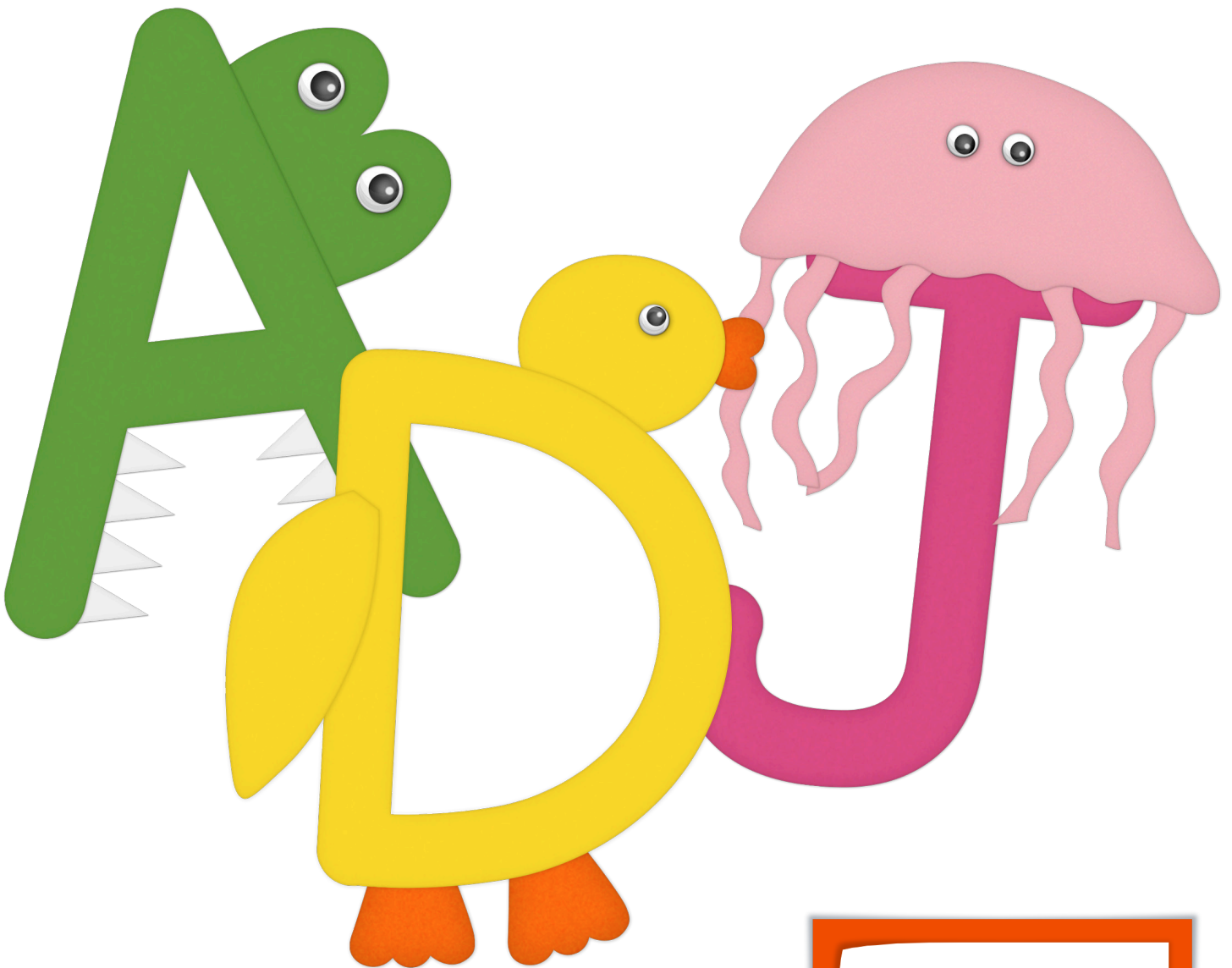


ABC Crafts for Uppercase Letters

a letter recognition activity



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ABC Crafts for Uppercase 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 ABC Animal Book.



Here's what you'll need

To create your letter crafts:

- Printer paper (to print templates)
- An assortment of card stock
- 42 “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 sample 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:

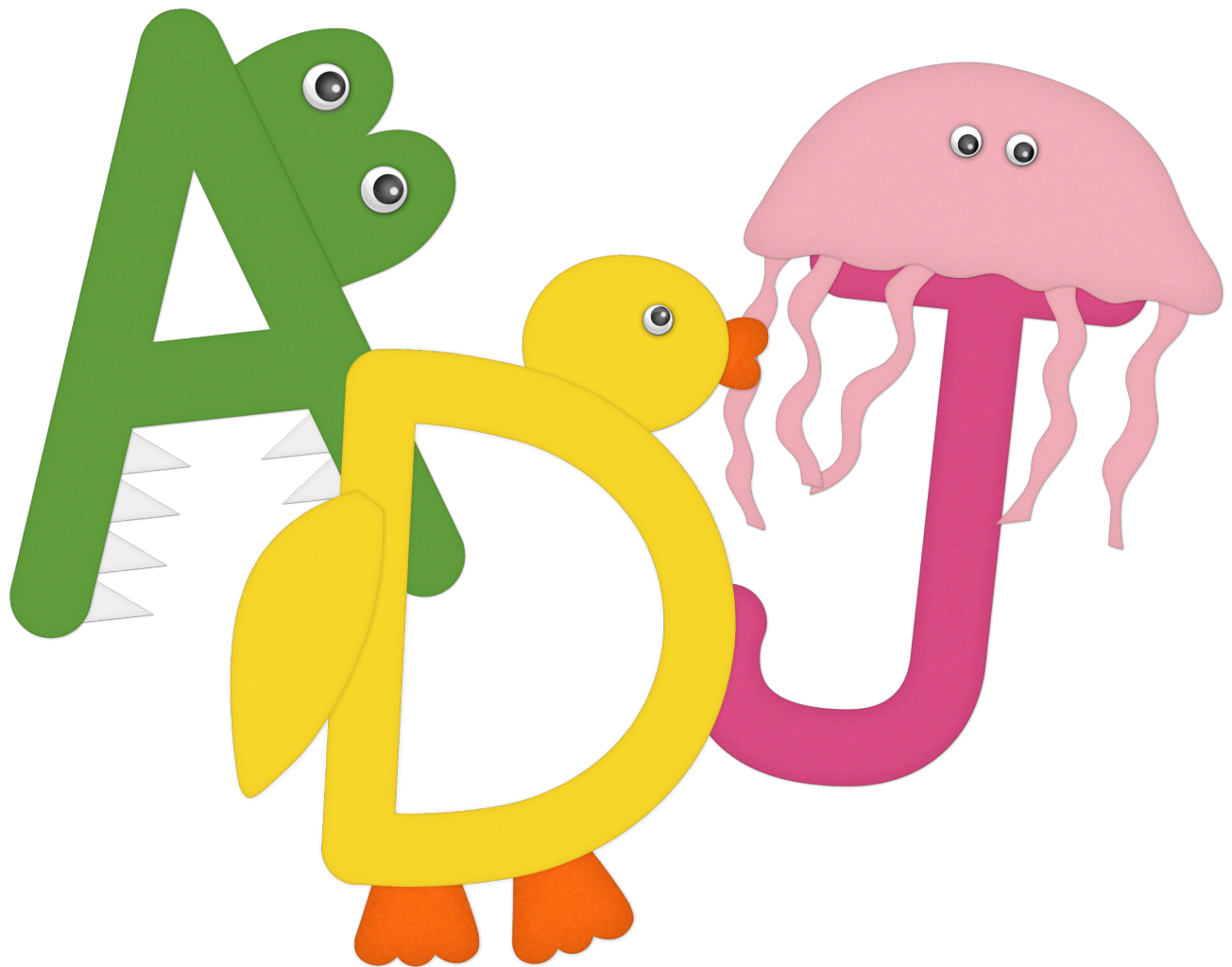
Option 1: Slip your completed craft pages into plastic page protectors and place them into a 3-ring binder. For a great finishing touch, print the My ABC Animal Book cover on page 5.

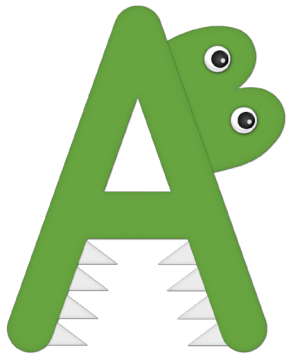
Option 2: Punch holes through the letter craft pages with a 3-hole punch. Reinforce the holes with clear reinforcement labels. Tie your pages together with yarn or string.

ABC Crafts Color Guide



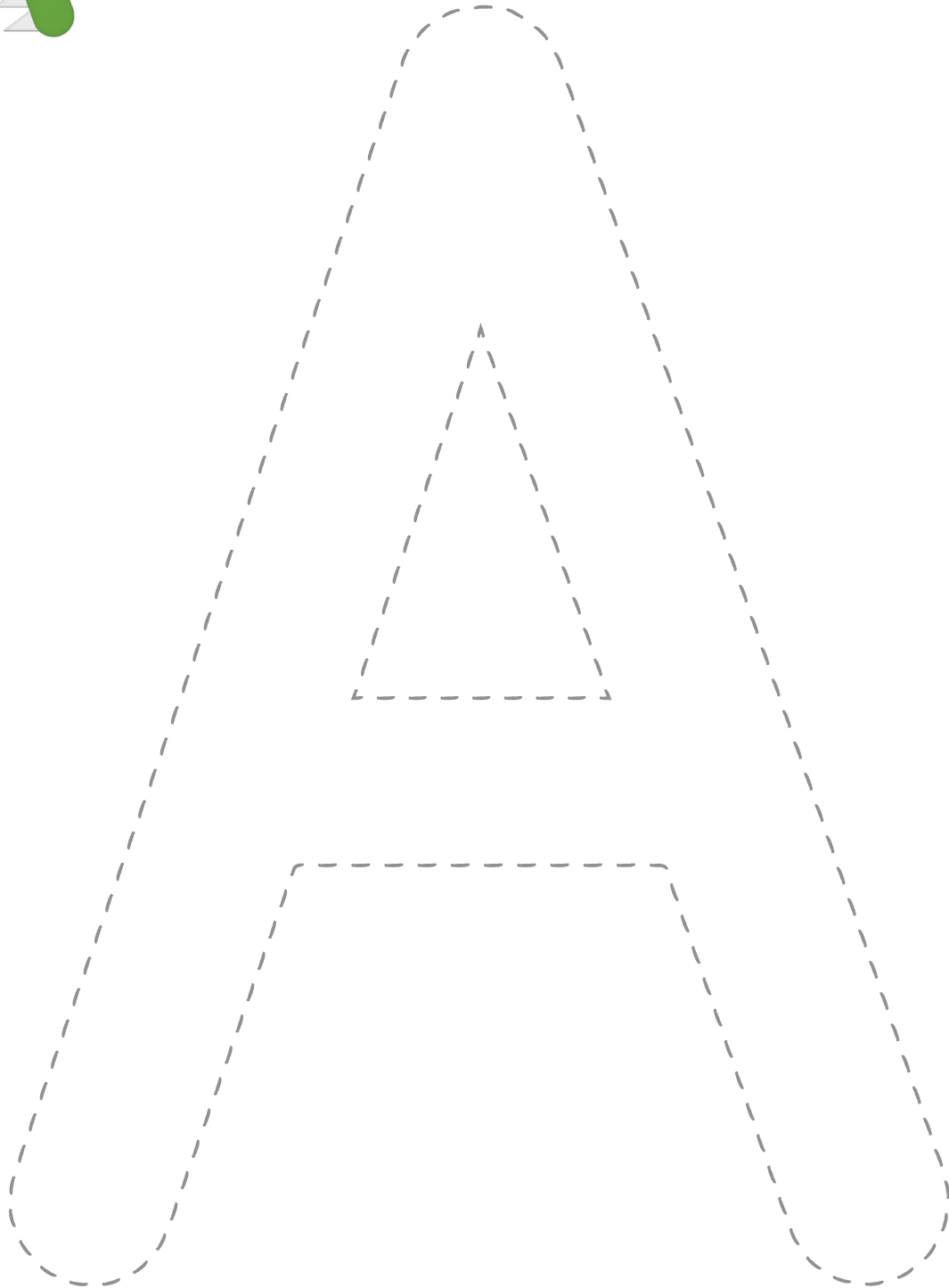
My ABC Animal Book

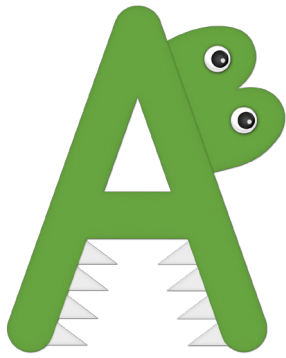




A Is for Alligator Craft

Letter A (green)



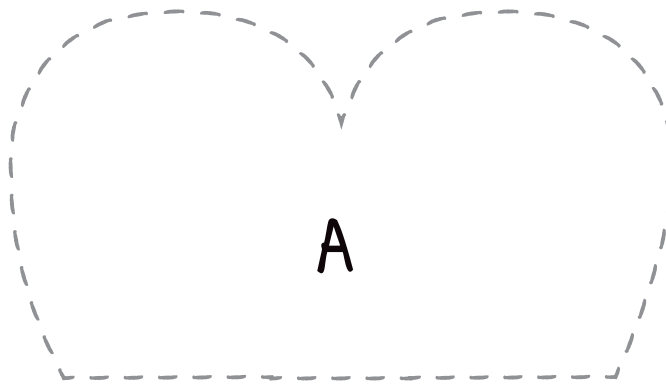


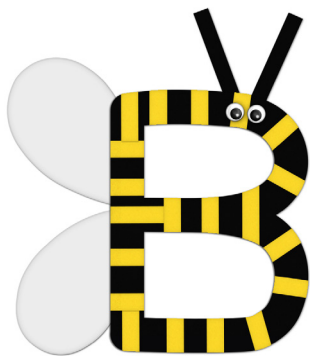
A Is for Alligator Craft

A - Head (green)

B - Teeth x8 (white)

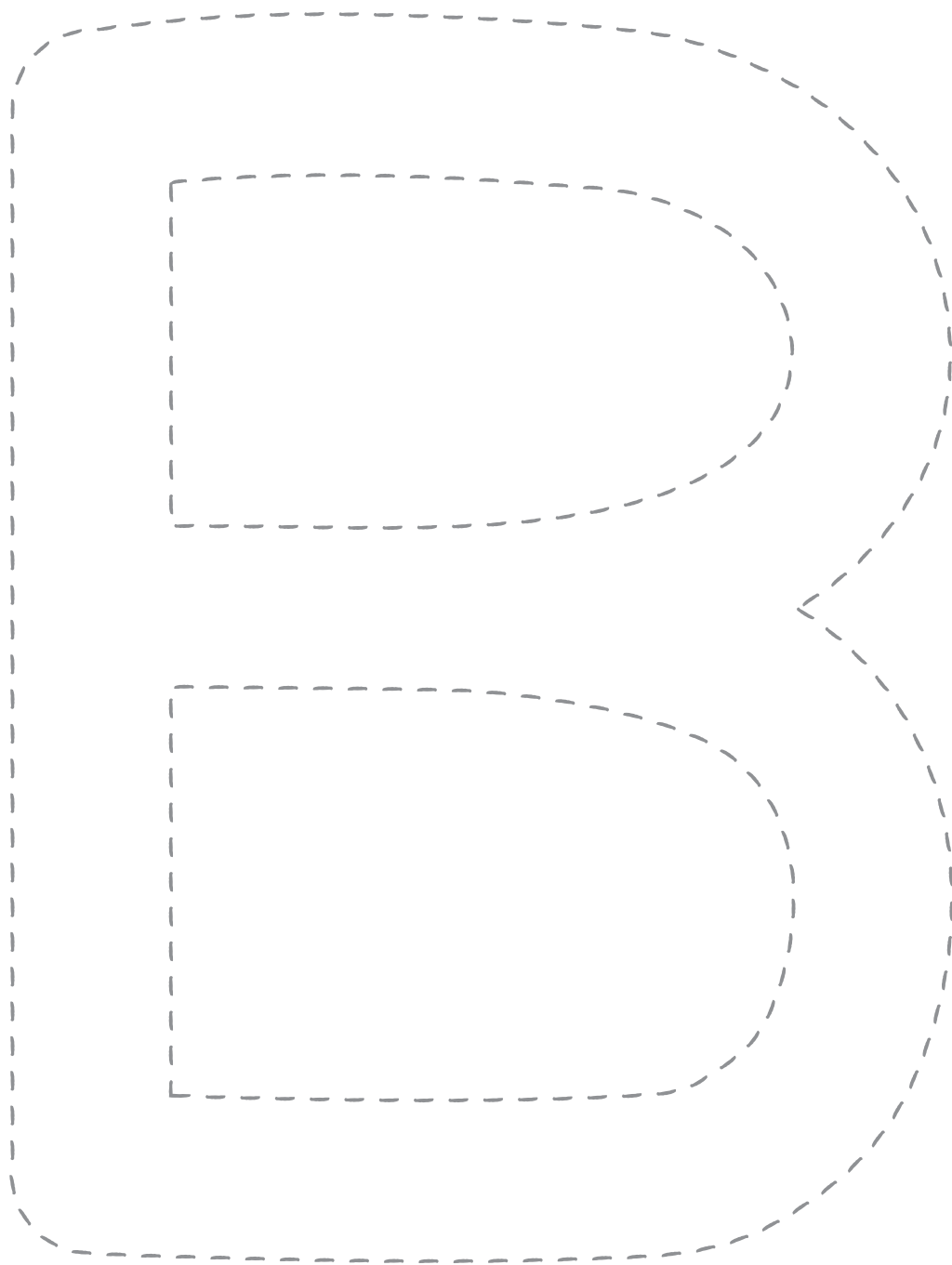
Background (purple)

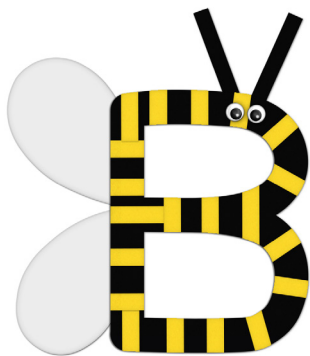




B Is for Bee Craft

Letter B (black)





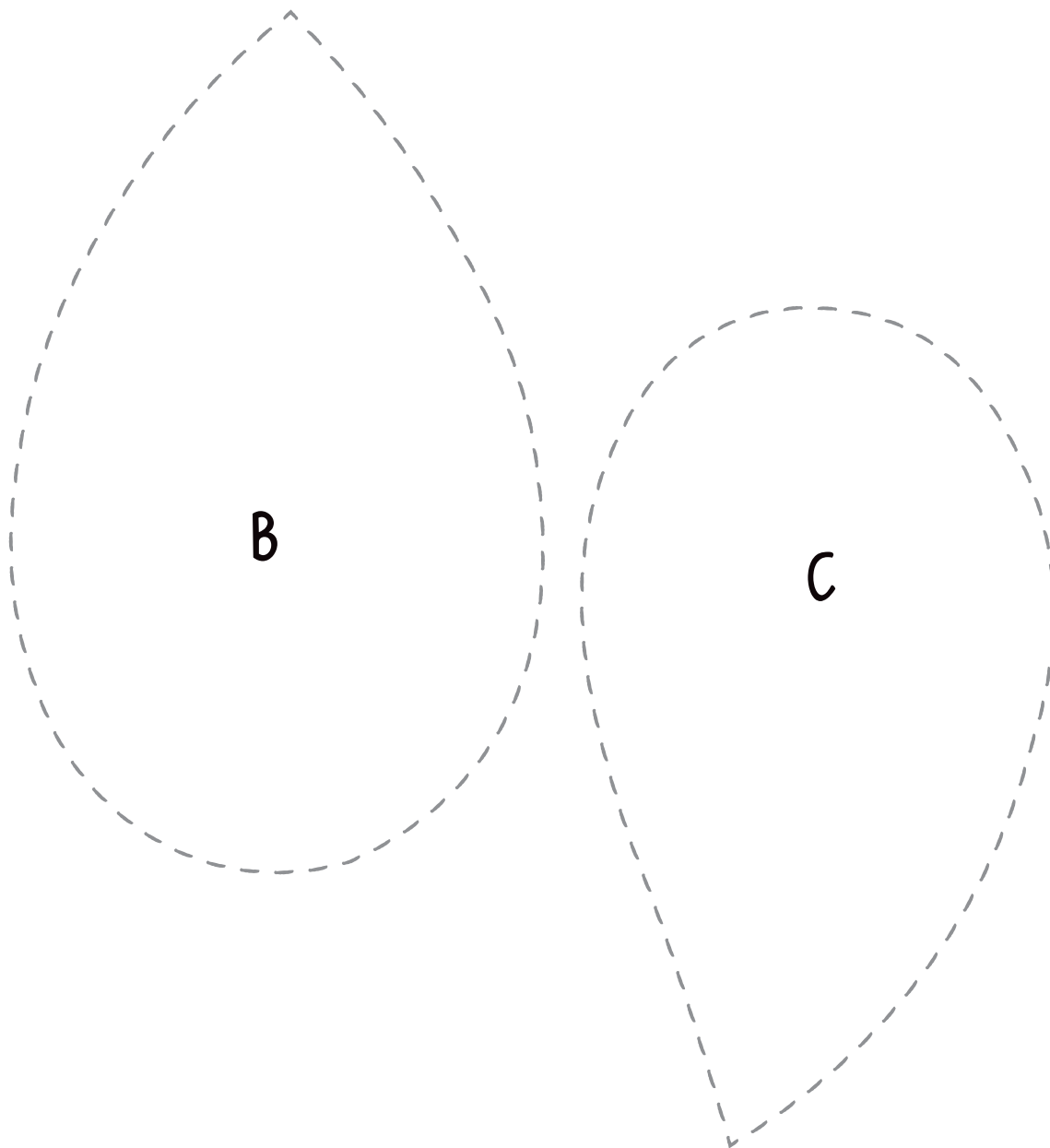
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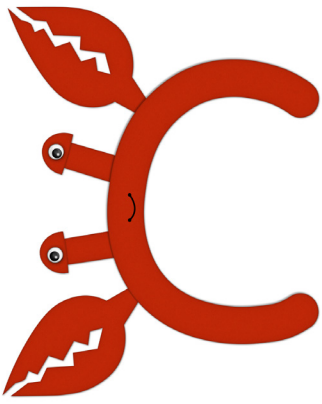
- A - Antennas x2 (black)
- B - Top Wing (white)
- C - Bottom Wing (white)
- D - Stripe Width x2 (yellow)
- Background (blue)

D
x2



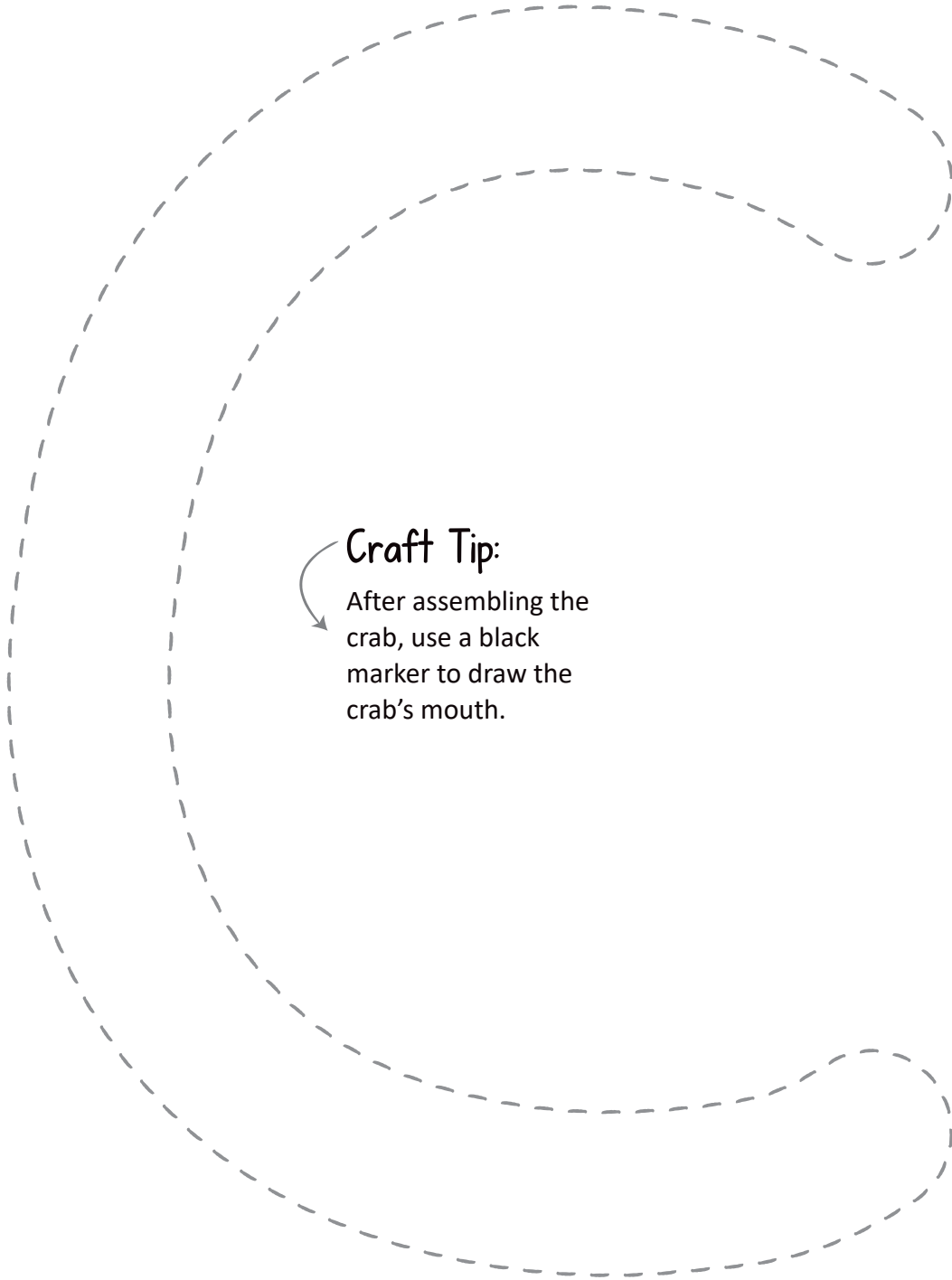
A
x2



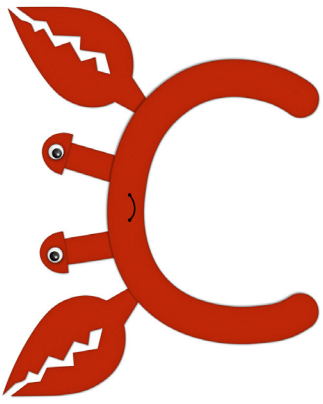


C Is for Crab Craft

Letter C (red)

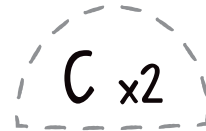
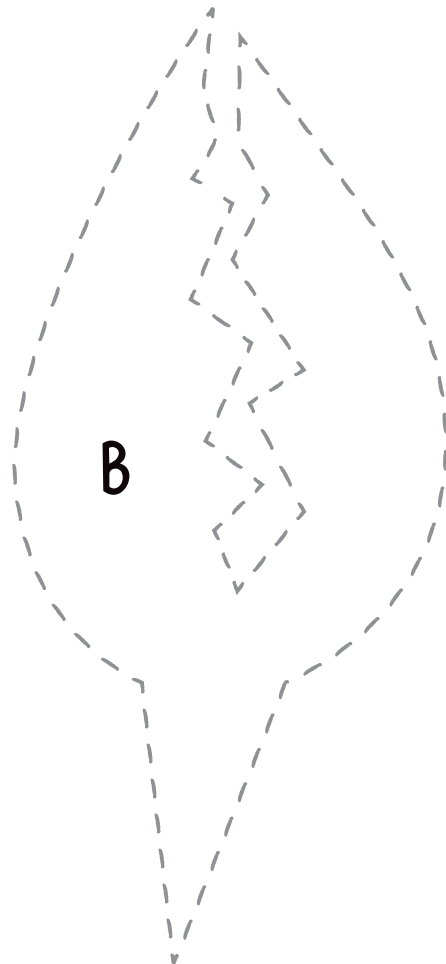
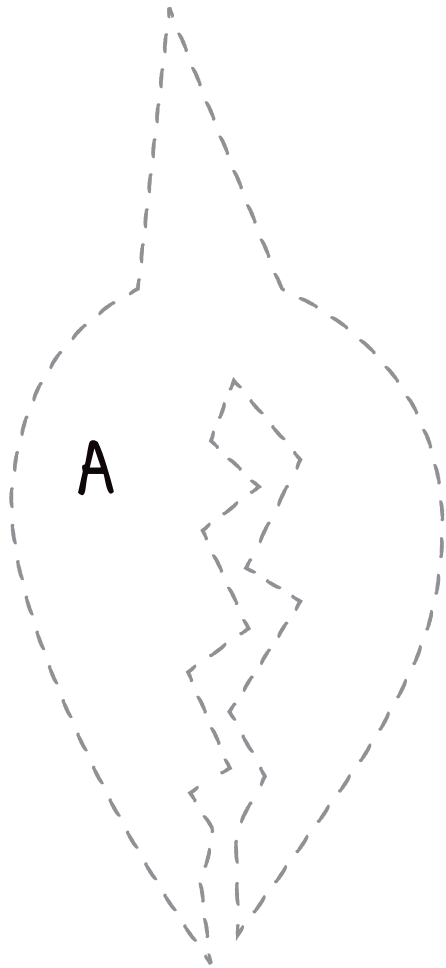


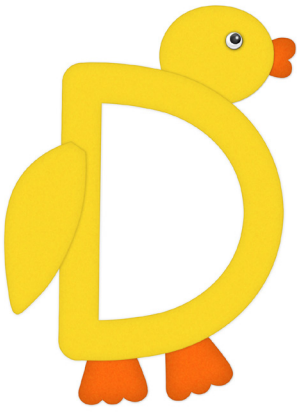
Craft Tip:
After assembling the crab, use a black marker to draw the crab's mouth.



C Is for Crab Craft

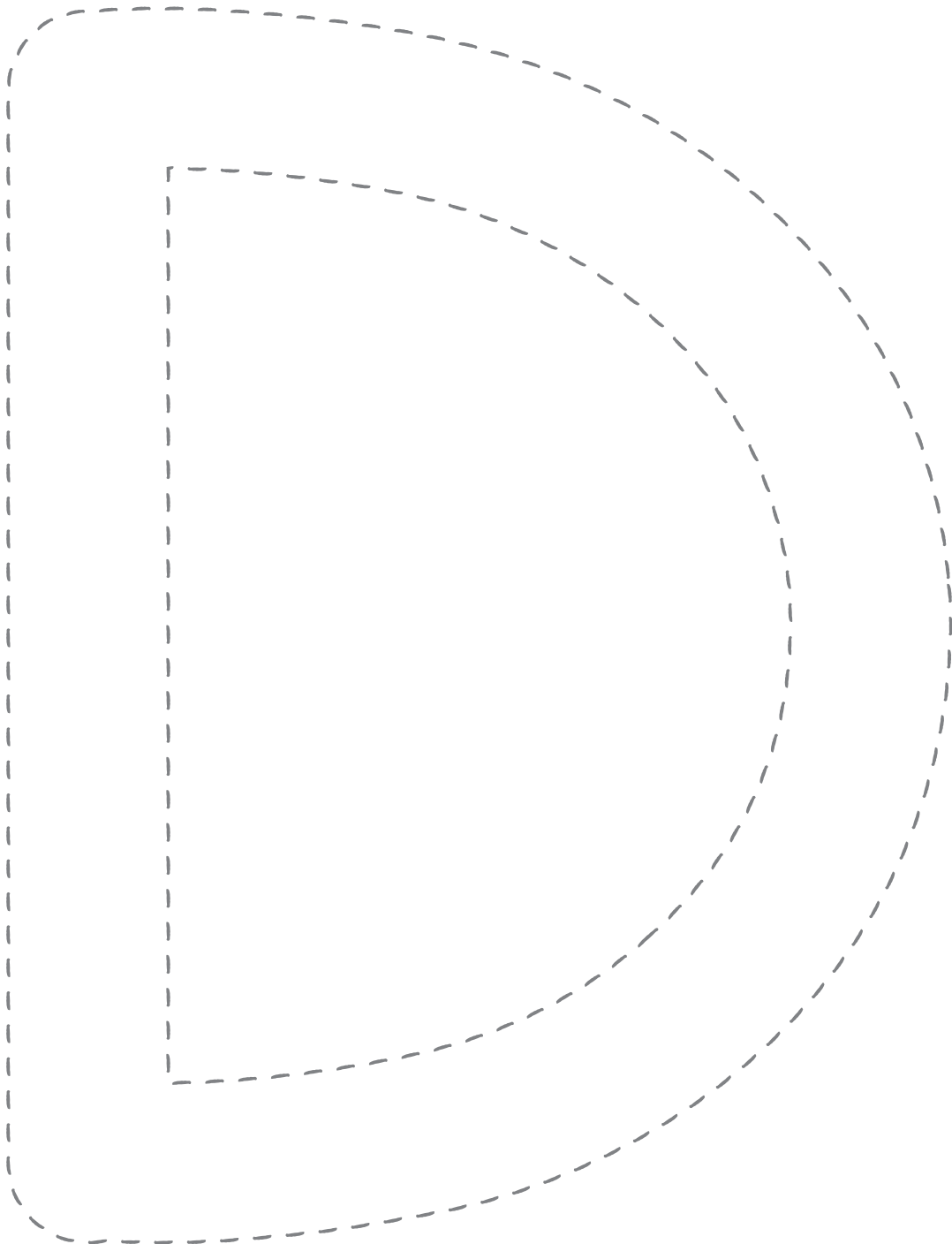
- A - Left Claw (red)
- B - Right Claw (red)
- C - Eye Sockets x2 (red)
- D - Eye Stems x2 (red)
- Background (sky blue)

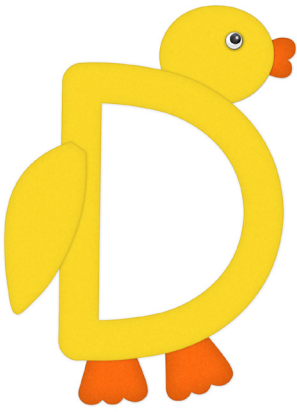




D Is for Duck Craft

Letter D (yellow)





D Is for Duck Craft

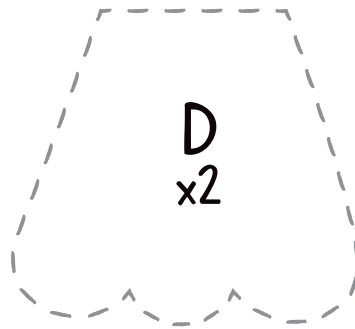
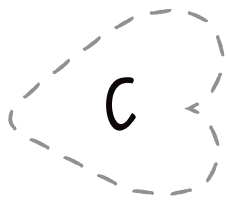
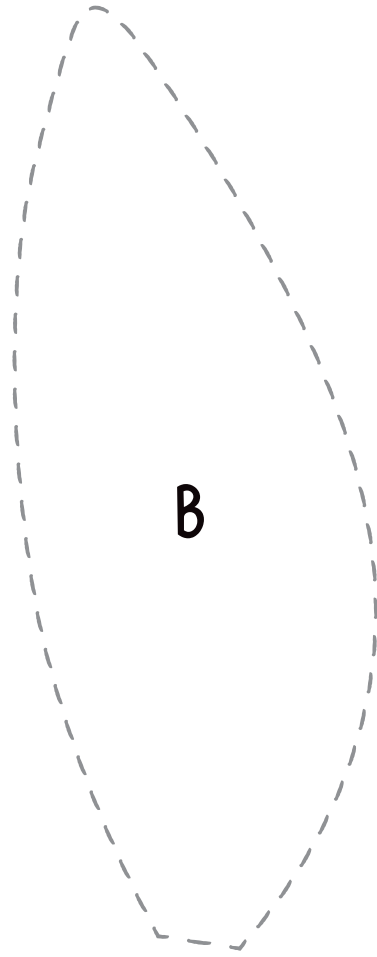
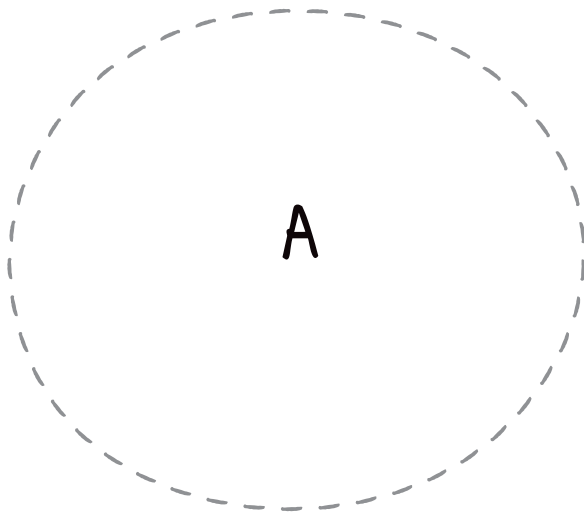
A - Head (yellow)

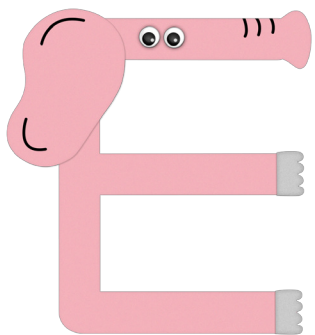
B - Wing (yellow)

C - Mouth (orange)

D - Feet x2 (orange)

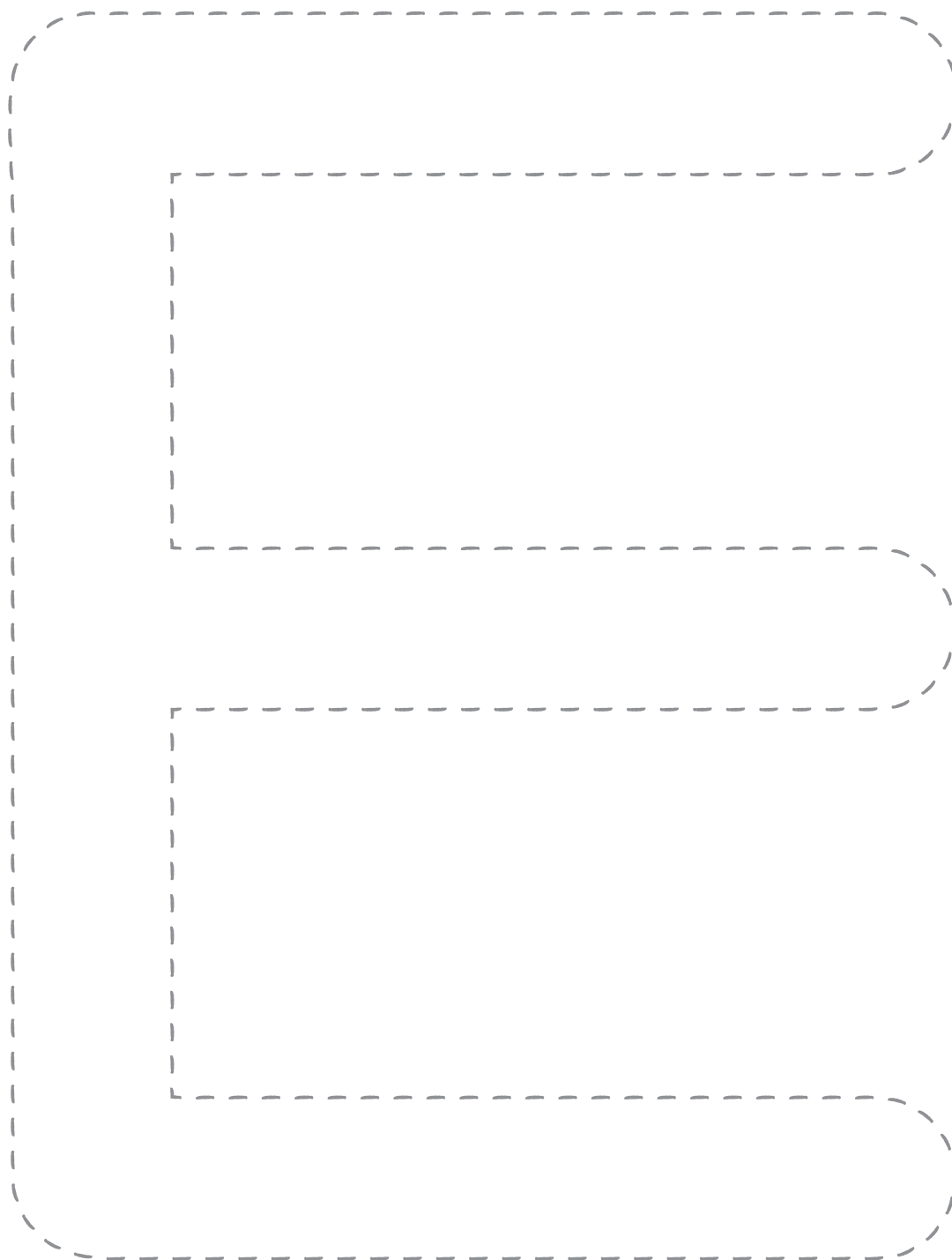
Background (green)

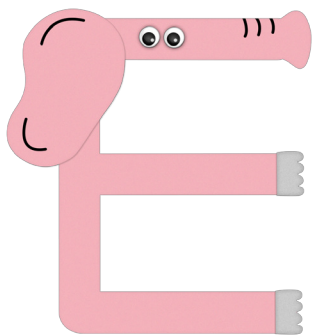




E Is for Elephant Craft

Letter E (pink)





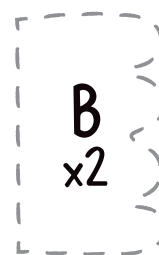
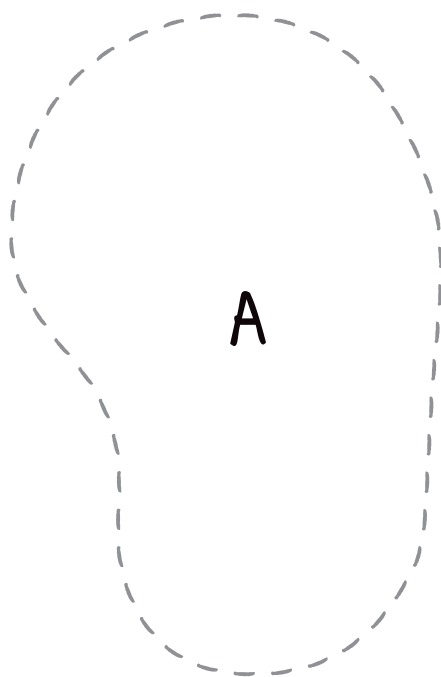
E Is for Elephant Craft

A - Ear (pink)

B - Feet x2 (gray)

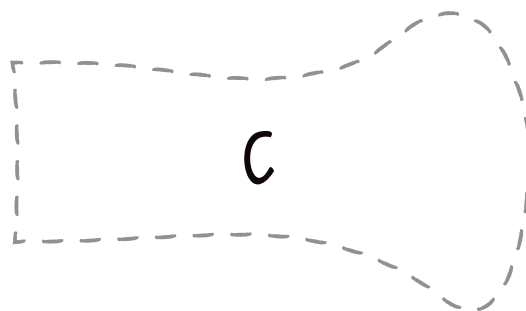
C - Trunk (pink)

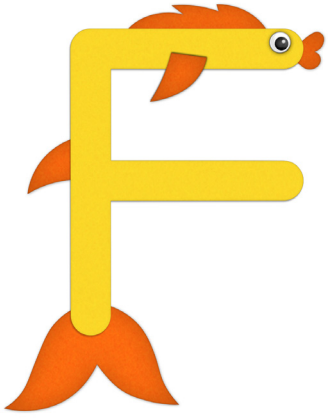
Background (purple)



Craft Tip:

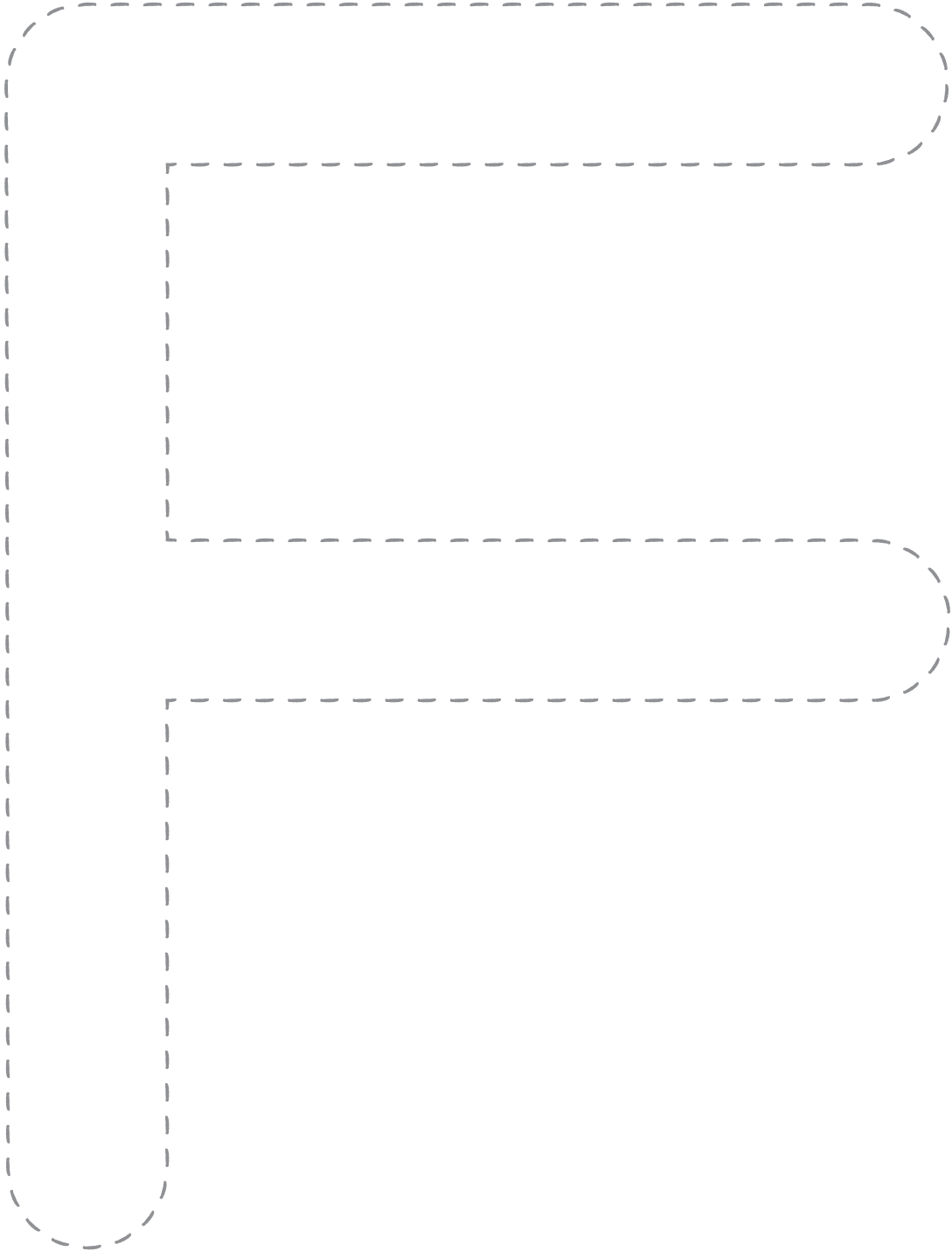
Use a black marker to draw the ear and trunk details.

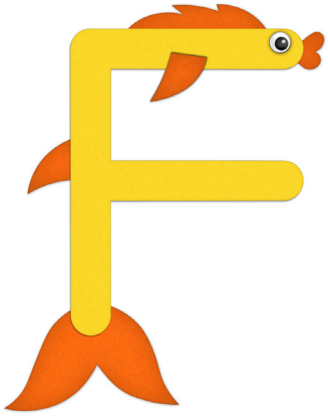




F Is for Fish Craft

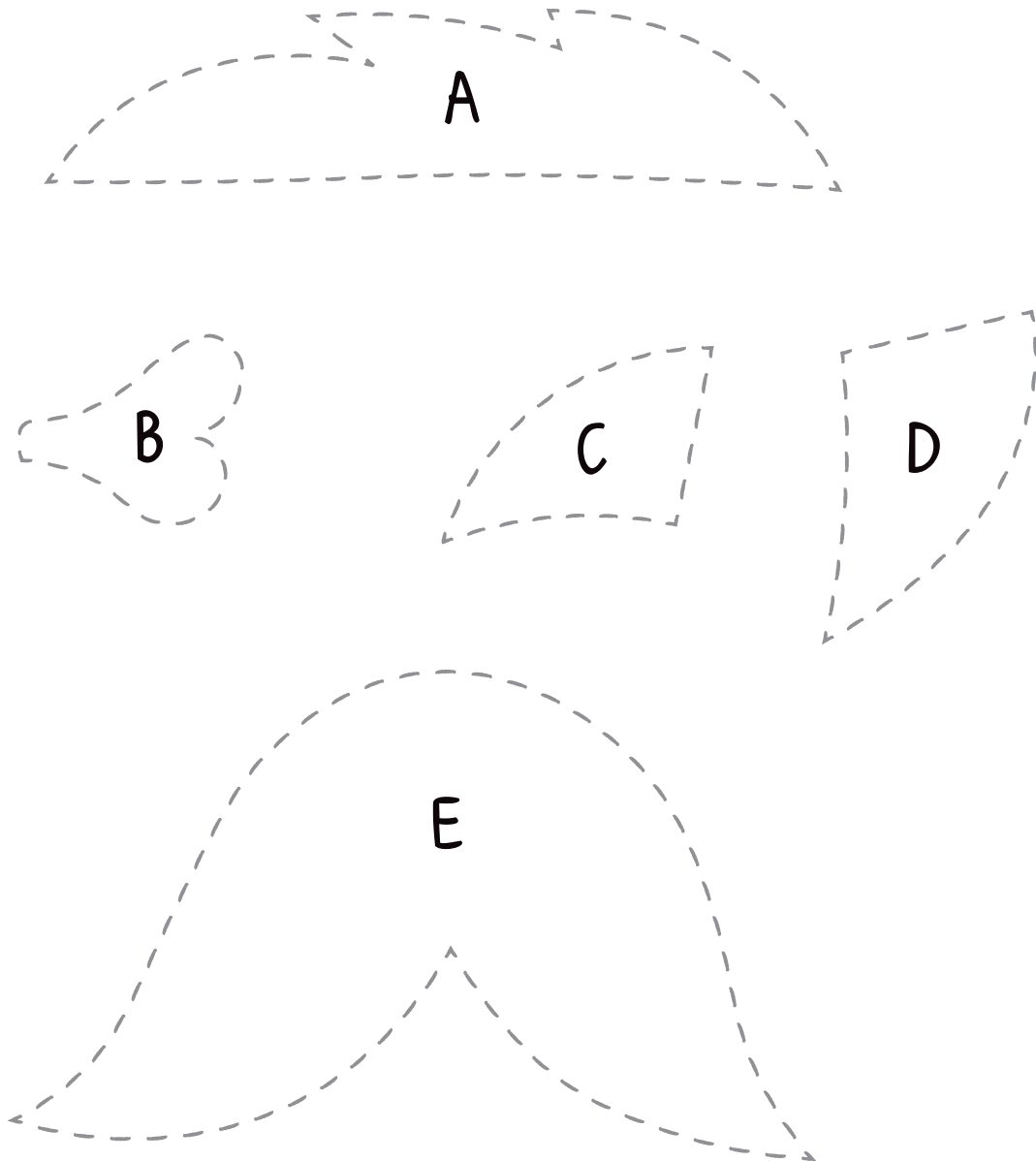
Letter F (yellow)





F Is for Fish Craft

- A - Head Fin (orange)
- B - Mouth (orange)
- C - Side Fin (orange)
- D - Top Fin (orange)
- E - Tail Fin (orange)
- Background (blue)





G Is for Goat Craft

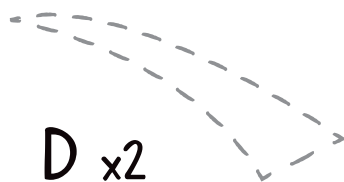
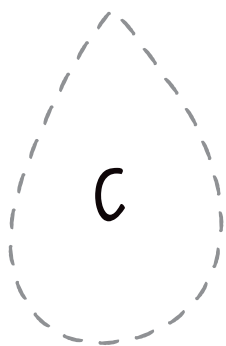
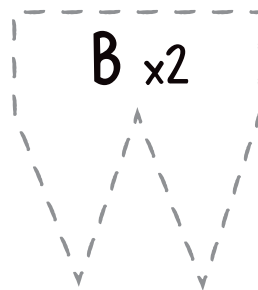
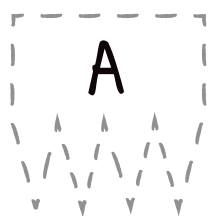
Letter G (brown)





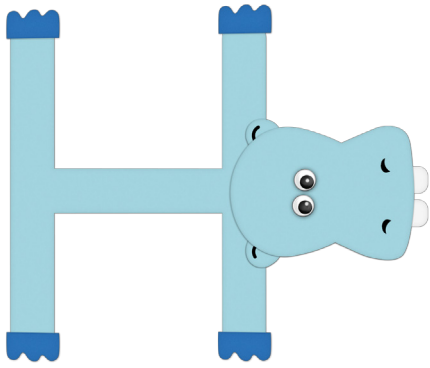
G Is for Goat Craft

- A - Beard (tan)
- B - Feet x2 (dark brown)
- C - Ear (dark brown)
- D - Horns x2 (white)
- E - Nose (tan)
- Background (sky blue)



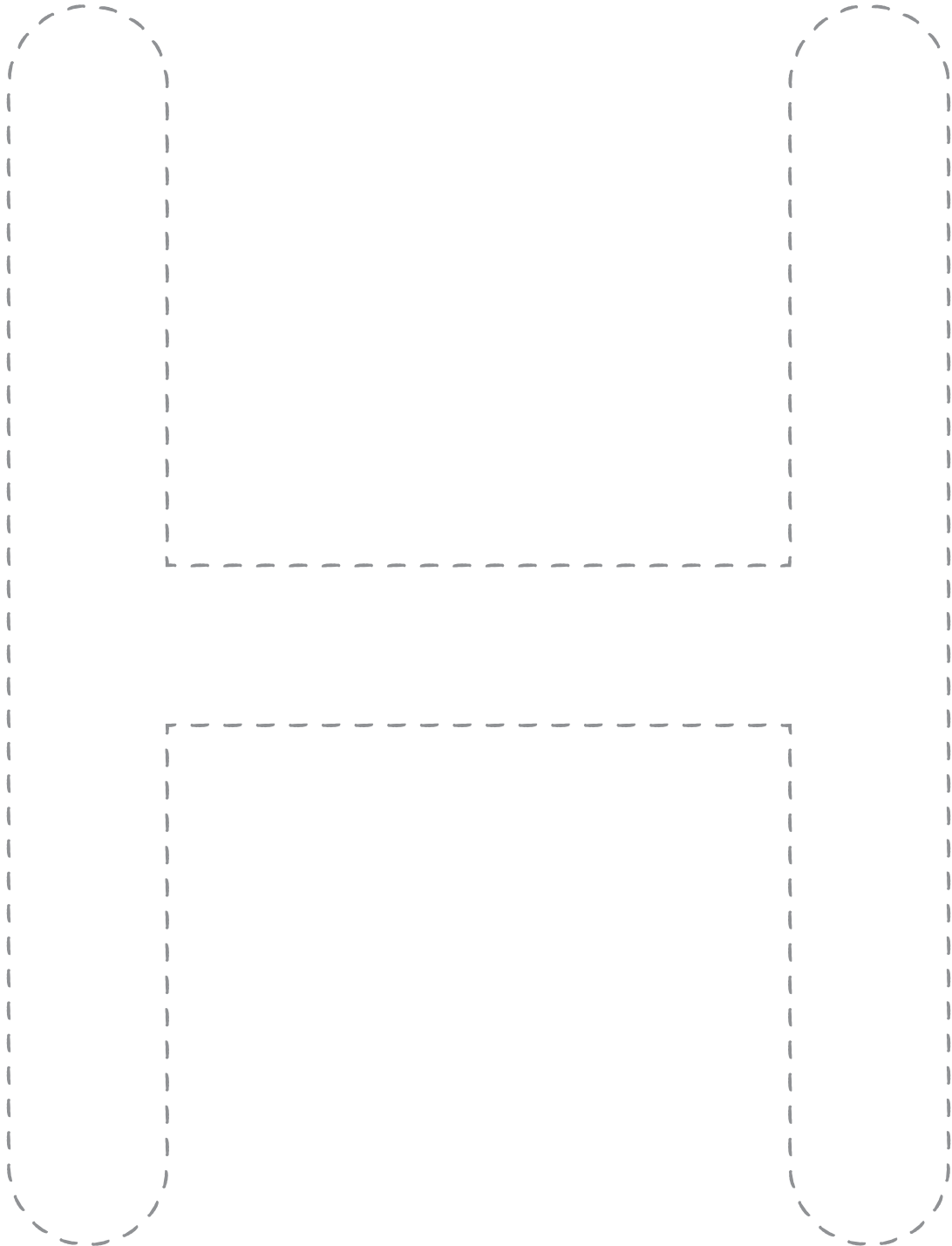
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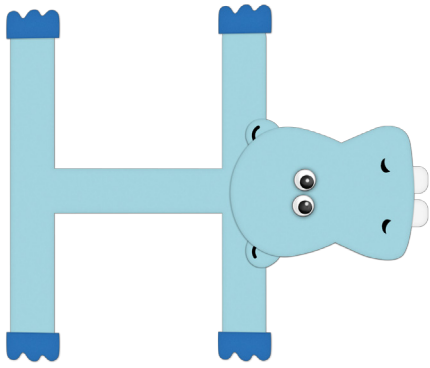
Use a black marker
to draw the mouth.



H Is for Hippopotamus Craft

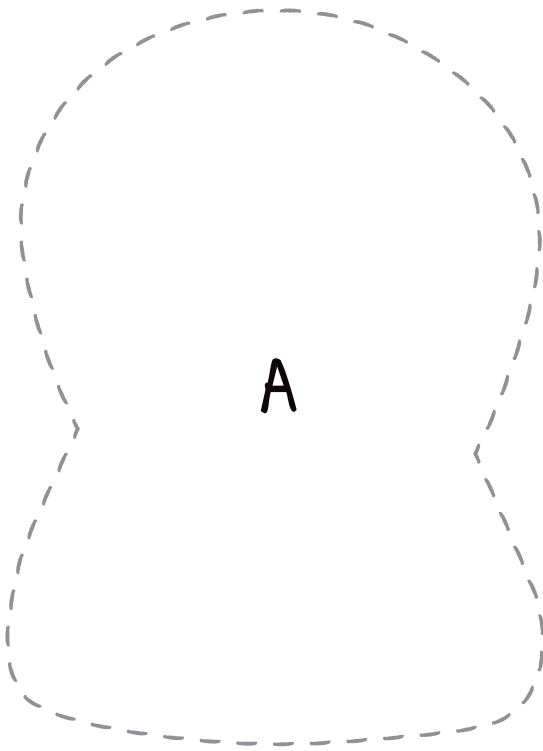
Letter H (sky blue)



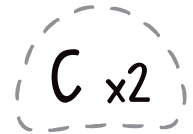


H Is for Hippopotamus Craft

- A - Head (sky blue)
- B - Hands/Feet x4 (blue)
- C - Ears x2 (sky blue)
- D - Teeth x2 (white)
- Background (green)



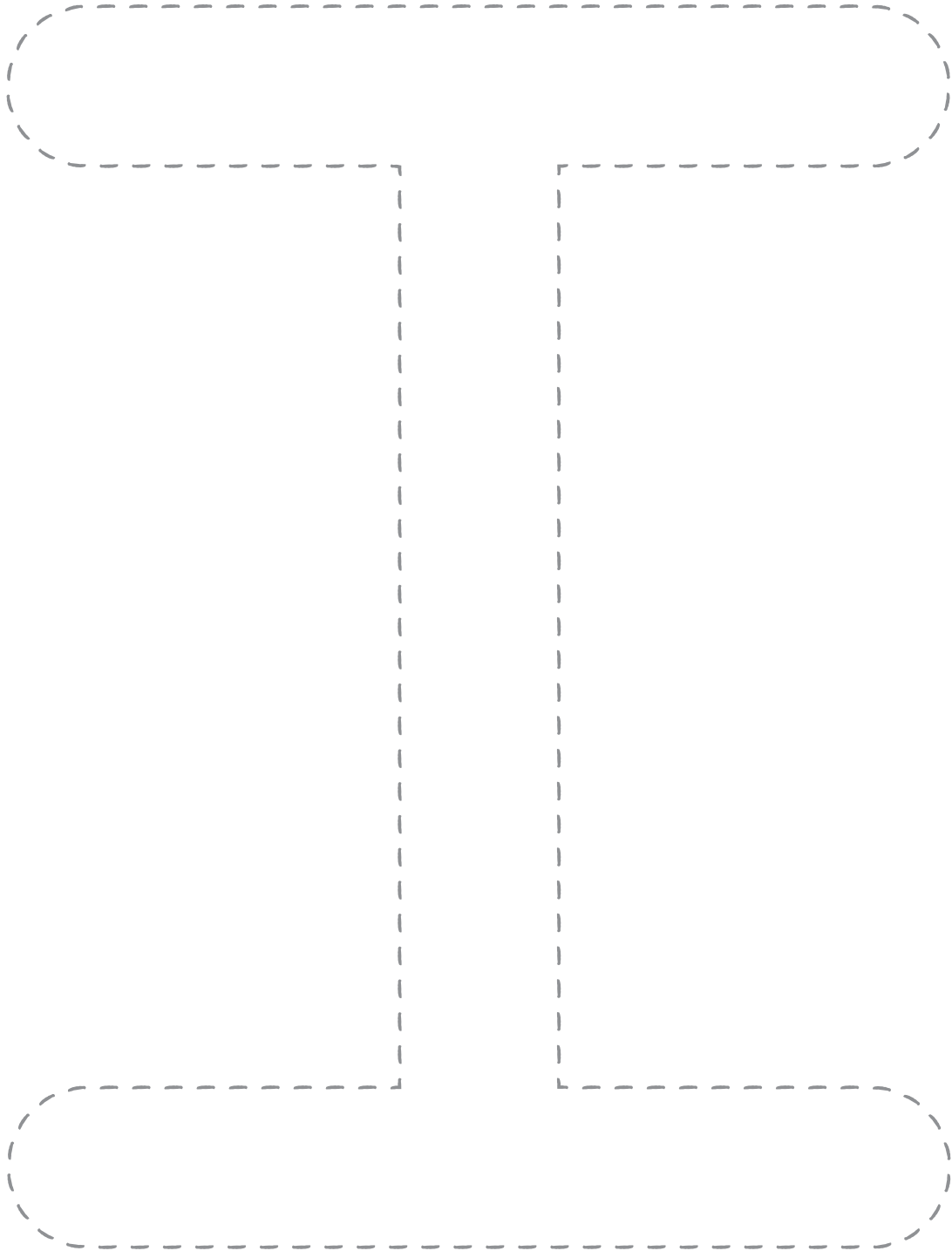
Craft Tip:
Use a black marker to draw ear marks and nostrils.





I Is for Inchworm Craft

Letter I (brown)



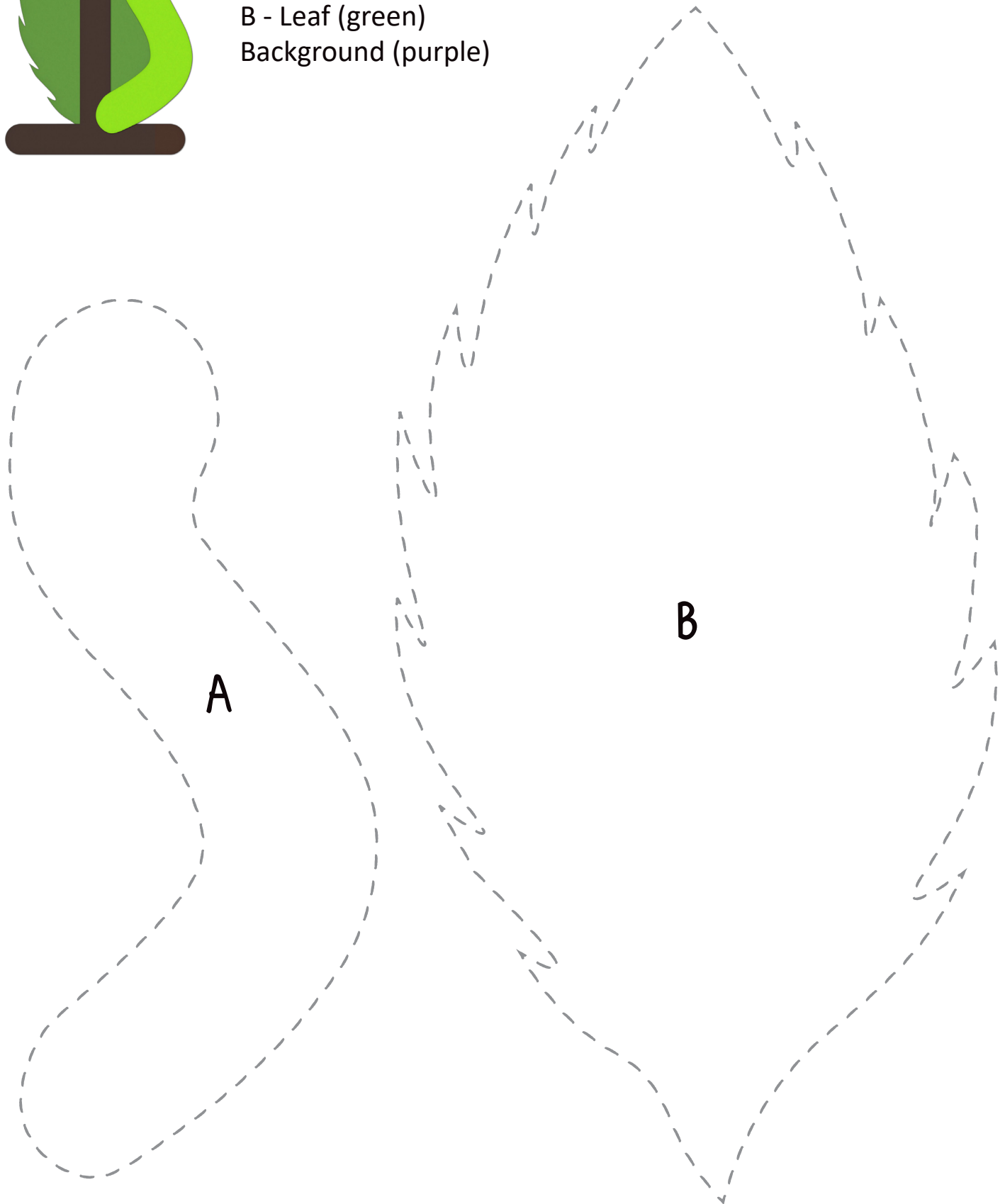


I Is for Inchworm Craft

A - Inchworm (lime green)

B - Leaf (green)

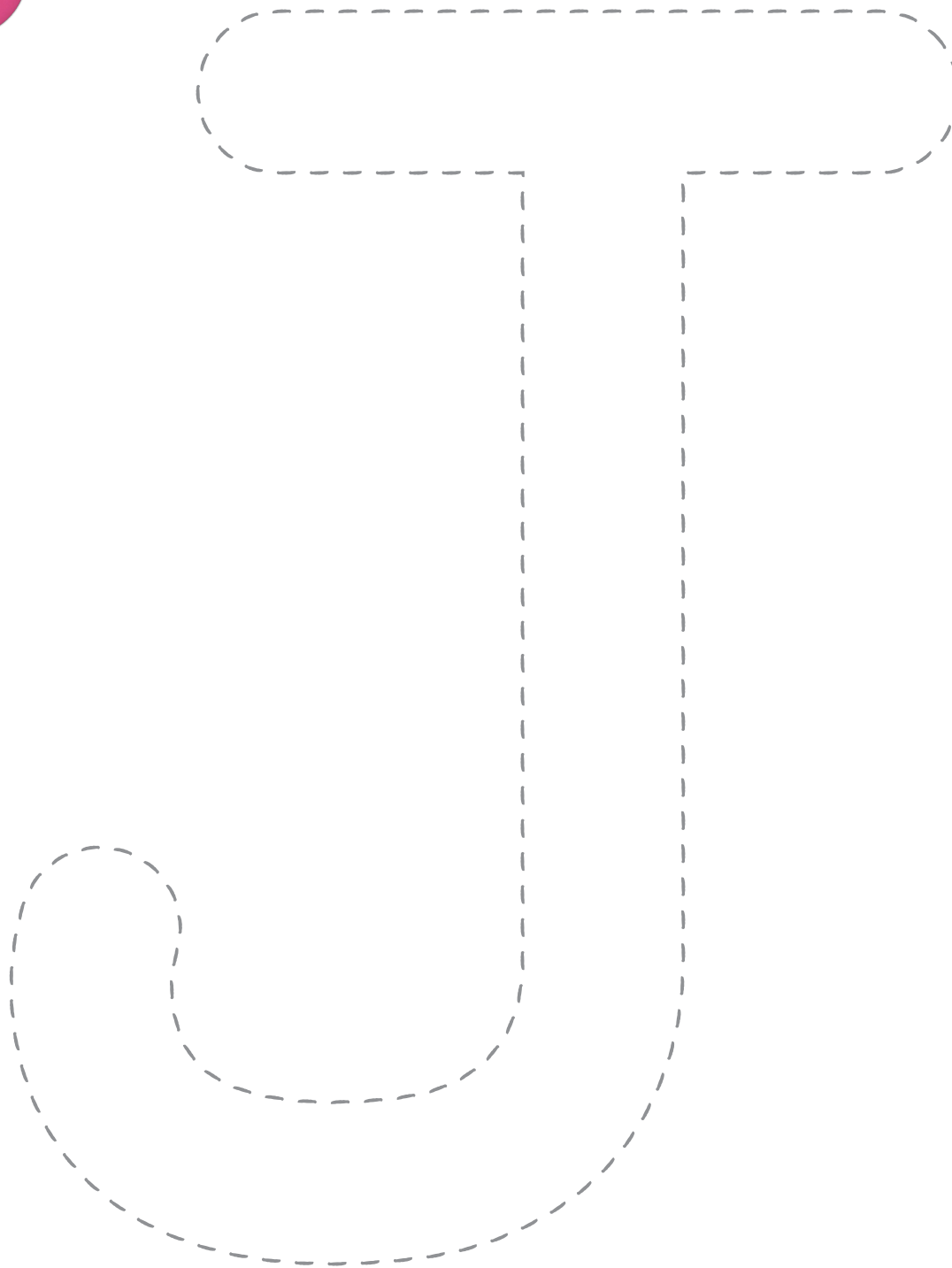
Background (purple)





J Is for Jellyfish Craft

Letter J (hot pink)



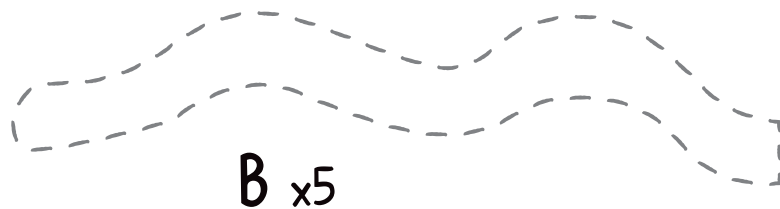
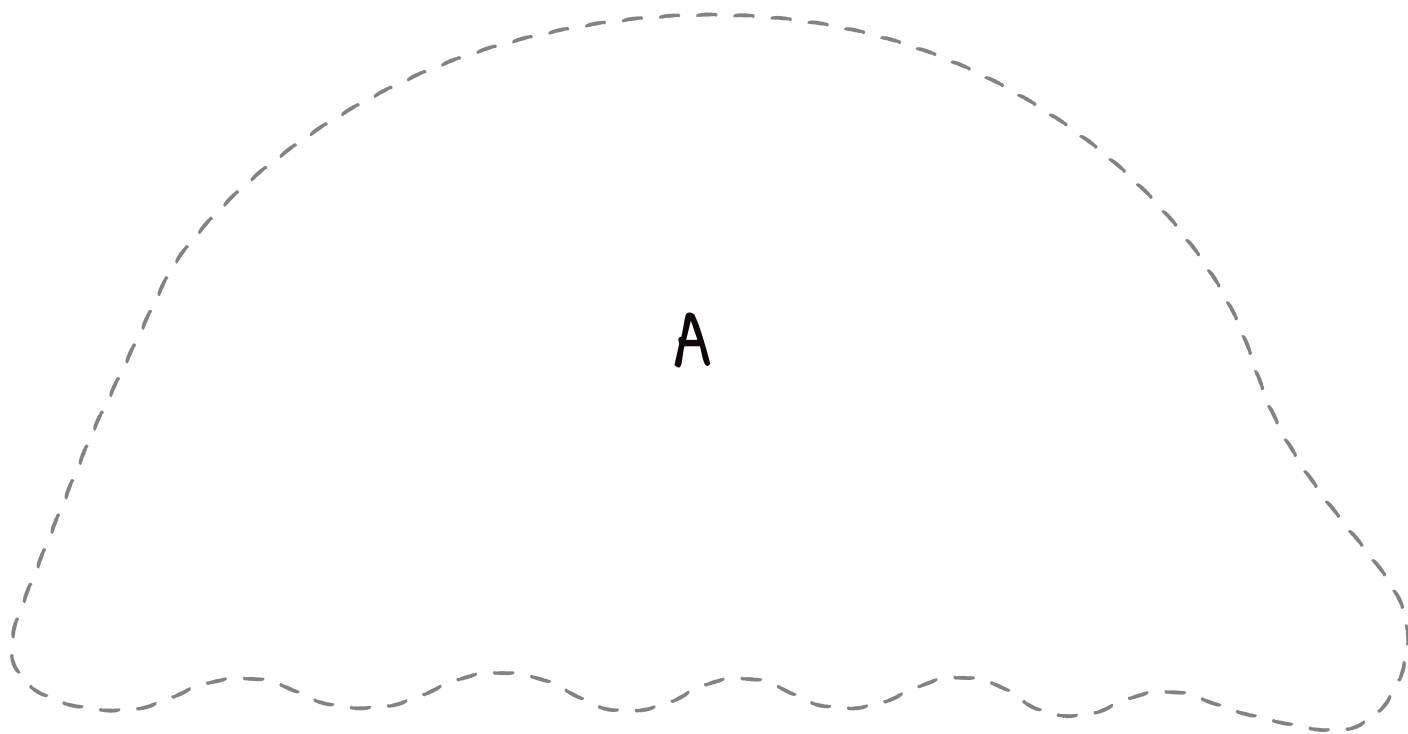


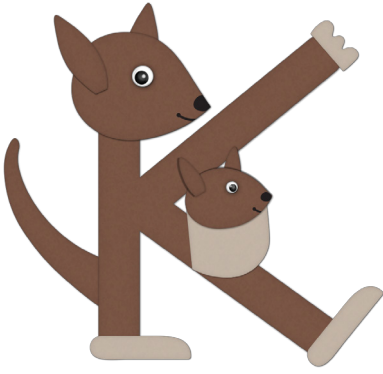
J Is for Jellyfish Craft

A - Body (light pink)

B - Tentacles x5 (light pink)

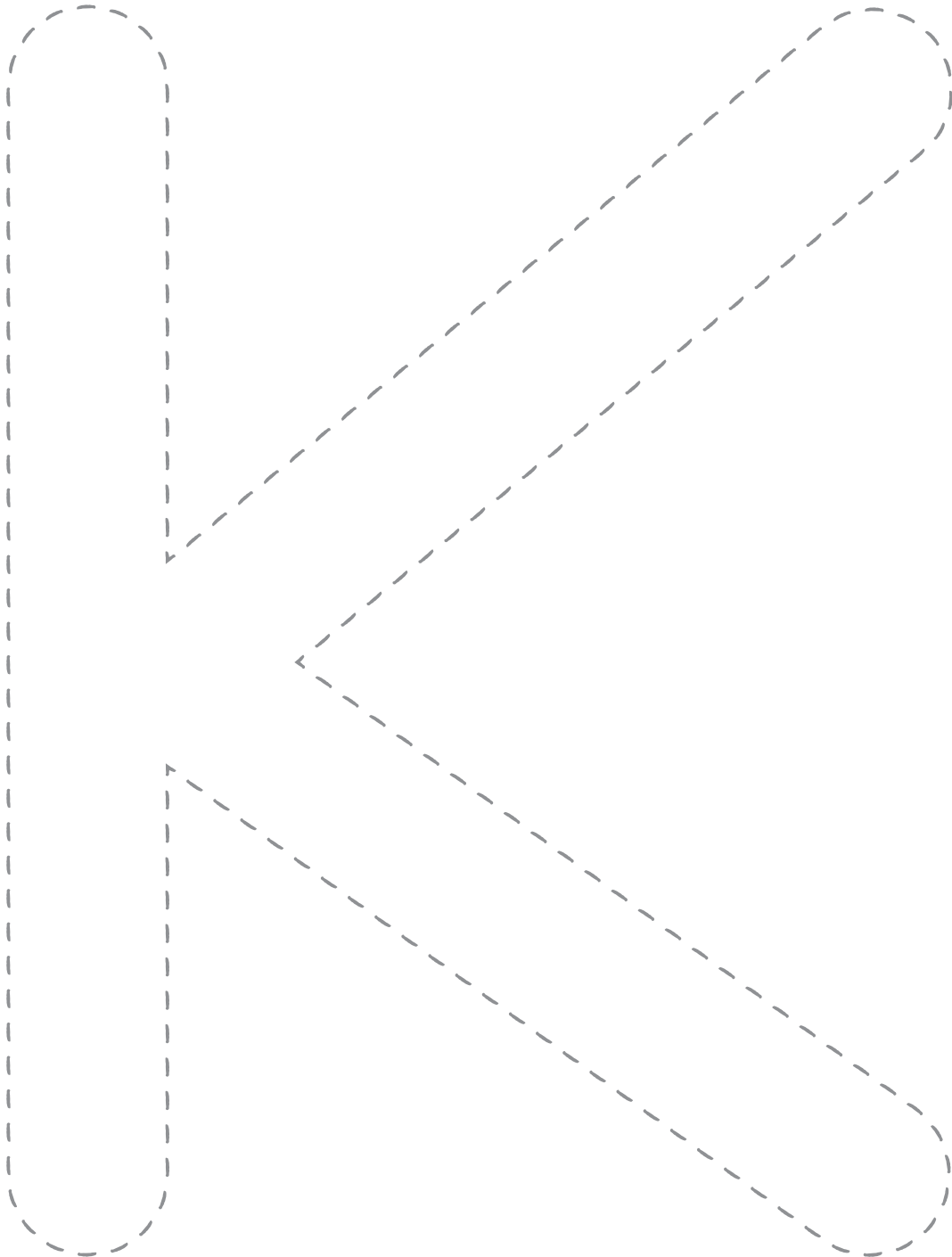
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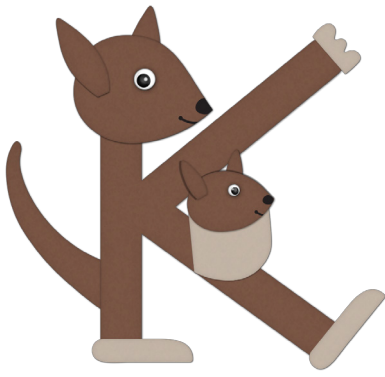




K Is for Kangaroo Craft

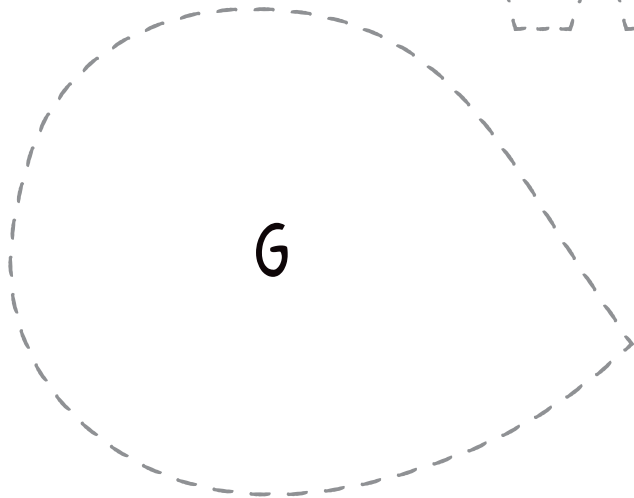
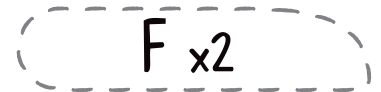
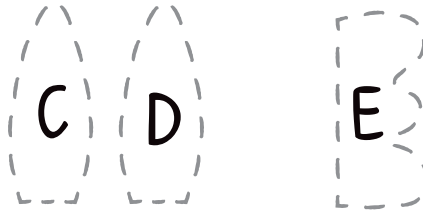
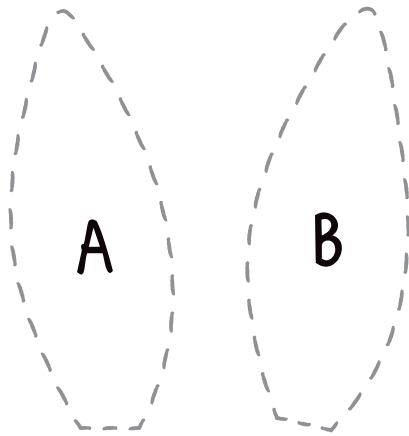
Letter K (brown)



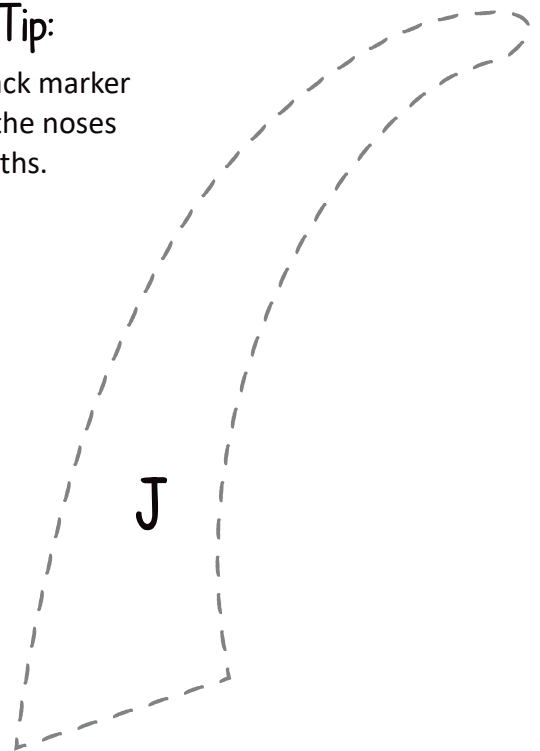
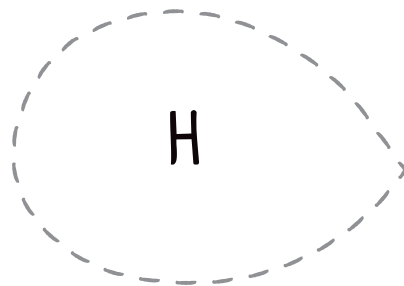
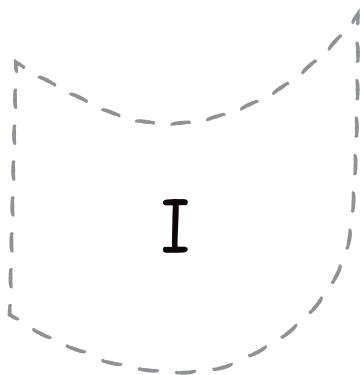


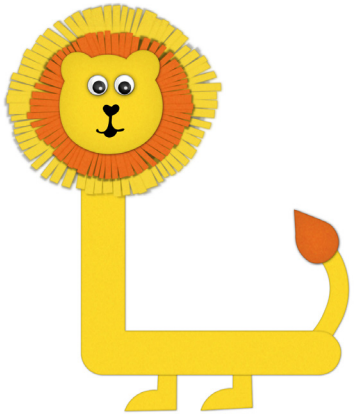
K Is for Kangaroo Craft

- A - Left Ear (brown)
- B - Right Ear (brown)
- C - Joey's Left Ear (brown)
- D - Joey's Right Ear (brown)
- E - Hand (tan)
- F - Feet x2 (tan)
- G - Head (brown)
- H - Joey's Head (brown)
- I - Pouch (tan)
- J - Tail (brown)
- Background (sky blue)



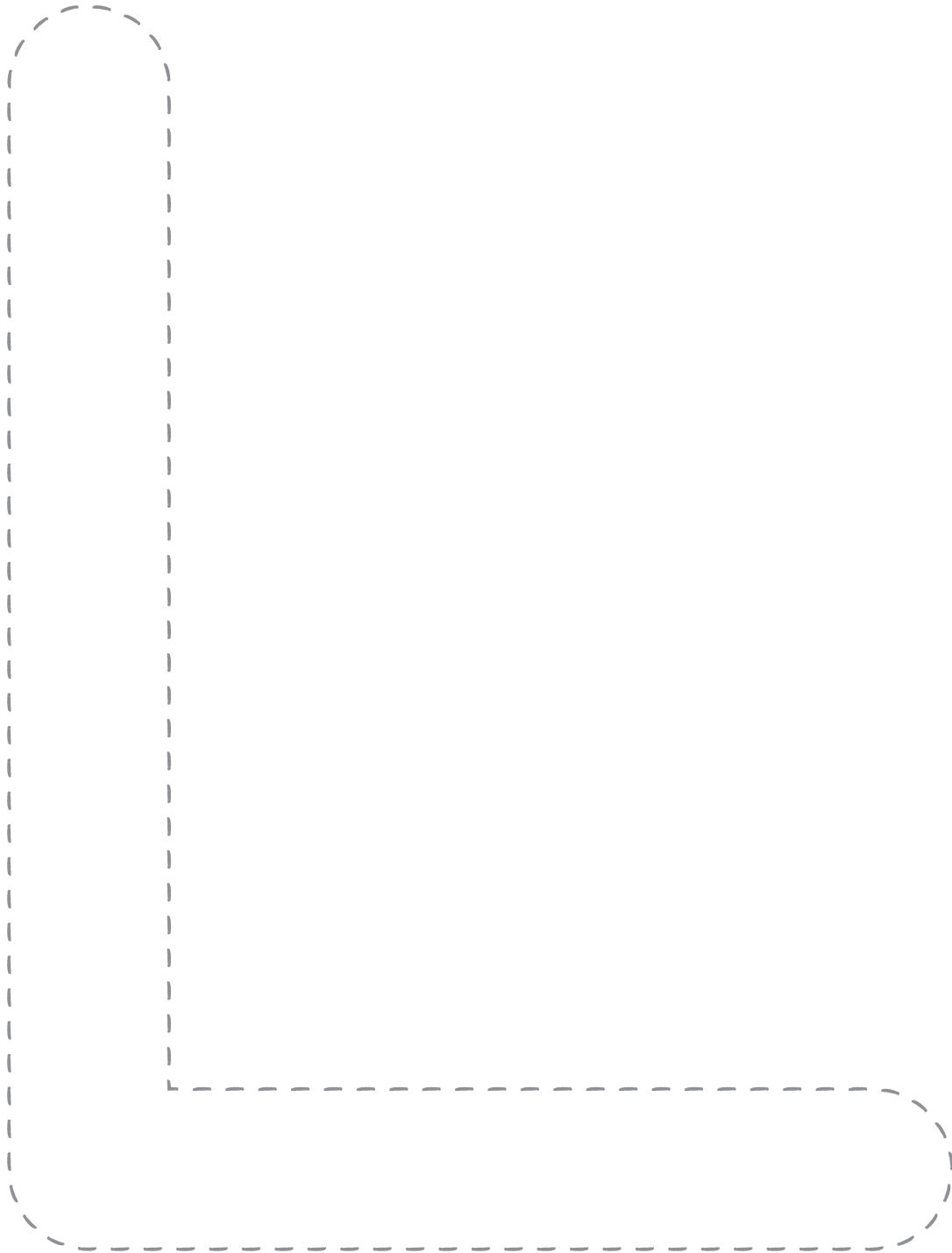
Craft Tip:
Use a black marker
to draw the noses
and mouths.

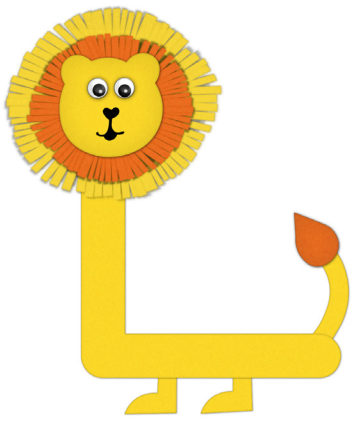




L Is for Lion Craft

Letter L (yellow)





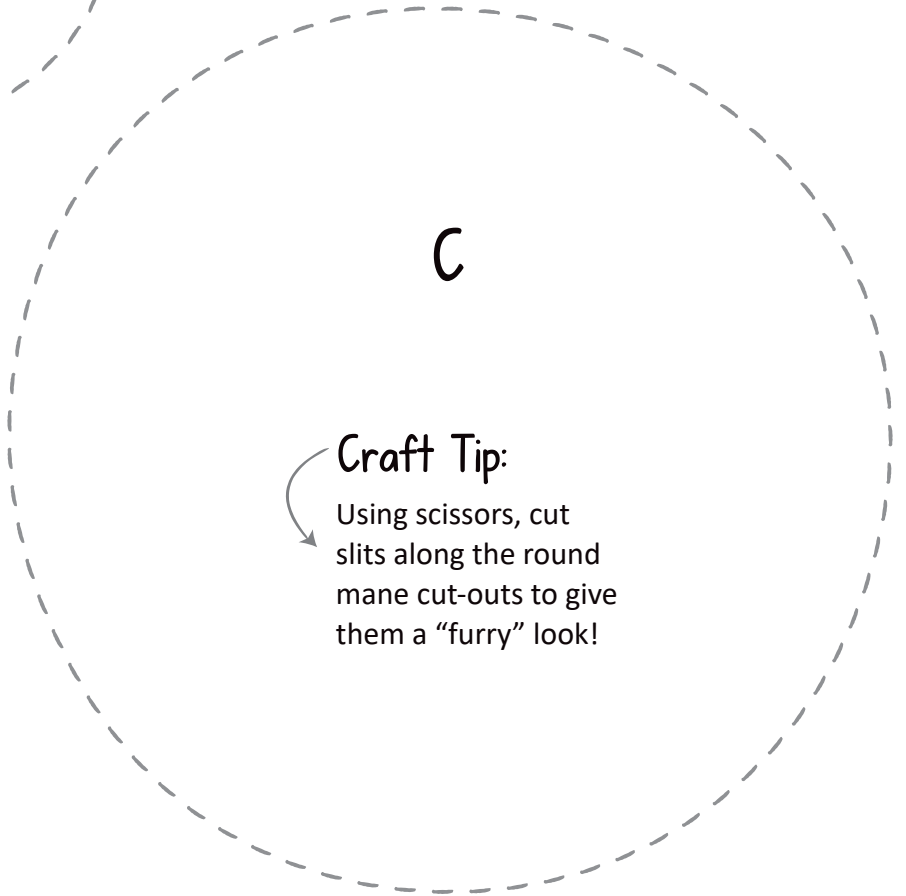
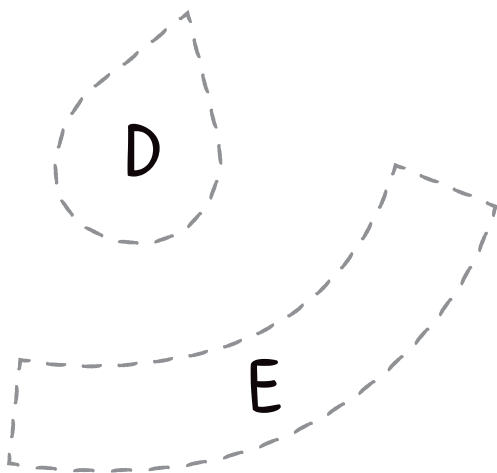
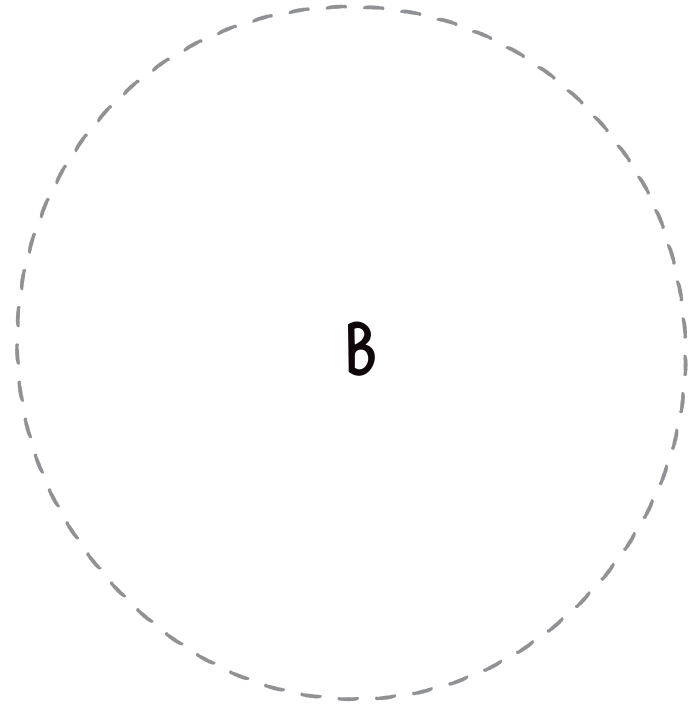
L Is for Lion Craft

- A - Head (yellow)
- B - Inner Mane (orange)
- C - Outer Mane (yellow)
- D - Tail Hair (orange)
- E - Tail (yellow)
- F - Feet x2 (yellow)
- Background (blue)



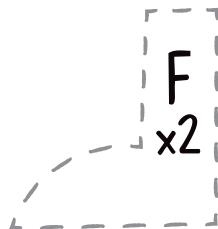
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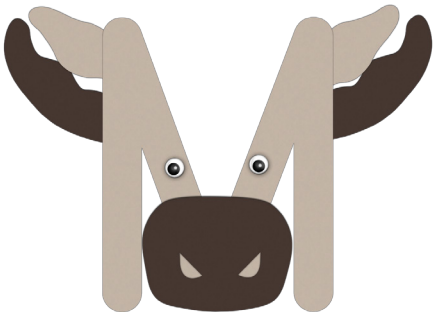
Use a black marker to draw the nose and mouth.



Craft Tip:

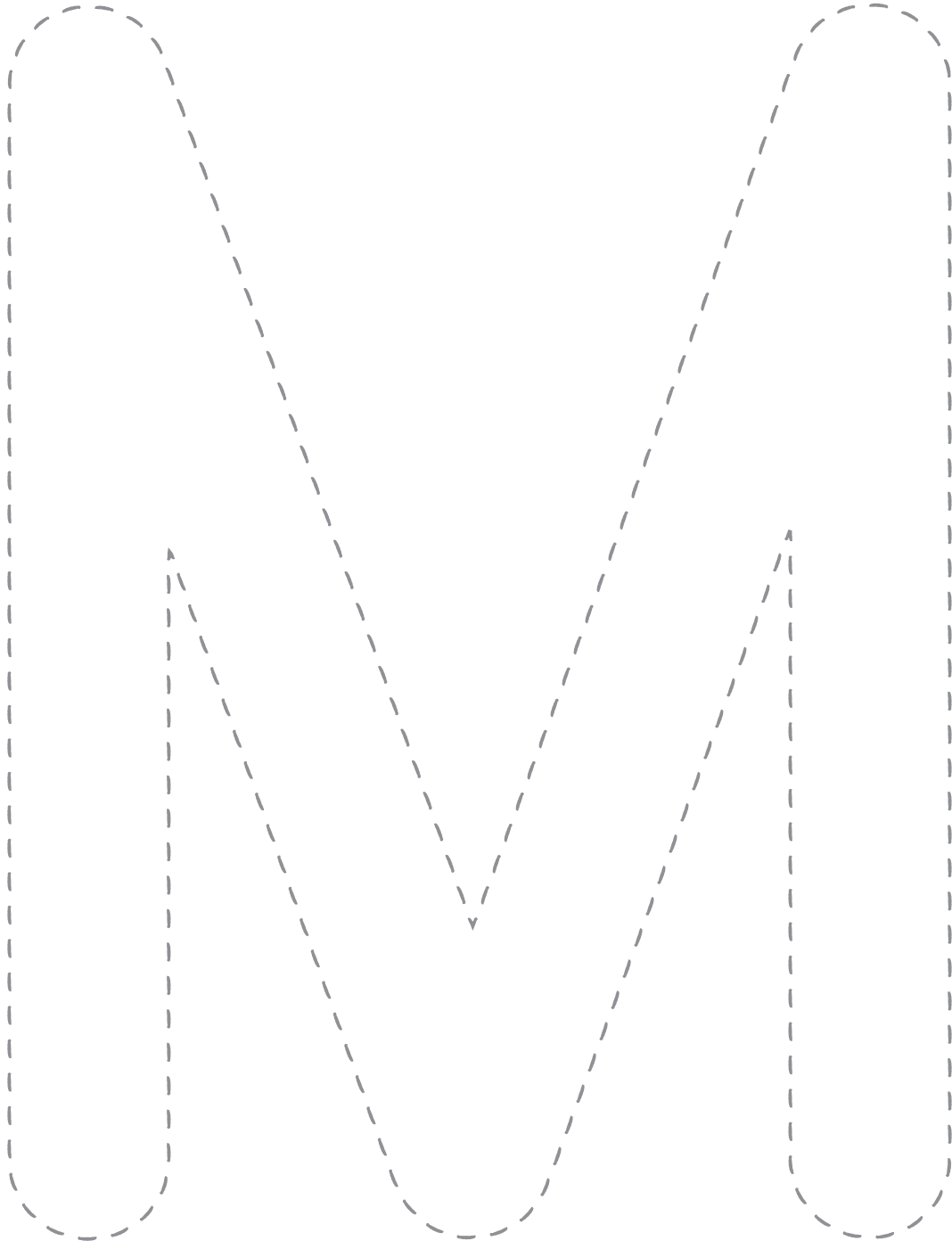
Using scissors, cut slits along the round mane cut-outs to give them a "furry" look!

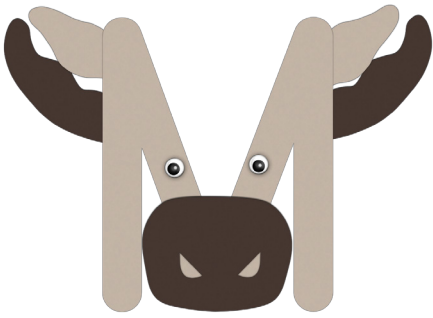




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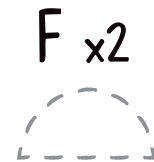
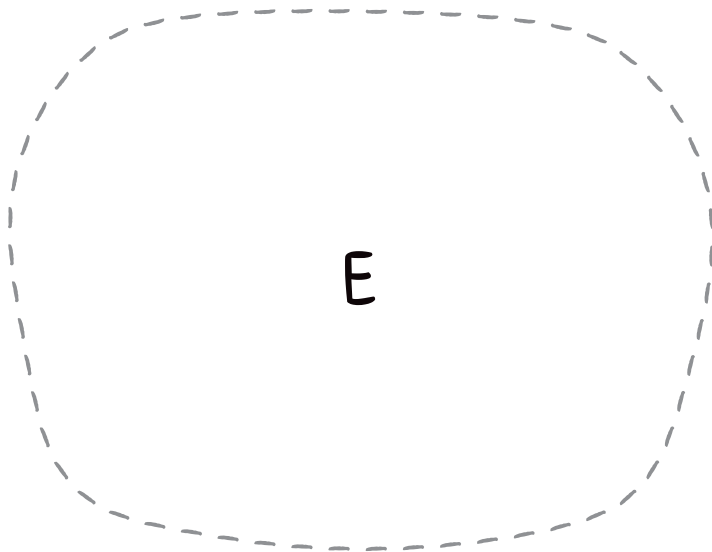
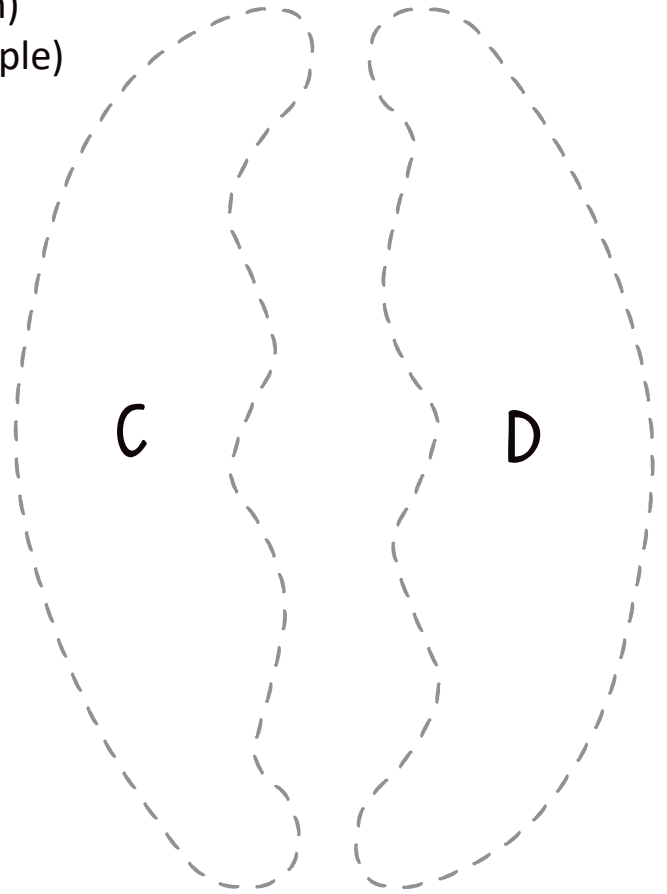
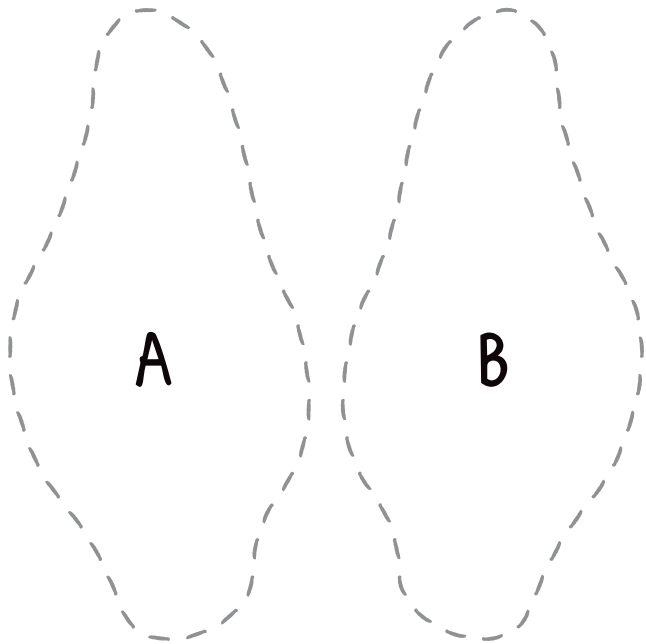
Letter M (tan)

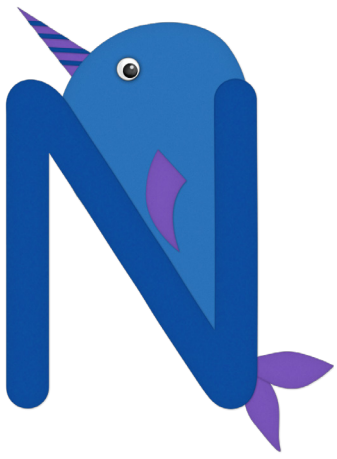




M Is for Moose Craft

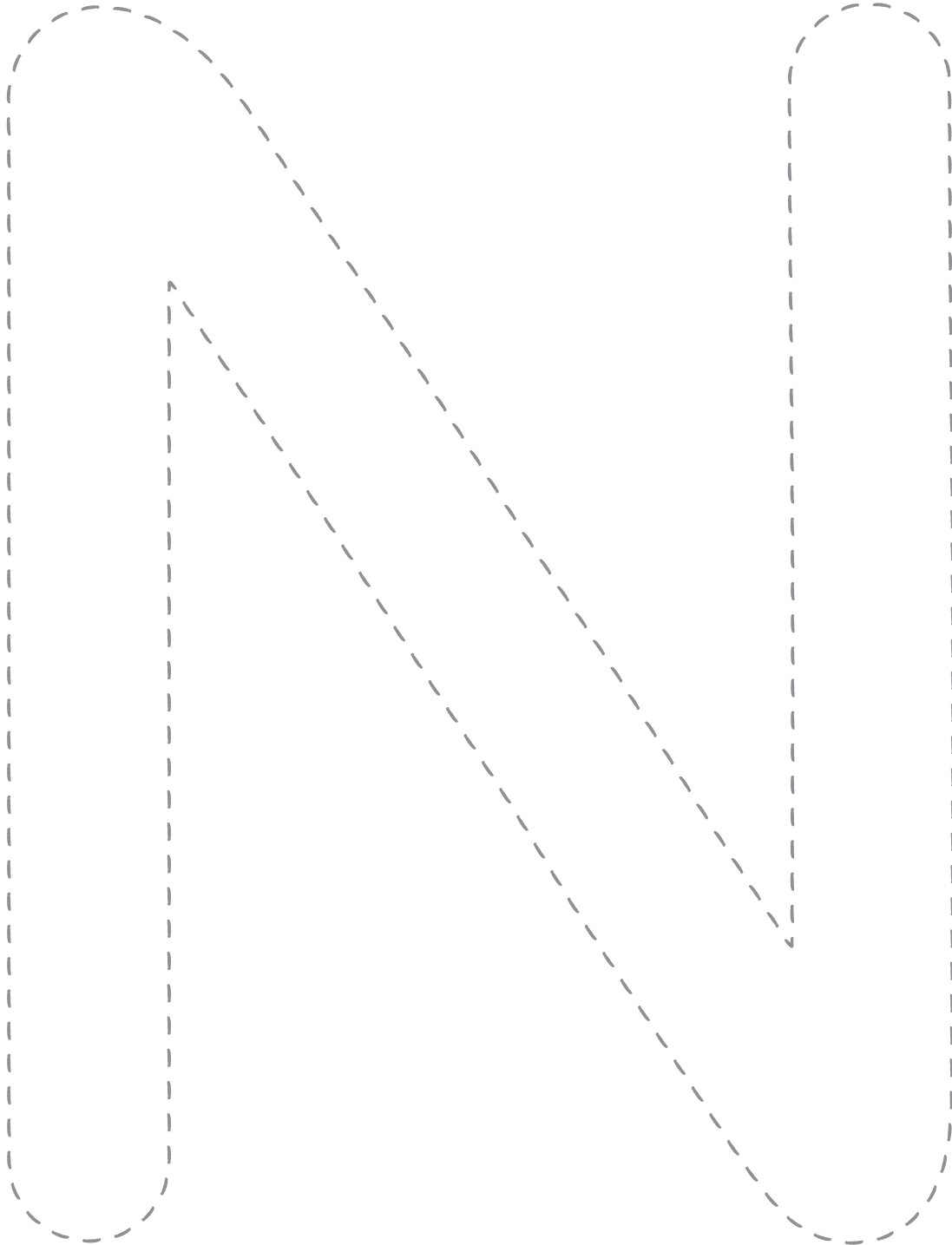
- A - Left Ear (tan)
- B - Right Ear (tan)
- C - Left Antler (brown)
- D - Right Antler (brown)
- E - Nose (brown)
- F - Nostril x2 (tan)
- Background (purple)

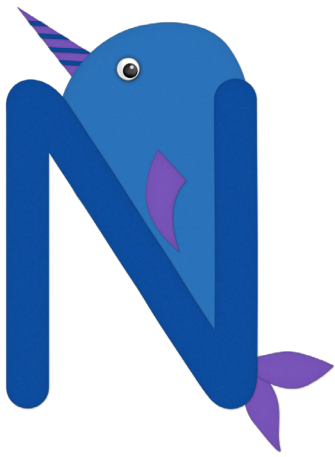




N Is for Narwhal Craft

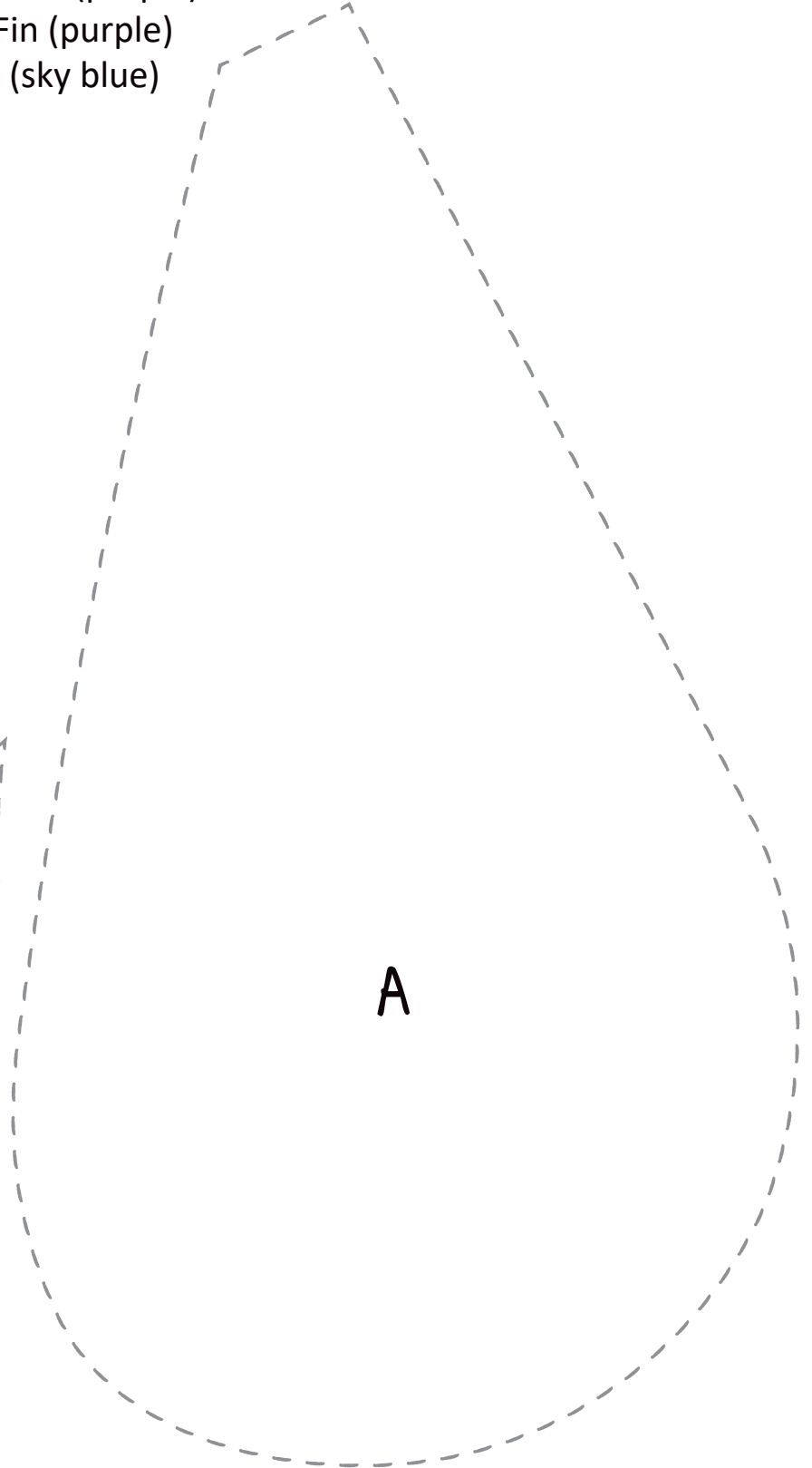
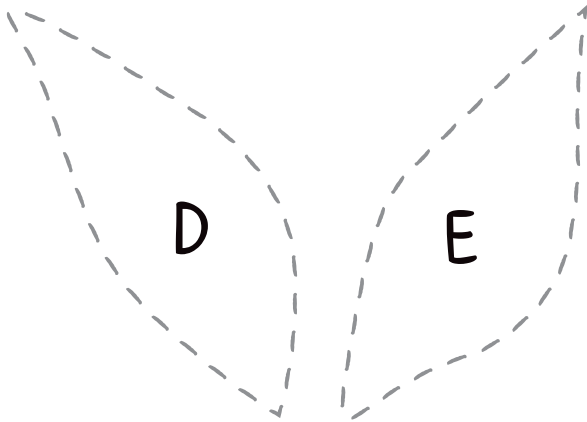
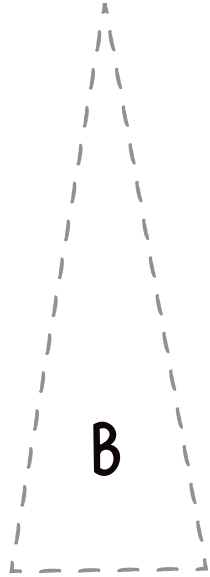
Letter N (dark blue)





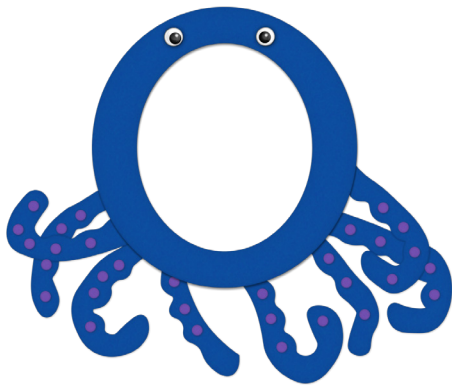
N Is for Narwhal Craft

- A - Body (blue)
- B - Tusk (purple)
- C - Side Fin (purple)
- D - Right Tail Fin (purple)
- E - Left Tail Fin (purple)
- Background (sky blue)



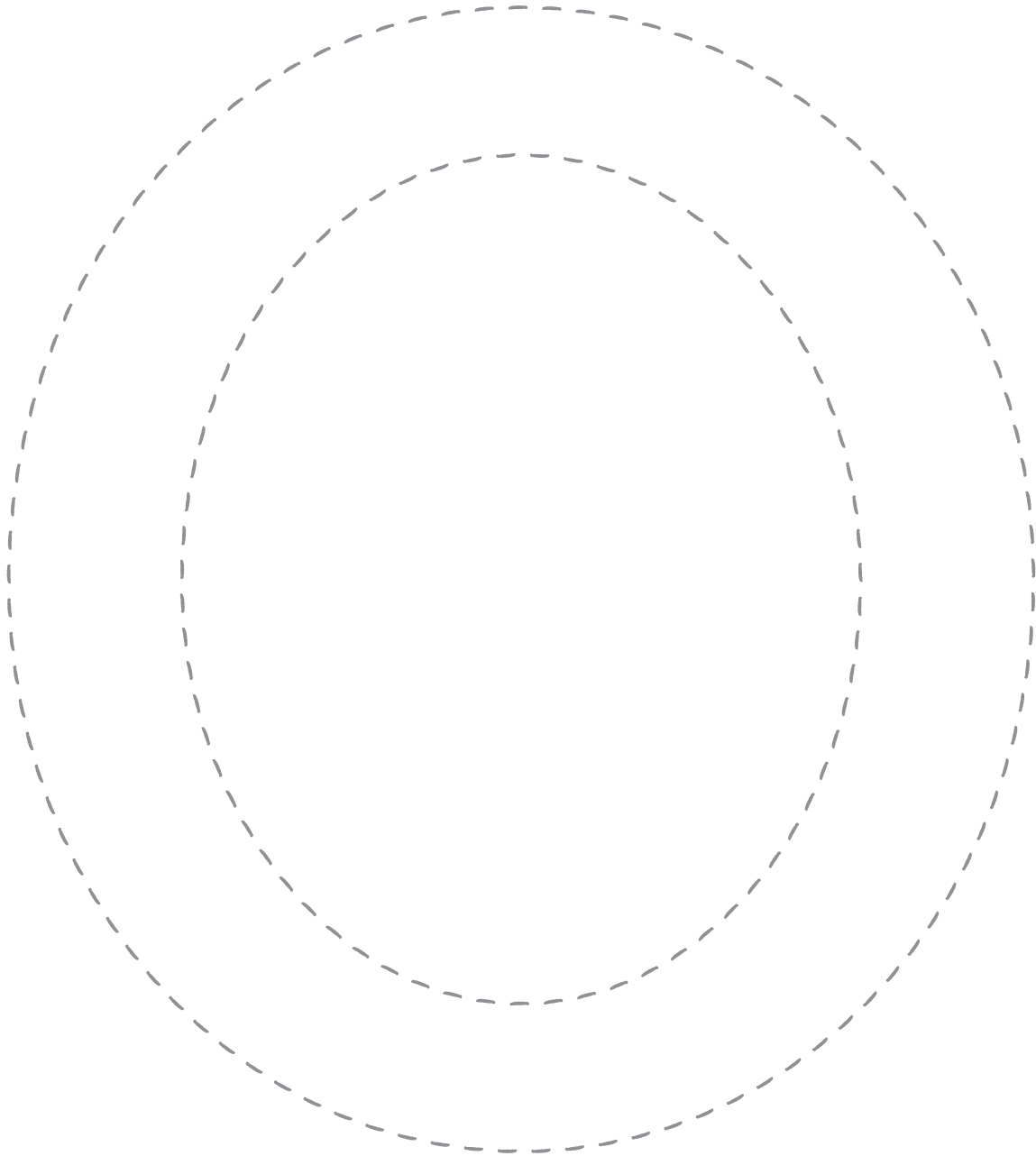
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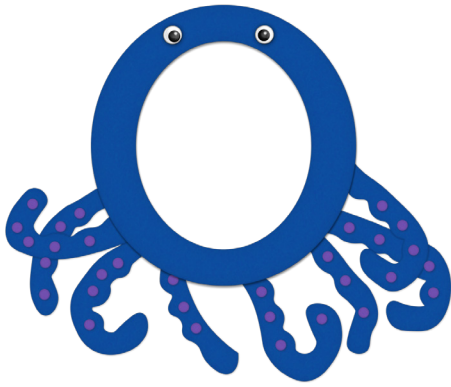
Use a marker or strips of paper to create "spirals" on the narwhal's tusk.



O Is for Octopus Craft

Letter O (dark blue)



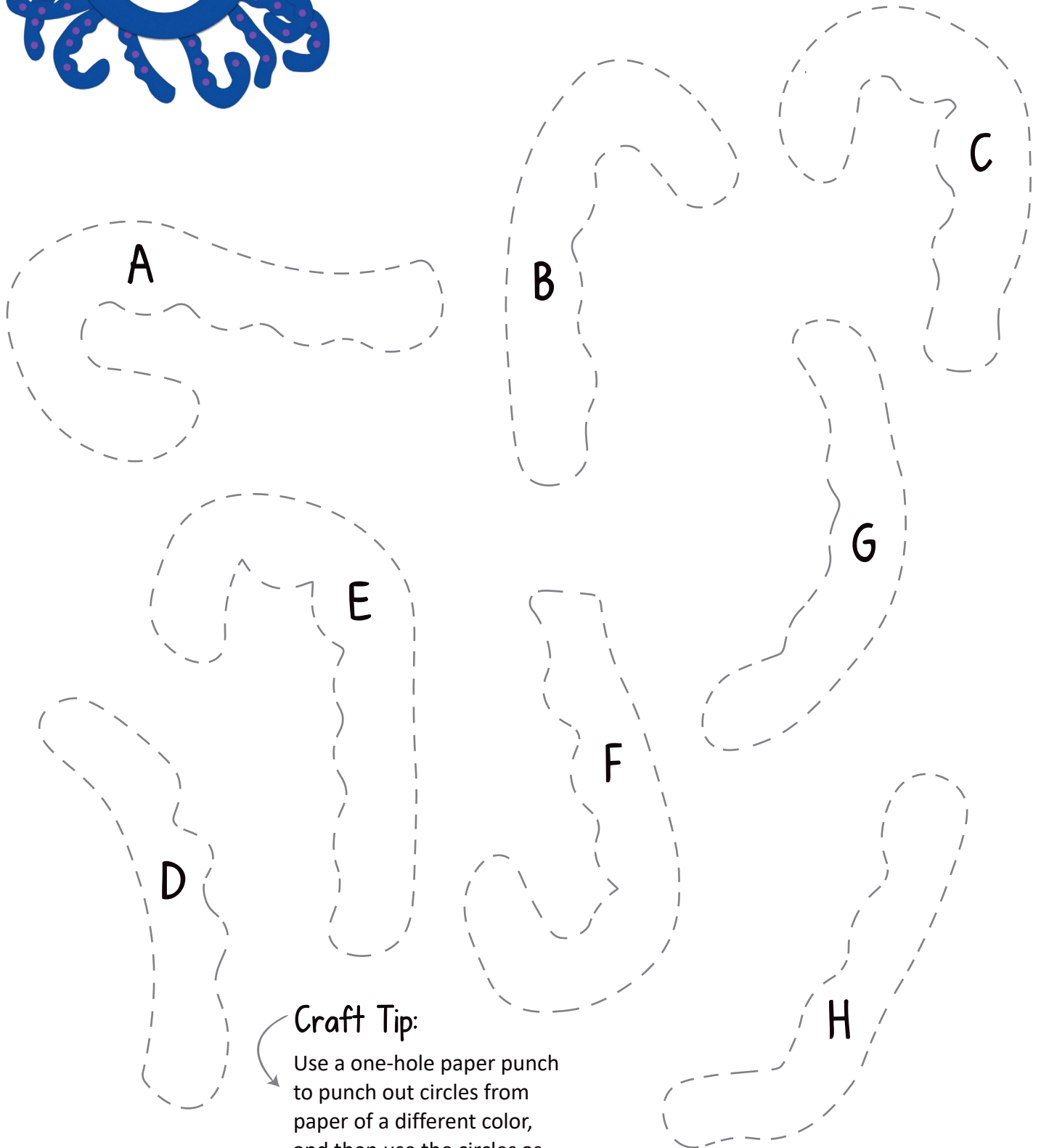


O Is for Octopus Craft

A-H - Tentacles (dark blue)

Alternate Color Card Stock for Suction Cups

Background (green)

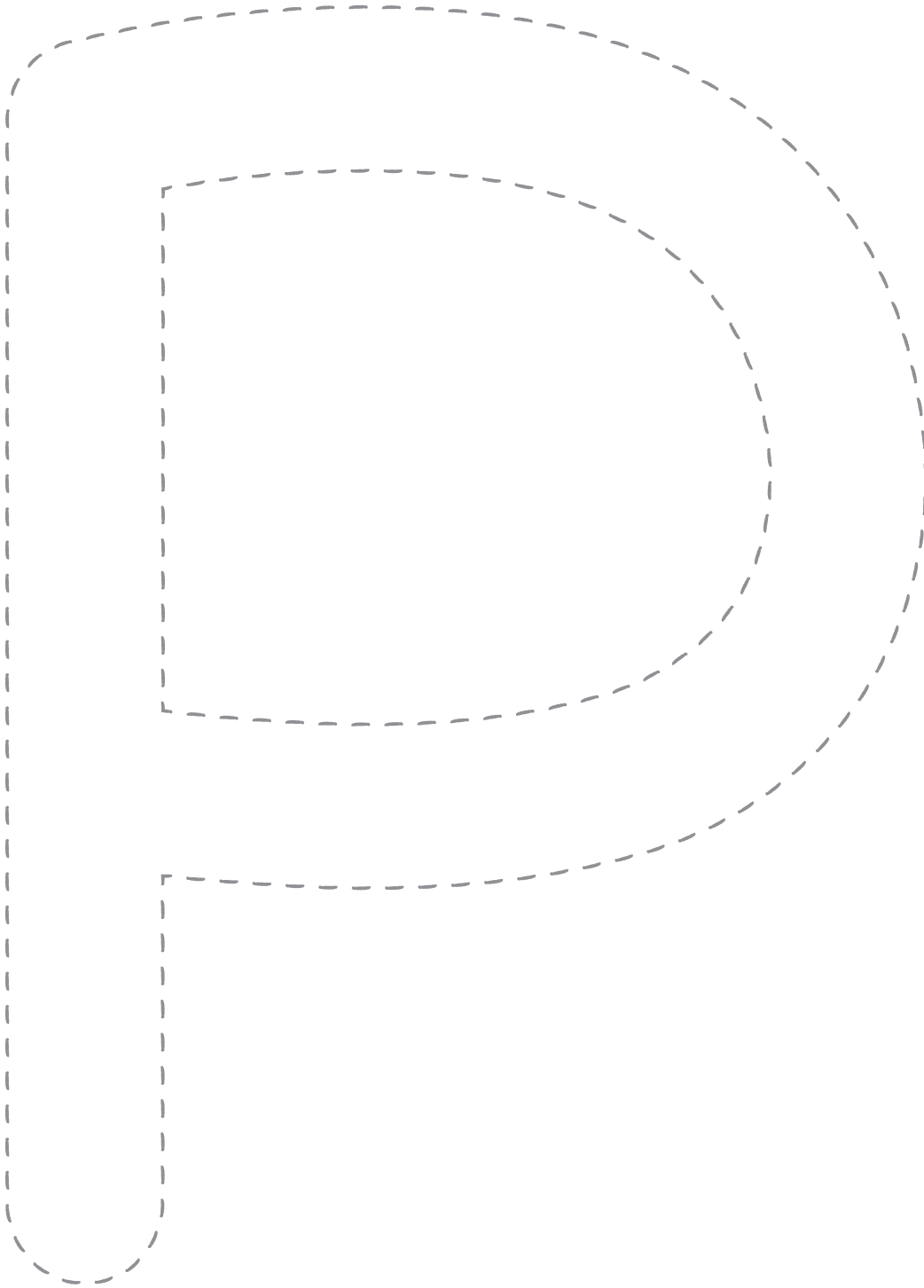


Craft Tip:
Use a one-hole paper punch to punch out circles from paper of a different color, and then use the circles as the tentacle suction cups!



P Is for Parrot Craft

Letter P (red)





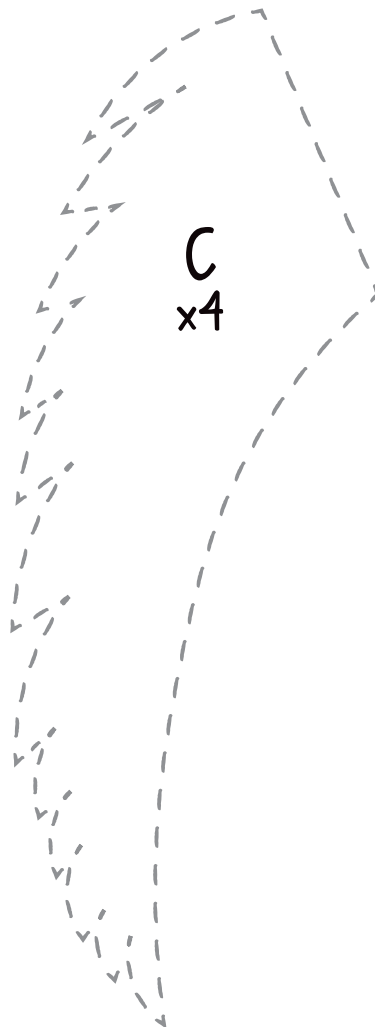
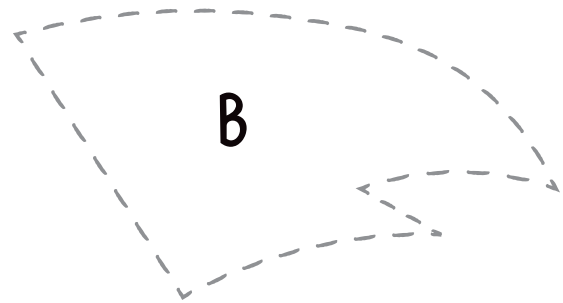
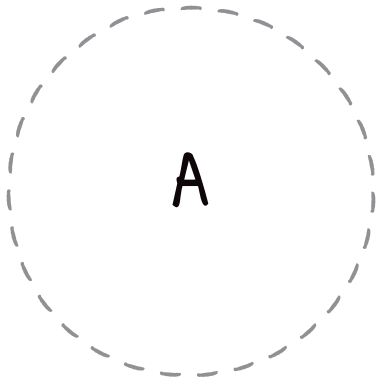
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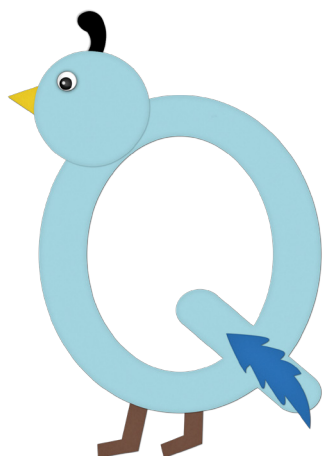
A - Eye Feather (white)

B - Beak (black)

C - Feather x4 (green, blue, orange, yellow)

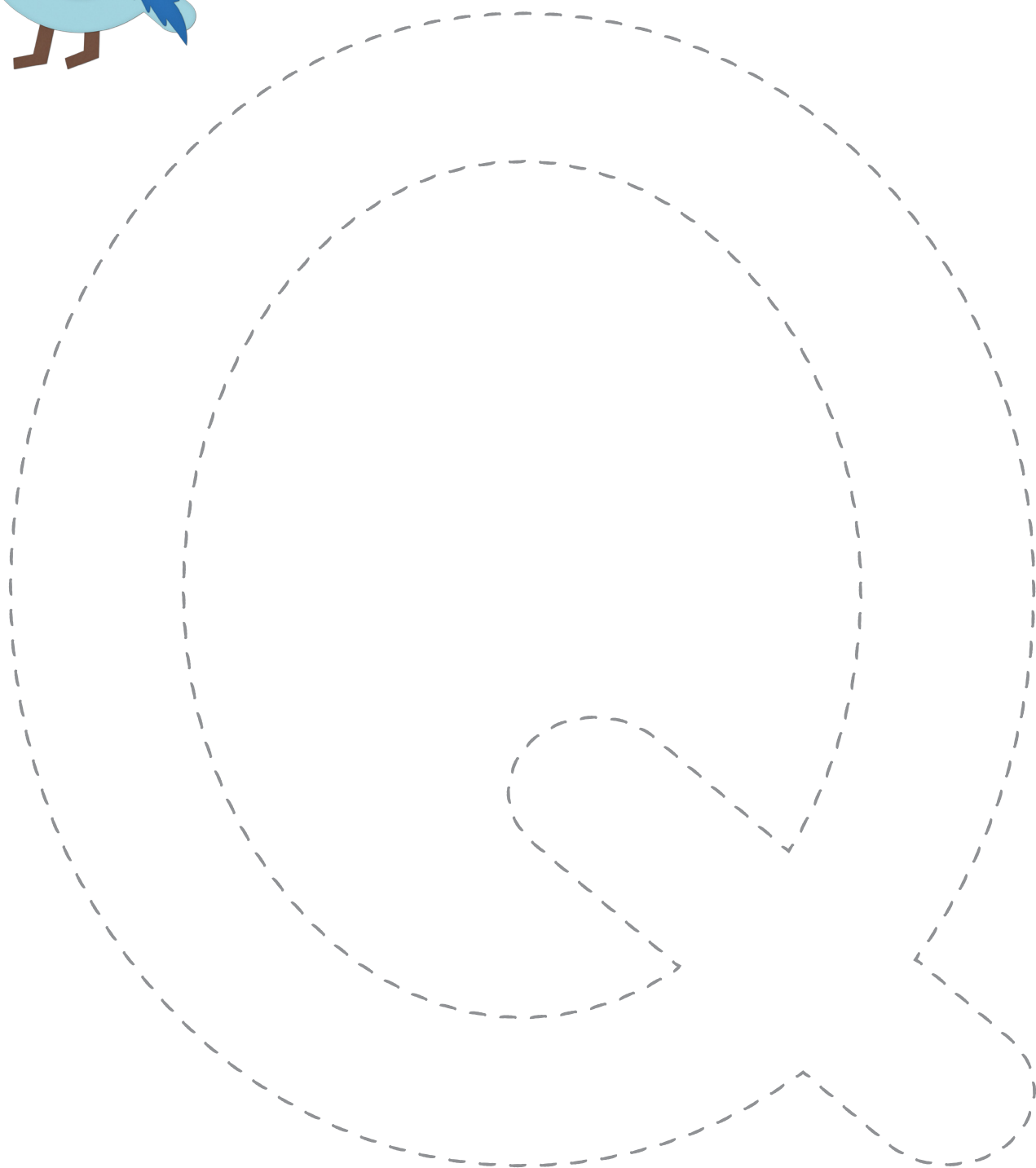
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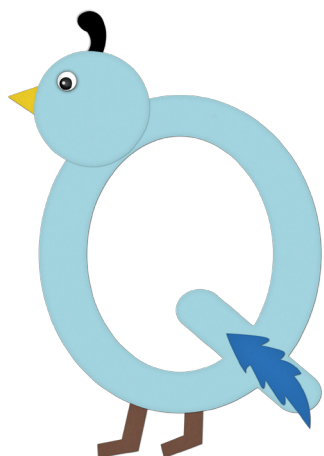




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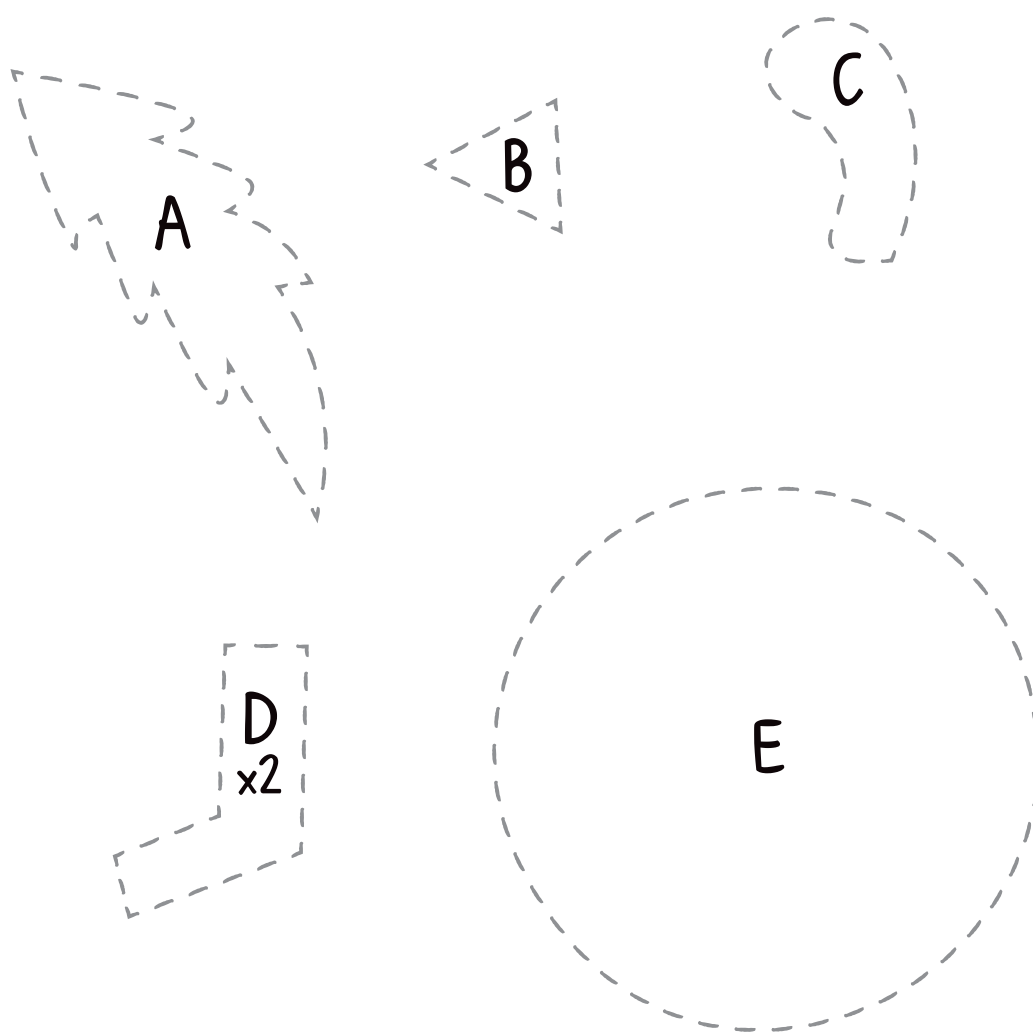
Letter Q (sky blue)

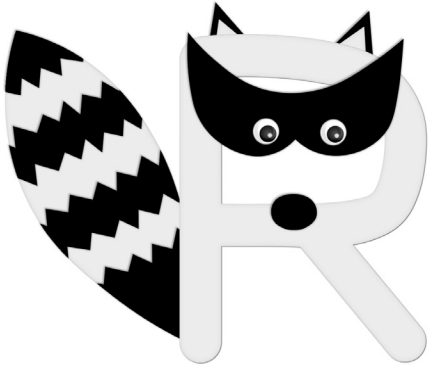




Q Is for Quail Craft

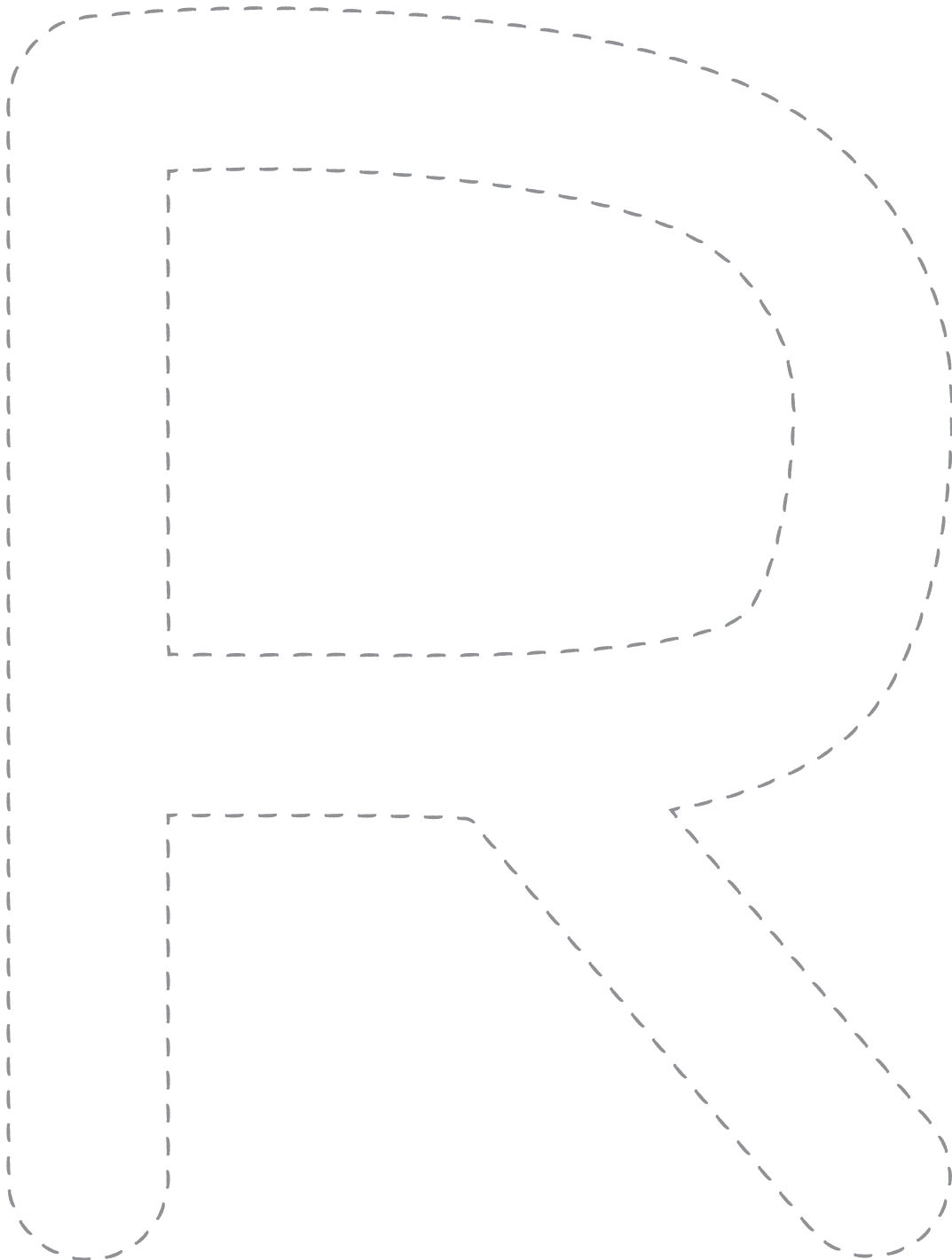
- A - Tail Feather (blue)
- B - Beak (yellow)
- C - Head Feather (black)
- D - Feet x2 (brown)
- E - Head (sky blue)
- Background (purple)

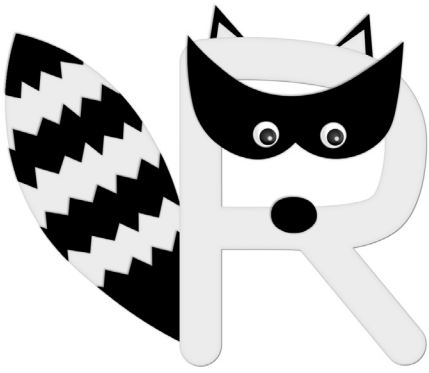




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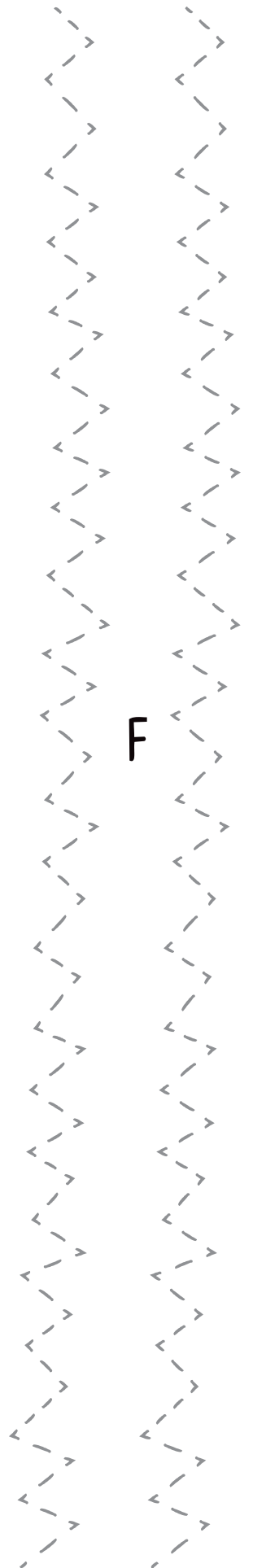
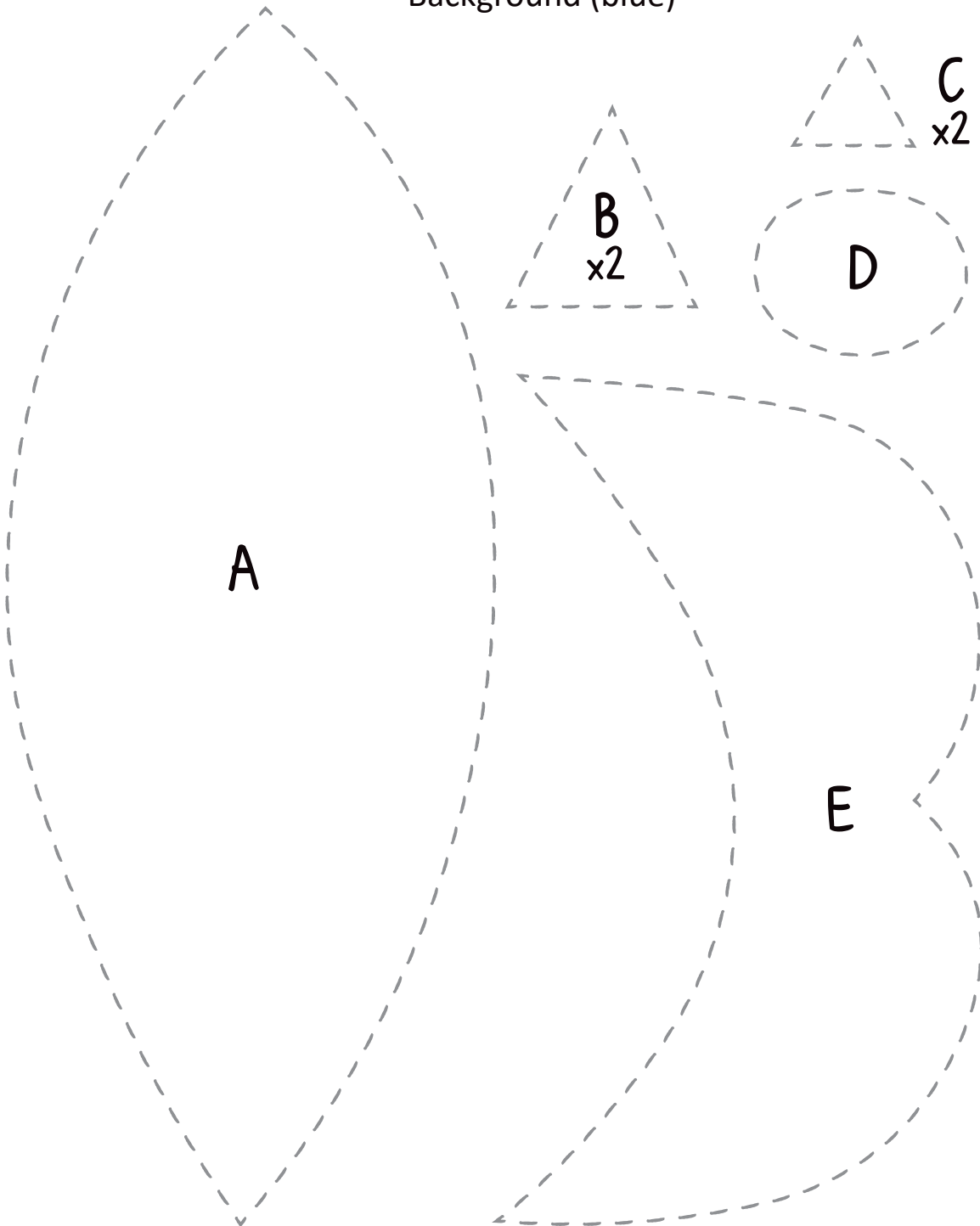
Letter R (white)

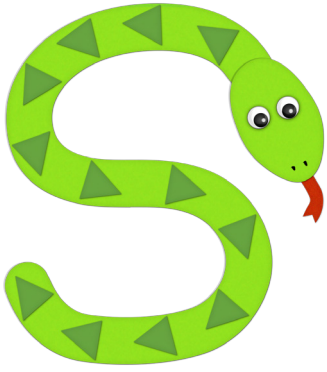




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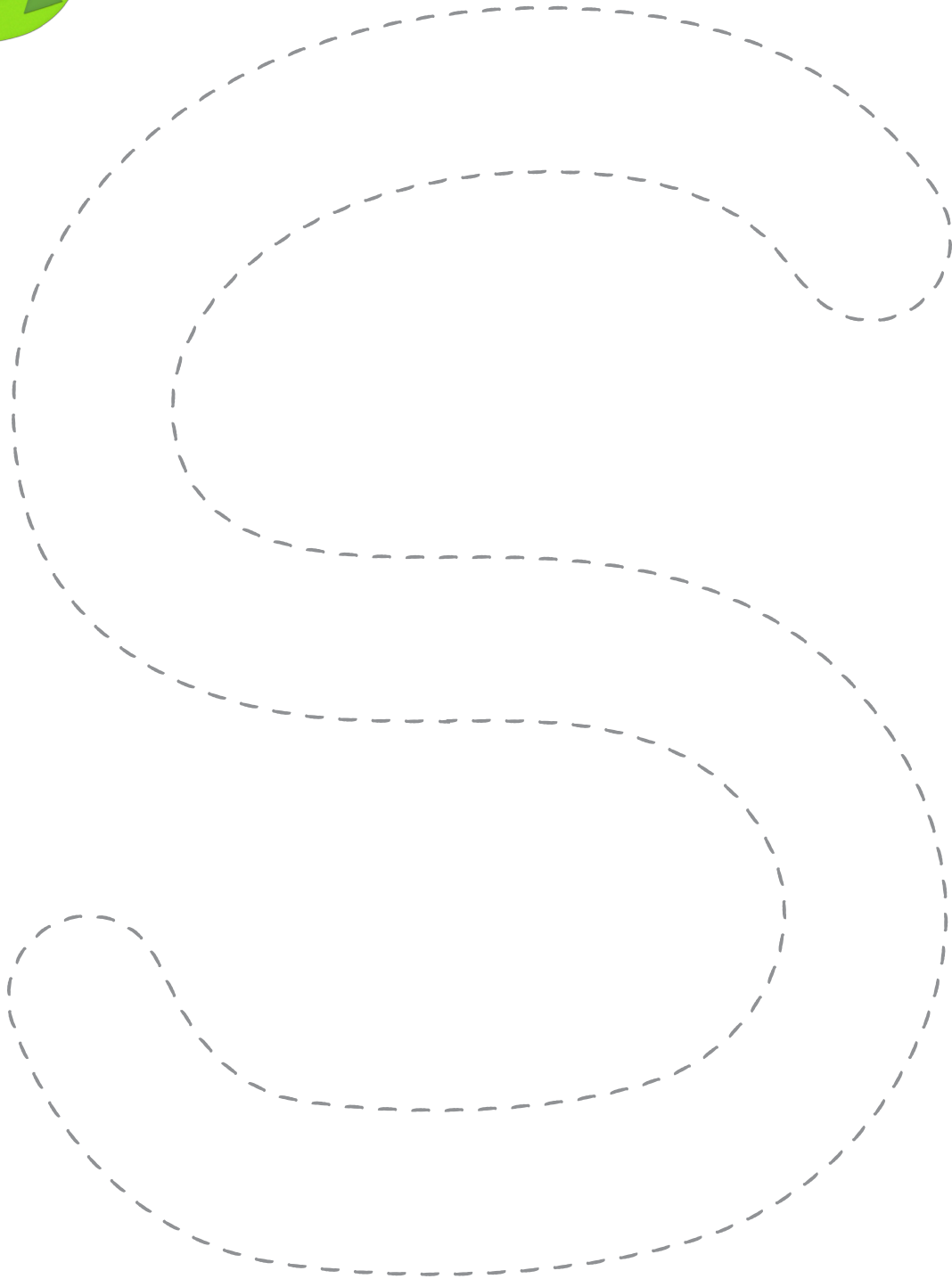
- A - Tail (black)
- B - Ears x2 (black)
- C - Inner Ears x2 (white)
- D - Nose (black)
- E - Eye Mask (black)
- F - Tail Design (white)
- Background (blue)

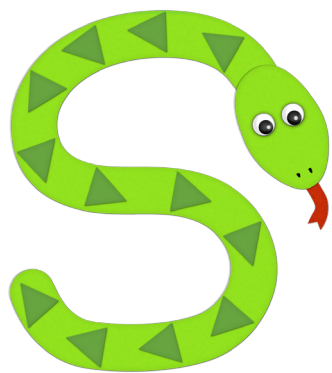




S Is for Snake Craft

Letter S (lime green)





S Is for Snake Craft

A - Scales x12 (green)

B - Head (lime green)

C - Tongue (red)

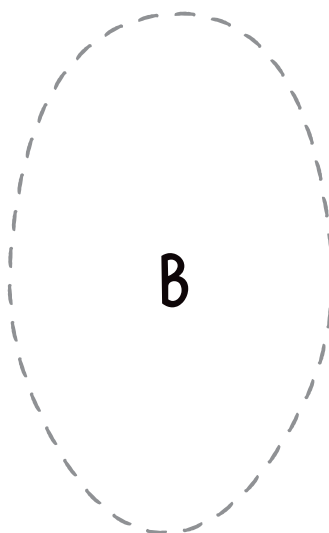
Background (sky blue)

Craft Tip:

Use a black marker to draw nostrils.



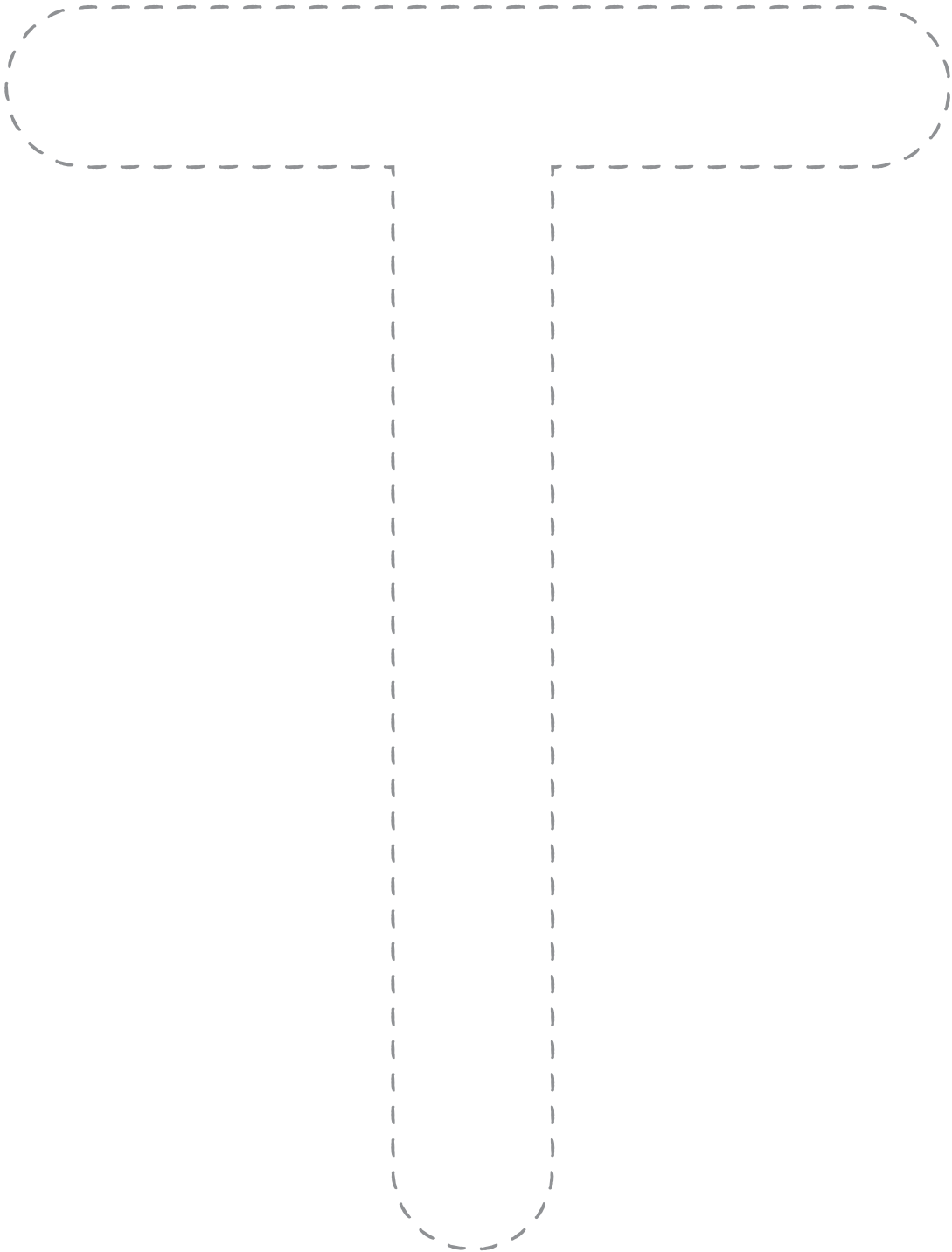
A x12





T Is for Turtle Craft

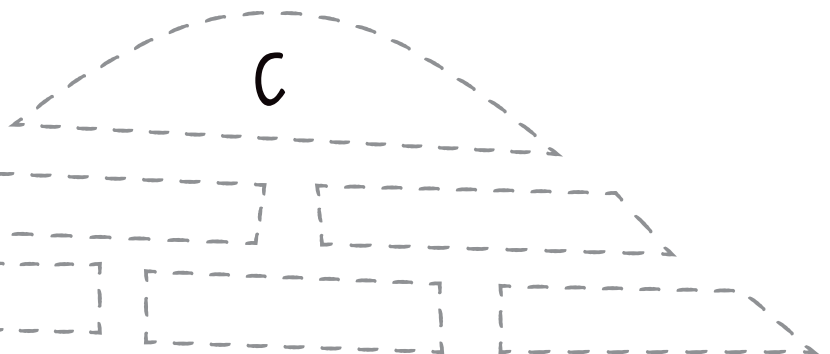
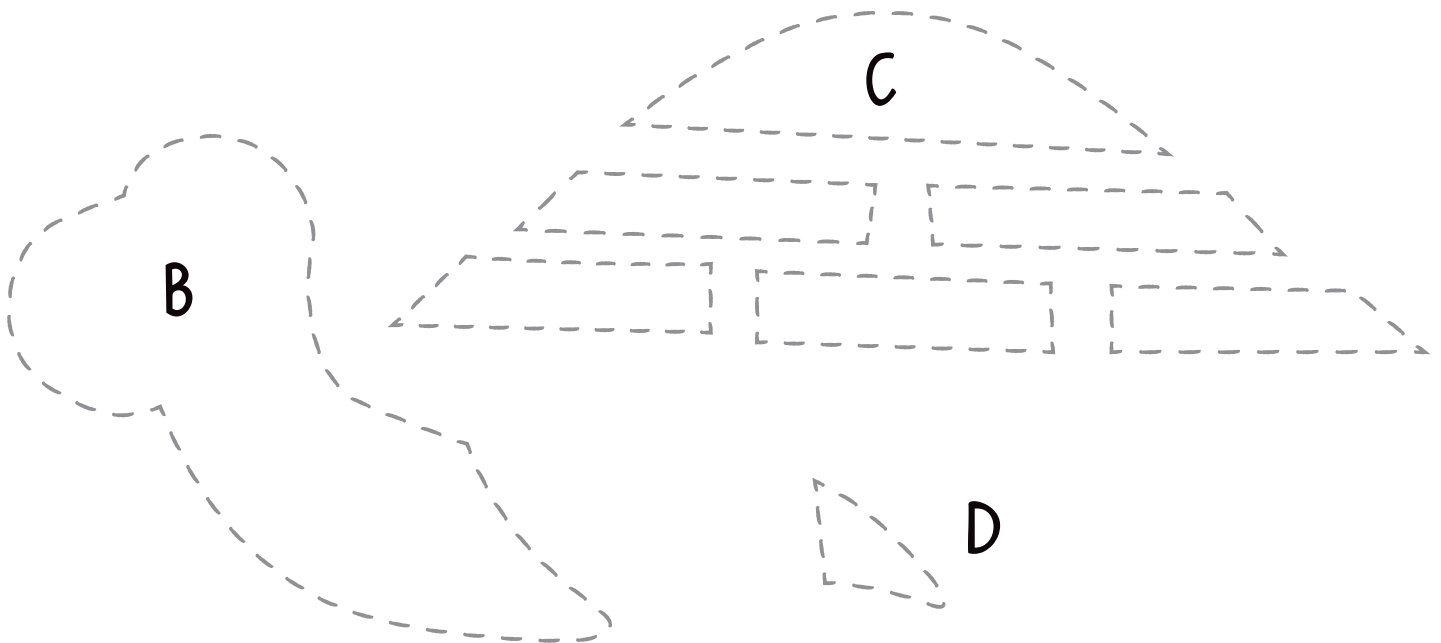
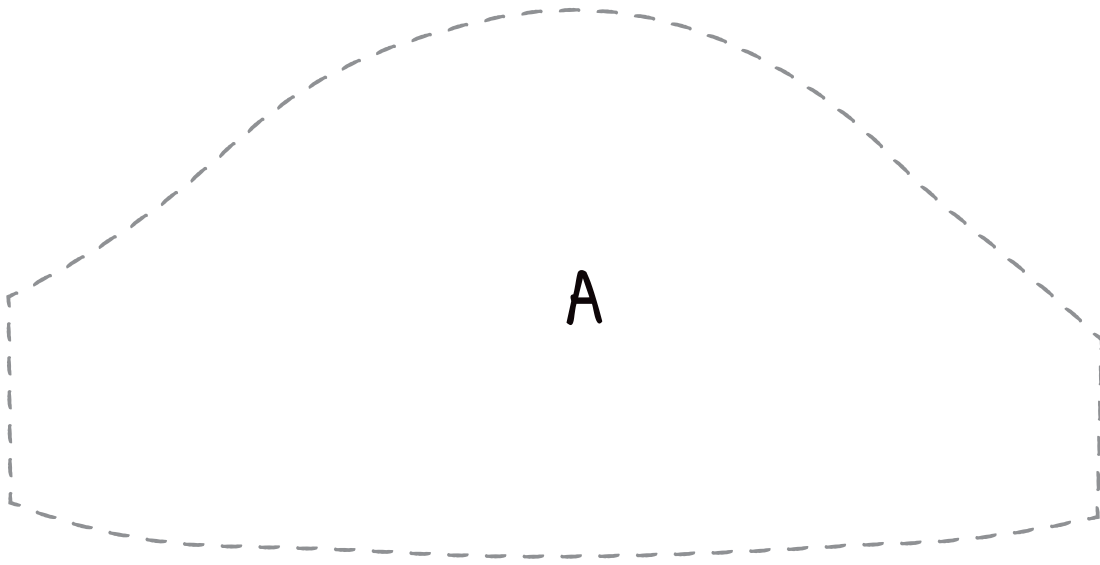
Letter T (dark brown)

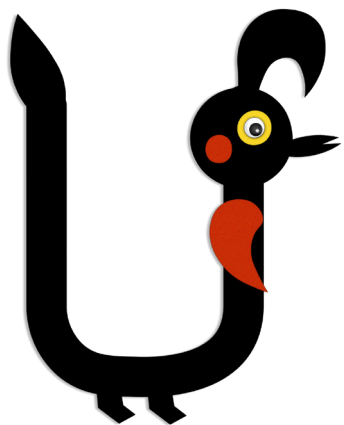




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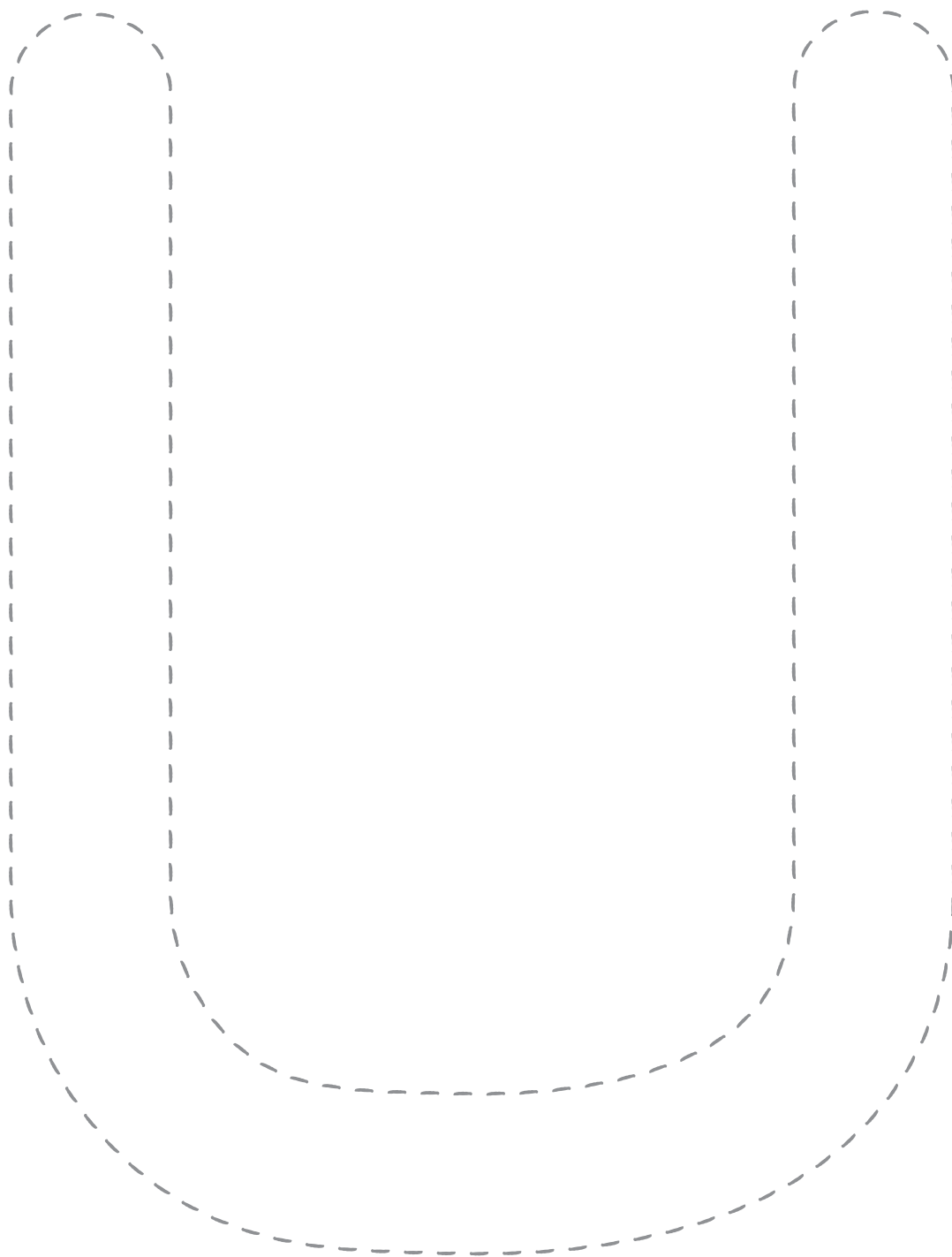
- A - Shell Body (green)
- B - Head (lime green)
- C - Shell Design (lime green)
- D - Tail (lime green)
- Background (purple)

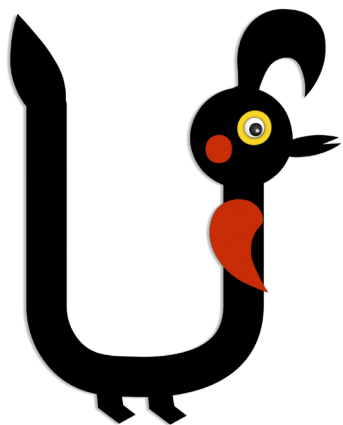




U Is for Umbrellabird Craft

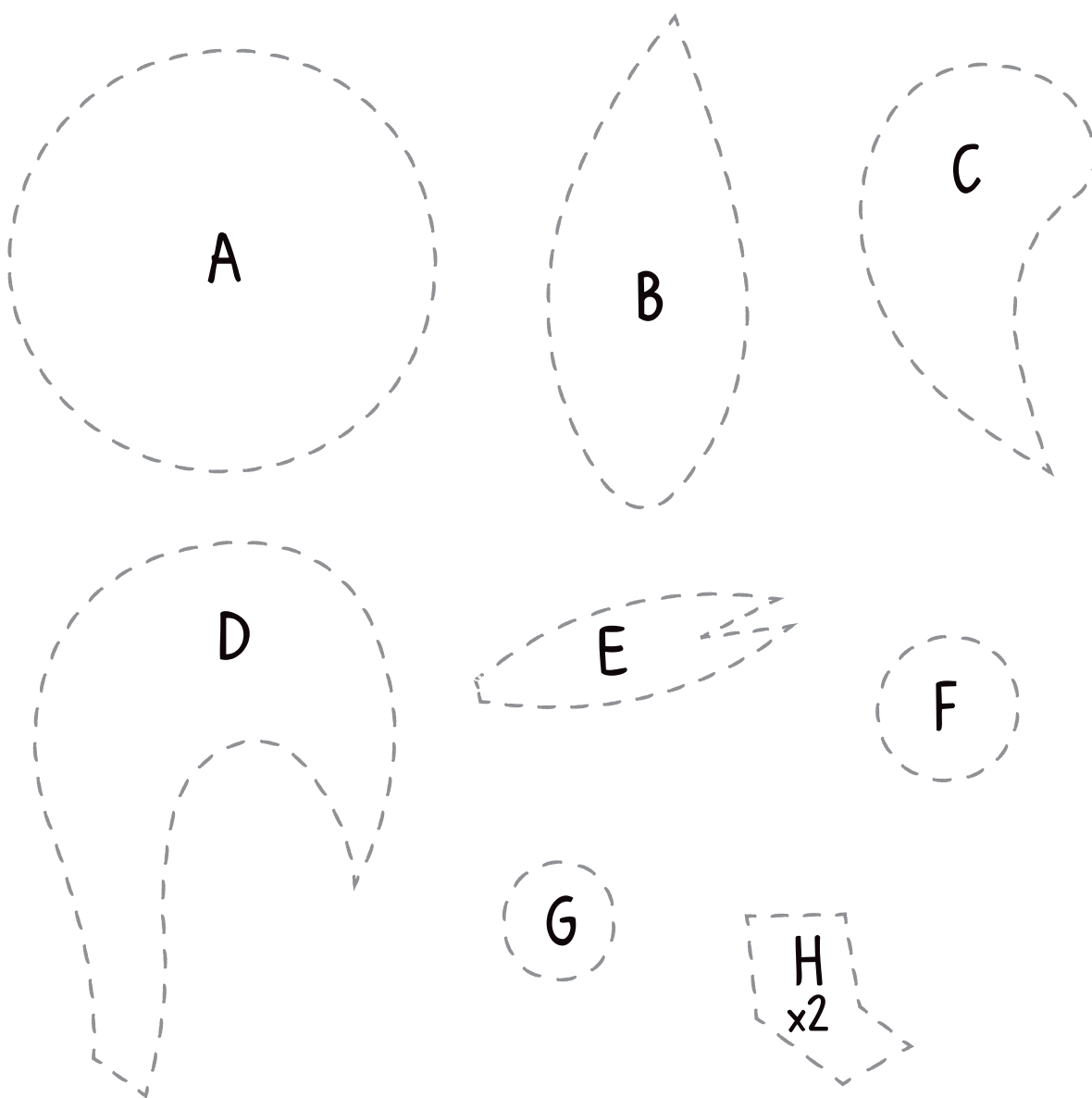
Letter U (black)





U Is for Umbrellabird Craft

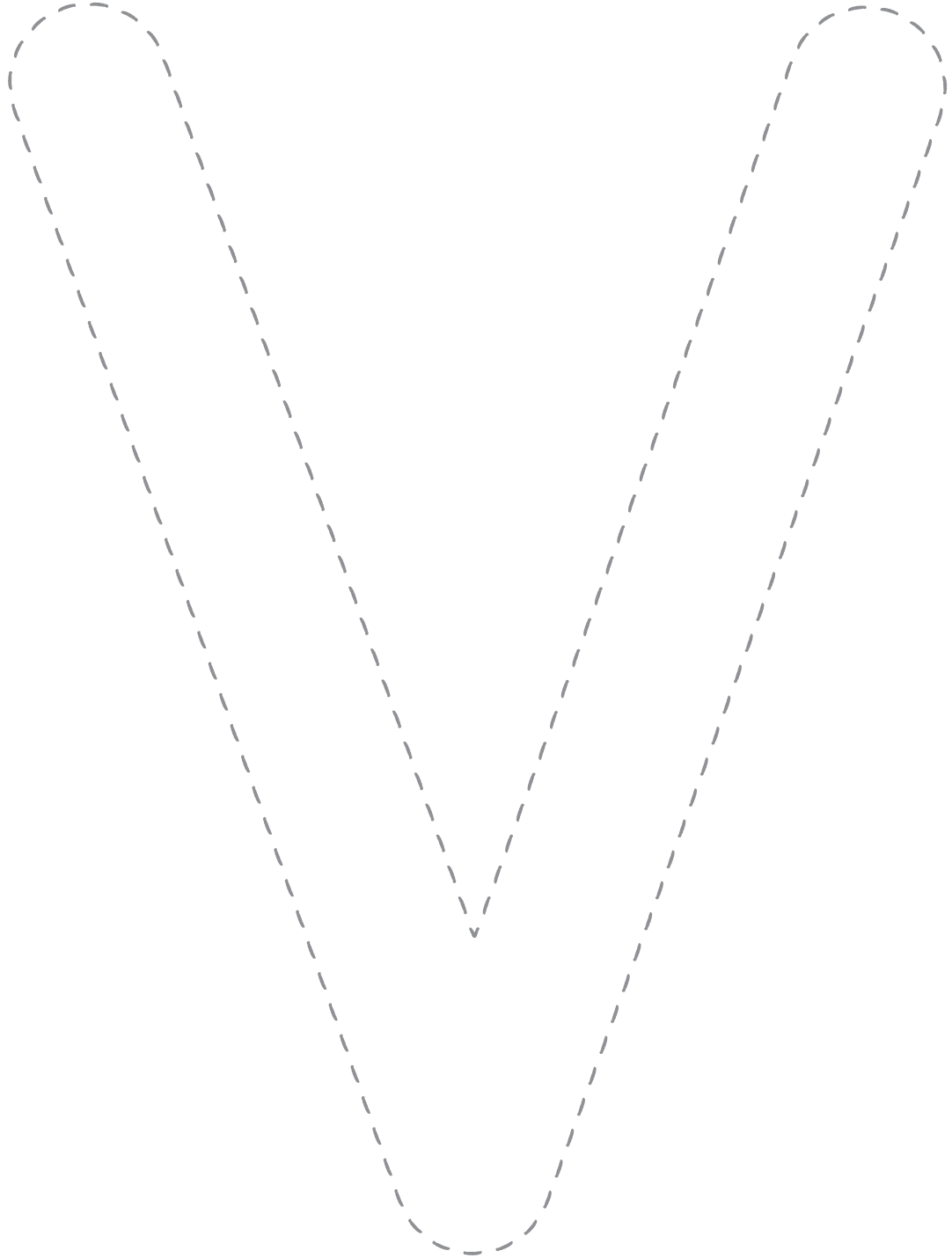
- A - Head (black)
- B - Tail Feather (black)
- C - Chest Feather (red)
- D - Head Feather (black)
- E - Beak (black)
- F - Eye Feather (yellow)
- G - Cheek (red)
- H - Feet x2 (black)
- Background (blue)





V Is for Vulture Craft

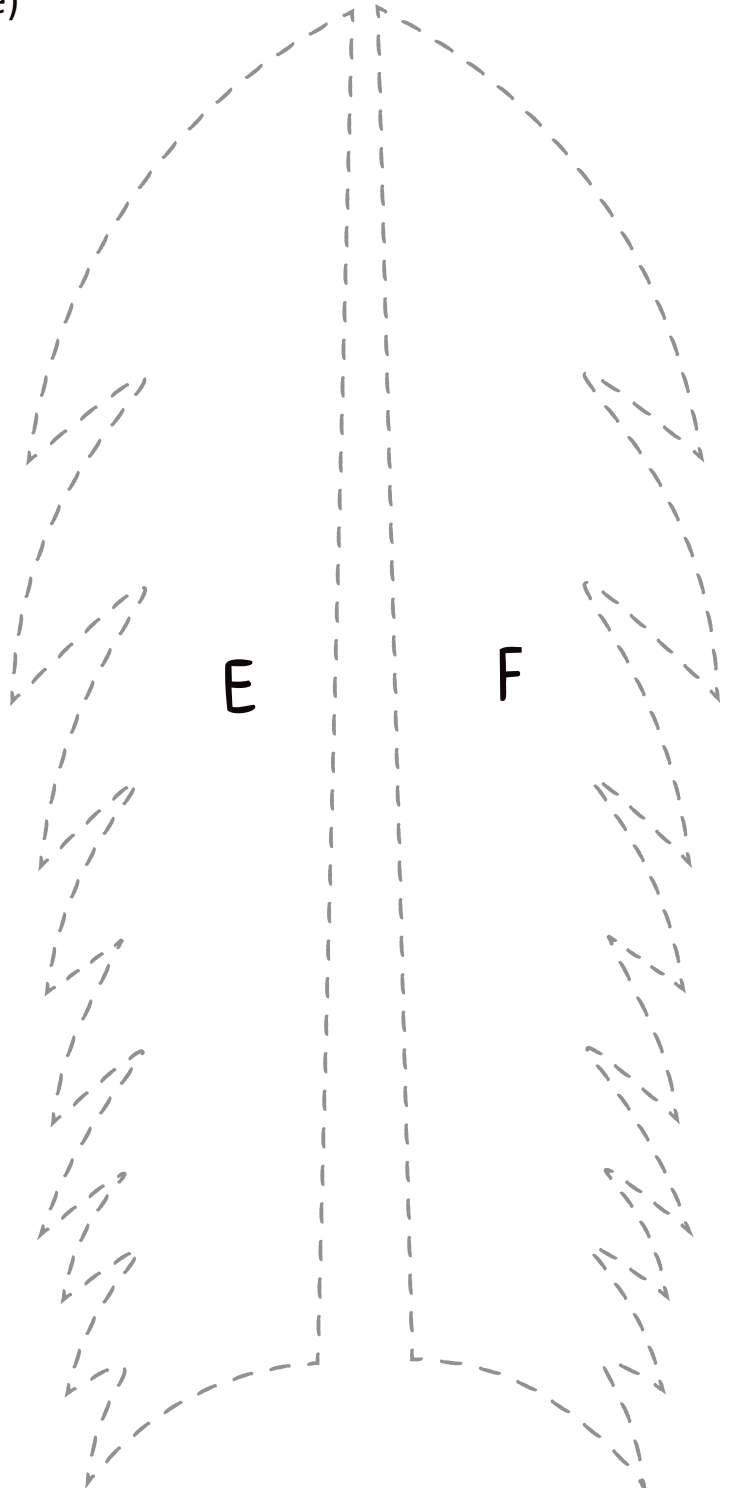
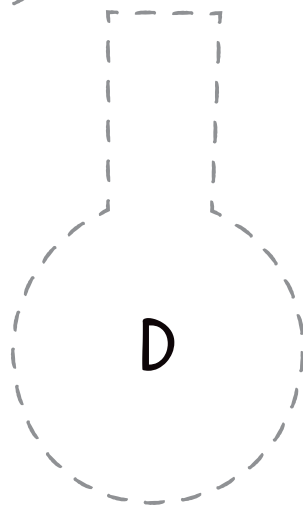
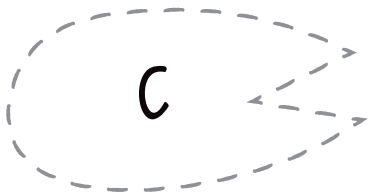
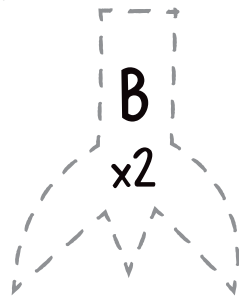
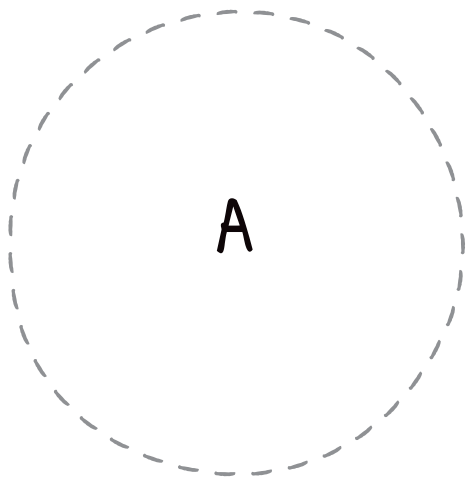
Letter V (black)





V Is for Vulture Craft

- A - Neck Feathers (white)
- B - Feet x2 (pink)
- C - Beak (pink)
- D - Head/Neck (light pink)
- E - Left Wing (black)
- F - Right Wing (black)
- Background (sky blue)



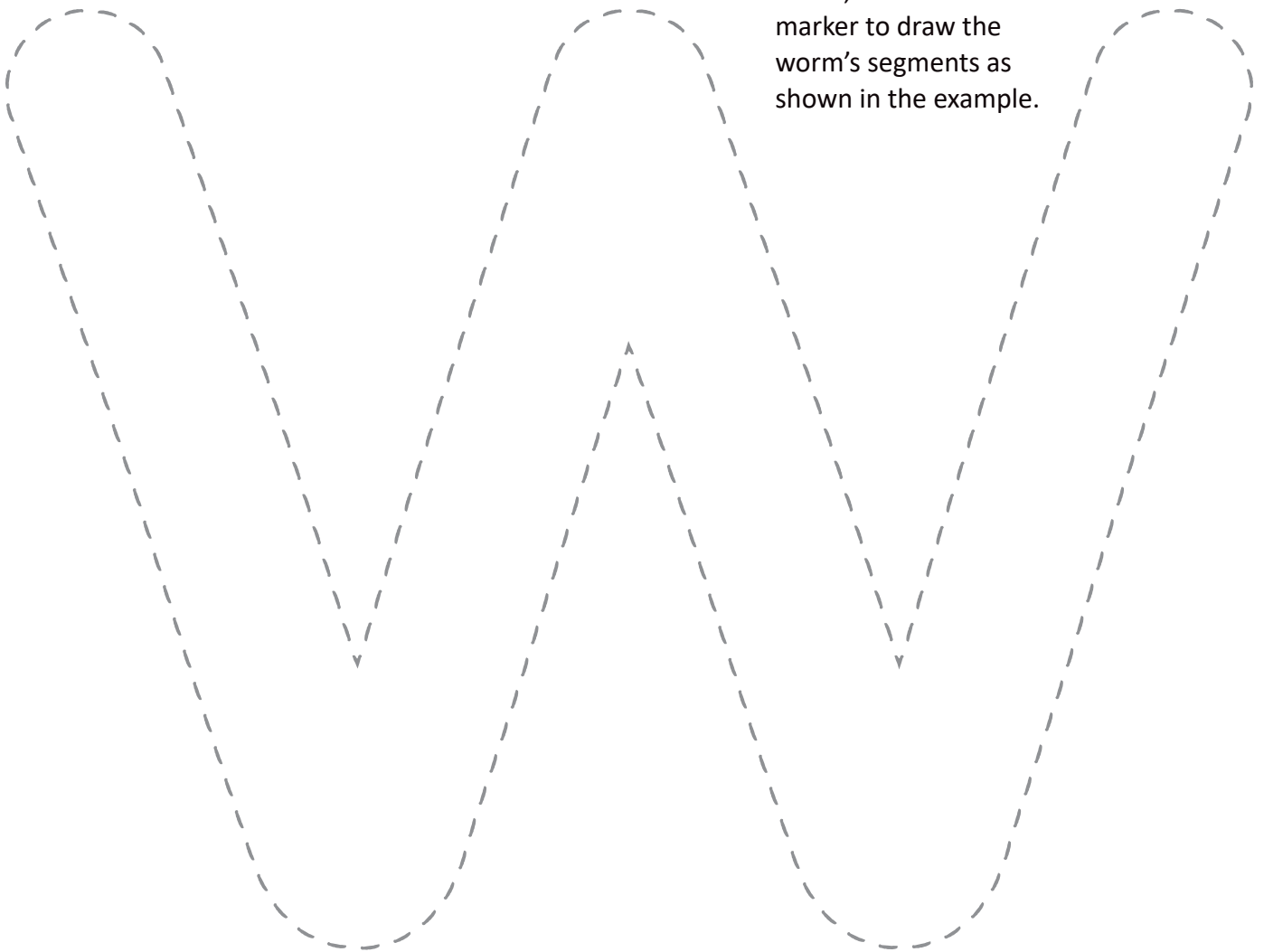


W Is for Worm Craft

Letter W (tan)

Craft Tip:

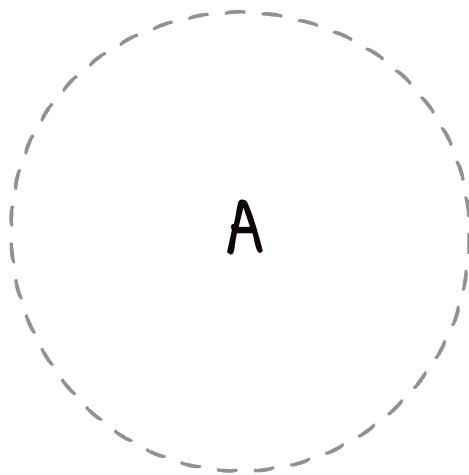
After assembling the worm, use a brown marker to draw the worm's segments as shown in the example.

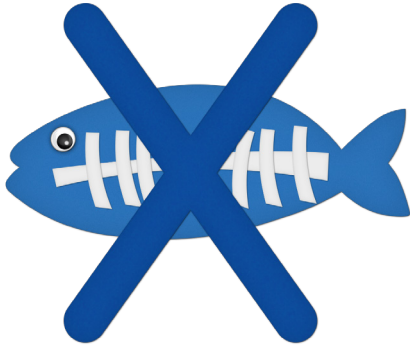




W Is for Worm Craft

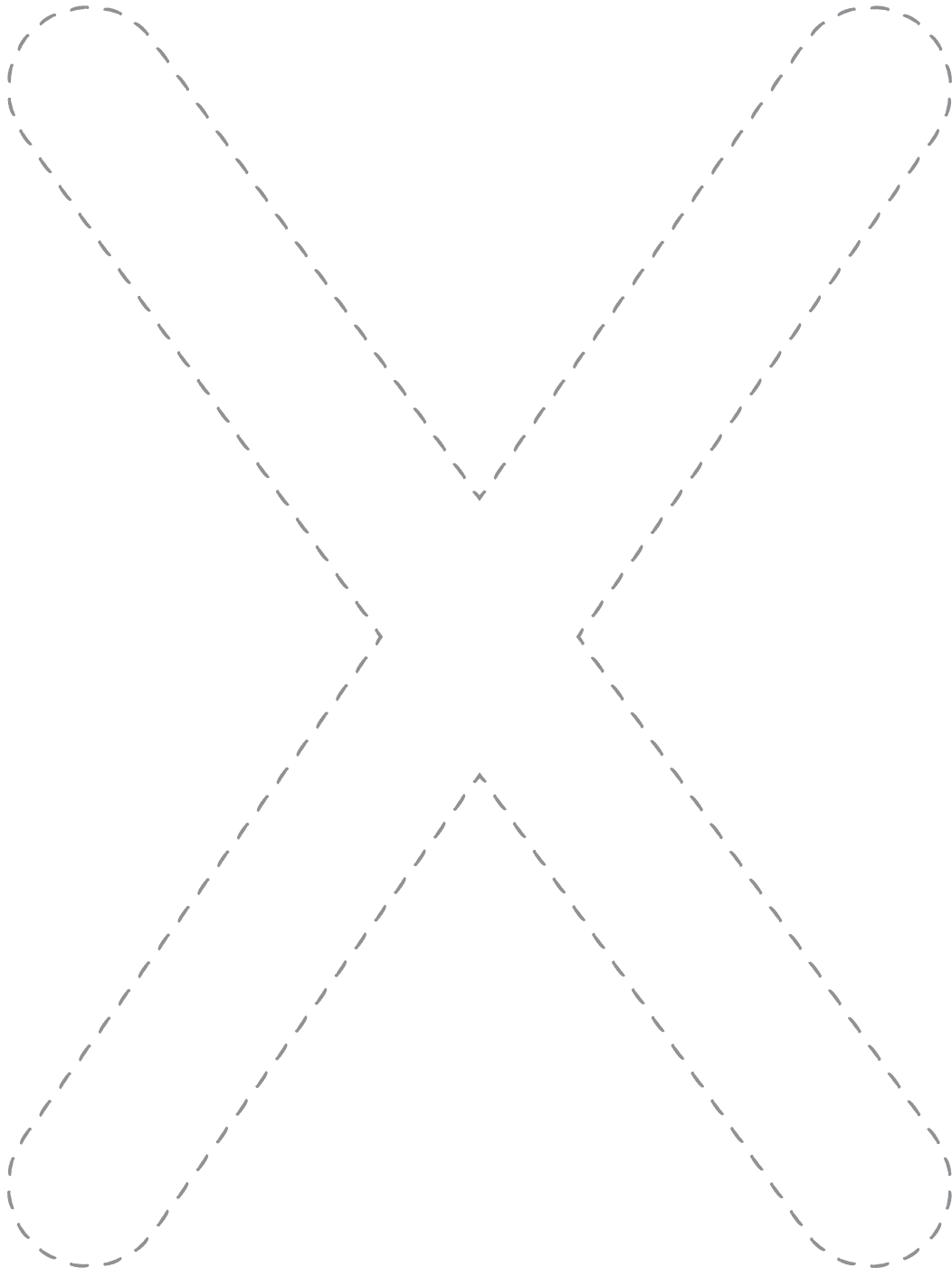
- A - Head (tan)
- B - Mouth (red)
- Background (green)

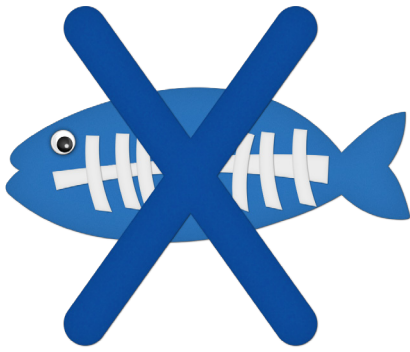




X Is for X-ray Fish Craft

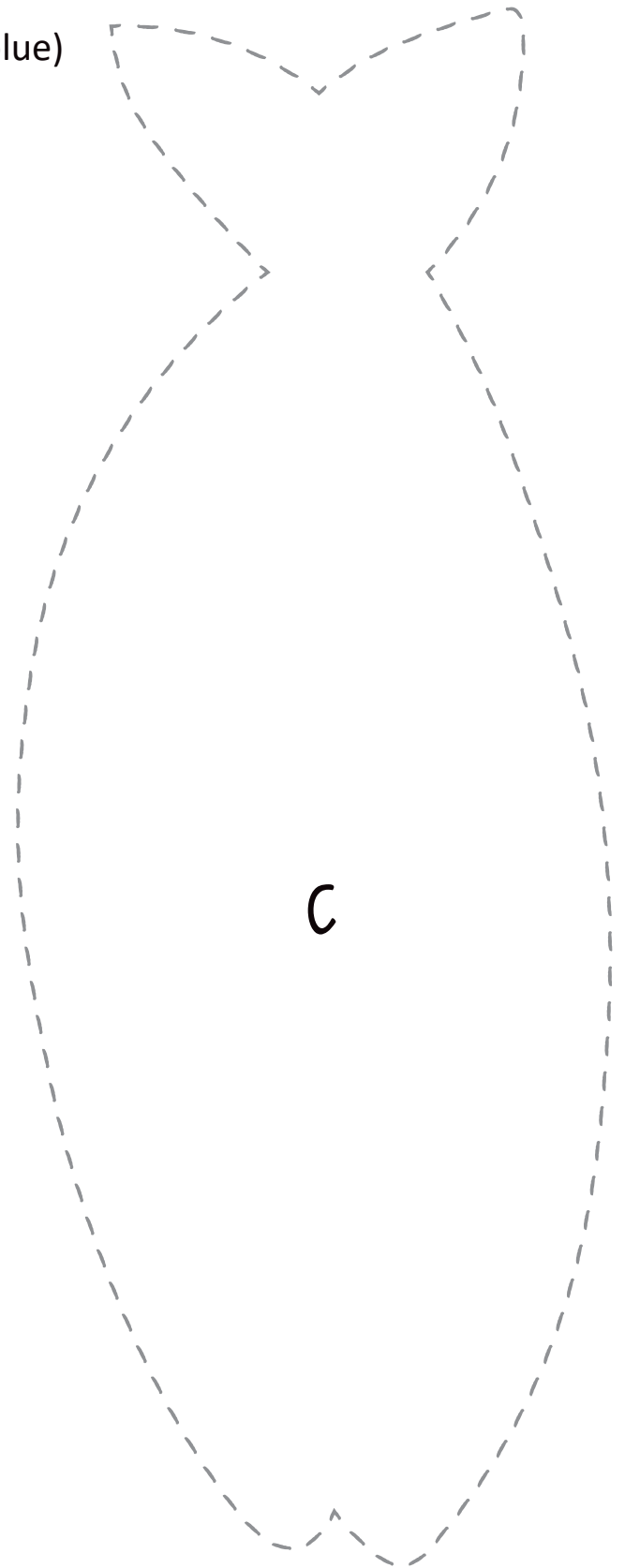
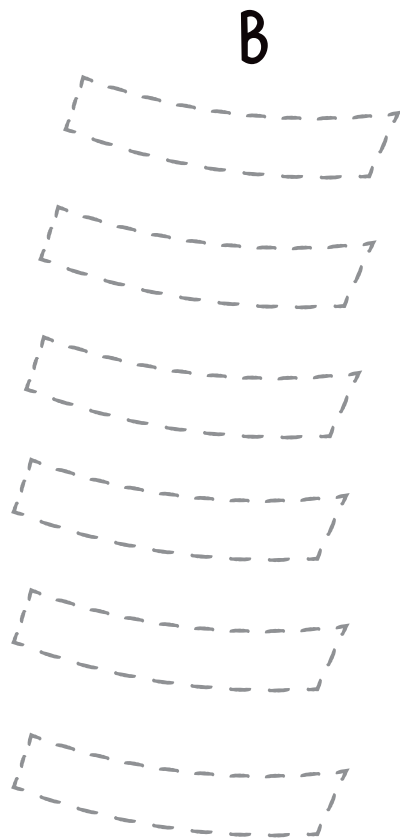
Letter X (dark blue)

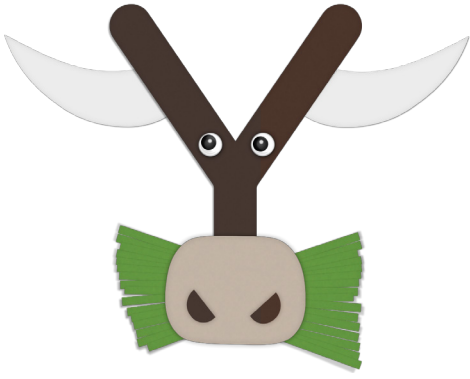




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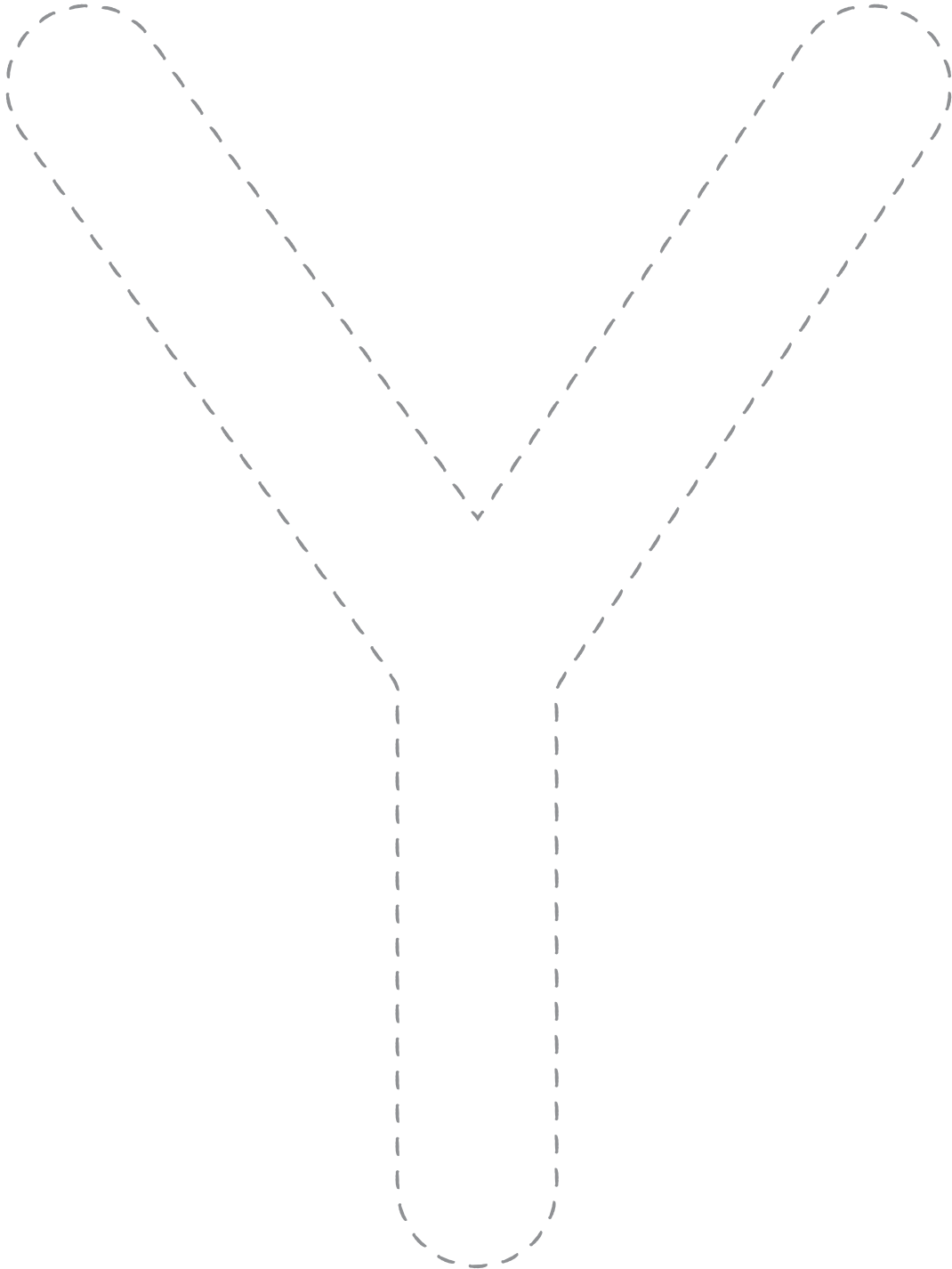
- A - Spine (white)
- B - Ribs (white)
- C - Body (blue)
- Background (sky blue)





Y Is for Yak Craft

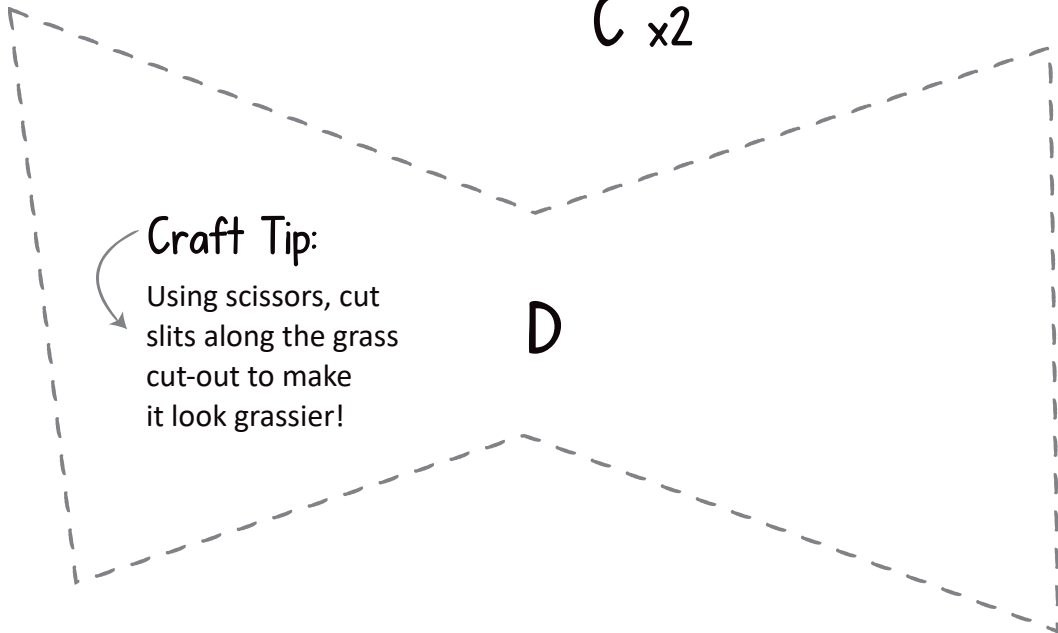
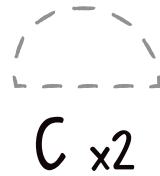
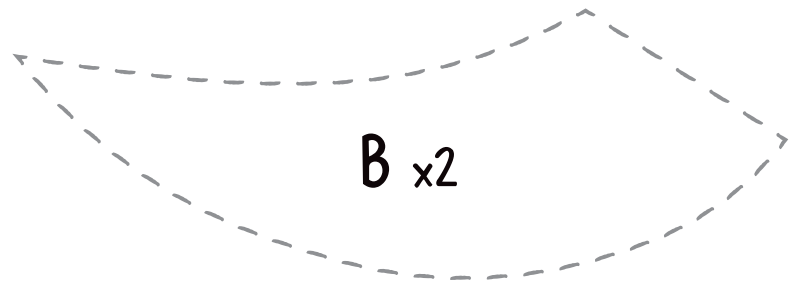
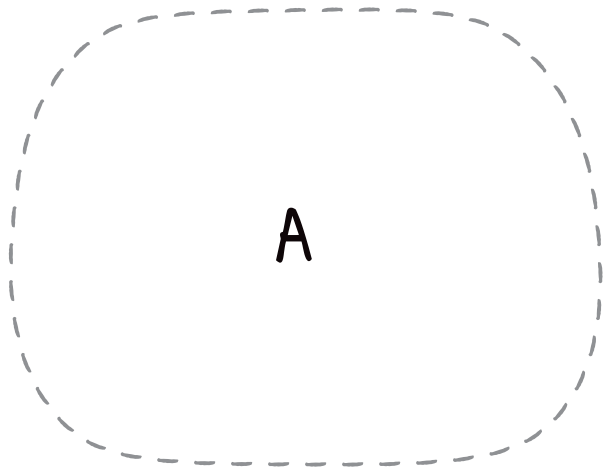
Letter Y (dark brown)





Y Is for Yak Craft

- A - Nose (tan)
- B - Horn x2 (white)
- C - Nostril x2 (dark brown)
- D - Grass (green)
- Background (blue)



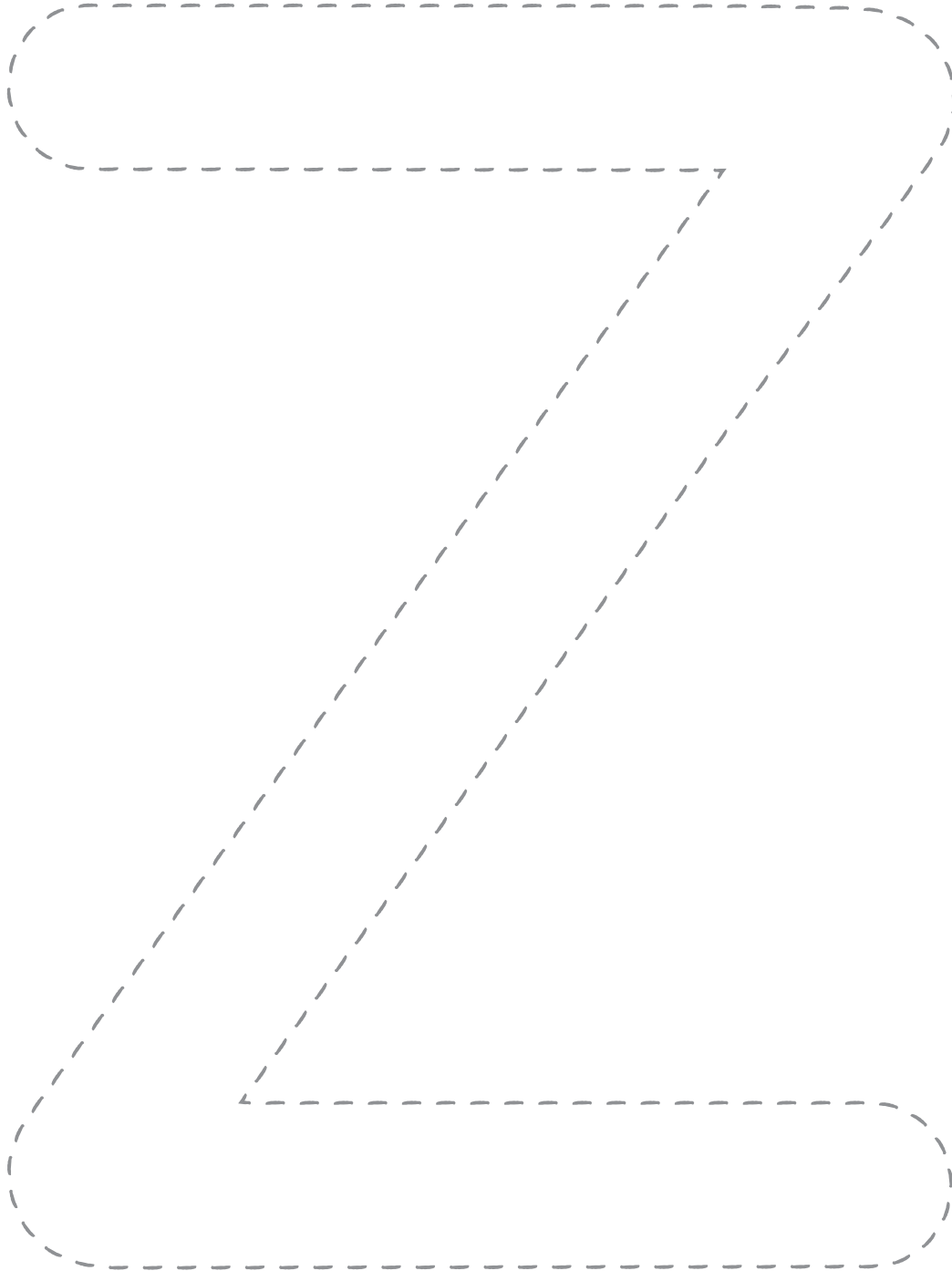
Craft Tip:

Using scissors, cut slits along the grass cut-out to make it look grassier!



Z Is for Zebra Craft

Letter Z (black)





Z Is for Zebra Craft

- A - Black Mane (black)
- B - White Mane (white)
- C - Left Ear (black)
- D - Right Ear (black)
- E - Nose (black)
- F - Nostril (white)
- Hand-cut "squiggles" for stripes (white)
- Background (purple)

Craft Tip:

Using scissors, cut slits along the rectangle cut-outs to make the zebra's mane look furrier!

A

B

C

D

Craft Tip:

Cut out white "squiggles" to form the zebra's stripes.

E

F

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!

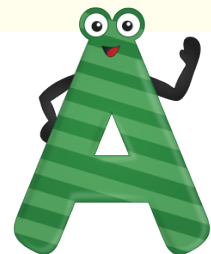
Print Awareness

- Print the My ABC Animal 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 Alligator Craft. Alligator 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.



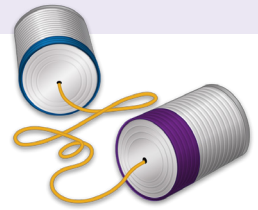
Phonological Awareness

- Say the name of the craft you are preparing and emphasize the first sound of the words in the title. For example: "Z...z...zebra. Zebra 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*, *page*, and *paper punch*. 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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