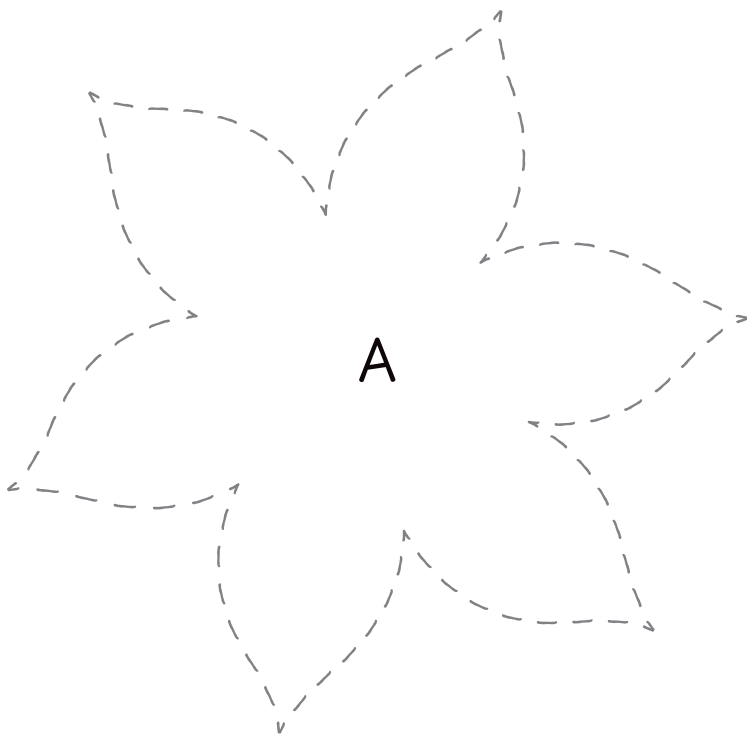






## F Is for Flower Craft

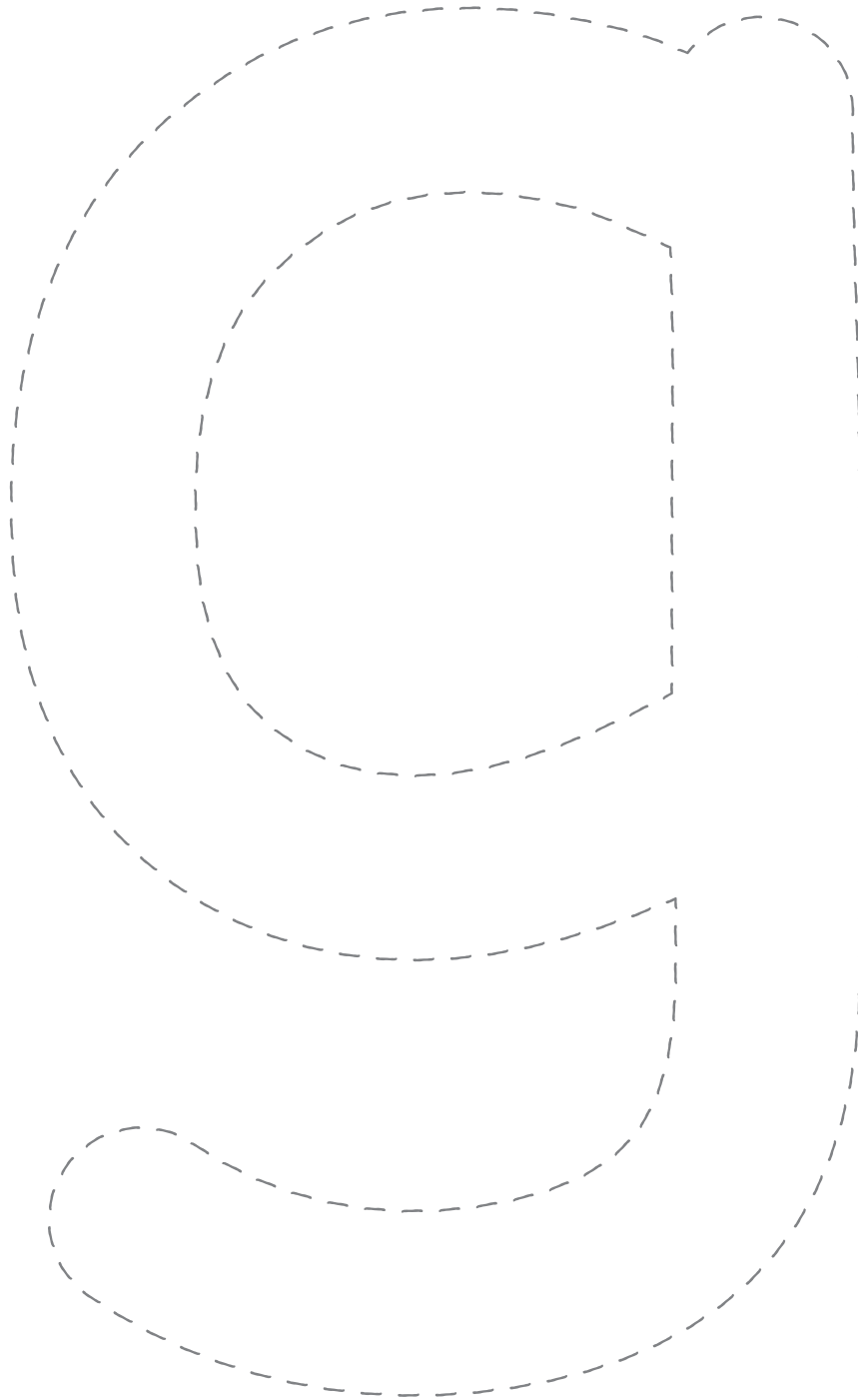
- A - Flower (pink)
- B - Dark Leaves x2 (dark green)
- C - Light Leaves x2 (green)
- D - Flower Center (purple)
- E - Inner Flower Center (yellow)
- Background (blue)





# G Is for Goose Craft

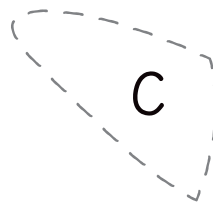
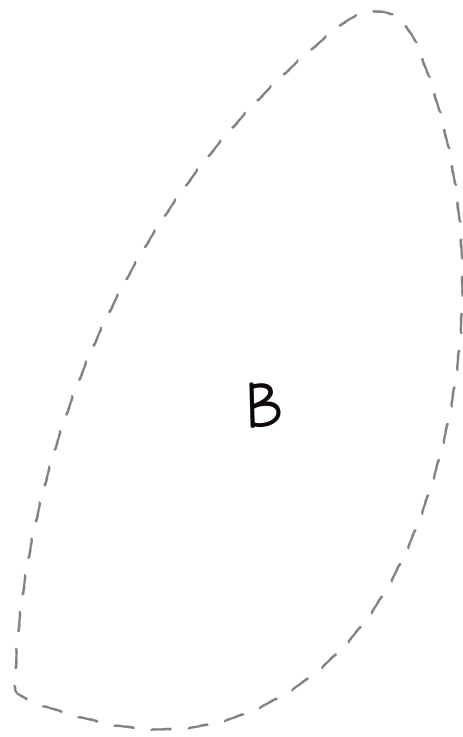
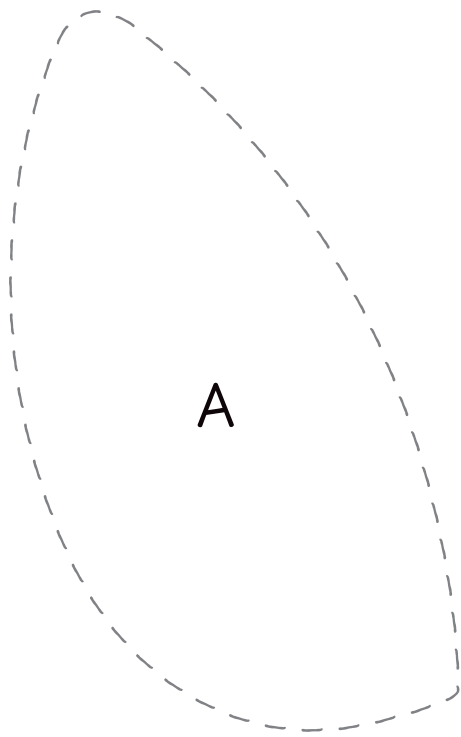
Letter G (white)





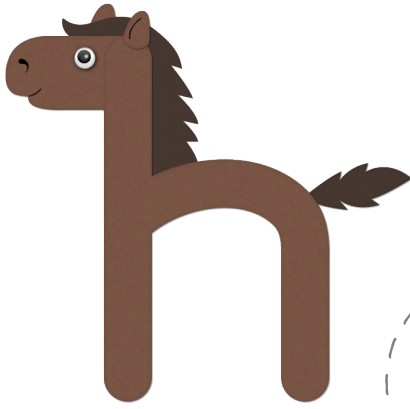
## G Is for Goose Craft

- A - Left Wing (white)
- B - Right Wing (white)
- C - Beak (orange)
- Background (green)



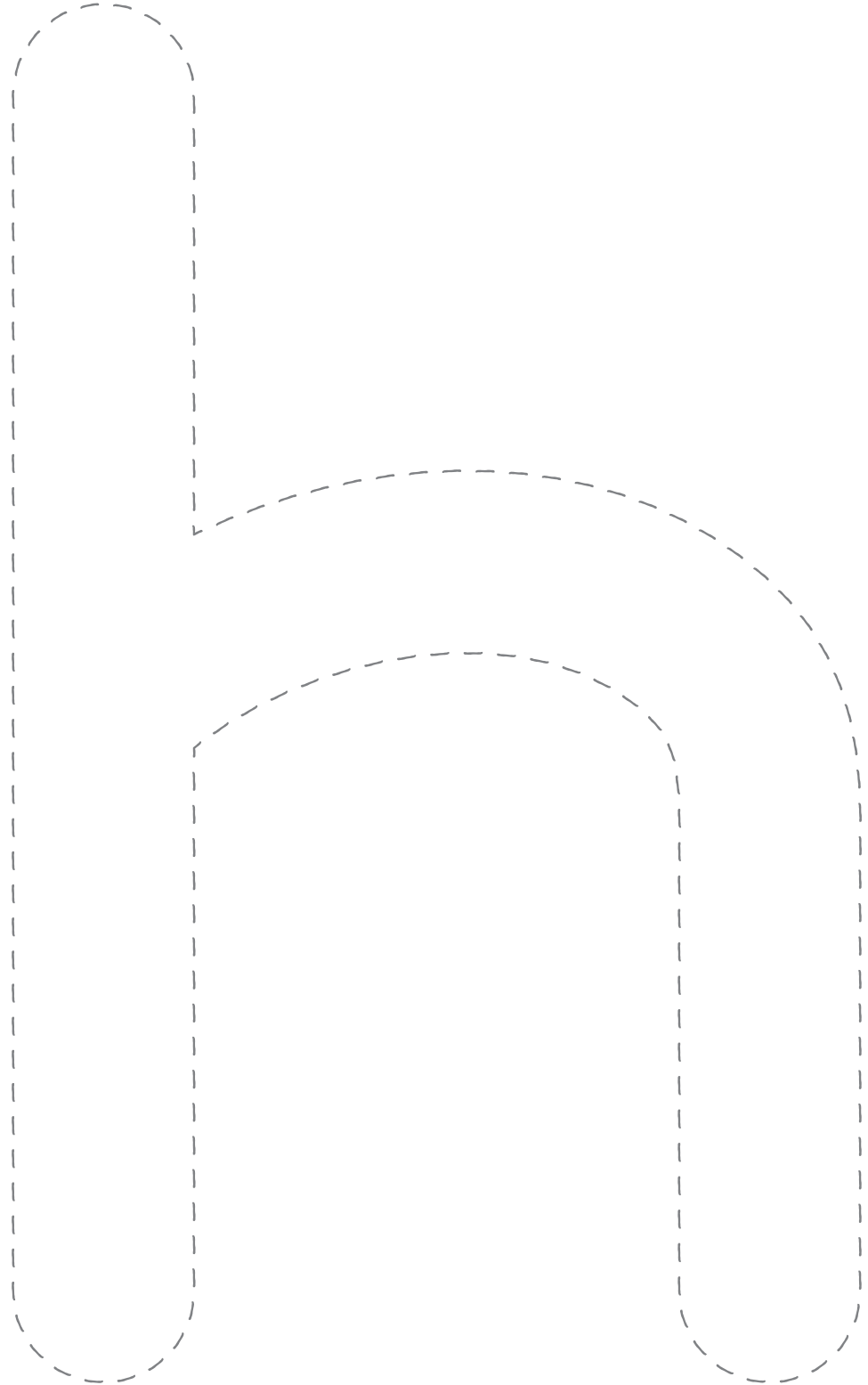
### Craft Tip:

Use a black marker to draw the mouth.



# H Is for Horse Craft

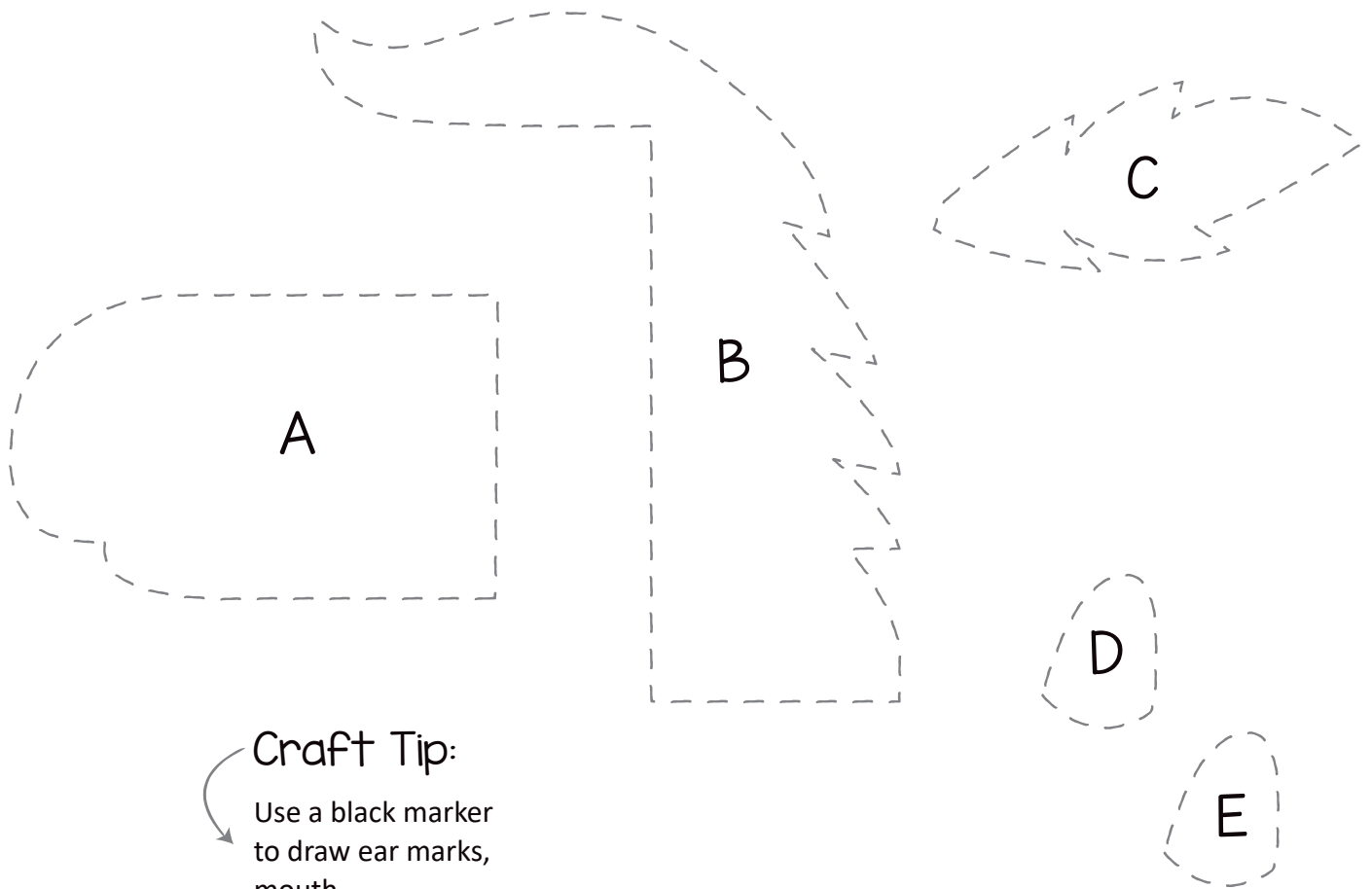
Letter H (brown)





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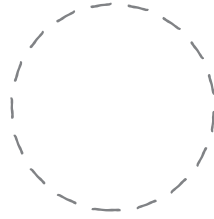
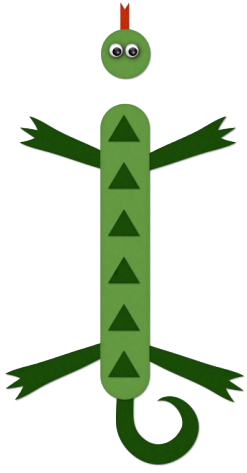
- A - Nose (brown)
- B - Mane (dark brown)
- C - Tail (dark brown)
- D - Left Ear (brown)
- E - Right Ear (brown)
- Background (blue)

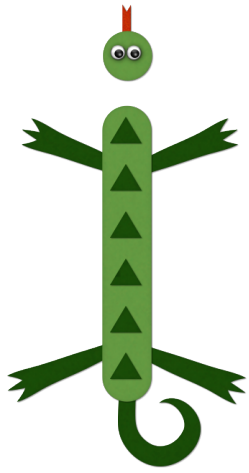


**Craft Tip:**  
Use a black marker to draw ear marks, mouth, and nostrils.

# I Is for Iguana Craft

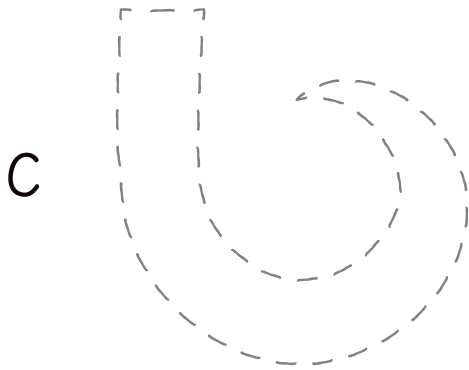
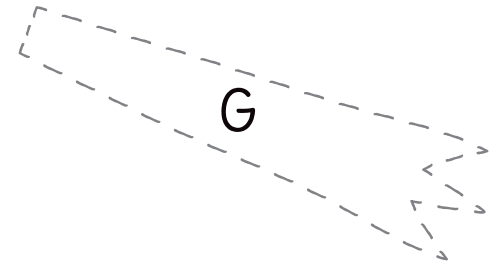
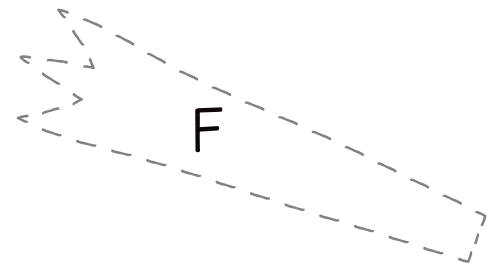
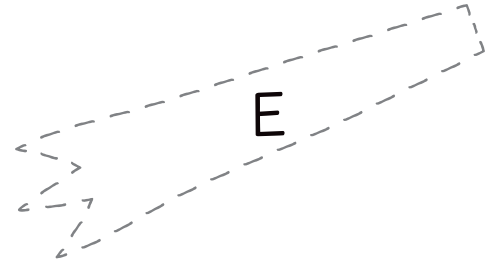
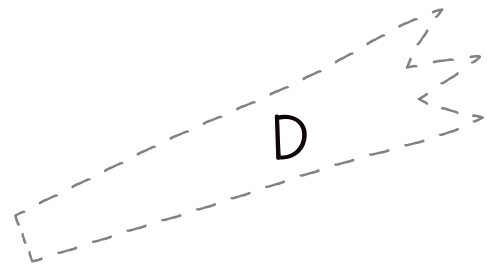
Letter I (green)





## I Is for Iguana Craft

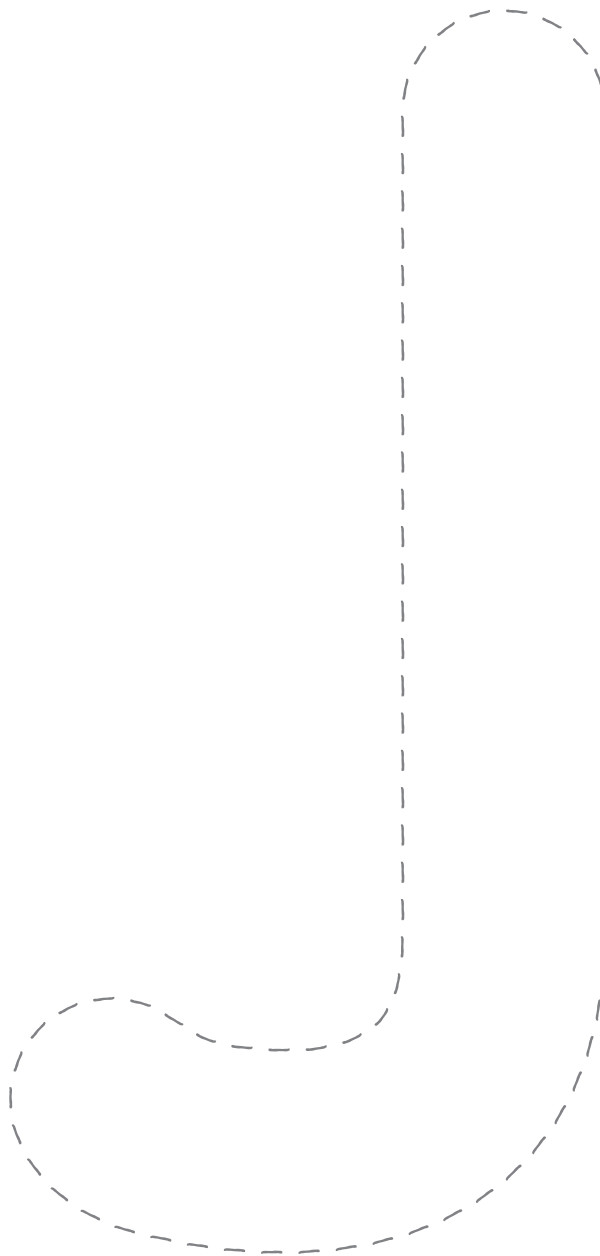
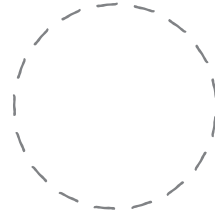
- A - Tongue (red)
- B - Scales x6 (dark green)
- C - Tail (green)
- D - Right Front Leg (dark green)
- E - Left Back Leg (dark green)
- F - Left Front Leg (dark green)
- G - Right Back Leg (dark green)
- Background (orange)





# J Is for Jaguar Craft

Letter J (orange)

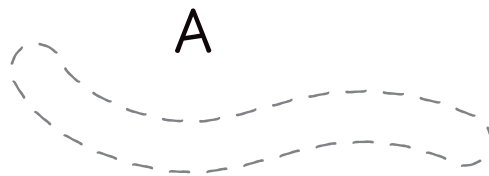






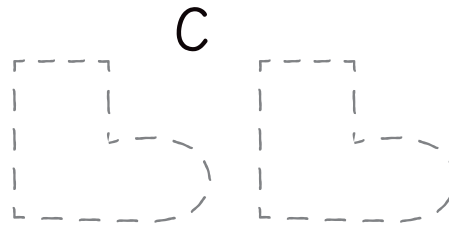
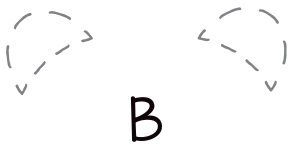
## J Is for Jaguar Craft

- A - Tail (orange)
- B - Ears (orange)
- C - Feet (orange)
- D - Mouth (white)
- Background (yellow)



### Craft Tip:

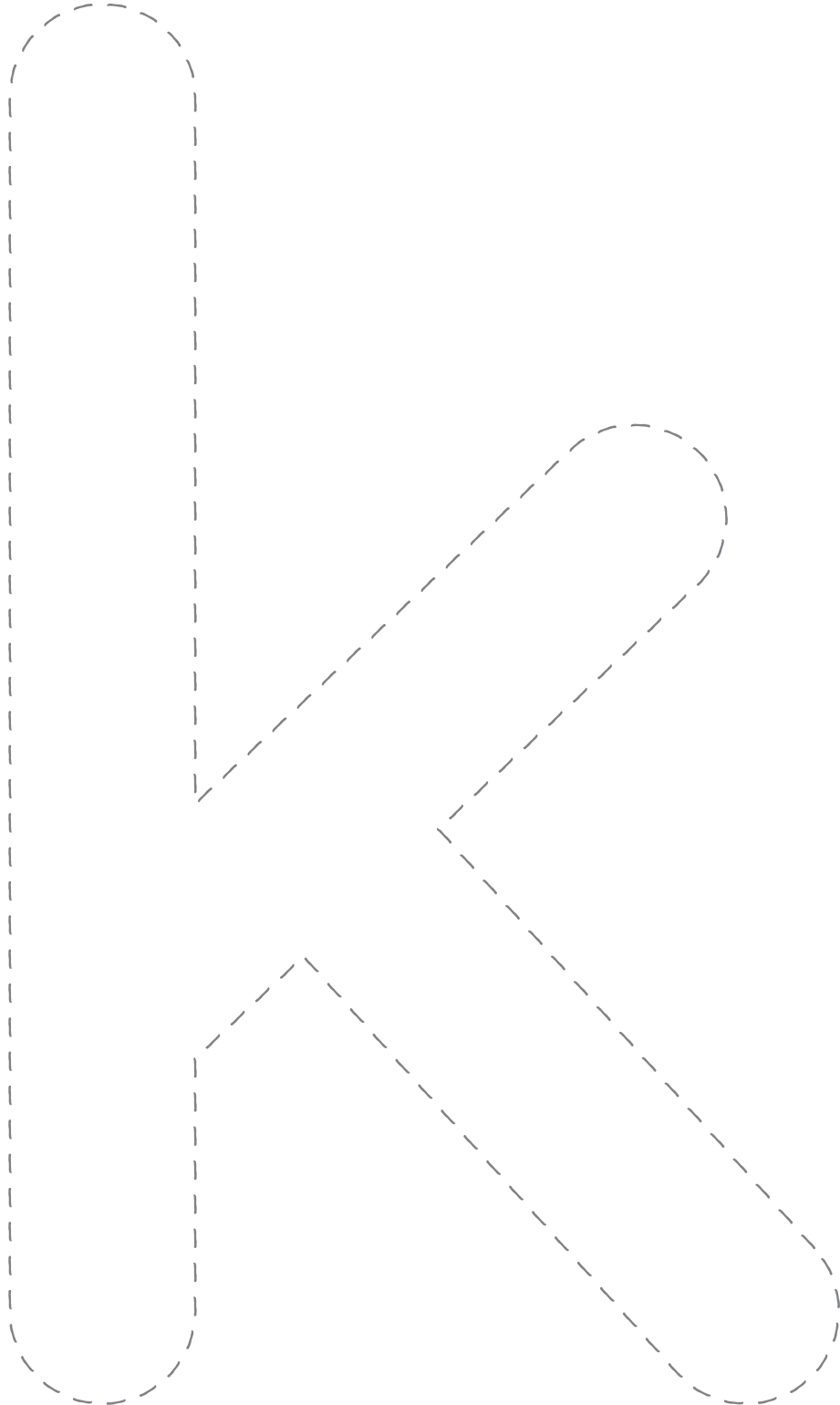
Use a black marker to draw spots, face, and whiskers.

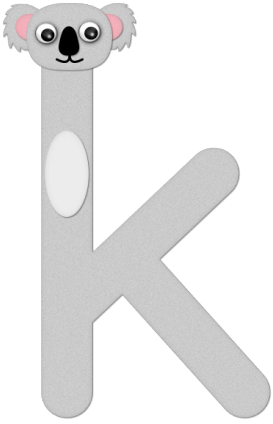




# K Is for Koala Craft

Letter K (gray)





## K Is for Koala Craft

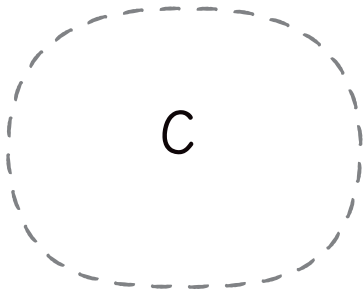
- A - Ears (gray)
- B - Inner Ears (pink)
- C - Head (gray)
- D - Tummy Patch (white)
- E - Nose (black)
- Background (green)



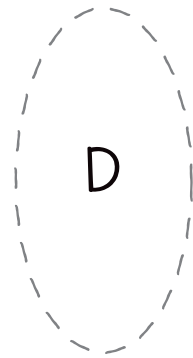
A



B



C



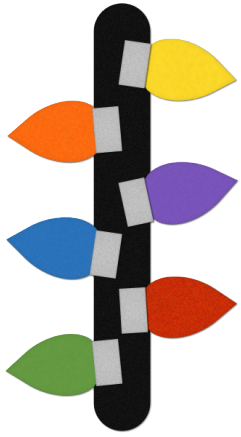
D

E



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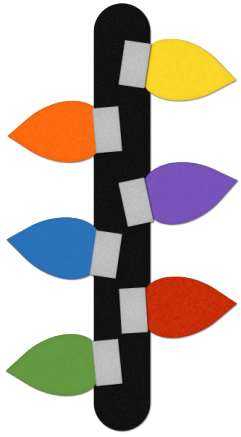
Use a black marker to draw the koala's mouth.



# L Is for Lights Craft

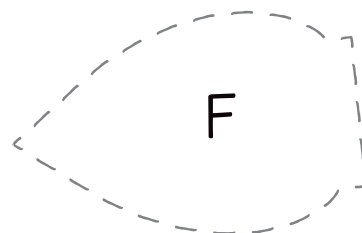
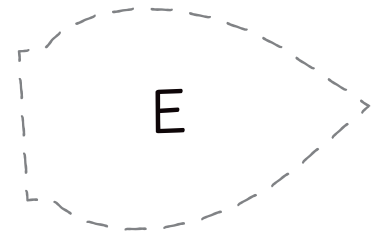
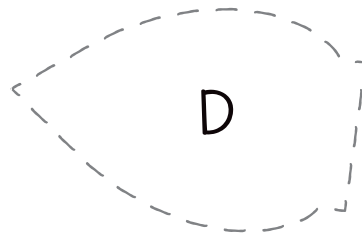
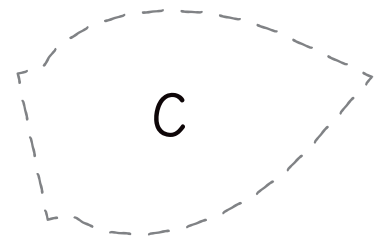
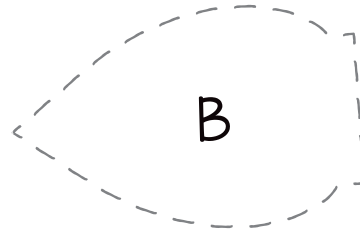
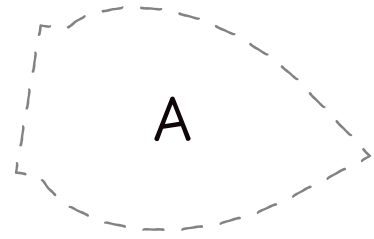
Letter L (black)

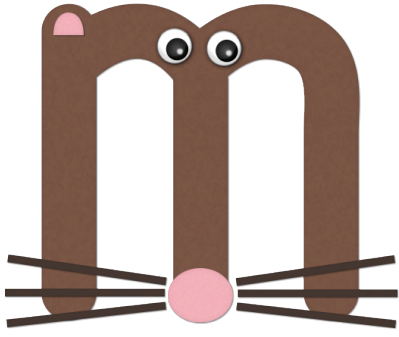




## L Is for Lights Craft

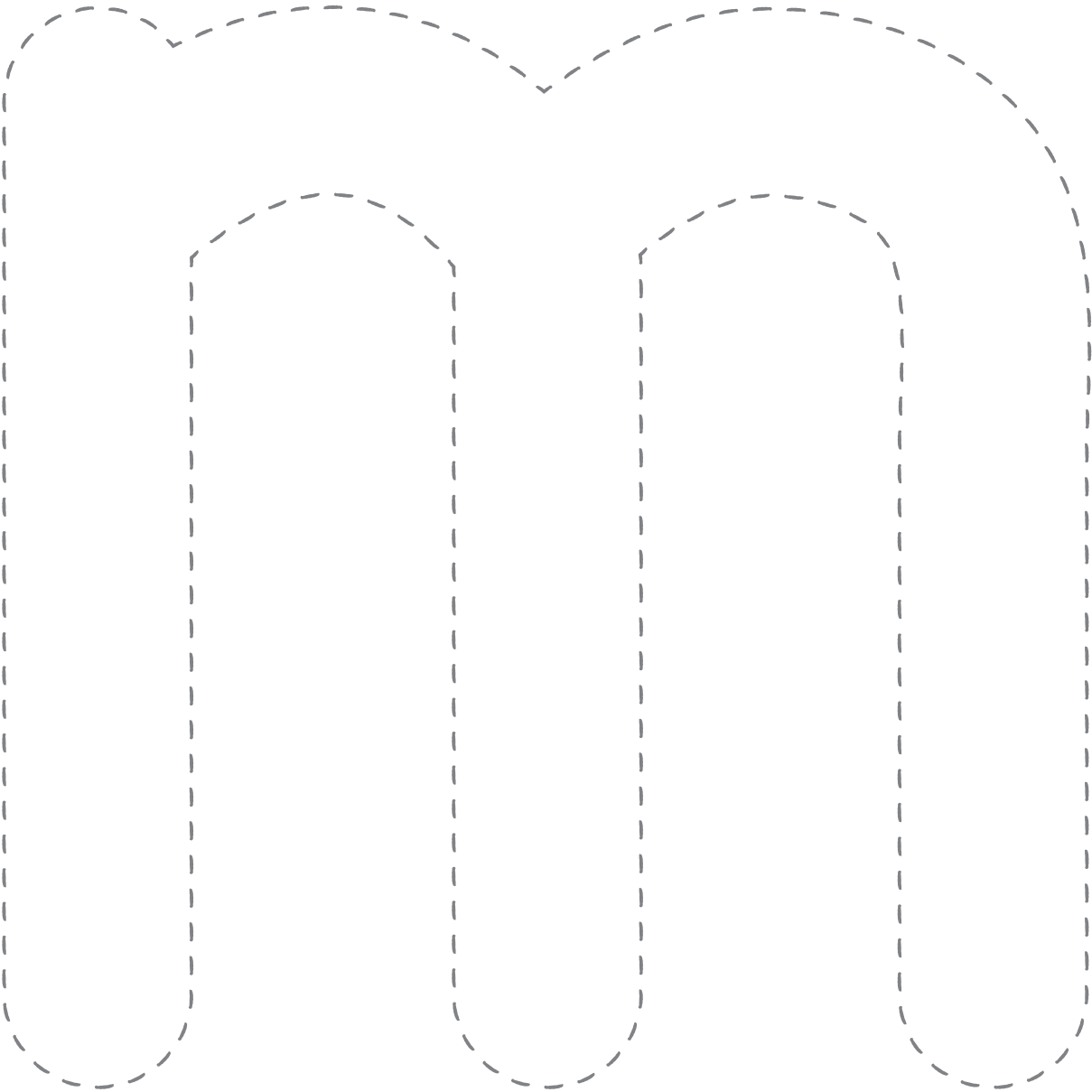
- A - Yellow Bulb (yellow)
- B - Orange Bulb (orange)
- C - Purple Bulb (purple)
- D - Blue Bulb (blue)
- E - Red Bulb (red)
- F - Green Bulb (green)
- G - Bulb Base x6 (grey)
- Background (blue)

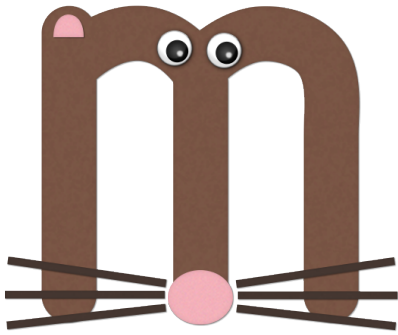




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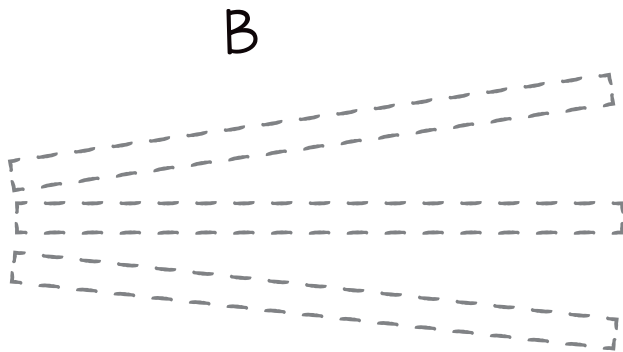
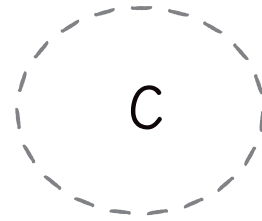
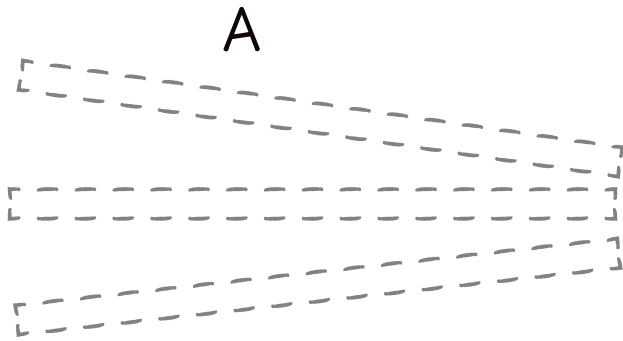
Letter M (brown)

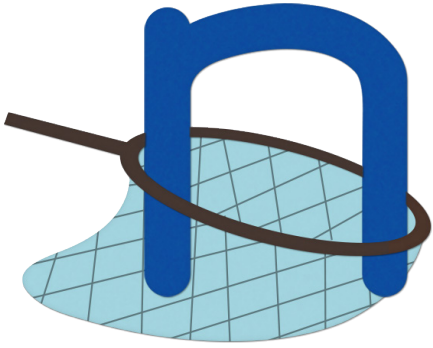




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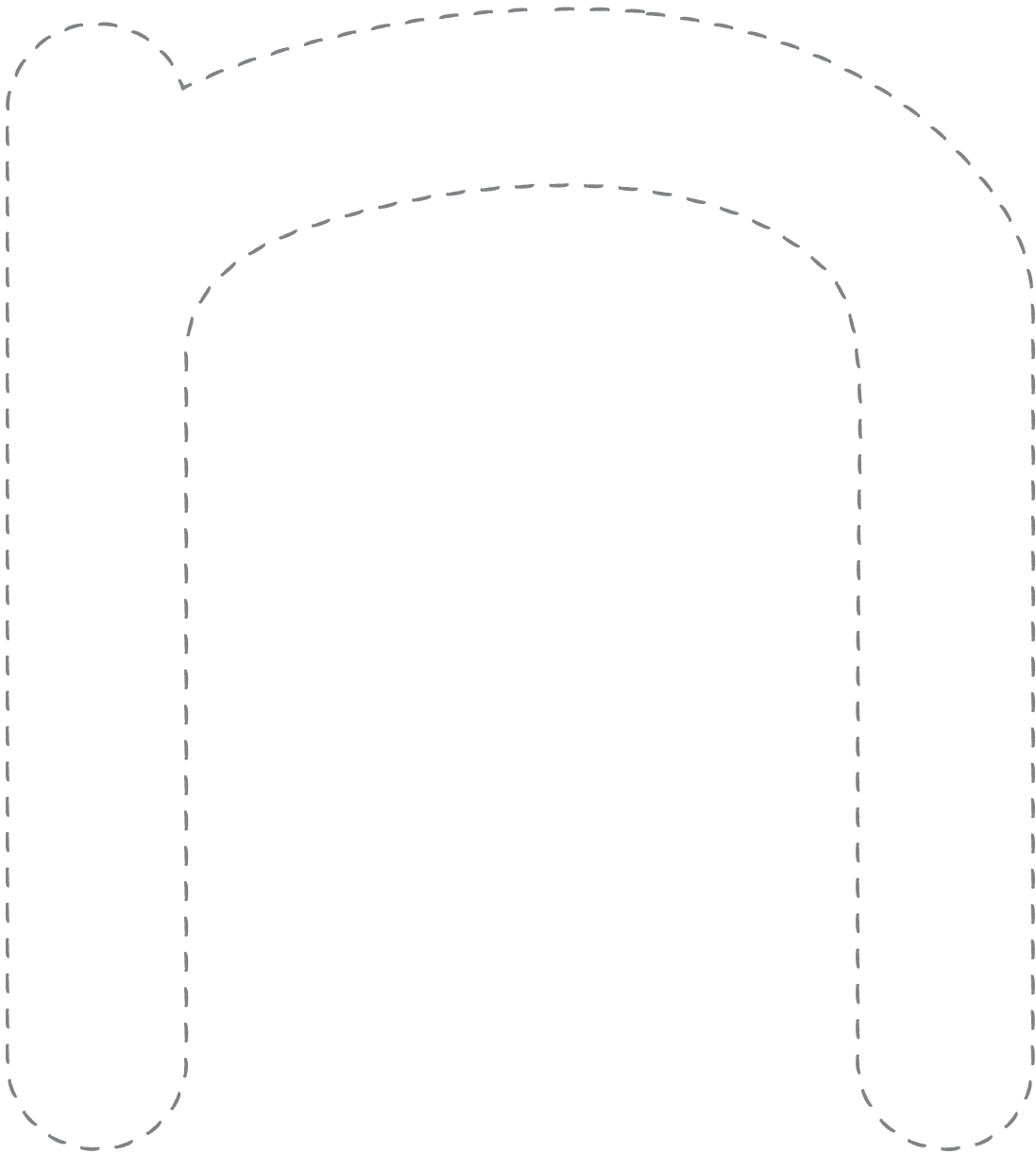
- A - Left Whiskers (dark brown)
- B - Right Whiskers (dark brown)
- C - Nose (pink)
- D - Ear (pink)
- Background (orange)



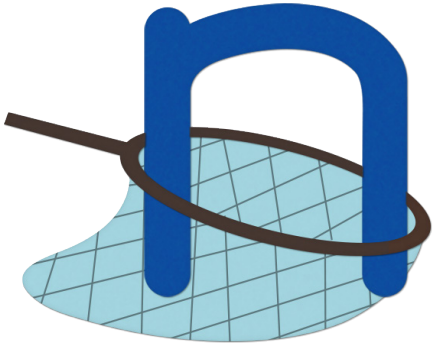


# N Is for Net Craft

Letter N (blue)







## N Is for Net Craft

A - Handle (dark brown)

B - Net (light blue)

Background (green)

A

B

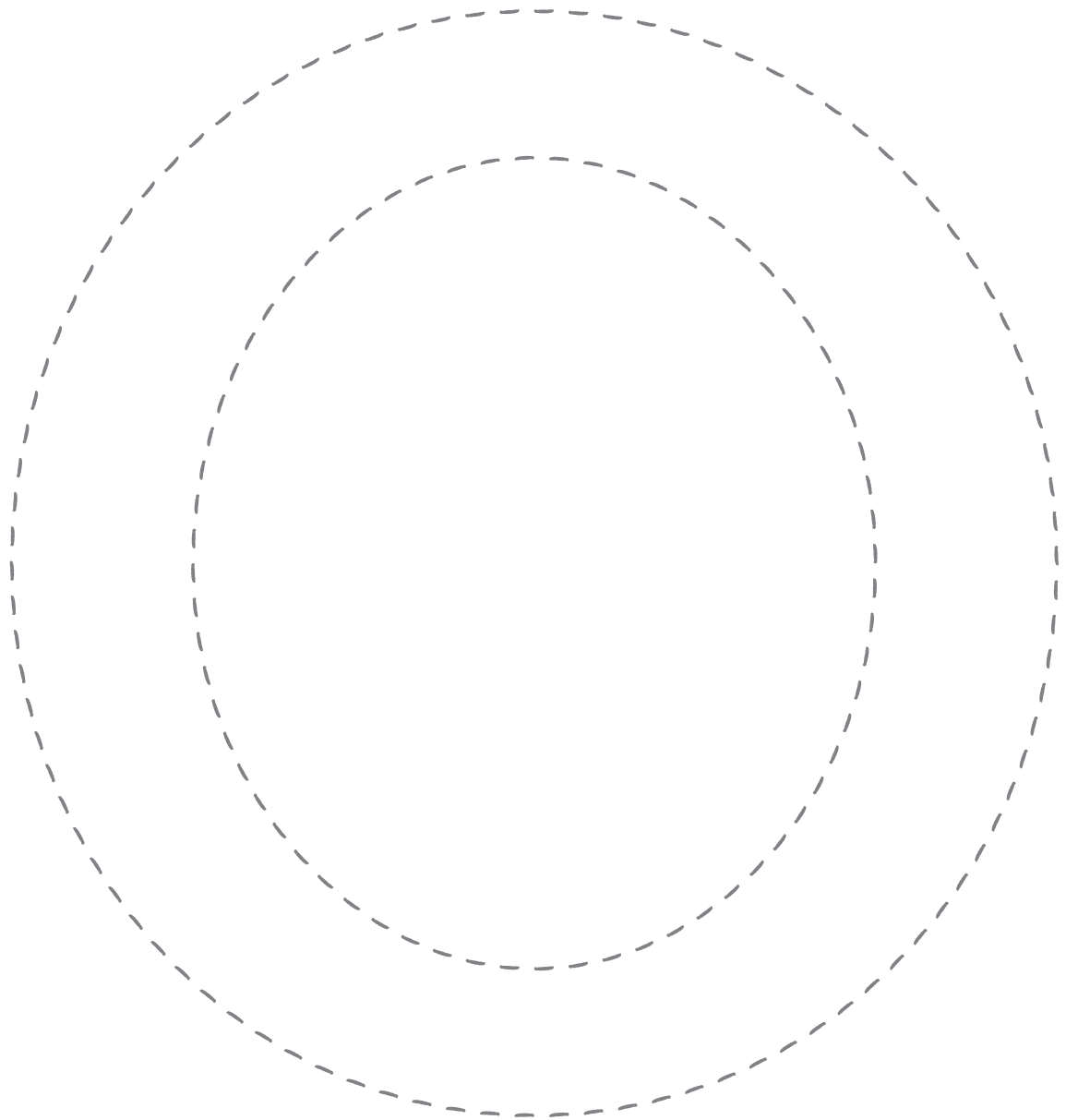
Craft Tip:

Use a marker to add the details to the net.



# O Is for Ox Craft

Letter O (brown)





## O Is for Ox Craft

A - Right Horn (white)

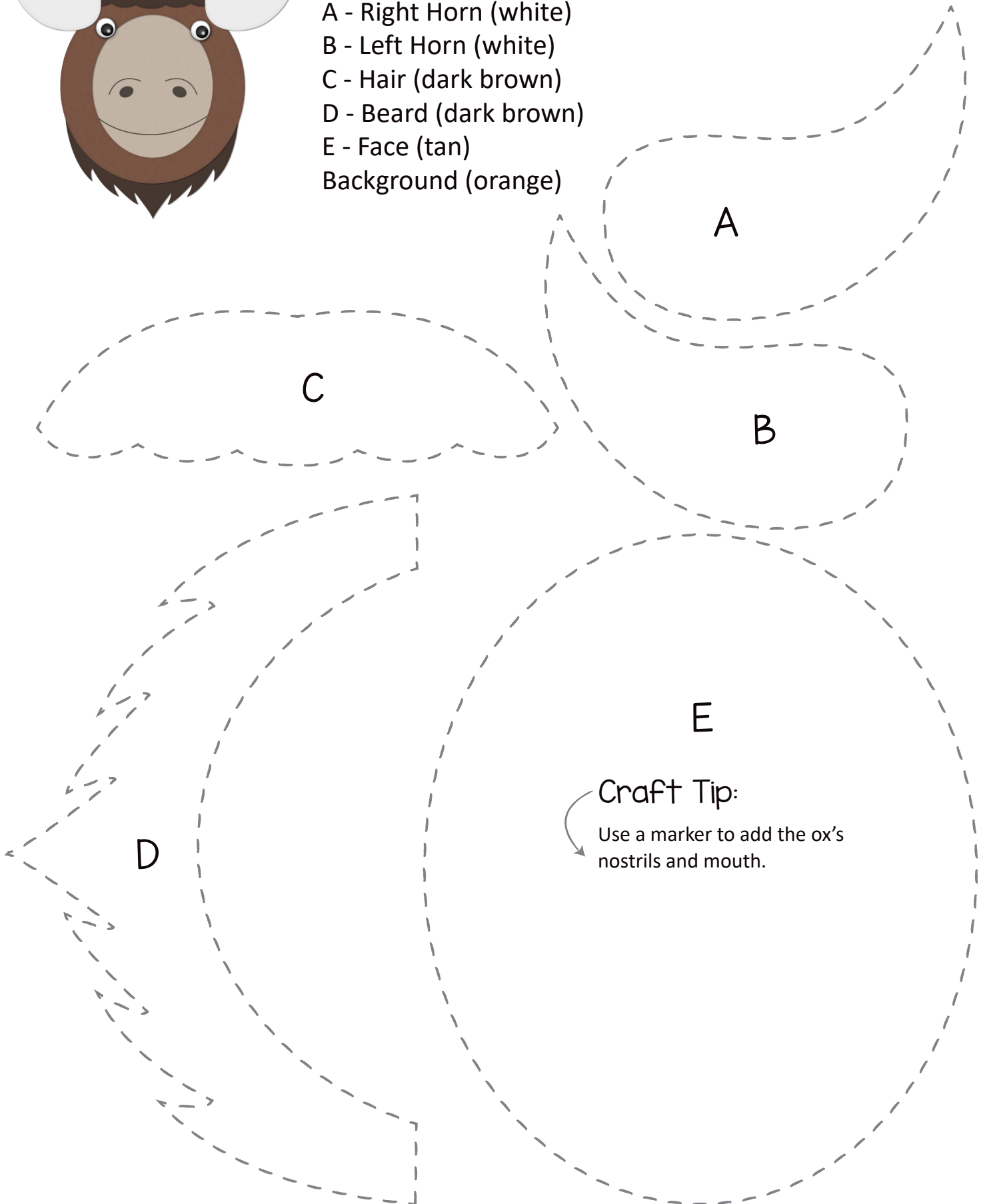
B - Left Horn (white)

C - Hair (dark brown)

D - Beard (dark brown)

E - Face (tan)

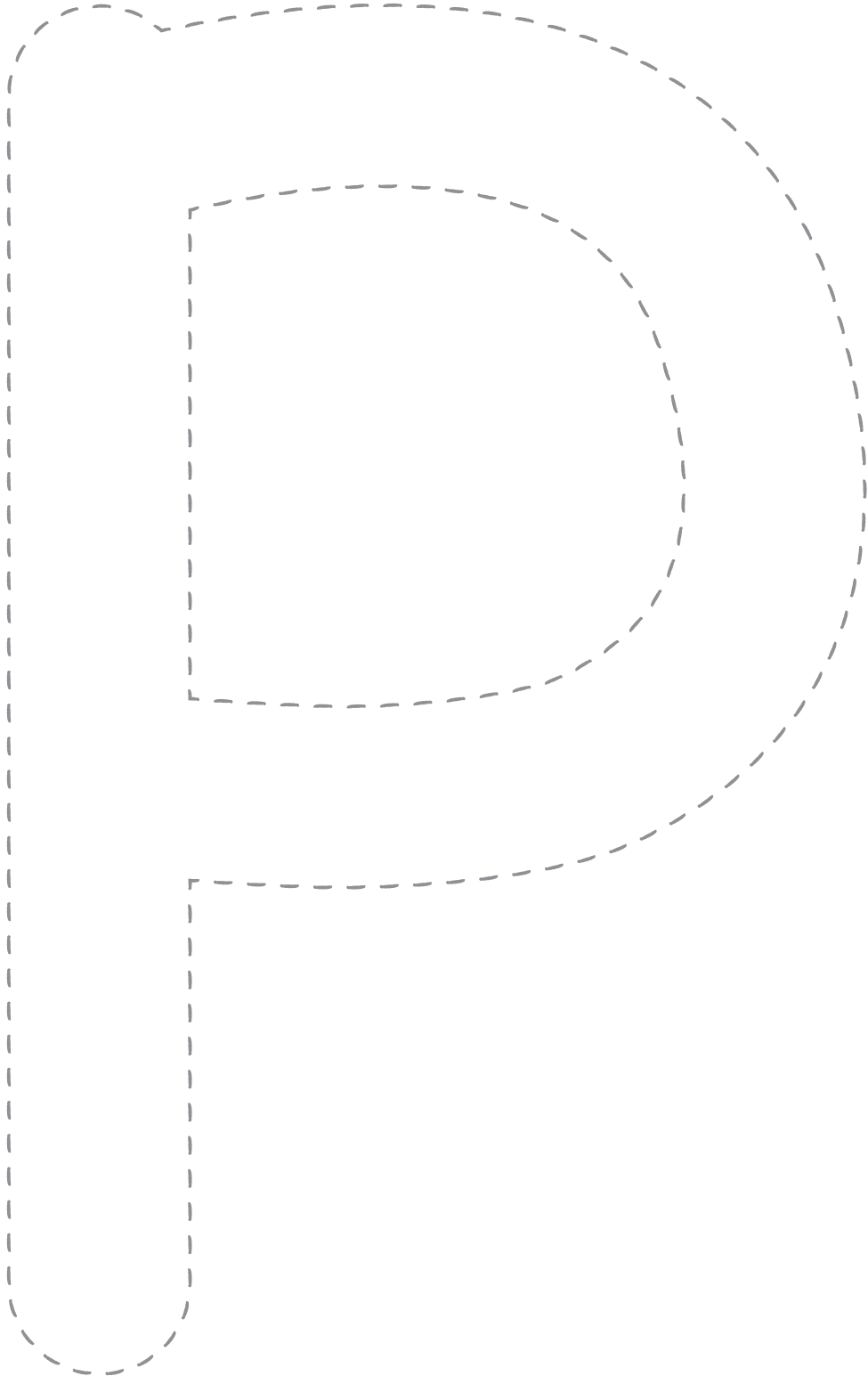
Background (orange)





# P Is for Porcupine Craft

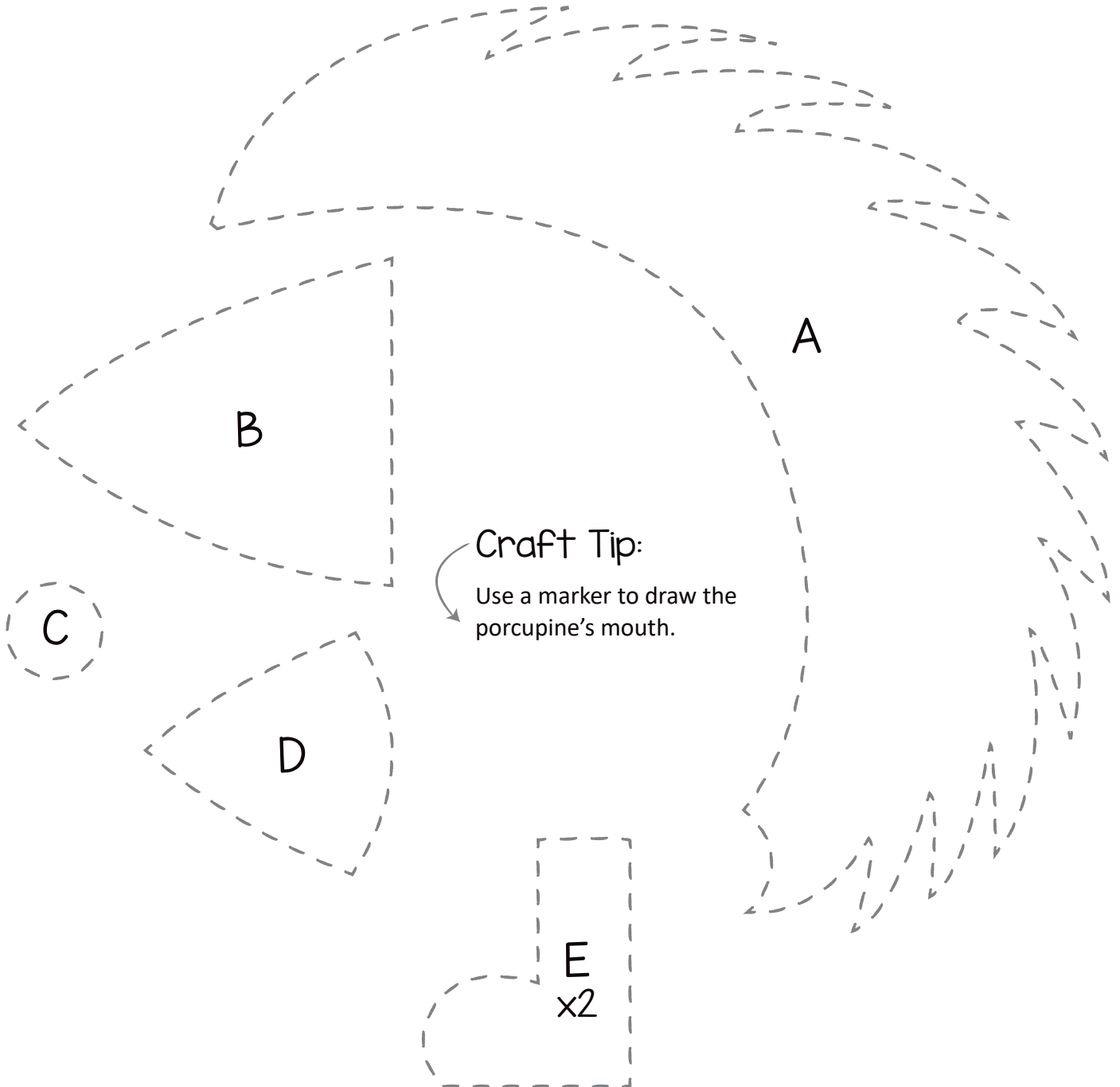
Letter P (brown)

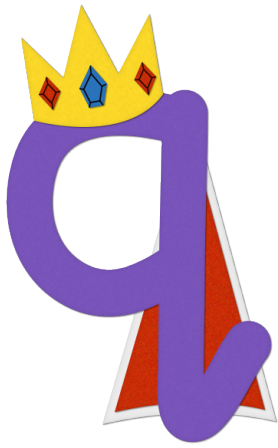




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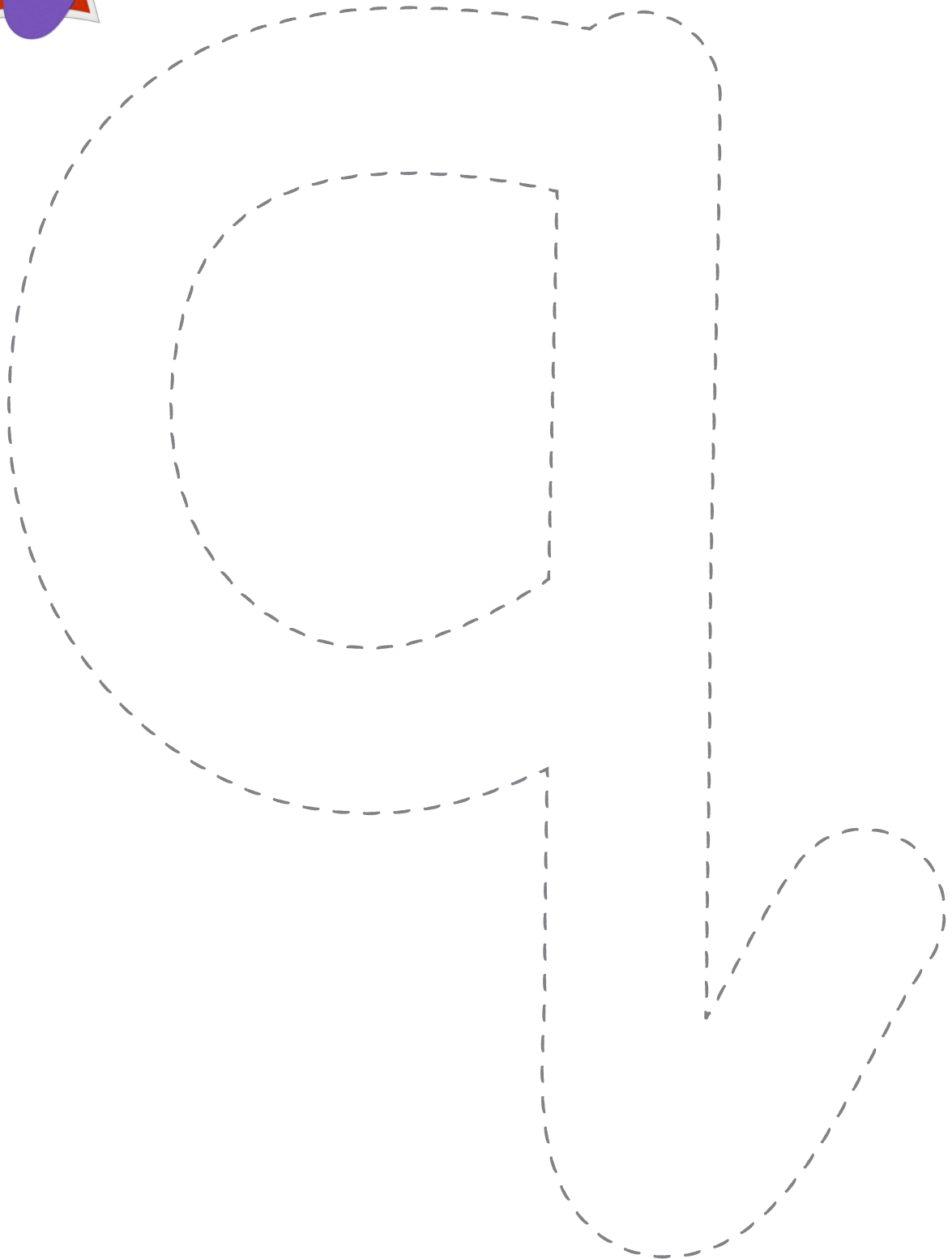
- A - Spines (dark brown)
- B - Face (dark brown)
- C - Nose (black)
- D - Snout (tan)
- E - Feet x2 (dark brown)
- Background (green)

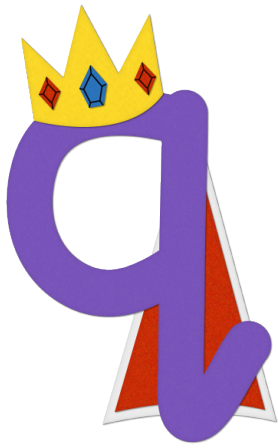




# Q Is for Queen Craft

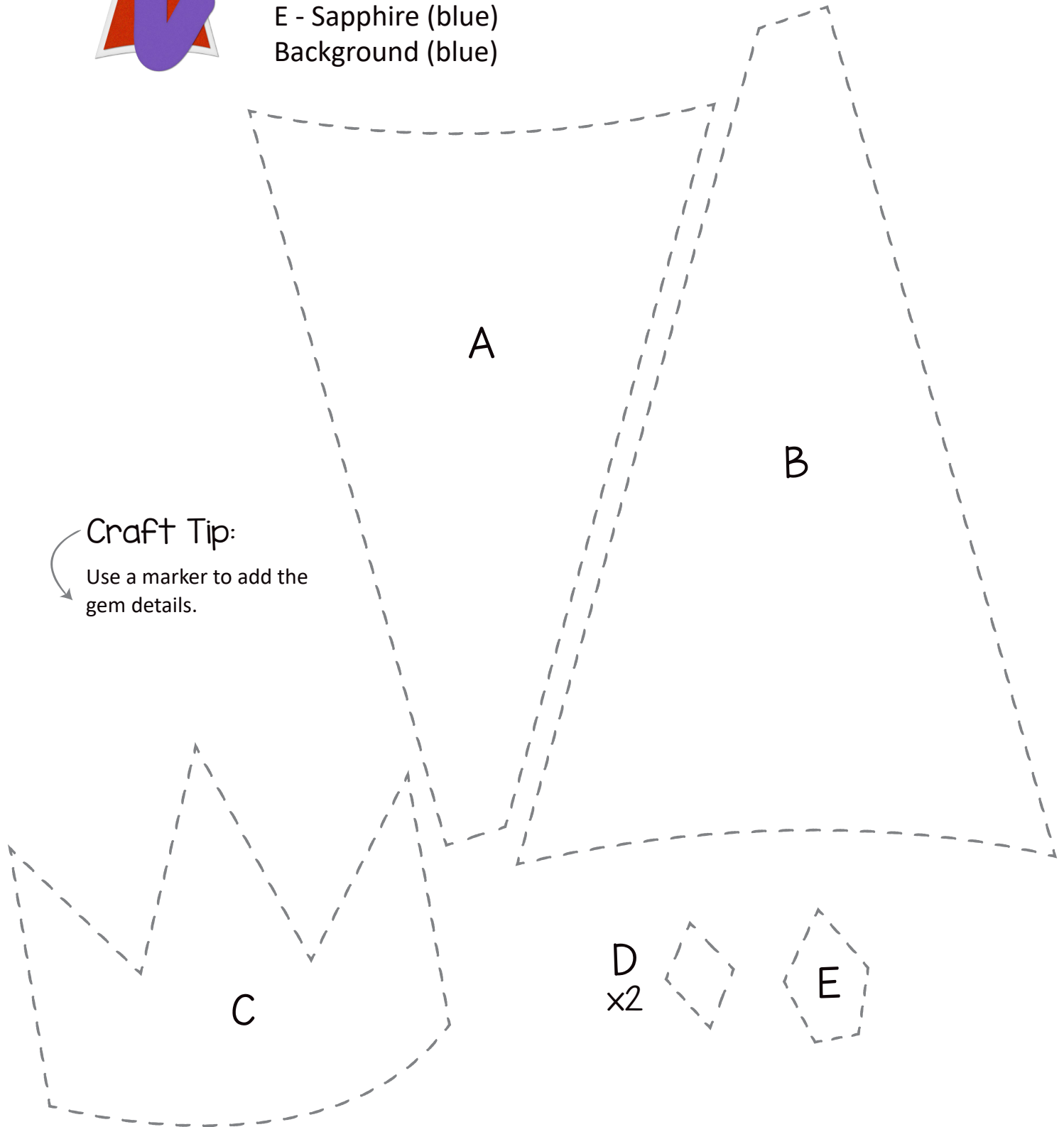
Letter Q (purple)





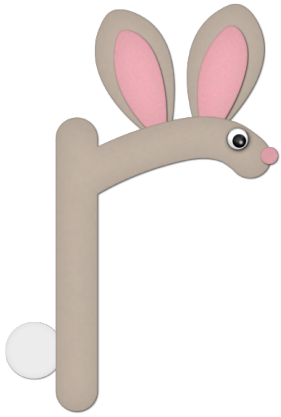
## Q Is for Queen Craft

- A - Cape (red)
- B - Cape Trim (white)
- C - Crown (yellow)
- D - Ruby x2 (red)
- E - Sapphire (blue)
- Background (blue)



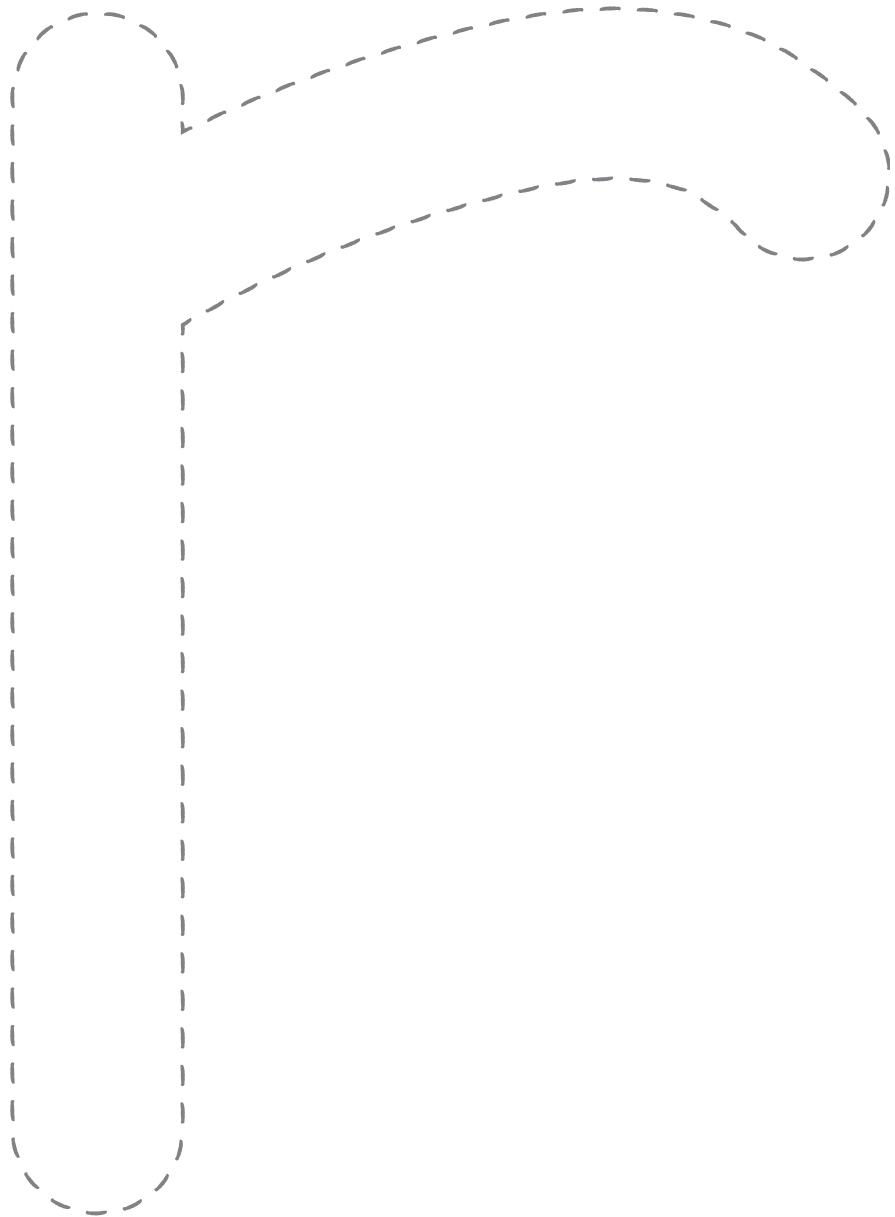
### Craft Tip:

Use a marker to add the gem details.

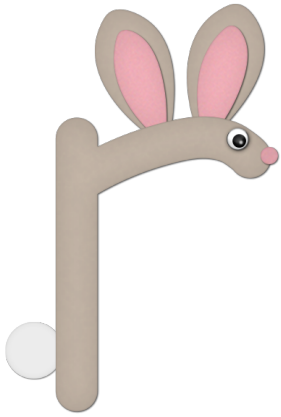


# R Is for Rabbit Craft

Letter R (tan)

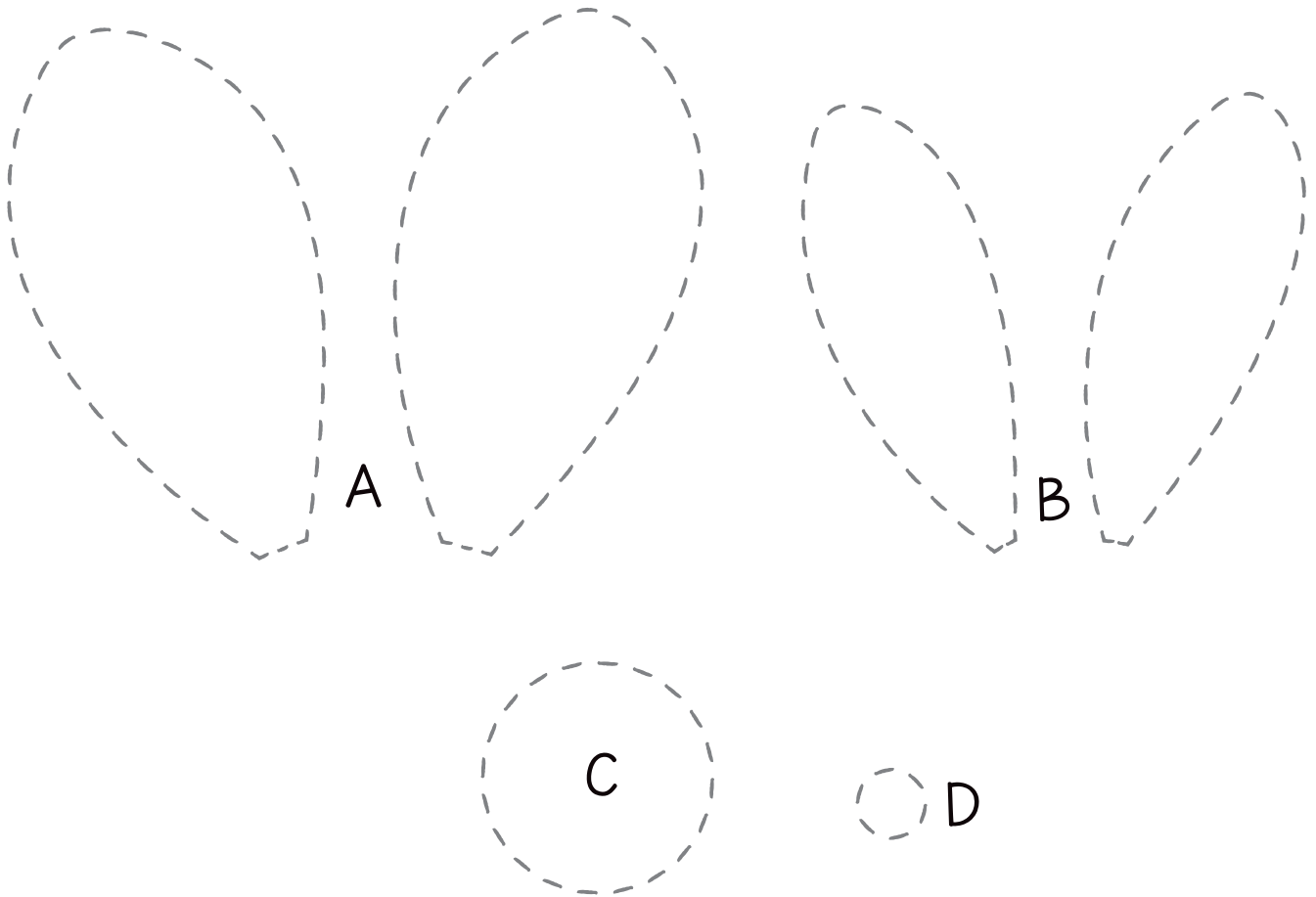


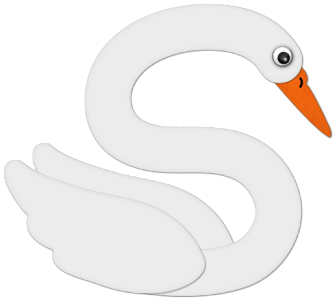




## R Is for Rabbit Craft

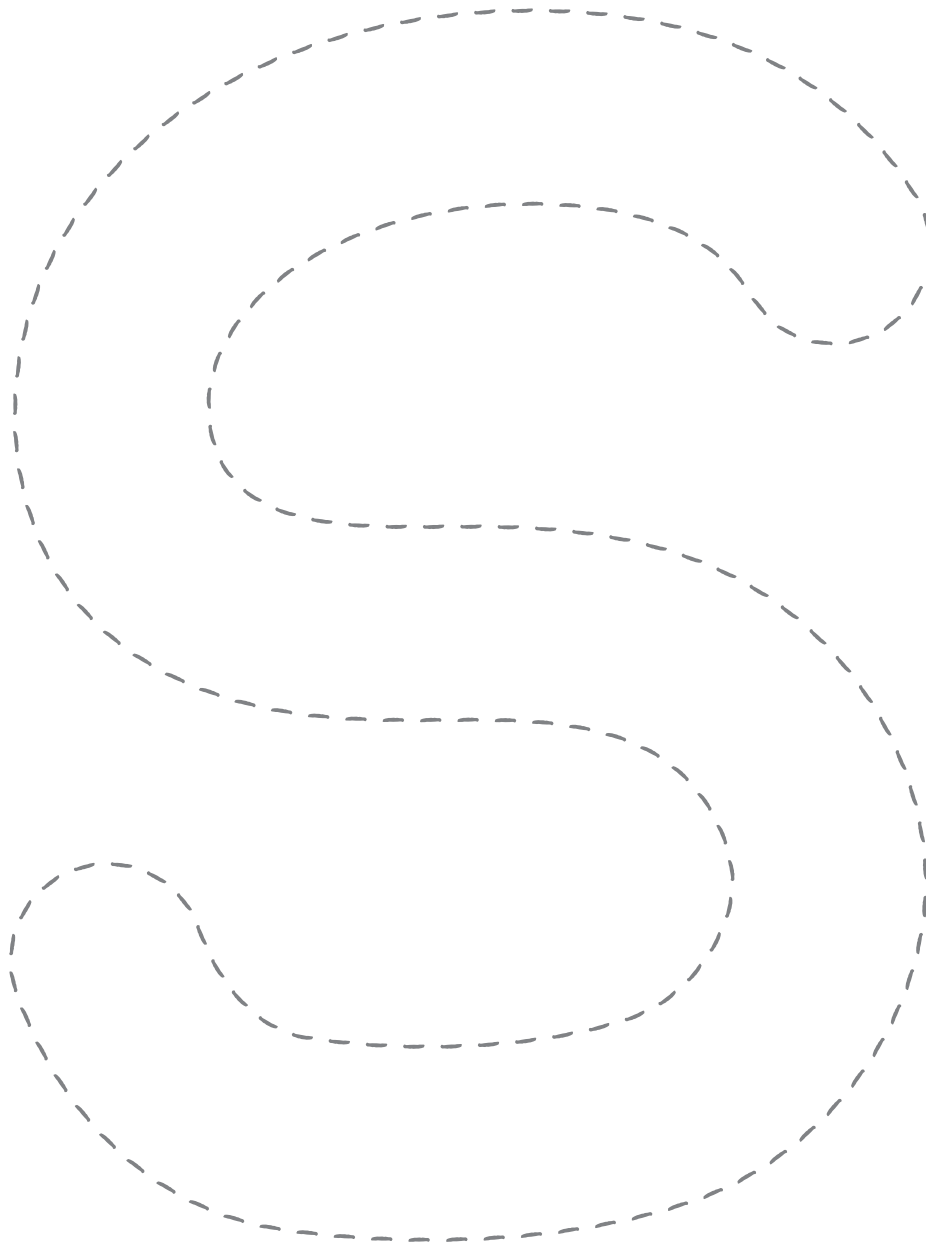
- A - Ears (tan)
- B- Inner Ears (pink)
- C - Tail (white)
- D - Nose (pink)
- Background (yellow)

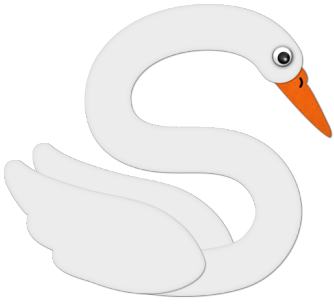




# S Is for Swan Craft

Letter S (white)



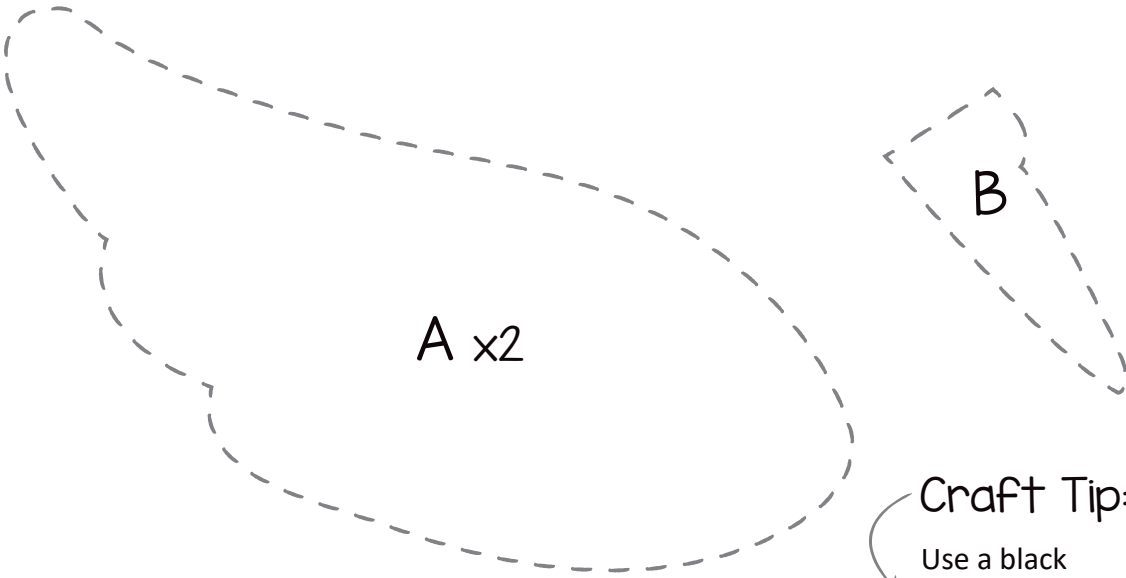


## S Is for Swan Craft

A - Wing x2 (white)

B - Beak (orange)

Background (green)

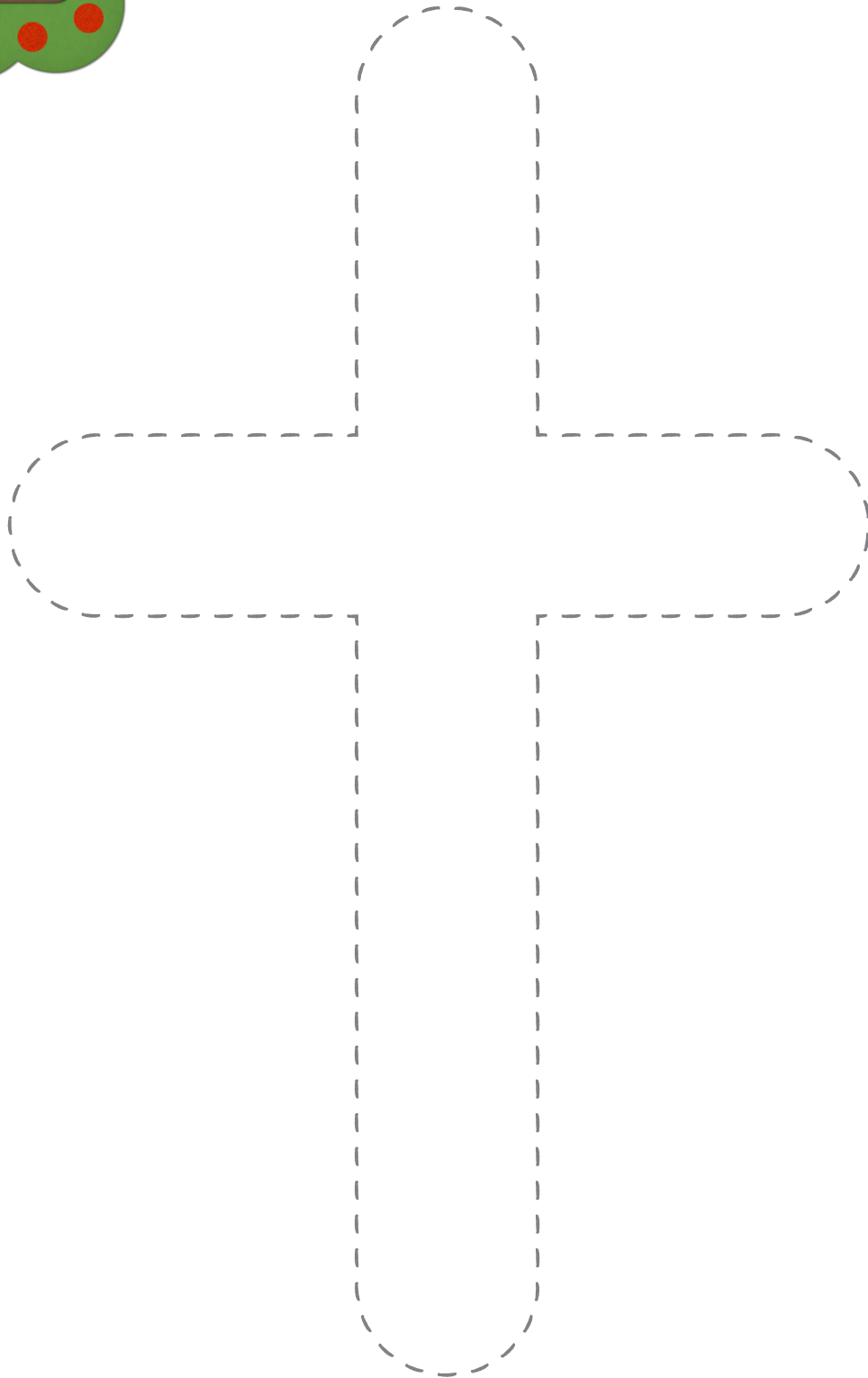
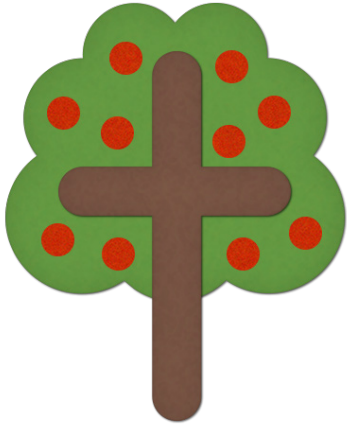


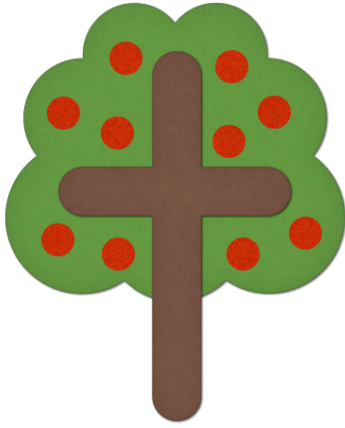
Craft Tip:

Use a black marker to draw nostrils.

# T Is for Tree Craft

Letter T (brown)



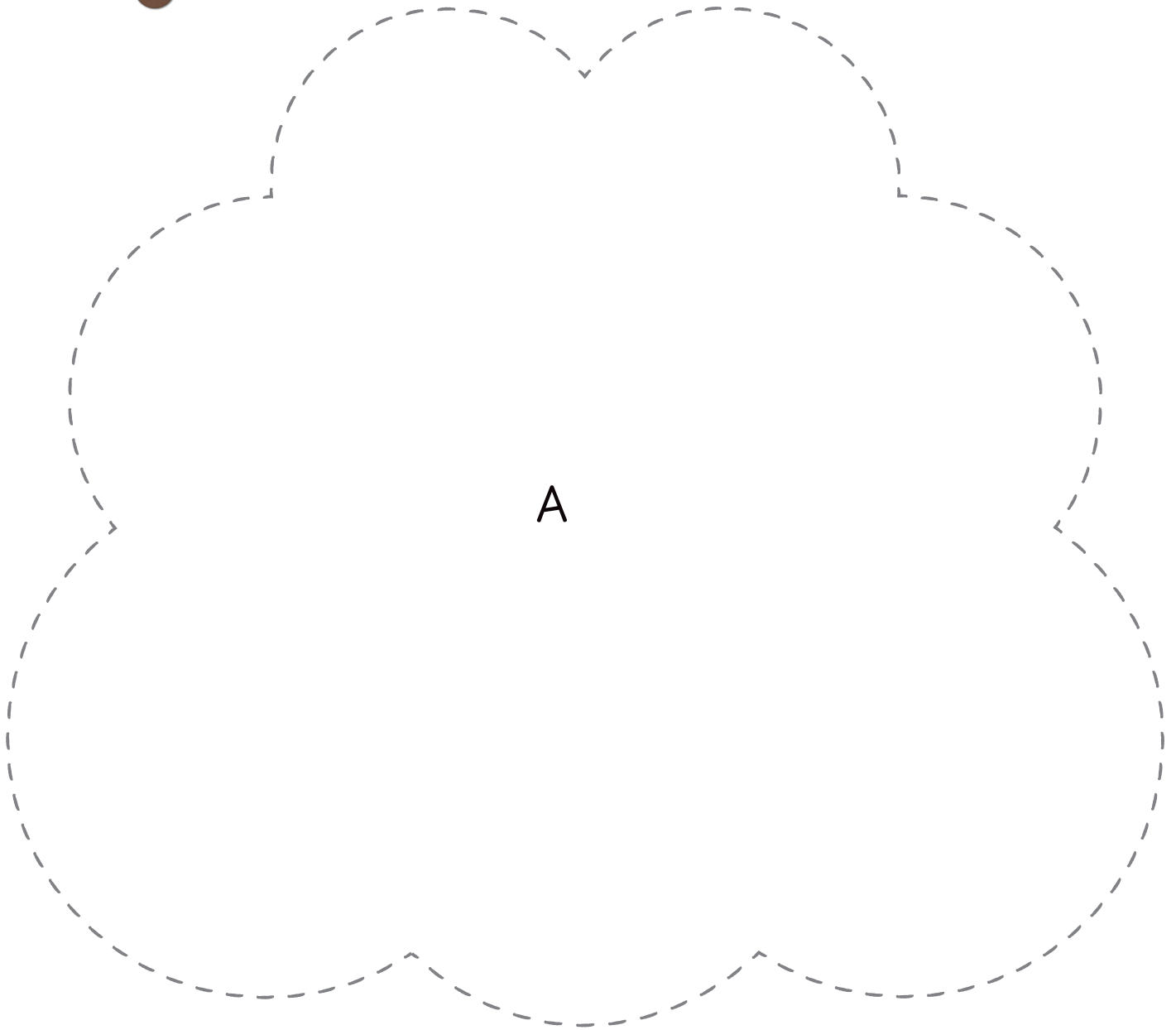


# T Is for Tree Craft

A - Tree Leaves (green)

B - Apples x10 (red)

Background (blue)



A

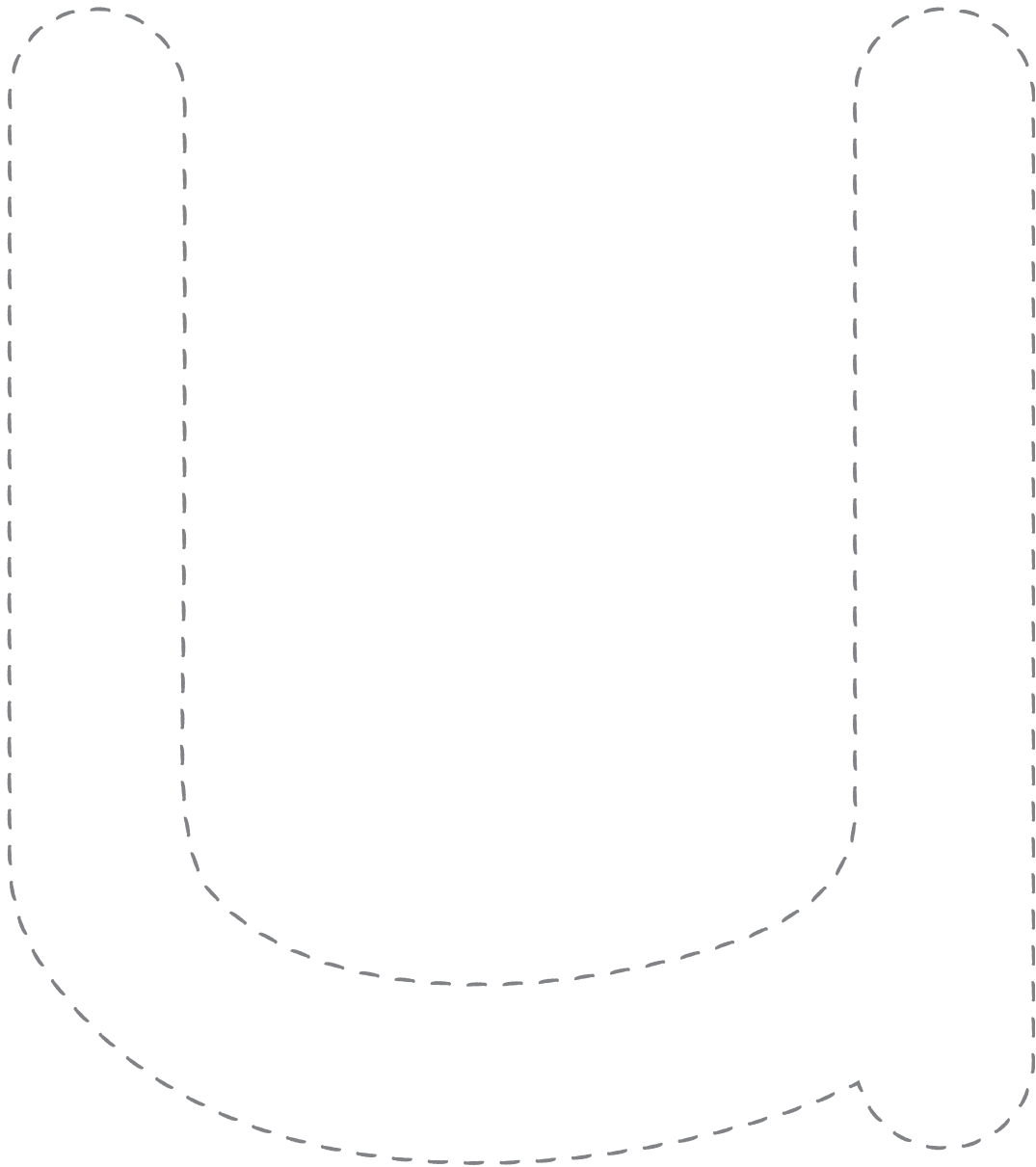


B x10



# U Is for Umbrella Craft

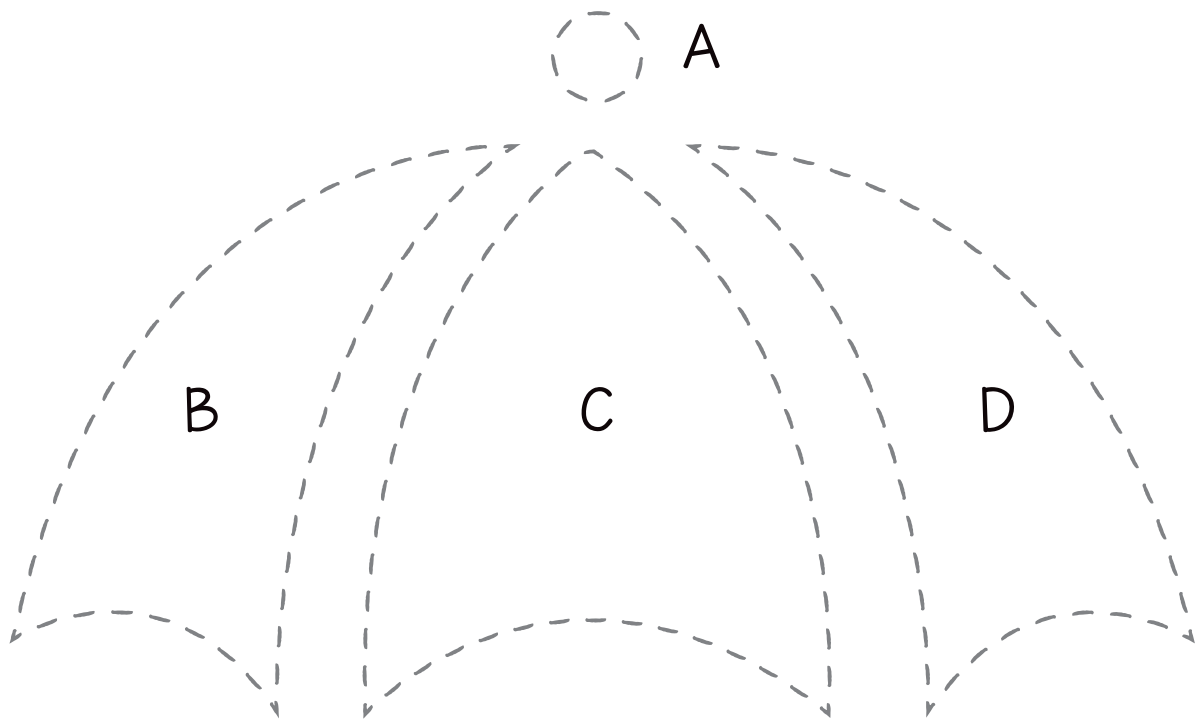
Letter U (yellow)





## U Is for Umbrella Craft

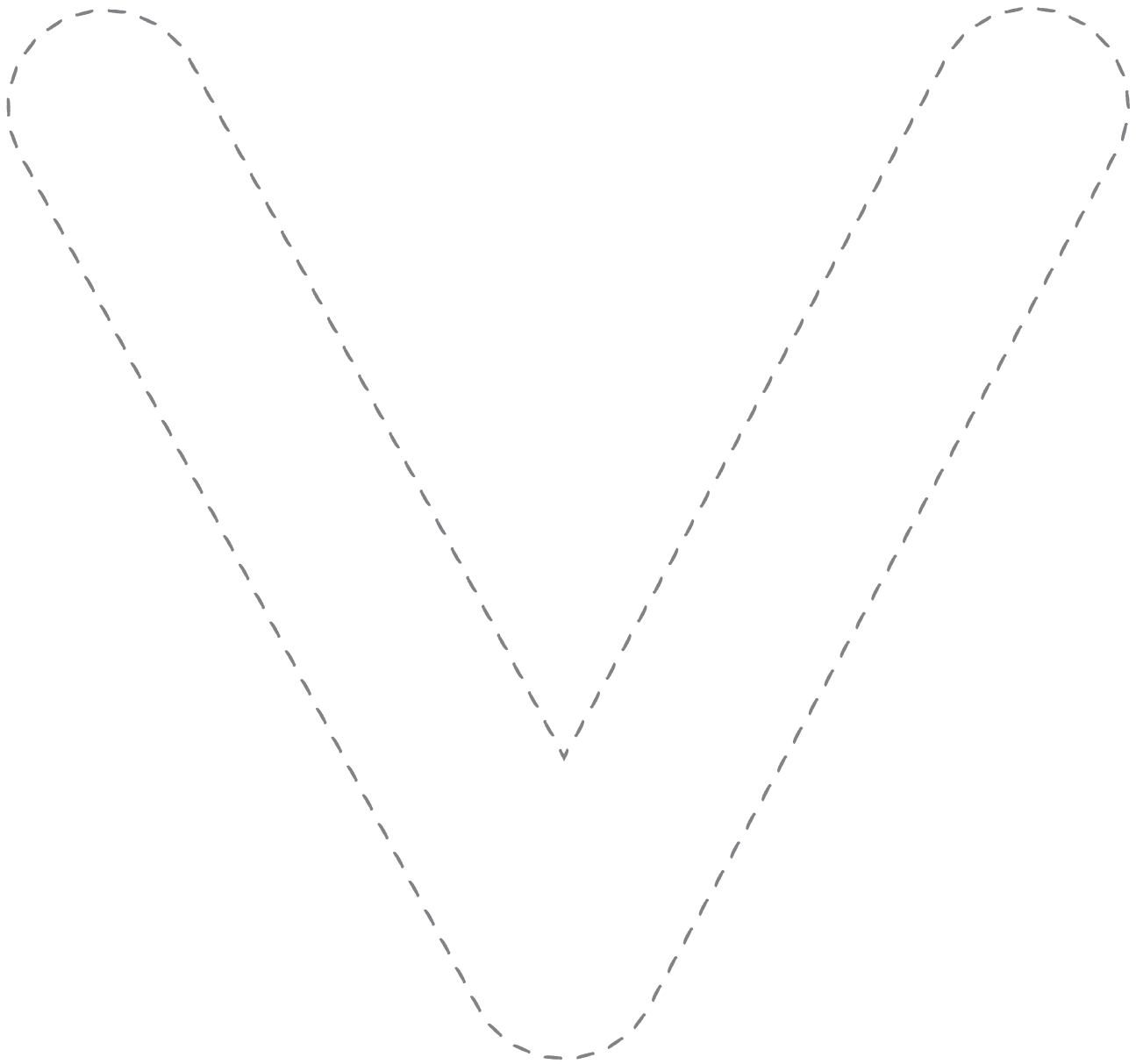
- A - Umbrella Spike (yellow)
- B - Left Umbrella Piece (red)
- C - Center Umbrella Piece (green)
- D - Right Umbrella Piece (blue)
- Background (orange)





# V Is for Volcano Craft

Letter V (brown)

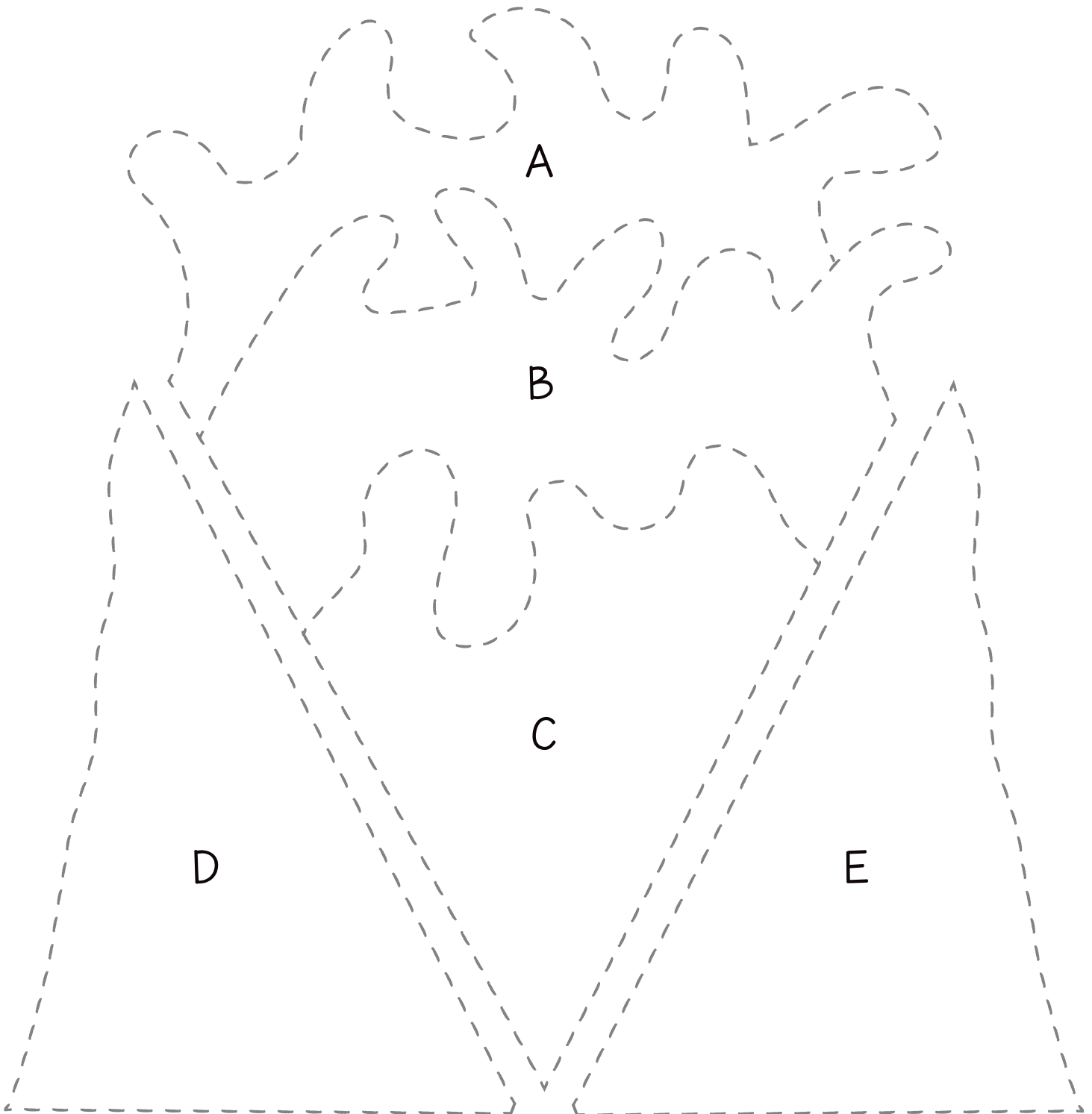






## V Is for Volcano Craft

- A - Red Lava (red)
- B - Orange Lava (orange)
- C - Yellow Lava (yellow)
- D - Left Volcano Base (dark brown)
- E - Right Volcano Base (dark brown)
- Background (blue)



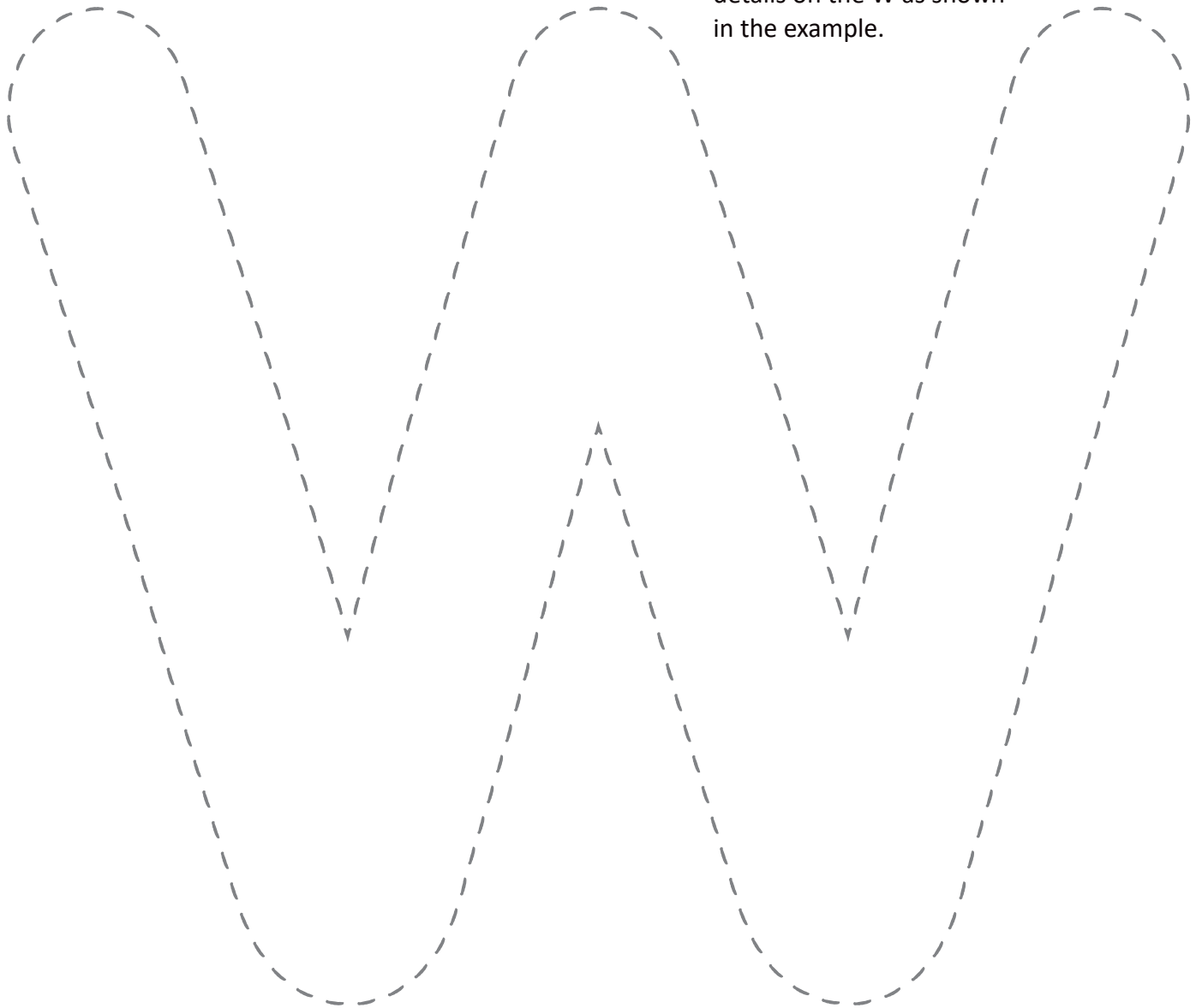


# W Is for Watermelon Craft

Letter W (green)

## Craft Tip:

After assembling the watermelon, use a dark green marker to draw the details on the W as shown in the example.



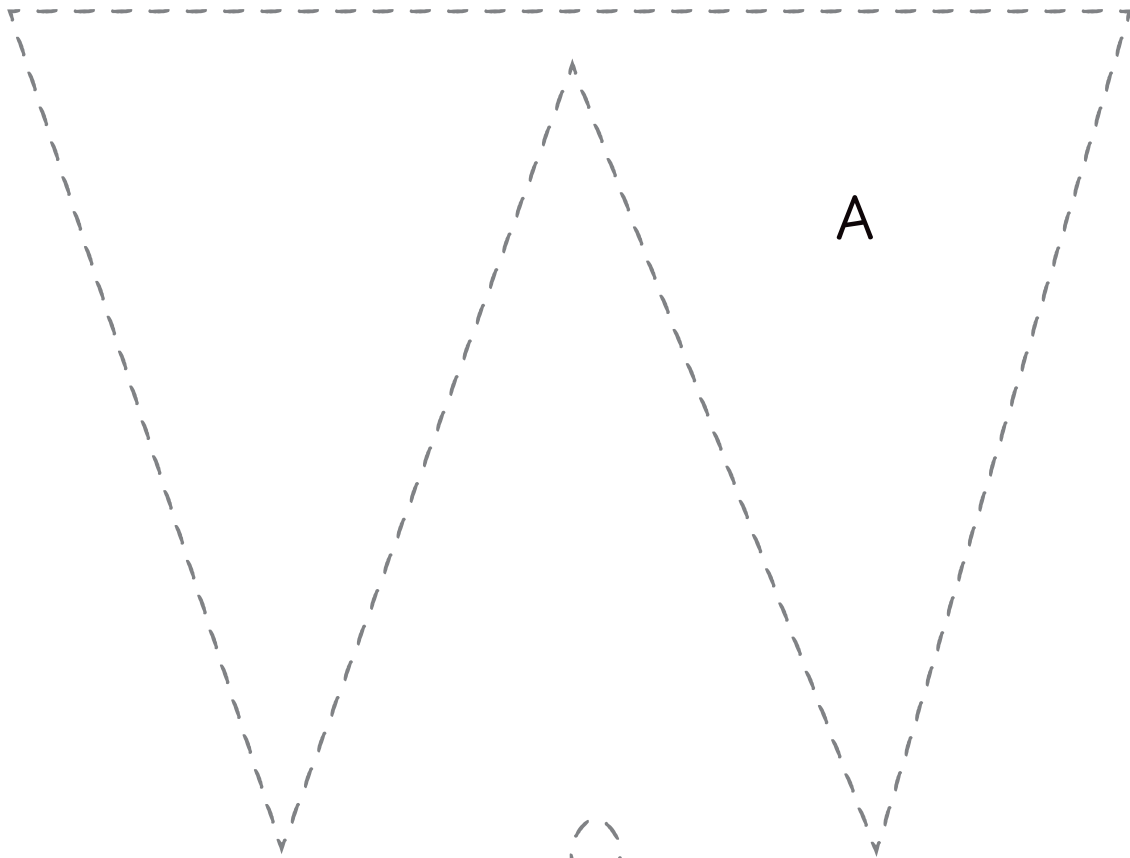


## W Is for Watermelon Craft

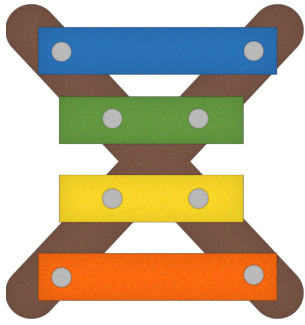
A - Watermelon Fruit (red)

B - Seeds x8 (black)

Background (yellow)

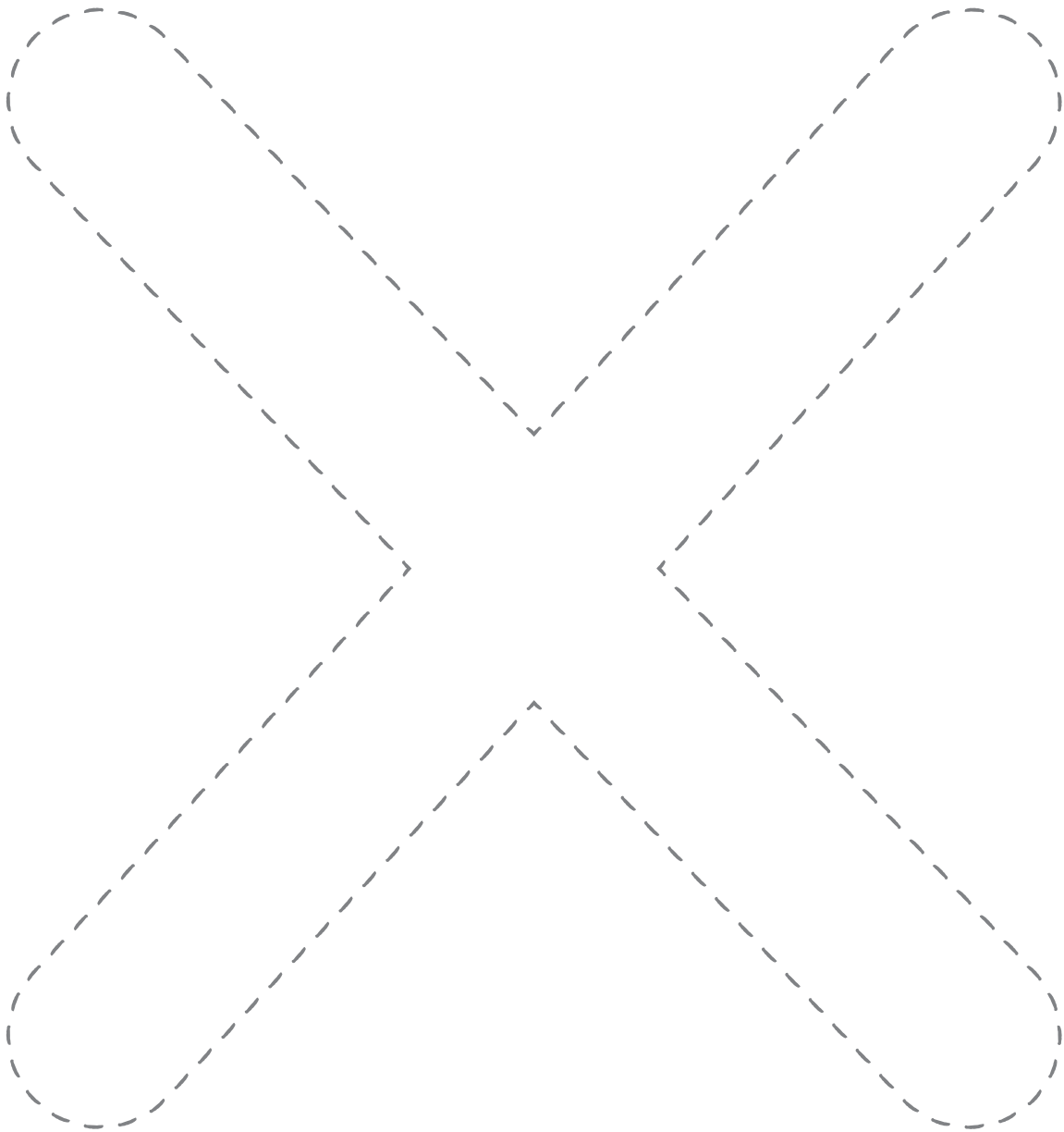


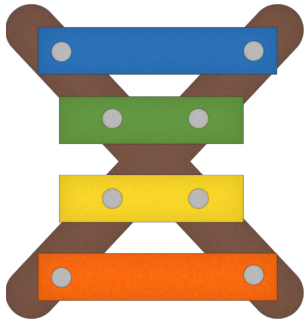
B x8



# X Is for Xylophone Craft

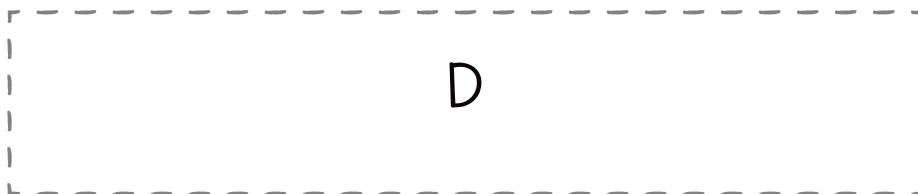
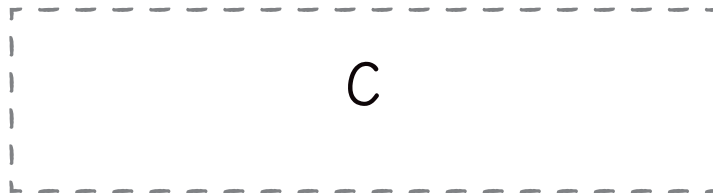
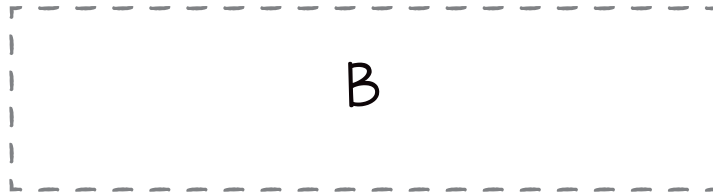
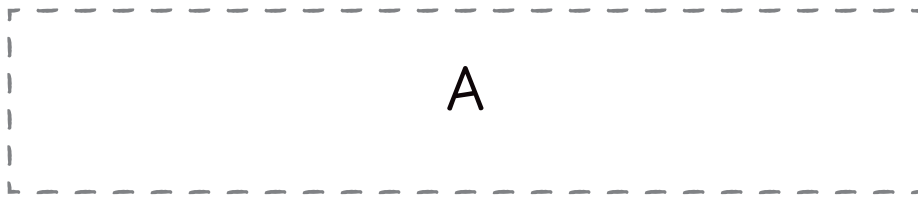
Letter X (brown)





## X Is for Xylophone Craft

- A - Blue Key (blue)
- B - Green Key (green)
- C - Yellow Key (yellow)
- D - Orange Key (orange)
- E - Screws x8 (gray)
- Background (green)

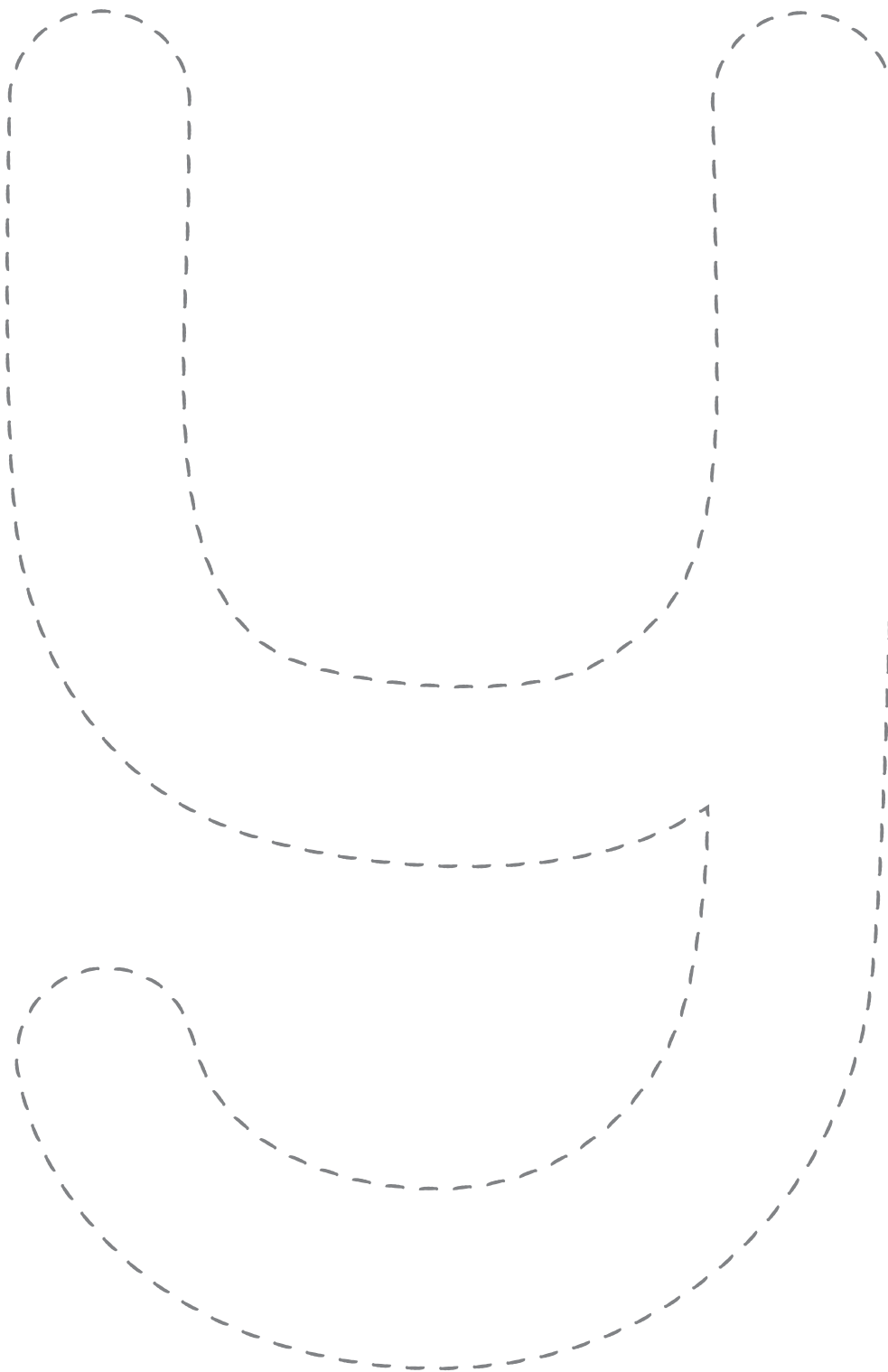


E  
x8



# Y Is for Yo-yo Craft

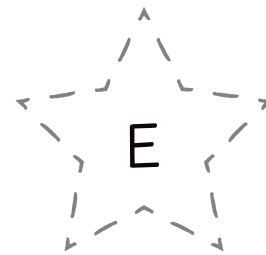
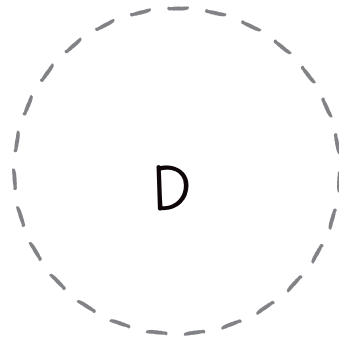
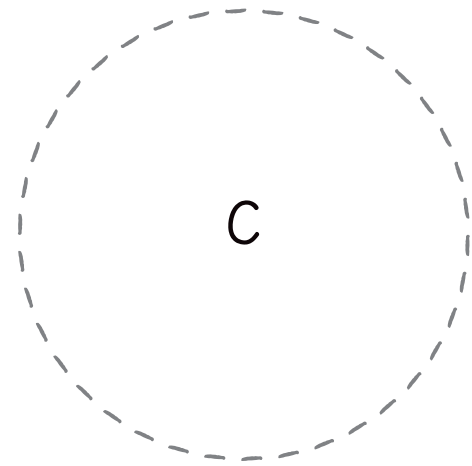
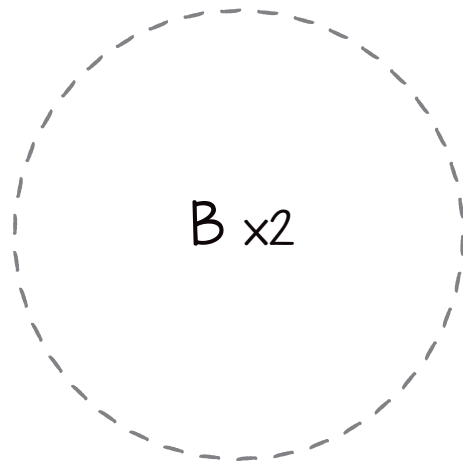
Letter Y (blue)





## Y Is for Yo-yo Craft

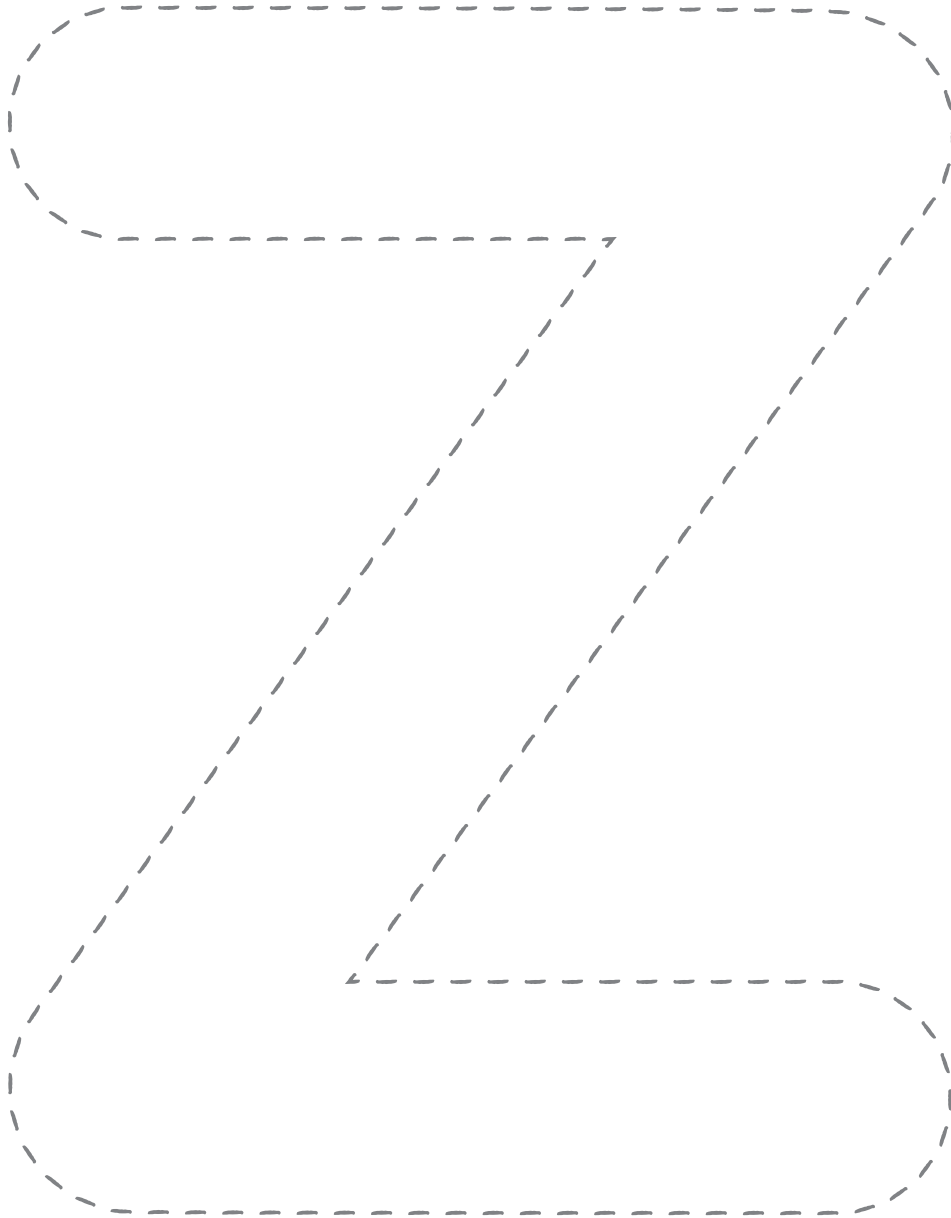
- A - String (white)
- B - Yo-yo Front and Back x2 (orange)
- C - String Compartment (white)
- D - Decorative Circle (blue)
- E - Star (yellow)
- Background (yellow)





# Z Is for Zucchini Craft

Letter Z (green)







## Z Is for Zucchini Craft

A - Stem (lime green)

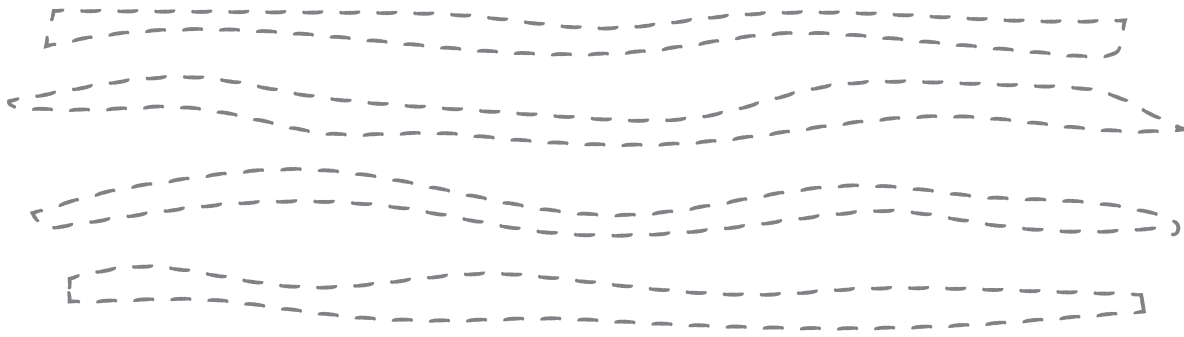
B-E - Zucchini Stripes (lime green)

Background (orange)



Craft Tip:

Use a dark green marker to add the details to the zucchini stem.



B-E

# ABC Crafts: Tips for Working on Pre-Reading Skills

by Marie Rippel

The ABC Crafts series is perfect for slipping in important pre-reading skills while engaging in creative hands-on activities. Pick and choose ideas from this list and you'll effortlessly increase your child's pre-reading skills!

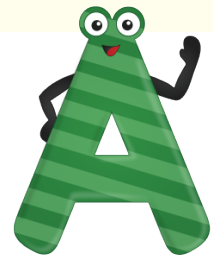
## Print Awareness

- Print the My Lowercase ABC Book cover and allow your child to write his name on it. Add each craft you create to your child's book.
- Run your finger under the words on the craft instructions to show that you are reading the words on the paper. Have your child share the craft with a family member or friend. Highlight the fact that his friend can make and enjoy the same letter craft by reading and following the craft instructions.
- Point out matching words when possible. For example, show your child the word *paper* on the craft instructions. Then compare this to the word *paper* printed on the package of paper.



## Letter Knowledge

- As you create each craft, use bits of scrap paper to form the letter of the alphabet that the craft begins with.
- Show your child the first letter of the craft name. For example: "A is for Apple Craft. Apple starts with A!"
- Have your child search for the featured letter on your craft supplies, such as the glue stick or the package of printer paper.



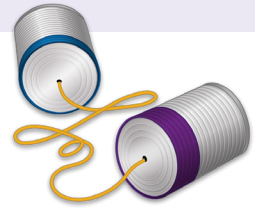
## Phonological Awareness

- Say the name of the craft you are preparing and emphasize the first sound of the words in the title. For example: "Z...z...zucchini. Zucchini starts with /z/!"
- Emphasize words that begin with the sound of the featured letter. For example, for /p/, search for words like *printer*, *paper*, *pencil*, and *page*. For /s/, look for words like *scissors*, *stapler*, *size*, and *stripes*.



## Listening Comprehension

- Have your child help you gather the needed craft supplies as you read the list aloud.
- Read the craft instructions aloud and have your child complete the steps that he is able to do, such as gluing the pieces together or drawing details with a marker.
- Begin by giving one instruction at a time, such as “Please bring me the glue,” and then build up to two-part instructions, such as “Please bring me the glue and a piece of paper.”
- Have your child explain the craft to a family member or friend.



## Motivation to Read

- Share your own enthusiasm for making crafts with your child. Let your child see how exciting it is to be able to read and create crafts together.
- As you and your child enjoy the crafts you have created together, point out that you have to be able to read in order to follow instructions and create fun crafts.
- Look at some other craft books, preferably those with color photographs. Explore the crafts together and talk about special things that you might make in the future.





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