

December Art + Activities

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Ho Ho's Hat



Materials:

- Red, green & white construction paper
- Glue sticks
- Scissors
- Cotton balls
- Jingle bells
- 1/8th Green ribbon
- black markers or crayons.

Directions:

Prep:

- Tie ribbon on jingle bells
- Run off hats
- Cut white construction paper strips on paper cutter
- Make a master of the poem.
- Run off on green copy paper or green construction paper.
- Run off red hats
- Cut out in little rectangles.

The next day...

1. Children CUT out their hat and fold it on a diagonal.
2. Students GLUE their white rectangle to the **BOTTOM/TOP** of their hat.
3. Remind them to only glue a tiny edge.
4. Children GLUE the little green poem to the **MIDDLE** of the part of Santa's hat that is folded down.
5. Children WRITE their name above the white border, in the middle, in black.
6. Children pull cotton balls apart.
7. **Head's Up.** Some children will not be listening, and will just glue an entire cotton ball on the white strip.
8. To ensure that they are pulling them apart, I demonstrate how much better this looks and I remind them. We also sing a little song I made up:

"This is the way we pinch and pull, Pinch and pull, Pinch and pull. This is the way we pinch and pull to strengthen all our fingers!"

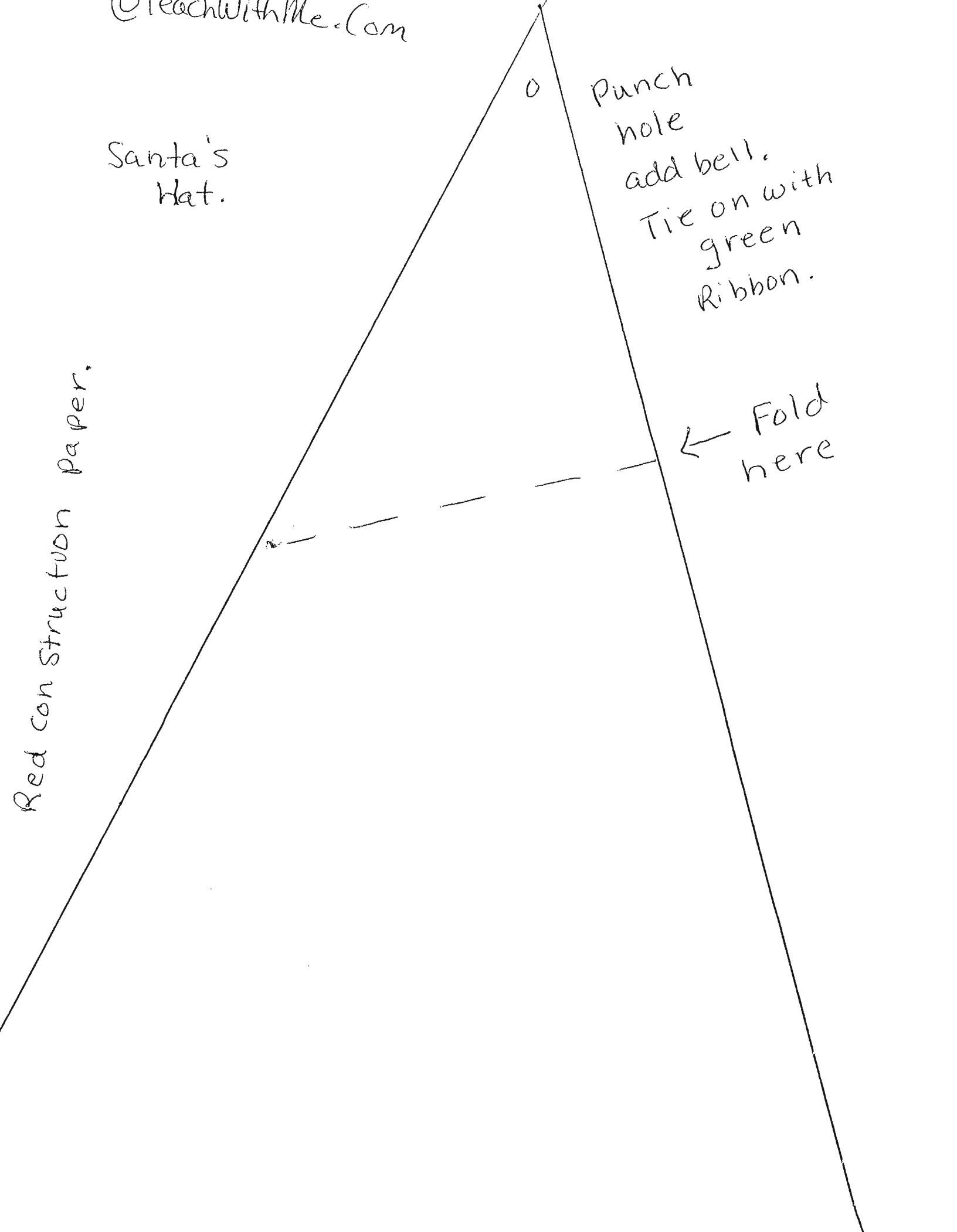
9. I also only give them 5 cotton balls, and that's not enough to cover the bottom of the hat if they are not pinching and pulling, then gluing.
10. When they are done, they raise their hand, and I come over, punch a hole in the pointed end and tie on a jingle bell.
11. These make a great bulletin board, or look nice as a border around the ceiling. One could also blow up student's pictures, mount them on a paper plate and staple Santa's hat on top.

Santa's
Hat.

Punch
hole
add bell.
Tie on with
green
Ribbon.

Red construction paper.

← Fold
here



White ↑ construction paper Edge
Glue on top of the bottom of hat.
children glue on white cotton balls.

Santa's Hat.

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Hats off to wonderful work!
We're Ho-Ho-Hoping for a white Christmas!
Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way.
Oh what fun it is to learn in Young Fives today!

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Oh what fun it is to learn in Kindergarten today!

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Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way.
Oh what fun it is to learn in 1st grade today!

Hats off to wonderful work!
We're Ho-Ho-Hoping for a white Christmas!
Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way.
Oh what fun it is to learn in 2nd grade today!

Run poem of
on Green
Paper,
Glue to
hat.

*Hats off to wonderful work!
We're Ho-Ho-Hoping for a white Christmas!
Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way.
Oh what fun it is to learn in Young Fives today!*

Mrs. Flohr

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A Finger-Painted Keepsake Wreath

Yellow + Blue Makes Green

Materials:

- Tag board
- Yellow, blue, green paint
- Paint shirts
- Scissors
- Red construction paper
- Glue sticks
- Children's' school photo
- Masters

Directions:

Prep:

- Make a template of the circle.
- Trace and cut out tag board wreaths.
- Write children's names on the non-shiny back.
- Cover tables with paper.
- Lay out paint shirts
- Put wreaths on tables name side up.
- Make a template of the heart.
- Trace and cut out red hearts (2 for each child to make a bow.)
- Run off, and cut out school photo.

The next day...

1. Call children to their seats via their name plate.
2. They have already put on a paint shirt. (I have these in a laundry basket in the hallway, so when then arrive, they immediately put one on.)
3. They flip over their plate.
4. Put a quarter-size dollop of yellow paint on their plate. Remind them not to touch the paint 'til they get their drop of blue.
5. Give everyone yellow, before you do blue.
6. Put a dime-size dollop of blue paint on their plate. They may start to twirl and swirl as soon as they get the blue paint.
7. Some may need a bit more paint to fill up the entire circle. I use real green as when they mix these two colors, although it changes to green,

it's not really a pretty Christmas green, so I give them a tad of real green to swirl in as soon as they're done mixing the two primary colors. As they swirl I have them say the equation out loud: Yellow + Blue = Green! The children really enjoy the "magic" of secondary colors!

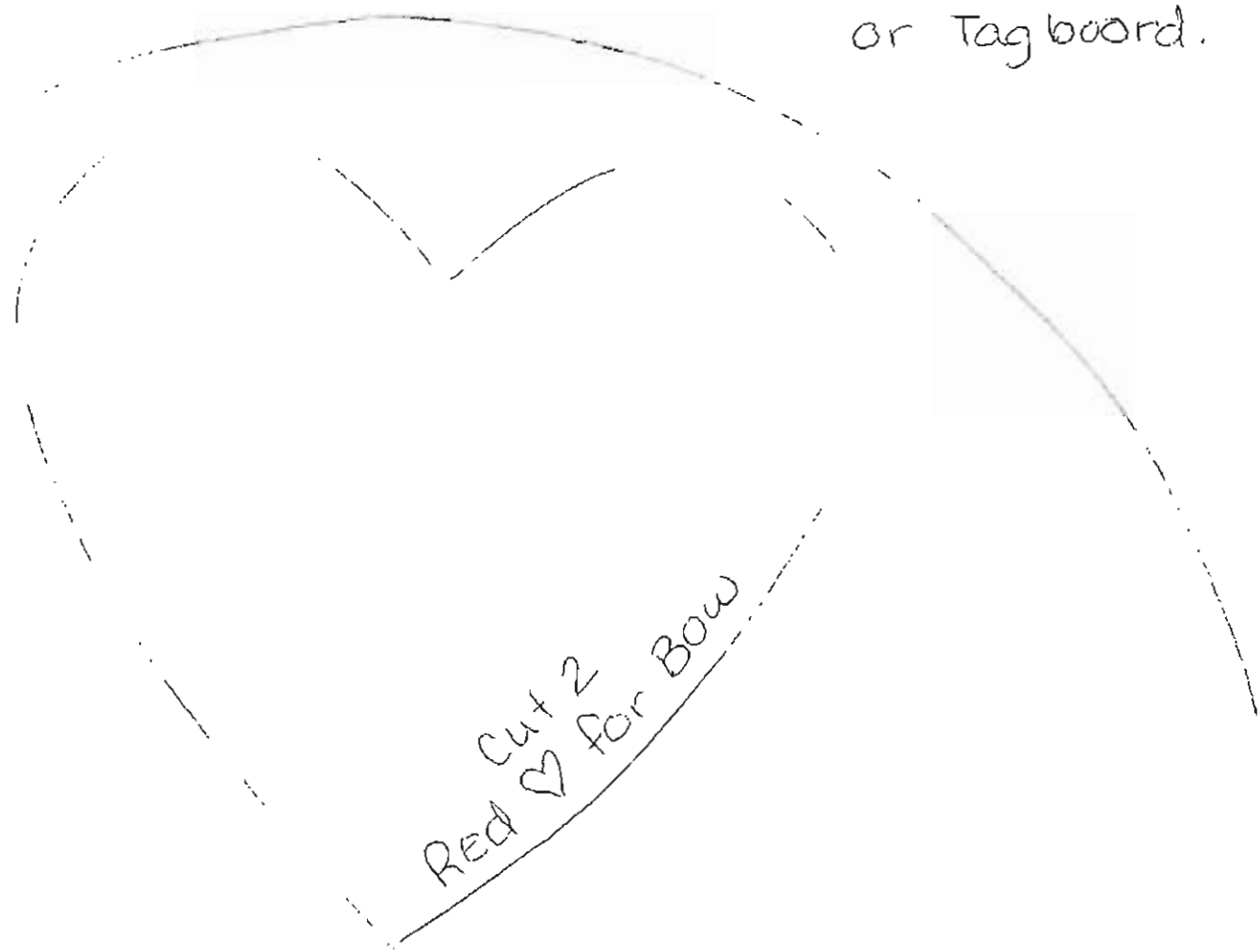
8. As they finish I send them "hands up!" to the bathroom and place all the circles on a sheet of long paper to dry in the corner.
9. Some start to curl, but they flatten out later.
10. I have an activity like *Pinch and Poke* or *Tetrominoes* for them to do on their tummies, while I'm cleaning up the tables.
11. Then I set up a booklet for them to transition to when I'm done with table clean-up.
12. In the afternoon, I put paper back down on the table, and they once again don a paint shirt.
13. I have their wreaths, circle poems, hearts, pix, and a glue stick sitting on the tables.
14. They glue their circle poem to the center of the wreath. They glue their two red hearts together, then glue their picture to the middle, then glue their bow to the top of their wreath.
15. Then I put paper plates (3 to a table) with a dollop of red paint on them on the tables.
16. They dip their pointer finger in, and make a group/set of 3 berries, then a space and another set, going around their wreath.
17. We set them aside to dry.
18. They wipe their finger on their shirt and I pass around a wet wipe. Children who are messier use the bathroom and we move on to a game or another afternoon activity.
19. These can be wrapped, or simply tucked into their Take Home Folders.
20. They make for a great b. board as well. I've put them on a black background. They look great used as a border with something else in the middle too.
21. I find that December is such a short month, that I don't decorate the hallway or classroom too much.

Finger Painted Wreath

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$\frac{1}{2}$ Wreath Circle

Cut out of Cardstock
or Tagboard.



I made this pretty wreath for you.
I made it by mixing yellow and blue.
Yellow + Blue as you have seen,
makes a lovely Christmas green.
The red berries.. I'll give you a hint,
are made from someone's finger print!
This wreath is a circle it has no end.
It's like my love, that I now send.

I made this pretty wreath for you.
I made it by mixing yellow and blue.
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makes a lovely Christmas green.
The red berries.. I'll give you a hint,
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Run Off
On White
Copy Paper.
Enough for 2,

Especially For You...

*This wreath I made especially for you all tied-up in a bow.
It is one so very special and I thought you ought to know...
That the greatest gift of all around was right here from the start
and the very special gift I found, is the Christmas of the heart.*

*Just as this wreath is a never-ending circle, so is my love for you.
The holly berries are extra-special, they're made from my fingerprints;
I bet you knew!
Please hang it as an ornament on our Christmas tree.
I hope each time you see it, you will think of me.*

Love, _____

My wreath is a special gift.

The roots of Christmas gift giving extend to the first Christmas and the gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh that the Wise Men brought to baby Jesus. Sometimes the greatest of all gifts are the ones that we can never see. Only by some small act of kindness shown, with words unspoken, do we catch a glimpse of the greatest gift of all...LOVE!

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Especially For You...

Quickie Craft Button Ornaments

Materials:

- Green & yellow construction paper
- Star Punch
- (Worth the \$9 investment. Watch for the weekly coupon for one item 50% off in the paper for Michaels & the member flyer for JoAnn's or go online for the 40% off one for Hobby Lobby. Or wait til they are 50% off at any of those stores weekly specials.)
- E6000 glue (It may be a bit stinky but it works great for things like wiggle eyes, plastic and metal buttons etc. And it dries fast!) Use a toothpick to help get just a dab.
- Toothpicks
- White or colored small buttons. Most Dollar Stores have a box of 75 little ones!

Directions:

You can do these several different ways.

1. Die cut a tree and put white buttons all over the tree.
2. 6 small buttons look great.

Or...

3. Die cut a tree and put a colored button on each point.
4. You need 6 buttons.
5. Punch a hole in the top and tie a loop of yarn.
6. I like to add a metal-punched, yellow star, and punch my hole in that.

Or...

7. Use the outside template.
 8. Take a picture of your students.
 9. I put a Santa hat on my students + a red scarf.
They look soooo cute.
 10. Glue the template on top.
 11. Have them put a button on each one of the outer edges of the tree.
 12. Punch a hole in the top.
 13. Tie on a loop of yarn.
- Adorable!

Small-Medium-Large Package Dangler

Materials:

- Red and green construction paper
- Christmas Ribbon (Watch for sales at JoAnn Fabrics, Hobby Lobby, Wal-Mart, and Michaels!)
- Scissors
- Glue stick
- Marker
- Wrapping paper with red and green in it.
- White curling ribbon for bows.
- Student photo
- Cardboard or tag board squares to wrap.
- Masters

Directions:

Prep:

1. Trace template squares.
2. Run off the heart master on green construction paper and cut out.
3. Xerox and pre-cut their photo.
4. Pre-cut the tag board or cardboard.
5. Pre-wrap medium packages unless you want your students to do this step. Cut the square of wrap for the back and glue it, or save that step for your students.

The next day:

6. Children cut red and green squares.
7. Help children wrap their medium package or have it pre-wrapped.
8. Glue square of wrap on top of the back for a finished look.
9. Make a loop at the top of a 36 inch piece of ribbon and staple it.
10. Leaving a two-finger space run a glue-stripe down the back of the small green square (package) and press the ribbon to it. I staple top and bottom for security.
11. Again leave a two-finger space and do the same with the medium wrapped package, (I also add a staple to the top and bottom for security) and finally the large red one.
12. Staple 3 strips of white curling ribbon to the top of each package and curl.
13. Glue the red heart to the middle of the front small green package and add your student's photo to the top left corner. They can sign their name and write "I love you." Drawing a heart for the word love to the right of their picture.
14. Glue the green heart to the middle of the front of the large red package.
15. Hang from the ceiling or along a wall.
16. **Caption:** *"CHILDREN fill our world with joy and wrap our Christmas with love!"*

Green

May your Christmas be
WRAPPED in Love
& **FILLED** with Joy!

Glue
on Red
large
package.

Glue on Green
small package.

Student →
Photo
here.

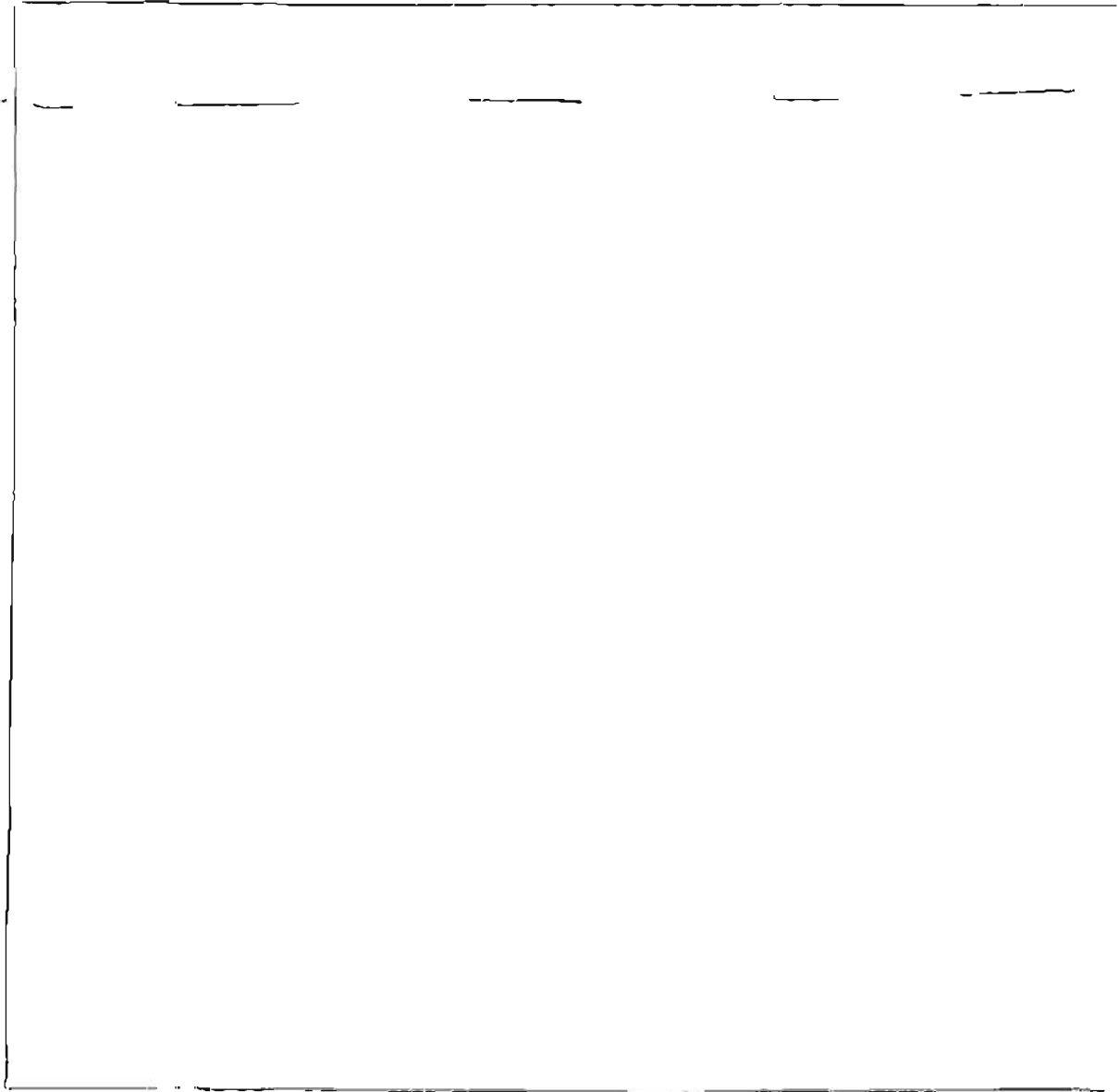
Red

Large - Red Package Is 9x9 inches.

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Green - Small - Package

Medium - wrapped package



Dangler

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Materials:

- Brown, green, white construction paper
- Glue stick
- Scissors
- yarn
- red and green tissue paper
- white curling ribbon
- toilet paper rolls
- Confetti or glitter glue
- White glue
- White puffy paint
- Red paint
- Paint brushes
- crayons
- Masters

Directions:

Prep:

- Run off masters
- Wrap toilet paper rolls
- Cut out candy canes

I make this a three-day activity:

- On each of these themed days we make one of these activities, and then I set it aside for the last day when we put it all together.
- It's usually close to our Christmas Party Day so I don't have a chance to hang them up, so we just send them home. But if you do, they make adorable hallway decorations either hanging from the ceiling or up against a wall.

Directions:

Gingerbread:

- Children cut on fold. Need 2
- Children color in details with crayons.
- You add frosting and their name (on one) with puffy paint.
- Set together to dry and save.

Christmas Tree:

- Children cut on fold. Need 2
- Put in a tub, and add a garland with white glue.
- Children sprinkle on confetti. (I got this at Hobby Lobby after New Years for 75% off.) You could also use glitter or glitter glue.

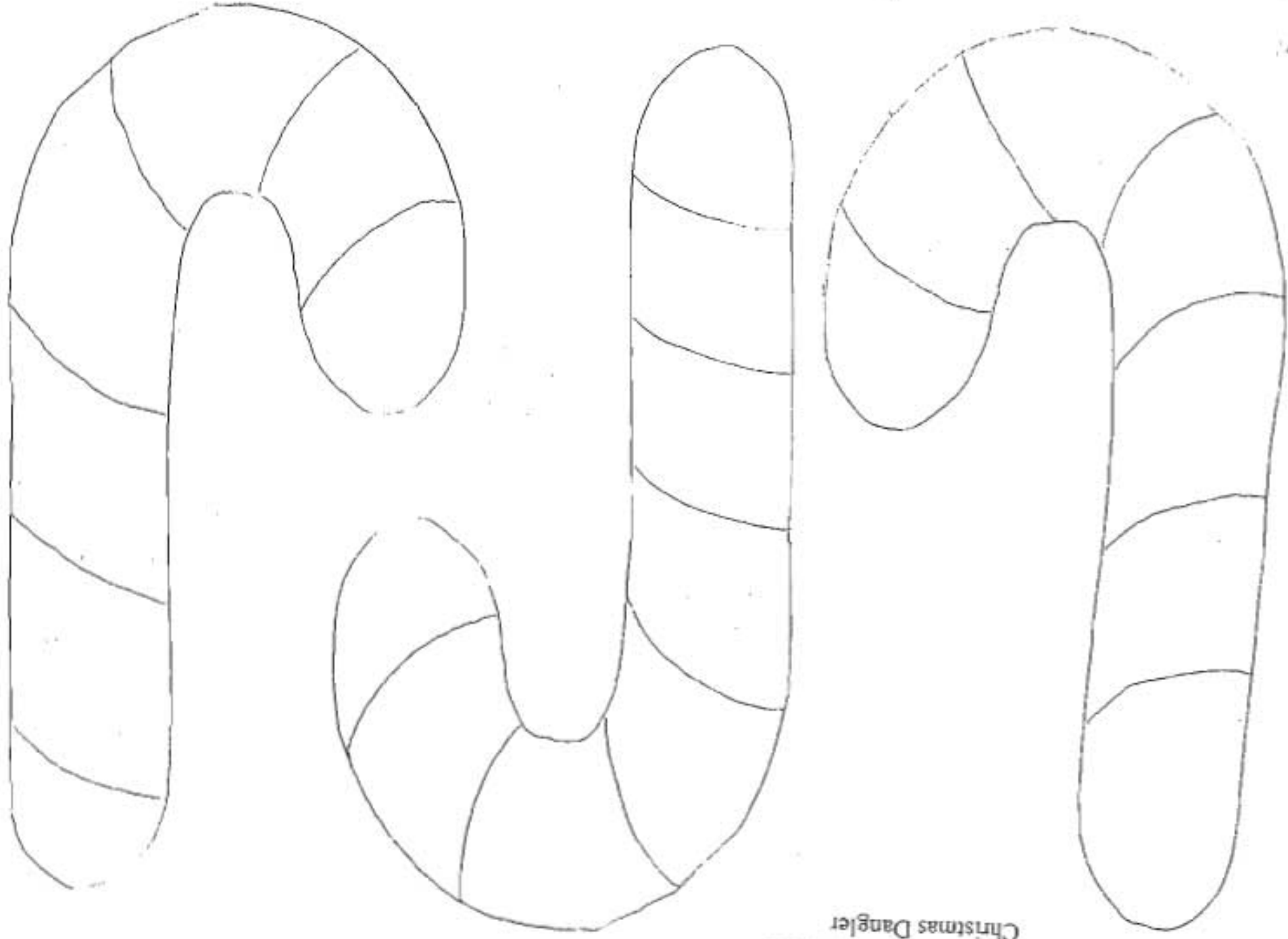
Candy Cane:

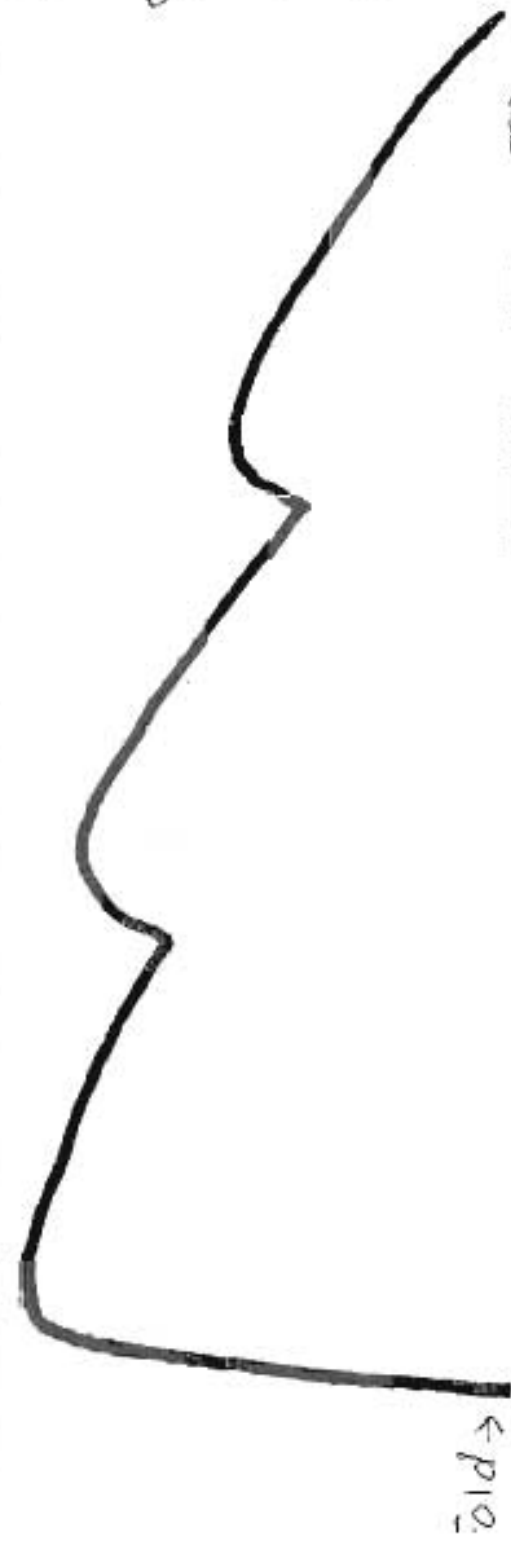
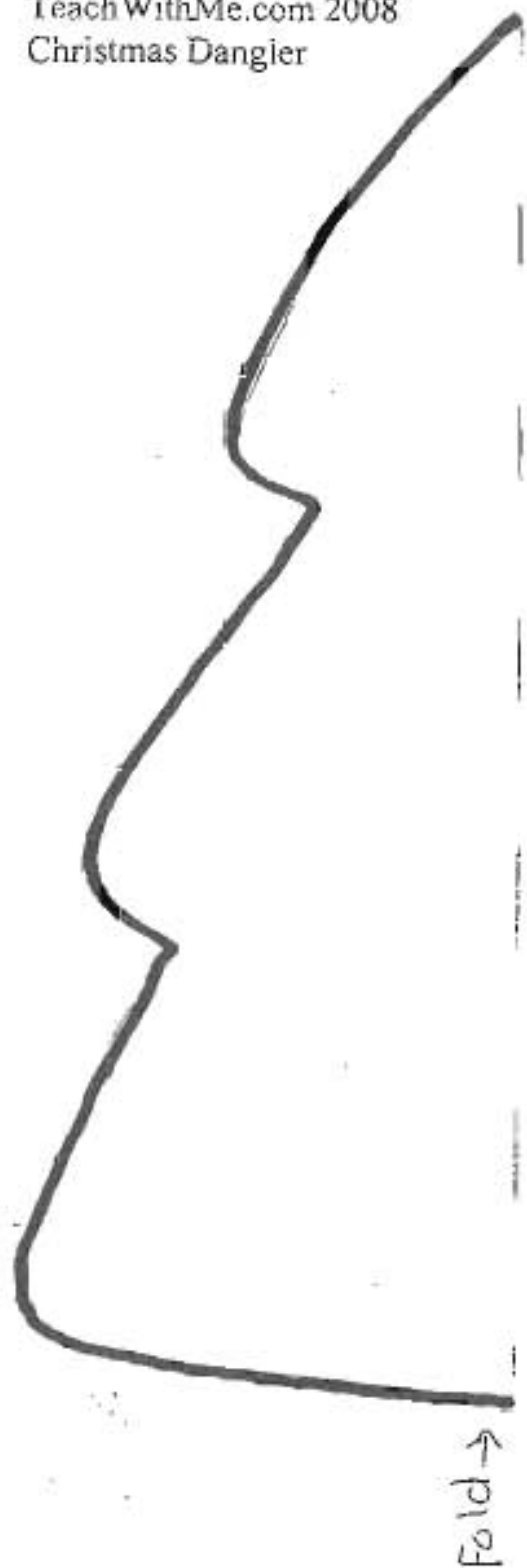
- I do this as a center.
- Children work one-on-one with me. I have drawn pencil lines for them to follow.
- Write their name in tiny print on the bottom.
- I hold the cane down and they dip the brush in red paint and follow the lines.
- Set aside to dry and then do the other side.
- Punch a hole in the top.

Put It All Together:

- Tie a piece of green yarn from one end of the toilet paper roll to the other, so that you have a taught string to tie the dangler to.
- Cut a 24 inch piece of yarn.
- Lay one of the Christmas trees face down. Have the student rub glue on the other piece.
- Leaving a 2-3 inch piece of yarn at the top, place the yarn down the middle; place the matching tree with the glue on, on top of the laying down piece. Press hard.
- Using 1-2 finger widths apart, lay one of the gingerbread men face down and do the same as above.
- Lastly, thread the candy cane through the hole and tie a knot.
- Tie the dangler to the middle of the piece of yarn that is attached to the t.p. roll.







Peace-Joy-Love Dangler

Materials:

- Red, black, green, white construction paper
- Glue stick
- Scissors
- Ribbon (Red or Plaid looks great) Watch for those Christmas sales at JoAnn Fabrics, Hobby Lobby, WalMart, and Michaels!
- Containers to put squares in
- Masters

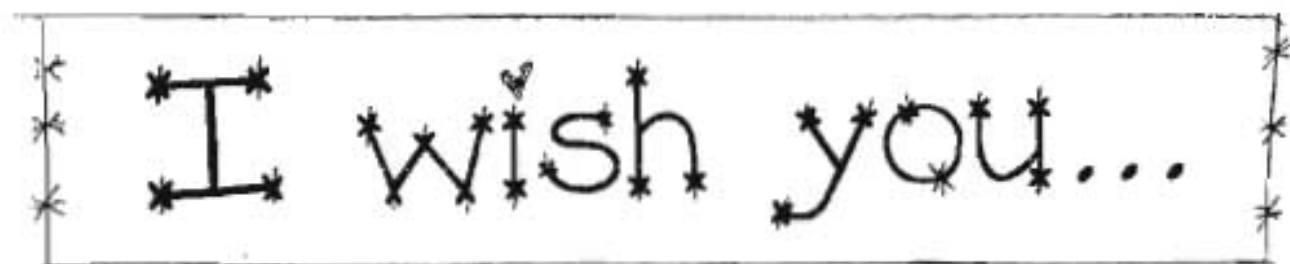
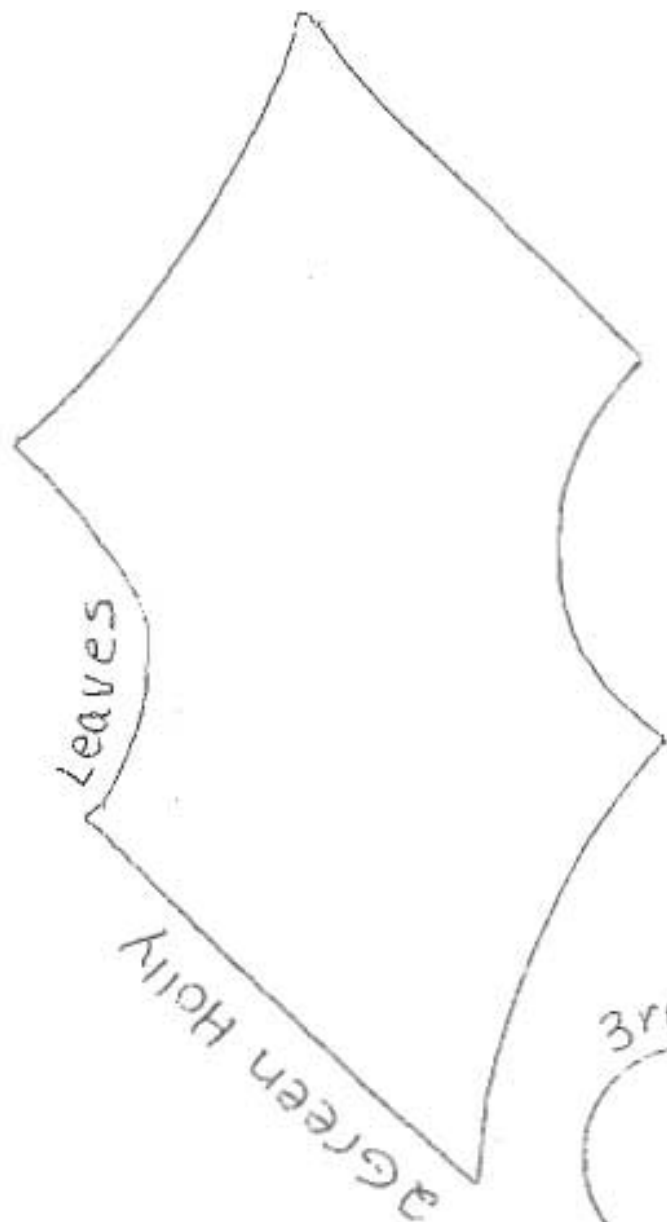
Directions:

Prep:

- Run off masters
- Pre-cut strips of red & green paper. Decide if you want this to be a mosaic or a rip and tear activity.
- I do a lot of rip and tear so I do this as a mosaic to be different, and I like the look.
- Cut strips into squares and put in bowls to be set on tables.
- Pre-cut the Joy-Peace-Love words + circles, leaves, and rectangles for the berries, holly, and "We Wish You" caption.
- Pre-cut the red and green rectangles to mat the white Joy-Peace and Love words on.

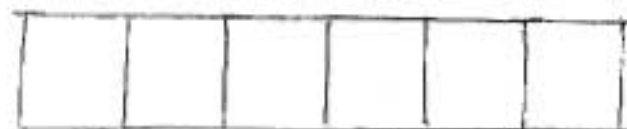
I make this a three-day activity:

1. We do Joy in the morning and Love in the afternoon and on the next day we do Peace. On the third day we glue it all together.
2. Give children their Joy word.
3. Children write their name on the back.
4. Trace a letter with the glue stick and press on a colored square. (Press hard.)
5. Follow the lines 'til the letter is filled; then glue the next letter.
6. I do Peace and Love in RED and Joy in GREEN squares.
7. On the third day, I make a loop with ribbon at the top and staple.
8. Glue one of the leaves to the top of one of the "I wish you..." glue 2 berries in the middle of the leaf.
9. Glue the other leaf and berry to the top of the other "I wish you..." so that when they are glued back-to-back the leaves will show right and left.
10. Place the saying face down on a table or carpet, place the ribbon down the middle and rub glue on the other piece.
11. Place that piece on top of it, matching up corners.
12. Have 1-2 finger widths between the next piece.
13. Place the LOVE mosaic face down. Put the ribbon down the middle.
14. Glue the GREEN border piece on top.
15. Have 1-2 finger widths between the next piece.
16. Place the JOY mosaic face down. Put the ribbon down the middle.
17. Glue the RED border piece on top.
18. Have 1-2 finger widths between the next piece.
19. Place the PEACE mosaic face down. Put the ribbon down the middle.
20. Glue the GREEN border piece on top.



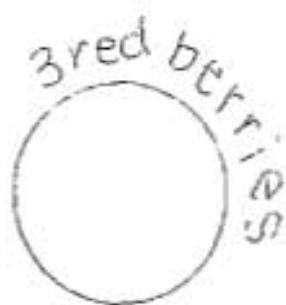
cut 2 Front & Back

strips should be this width



and cut into squares.

You could also cut strips
& let children
rip & tear.



PEACE

LOVE

J

O

Y

J

O

Y

I wish you...

I wish you...

I wish you...

I wish you...

I wish you...

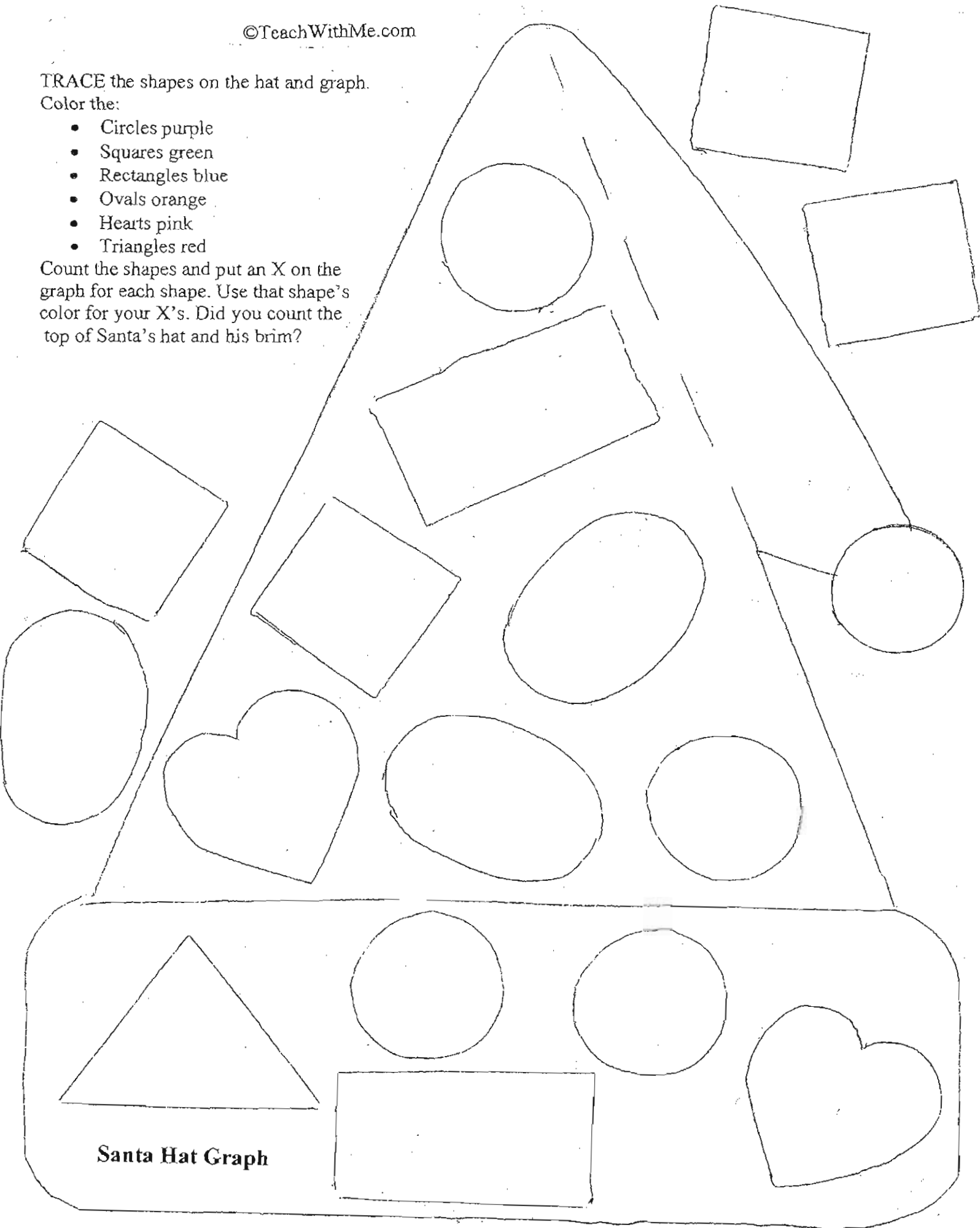
I wish you...

TRACE the shapes on the hat and graph.

Color the:

- Circles purple
- Squares green
- Rectangles blue
- Ovals orange
- Hearts pink
- Triangles red

Count the shapes and put an X on the graph for each shape. Use that shape's color for your X's. Did you count the top of Santa's hat and his brim?



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triangle

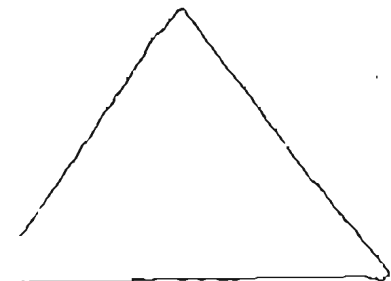
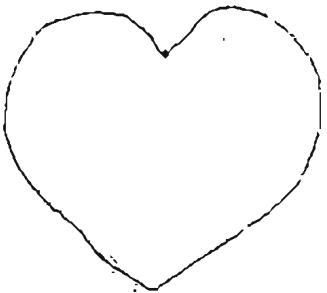
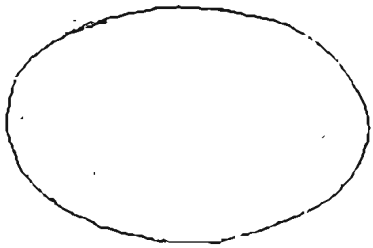
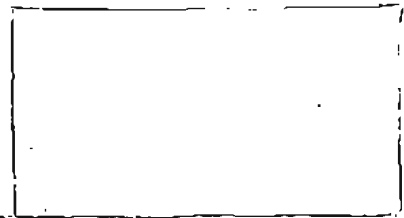
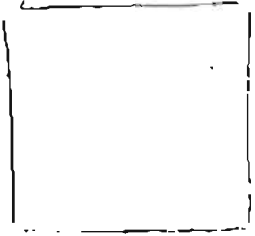
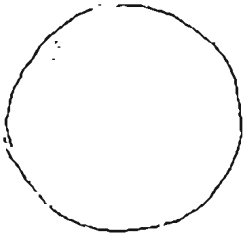
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circle

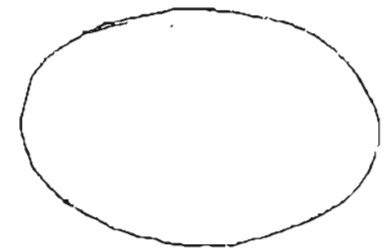
oval

square

rectangle



TRACE the shape on the left and DRAW the shape on the right.
Match the shape to its word.



GRAPHING

Our favorite shapes.

Handprint Keepsake Reindeer

Materials:

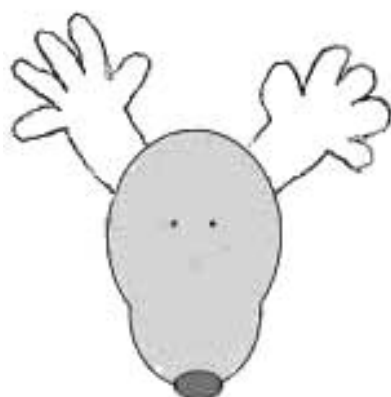
- Brown paint
- Wash tub
- Paper towel
- Brush
- Master
- Crayons
- Optional: small red pom poms, wiggle eyes, glue dots.

Directions:

1. Run off the reindeer master on white construction paper.
2. Children color the reindeer brown.
3. They write their name on the BACK of the paper.
4. As they finish they come up to you, you paint their hand brown and press it to the top of the antlers. Set aside to dry.
5. I think that the red pom pom nose and the wiggle eyes really makes this look so adorable so I help the children add them with glue dots.
6. I've also stapled a red and green yarn bow to the side of Rudolph's neck.

Another Keepsake Handprint Idea:

- Another version of the keepsake turkey from our November ideas, is to trace their foot with the shoe on, on light brown paper, and their hands on dark brown.
- Their foot becomes the reindeer's head, their hands the antlers.
- Add a pom pom nose and wiggle eyes and you have another keepsake.



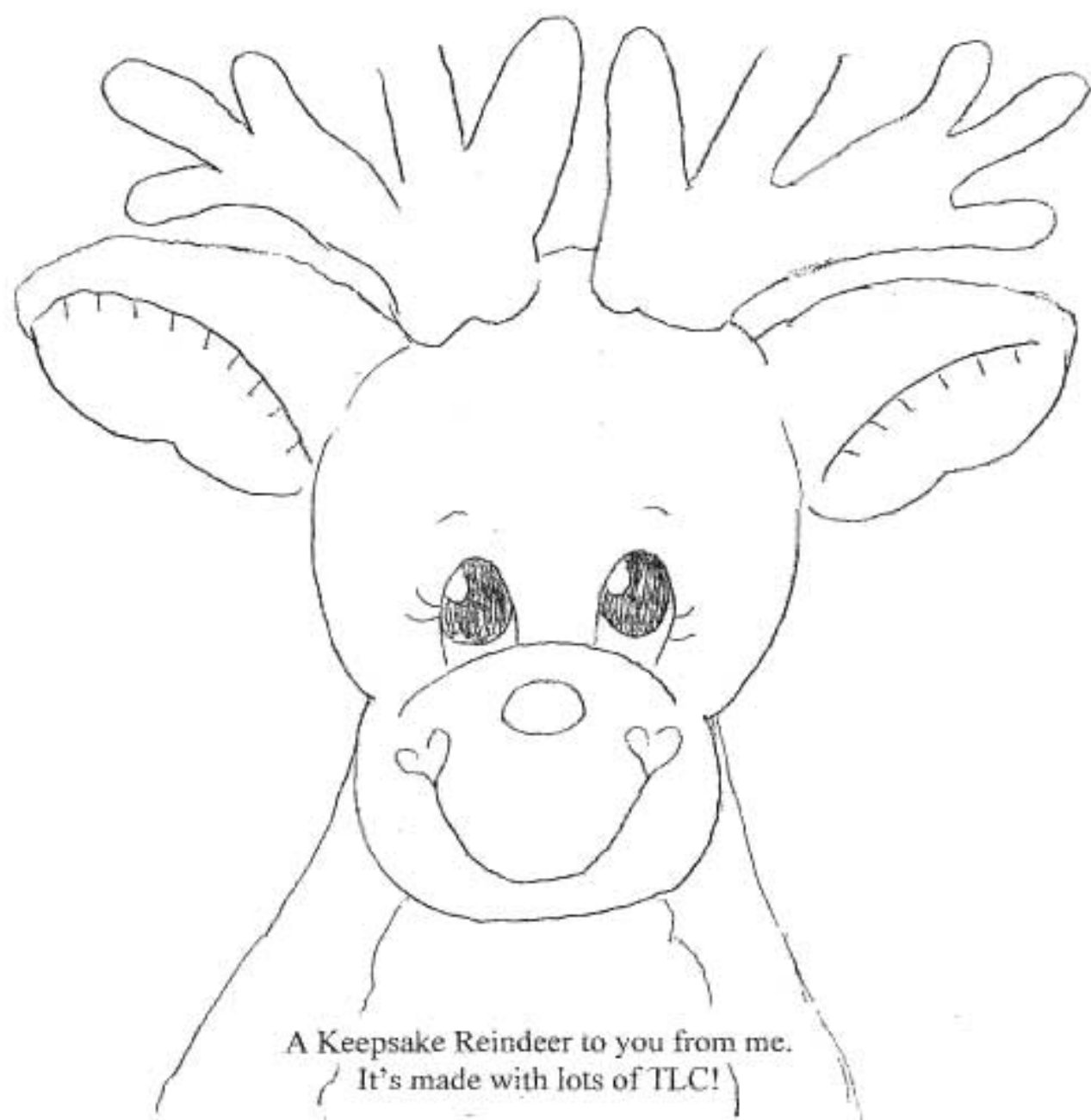
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Dear Families,

We are making an adorable reindeer counting book and want to make it a special keepsake by having the antlers be your child's handprints. On the attached brown construction paper, please take a moment and:

- FOLD the paper in half.
- TRACE one of your child's hands.
- CUT one time and you have 2 prints!
- WRITE your child's name on the back of 1 print and using the paperclip provided, clip them together and send them back.
- This assignment is due: _____.
- When the booklet, ***You Can Count On Rudolph***, comes home, be sure to reinforce our lessons and build your child's self-esteem, by having them read it to you.
- Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

Educationally Yours,



A Keepsake Reindeer to you from me.
{ It's made with lots of TLC! }



I was going to give you a dozen roses,
but instead I decided on 10 reindeer noses!
Even better than this little gift,
something that's sure to give you a lift,
is that I can count them 1-10
then start over and do it again!
I hope you like your little treat
I gave them to you 'cause I think you're sweet!
They can flavor your coffee or your tea.
When you drink it, I hope you'll think of me!

Love, _____

We graph
who likes
Red Hots &
who doesn't!
most do
Not
~ ~

My Students Spoon
10 Cinnamon Red Hots
in a little Ziplock
Bag & Include
it with this Note
with their Reindeer
Hand Print
Gift ♥





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Love, _____

Materials:

- Red, Medium & Light Brown construction paper.
- Glue sticks
- Scissors
- Stapler
- Masters
- Optional: glue dots & wiggle eyes
- Black markers

Directions:

Prep:

- Run off masters
- I have a room helper trace and cut out my students' handprints, if you don't have one, you could send a note home to have parents trace and cut out their child's handprints on brown paper, or you could paint them with brown paint.
- I like the construction paper look. If you do the Keepsake turkeys in November, you could send home an extra brown sheet of paper for that, and just save the brown handprints for this project.
- I find that Kindergartners do a fairly decent job of cutting their own handprints, but my Y5's do not, they lop off the fingers and the in & out of the cutting is just too frustrating.

Next day:

1. Children cut out reindeer, nose and numbers.
2. Children fold down ears.
3. Glue handprints (be conscious of left and right) to the back of the reindeer head, on either side of his ears.
4. Children cut out numbers, or have them pre-cut if you think this is too much cutting.
5. Children sequence the numbers.
6. Staple the book at the top so that it flips up.
7. Staple the number book to the red nose; glue it to Rudolph.
8. Children can draw eyes with a black marker, or wiggle eyes add a bit more pizzazz. I put those on with glue dots.
9. When everyone is finished, we clean up and gather on our *Circle of Friends* carpet to read the booklet.
10. We flip through the numbers counting them in English and Spanish.
11. I play a few games of "Speed" with them. It's a game I made up, where I call out a number and they quickly flip through their booklet to find that number. The first one to hold it up is the winner. It's a great way to whole-group assess and gets them ready for future Timed Tests and Mad-Minute Math.
12. We finish by counting backwards "Blasting Off" to our lockers to put our booklets in our backpacks.
13. I've given you a blank template, if you have older students, and want them to write their own numbers or if you want larger numbers.

Fold
down
for
ears.

Brown

← cut →

↑ Fold

white
eyes
color in pupils



Rudolph
Counting
Book

← Glue Nose
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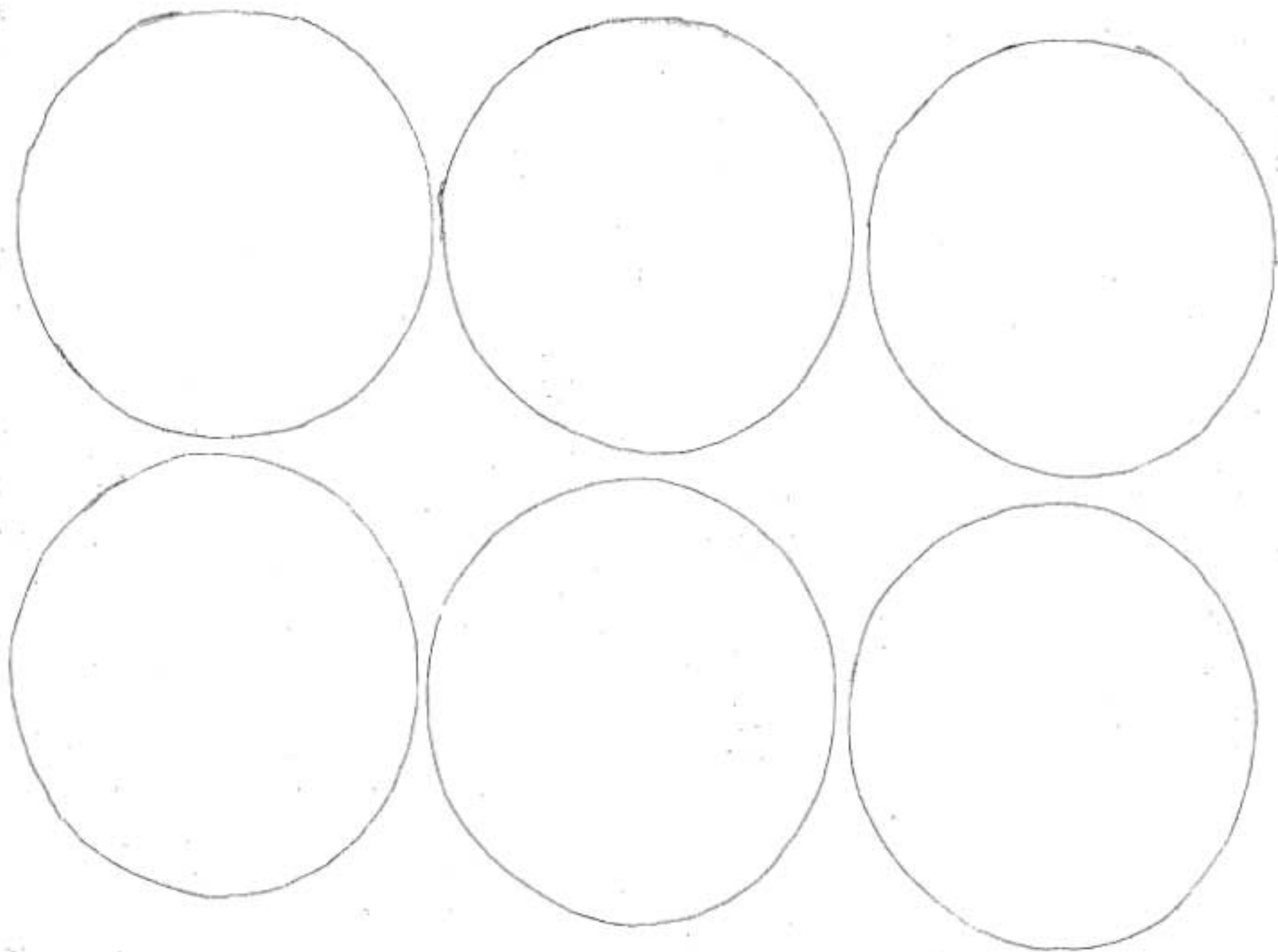
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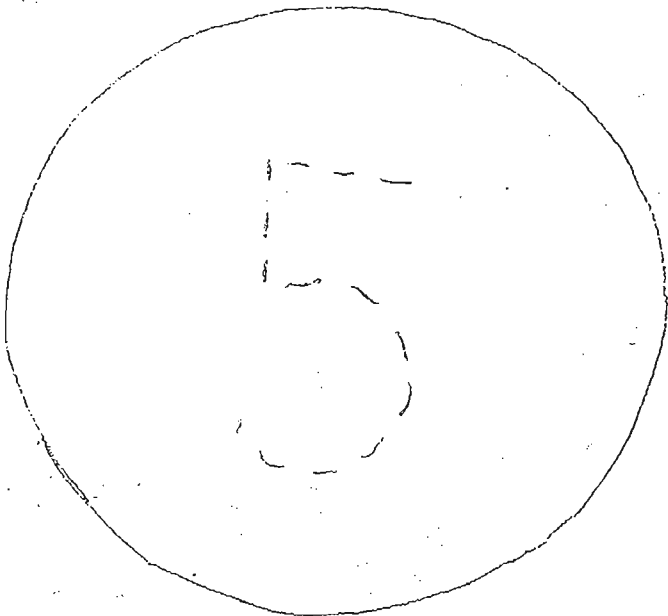
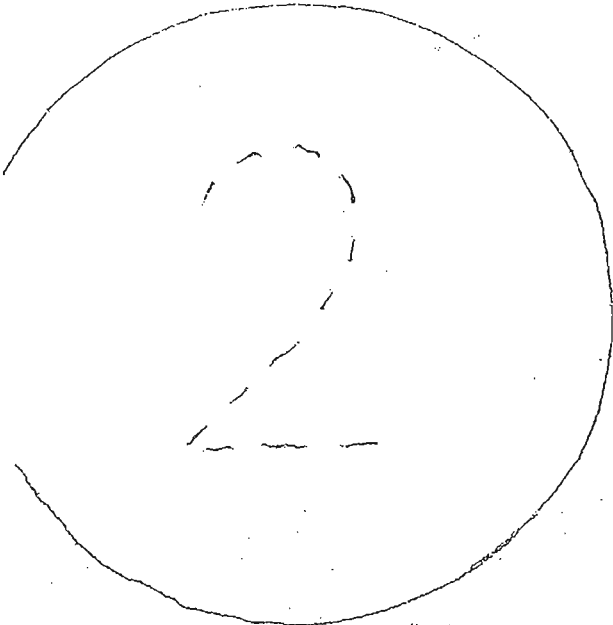
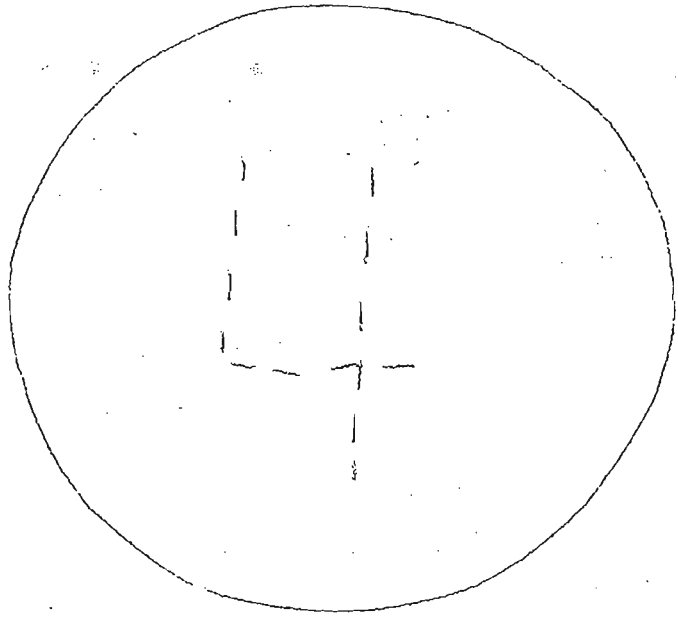
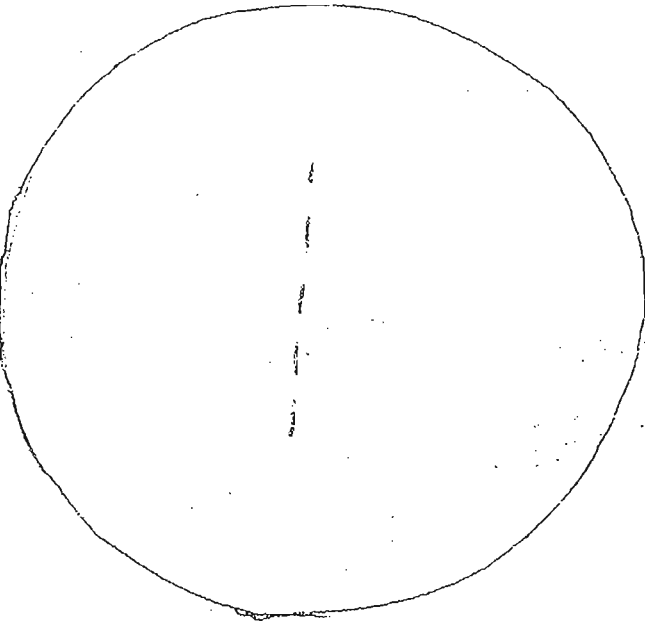
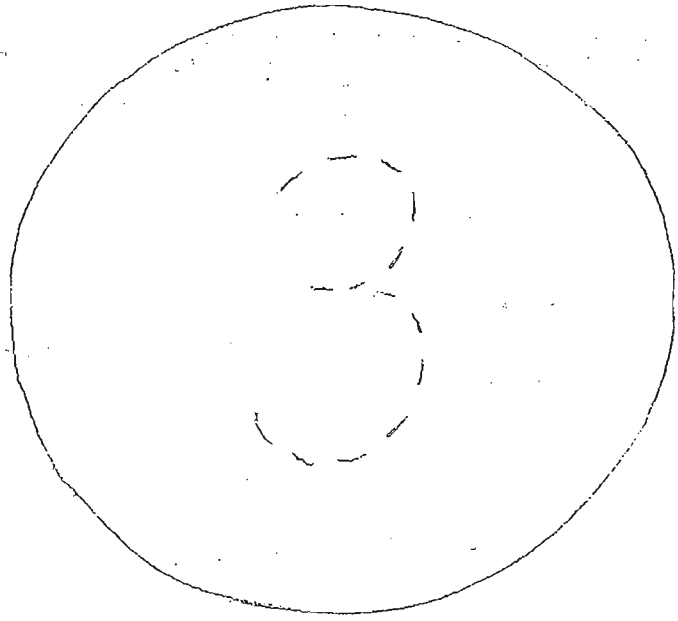
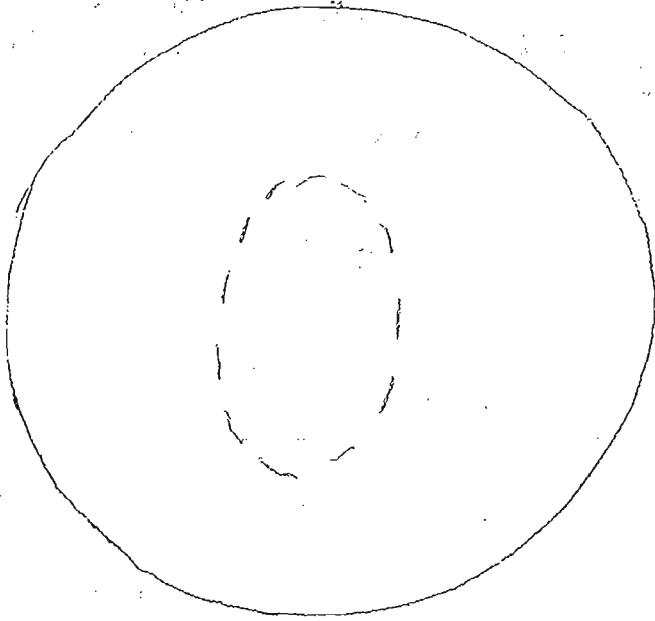
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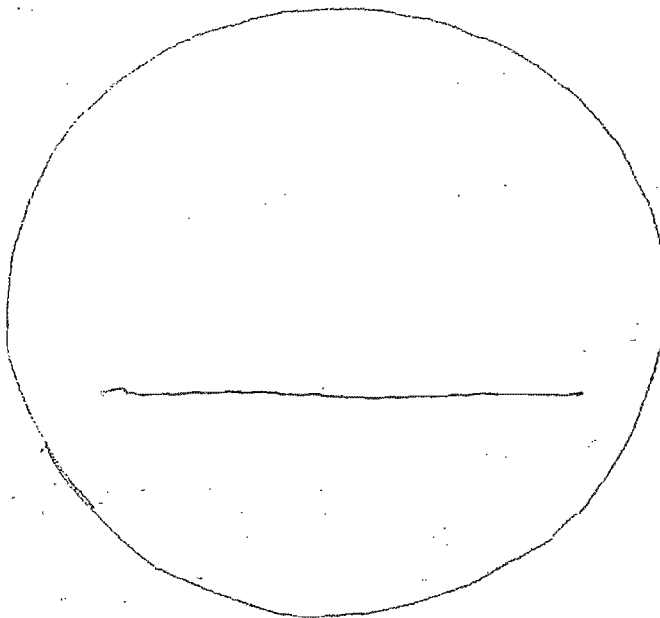
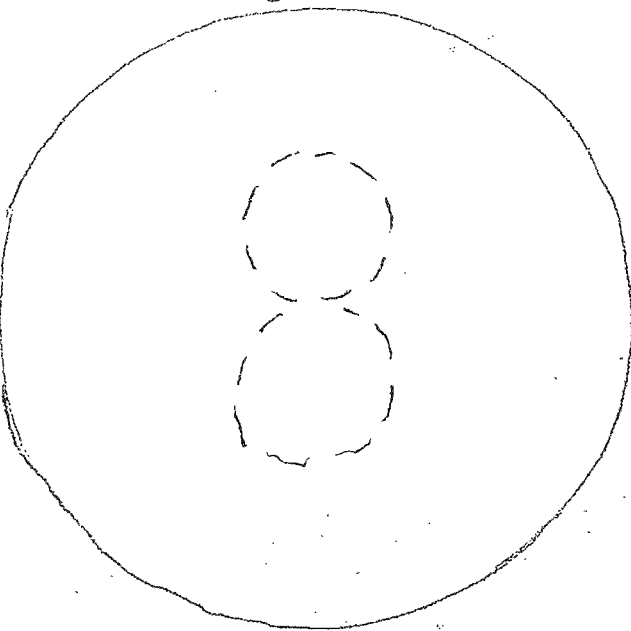
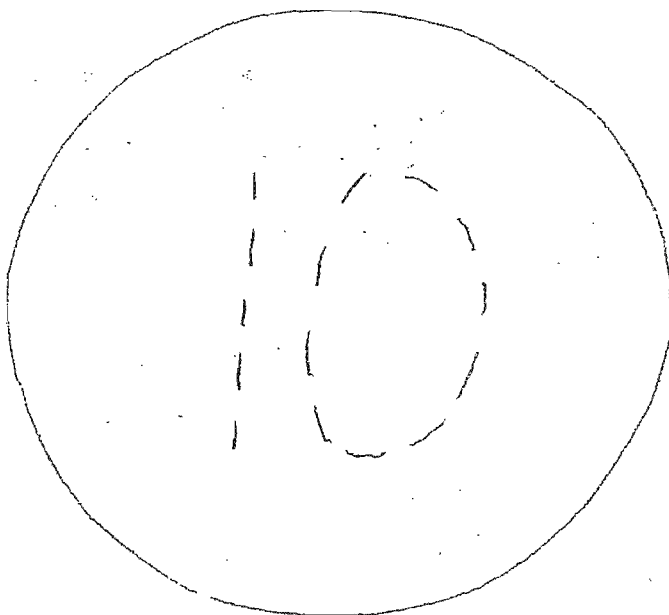
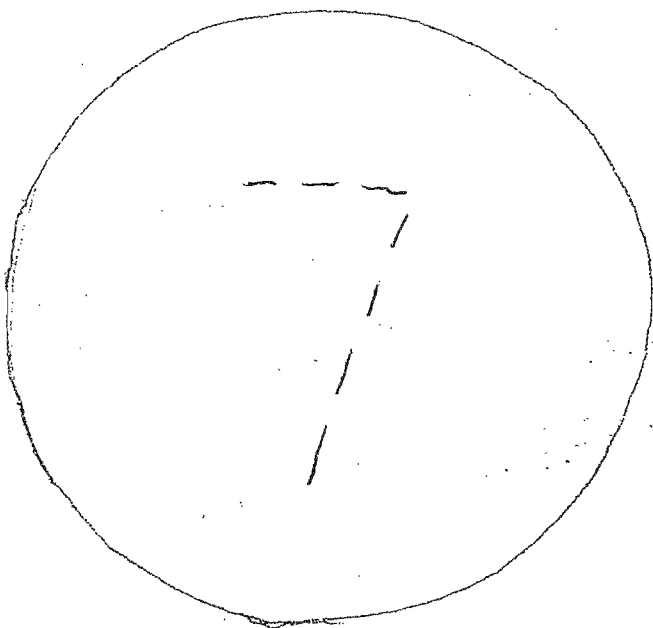
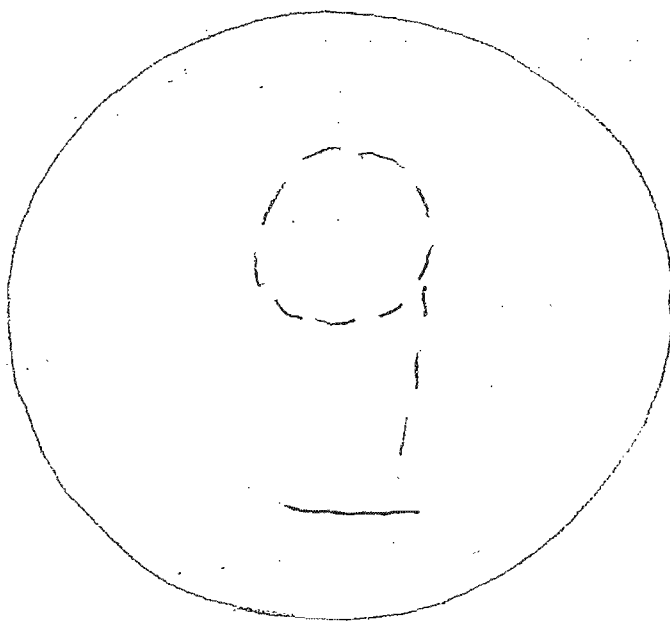
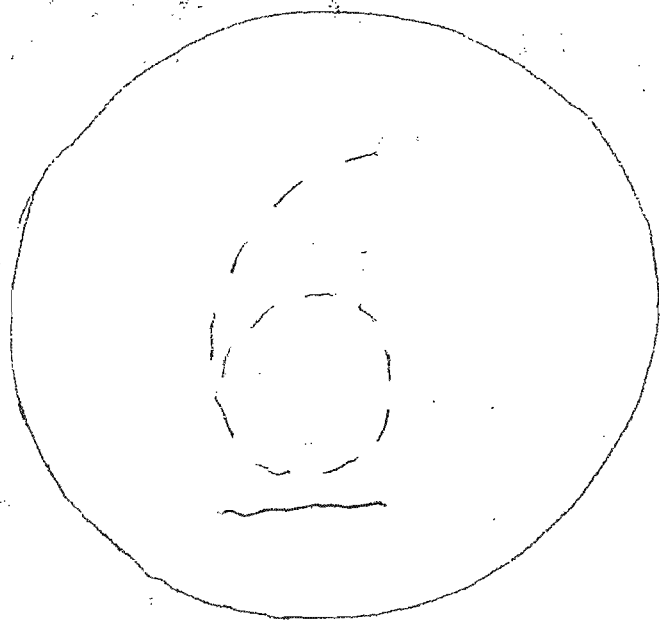
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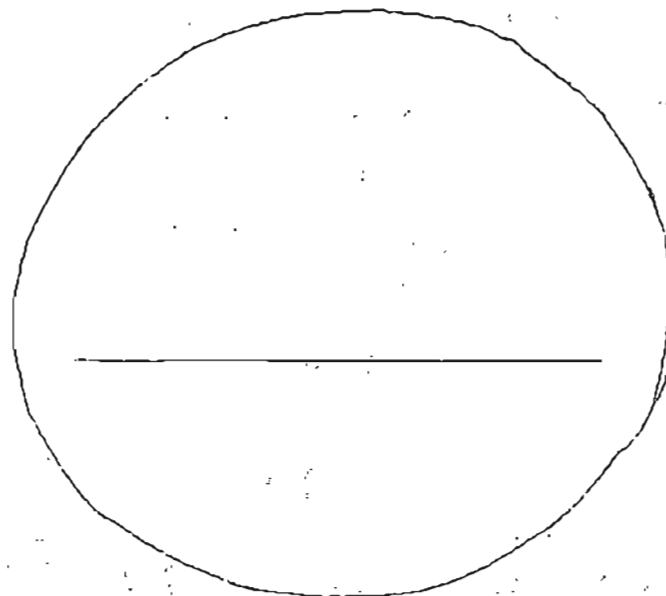
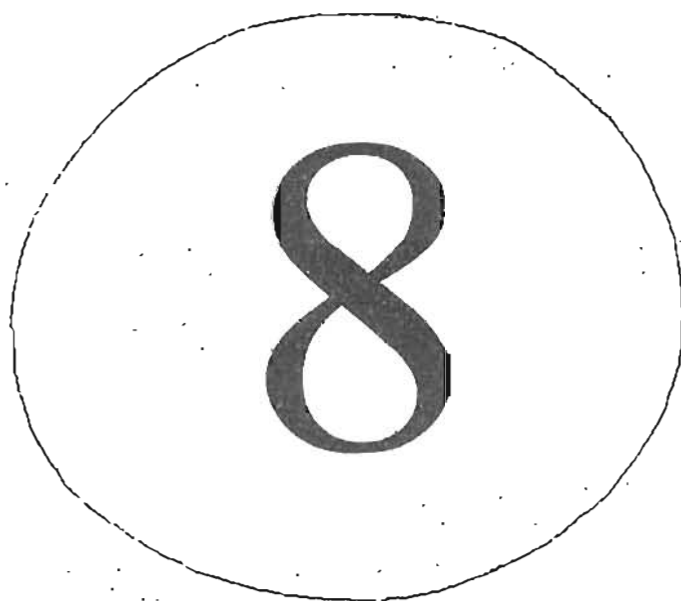
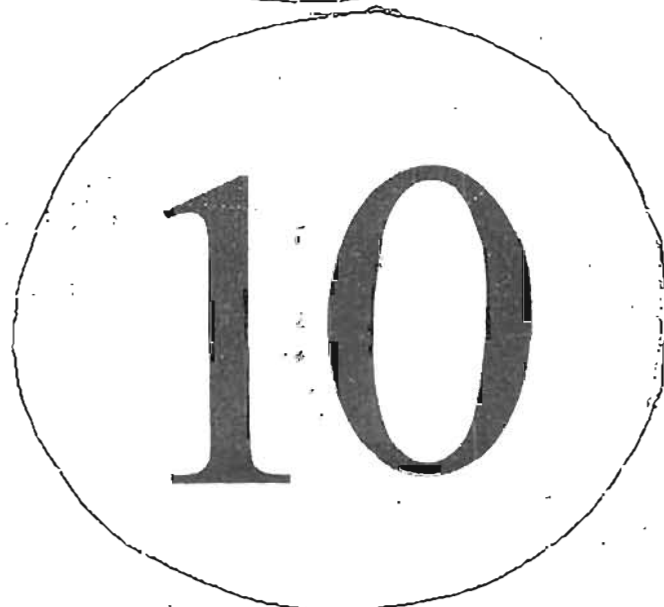
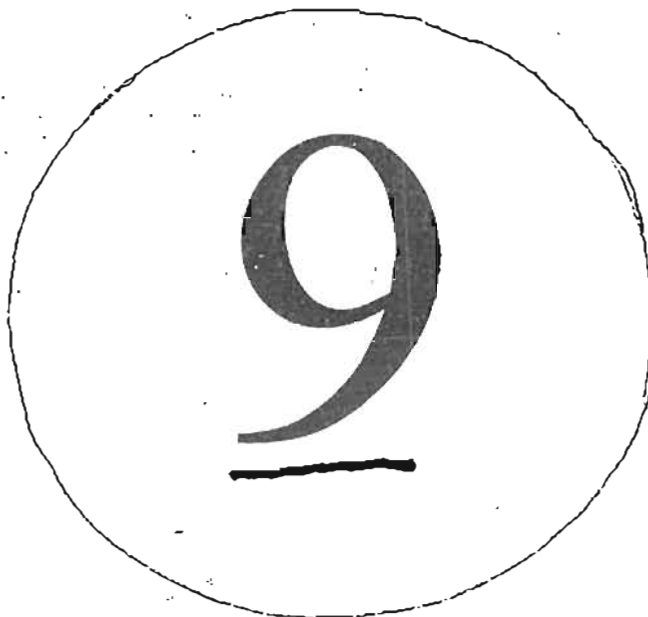
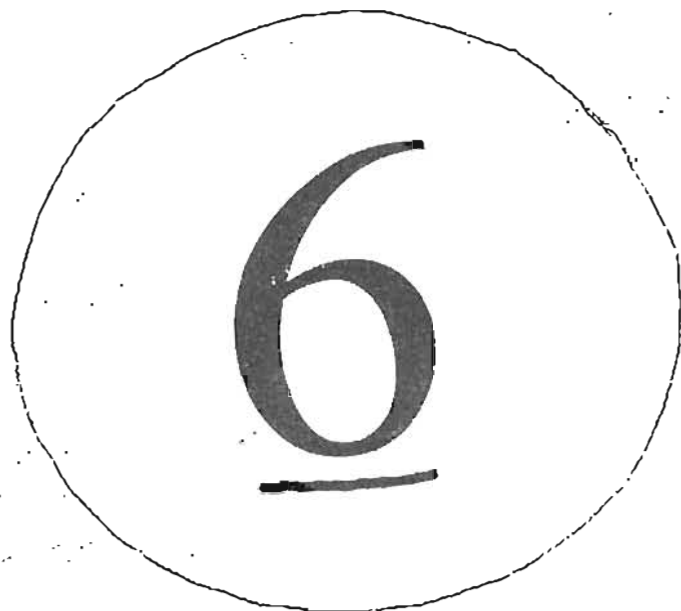
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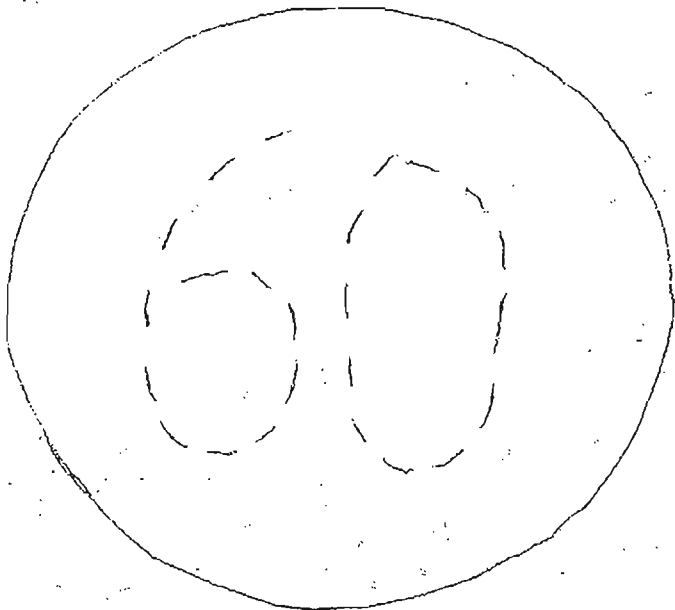
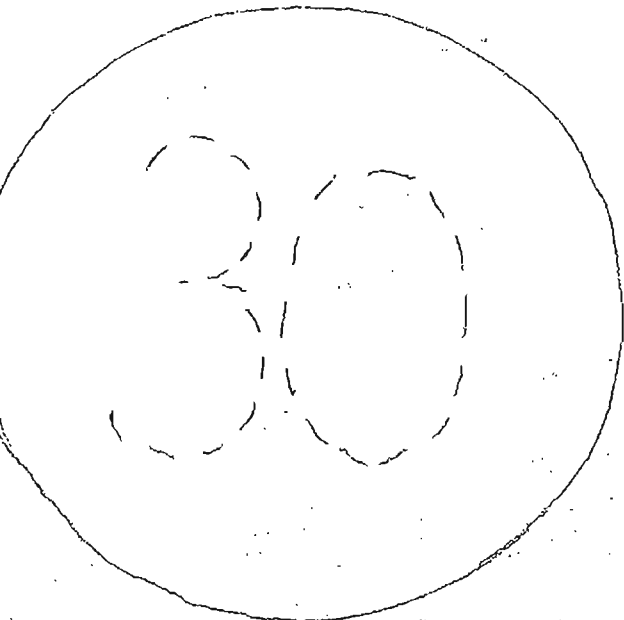
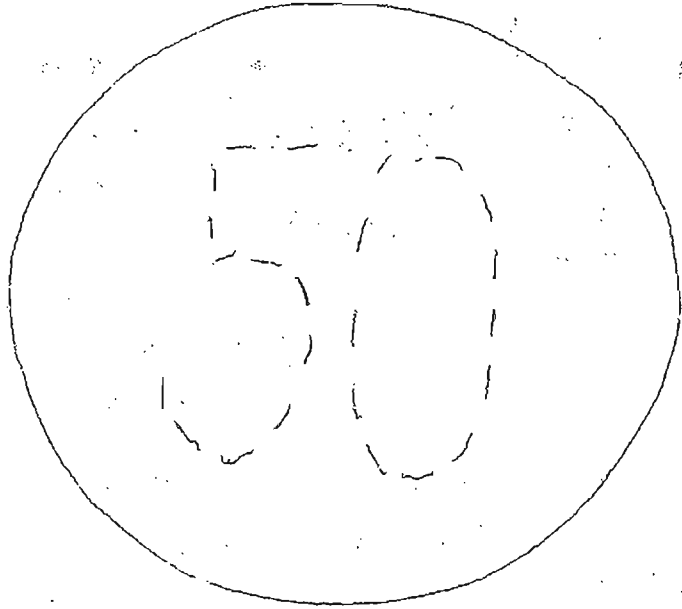
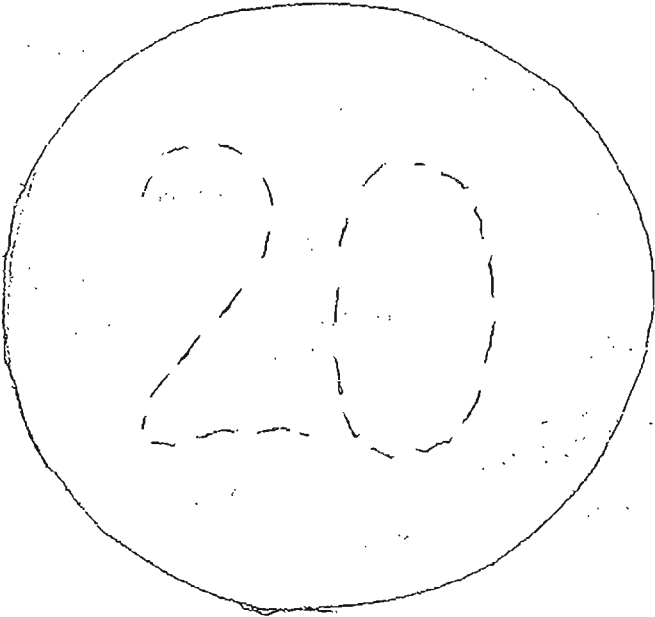
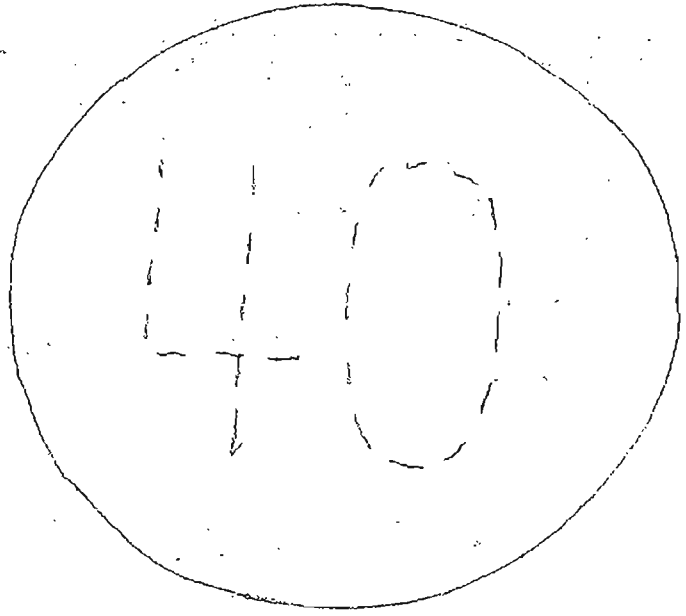
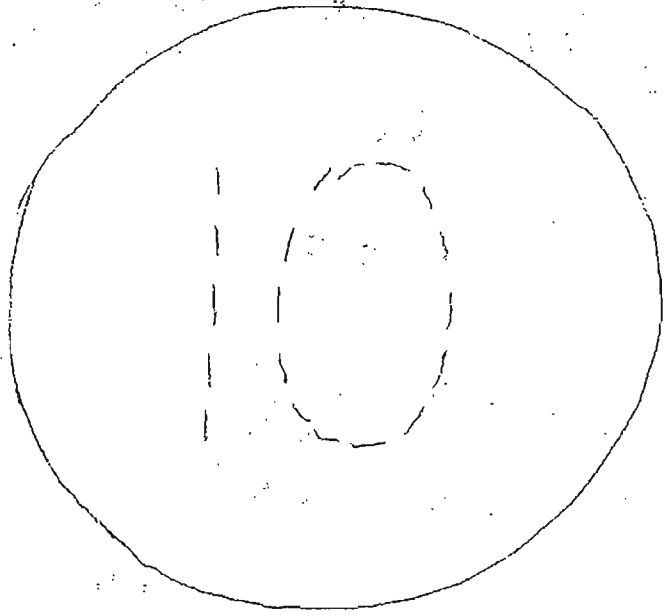
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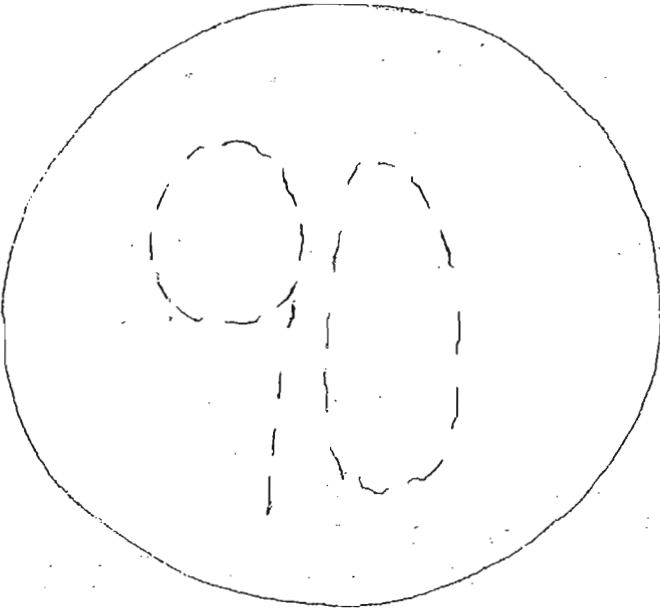
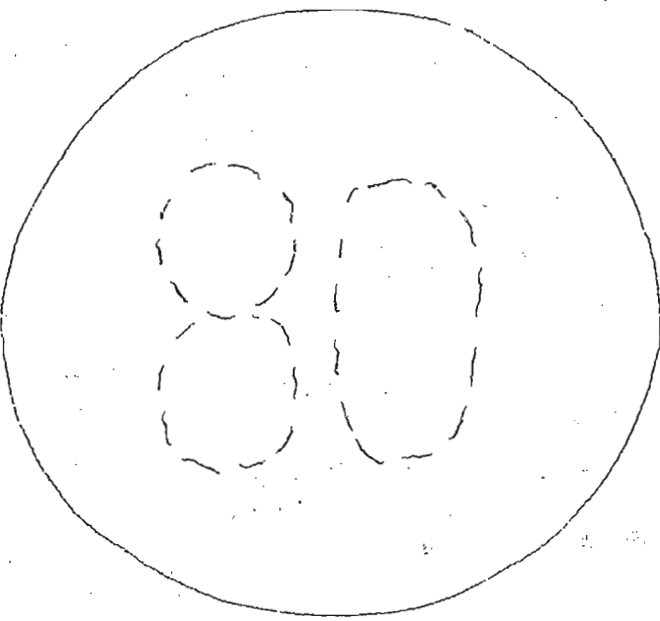
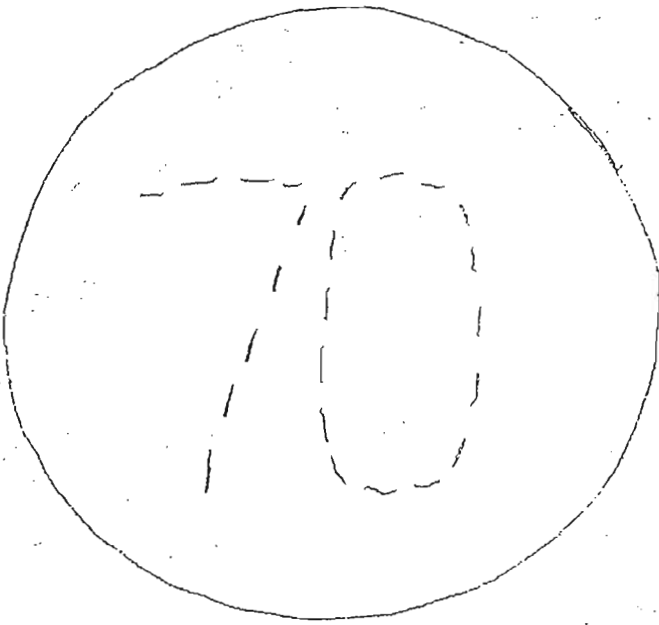
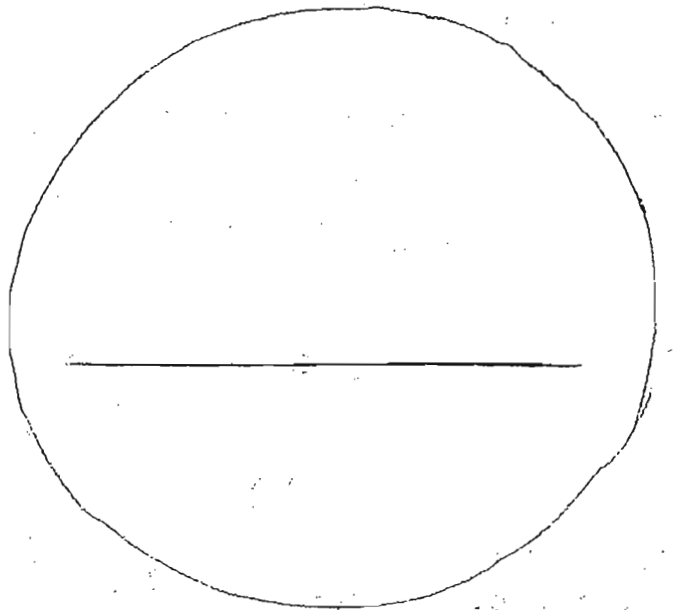
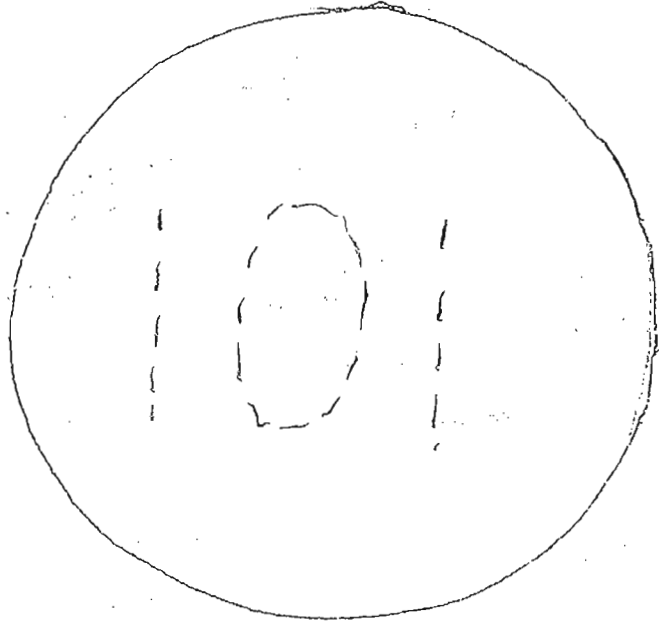
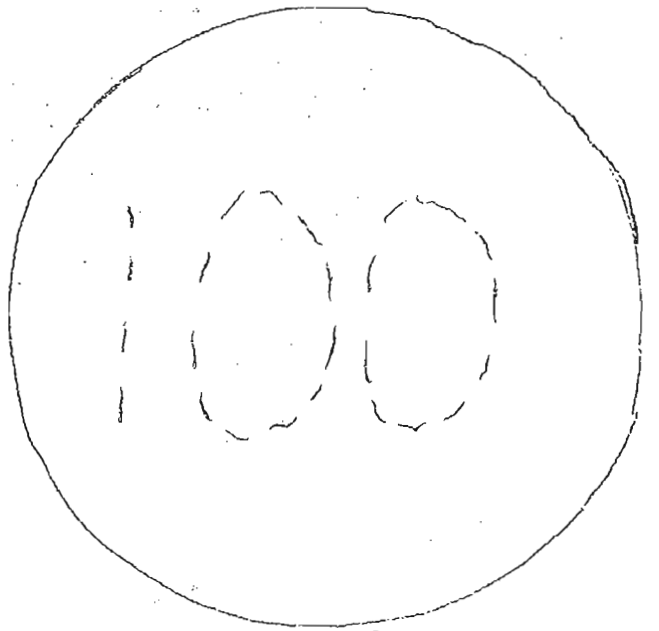
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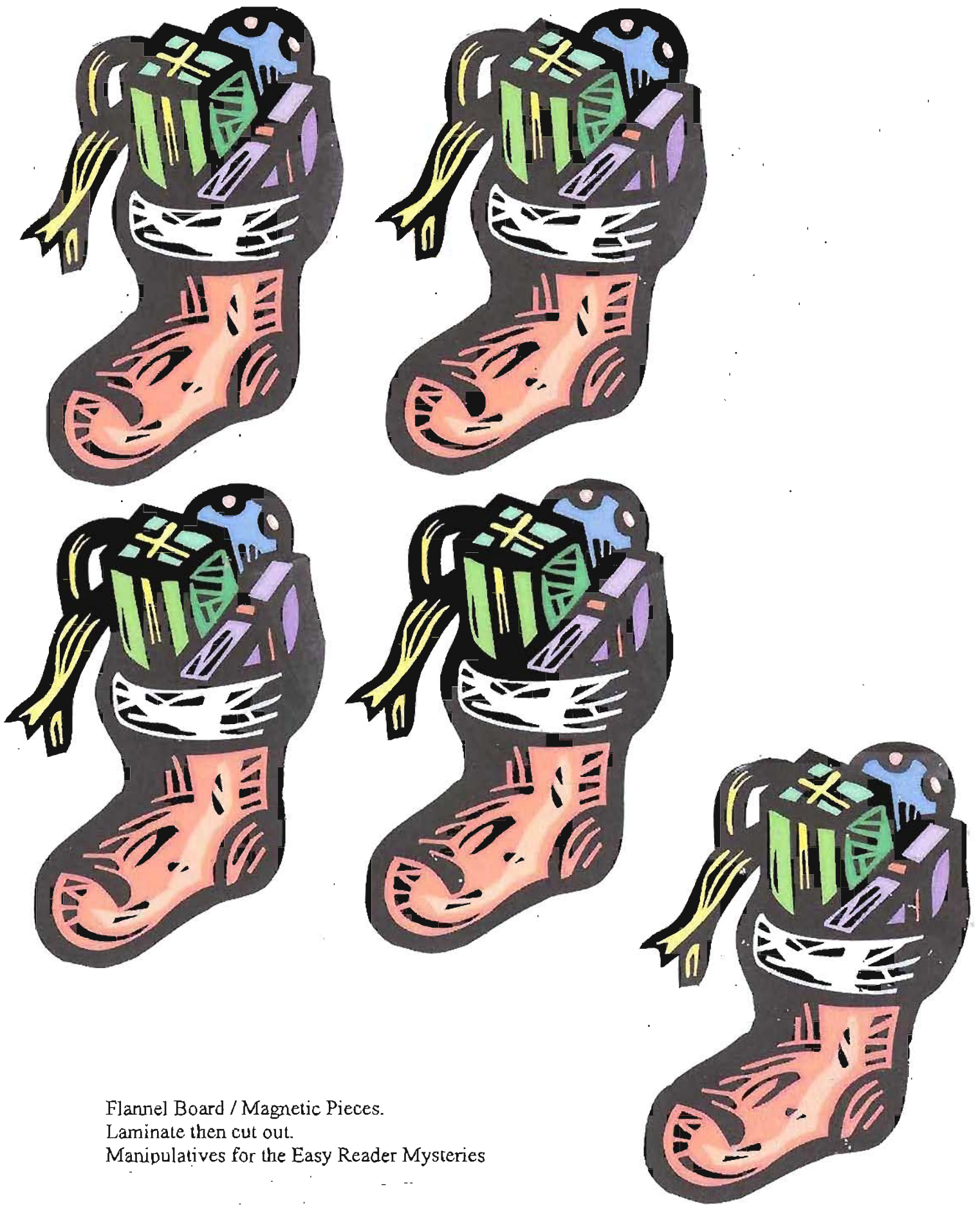


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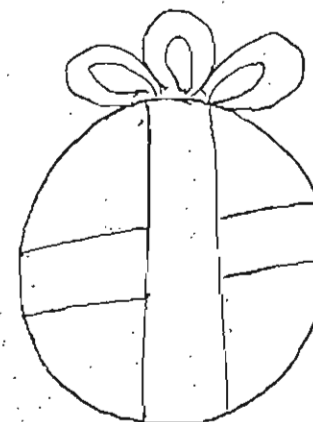
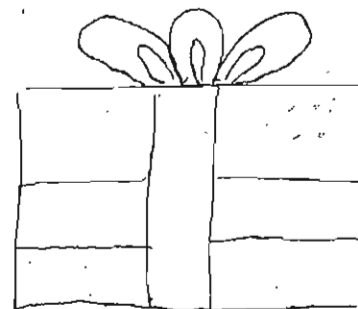
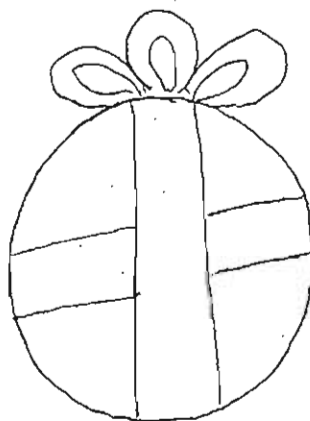
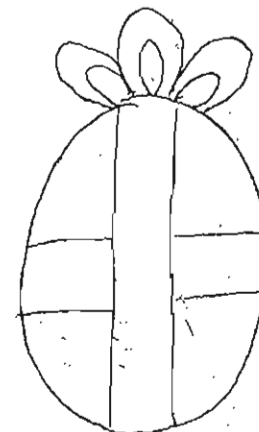
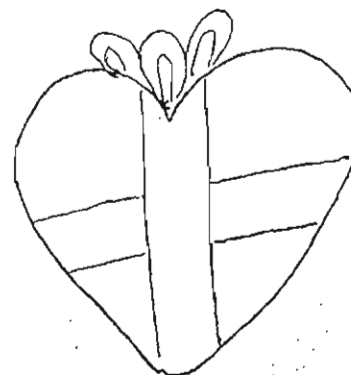
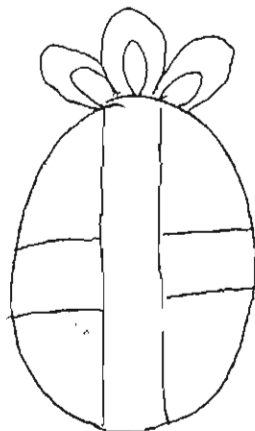
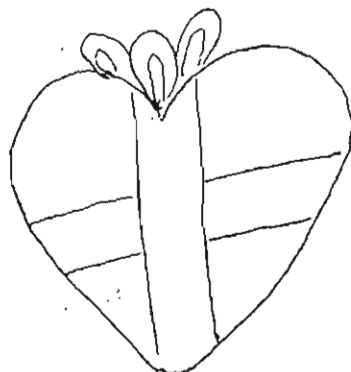
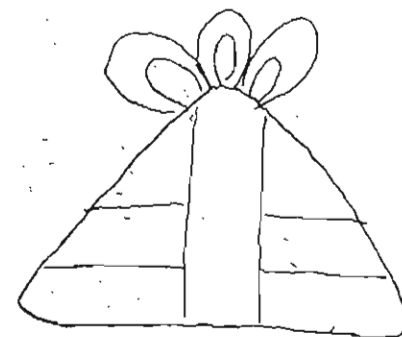
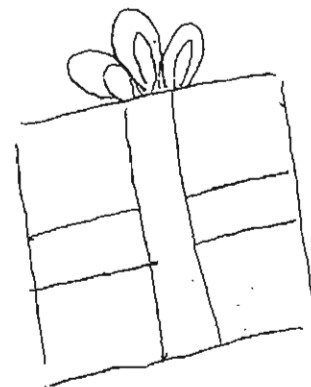
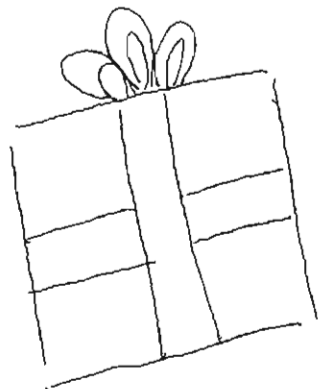


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Flannel Board / Magnetic Pieces.
Laminate then cut out.
Manipulatives for the Easy Reader Mysteries



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HoHo Holiday Eating Tips

1. Avoid carrot sticks. Anyone who puts carrots on a holiday buffet table knows nothing of the Christmas spirit. In fact, if you see carrots, leave immediately. Go next door, where they're serving rum balls.
2. Drink as much eggnog as you can. And quickly. It's rare.. You cannot find it any other time of year but now. So drink up! Who cares that it has 10,000 calories in every sip? It's not as if you're going to turn into an eggnog-alcoholic or something. It's a treat. Enjoy it. Have one for me. Have two. It's later than you think. It's Christmas!
3. If something comes with gravy, use it. That's the whole point of gravy. Gravy does not stand alone. Pour it on. Make a volcano out of your mashed potatoes. Fill it with gravy. Eat the volcano. Repeat.
4. As for mashed potatoes, always ask if they're made with skim milk or whole milk. If it's skim, pass. Why bother? It's like buying a sports car with an automatic transmission.
5. Do not have a snack before going to a party in an effort to control your eating. The whole point of going to a Christmas party is to eat other people's food for free. Lots of it. Hello?
6. Under no circumstances should you exercise between now and New Year's. You can do that in January when you have nothing else to do. This is the time for long naps, which you'll need after circling the buffet table while carrying a 10-pound plate of food and that vat of eggnog.
7. If you come across something really good at a buffet table, like frosted Christmas cookies in the shape and size of Santa, position yourself near them and don't budge. Have as many as you can before becoming the center of attention. They're like a beautiful pair of shoes. If you leave them behind, you're never going to see them again.
8. Same for pies. Apple, Pumpkin, Mincemeat. Have a slice of each. Or if you don't like mincemeat, have two apples and one pumpkin. Always have three. When else do you get to have more than one dessert? Labor

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9. Did someone mention fruitcake? Granted, it's loaded with the mandatory celebratory calories, but avoid it at all cost. I mean, have some standards.

10. One final tip: If you don't feel terrible when you leave the party or get up from the table, you haven't been paying attention. Re-read tips; start over, but hurry, January is just around the corner. Remember this motto to live by:

"Life should NOT be a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in an attractive and well preserved body, but rather to skid in sideways, chocolate in one hand, body thoroughly used up, totally worn out and screaming "WOO HOO what a ride!"

Cup Bell

Materials:

- Plastic or paper cups that are already a Christmas color.
- Yarn
- Jingle bells
- Scissors
- Red & green markers
- Stickers that can be made into a pattern
- Protractor

Directions:

Prep:

- Punch holes in the top of the cups and pull an 18 inch length of yarn through with the help of a protractor.
- Tie a loop on the outside top, leave the inside string dangling.

The next day...

1. Children decorate their cup with markers. I have them use red and green depending on the color of the cups.
2. I also give them stickers and have them put a border on the bottom of their “bell” in an ABAB pattern.
3. When they are done, they choose a colored jingle bell, we tie it to the bottom of the string.
4. I write their name inside the cup.
5. When everyone is done, we gather on our *Circle of Friends* carpet for a rousing round of *Jingle Bells*.

Angel Ornament Bag

Materials:

- I buy the lunch-bag size gift bags when they go on sale 75% off at Hobby Lobby after Christmas.
- They were 4 to 5 for a \$1 in the beginning and I buy enough for each student.
- They come in Christmas colors. If I don't run into a sale, then I get the white lunch bags that come 50 to a pack at the grocery store.
- Master of angel
- Scissors
- Crayons for children to color the angel with.
- **Optional:** Gold Glitter if you want to add a bit more pizzazz.
- **Optional:** Ribbon if you want to tie a bow at her neck for the finishing touch.
- **Optional:** school picture.
- **Optional:** large paper doilies

Directions:

- I do this project on the first day of December as we will be making or working on an ornament each day. This is the perfect place to store them.
- Children color their angel "best effort". I tell them this will become a keepsake ornament, and show them how mommies can make her into a cone and put her on the top of the tree or nestle her amongst the branches.
- I also tell them if they do a good job, I'll add some gold glitter to her halo.
- You can use the face master, or use the blank one, and either have the children draw in their own face, or enlarge their school photo and glue it in the center.
- The poems are pre-cut. They glue one in the middle of the dress.
- You can have your students cut around the angel; I have mine turn them in and have a room helper do the trimming.
- We fold a large paper doily in ½ and staple it under the dress so that it peeks out like a petticoat and then staple the angel to the top of their bag, adding a bit of gold glitter to the halo.
- We write their name on the bag.
- I tape the bags in an alphabetical row to our bookshelf.
- Whenever they complete an ornament they put it in their angel bag.
- On party day, I gently pull off the angel, make it into a cone and tuck it in their bag.
- They excitedly take their bag of ornament treasures home with them.
- Parents have always commented what a wonderful gift this is that keeps on "giving" each year that they hang their special keepsake ornaments up. ☺

Here's my little angel face
a bit of ribbon and some lace.
Tucked inside are ornaments
made by me.
Special ornaments
to hang on our tree.
I hope you know that it is true
I made these gifts 'cause I love you!

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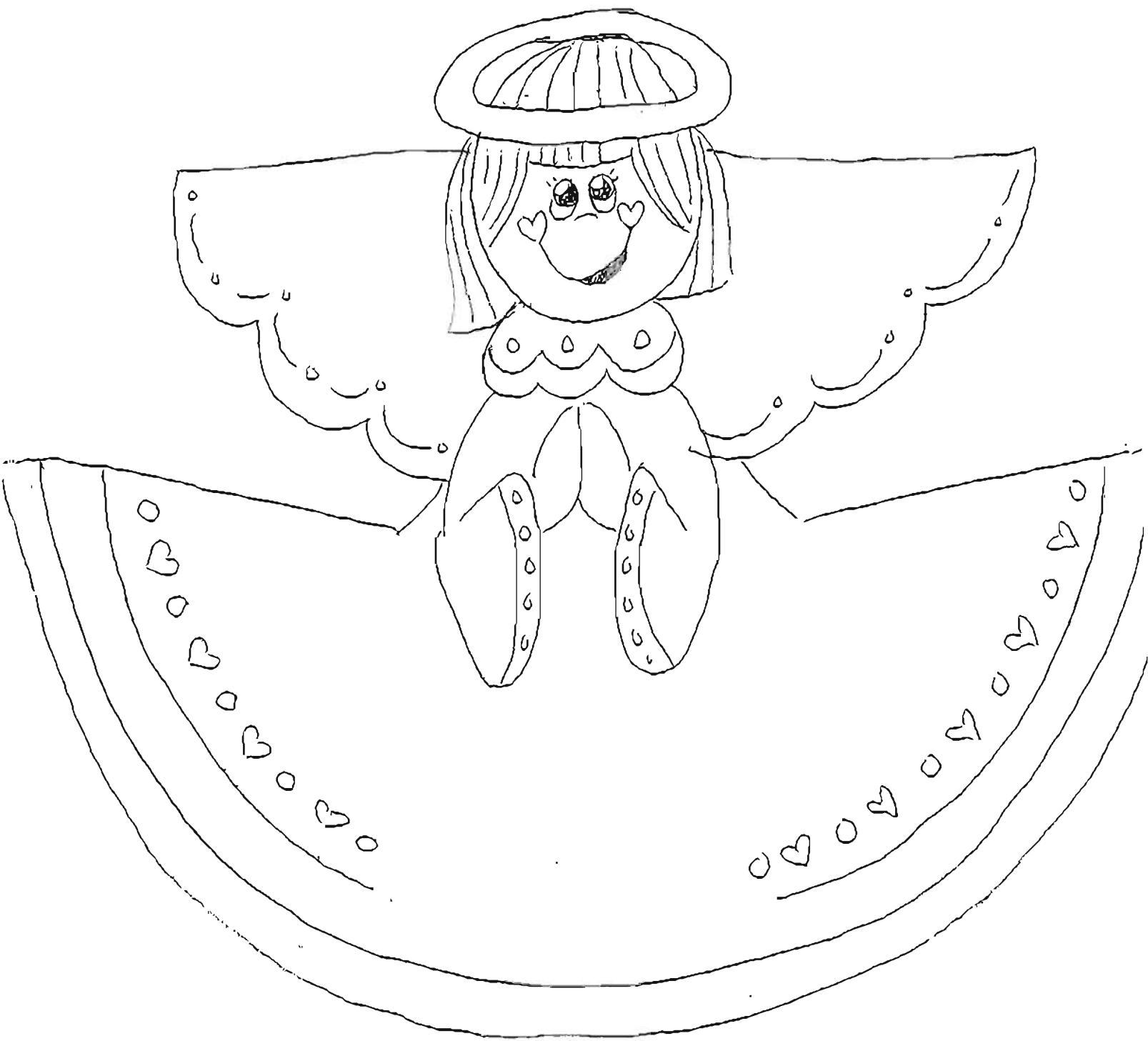
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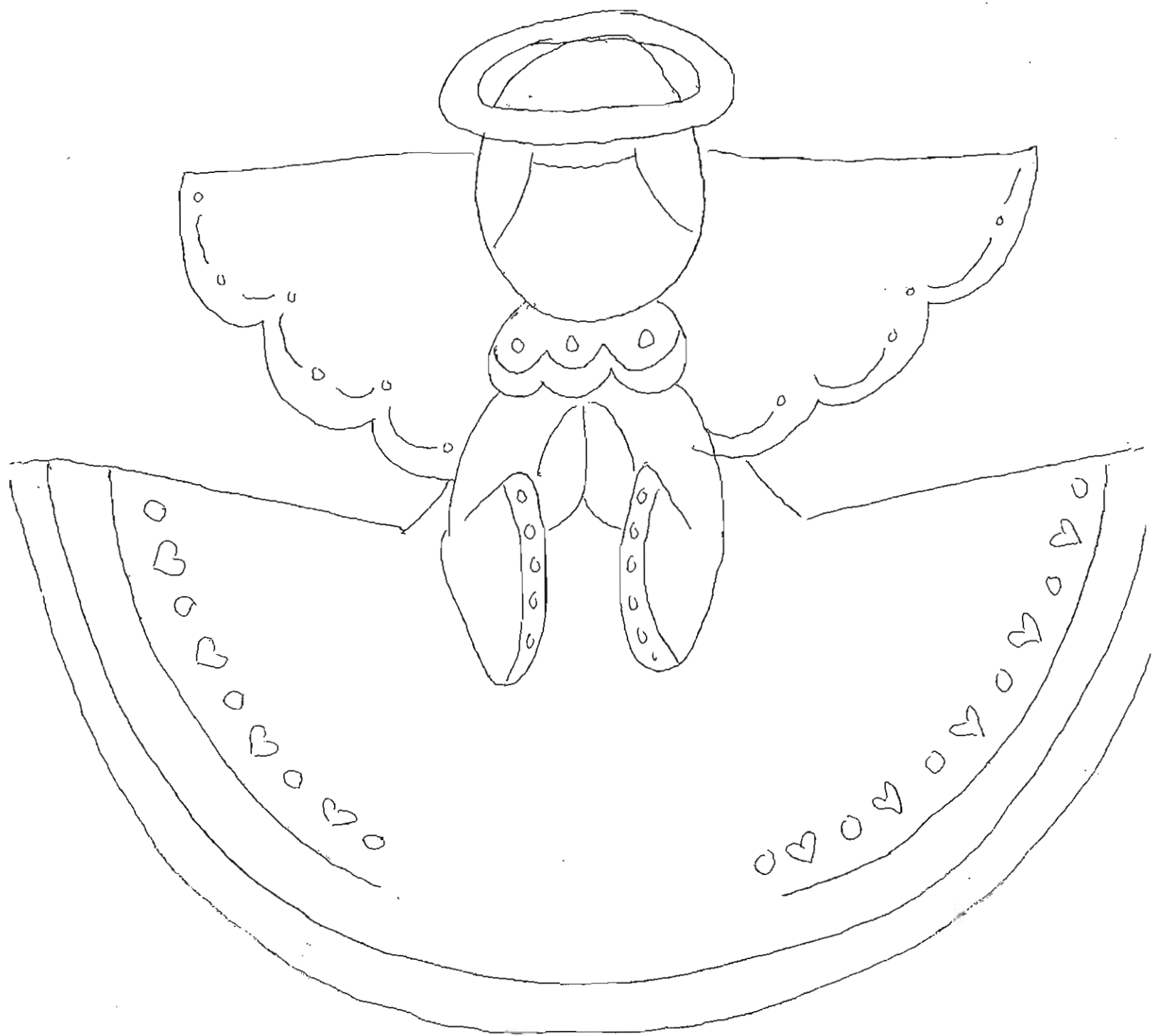
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The reason it's so special, is it's just for you from me.
Whenever you are lonely, or sometimes feeling blue,
You only have to hold this gift, and know I'm hugging you.
You must never unwrap it, please leave the ribbon tied,
Just hold this gift close to your heart, for it's filled with **LOVE** inside!

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Dear Santa Writing Prompt

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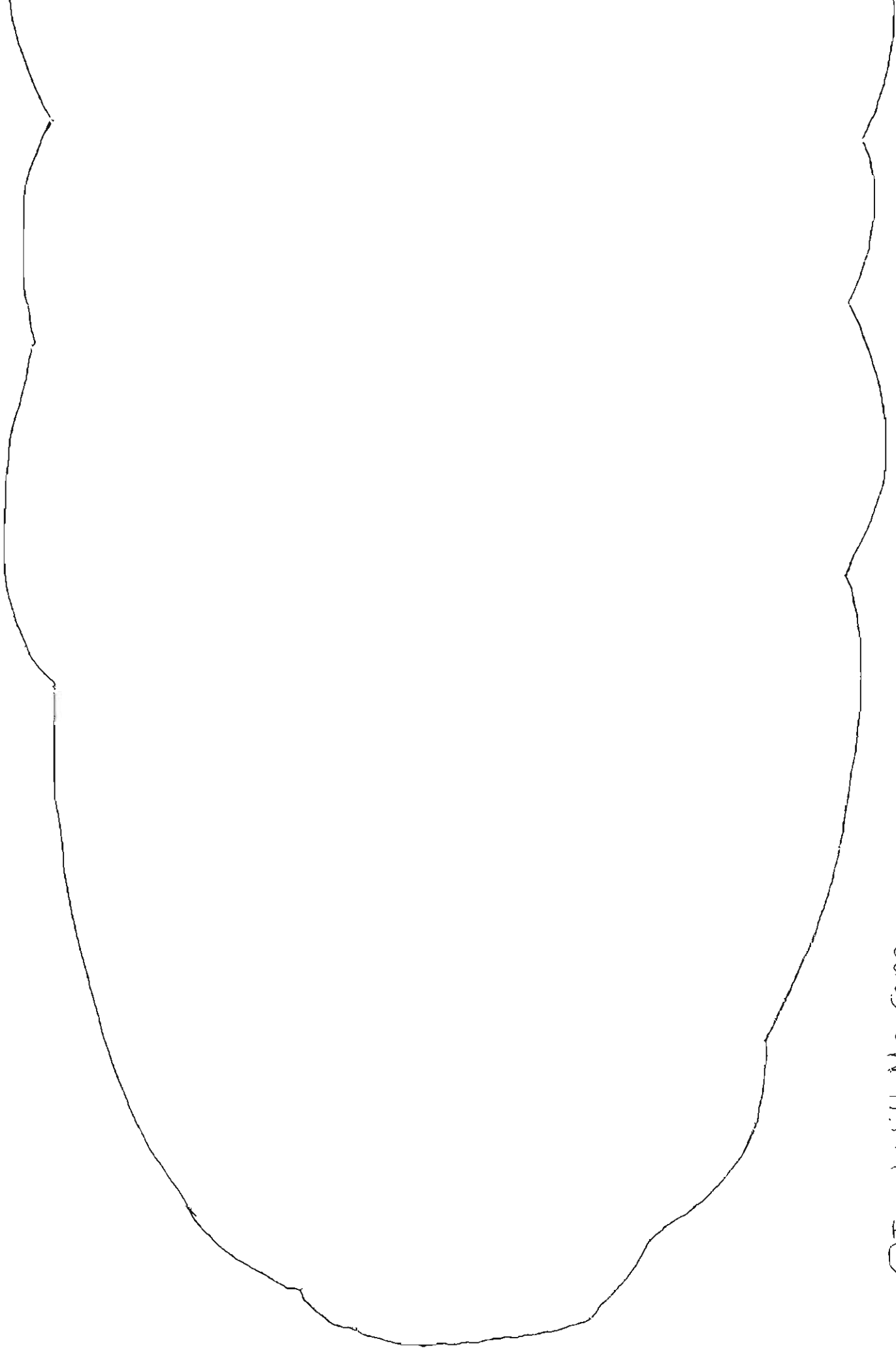
- Masters
- Crayons
- Pen
- Optional white pom poms

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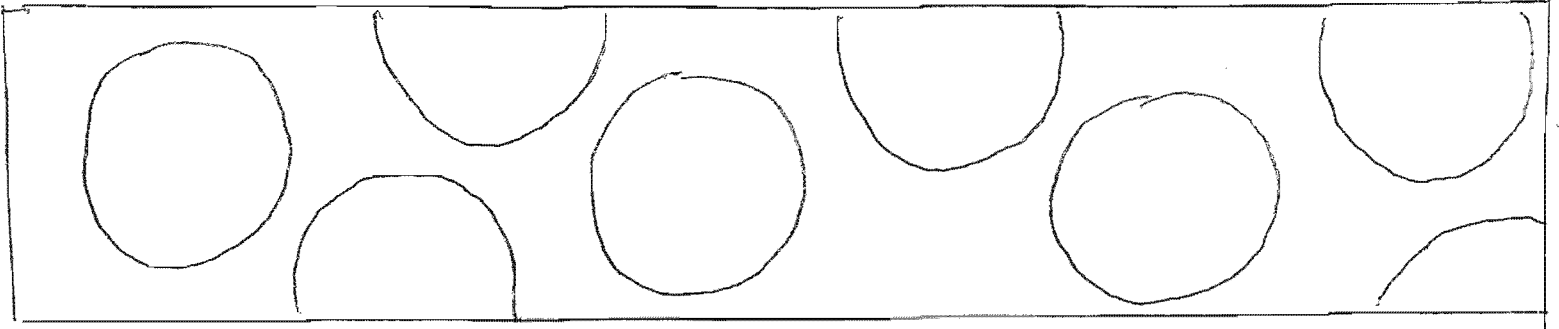
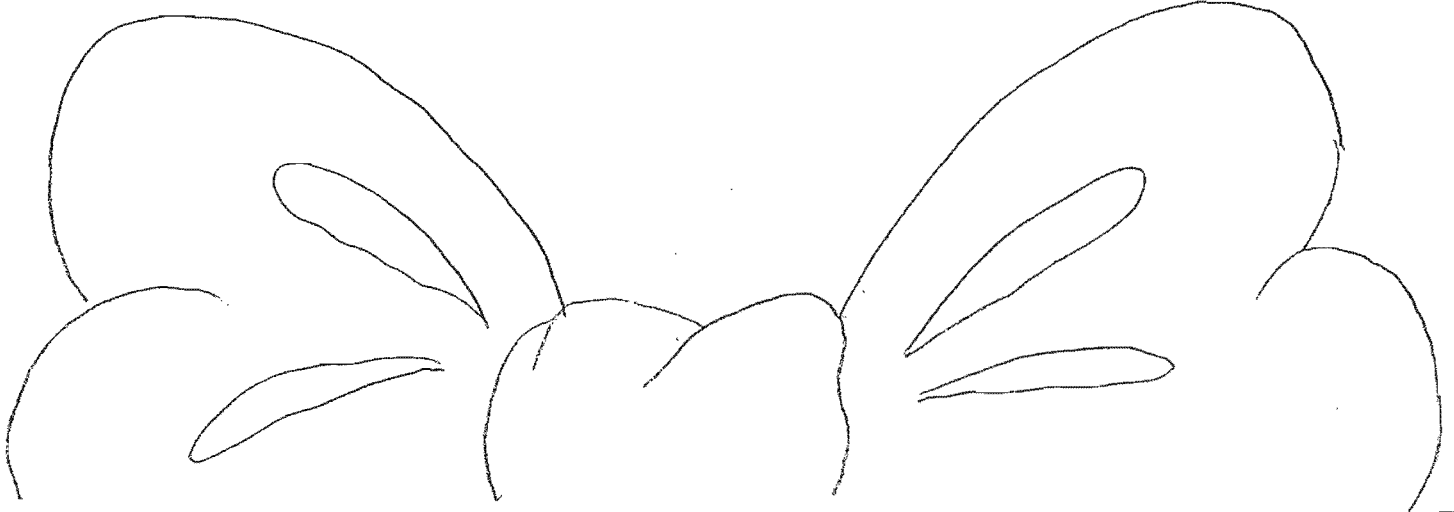
1. Run off the master(s)
2. For my Y5's I make this into a class book.
3. They color just the Santa page.
4. We have a discussion about the world, and that this is not just a toy, or something for one person.
5. Somehow we get across about peace, love, health, etc. But they also come up with their own cute ideas like free MacDonald's coupons, a toy for everyone. Etc.
6. I sit with them one-on-one and they tell me what they want Santa to bring and I write it in. Or if I want them to work on writing, I will jot it down on scrap paper and they will copy that word onto their beard.
7. I staple our book together, add a cover and then I read it to them during story time.
8. For K and above I would want more than a one word of what they'd like Santa to bring, but also a why. Or perhaps several things and why or how.
9. You could also change the writing prompt to their own Christmas list of what they'd like Santa to bring them.
10. Add the bottom half of the beard for this.
11. Students write their name on the Santa hat.
12. I have my students write their names with red and green crayons in an ABAB pattern.
13. You could add a cotton ball or white pom pom for more pizzazz.
14. These Santa's look cute hung in a row in the hallway.
15. For a bit more pizzazz and more fun for my students, I used to have my first graders write their final drafts in red or green ink.
16. You could also use this master to make templates and cut the facial features, hat and beard out of construction paper and have the children glue them on a flesh colored circle, and then write their prompt.



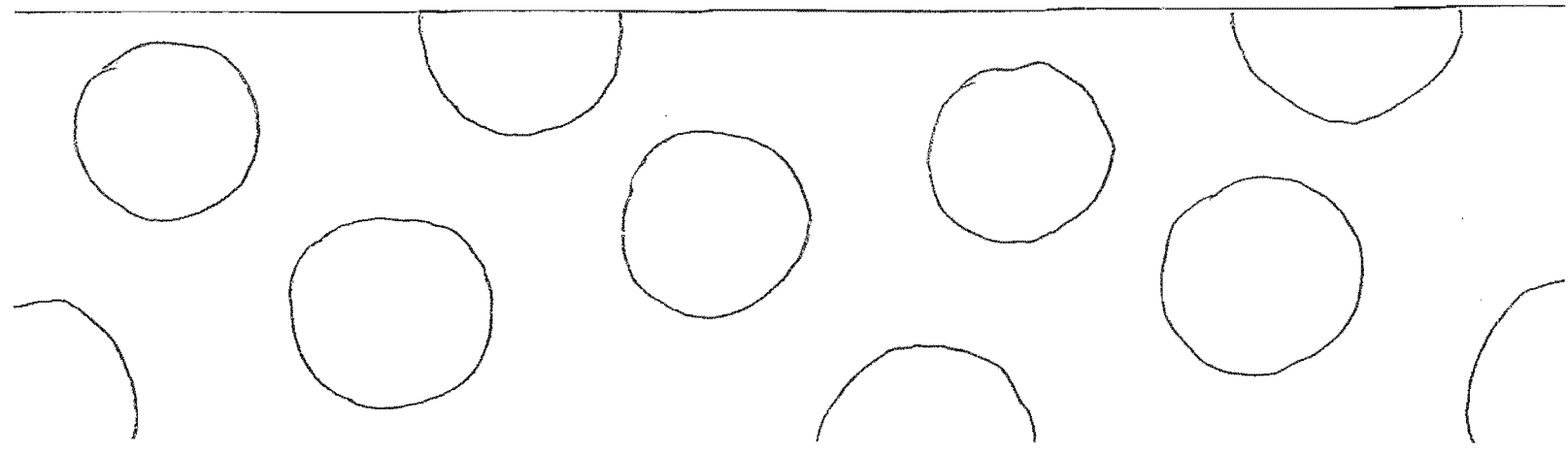
Dear Santa,
If you could bring a gift to the world, I'd like you to bring...



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Dear Santa Writing Prompt



If money were no object,
The gift I'd like for Christmas would be...

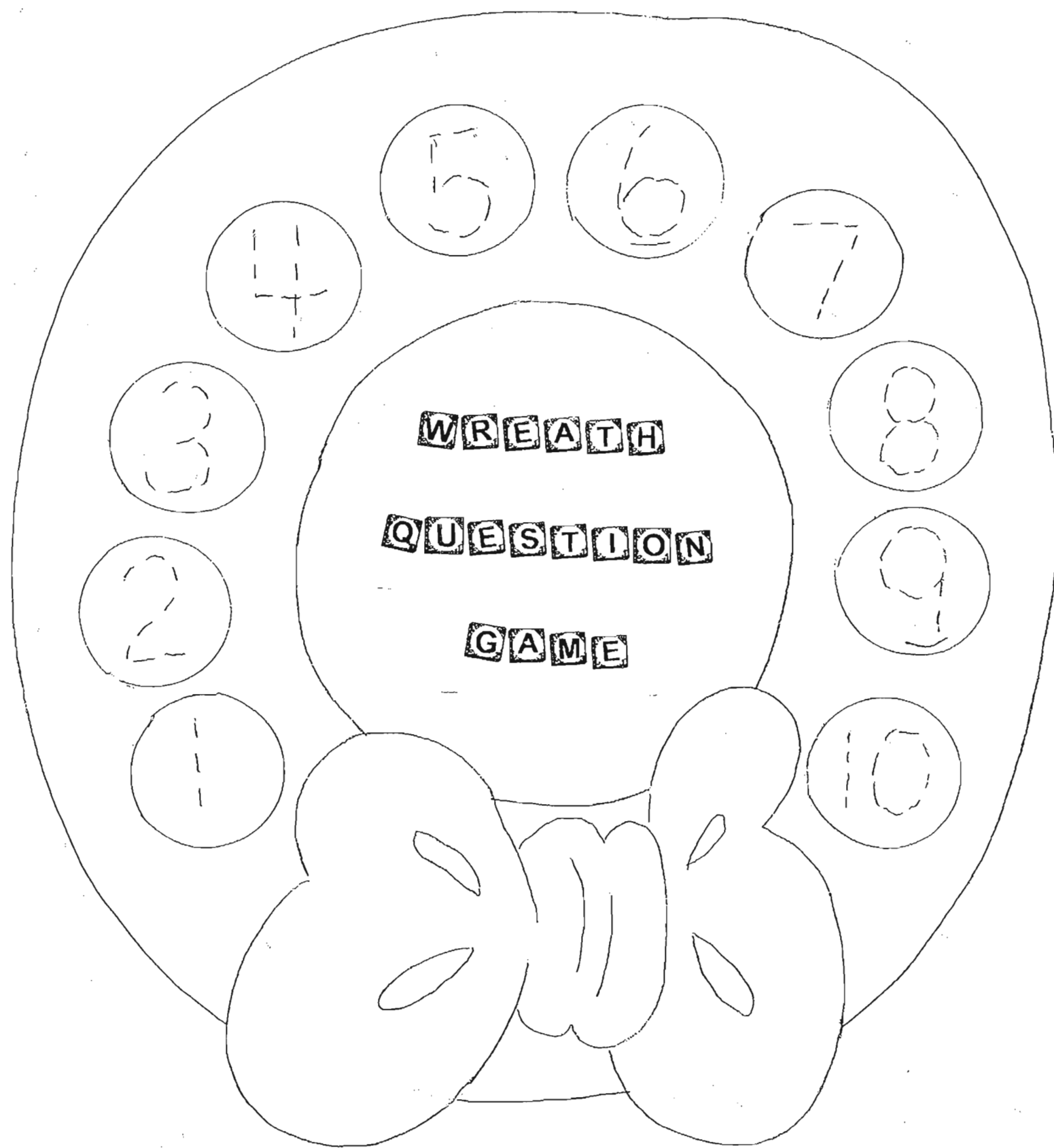


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Wreath Question Game

Directions:

- This is a fun way to quickly do a whole-group assessment for all kinds of standards.
- It can also be used as a TRACE-the-Number “I Spy!” sheet as well.
- This can be used for older students as well, because you design the questions.
- Write up 10 questions; students will write their answers on the back.
- I have my little ones answer 2-answer questions and have them raise their hand. Quite a bit of cheating goes on, but it’s a nice review anyway.
- If they answer the question correctly, they get to color in that number berry on the wreath.
- The student(s) with the most berries colored in, is/are the winner(s).
- You could also make it a Christmas Trivia Game. i.e., List the names of Santa’s reindeer and omit one. Ask them which one is missing. Or ask them where Santa lives. i.e., The North Pole etc.
- I’ve made one up in a multiple choice format for CALENDAR questions which are hard to find skill sheets for. Enjoy! ☺

1. What day is **today**?
A. Monday B. Tuesday C. Wednesday D. Thursday E. Friday
2. What day was **yesterday**?
A. Monday B. Tuesday C. Wednesday D. Thursday E. Friday
3. What day will **tomorrow** be?
A. Monday B. Tuesday C. Wednesday D. Thursday E. Friday
4. What day comes **AFTER** Friday?
A. Saturday B. Sunday
5. What day comes **BEFORE** Monday?
A. Sunday B. Friday
6. What month is it?
A. September B. October C. November D. December
7. What number day does Christmas fall on?
A. 23rd B. 24th C. 25th D. 26th
8. What is the year that we are in?
9. What will the year be when we get back from vacation?
10. What is your favorite day of the week?
A. Monday B. Tuesday C. Wednesday D. Thursday E. Friday F. Saturday
G. Sunday (As a math extension you could GRAPH their favorite day.)



Christmas Carolers With 3-D Song Sheets

Materials:

- Masters
- White construction paper
- Crayons
- Optional: Glitter glue

Directions:

- Run off masters on white construction paper.
- Children color them.
- Cut around the heads. You can have students do this or a room helper.
- You can have older students do a writing prompt on lined paper and put it inside the music sheet, or even in front.
- For my students I glitter glue their names on the front.
- We fold the musical paper in half so it looks like a choir book and hang our carolers in a row in the hallway. They look like they're reading! **Caption:** Mrs. Henderson's class is singing for joy! Christian schools can add: at the coming of our newborn King!
- After we get them all done, I have my students just bring the head portion to our *Circle Of Friends* carpet.
- We are all standing and I point to a child as we sing *One Little – Two Little....* to the tune of *Ten Little Indians*.
- As I point to them, they sit down.
- We sing for however many children I have in my class.
- We also do *The Caroler Pokey* (See words below.)
- I also give them a few Spatial Direction directions to do with their caroler as well. i.e., put your caroler ABOVE your head, BEHIND your back, on your LEFT etc. then we hand them back in.

Caroler Pokey

Put your caroler in

Take your caroler out

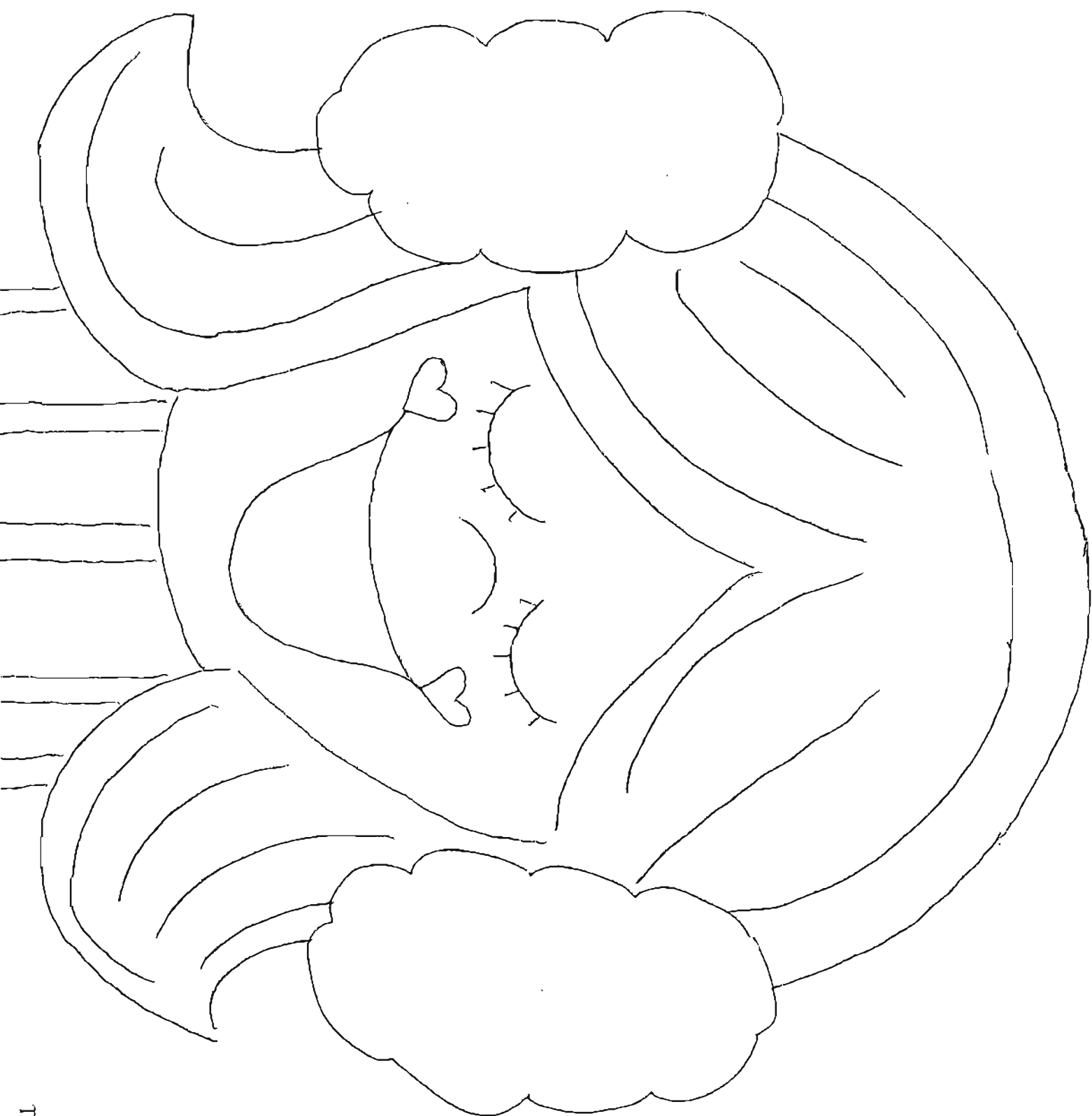
Put your caroler in and shake him all about

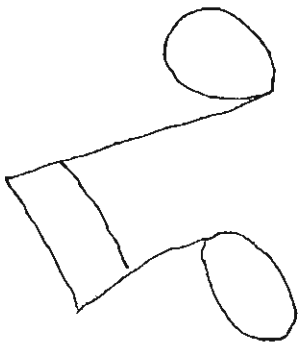
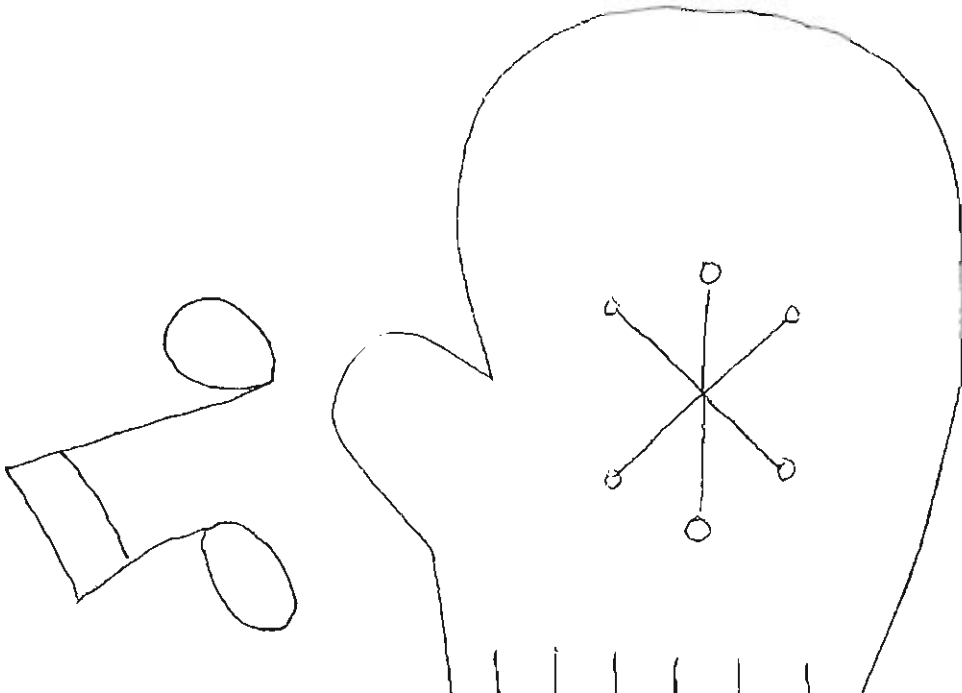
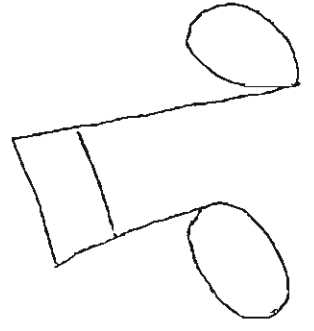
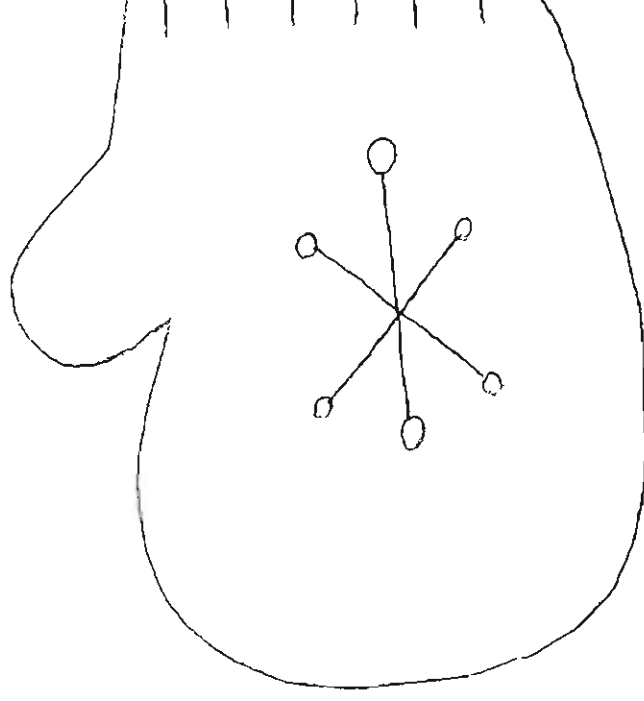
You do the Caroler Pokey and you turn yourself around

That's what it's all about.

You put your caroler up

You put your caroler down







You put your caroler up
And you twirl him all around
You do the Caroler Pokey and you turn yourself around
That's what it's all about.
You put your caroler to the left
You put your caroler to the right
You put your caroler to the left
Then you hide him out of sight *(put it behind your back)*
You do the Caroler Pokey and you turn yourself around
That's what it's all about.
You do the Caroler Pokey
You do the Caroler Pokey
You do the Caroler Pokey
That's what it's all about!



December

Dear Families,

A fun way to help increase your child's verbal acuity and recall is by telling jokes and riddles. Each day I have one or two themed jokes/riddles that I share during story time. Please help reinforce these skills by asking your child what was the riddle/joke for the day. To help in this endeavor here is a list for this month as a prompt sheet. Enjoy and giggle away!

Christmas Jokes:

Why did the Christmas cookie have to go to the doctor?
Because he was feeling really crummy.

What flowers are the jolliest when they grow by the mistletoe?
Tulips.

Where does your dog stay when you go in the store to buy Christmas presents?
In the barking lot.

Knock Knock
Who's there?
Irish
Irish who?
Irish you a Merry Christmas.

Knock Knock
Who's there?
Orange.
Orange who?
Orange you glad it's almost Christmas?

Knock Knock
Who's there?
Icy.
Icy who?
Icy you under the mistletoe.

Knock Knock
Who's there?
Waddle.
Waddle who?
Waddle you ask Santa for?

Knock Knock
Who's there?
Gladys.
Gladys who?
Gladys almost Christmas vacation.

Knock Knock.
Who's there?
Needle.
Needle who?
I needle little help shoveling snow.

What did the candle say to the wreath?
I'm going out tonight.

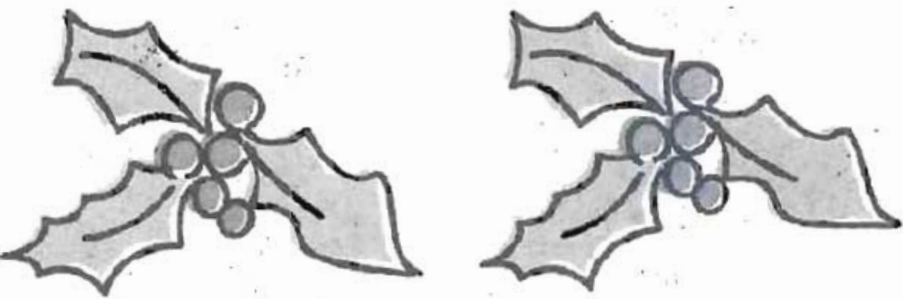
What did the hat say to the scarf?
You hang around and I'll go on ahead.

Knock Knock
Who's there?
Mary.
Mary who?
Merry Christmas & Happy New Year too.

Thanks in advance for your cooperation. And if you have some to share, please dash me off a note. I hope you have a jolly holiday!

Educationally Yours,





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Match the group/set to the correct number.



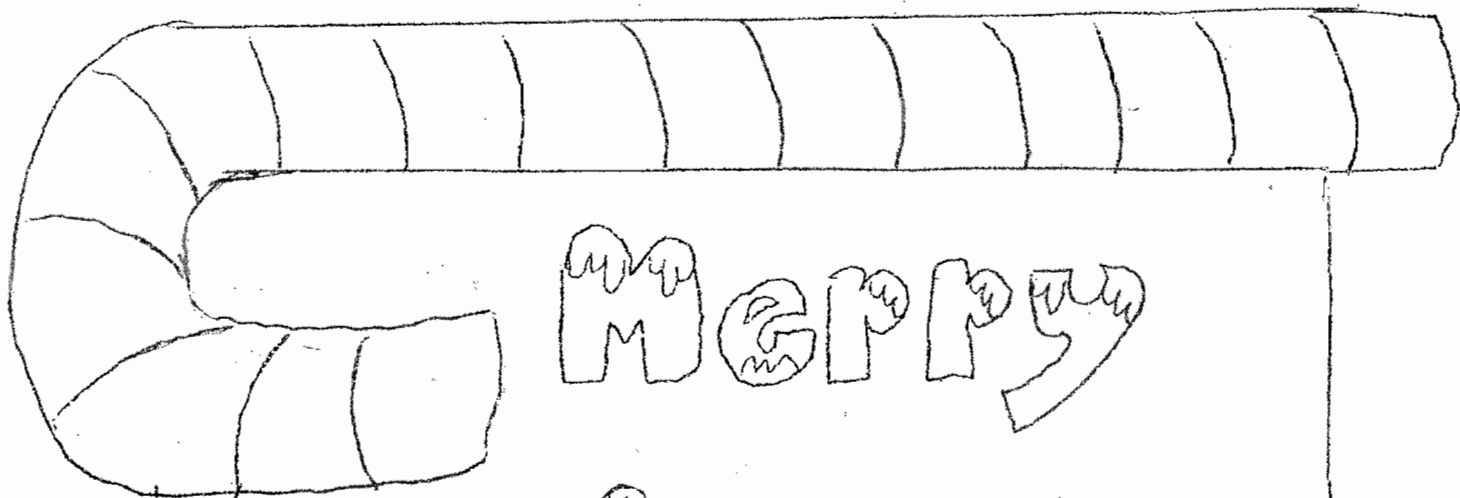
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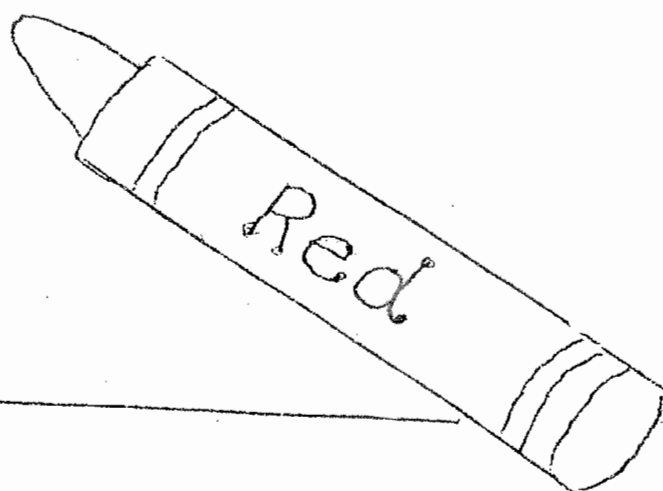
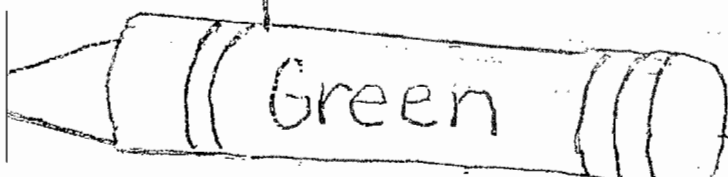
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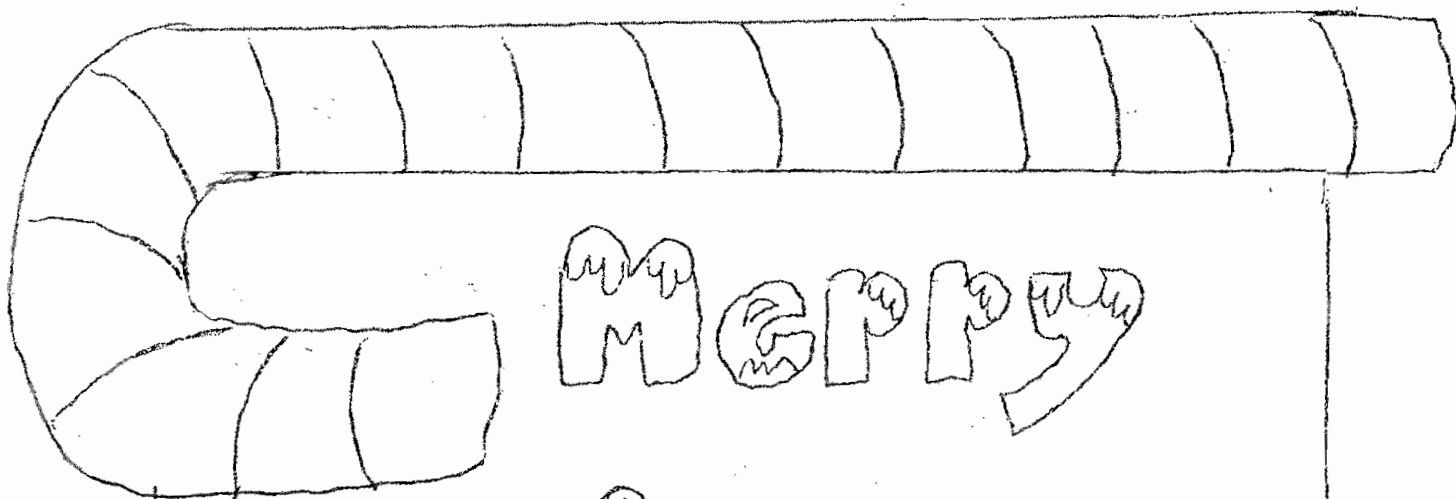
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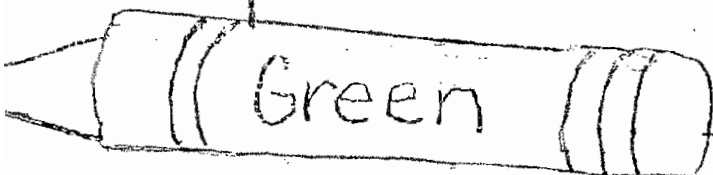
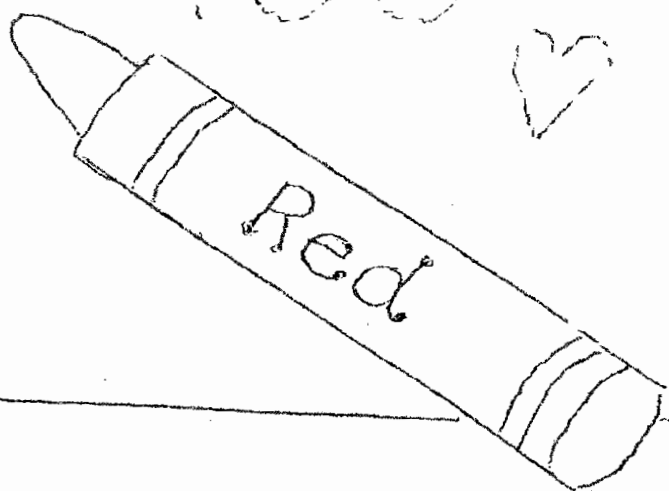
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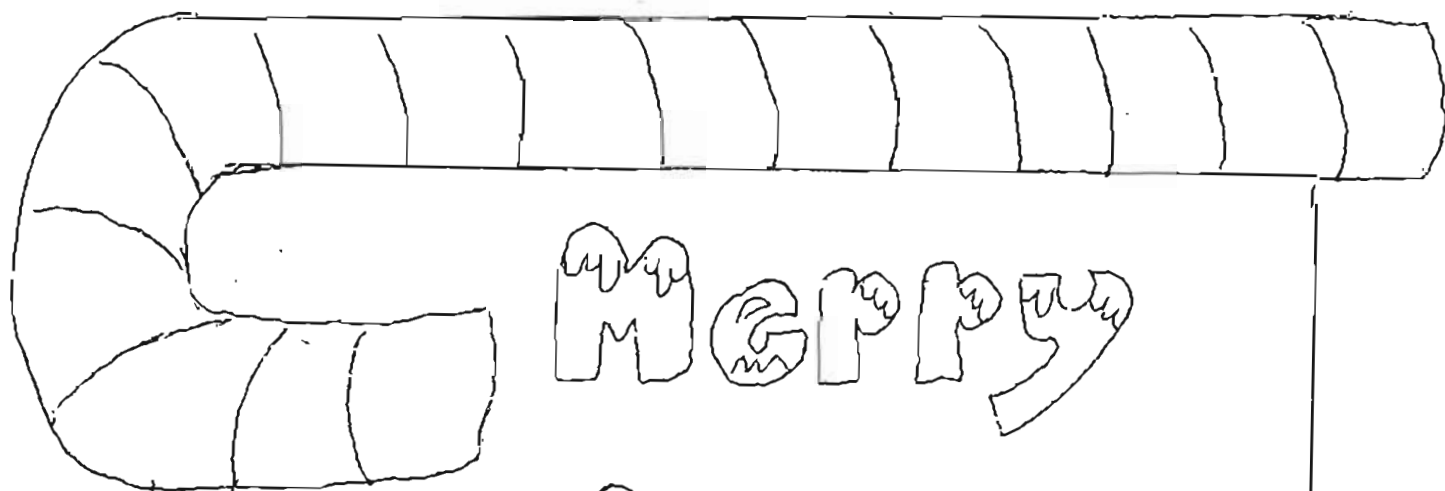
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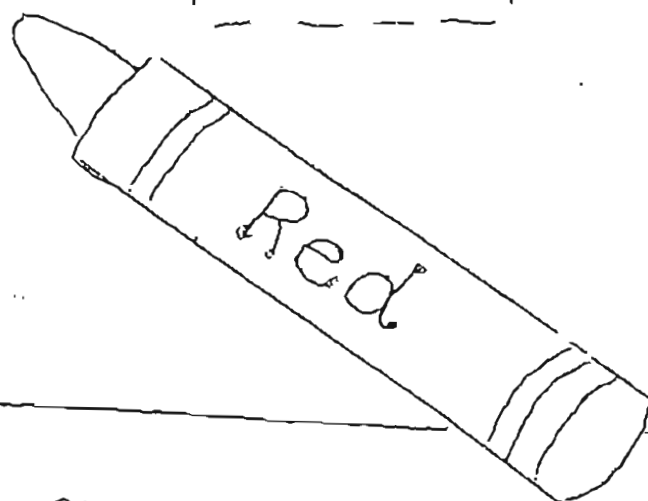
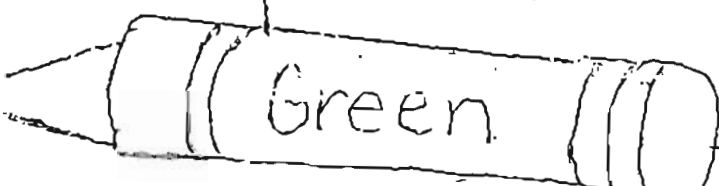
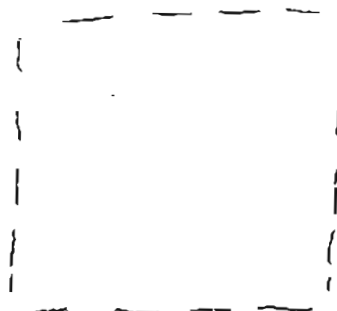
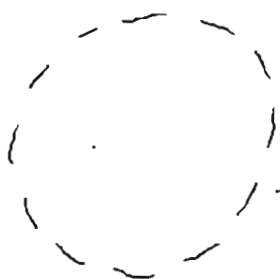
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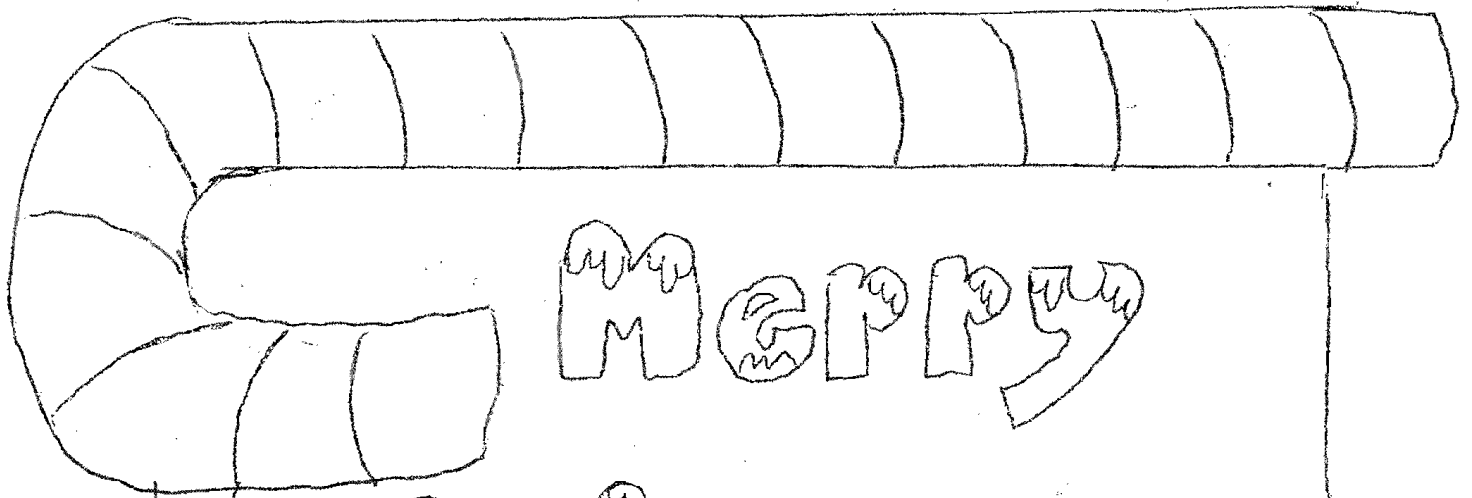




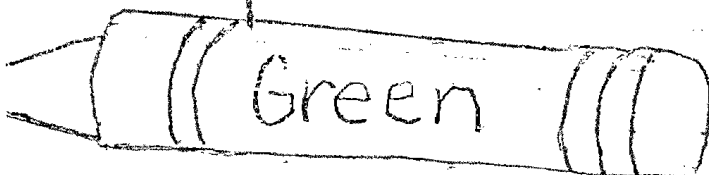
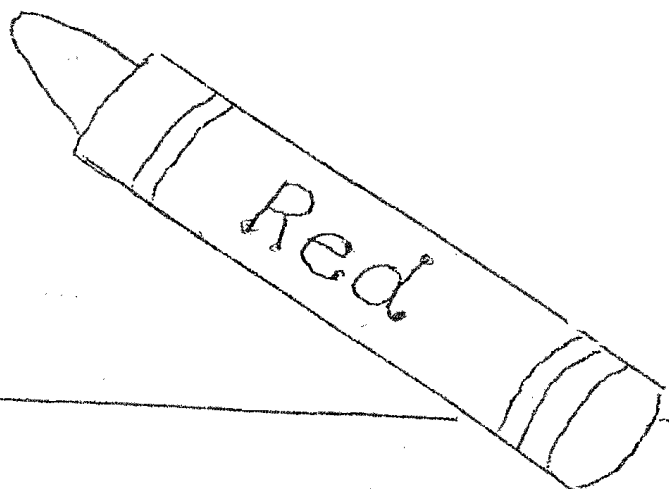
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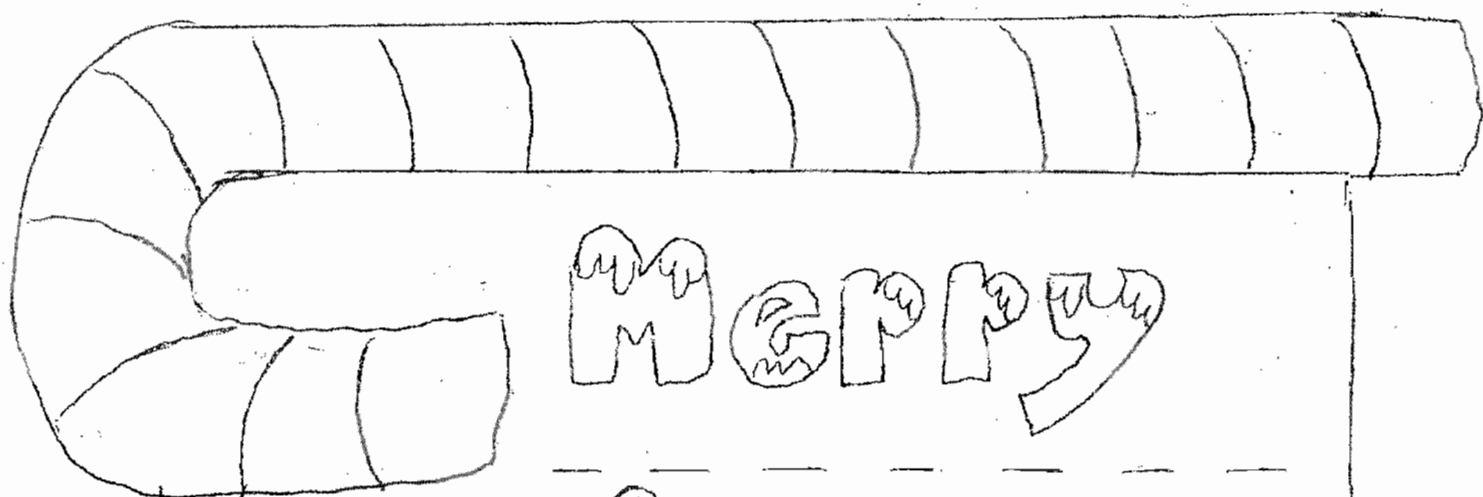
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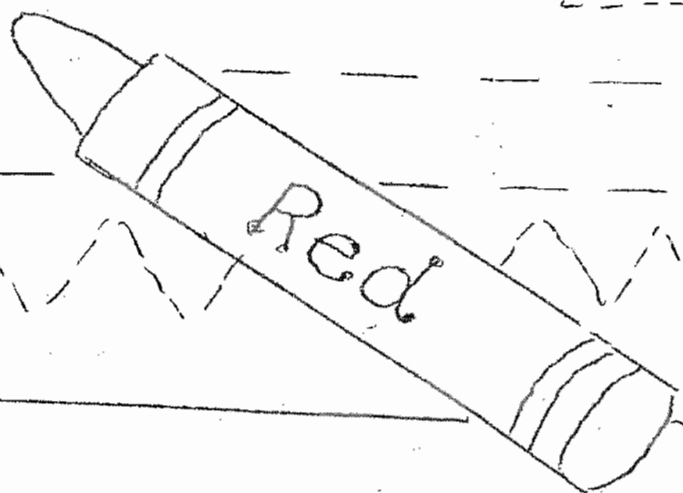
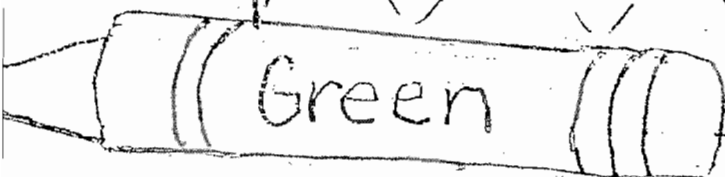
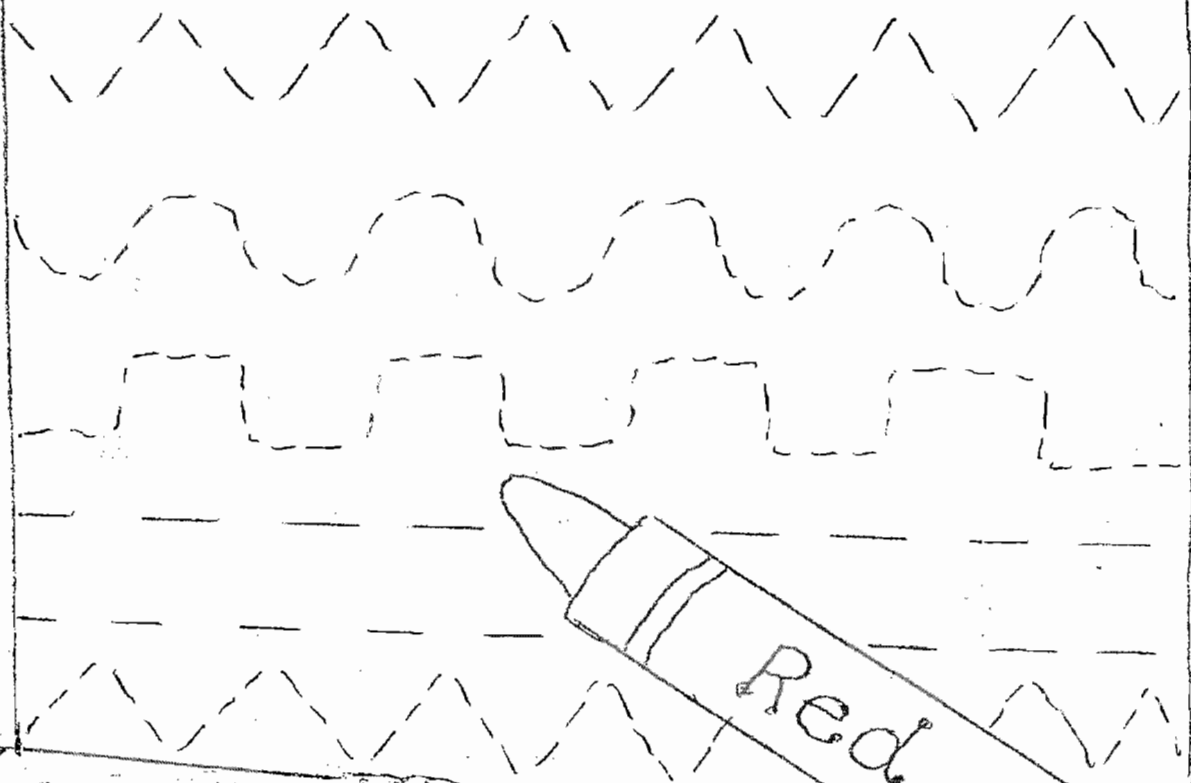
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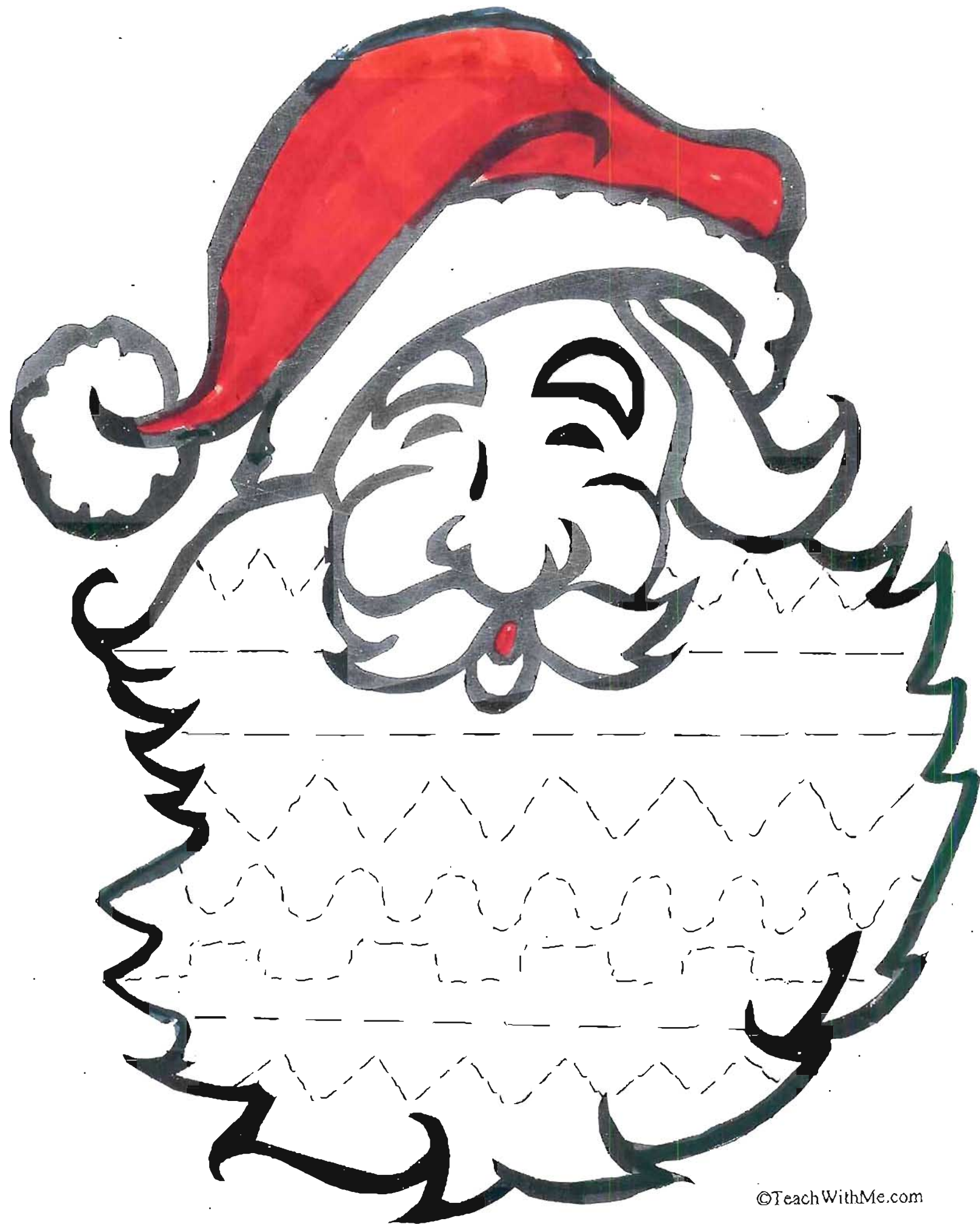


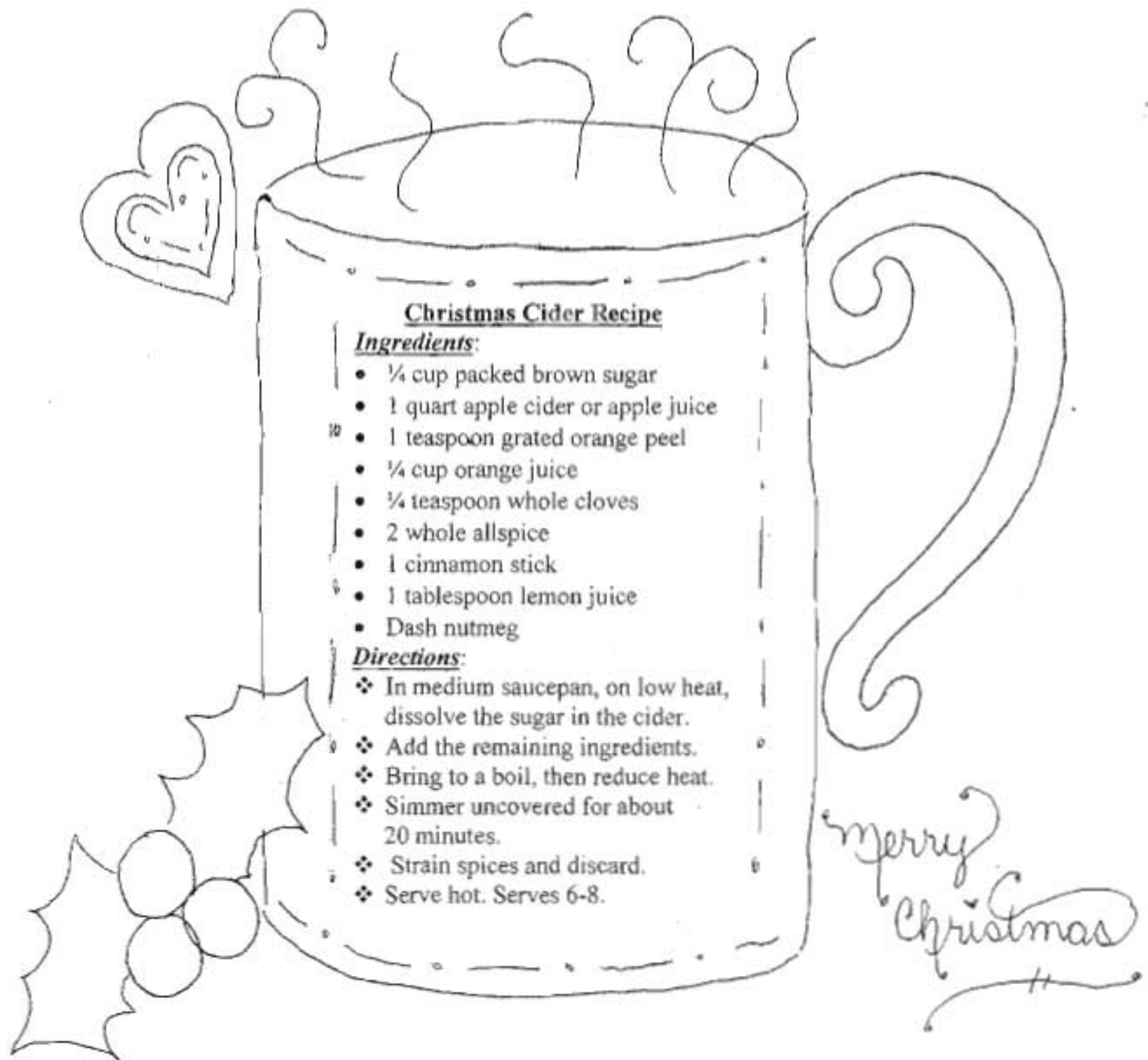


Merry

Christmas.







Christmas Cider Recipe

Ingredients:

- ¼ cup packed brown sugar
- 1 quart apple cider or apple juice
- 1 teaspoon grated orange peel
- ¼ cup orange juice
- ¼ teaspoon whole cloves
- 2 whole allspice
- 1 cinnamon stick
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- Dash nutmeg

Directions:

- ❖ In medium saucepan, on low heat, dissolve the sugar in the cider.
- ❖ Add the remaining ingredients.
- ❖ Bring to a boil, then reduce heat.
- ❖ Simmer uncovered for about 20 minutes.
- ❖ Strain spices and discard.
- ❖ Serve hot. Serves 6-8.

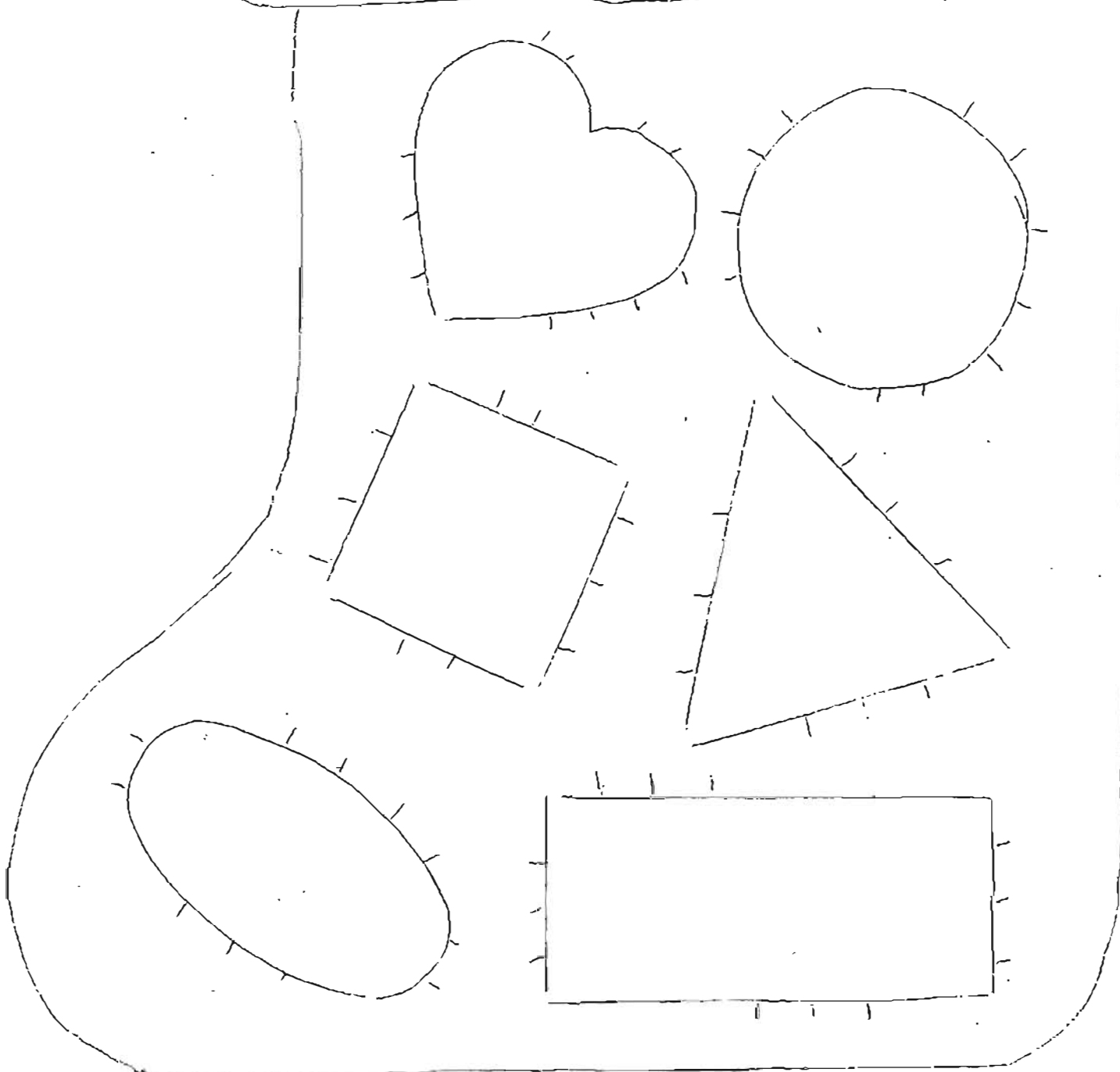
Merry
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I SPY TRACE



I've been a glowing student this week!

My stocking has many patches as you can see.
Perhaps Santa will leave a new one for me.
There's a heart, circle, triangle & square.
I've hung my stocking by the chimney with care.

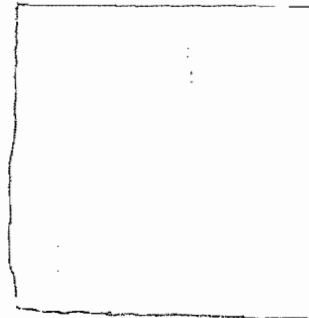
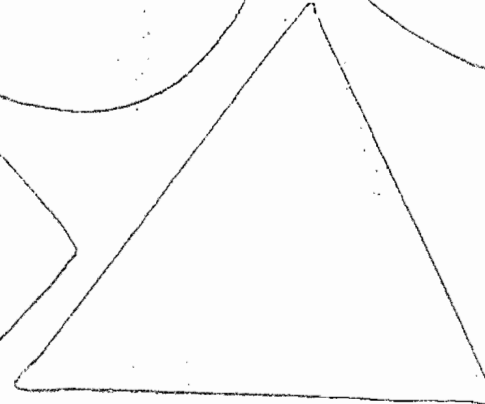
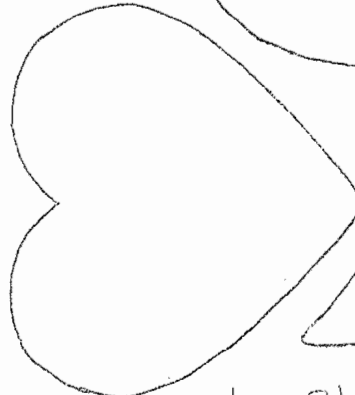
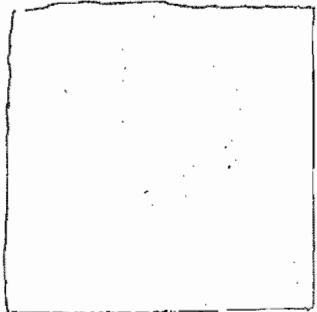
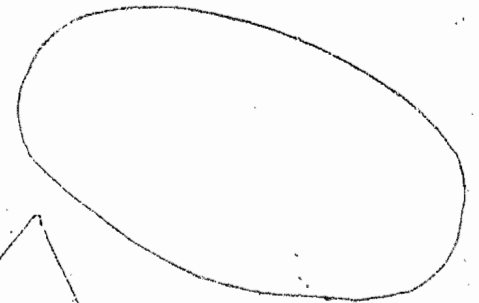
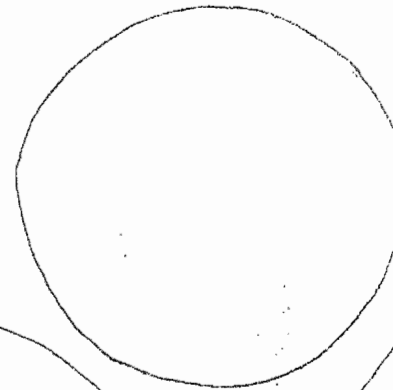
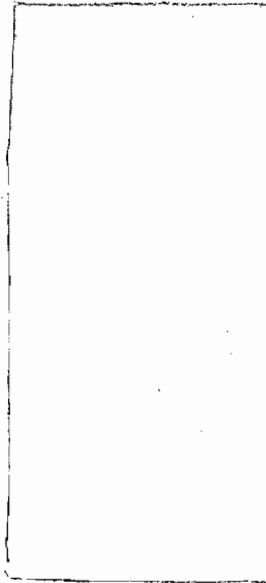
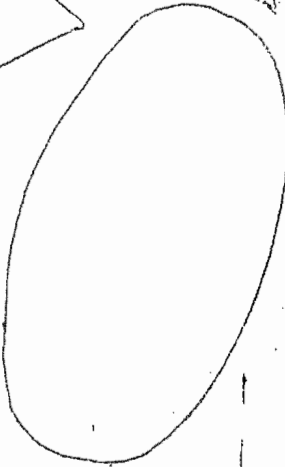
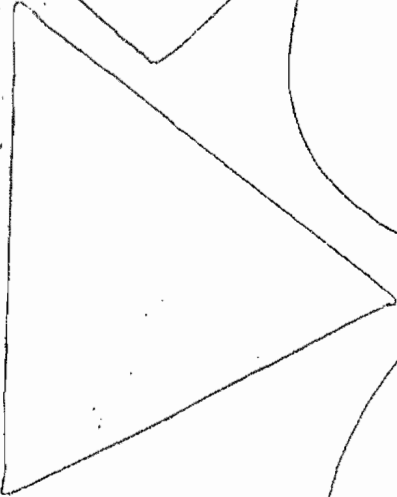
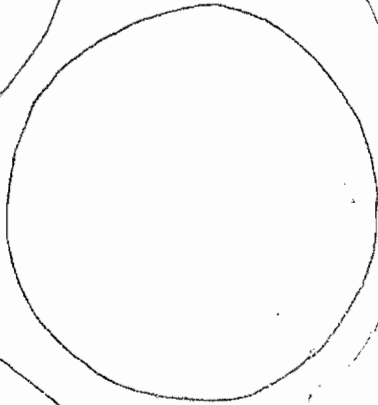
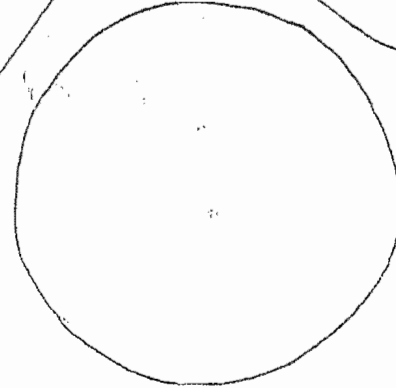
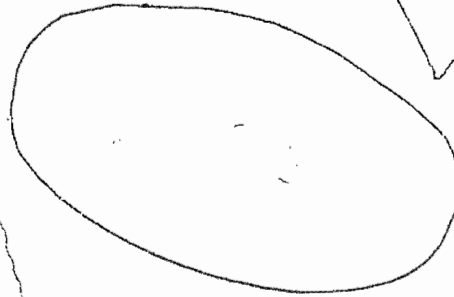
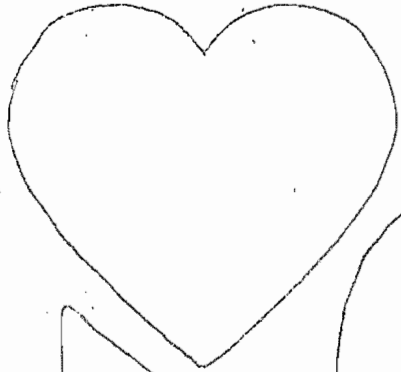
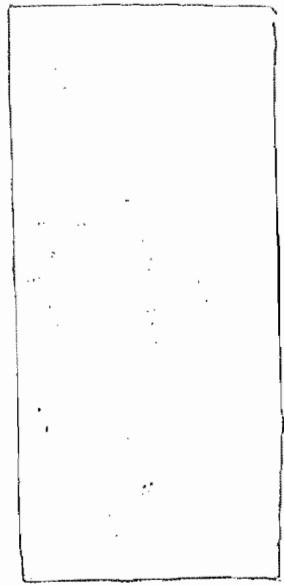
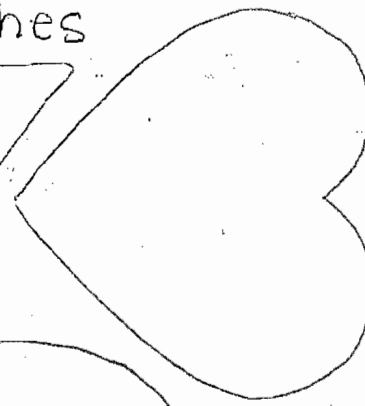
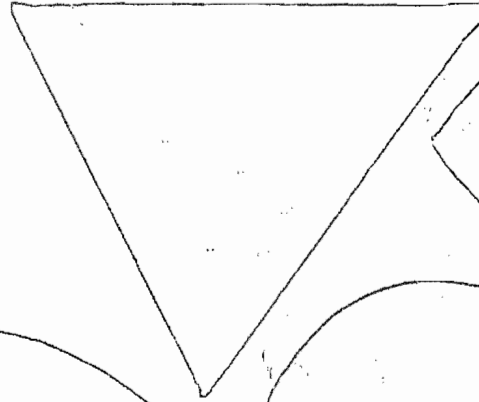
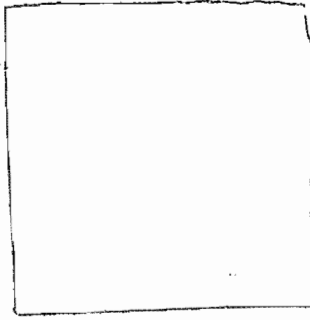
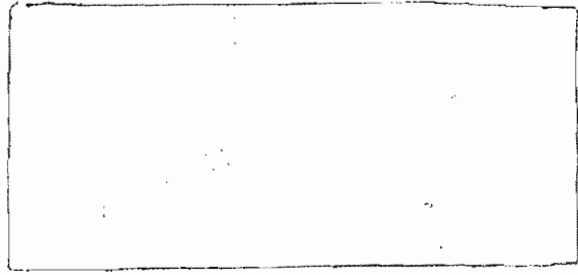


stocking Patches

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3 Student+ Cut Outs.

students can color stocking or cut & glue shapes



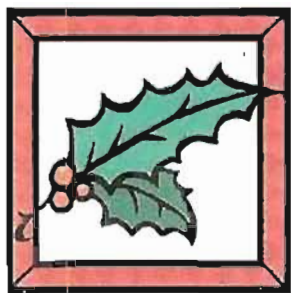


Stamp a group/set of



Pinch & Poke

Match up the object on the LEFT with its twin on the RIGHT.
Use a DIFFERENT color for each one.



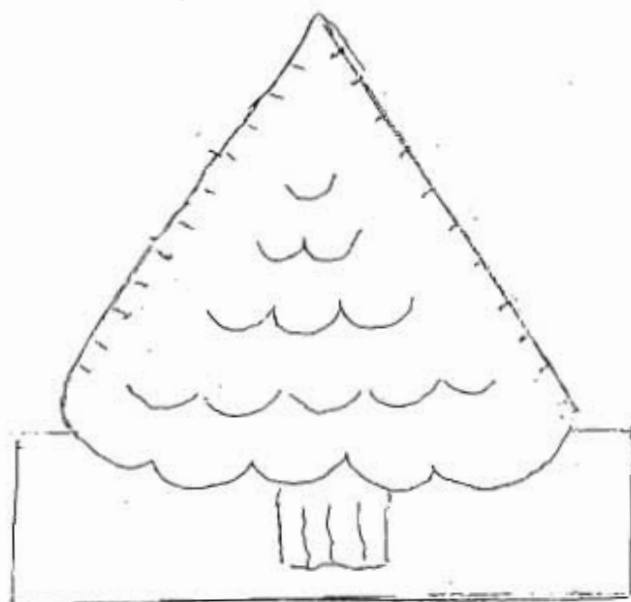
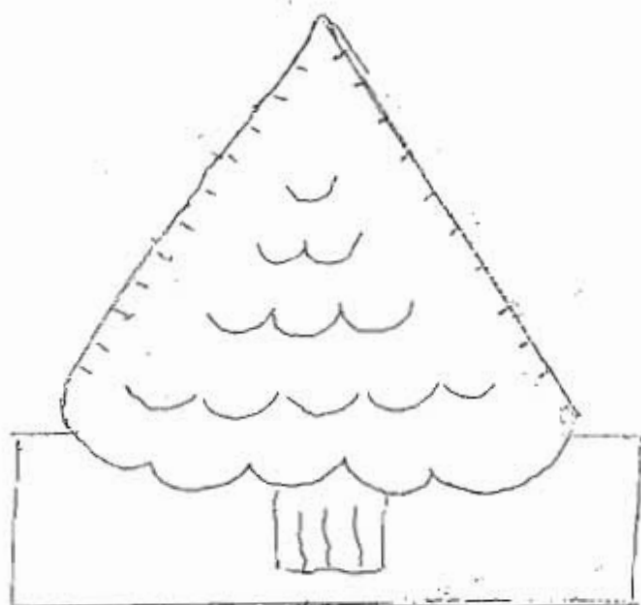
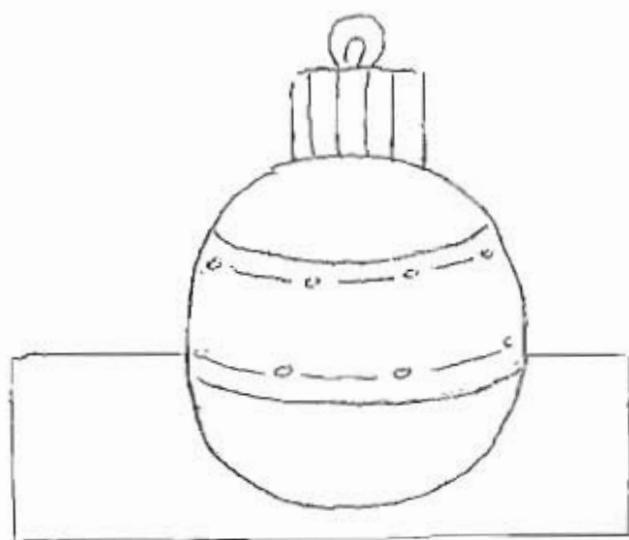
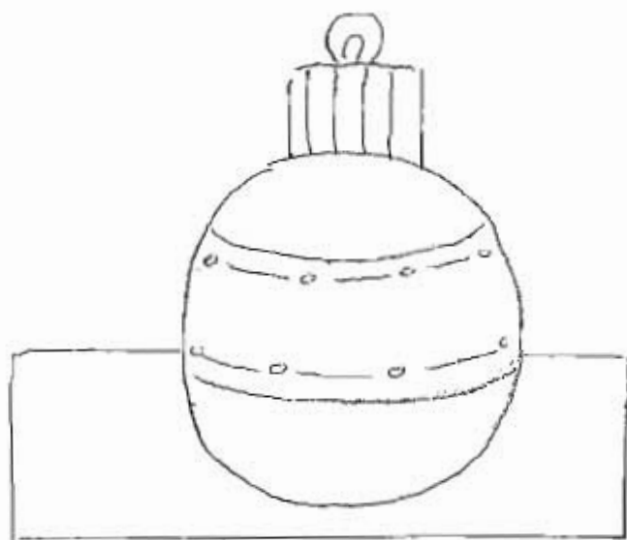


Bingo Dot A Pattern

Directions:

- Run off the masters on white construction paper if you want your students to COLOR them.
- Or... cut and paste them to make one master of each kind and run them off on that color of construction paper.
- i.e., make a master of the Christmas tree finger puppet for December, and run off on green construction paper. All your students have to do then, is CUT out their finger puppet.
- I like to use the finger puppets as a coloring and cutting skill and then use them in singing, story telling and finger plays.
- They work great with the *10 Little Indians* Song.
- I use that tune every month and revamp it to fit whatever theme I'm in. i.e. in September it becomes *10 Little Apples*, in October *10 Little Pumpkins* etc.
- The children enjoy putting on their finger puppet and singing along.
- I also give them spatial direction clues and they put their puppet BELOW, BEHIND, ABOVE, LEFT, RIGHT ETC.
- At the beginning of the school year, I give each of the children a plastic "treasure box". (It's a pencil box they sell at places like *Office Depot, Staples, Office Max, Meijers and Wal-Mart*) I tell them to keep their finger puppets in their treasure box at home.
- I include a note about the finger puppets in my newsletter and ask parents to encourage their children to use them again to teach them the songs and finger plays and then to store them in their treasure box. All of these are great "life skills" as well as self-esteem builders.

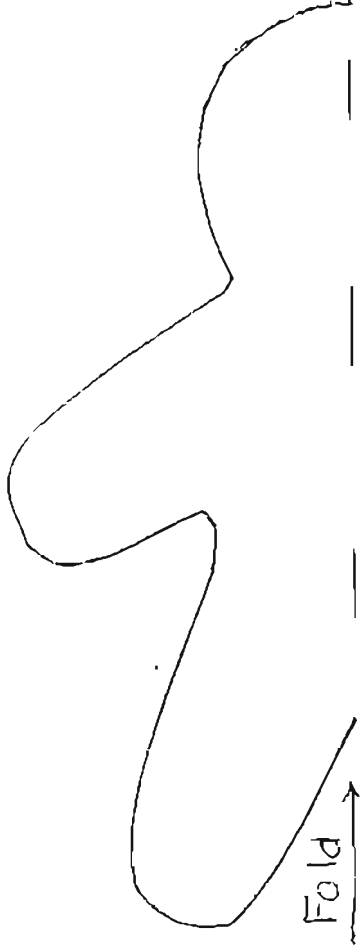
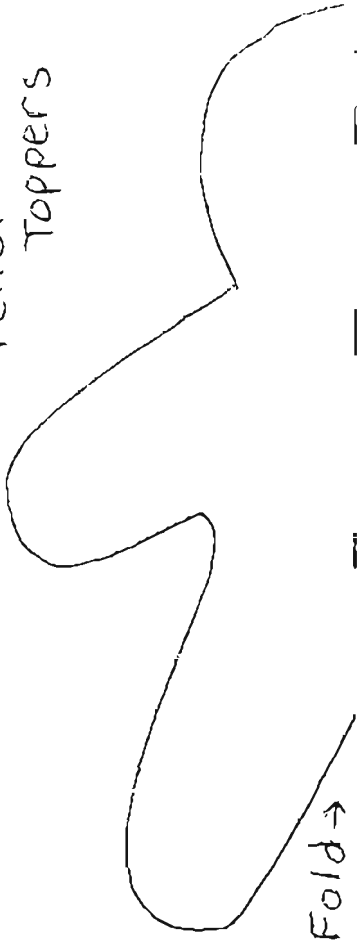
Finger Puppets



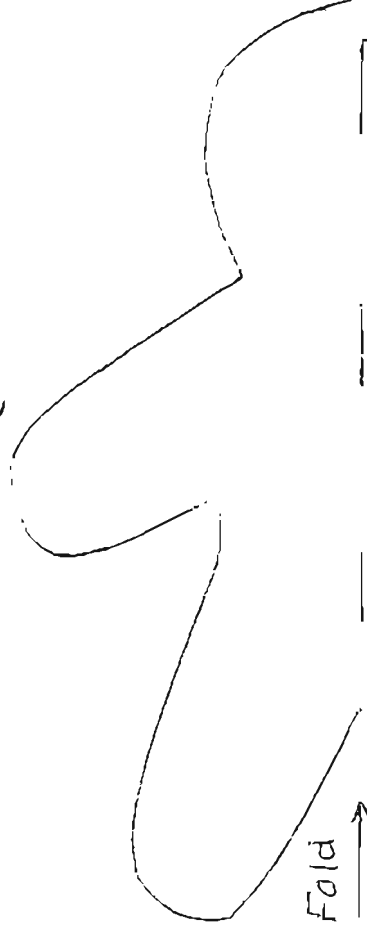
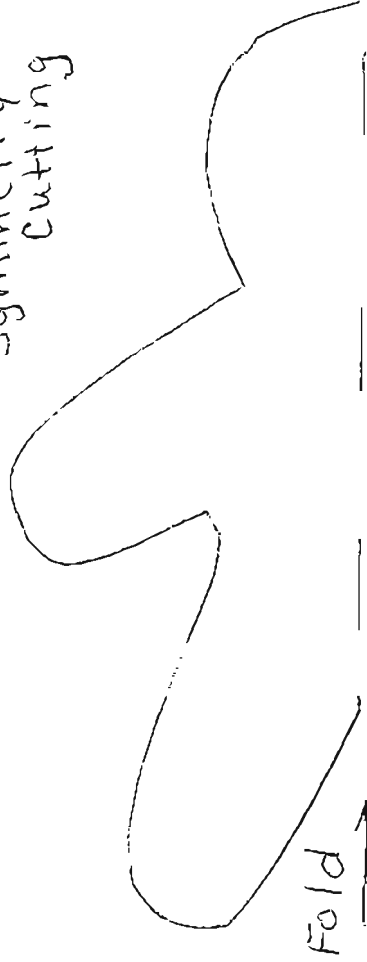
Directions:

- I've made these 4 on a page so your students can COLOR them or write spelling words, their name, a note, math facts etc.
- I've also made a master of each separate one, so that you can run them off on the same color of construction paper.
- When I taught 1st grade, my students loved to cut out a pencil topper each week.
- I did it as an incentive. If you finished your work, you could go to the little table and pick one out, fold it, cut it out, punch two holes, and insert your pencil.
- It was a "performance flag" of "Look at me!" "I got my work done!" "I'm special!" "I'm proud of me."
- It was a great cutting skill and a nice way to reinforce the vocabulary word **SYMMETRY** too.
- For my Y5's that's why I do it. I omit the hole-punch-pencil-topper concept, as we rarely use pencils.
- It's a nice "quickie" cutting skill that they enjoy.
- It's a "MAGIC trick" that they get to do, and it never ceases to amaze them, that once they unfold the paper...wahla! They have a cool shape!
- I sometimes run these through **Mr. Cruncher Muncher** as well.
- It's a must-have tool for your classroom.
- It runs around \$18. Print a coupon from the web for *Hobby Lobby* for 40% off, watch for sales, or clip the 50% off one-item coupon in the paper for *Michaels*.
- The tool is a hand-held roller, that crinkles paper just like corrugated cardboard.
- It's sold at most craft stores and places that sell scrap booking stuff.
- My students LOVE it, and it's a great fine motor skill.
- I hold the machine, they put their paper shape into it and crank away.
- Out pops a really "way cool" crinkled piece of art!
- We do a few each month.
- It's perfect for **100 Day** when they draw a picture of themselves on an oval and we run it through **Mr. Cruncher Muncher** for instant wrinkles! ☺

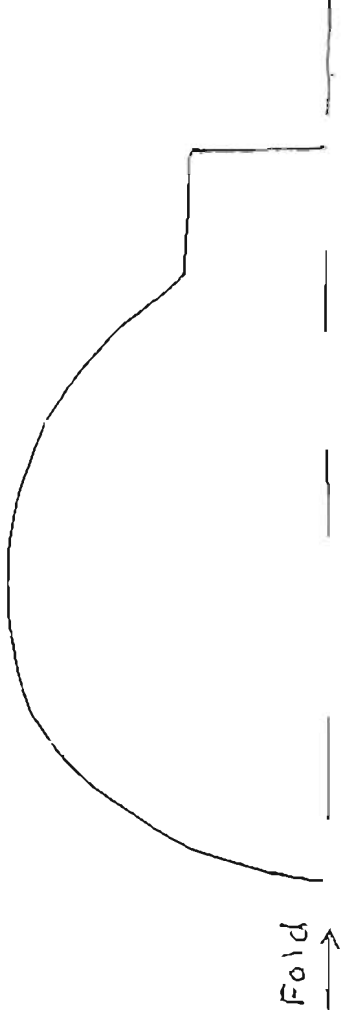
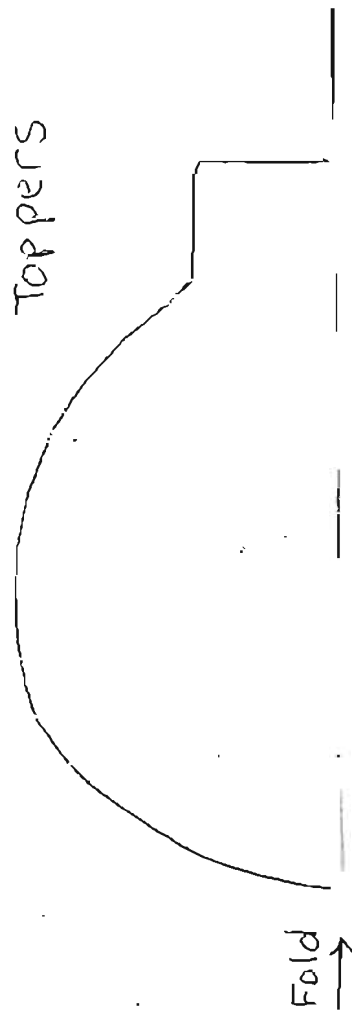
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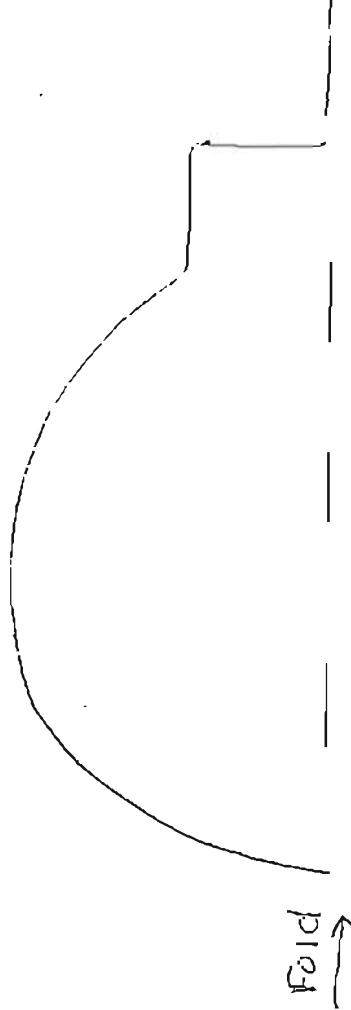
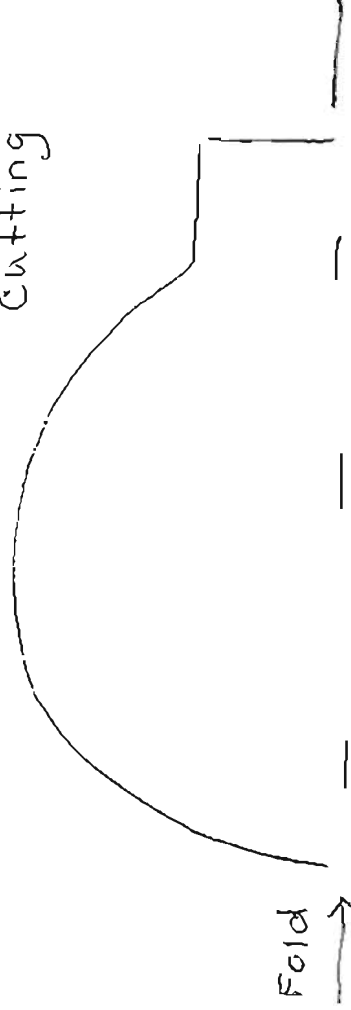
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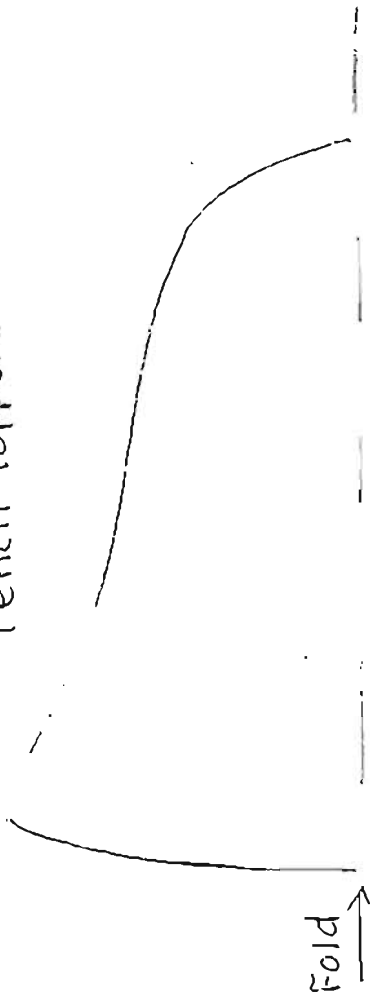


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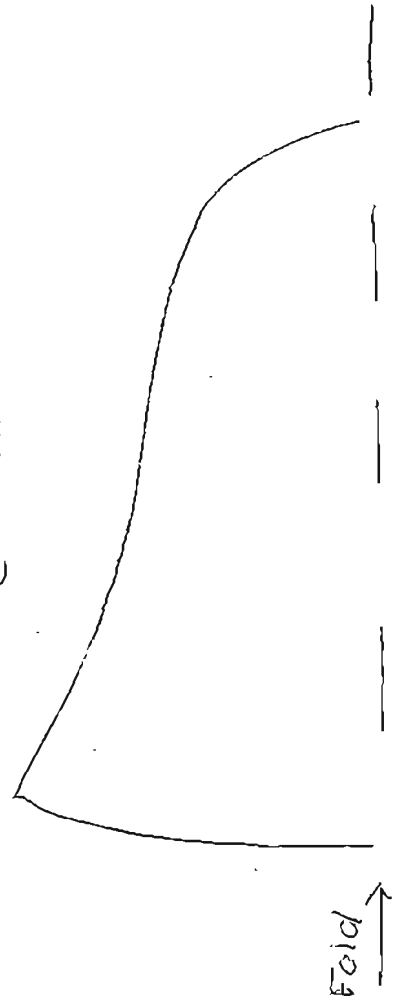
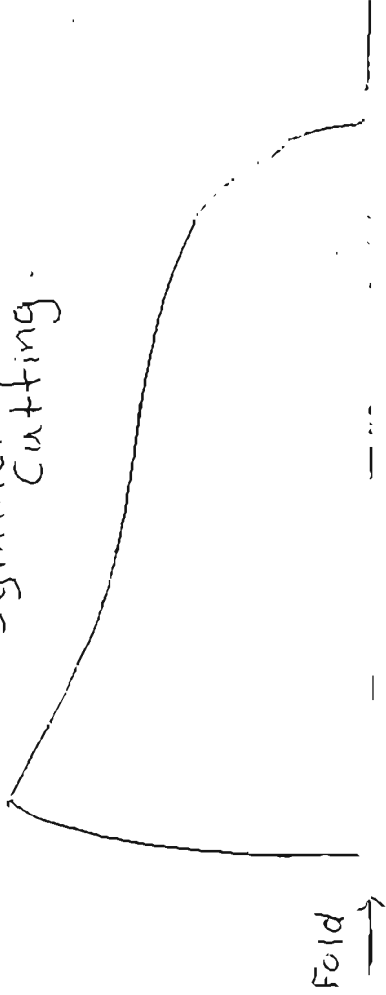


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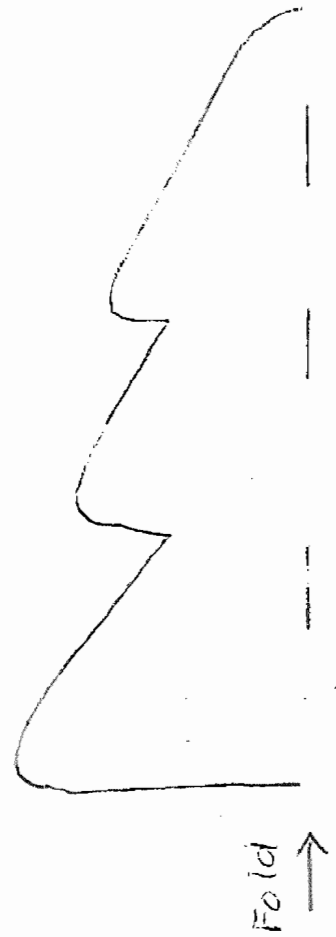
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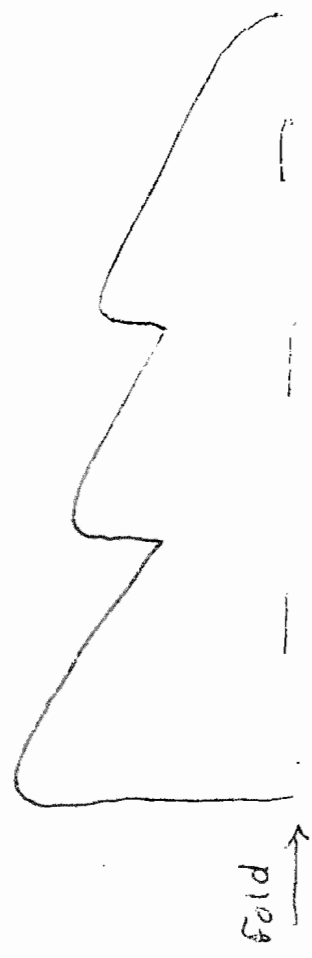
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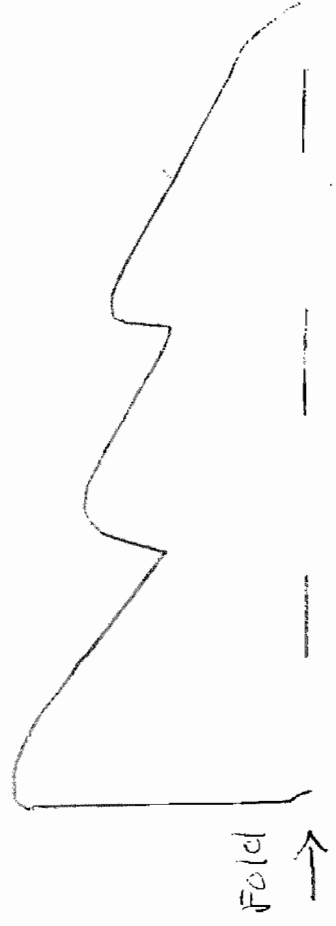
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Pencil Toppers



Symmetry
cutting



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Cutting

Fold →



Pencil Toppers

Fold →



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Background:

- One of my favorite gifts from my daughter Kelli is when she was in kindergarten; she gave me a red potholder with her tiny red handprint on it. I cherish it. Bless that teacher for making the time to do that and even sewing them!
- Because of that, and how much I love it, I make potholders with my own students every year for Christmas. The Dollar Store usually has 2 for a dollar so it's really not that big of an investment. If it is too costly for you, you can always send a note home that you'd like your students to do chores around the house to earn a \$1.00 to put towards the purchase of craft materials for your class for the month of December when you need extra things for gift making, or you can ask them to bring in a new potholder. That way it even matches their mom's kitchen. It's not a surprise tho'.
- I truly believe that when a child works around the house it builds self-esteem and self-confidence and that when they buy something with their own money from their own efforts it means more.
- Plus when they make a gift and then give it, that too is so precious. They really do get excited about the entire process in my classroom. December is such a fun month because all of our centers are gift-making centers that revolve around our report card standards, but in this extra-special way!

Materials:

- Pot holders
- Permanent paint in a complimentary color to the potholder
- Wash tub
- Foam paint brush
- Marker
- Tissue paper to wrap present
- Copy of master to make as a card to tuck in with potholder.

Directions:

1. I do these while my students are involved in "Free-Play-Center-Time"
2. Write name and date on the pot holder with permanent marker
3. Paint child's hand
4. Press on potholder
5. Set aside to dry.
6. When they are dry, have child sign note, fold, put on top of potholder.
7. Child helps wrap present and writes: **To:** Mommy, **Love:** Their Name on the outside.
8. I have a big brown grocery bag with each child's name on it in the corner of our room. Each time they make a gift they put their present in that.
9. The day before party day, everyone takes their gift bag home with a note that says *Do Not Open 'Til Christmas.* ☺



May this pot holder protect you from anything hot you touch,
And always remind you of how you're loved so very much!

I love you lots!
Merry Christmas from your handy little helper





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Merry Christmas



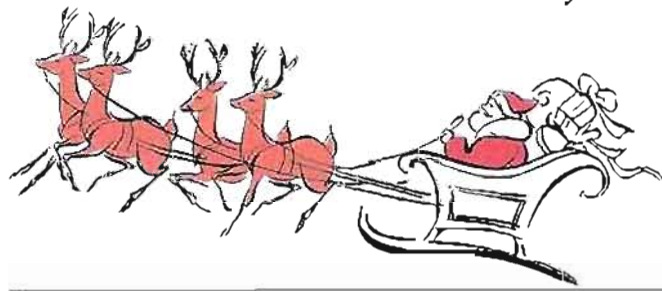
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A Letter From Santa

Background:

- When tooling around the Internet I noticed that for a “mere” \$5 your child could receive a letter from Santa. I thought \$5 (!) you’ve got to be kidding. What about parents with big families and teachers with 30 kids.
- I thought, I can do that. So I sat down and became Santa for an hour and composed a letter for a boy and one for a girl, then put each of my student’s names in, put some Christmas Printed paper in my copier and within 10 minutes I had 38 personal letters from Santa!
- Then I designed some adorable North Pole address labels,
- Xeroxed off a coloring page,
- tucked in a sticker and took it a step farther.
- I bought a box of Quaker Oats at the grocery store and a big bottle of blue glitter and I made up an enticing batch of “reindeer food” for Rudolph and the gang.
- Craft stores sell the little clear Ziploc bags in packs of 100 for \$1.49, so with spoon in hand I was in business scooping 1 spoon of oats and ½ teaspoon of glitter into a tiny bag, then shaking it up.

- A Christmas Stamp printed in green on the envelope was the finishing touch.
- I wrote everything with a green and red marker and tucked in a note explaining about the bag of glitter oats.
- Anything we send to students our school pays the postage for, so my total investment was around \$7.00, just a little over one Online letter from Santa, and I had 38 in a Christmas card!
- When cards go on sale for as much as 80% off, I watch for ones with Santa in his sleigh, or ones with Rudolph with him.
- I also buy Christmas stickers on sale so I can tuck that inside as well.
- A coloring page did NOT add to the postage, so I tuck that in too, and found an adorable one of Santa and his sleigh. Just watch for those Christmas coloring books that also go on sale, as well as a nice Christmas Print paper to copy the letter on.
- My students are thrilled. They get the cards in a day and some of them even bring them in to share with me. The looks of excitement and the sparkle in their eyes make the extra time and effort definitely worth it!
- One year I had a mom ask if she could have a copy to run off for the rest of her children. I don't know why I hadn't thought of that! So now I keep that available for parents who request it.
- I have a girl and a boy version for you. Simply write your students names in and put the Christmas paper face down in your copy machine, or face up depending on your copier.
- I don't mention the cards in my newsletter. I guess I want my parents to wonder who on earth Santa is too. ☺ I still hear the bell. Do you?



Dear,

I have heard from your family, and your teacher
_____ that you are trying to be a very good boy this
year; so I thought I'd send you a letter to tell you to keep up
the good work!

I hope you know that "I'm making a list and checking it
twice. I'm going to find out who's naughty and nice." Because
pretty soon I'll be coming to town! I just love that Christmas
song!

I thought I'd include a little packet of glitter and oats for
you to sprinkle around on your lawn Christmas Eve. The glitter
will catch my eye as it sparkles under the stars, and Rudolph
will smell the oats; so we'll both know we're at your house!

Until then, take care and continue to be a very good boy.
Always try to do your best. My elves will be popping in to
check up on you and all the other children. They're pretty
careful that no one ever sees them. But if you're
especially quiet, you may hear the jingle of their
bells. (I have them wear bells on their shoes and
hats so I know they're about. And of course,
my reindeer all have bells on their harnesses
too.) I wish you a very Merry Christmas!

Love, Santa

Dear ,

I have heard from your family, and your teacher _____, that you are trying to be a very good girl this year; so I thought I'd send you a letter to tell you to keep up the good work!

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Until then, take care and continue to be a very good girl, especially at school. Always try to do your best. My elves will be popping in to check up on you and all the other children. They're pretty careful that no one ever sees them. But if you're especially quiet, you may hear the jingle of their bells. (I have them wear bells on their shoes and hats so I know they're about. And of course, my reindeer all have bells on their harnesses too.)

I wish you a very Merry Christmas!

Love, Santa

Magical Reindeer Food



On Christmas Eve,
before you go to bed
sprinkle this magical reindeer food on your lawn.
The glitter sparkling in the moonlight
and the smell of the oats
Will help to guide Rudolph right to your house.



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★ GREETINGS...

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Christmas

cards with Santa

& his sleigh or

Santa with Rudolph.

These were perfect as they

had a picture to

color inside.

You can see the little

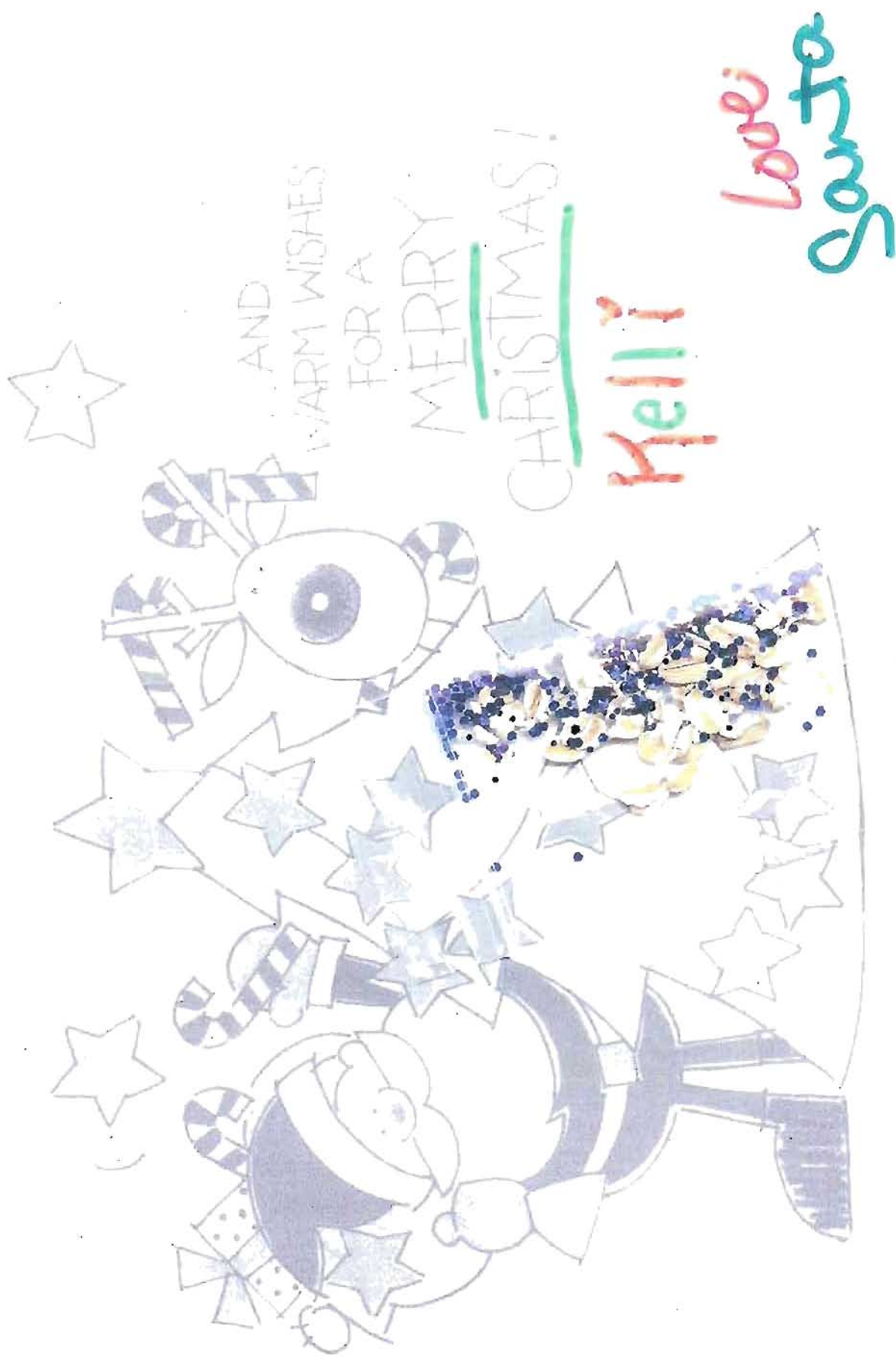
packet of oats & glitter

on the picture."

Many students tell me

excitedly that Santa

wrote them !!!



AND
WARM WISHES

FOR A

MERRY

CHRISTMAS!

Hello!

Love to
Santa



Dear Families,

Young children are always asking "How many more days 'til Christmas?" I have a fun "Countdown" to Christmas that will help eliminate that question and be a math extension as well. ☺

If you don't already have a bag of cotton balls around the house, they are available at the Dollar Store. Please have your child do some chores around the house to earn a dollar to buy a bag. This truly builds their self-esteem and self-confidence and makes them feel important. Plus at this busy time, you probably could use an extra helping hand.

Have them count out 24 and put them in a baggie. Put the picture of Santa up in their room along with the baggie and a glue stick. At bedtime have them glue a cotton ball to Santa's beard. It only takes a moment, helps reinforce their report card standards and builds excitement for the big day. Plus no more: "When will it be Christmas?" They can count for themselves and see!
Thanks in advance for your time and cooperation. Happy Holidays.

Educationally Yours,



HEY!

Have you heard the news?

Santa's coming, better mind your P's and Q's

How many days 'til he is here?

Come and count with me my dear.

To make this a bit more fun

I have something that needs to be done.

There's something wrong with **Santa's** beard.

It's flat not fluffy and looks kind of weird.

So take it home with you.

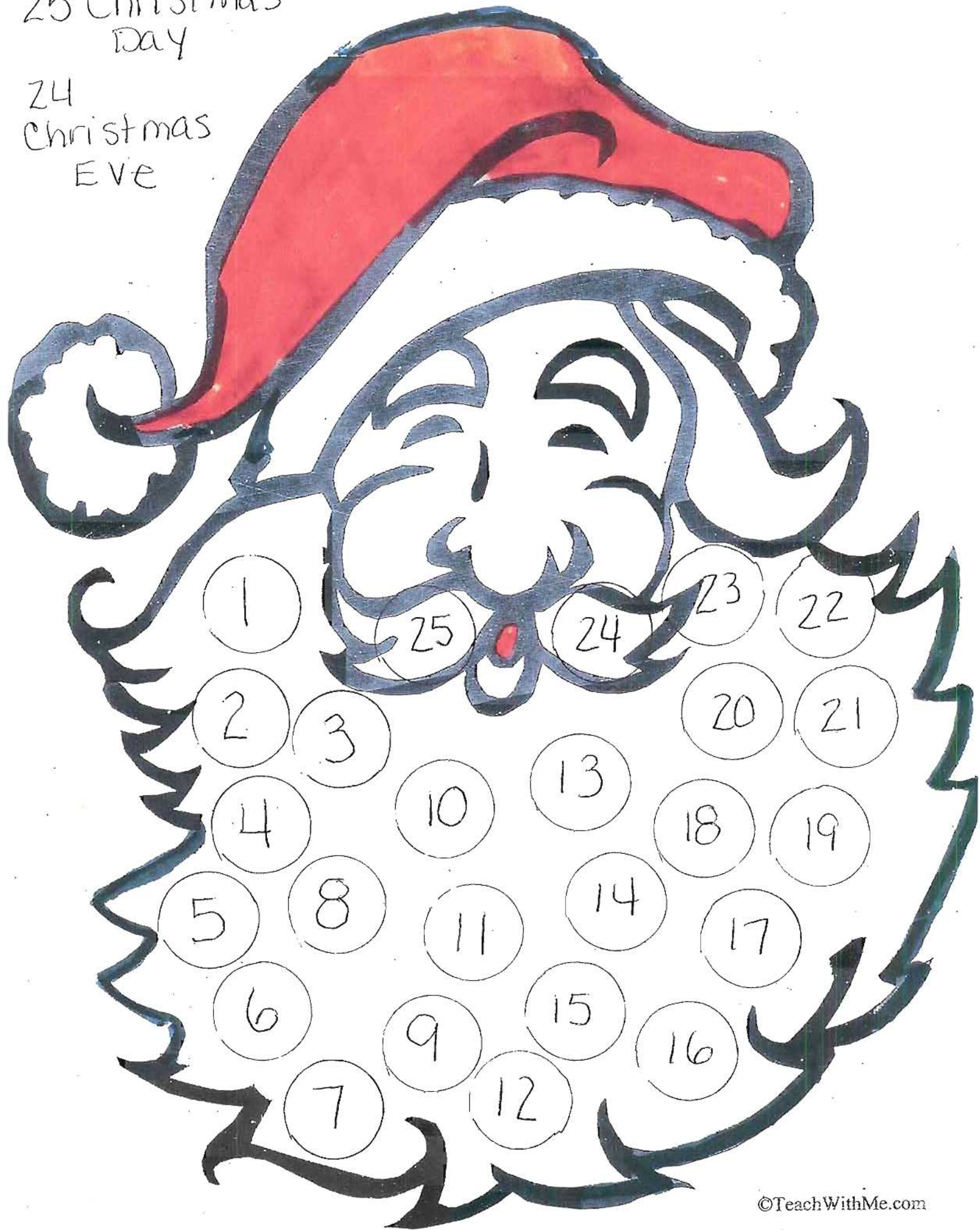
And put a cotton ball on when the day is through.

Then when it is completely filled-in, soft and white;

You know **Santa** comes that night!

25 Christmas
Day

24
Christmas
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Merry Christmas

A BOOK Gift Exchange. How nice!

- I have learned from experience that opening a present at a school Christmas Party is a much happier event when children have the "same" thing like a book.
- The children LOVE books and reading, especially at this early age, so it's very appropriate.
- Please purchase a book that costs between \$1.00-\$3.00
- There are wonderful .95¢ book buys in our Scholastic flyers where you can truly get a more expensive book for a cheaper price. You don't have to buy your book from Scholastic; it's just a thought. If you are ordering, remember book orders are due this Monday & Tuesday.
- ★ • Please have your child wrap the book.
- On the paper write
To: A Friend **From:** _____ (Your child's name.)
- To avoid tears and fighting here are the happy guidelines:
 - *Please do NOT buy more than 1 book.*
 - *Please do NOT include anything else with the book.*
 - *Please buy a generic book for either a boy or a girl.*
 - *Please do NOT buy workbooks or coloring books. This needs to be a storybook.*
 - *Thanks in advance for making things run smoothly for us! ☺*
- Your child may bring in their book ON or BEFORE the date.
- I have 2 big gift bags for them to put their wrapped package in.
- We will open our books on party day sometime in the afternoon.

This is
what I
do & my
Students
LOVE
it!
♥



This is what I do!
Parents enjoy their keepsake ornaments



December

Dear Families of our Y5's,

As you know, Christmas is a time for giving as well as receiving. Sometimes little ones get "lost in the shuffle" of the "holiday hustle". They are inundated with TV commercials about toys and seem to have a long list of "I wants".

As a mom I discovered that hauling out our Nativity first, and decorating around the "Real Reason for the Season", kept my children focused. We also made a birthday cake for baby Jesus as one of our December deserts.

I also gave them a list of simple jobs to do so they could earn some money & truly feel a part of shopping, as well as learning the value of a dollar. We'd go to a craft store and buy materials for them to make their presents. I have fond memories of a zillion messes.

- ❖ As a teacher I decided that all of our art projects in December would be making handmade gifts for your child to give.
- ❖ They truly love doing this, and are very enthusiastic and excited about making something with TLC for the people in their lives that they love. It's a fun way to meet our report card standards and reinforce lessons.
- ❖ Anyone is welcome to come in and help.
- ❖ I have a storage bag for each one of the children in the classroom.
- ❖ All of their gifts will be going home...

❖ I chose these days, because it is the day of our class party. Many parents often pick up their children on Party Day so I won't have to stuff a bag of "goodies" in their backpacks.

- ❖ They have an angel bag with all of the ornaments they made in it.
- ❖ You can open this angel bag with them, and help them hang their adorable ornaments.

❖ Please help them put their other presents (surprises) under the tree, and most importantly...

❖ Please **DO NOT** open the presents early!

❖ You see, if your child has to wait for you to open them on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day, their joy, excitement and anticipation **GROWS!** *Their mind is turned from "getting" to the joy of "giving".*

❖ I hope you enjoy your Keepsake Crafts and this very special time with your child.

❖ May you hold the spirit of Christmas in your heart all year long.

❖ Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

Every Day one of our centers is an ornament

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Please remember to...

Dear Y5 Families,
I need your help.

A future project we will be doing, involves our study of the U.S. Post Office. The children will be designing their own stamp and then making a collage of cancelled stamps and postmarks around their creation. This is one of their prettiest pages in your Keepsake Calendar gift. Because everyone receives so much more mail in December, I send this "please collect" note out early so you have plenty of notice.

- Each child needs 10 cancelled stamps.
- Please try and save different ones. The more variety the more interesting the page.
- Each child needs at least 1 postmark.
- Ask family and friends to save them for you too.
- **Please CUT them out** so all the children have to do is glue them on their paper. A stamp is too small for the children to cut around without snipping part of the stamp. 10 will take you a few minutes, 400 would take me hours!
- You can send the stamps & postmark in a baggy with your child's name on it, on or before January 24/25th.
- Because we use almost 400 cancelled stamps, if you'd like to continue to collect and cut stamps after your child has theirs that would be wonderful.
- Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

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Plaster Pins & Magnets

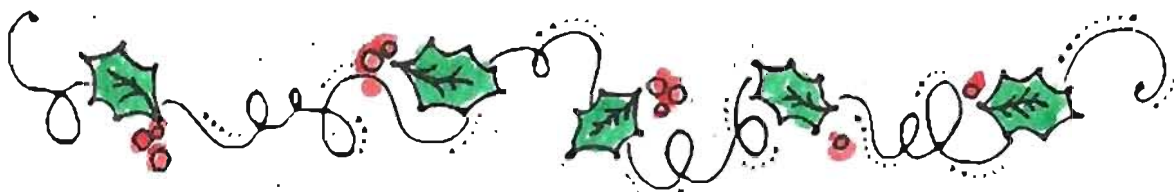
Background:

- When I do a workshop I tell my attendees that I want their new “mantra” to be “What can I do with this?” When you go to a garage sale, find a bargain, have someone ask you: “Do you want this?” Before you say no, or pass something up, ask yourself: “What can I do with this?” You’d be surprised how the creative juices start flowing. And don’t tell me you can’t draw a straight line, or I’ll hand you a piece of paper!
- Perhaps I ask myself that question too often because I’ve outgrown the basement and I’m due to expand on my newly acquired storage unit that seemed to look huge when it was empty...
- Well, chocolate cookie molds were on sale, I’m not a baker, but boy were they darling and only 10¢ I just had to think of something I could do with these...I wondered if plaster would dry in there and come out. Ah the possibilities if it would!
- So for .10¢ what did I have to lose? I have sold so many pins and magnets I can not begin to count. The little Christmas lightbulbs alone I have made over 1,000 because I make them every year for my students and all my room mommy helpers, and for the church to sell and give away yada yada yada.
- Sooo...if you are looking for something inexpensive, fun, that you can make a jillion at a time, this is it!
- Most molds have at least 12 slots to fill, some 24 and YES!!! Plaster will dry and pop out of them.

Directions:

- Buy the plaster in the big jar at a hobby store.
- Follow the directions. I like to make mine a bit soupy so it doesn't dry too fast, but not too soupy because your pins will be brittle.
- Fill up your molds to the top with a plastic spoon.
- Tap the molds on the table to release air bubbles.
- Let dry for 15 minutes.
- Tip mold upside down onto a paper towel and gravity should do the trick, if not, gently twist the mold like you would an ice cube tray and they should release.
- Refill and continue for however many you need.
- Do not put plaster in an oven or micro wave. Been there, done that; to disastrous affects.
- I have put the plaster pins on a cookie sheet on warm in the oven when I wanted to dry them faster because I needed to paint them the next day, but that's about it.
- When you wash your molds do so in luke WARM water. I warped mine when I washed them in hot.
- Let dry for 48 hours so you are sure that all the moisture is out so the paint won't peel (Been there, done that too! ☹)
- Sand the edges and back with sand paper.
- Paint however you want. Use a GLOSS paint and you won't have to varnish.)
- Add a magnet or pin back with E6000 glue. Hot glue will not adhere that well and will eventually fall off.
- I used to sell the finished pins and magnets for .98¢ in my gift shop and couldn't keep them in stock.
- Great as party favors or as a Girl Scout project, or anytime you need lots of something!
- Little ones can do them, because even tho they are sloppy painters, a solid red heart pin still looks great no matter how you paint!
- Enjoy.





Holly-arious Christmas Jokes

Since the children continue to tell me the Halloween and Thanksgiving jokes, I thought I'd better search for some Christmas Crack Ups. We'll be having a daily joke as usual. Help increase your child's recall and verbal ability by asking them the "Joke of the Day!"

Enjoy! ☺

Knock, knock!
Who's there?
Waddle.
Waddle who?
Waddle you ask Santa to bring you for Christmas?

Knock, knock!
Who's there?
Icy!
Icy who?
Icy you!

Knock, knock!
Who's there?
Snow.
Snow who?
Snow long I'm going home.

Knock, knock!
Who's there?
Stopwatch!
Stopwatch who?
Stopwatch you're doin', Santa's watchin!

Knock, knock!
Who's there?
Needle!
Needle who?
I needle little help wrapping presents.

Knock, knock!
Who's there?
Wendy.
Wendy who?
Wendy Christmas dinner's ready let me know.

Knock, knock!
Who's there?
Gladys.
Gladys who?
Gladys Christmas. Aren't you?

Knock, knock!
Who's there?
Mary.
Mary who?
Merry Christmas to you!

Why did the gift make fun of the bow?
It needed a little ribbon.

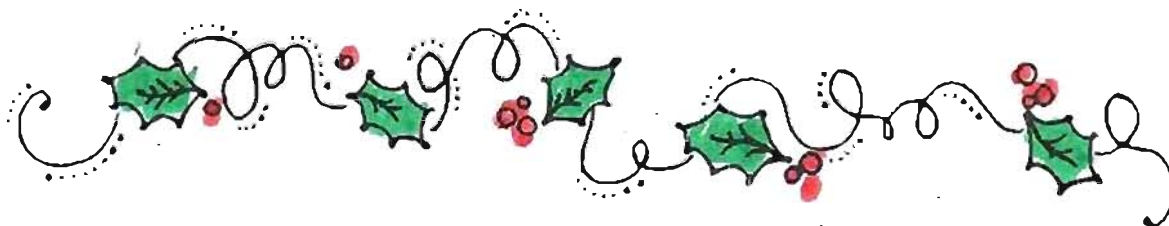
Where does your dog stay while you shop for Christmas presents?
In the barking lot.

What flowers are the happiest when they grow by the mistletoe?
Tulips!

What did the little candle say to the big candle? I'm going out tonight.

What did the hat say to the scarf?
You hang around, and I'll go on ahead.

Why did the Christmas cookie go to the doctor? He was feeling crummy.





CONGRATULATIONS

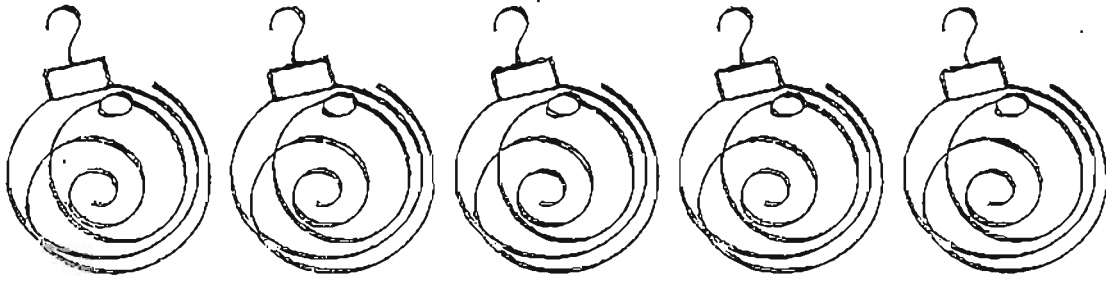
IS A VERY
CREATIVE CHRISTMAS
CRAFTER! KEEP UP THE
GREAT WORK!



Teacher:



Date:



December Punctuation

Fill in the correct punctuation with a (. ! ?)

1. Merry Christmas
2. What do you want for Christmas
3. Hooray It's snowing outside
4. My grandparents are coming for the holidays
5. Would you like to go shopping with us
6. I visited Santa today
7. My mom and I wrapped presents today
8. We decorated our tree with wooden ornaments
9. We cut down our tree
10. Would you like to go caroling after school

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Answer Key



December Writing Prompts

1. It's the annual Holly Ball and you're in charge. I want details from the invitations, who's coming to the menu, decorations, and party games.
2. Santa's reindeer stopped at your house. Rudolph stomped too hard and the sled, reindeer and all came crashing in to your living room. What's happening? What do you do?
3. It's the biggest blizzard yet; and Santa needs your help delivering the toys in your neighborhood? How can you help?
4. Or...It's the biggest blizzard yet and your family's snowed in for a week! How do you celebrate Christmas with no electricity? Pretend it's the "good old days of yester-year!"
5. You go caroling with some friends; when you turn around to see why you're not hearing the soprano high notes of your best friend, you discover her missing! Where has she gone? What do you do? Solve the mystery of the soloist.
6. You're at the mall. "Santa" has just snatched 2 very wealthy children and is running away with them! What's happening? What do you do? Who really is this Santa-wanna-be?
7. It's rush hour traffic and everyone is in a hurry to get home for Christmas vacation. No one seems to notice the little boy and girl carrying a suitcase, followed by a shaggy dog, who are walking down the highway. What's their story? Do you stop?
8. Everyone's left the school for Christmas vacation. You've helped clean up and are the last one to leave. As you walk down the hallway, you notice they've been security chained and have a lock on them. You can't get out and your cell phone is dead. Plus you just locked the classroom door! You're stuck in the hallway! What do you do?
9. You can have anything you want for Christmas? What is it and why do you want it?
10. You've just won a \$5,000 dollar Christmas shopping spree at the local mall! What are you going to buy, for whom and why?



December Bibliography

I think one of the reasons I have so many favorite December books is that they are ALWAYS on sale after Christmas, and my family and students buy them for me because getting a book is one of my favorite gifts! I'm simply addicted. If I weren't a teacher I think I would be a librarian!

Books I Read:

The ones in red are my all-time favorites. It's so hard to choose, I'm such a bibliophile.

1. All About Christmas A Merry Alphabet Story, Jane \$3.99
2. Bear's Christmas Star, D'Allance \$5.95
3. Bear Stays Up For Christmas, Wilson & Chapman \$14.95
4. Christmas Magic (A Brimax Interactive Hidden Pop-Up Book) \$4.99
5. Christmas Mice! Roberts
6. Christmas Morning, Ryan (A Parody of This is the House That Jack Built) \$6.99
7. Clifford's Christmas, Bridwell \$3.99
8. Count the Days 'til Christmas, Cocca-Leffler \$3.95 (Read when you introduce the December Counting Table.)
9. Counting To Christmas, Tafuri \$15.95
10. Five Little Christmas Trees, Boniface \$5.99
11. Ho Ho Ho, Ha Ha Ha Holly-arious Christmas Knock-Knock Jokes, Hall & Eisenberg \$6.95
12. It Never Hurts To Ask(Achanging picture book illustrated by Mary Engelbreit) \$6.25
13. Jose' Feliciano's Feliz Navidad, Illustrated by Diaz \$2.99
14. Julia Noonan's Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star, Taylor \$4.95
15. Let's Trim The Tree! (A Lift-the-Flap Book) Chardiet \$4.99
16. Little Porcupine's Christmas, Slate \$2.95 (Like Wombat Divine).
17. Merry Christmas Maisy (A lift-the-flap book) \$12.99
18. Merry Christmas Mom and Dad, Mercer Mayer \$3.29
19. Mr. Willowby's Christmas Tree, Barry \$15.95
 - Christmas Tree, Trafton O'Neal \$8.99
20. Peef the Christmas Bear, Hegg \$15.95

21. Polar Express, Van Allsburg \$19.95
22. Room For A Little One: A Christmas Tale, Waddell \$12.95
23. Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer (The original story of Rudolph), Robert May \$16.99
24. Santa Mouse, Brown \$10.95
25. Santa Mouse Where Are You? Brown \$10.95
26. Santa's Stuck, Greene \$5.95
27. Santa's Suit (A Touch & Feel book), Lee \$10.95
28. Santa's Surprise Pop-Up, Faulkner & Lambert \$12.99
29. Snappy Little Christmas Pop-Up \$12.95
30. Snappy Little Snowtime Pop-Up \$12.95
31. Snowbear's Christmas Countdown, Smythe \$4.99
32. Steven Kellogg's song: Santa Claus Is Comin' To Town, Coots & Gillespie \$15.99
33. Stories of Santa (Up)n The Housetop, Jolly Old St. Nicholas-A Hallmark book) \$9.99
34. Teddy Bears Trim the Tree (A Christmas Pull-the-tab book), Williams \$14.95
35. The Bear Santa Claus Forgot, Kimpton \$\$3.99 (Plush Bear goes with the story.)
36. The Donkey's Christmas Song, Tafuri \$5.99
37. The Night Before Christmas, Moore / Illustrated by Fujikawa \$9.95
38. The Night Before Christmas, (A pop-up) Moore / Illustrated by Patrick \$2.95
39. The Littlest Angel, Dubowski \$1.39
40. The 12 Bugs of Christmas (A pop-up counting book) Carter, \$14.95
41. The Twelve Days Of Christmas, Brimax Publishing Ltd. \$10.95
42. This Is The Star, Dunbar \$6.95
43. Truffle's Christmas, Currey \$14.95
44. Twas The Day After Christmas (A Lift-the-flap book) Smith, \$5.99
45. Where Do You Sleep, Little One? Hooper \$4.95
46. Wombat Divine, Fox \$3.99



Children's Book Baskets

1. A Chipmunk Christmas, Bagdasarian \$10.95 (I have the CD too.)
2. A Christmas Carol (a Fun-to-read fairy tale book) \$3.99
3. A Letter To Santa, (A Barnes & Noble Book) \$9.95
4. An ABC Christmas, Houts \$5.99

5. Arthur's Christmas, Brown \$4.50
6. Baby Angels, Cowen-Fletcher \$12.95
7. Baby's Christmas by Ester Wilkin, Illustrated by Eloise Wilkin (A little Golden Book) \$3.99
8. Birth of Jesus Story Cube \$6.95
9. Blue's 12 Days of Christmas, Lukas \$9.99
10. Christmas Angel \$4.99
11. Christmas Buttons (Necco Candy Book) \$5.99
12. Christmas Cats, Marzollo \$3.99
13. Christmas In The Big Woods, Wilder \$3.99
14. Christmas In The Barn, Brown \$5.95
15. Christmas is Coming With Ruth J. Morehead's Holly Babes \$2.25
16. Christmas Is, Gibbons, \$6.95
17. Christmas Is...For Me! Tangvald \$3.99
18. Christmas Kisses (Originally Baby Bear's Christmas Kiss), Prater \$5.95
19. Christmas Magic, Garland \$6.95
20. Christmas Morning \$4.95
21. Christmas Mouse's Big Adventure, Doherty \$6.95
22. Christmas Play, De Jonge Illustrated by Sam Butcher \$9.99
23. Christmas Song of the North (A parody of The 12 Days of Christmas), Bonicatto & Holman \$3.99
24. Christmas Stories, A Keepsake Collection Publications Int. \$16.95
25. Christmas Stories and Poems, Illustrated by McCue \$2.95
26. Christmas Surprise, Faulkner \$14.95
27. Clifford's Puppy Days: Christmas Angel, Lee, \$3.99
28. Curious Camel \$5.99
29. Dick and Jane: A Christmas Story, Grosset & Dunlap, \$12.99
30. Franklin's Christmas Gift, Beurgiois & Clark \$4.50
31. Great Bible Stories: The Story Of Jesus \$5.95
32. Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (A pop-up book) \$5.99
33. Hello Kitty Hello Christmas! Illustrated by Glaser \$12.95
34. Here Comes Santa Claus, (Gene Autry's song) \$16.99
35. How God Decorates Heaven For Christmas, Mehl \$9.99
36. Hurry Santa, Sykes \$5.95
37. If You Take A Mouse To The Movies, Numberoff \$3.99
38. I See A Star (A Christmas Rebus Story) Marzollo \$7.95
39. I Spy Santa Claus, Marzollo & Wick \$3.99
40. Jacob's Gift, Lucado \$14.99
41. Jingle Bear, Cosgrove \$1.95
42. Just Look In The Stable, Tangvald \$3.95
43. Little Critter's The Night Before Christmas, Mayer \$5.99
44. Little Miss Spider: A Christmas Wish, Kirk \$12.95
45. Lola The Elf, DeGroat \$5.99

46. Mary's Christmas Story, Olive \$1.99
47. Mary's First Christmas, Wangerin Jr. \$19.99
48. McDuff's New Friend, Wells \$3.99
49. Merry ABC \$2.99
50. Merry Christmas From Biscuit, Capucilli \$9.95
51. Merry Christmas Grumpy Bunny, Korman \$5.95
52. Mighty Mouse-Santa's Helper, (A Wonder Book) Sutton .25¢
53. Mortimer's Christmas Manger, Wilson \$15.95
54. My Christmas Shape Sorter Book \$14.95
55. My Merry Christmas, (A Growing Kid's In God's Light book) \$6.95
56. Noel (A Little Golden book) Muller \$3.99
57. Noni The Christmas Reindeer, Hogstrom .59¢
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101. The Little Engine That Could and the Snowy, Blowy Christmas, Grosset & Dunlap \$6.99
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104. The Newborn King, Robertson \$5.99
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131. What Santa Can't Do, Cushman \$4.95
132. Yes, Virginia, There Is A Santa Claus, Church \$16.99

Musical Books

1. A Chipmunk Christmas (**Play CD**)
2. Jingle Bells \$4.95
3. Play-A-Song Christmas Songs \$14.95
4. Pooh's Christmas Songs \$14.95
5. Silent Night \$4.97
6. Snoopy's Christmas Tree \$5.99
7. The 12 Dogs of Christmas, By Emma Kragen (Age 7) (**Play CD**)

Multi-Cultural Christmas Books:

Kwanzaa:

1. A Kwanzaa Celebration Pop-Up Book, Williams \$12.95
2. K is for Kwanzaa (A Kwanzaa Alphabet Book) \$4.95
3. Kwanzaa, Riehecky \$3.95
4. Kwanzaa Kids, Holub \$6.99
5. Kwanzaa, A Sticker Activity Book, Hudson \$2.95
6. My First Kwanzaa Book, Newton-Chocolate \$5.99
7. Seven Candles For Kwanzaa, Pinkney \$5.99
8. The Chanukkah Guest, Kimmel \$2.95
9. Together for Kwanzaa, Ford \$3.25

Chanukah

1. A Jewish Holiday ABC, Drucker & Pocock \$2.95
2. Chanukah A joyous Celebration, Rabbi Daniel S. Wolk \$9.95
3. Chanukah Bugs Pop-Up, Carter \$10.95
4. Count The Days of Hanukkah, Herman \$3.95
5. Happy Hanukkah, Biscuit! Capucilli \$6.99
6. Hanukkah, The Festival of Lights, Soloff-Levy \$2.99
7. It's Hanukkah! Modesitt \$3.99
8. Latkes and Applesauce (A Hanukkah Story), Manushkin \$4.99
9. Light The Candles (A Hanukkah Lift-the-Flap Book) Holub \$6.99
10. My Hanukkah Book, Colen \$3.95
11. Rookie Read-About Holidays Chanukah, Marx \$5.95
12. The Matzah That Papa Brought Home, Manushkin \$2.95
13. What Is Hanukkah (A lift-The-Flap Story) Ziefert \$6.95

Others: (Hispanic)

1. Jose' Feliciano's Feliz Navidad, Illustrated by Diaz \$2.99 (Read when you teach the children to sing this song. Pass out the maracas.)
2. Las Posadas (An Hispanic Christmas Celebration), Hoyt-Goldsmith \$6.95