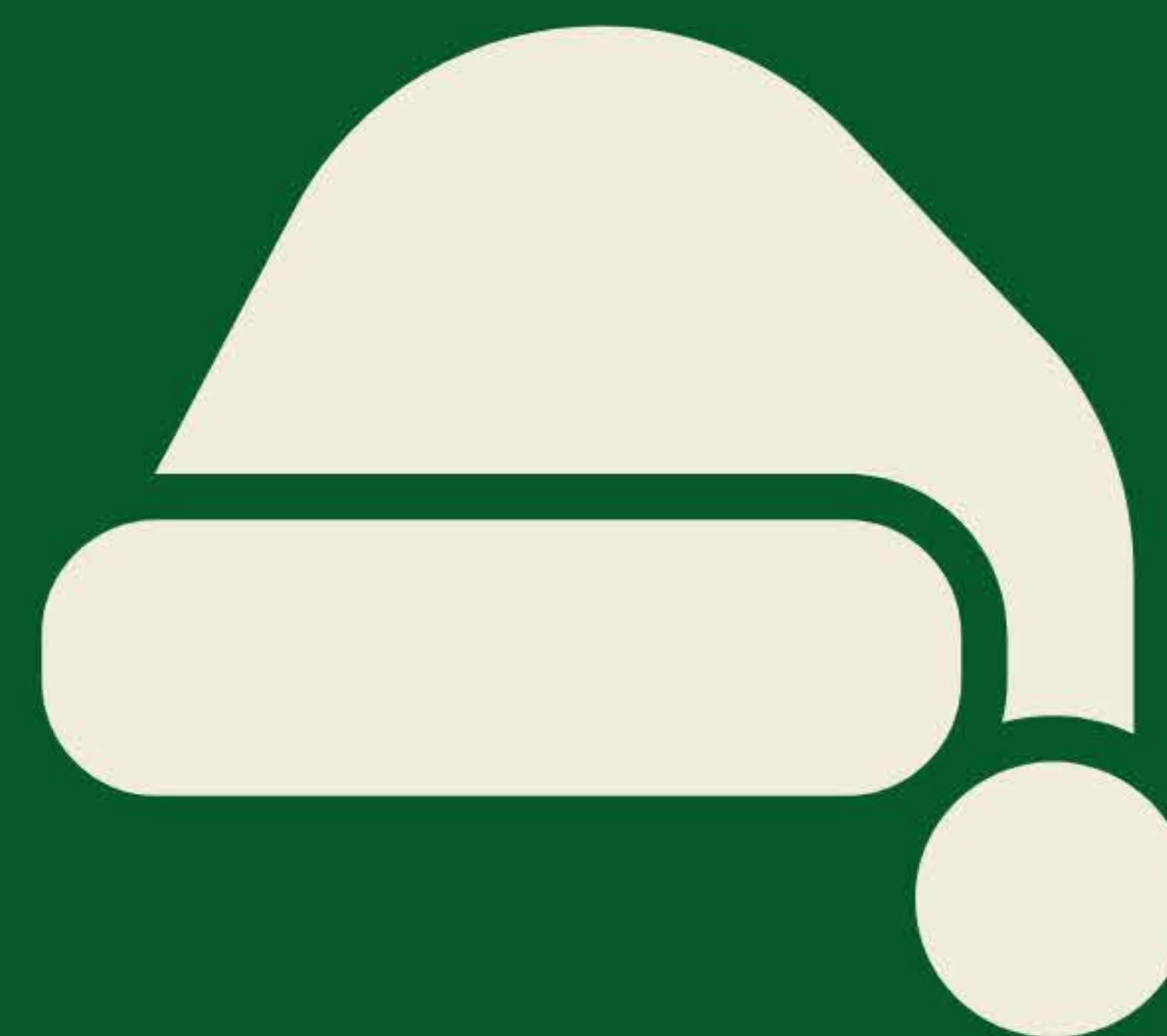




Advent Calendar

Ensino Bilin



Como funciona o Calendário de Advento

Queridos Pais,

O Calendário de Advento é uma forma especial de contar os dias até o Natal, trazendo expectativa e alegria para cada dia do mês de dezembro.

Tradicionalmente, o advento começa em 1º de dezembro e termina na véspera de Natal, no dia 24. Cada dia do advento possui uma pequena surpresa: pode ser um versículo bíblico, uma atividade, um doce, ou até mesmo um pequeno presente. Essa tradição tem como objetivo ajudar as famílias a refletirem sobre o verdadeiro espírito do Natal, preparando-se para a celebração de uma forma significativa e alegre.

O principal objetivo do calendário é trazer o espírito do Natal para o cotidiano da família. Ele serve para criar momentos entre pais e filhos, reunindo a família em uma jornada divertida. Este calendário de advento não é apenas sobre contar os dias até o Natal, é sobre tornar cada dia especial.

Prepare-se para embarcar em uma jornada mágica até o Natal com o nosso Calendário do Advento! Cada dia traz uma nova surpresa, repleta de personagens amados do Natal, jogos empolgantes, desafios familiares e muitas oportunidades de união e diversão.

Cada atividade é projetada para trazer o espírito natalino para sua casa e criar memórias preciosas. Esperamos que vocês se divirtam muito criando tradições, se divertindo e vivenciando momentos muito especiais.

Que comece contagem regressiva da época mais linda do ano!

Com amor,
Ensino Bilin!



How does the Advent Calendar work

Dear Parents,

The Advent Calendar is a special way to count down the days until Christmas, bringing excitement and joy to each day of December. Traditionally, advent begins on December 1st and ends on Christmas Eve, December 24th. Each day of the advent features a small surprise: it could be a Bible verse, an activity, a treat, or even a small gift. This tradition aims to help families reflect on the true spirit of Christmas, preparing for the celebration in a meaningful and joyful way.

The main goal of the calendar is to bring the Christmas spirit into the daily life of the family. It serves to create moments between parents and children, bringing the family together in a fun journey. This advent calendar is not just about counting down the days until Christmas—it's about making every day special.

Get ready to embark on a magical journey to Christmas with our Advent Calendar! Each day brings a new surprise, filled with beloved Christmas characters, exciting games, family challenges, and plenty of opportunities for togetherness and fun.

Each activity is designed to bring the holiday spirit into your home and create cherished memories.

We hope you have lots of fun creating traditions, enjoying yourselves, and experiencing very special moments.

Let the countdown begin for the most beautiful time of the year!

With love,
Ensino Bilin!



As histórias do Natal

O Natal é uma época cheia de magia, tradições e personagens icônicos que ajudam a criar o clima de alegria e celebração que conhecemos. Vamos explorar algumas e personagens que fazem parte do imaginário natalino.

Papai Noel e Suas Renas

Um dos personagens mais conhecidos do Natal é, sem dúvida, o Papai Noel. A lenda do bom velhinho vem de São Nicolau, um bispo do século IV, conhecido por sua generosidade e amor por presentear as crianças. Com o passar dos séculos, a figura de São Nicolau evoluiu para o Papai Noel que conhecemos hoje—um homem alegre, de barba branca, roupas vermelhas, que voa pelo mundo em um trenó puxado por renas.

As renas do Papai Noel também fazem parte importante dessa tradição. O Papai Noel tem nove renas mágicas que o ajudam a puxar seu trenó e entregar presentes na véspera de Natal. Cada rena tem um nome: Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner, Blitzen, e a mais famosa de todas, Rudolph. A história de Rudolph, a rena do nariz vermelho, é uma das mais queridas. Conta-se que Rudolph tinha um nariz brilhante e vermelho que sempre brilhava, e, por isso, foi escolhido para liderar o trenó em uma noite muito nevoenta, ajudando Papai Noel a entregar todos os presentes.

Rudolph e a Importância da Diferença

A história de Rudolph nos lembra que ser diferente é algo que deve ser valorizado. No início, as outras renas zombavam de Rudolph por causa de seu nariz brilhante, mas no final, foi justamente sua diferença que salvou o Natal. Essa história passou a simbolizar a aceitação e como todos têm algo especial para contribuir.



As histórias do Natal

Outro personagem muito popular é o Frosty, o Boneco de Neve. Frosty é o boneco de neve que ganha vida graças a um chapéu mágico colocado sobre sua cabeça. Sua história é sobre amizade, diversão e a magia do Natal, e embora ele derreta quando o inverno acaba, Frosty promete que sempre voltará quando a neve cair novamente. Esta é uma história sobre aproveitar os momentos mágicos enquanto duram e acreditar na volta dos bons momentos.

Além de Papai Noel, Rudolph e Frosty, temos muitos outros personagens e símbolos importantes do Natal. Os Elfos do Papai Noel são os pequenos ajudantes que trabalham na oficina do Papai Noel, fazendo brinquedos e preparando tudo para a grande noite.

Temos também a Árvore de Natal, uma das tradições mais antigas e amadas. A árvore simboliza vida e esperança, especialmente porque as árvores de Natal são geralmente pinheiros, que permanecem verdes mesmo no inverno. Outro símbolo importante é a Estrela de Natal, colocada no topo da árvore, simbolizando a Estrela de Belém que guiou os Reis Magos até o local de nascimento de Jesus.

Essas histórias e tradições ajudam a tornar o Natal uma época cheia de significado, alegria e comunhão. Que cada símbolo e personagem lembre o verdadeiro espírito da temporada—o amor, a esperança e a união que celebramos nesta data tão especial.



Christmas Stories

Christmas is a time filled with magic, traditions, and iconic characters that help create the joyful and celebratory atmosphere we all know. Let's explore some of the characters that are part of the Christmas imagination.

Santa Claus and His Reindeer

One of the most well-known characters of Christmas is, without a doubt, Santa Claus. The legend of the jolly old man comes from Saint Nicholas, a 4th-century bishop known for his generosity and love of giving gifts to children. Over the centuries, the figure of Saint Nicholas evolved into the Santa Claus we know today—a cheerful man with a white beard, red clothes, who flies around the world in a sleigh pulled by reindeer.

Santa's reindeer are also an important part of this tradition. Santa has nine magical reindeer that help pull his sleigh and deliver presents on Christmas Eve. Each reindeer has a name: Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner, Blitzen, and the most famous of all, Rudolph. The story of Rudolph, the red-nosed reindeer, is one of the most beloved. It is said that Rudolph had a shiny red nose that always glowed, and because of this, he was chosen to lead the sleigh on a very foggy night, helping Santa deliver all the presents.

Rudolph and the Importance of Being Different

The story of Rudolph reminds us that being different is something to be valued. At first, the other reindeer made fun of Rudolph because of his bright nose, but in the end, it was his difference that saved Christmas. This story has come to symbolize acceptance and how everyone has something special to contribute.



Christmas Stories

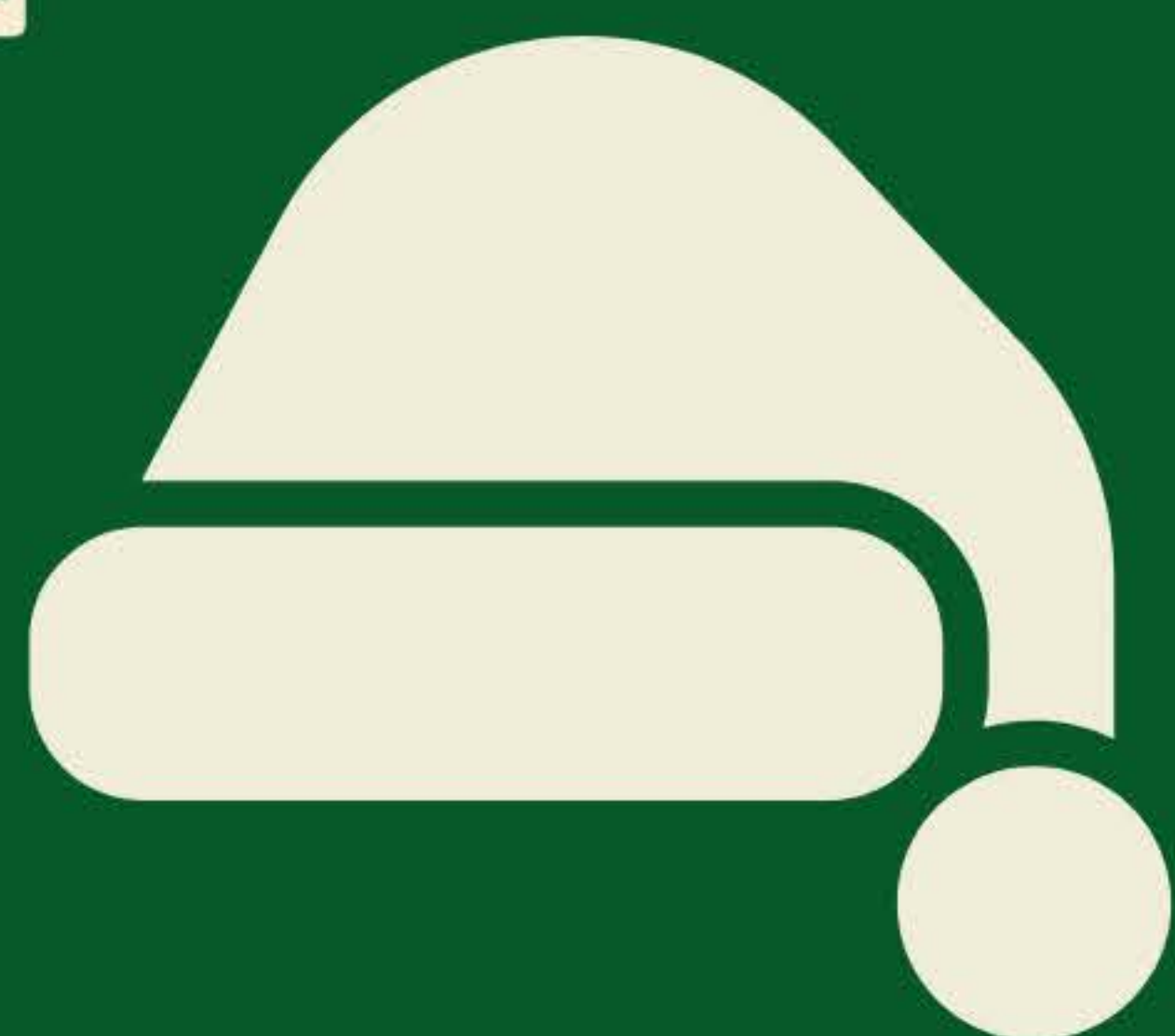
Another very popular character is Frosty the Snowman. Frosty is the snowman who comes to life thanks to a magical hat placed on his head. His story is about friendship, fun, and the magic of Christmas, and although he melts when winter ends, Frosty promises that he will always return when the snow falls again. This is a story about enjoying magical moments while they last and believing in the return of good times.

Besides Santa Claus, Rudolph, and Frosty, there are many other important characters and symbols of Christmas. Santa's elves are the little helpers who work in Santa's workshop, making toys and preparing everything for the big night.

We also have the Christmas tree, one of the oldest and most beloved traditions. The tree symbolizes life and hope, especially because Christmas trees are usually evergreens, which stay green even in winter. Another important symbol is the Christmas star, placed at the top of the tree, symbolizing the Star of Bethlehem that guided the Wise Men to the place where Jesus was born.

These stories and traditions help make Christmas a time full of meaning, joy, and togetherness. May each symbol and character remind us of the true spirit of the season—love, hope, and unity that we celebrate during this very special time of year.

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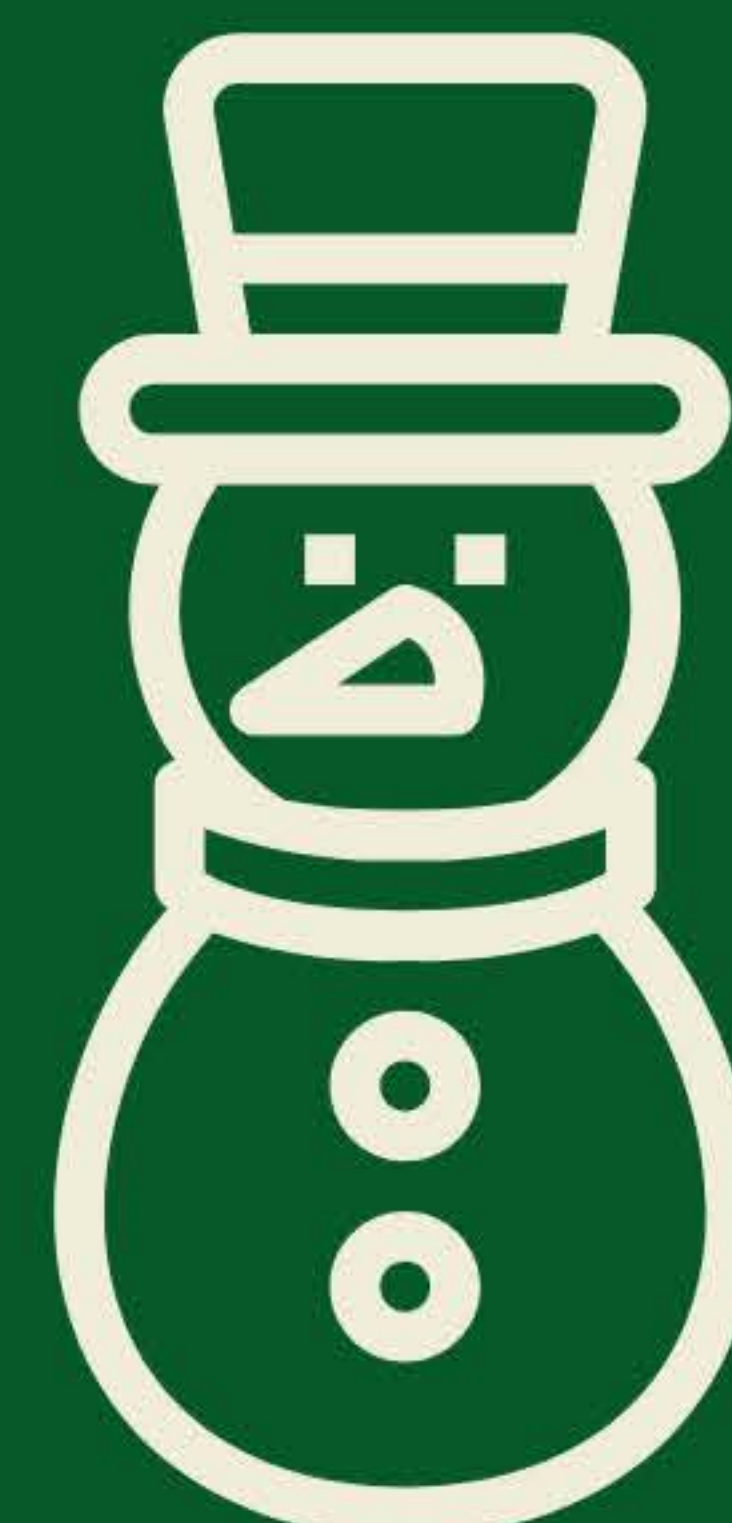
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December 1: Write a Letter to Santa Claus.

WHO IS SANTA CLAUS?

Santa Claus, also known as Saint Nicholas, is a legendary figure who brings gifts to children during Christmas.

Santa lives at the North Pole with Mrs. Claus and a group of elves who make toys. He travels around the world on Christmas Eve in a sleigh pulled by reindeer, delivering gifts to well-behaved children. Santa represents the spirit of giving, joy, and goodwill during the holiday season.

Today, let's write a special letter to Santa Claus!

1. Decorate Your Letter
2. Tell Santa About Your Year
3. Make Your Christmas Wishes
4. Leave a Kind Message for Santa
5. Finish the Letter with a Drawing or Surprise
6. Send Your Letter

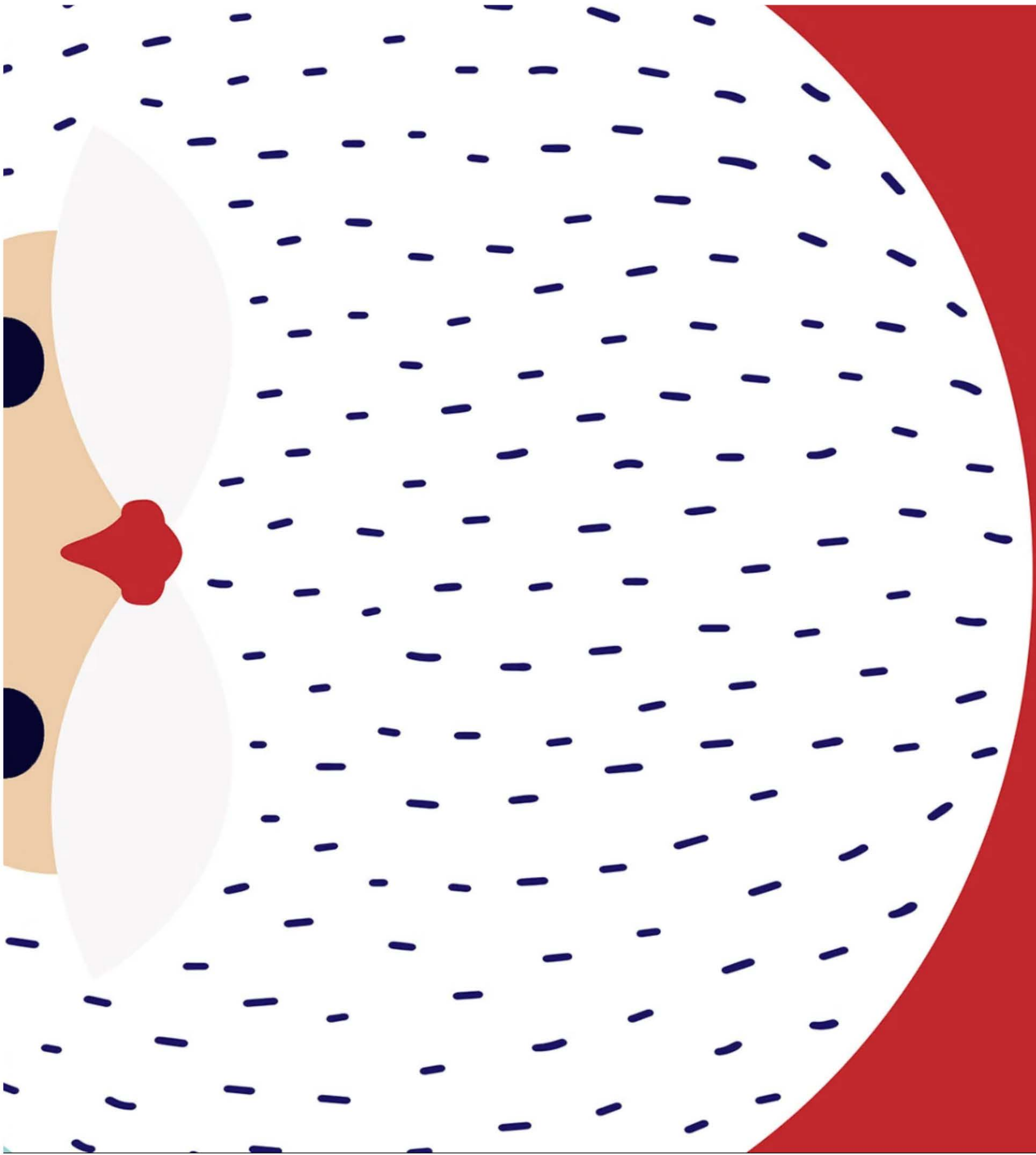
How to Send Your Letter

Fold your letter carefully, put it in an envelope, and write the address: Santa Claus, North Pole.

If you want Santa to receive it quickly, you can give it to your parents or leave it under the Christmas tree. Maybe an elf will come and take it to him!



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My Christmas List

I would like....

Love,



Kindly deliver to:

Santa Claus
1 Candy Cane Lane
The North Pole 10101



Dear Santa,

My name is _____. I am _____ years old.

I live in the great town of _____.



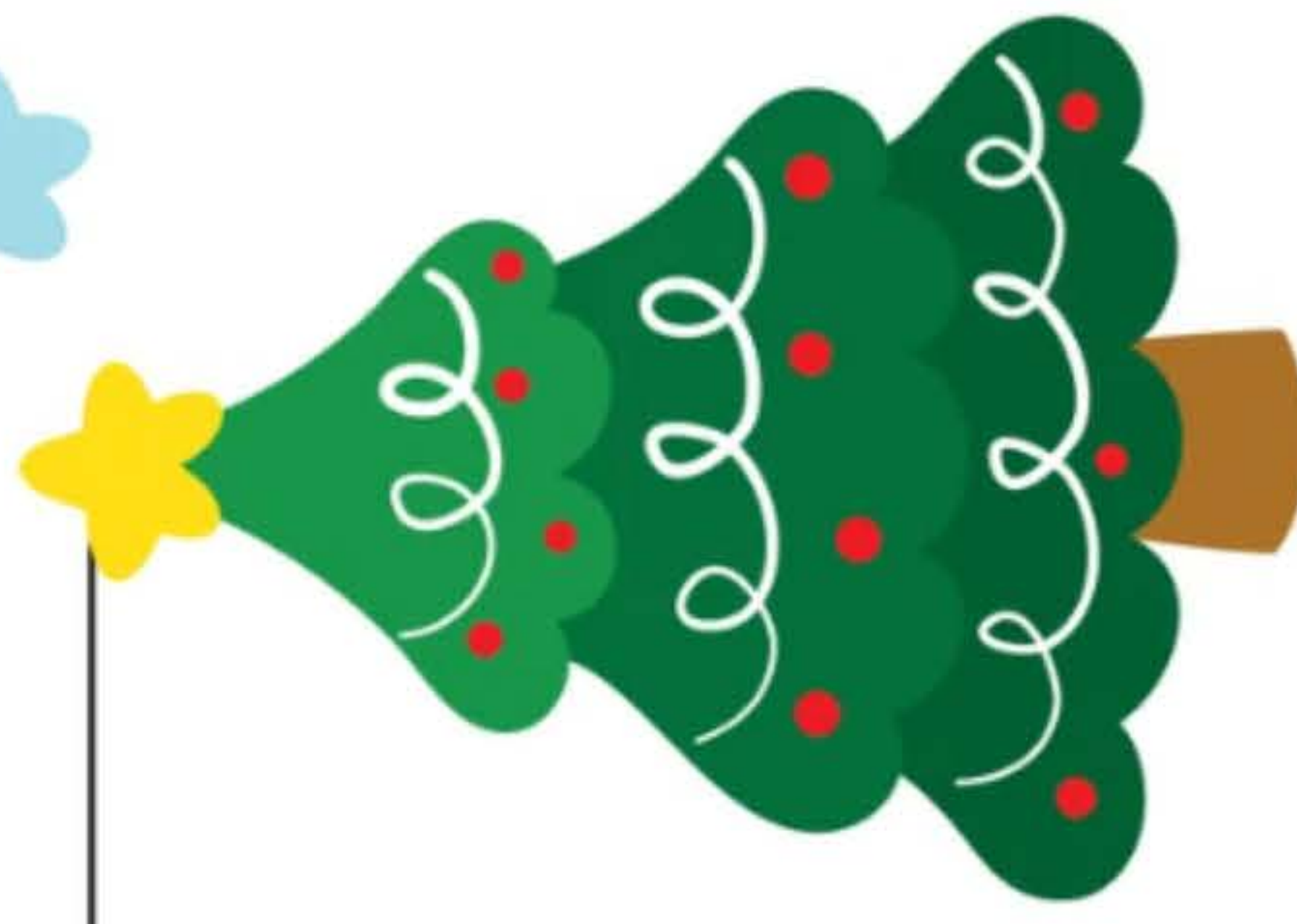
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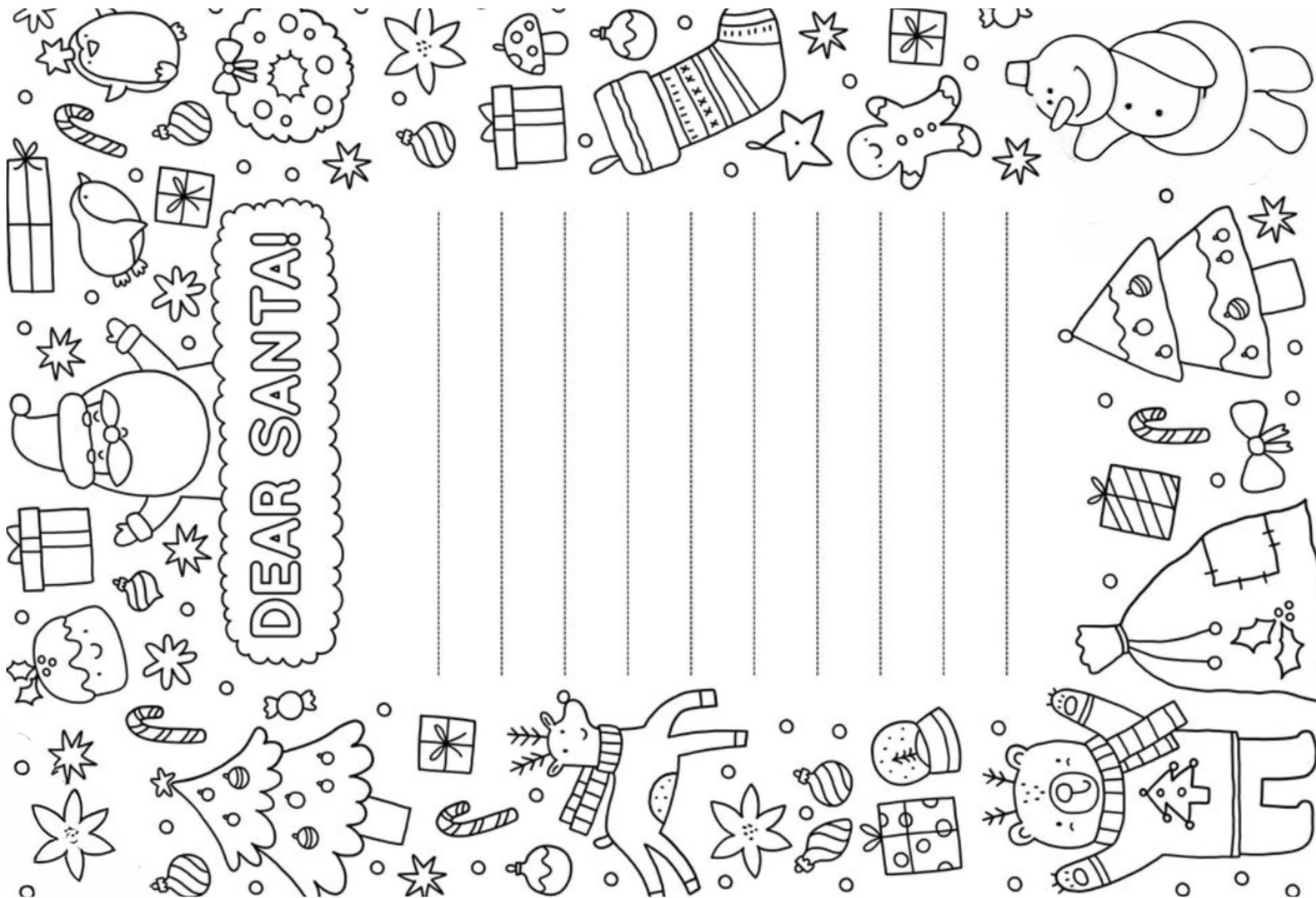
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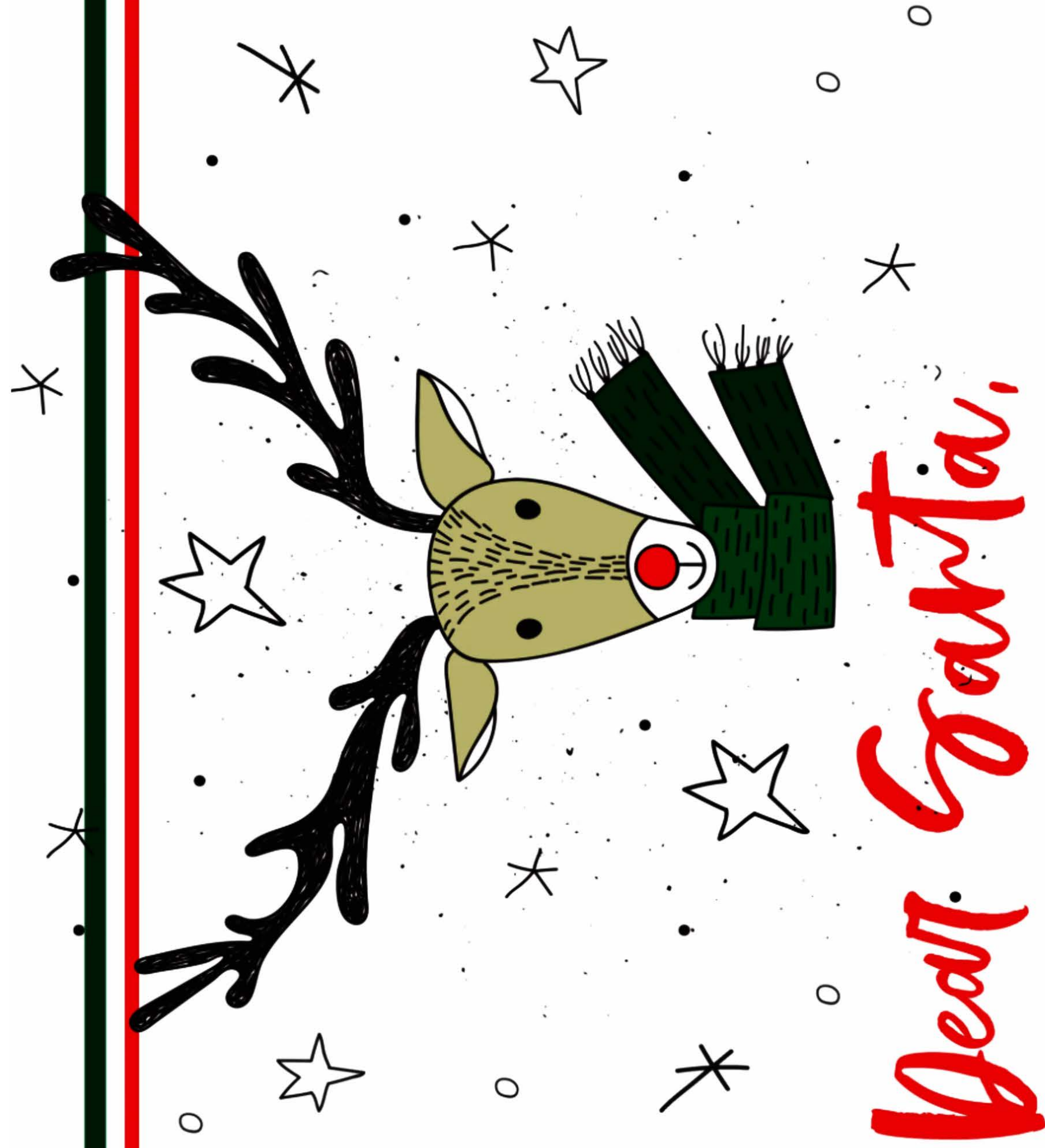


I would really like it if you could bring me

LOVE, _____







Dear Santa,

My name is _____ and I'm _____ years old.

I would love to have...

With love,



December 2: Make Summer Lemonade with a Twist

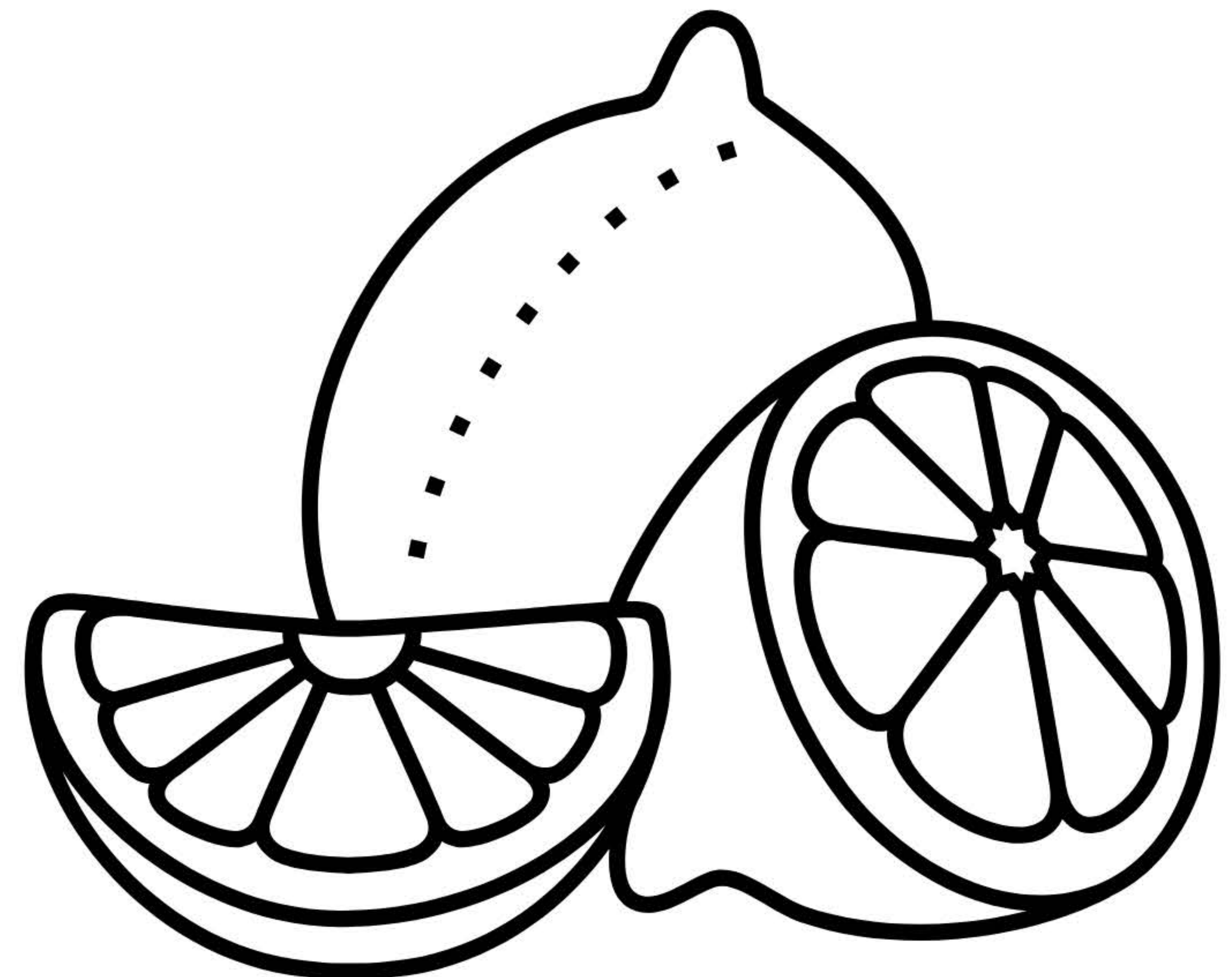
This activity combines the freshness of the Brazilian summer with a touch of Christmas magic, creating a refreshing and fun experience for the child. Since it's too hot for the usual holiday hot chocolate, this lemonade is the perfect way to enjoy a festive drink that fits the warm summer weather. Here's a step-by-step guide for this activity:

North Pole Lemonade - A Summer Christmas Treat

Objective: Create a special summer lemonade, decorated with Christmas themes, to bring a little bit of North Pole magic to the warm Brazilian climate.

Materials Needed:

1. Fresh lemons (4-6)
2. Cold water (1 liter)
3. Sugar (to taste, about 1/2 cup)
4. Ice
5. Decorative straws (red and green, or striped)
6. Stickers of candy canes or other Christmas symbols
7. Lemon slices and mint leaves (for garnish)
8. Clear cups



Instructions:

1. Prepare the Lemonade:

Cut the lemons in half and squeeze the juice into a large pitcher. You can ask an adult for help with squeezing the lemons.

Add cold water to the pitcher and mix well.

Add sugar to taste and stir until fully dissolved. The lemonade should be lightly sweet and refreshing.

Add ice to make the lemonade nice and cold.

2. Add a "North Pole Twist":

Decorate each cup with Christmas-themed stickers, such as candy canes, snowflakes, or reindeer.

Use red and green decorative straws to give a festive look, and add stickers of candy canes to the straws to create a fun holiday feeling.

Garnish the cups with lemon slices on the rim and a few mint leaves for a special touch.

3. Assemble and Enjoy:

Serve the lemonade in clear cups so everyone can see the beautiful decorations.

Encourage the kids to stir the lemonade and enjoy their festive-looking drinks.

Relax in the backyard or on the porch and enjoy the summer warmth with this refreshing drink!

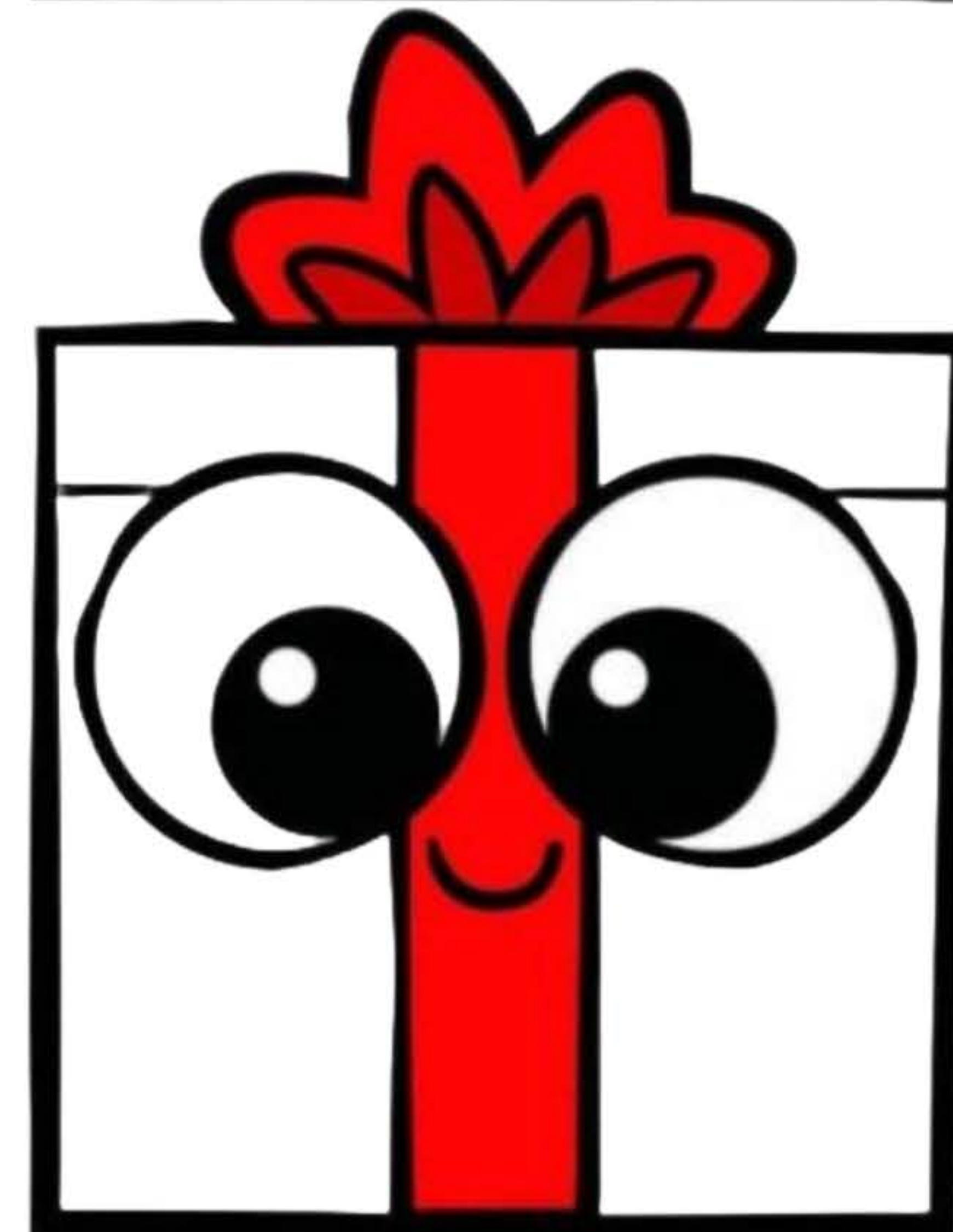
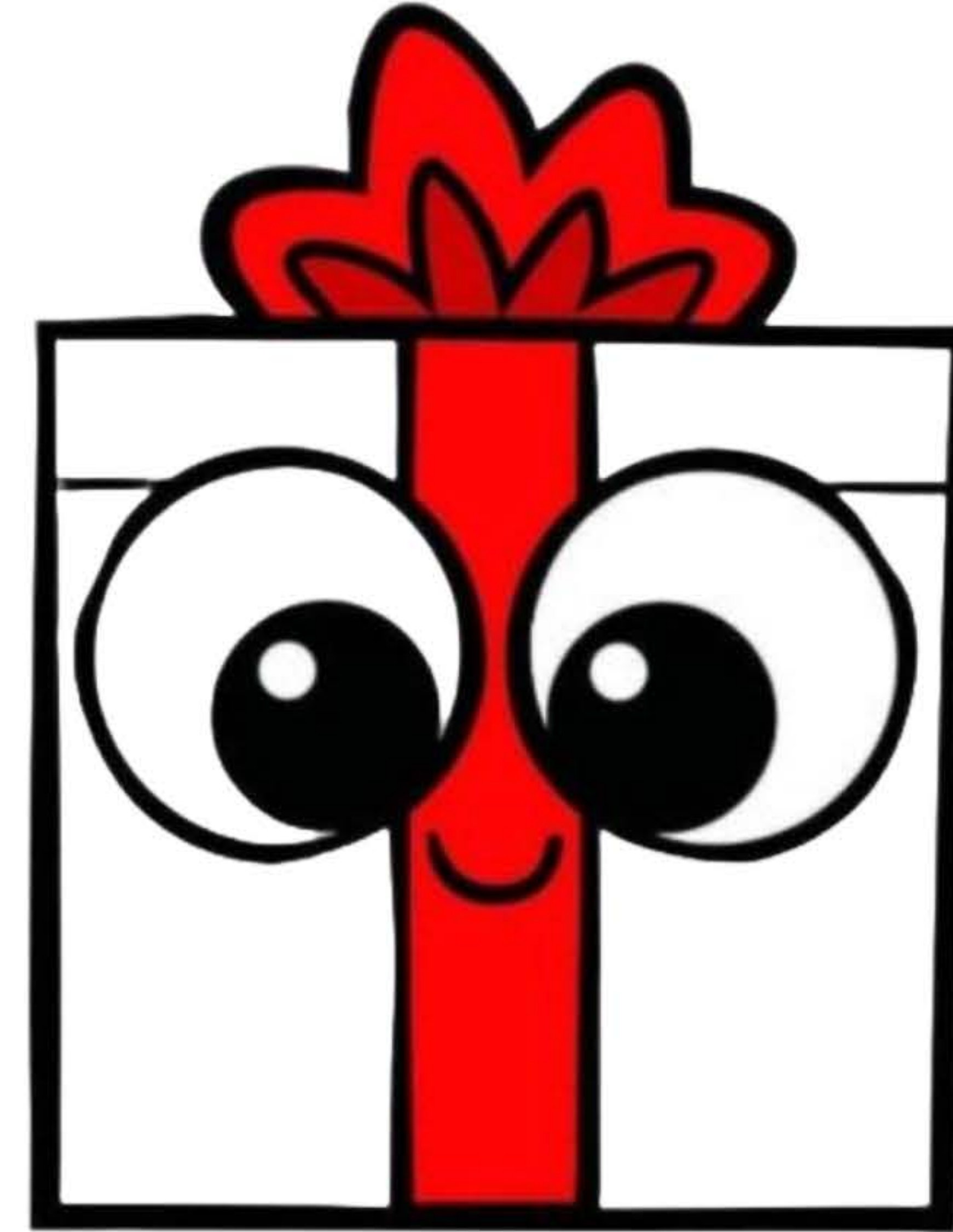
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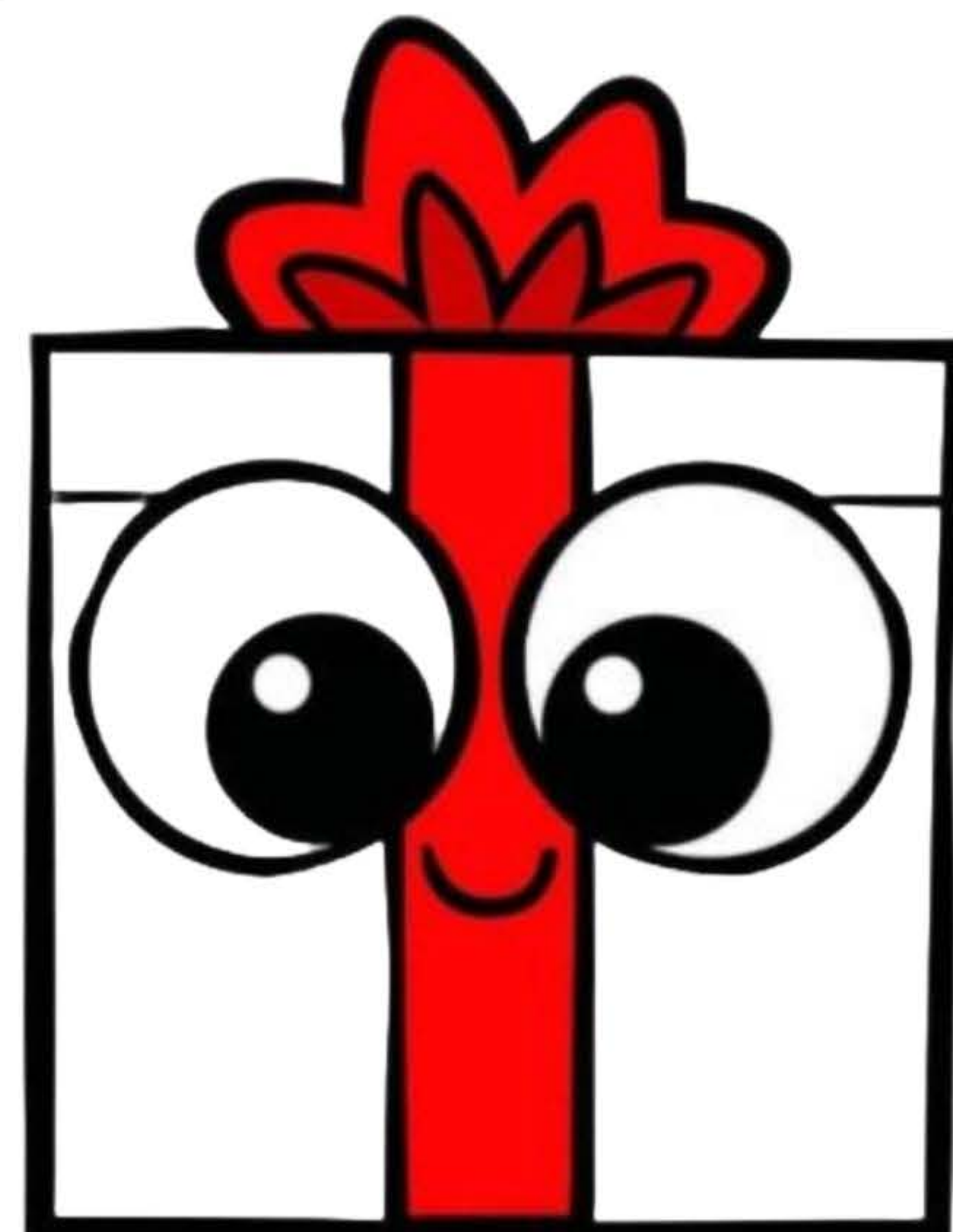
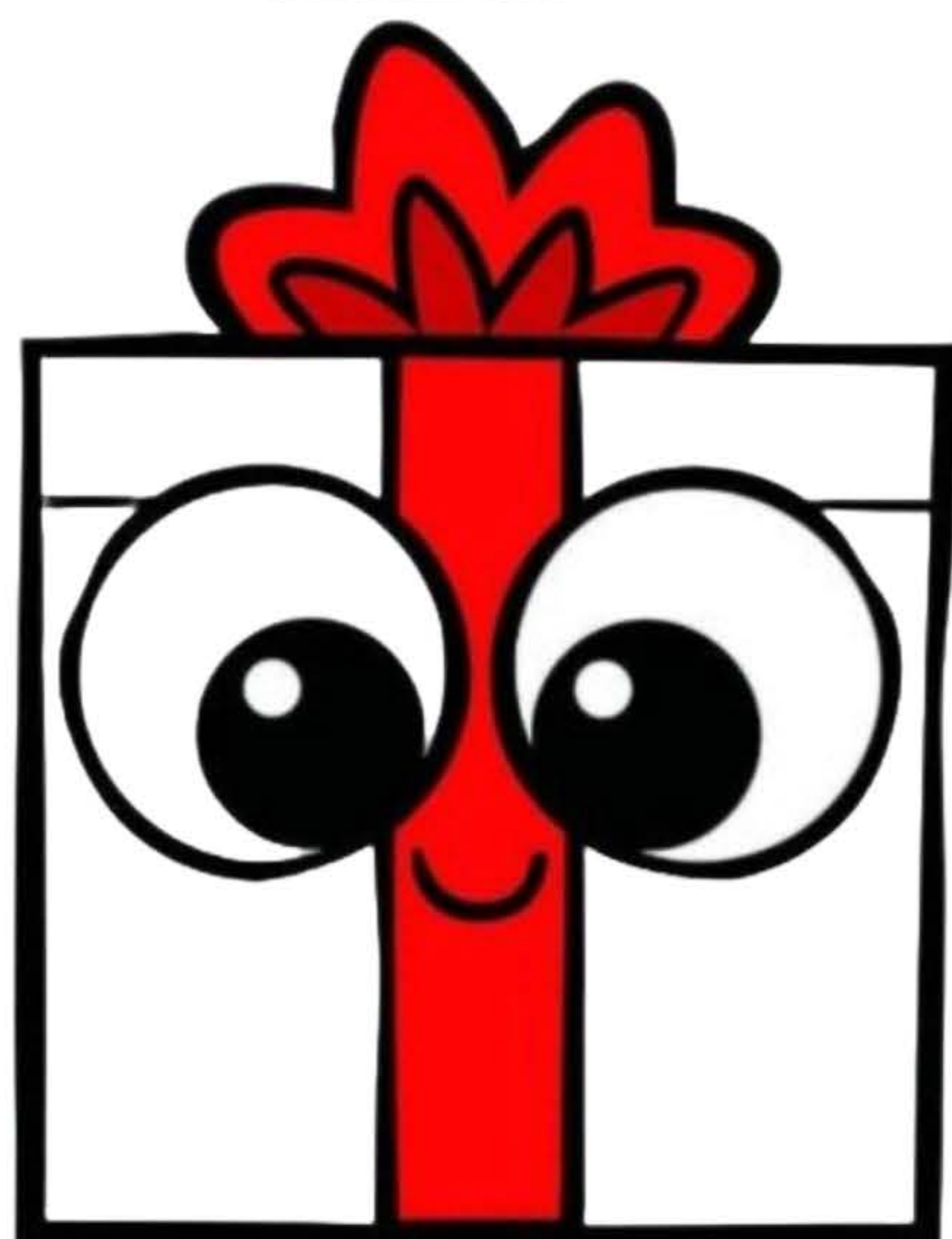
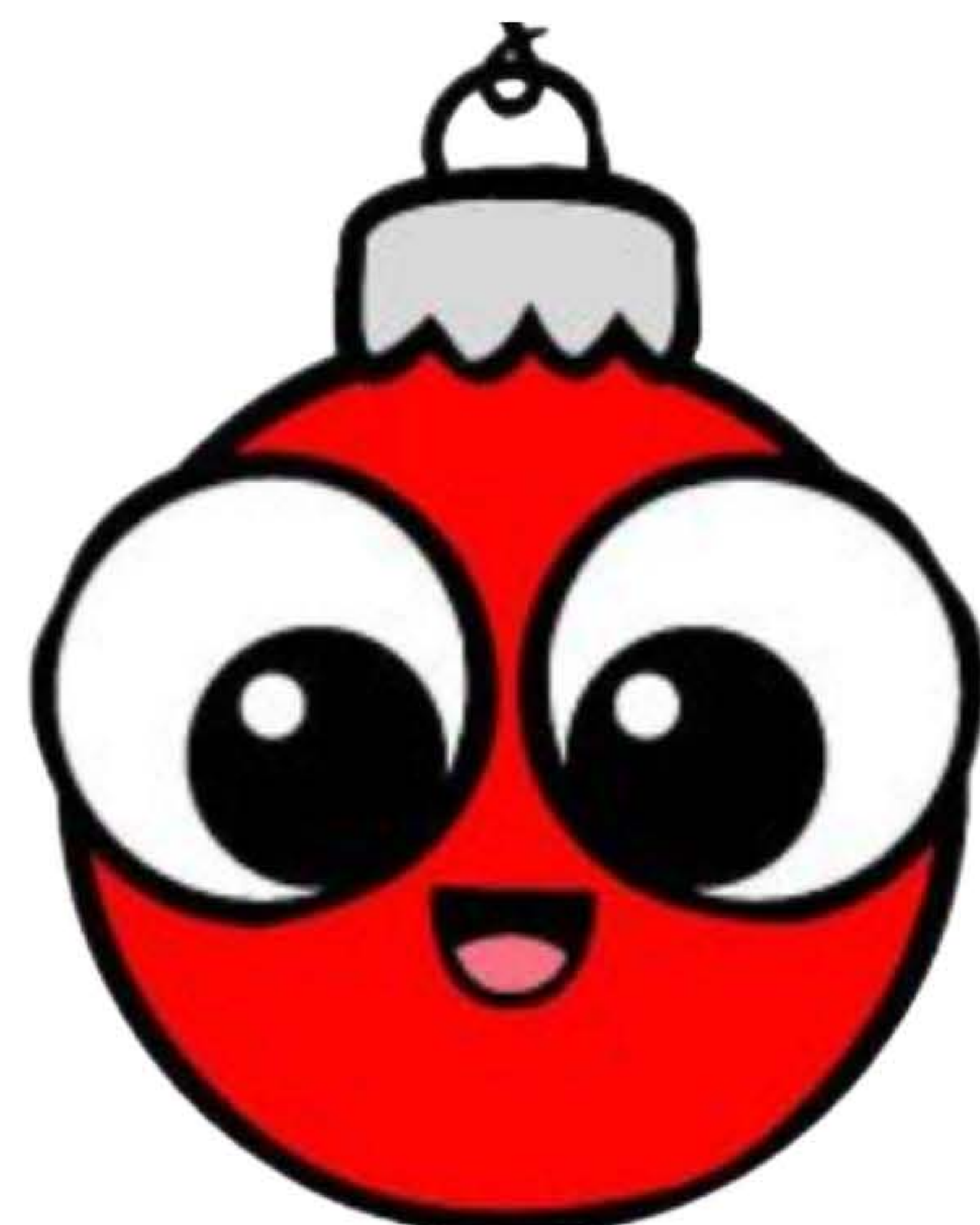
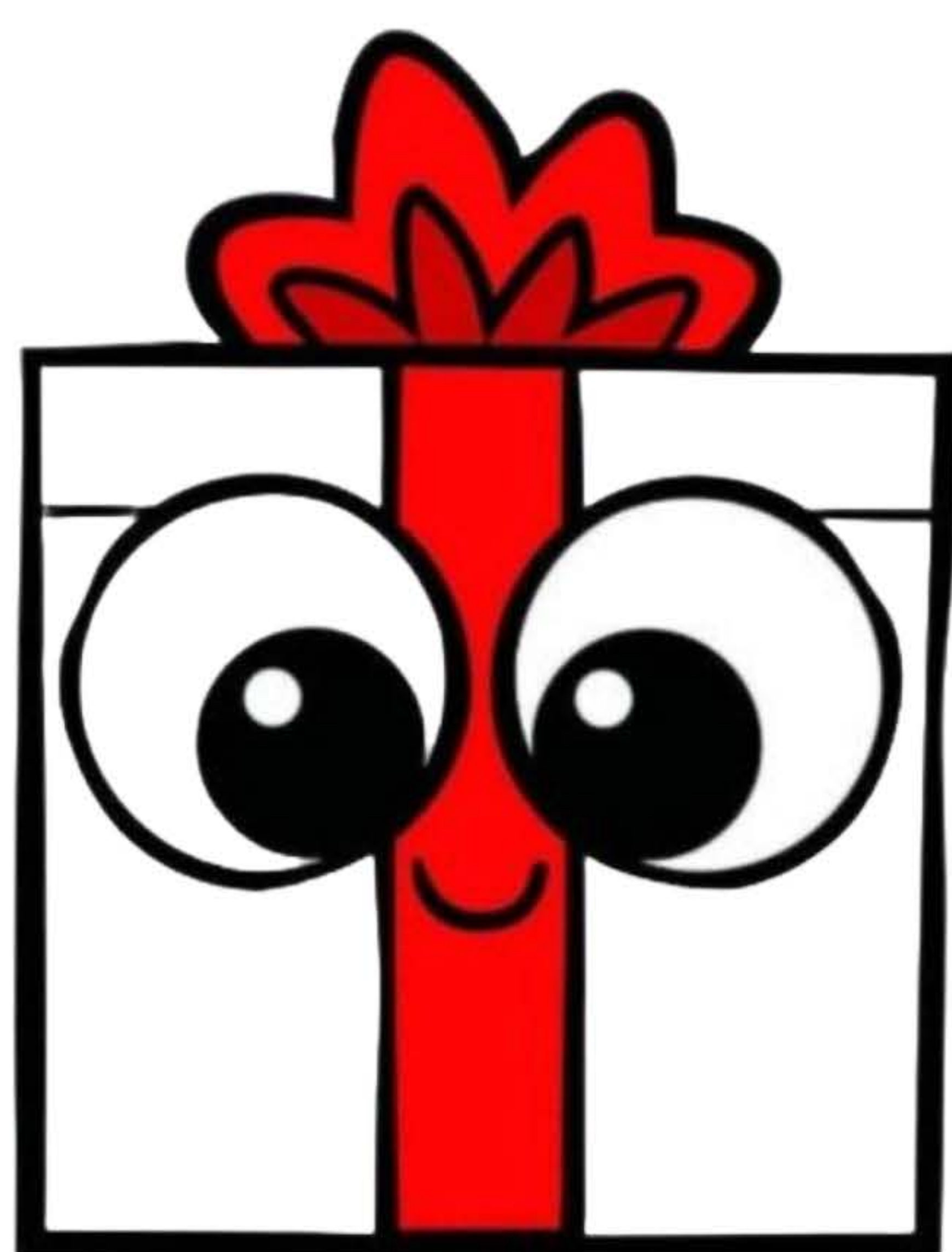
Cup Customization: Before serving the lemonade, ask the kids to decorate their cups with additional Christmas-themed stickers like reindeer, stars, or Christmas trees.

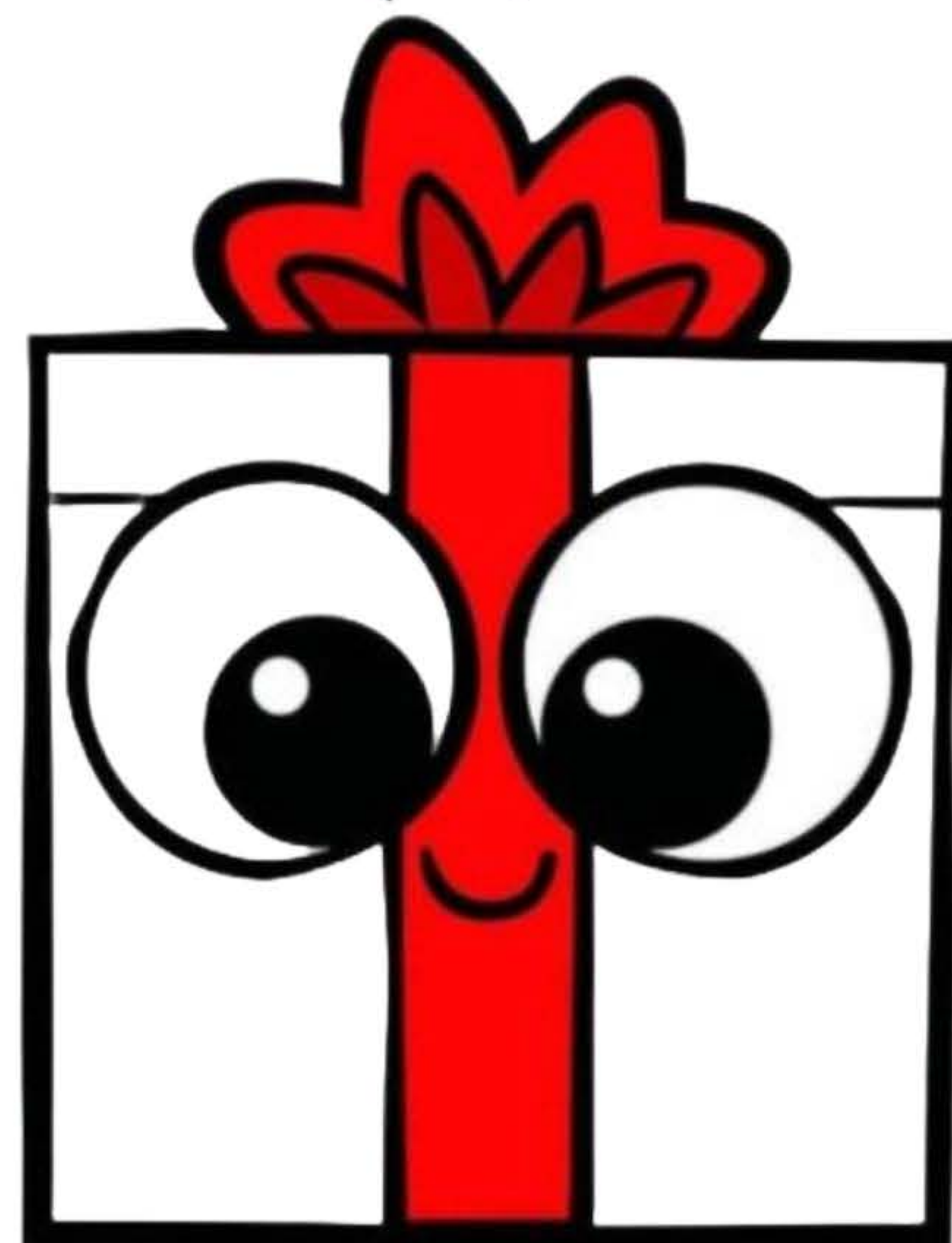
Background Music: Play some Christmas music while making the lemonade, creating an even more festive atmosphere.

Benefits:

1. **Sensory Experience:** This activity allows children to engage their senses—the citrus aroma of the lemon, the cold touch of the ice, and the sweet taste of the lemonade.
2. **Family Bonding:** It's a great opportunity to spend time as a family, and having adults join in simple activities like this creates valuable memories.
3. **American Christmas Culture:** Although it's the summer heat in Brazil, using Christmas-themed decorations helps to bring a little bit of the spirit of a North American Christmas, where these decorations are very common.









December 3: Make Christmas Snowflakes

Why Snowflakes?

In the United States, Christmas happens during winter. Unlike Brazil, where Christmas is in the summer and it's very hot, it's really cold there in December. In many parts of the U.S., snow falls from the sky, covering the ground, rooftops, and trees with a white blanket.

Snow is made up of tiny ice crystals called snowflakes, and each one is unique. Since Christmas in the U.S. is snowy, many traditions are linked to snow, like making snowmen and decorating with snowflake themes.

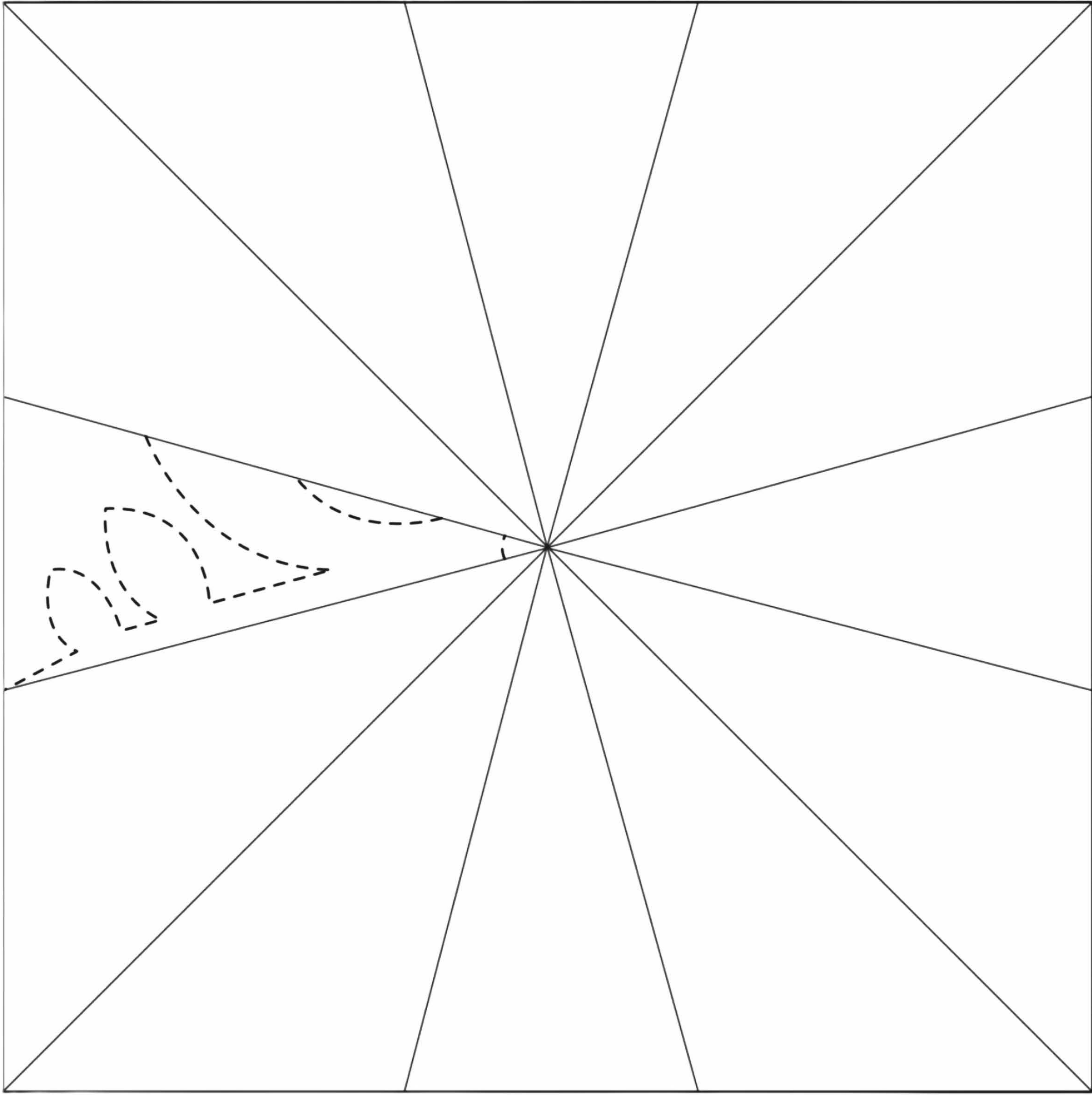
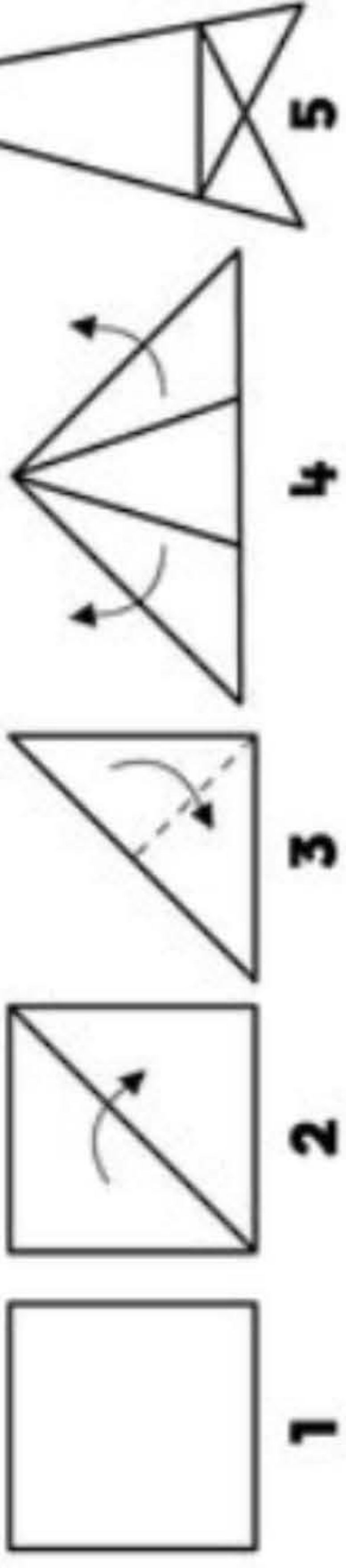
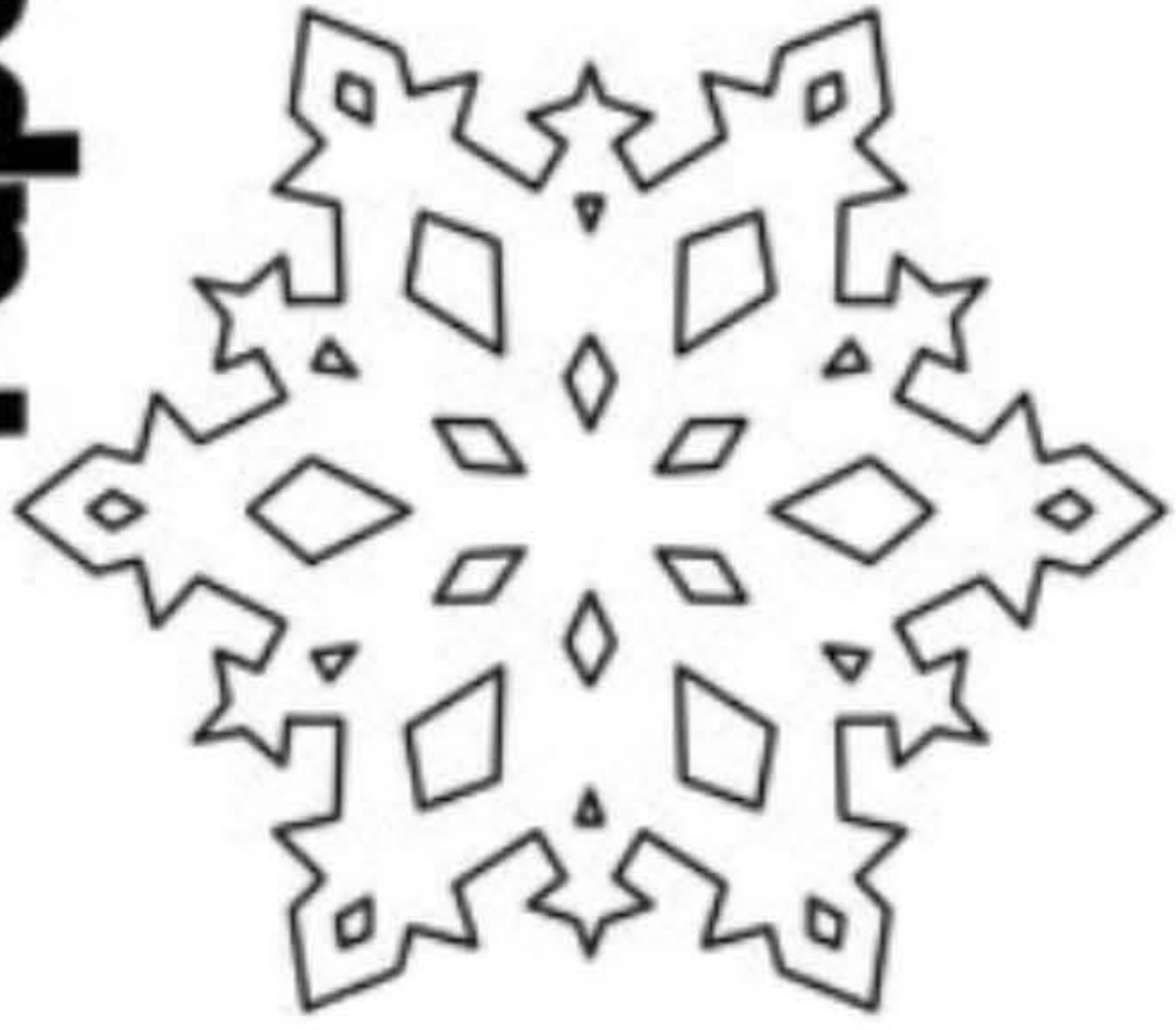
Making paper snowflakes is a fun way to bring a little bit of that snowy Christmas spirit to Brazil, even though it's summer here. It helps us imagine what it's like to have a winter wonderland during the holidays!

Objective: Create beautiful paper snowflakes to decorate your home, bringing a touch of winter wonderland to a hot summer Christmas in Brazil.

Materials Needed:

1. White paper (you can also use colored paper for a fun twist!)
2. Scissors (child-friendly if necessary)
3. Pencil
4. Glitter glue or normal glue and loose glitter (optional)
5. String (optional, for hanging)
6. Crayons, markers, or colored pencils (optional, for extra decoration)

Paper Snowflake Template





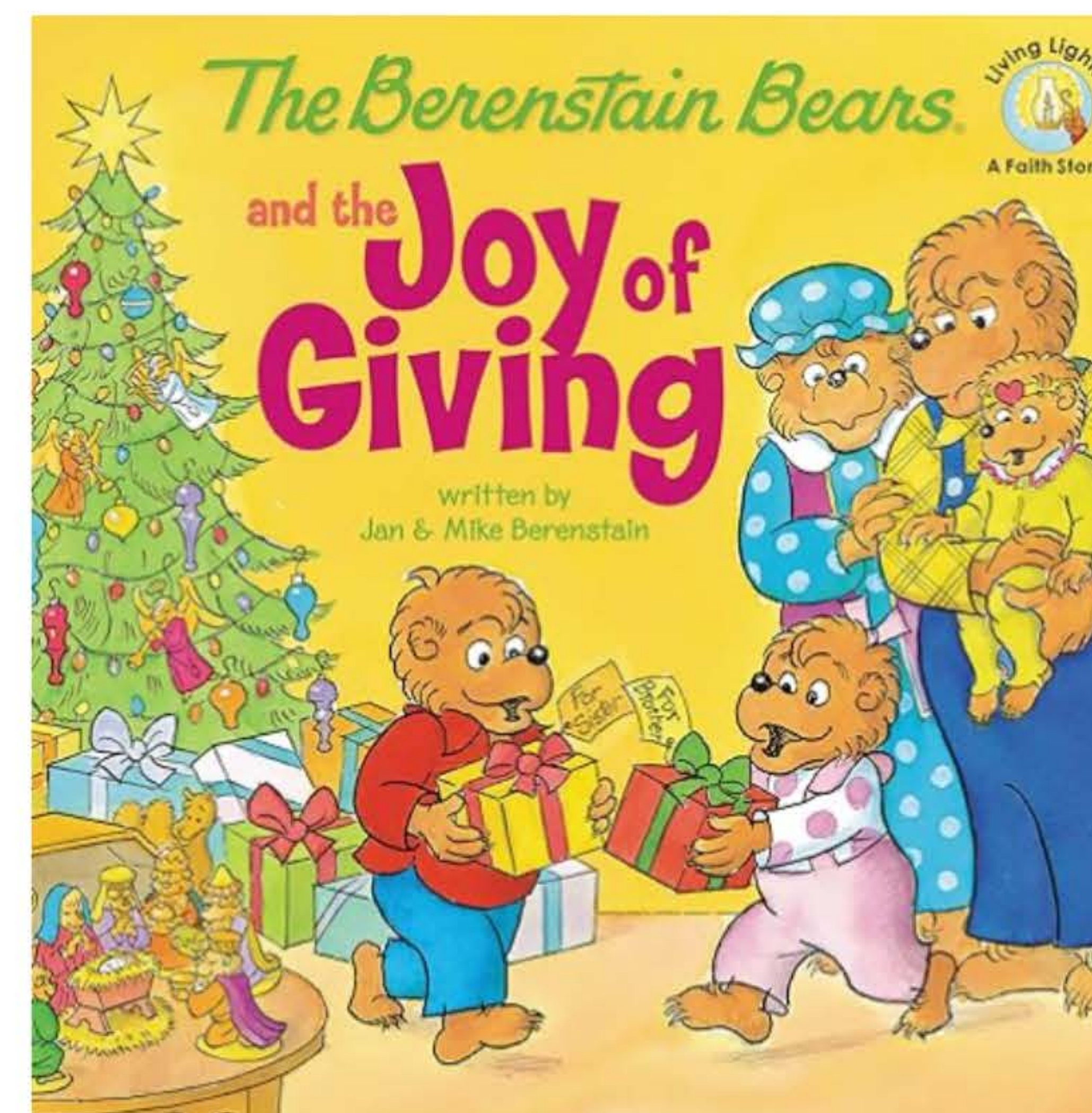
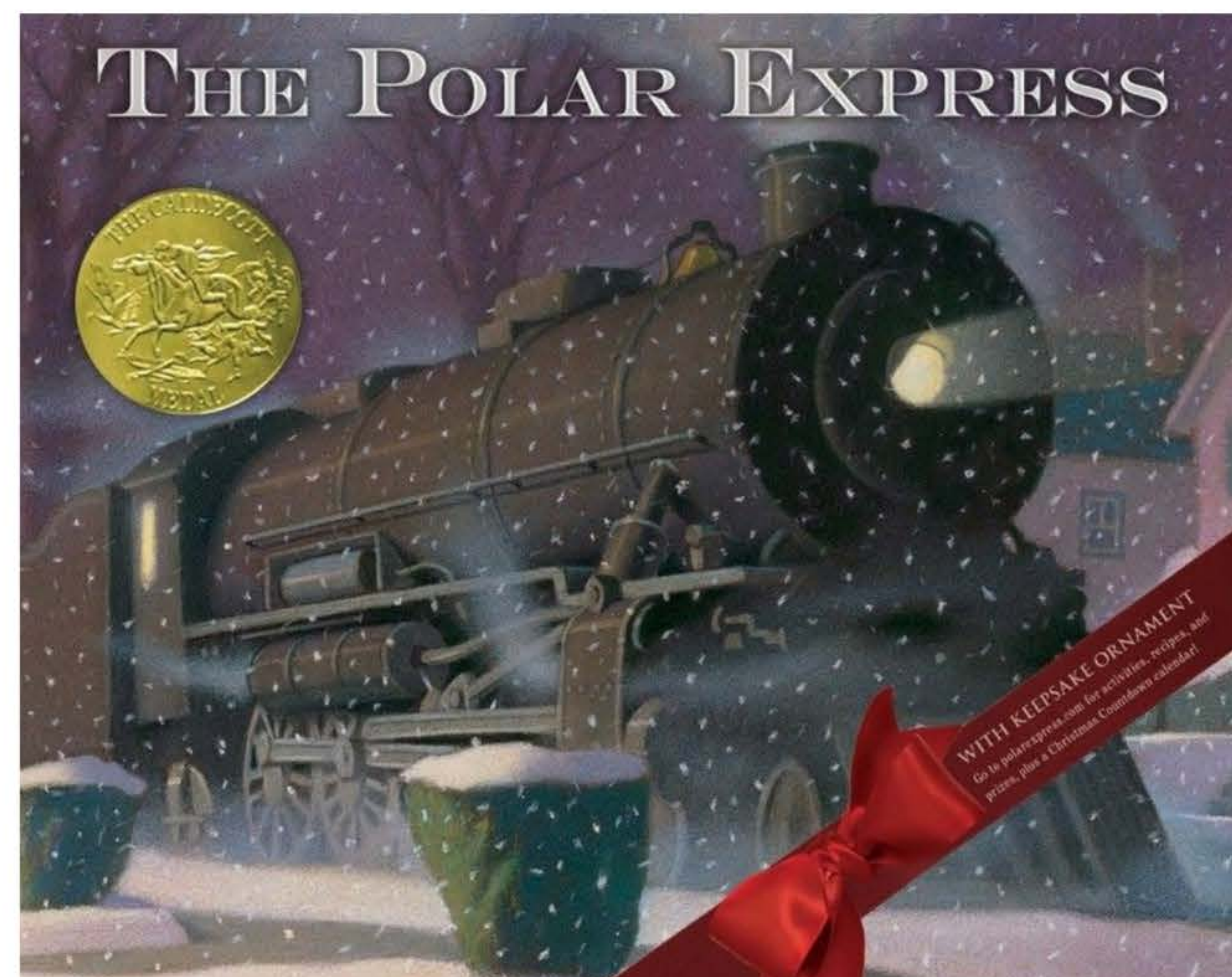
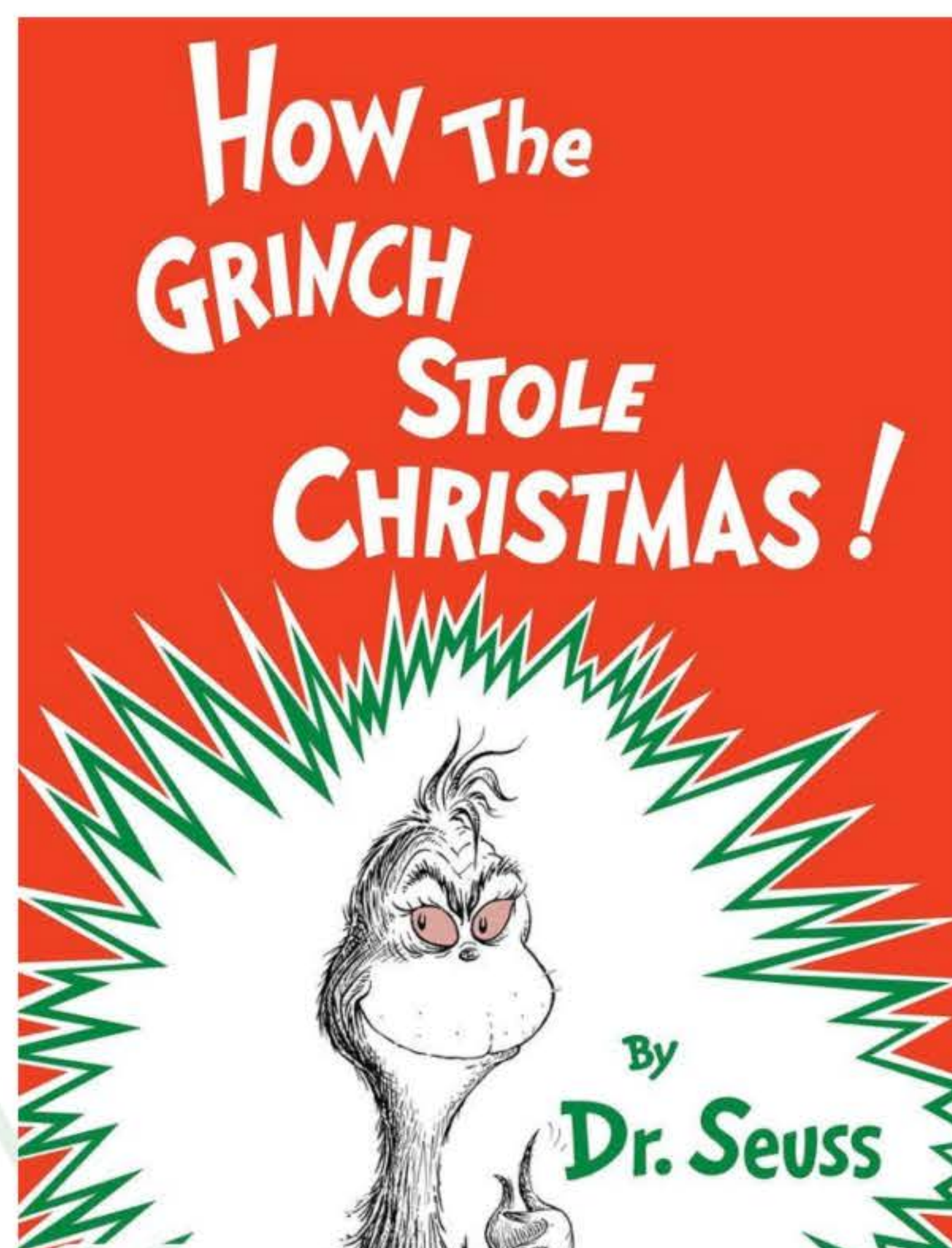
December 4: Read a Christmas Story with the Family



Gather the family together and read a classic Christmas story, such as "The Polar Express" or "How the Grinch Stole Christmas." To make it more special, everyone can take turns reading aloud, adding funny voices for the characters.

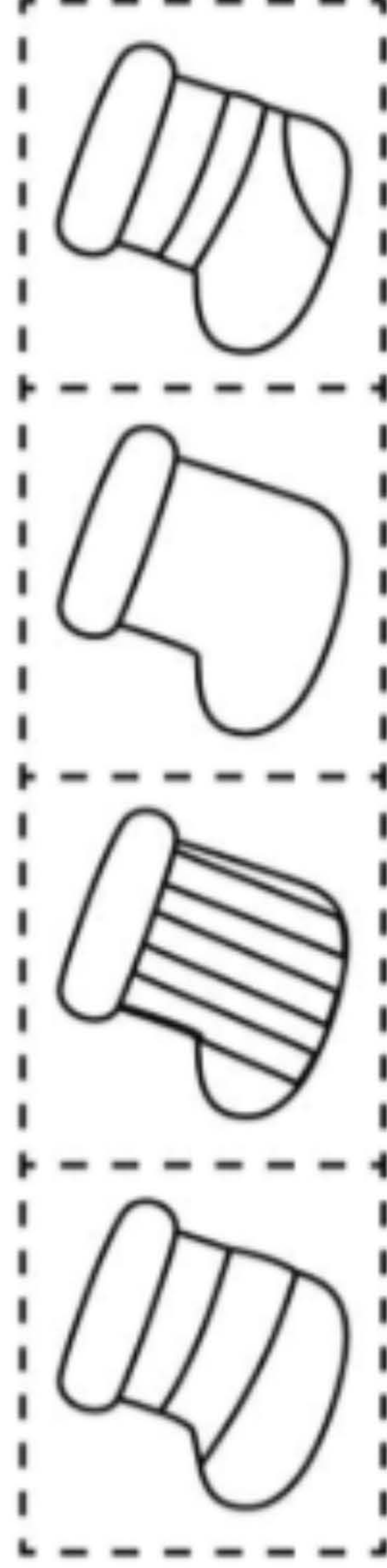
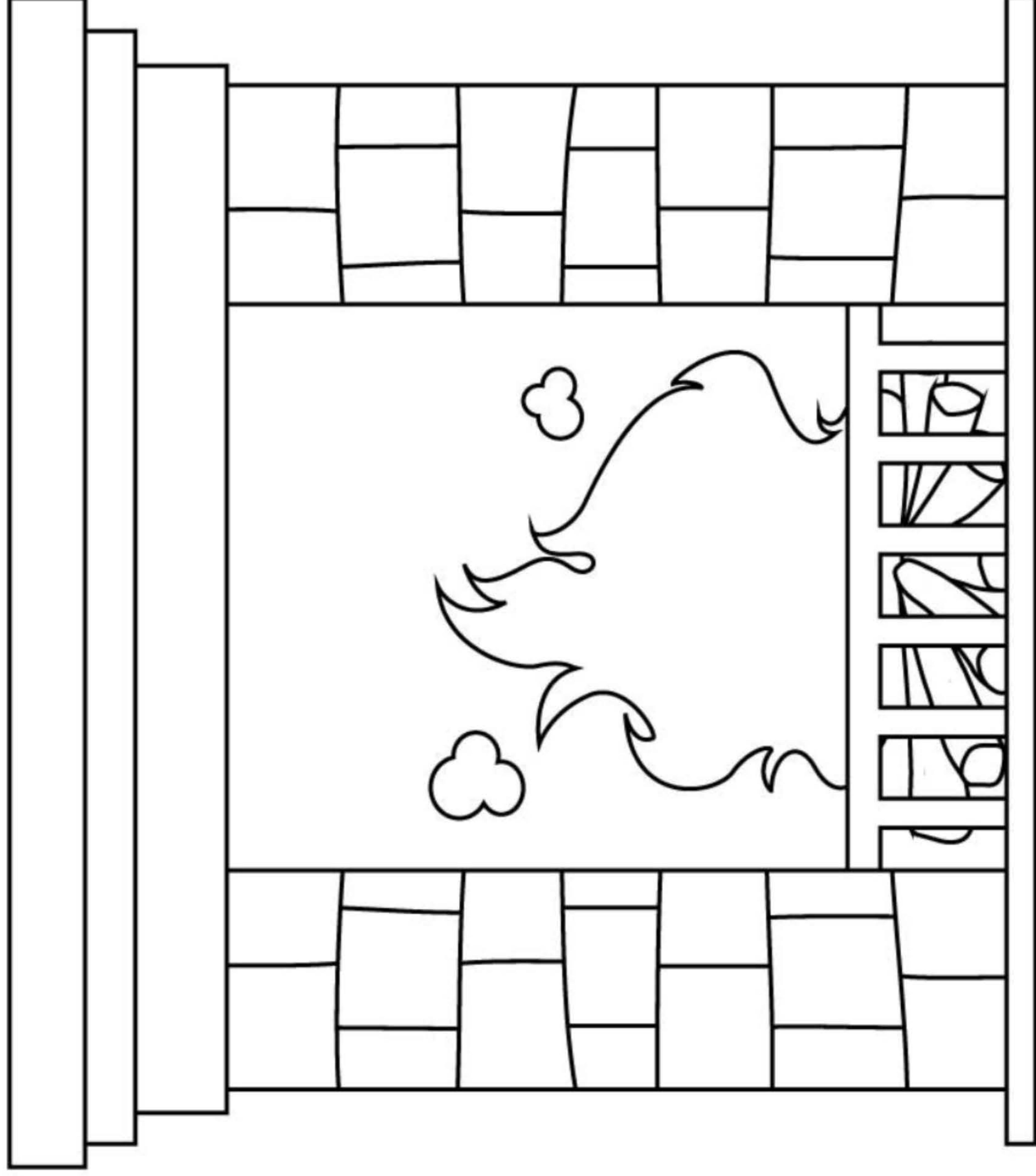
Create a cozy reading space with pillows, blankets, and some holiday snacks like cookies and hot chocolate (or iced chocolate if it's too warm!). This is a great way to bond as a family and get everyone in the festive spirit.

If you don't have any of those books, you can read any other one about Christmas or listen to an audiobook.



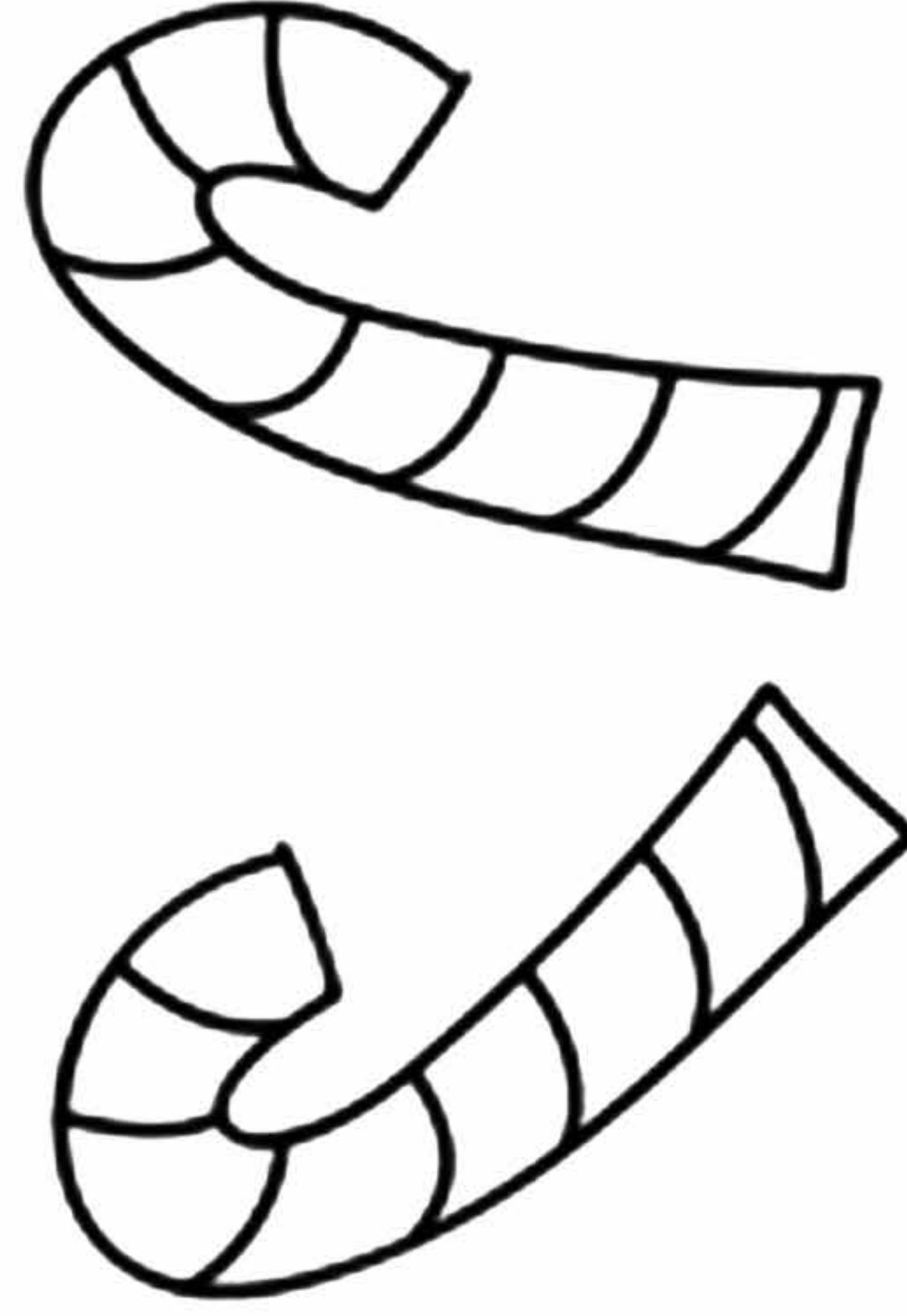
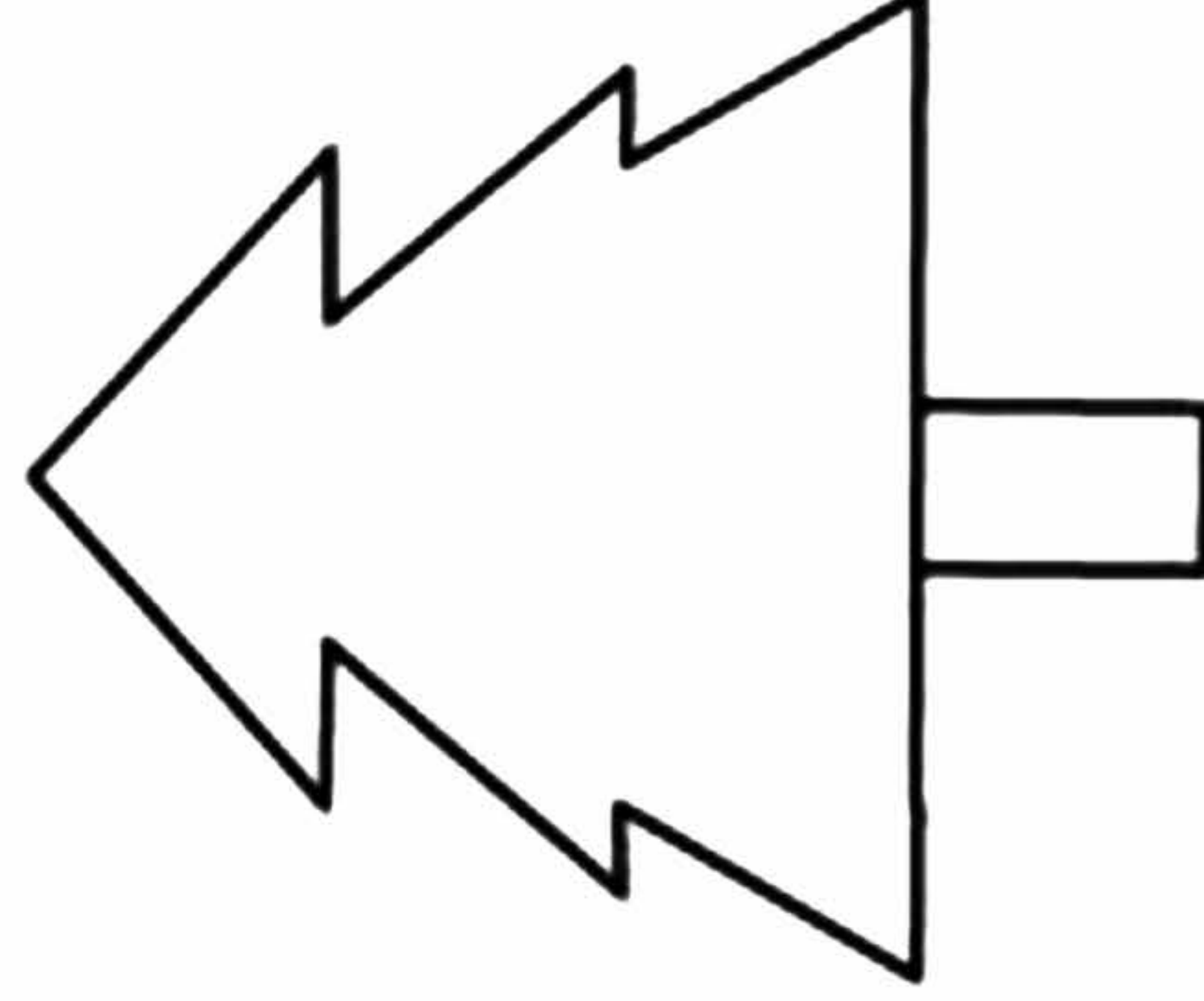
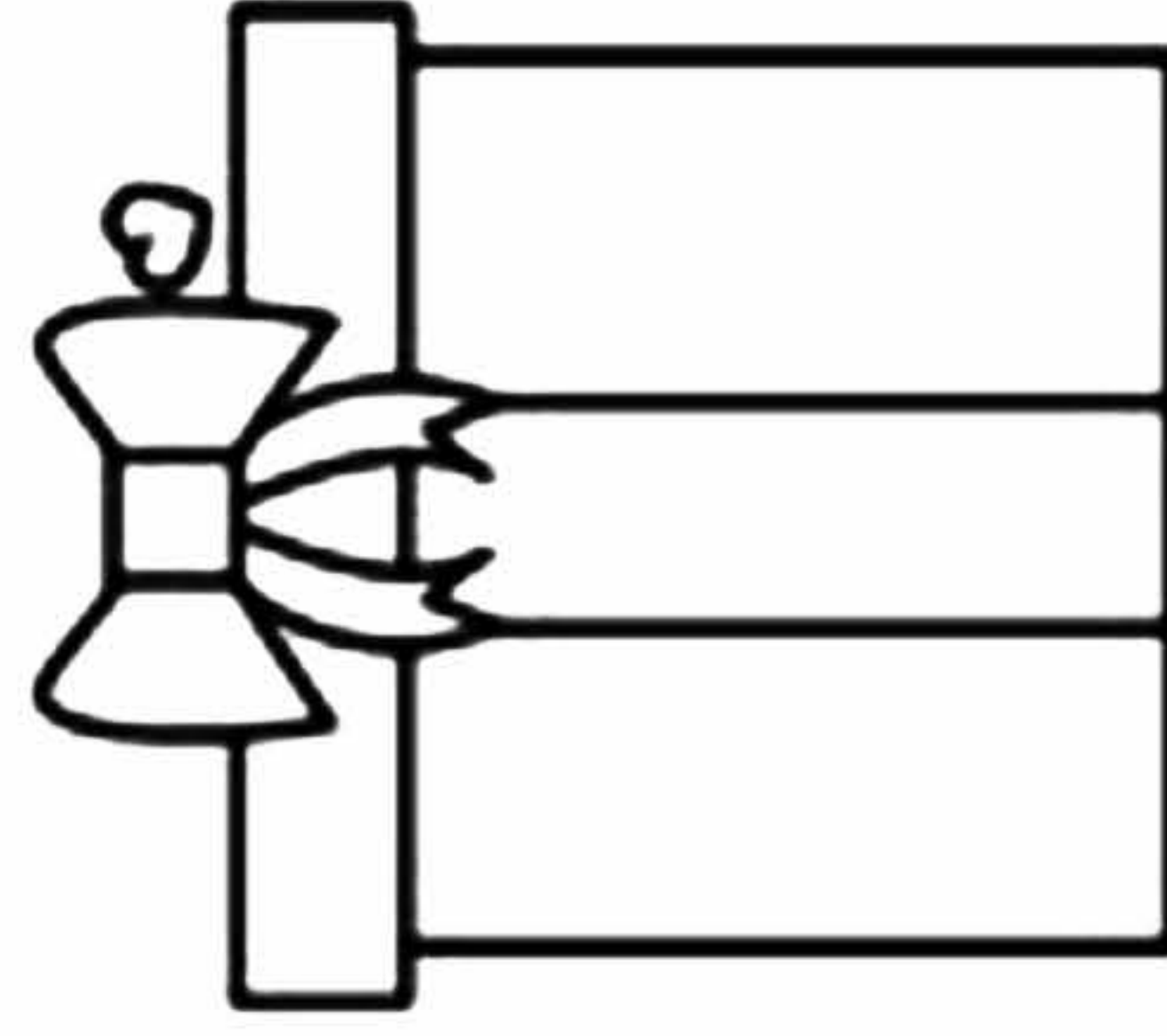
EXTRA ACTIVITIES

**color, cut out, and paste
the stockings to the fireplace!**



EXTRA ACTIVITIES

Cut and paste the Christmas words.



candy

gift

tree



December 6: Christmas Cookie Baking Day.

Today is the day to make Ensino Bilin's traditional gingerbread cookies! This activity is a wonderful opportunity to get kids involved in the kitchen, create special memories, and share the Christmas spirit in a fun way.





Gingerbread Cookie Recipe Ingredients:

**2 cups of all-purpose flour
1/2 cup of margarine
1 egg
1 cup of brown sugar
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1 teaspoon ground ginger
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
Sprinkles (for decoration)**

These cookies are a tradition at Ensino Bilin, and they are perfect for making with children, creating fun memories while spreading the Christmas spirit!

In a large bowl, cream together the margarine and brown sugar until smooth.

Add the egg and mix well until fully combined.

Add the flour, ground cinnamon, ground ginger, baking powder, and salt. Mix everything until you get a firm, consistent dough.

Wrap the dough in plastic wrap and refrigerate for about 30 minutes.

Preheat the oven to 180°C (350°F).

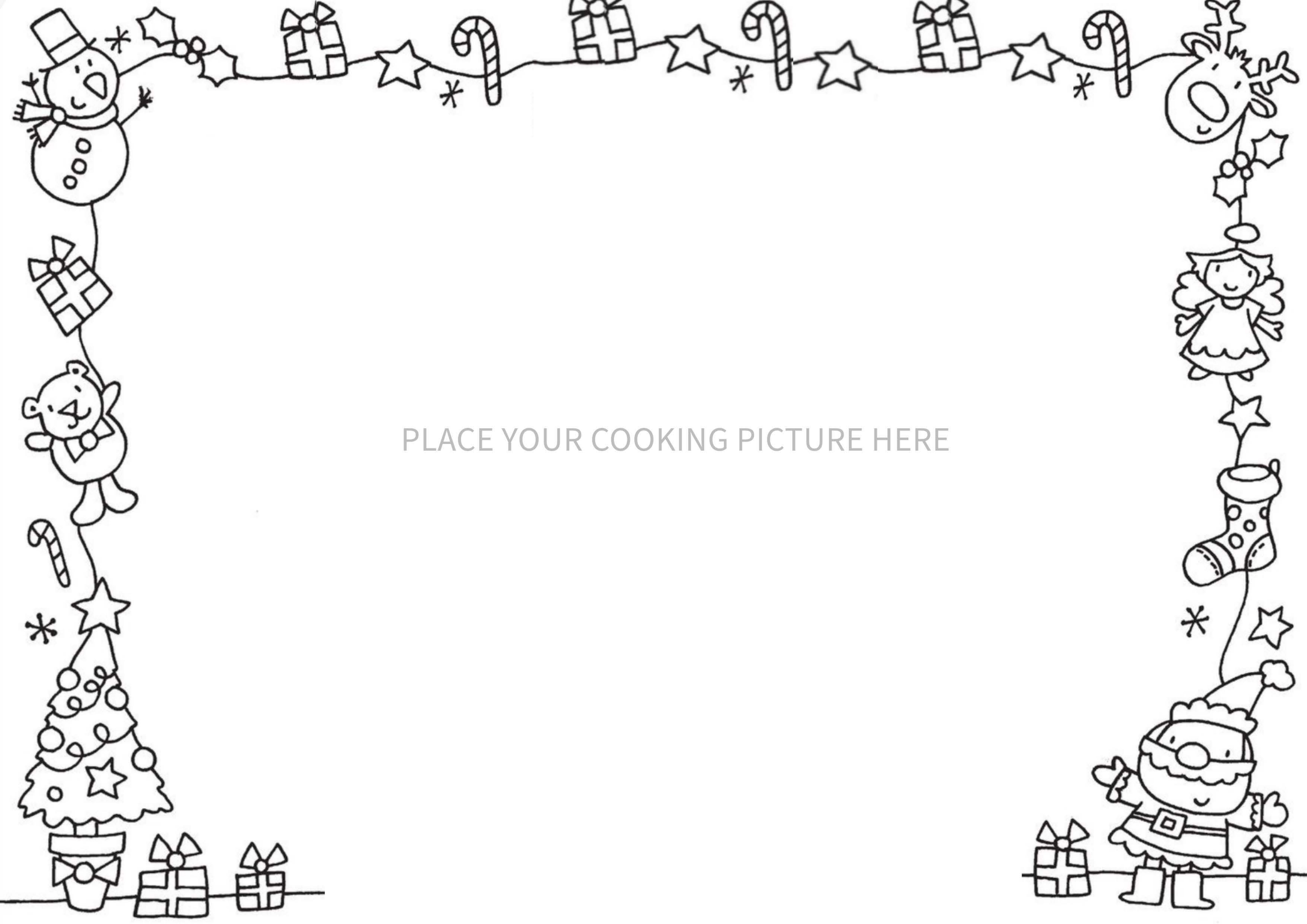
Roll out the dough on a lightly floured surface to about 0.5 cm thick.

Use Christmas-themed cookie cutters to cut the dough into fun shapes.

Place the cookies on a greased or parchment-lined baking sheet.

Bake for about 10 to 12 minutes, or until the edges of the cookies are lightly golden.

Let the cookies cool completely before decorating with your choice of toppings.



PLACE YOUR COOKING PICTURE HERE



December 6: Gingerbread Cookie Gift Day

After baking your delicious gingerbread cookies, it's time to share the Christmas spirit by turning them into beautiful gifts! This activity will help teach the children about generosity, kindness, and the joy of giving during the holiday season.

Set up a small station with everything the kids will need: ribbons, plastic bags, festive boxes, markers, stickers, colored paper, and craft supplies for making tags.

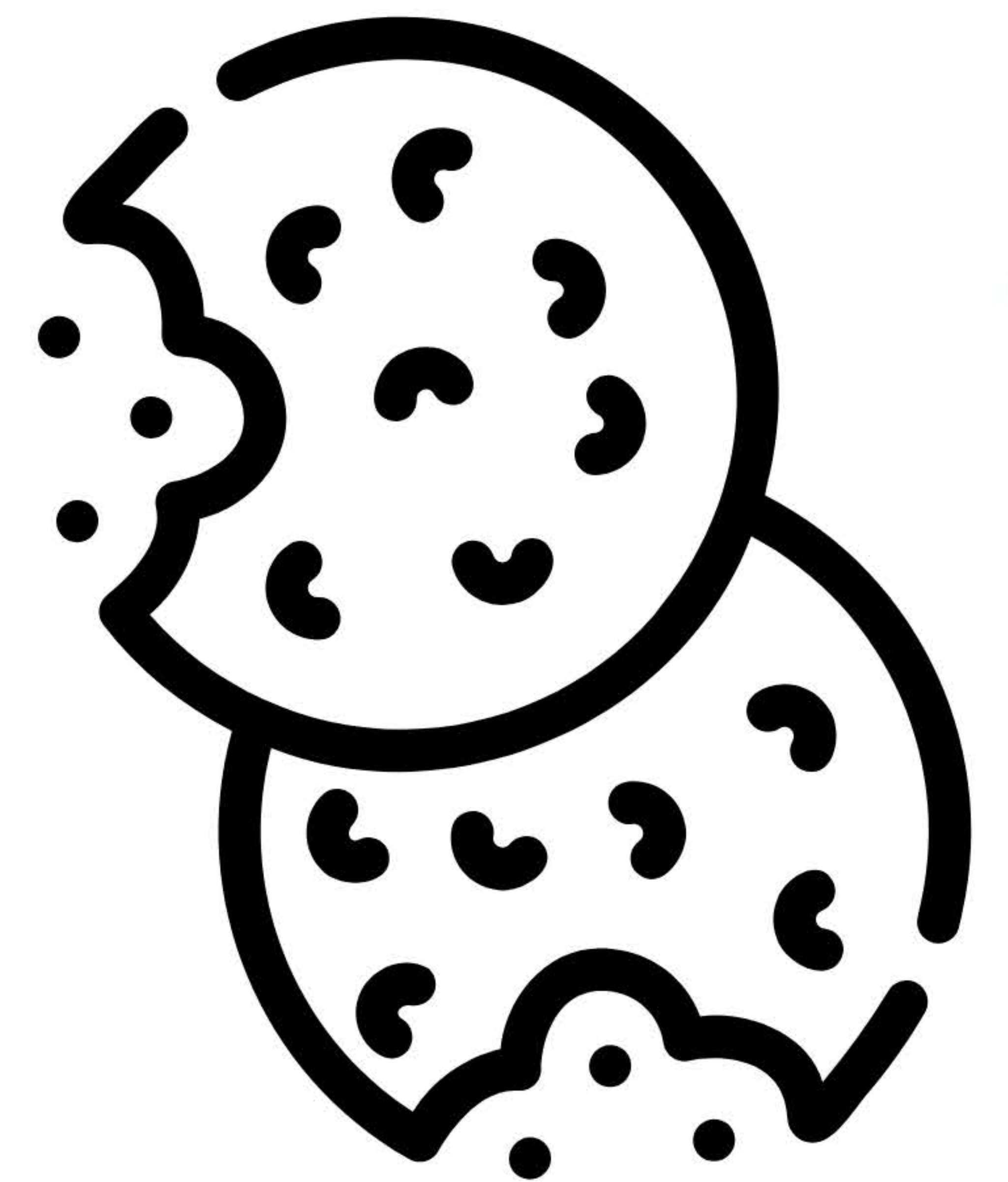
Explain to the children that today they are going to be “Santa’s little helpers” by wrapping the cookies to spread Christmas joy to others.

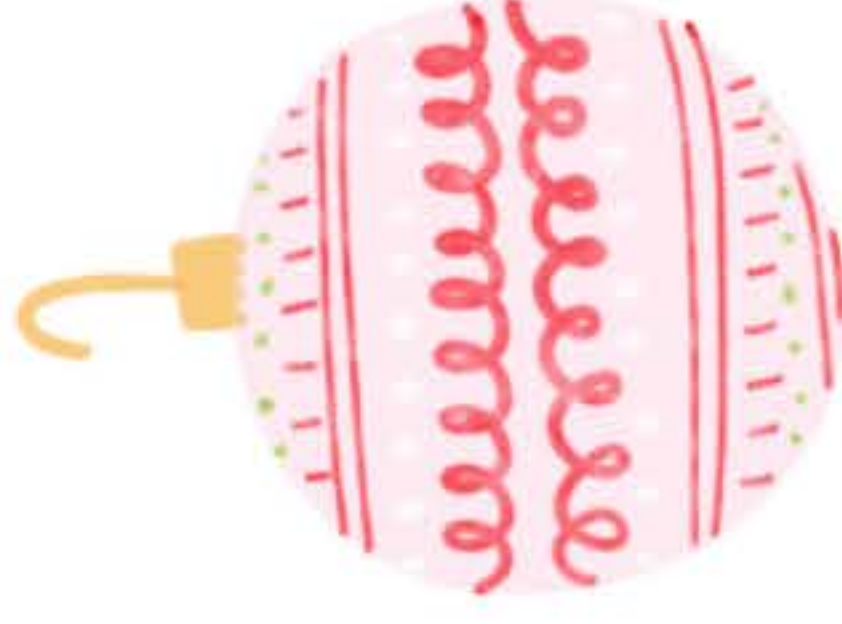
Place the cookies in small festive bags or boxes. Use ribbons to tie them securely. Attach the personalized tags to each bag or box with a ribbon. Let the children decide which decorations to use—stickers, glitter, or a small bow can make the gift look extra special.

Encourage the children to make each gift a little different, adding their own creative touches.

Choose who will receive the cookies: perhaps a neighbor, a family friend, or even someone who could use a little extra holiday cheer. Talk to the kids about how giving can make someone’s day a lot brighter.

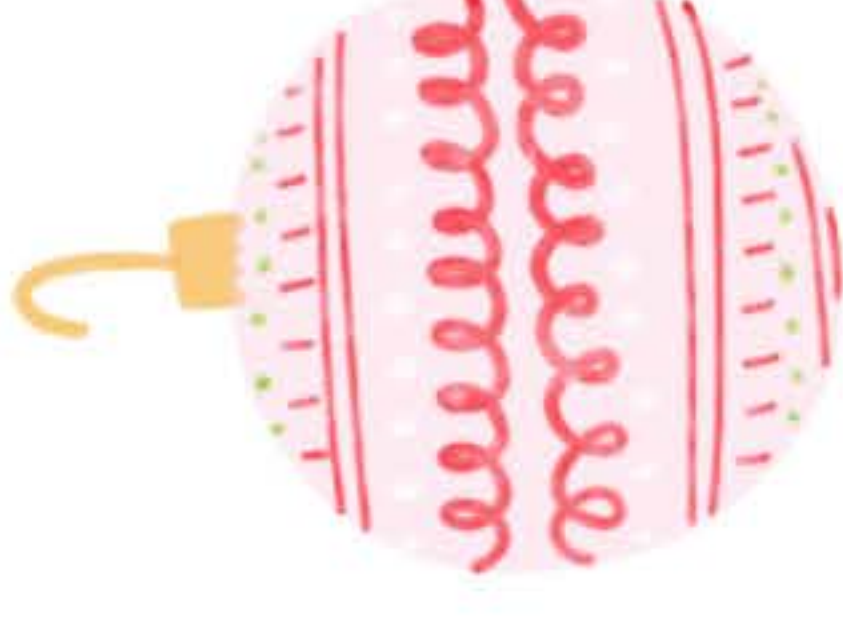
Make a plan to deliver the cookies. If possible, let the children hand-deliver them. They can practice saying, “Merry Christmas! I made these for you!” with a big smile.





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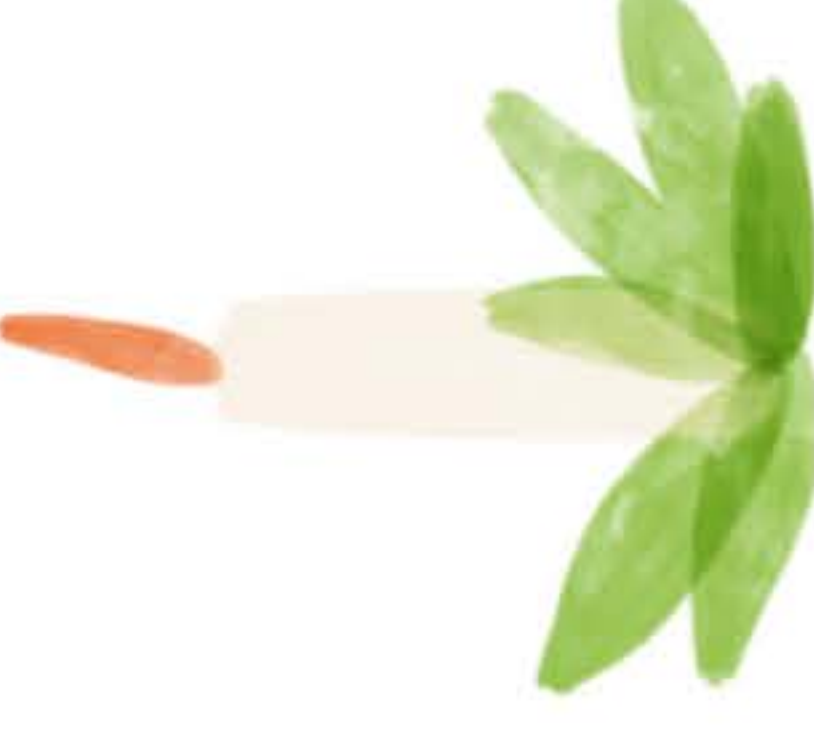
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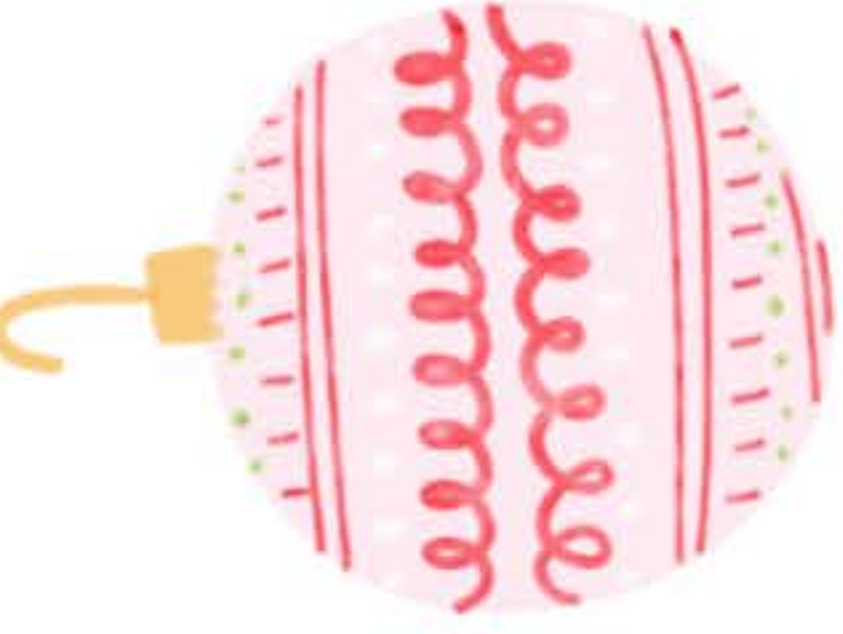
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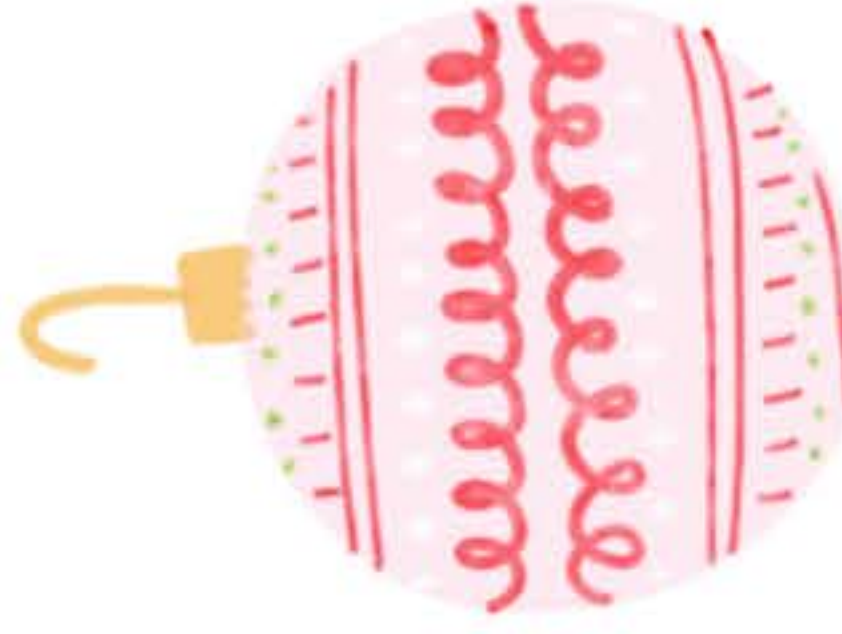
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A snowman with a black top hat, orange carrot nose, and red scarf, standing on a yellow circular base.

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FROM: _____

A pink gift box with red crisscrossing ribbons and a red bow on top.

TO: _____

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A red Christmas sock with a white cuff and white polka dots.

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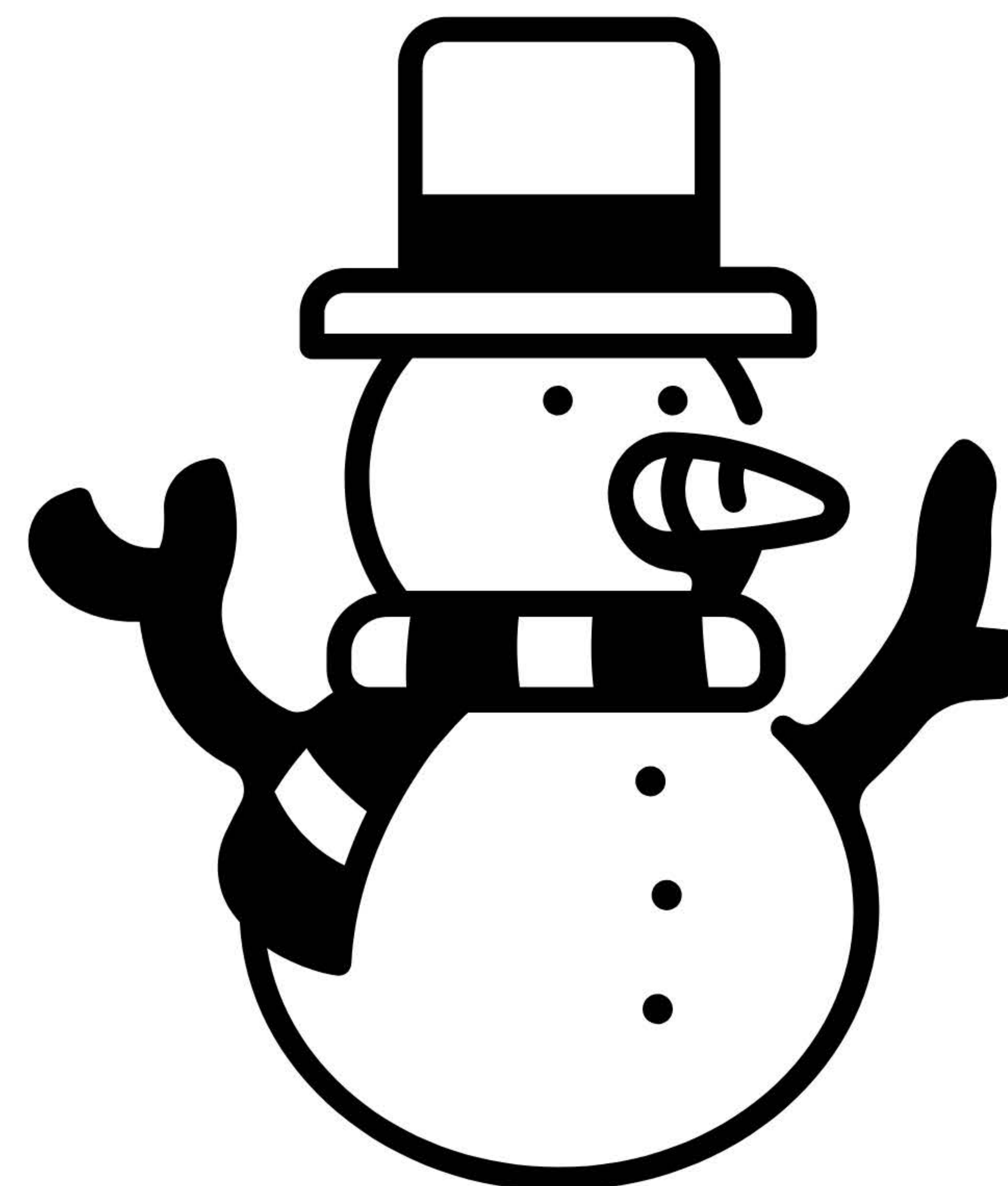


December 7: Beach Day with Sandman and Sand Angels

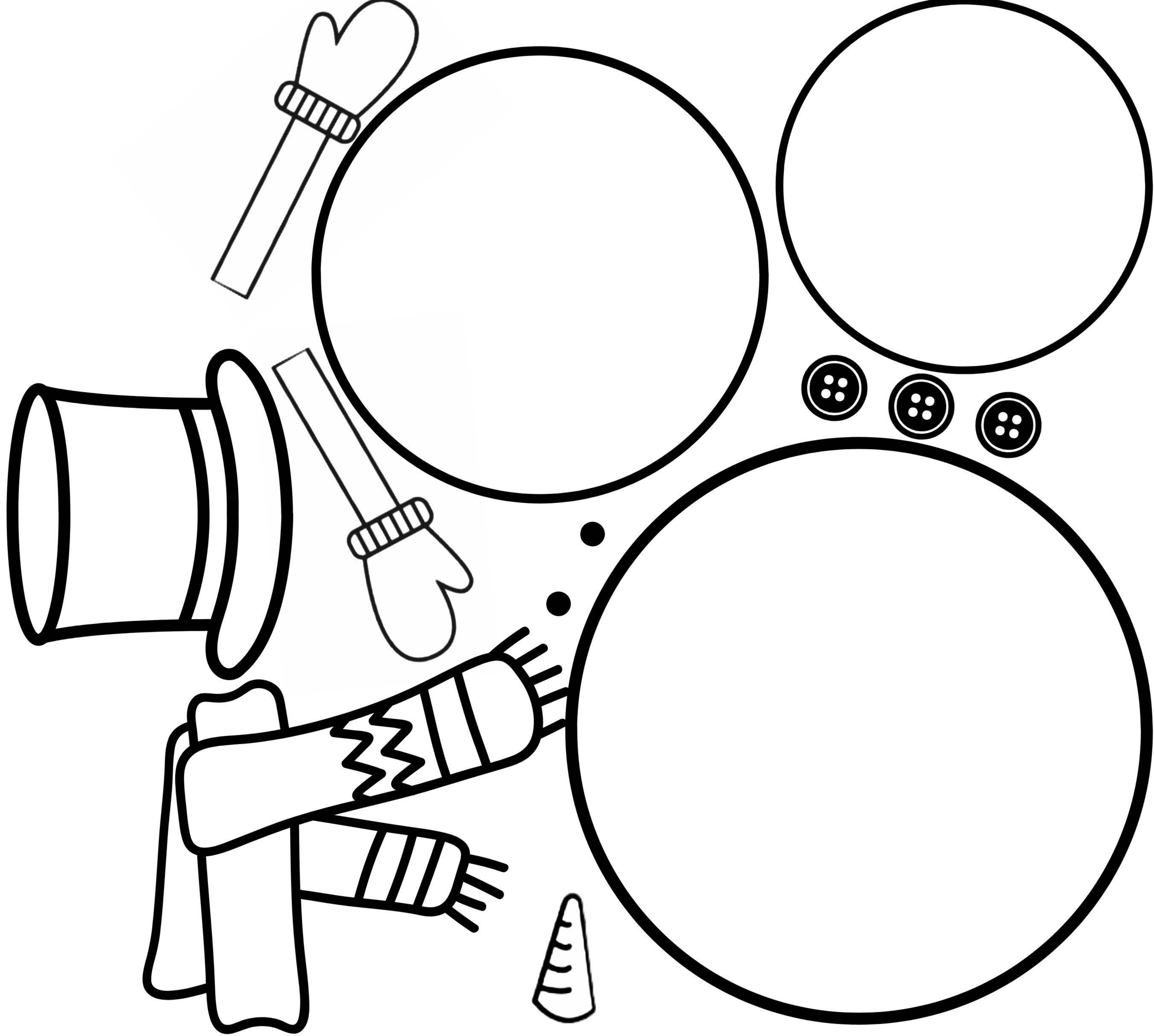
Today is all about enjoying a sunny Christmas with some fun and creative activities at the beach! Instead of playing in the snow, we will make a "Sandman" and create "Sand Angels" to celebrate the holiday season, Brazilian-style.

Build a "Sandman" and make "Sand Angels" at the beach to celebrate Christmas in a unique and tropical way.

In case of rain, we have alternative activities on the next pages that can be done indoors, keeping the Christmas spirit alive!



BUILD YOUR OWN SNOWMAN





December 8: Make Christmas Ornaments with Natural Elements

Let's create Christmas ornaments using natural elements found outdoors, such as leaves, flowers, seeds, and seashells. This activity not only celebrates Christmas but also connects the family with nature while enjoying the warm summer weather in Brazil.

Materials Needed: Seashells, leaves, small branches, dried flowers, seeds, small pinecones (if available), twine or colored ribbon, hot glue (under adult supervision), acrylic paint (red, green, gold, silver), glitter, brushes, scissors, cardboard or small pieces of wood (optional).

Theme Suggestions for the Ornaments:

Seaside Christmas: Paint seashells with festive colors and add glitter.

Golden Leaves: Paint dried leaves with gold paint and add red bows.

Snowy Pinecones: If you have pinecones, paint the tips white to look like they are covered in snow.

Use this activity to talk about how Christmas is celebrated differently around the world, but the main idea is to spread joy and love.

Enjoy the summer weather by doing the activity outdoors, in the backyard or on the porch. This helps avoid the mess indoors and makes it more fun!

Step-by-Step:

1. Go to your garden, park, or beach and collect natural elements to use for the ornaments. Gather seashells at the beach, pretty leaves from the park, or pinecones and small branches. This turns the project into a mini outdoor adventure!
2. Clean all the natural elements. Wash the seashells and let them dry completely. For the leaves, pinecones, and flowers, let them dry in the sun for a few hours if they are wet or damp.
3. Use acrylic paint to paint the seashells and leaves. Choose festive colors like red, green, gold, and silver. If you want, add glitter for a sparkly holiday touch. Leaves can be painted just around the edges, and seashells can be decorated with designs like snowflakes or festive stripes.
4. Once the elements are painted and dry, glue them onto pieces of cardboard or small wood bases for more stability. Combine different elements, like a painted seashell with a dried flower and a leaf. Be creative! You could even make small "Christmas arrangements." Use hot glue to secure all the elements in place. Let it dry for a few minutes.
5. Cut pieces of twine or ribbon and glue or tie them to the top of the ornament. This will be used to hang them on the Christmas tree or other places around the house. If you prefer, make a small hole in a large seashell to pass the twine through.
6. After everything is dry, take the ornaments to the Christmas tree or hang them elsewhere, like on doorknobs, windows, or even on the porch.
7. If you have extra materials, make an ornament to give to a neighbor or friend. It's a lovely way to share the holiday spirit!

Here are some examples for you to get inspired





December 9: Christmas Card Crafting and Kindness Notes

This activity provides a calm and creative moment but also teaches children about the importance of spreading kindness and love at Christmas. It is perfect for a warm afternoon, encouraging family connection and the Christmas spirit in a light and meaningful way.

Materials Needed: Colored Paper (like construction paper or colored cardstock), colored pencils, markers, crayons, scissor, glue, glitter, buttons, beads, decorative ribbon, fabric paint, envelopes and anything else you find necessary to make the card-making process more enjoyable and creative!

After school, let the kids unwind by making handmade Christmas cards. Set up a simple crafting station with colored paper, markers, stickers, and anything sparkly. Encourage them to decorate the cards with Christmas motifs like Santa, snowflakes, or reindeer.

Ask the kids to write a short note inside each card for a family member, friend, or neighbor. It could be something they appreciate about that person, or simply a wish for a happy holiday season. If they want, they can also make extra cards to give to someone in the community, such as an elderly neighbor or a local shopkeeper, spreading holiday cheer beyond just the family.

Play some relaxing Christmas music in the background to set a cozy atmosphere while they work on their cards. Serve a simple snack, like cookies or fruit, along with a refreshing glass of lemonade to keep the summer vibes while enjoying the activity.

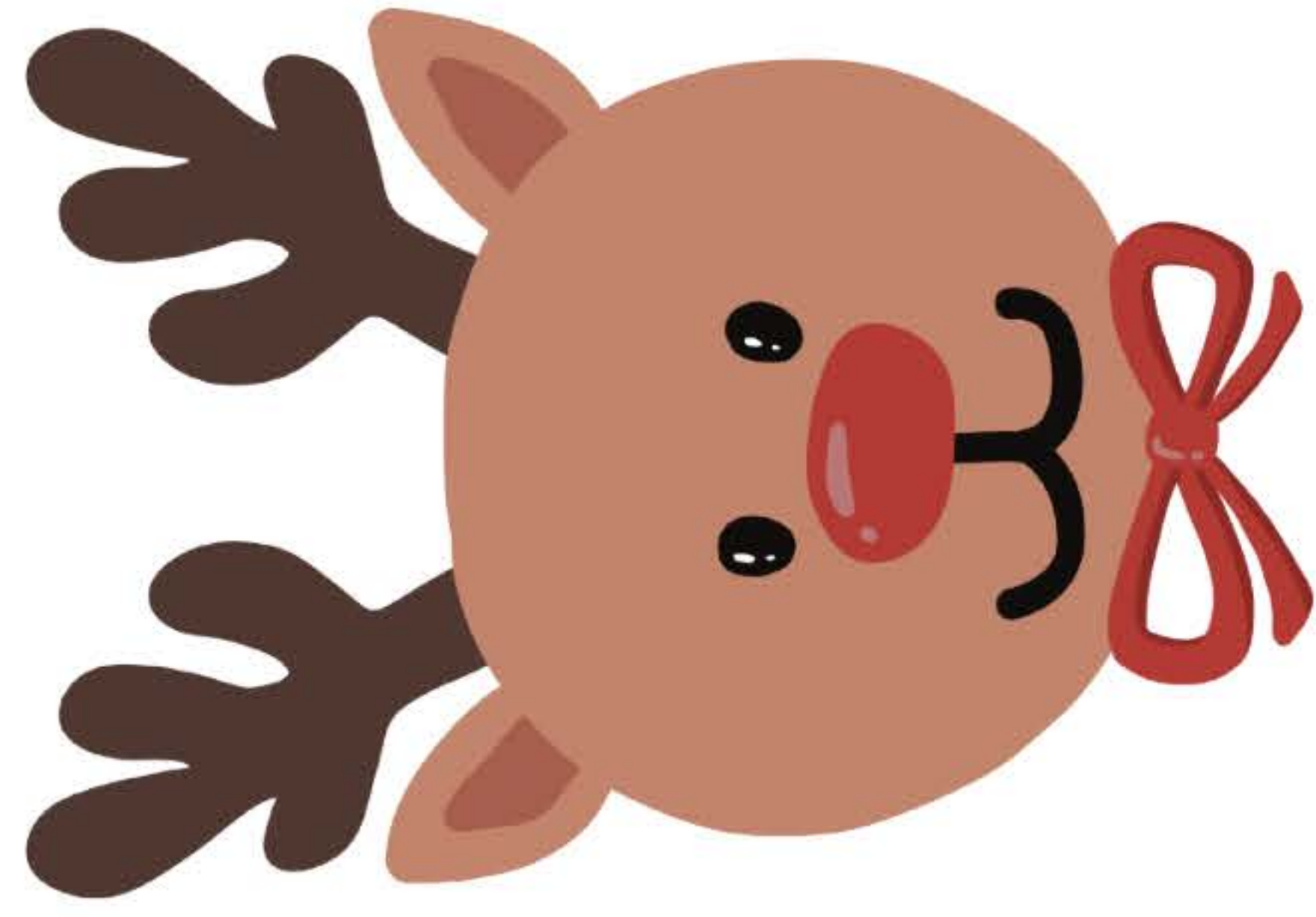
Once the cards are ready, let the kids place their cards under the Christmas tree or in a basket where they can later distribute them to the intended recipients.



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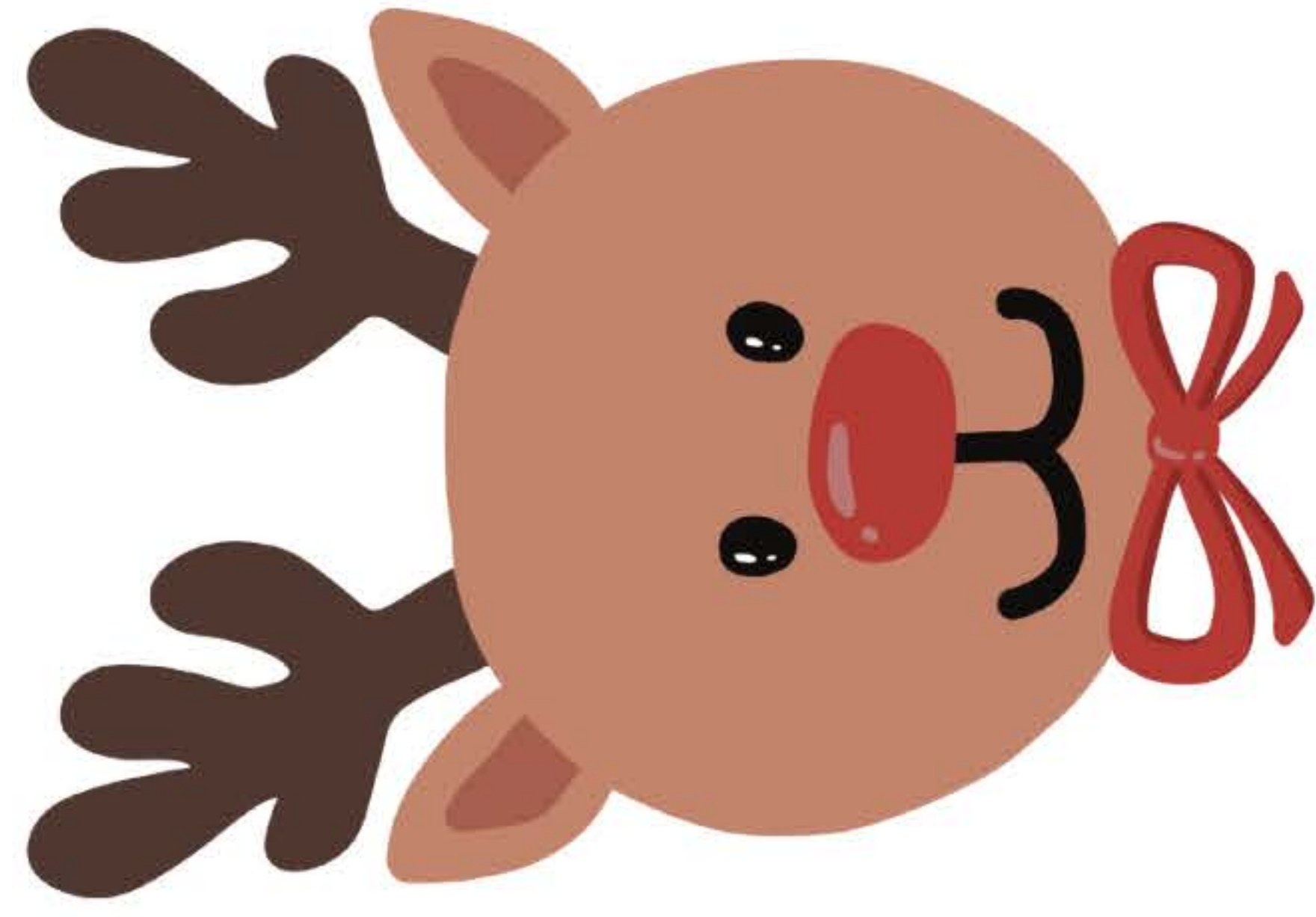
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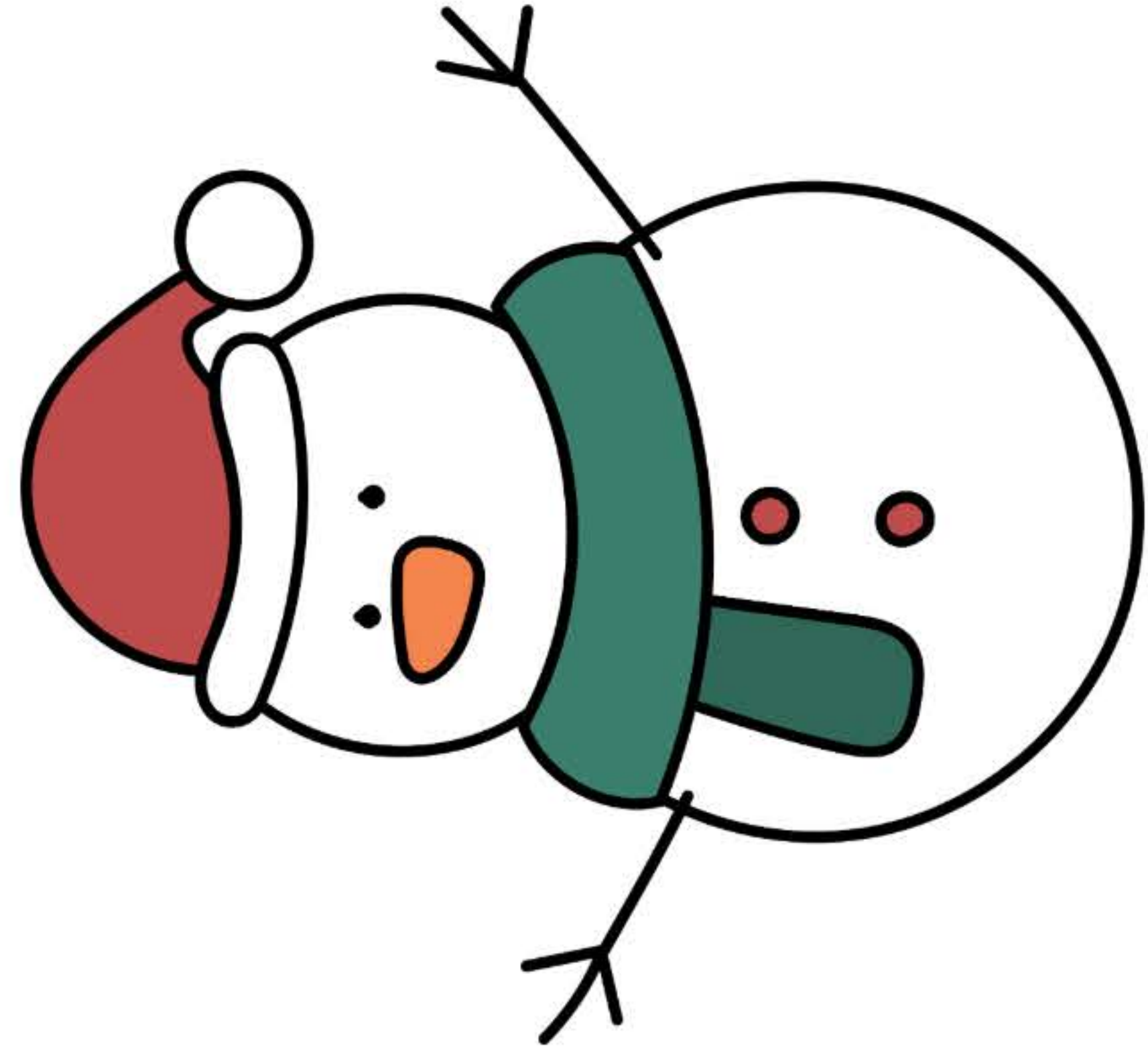
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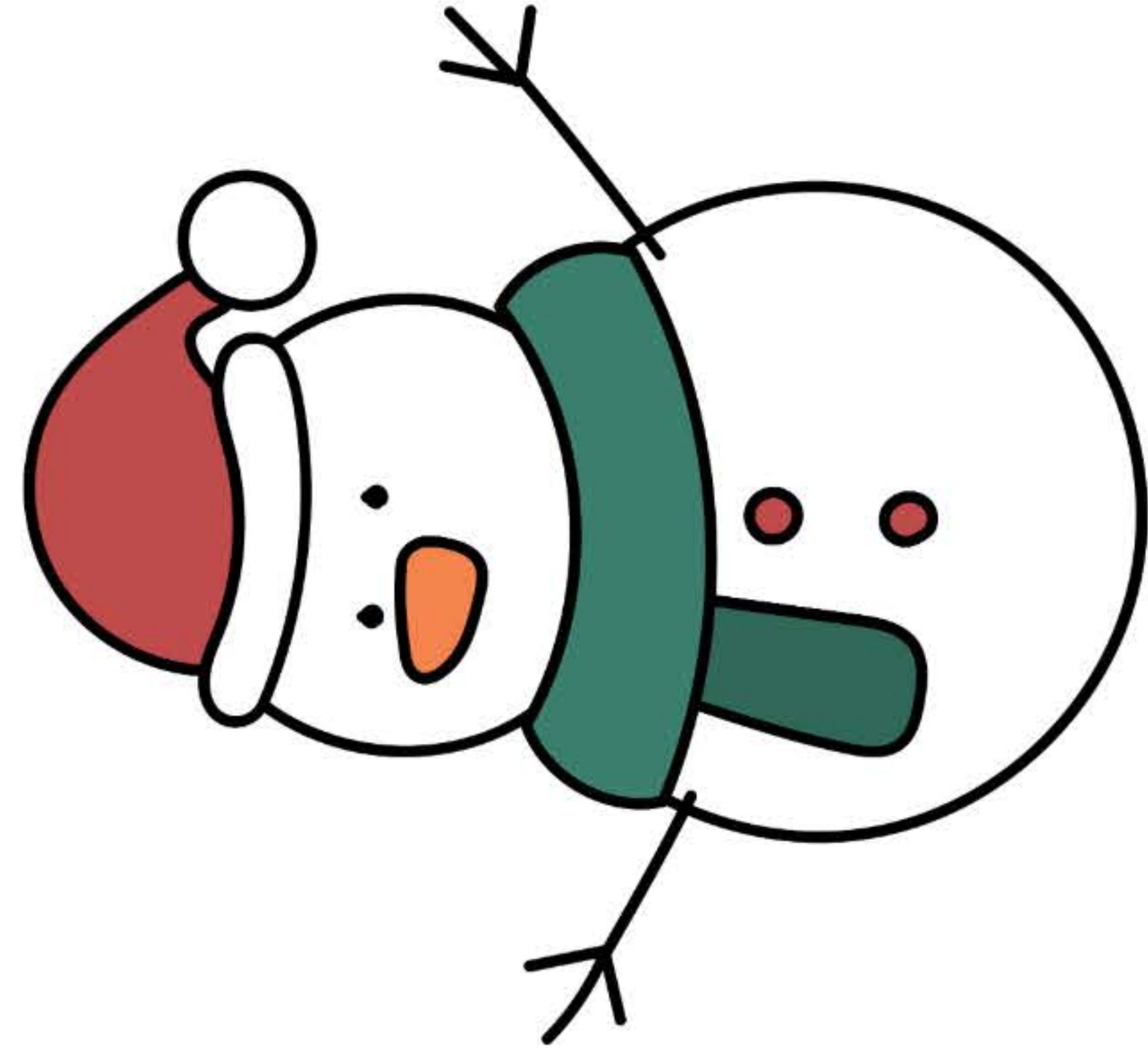
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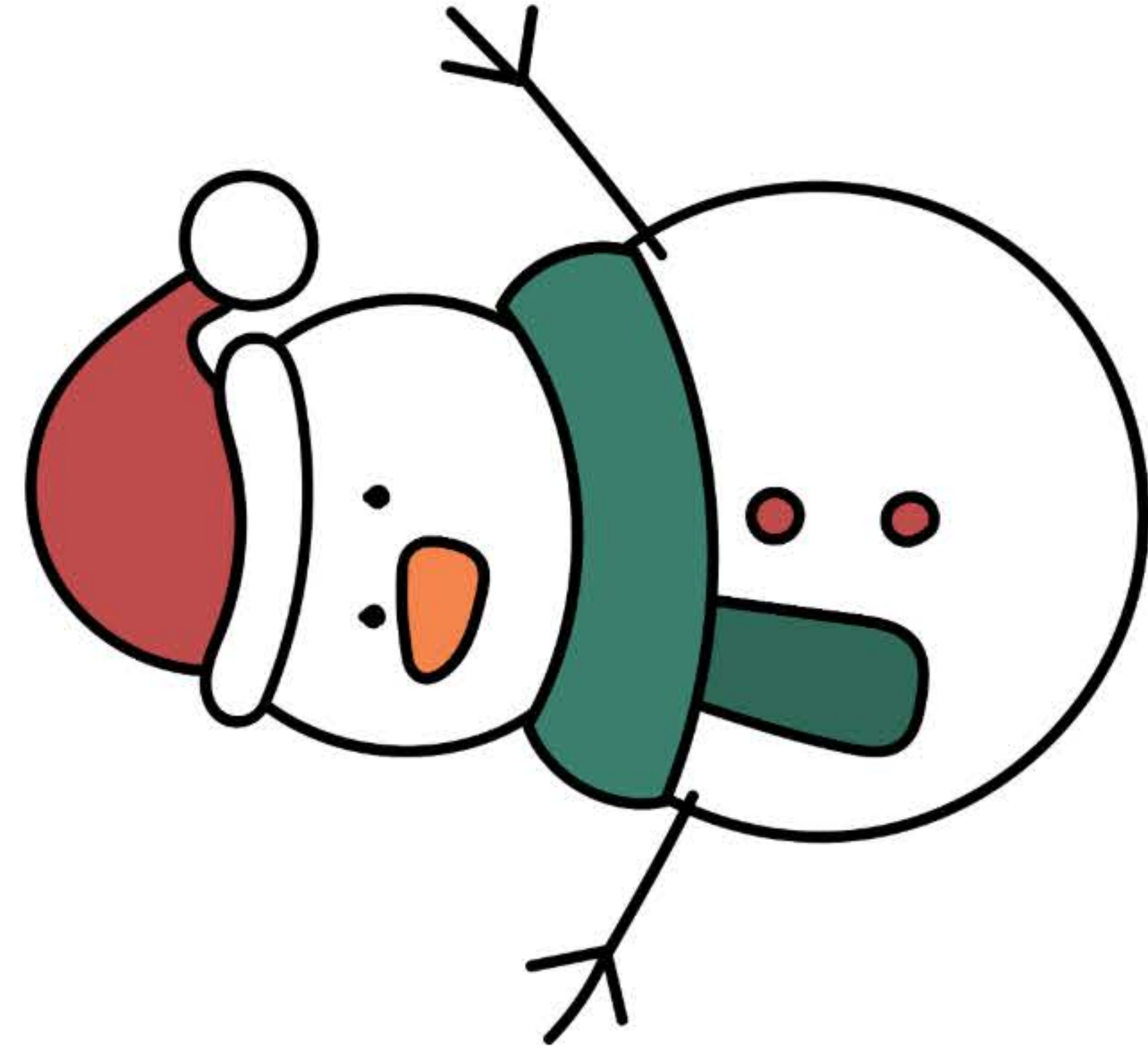
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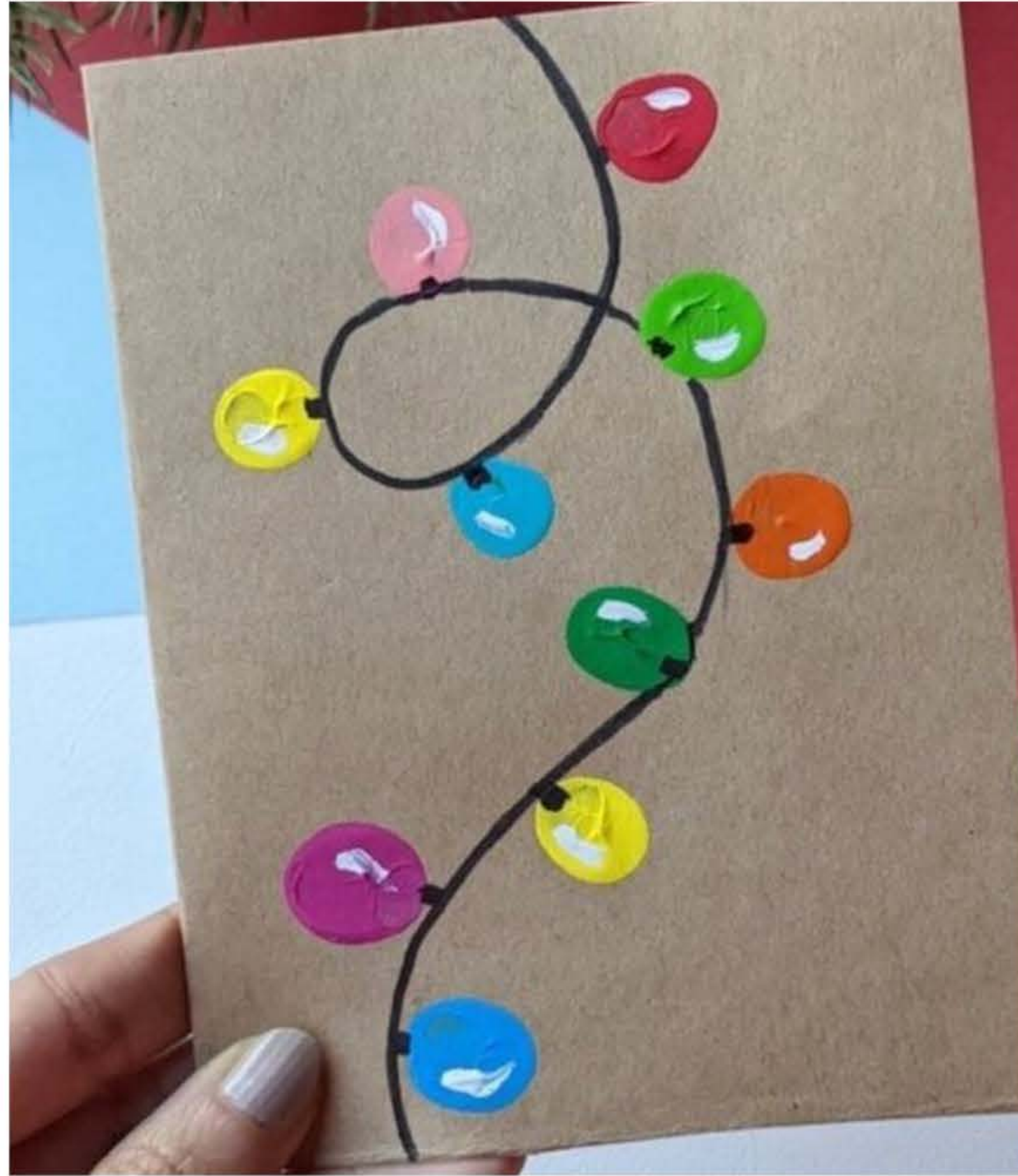
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December 10: Visit a Shopping Mall to See Santa Claus.

Today the family will visit the shopping mall to see Santa Claus and the kid will hand-deliver the letter they wrote on the first day of the advent calendar. They will enjoy the festive decorations and take a photo with Santa.

Encourage the child to dress in Christmas-themed clothing—maybe a fun reindeer T-shirt, a Santa hat, or anything festive. Dressing up adds excitement to the whole experience and makes it feel even more special!

Head to the shopping mall to meet Santa Claus. Many malls have a beautifully decorated Christmas area with Santa's chair, Christmas trees, elves, and other magical decorations. The child can bring the letter they wrote on December 1st to hand-deliver it to Santa. It makes the visit even more meaningful, and they can remind Santa of their wishes for Christmas.

Take a memorable photo with Santa and encourage the children to tell Santa about one or two of their Christmas wishes. Afterward, get the photo printed. At home, the child can place the printed photo on a special page reserved for this purpose. It can be part of an advent scrapbook or a holiday memory book, making it a cherished keepsake!

Have fun!



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December 11: Christmas Craft Day.

These activities make Christmas Craft Day a fun and creative journey, involving the child in various projects that blend the spirit of Christmas with the warmth of the Brazilian summer, creating special decorations and lasting memories.

Cup Snow Globe Craft

Materials Needed: Clear plastic cup, small figurines (reindeer, pine trees), cotton balls or artificial snow, thick cardboard or jar lid, hot glue gun or strong glue, tinsel (optional), construction paper, scissors, pen/marker, glitter (optional).

Instructions:

1. Cut a piece of cardboard or construction paper slightly larger than the cup's opening for the base; decorate it.
2. Glue the figurines to the base securely.
3. Add cotton balls or artificial snow around the figures.
4. Place the clear cup upside down over the figures and glue it to the base.
5. Decorate the edge with tinsel and add a personal message.
6. Let the glue dry completely and display your snow globe as decoration or a gift.

Here are some examples for you to get inspired





December 12: Have a Christmas Scavenger Hunt.

A Christmas scavenger hunt is a fantastic way to add excitement to the holiday season. It involves searching for hidden items with festive themes, and can be done indoors, outdoors, or both! For a child living in Brazil, it's also a great opportunity to explore the garden or backyard in the warm weather while celebrating the magic of Christmas.

Materials Needed:

- Small Christmas-themed items (e.g., candy canes, mini ornaments, small toys, chocolates, jingle bells).
- A checklist or picture list of items to find (draw or print pictures for younger children)
- Festive basket or bag for collecting items
- Stickers or a small prize for completing the hunt

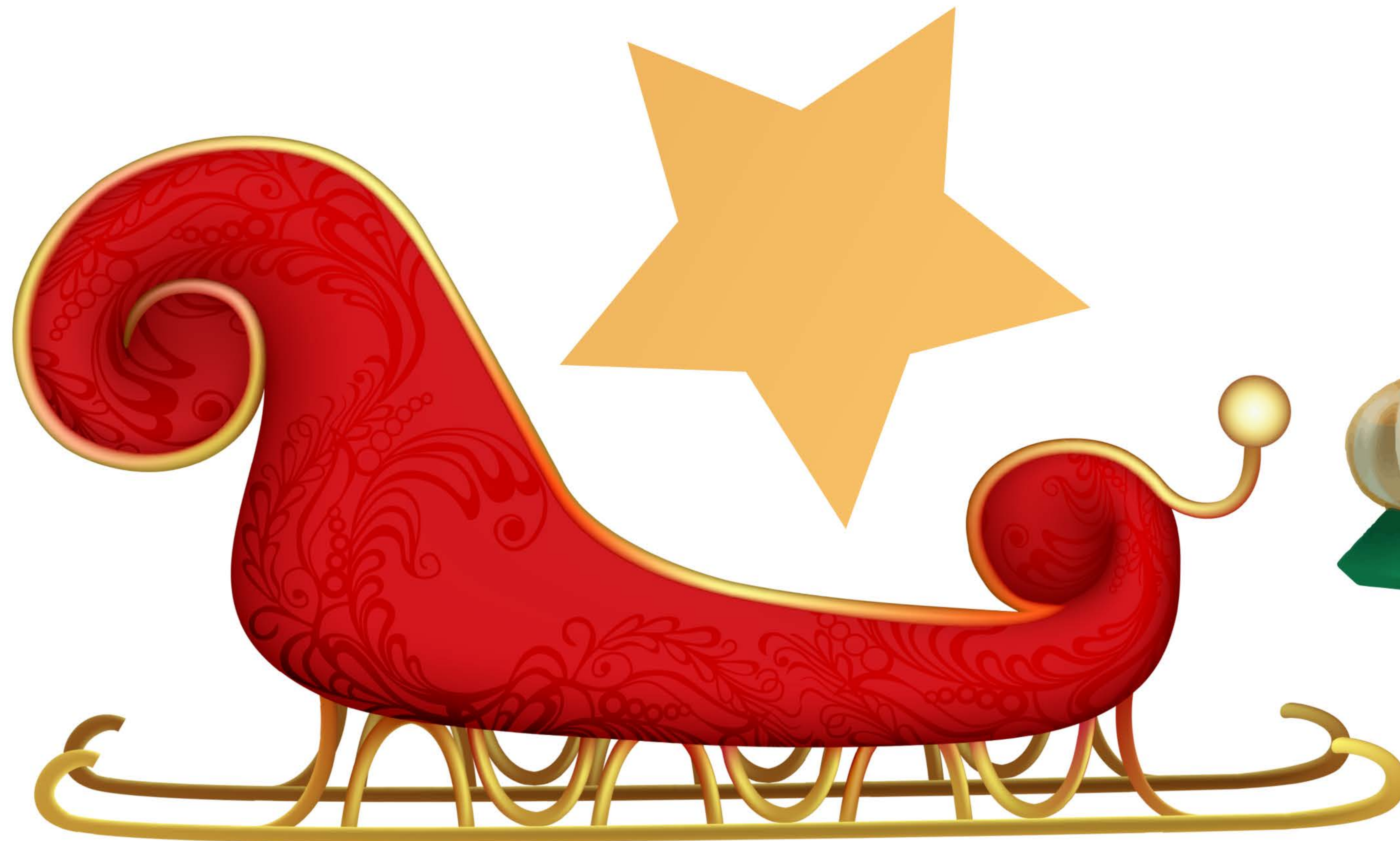
Instructions:

1. **Prepare & Hide Items:** Gather and hide small Christmas items indoors or outdoors.
2. **Create a Checklist:** Make a list of items to find, with pictures for younger children.
3. **The Hunt:** Give the child a basket and the checklist. Set a timer for extra excitement, and provide hints as needed.
4. **Celebrate:** After collecting all items, reward the child with a small prize and celebrate with a summer treat.
5. This activity blends Christmas cheer with summer fun, encouraging creativity, observation, and physical activity.

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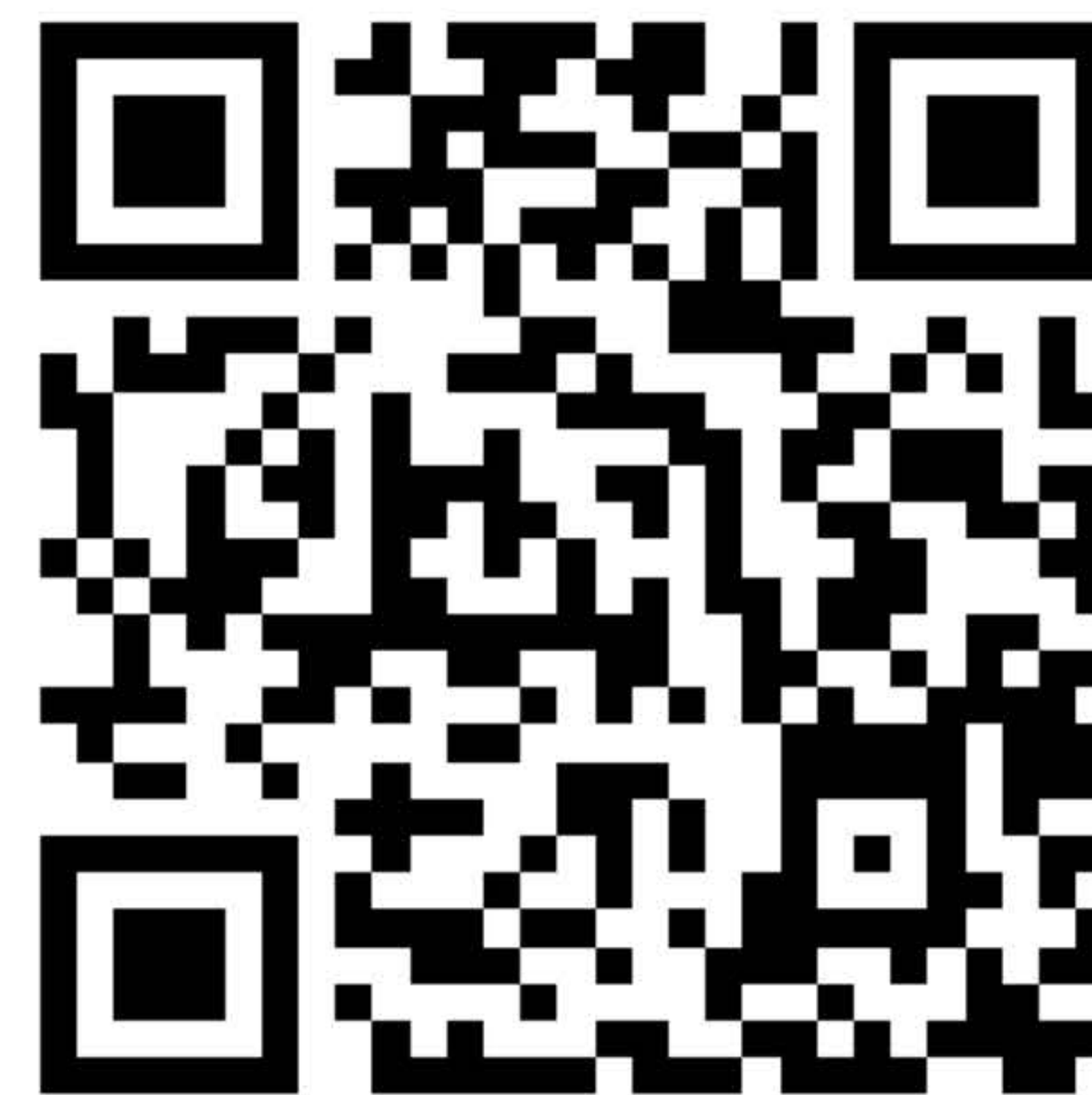
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December 13: Make Reindeer Food.

Reindeer Oatmeal is a delicious and festive way to bring a bit of Christmas magic to breakfast time. It's healthy, colorful, and sure to make everyone smile! On this day, you will create a delicious reindeer-themed recipe that even kids can enjoy, making breakfast time both tasty and fun for everyone.



On the next page, you'll find our delightful recipe, but here's a tip to make it even more special: Why not play some Christmas music, especially songs about Santa's reindeer, while you cook? It will add a festive touch to the experience! We have a wonderful playlist at Bilin that you can access to set the perfect holiday atmosphere.

Reindeer Oatmeal Recipe

Ingredients:

- 1 cup rolled oats
- 2 cups milk (or water, or plant-based milk)
- 1 tablespoon honey or maple syrup
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 tablespoon edible glitter or colored sugar (optional, for a festive touch)
- Fresh fruit for decoration (e.g., strawberries, blueberries, banana slices)
- 1 tablespoon chopped nuts (e.g., almonds or pecans)
- 1 tablespoon raisins or dried cranberries (for "reindeer noses")



Instructions:

In a saucepan, combine the rolled oats and milk. Cook over medium heat, stirring occasionally, until the oats are soft and the mixture has thickened (about 5-7 minutes).

Stir in the honey or maple syrup, vanilla extract, and cinnamon. Mix well to ensure everything is evenly combined. For a festive touch, sprinkle a little edible glitter or colored sugar into the oatmeal and mix gently.

Pour the oatmeal into bowls. Use the fresh fruit to create "reindeer faces": Strawberries or banana slices can be used for the reindeer's nose. Blueberries can be used for the eyes. Use the chopped nuts to represent the "antlers." Add raisins or dried cranberries for extra decoration or as smaller details like the reindeer's "hooves."

Serve the reindeer oatmeal warm and enjoy this fun, festive breakfast. Perfect for getting into the Christmas spirit!



December 14: Christmas Water Balloon Snowball Fight.

Since it's summer in Brazil, instead of a traditional snowball fight, have a water balloon "snowball" fight! Fill up white water balloons and pretend they are snowballs. It's a great way to stay cool while having a ton of fun.

How to play:

Team Santa vs. Team Reindeer: Split into two teams—one can be "Team Santa" and the other "Team Reindeer." You can even wear small red or green accessories to represent your team during the game.

Christmas Music in the Background: Play some upbeat Christmas music in the background while playing. It adds to the festive atmosphere and makes the activity even more fun.

Reward with a Treat: After the water balloon fight, have some popsicles or fresh fruit as a treat to enjoy and wind down. It's a great way to relax after all the excitement.

HAVE FUN!!



December 15: Do you want to build a snow man.

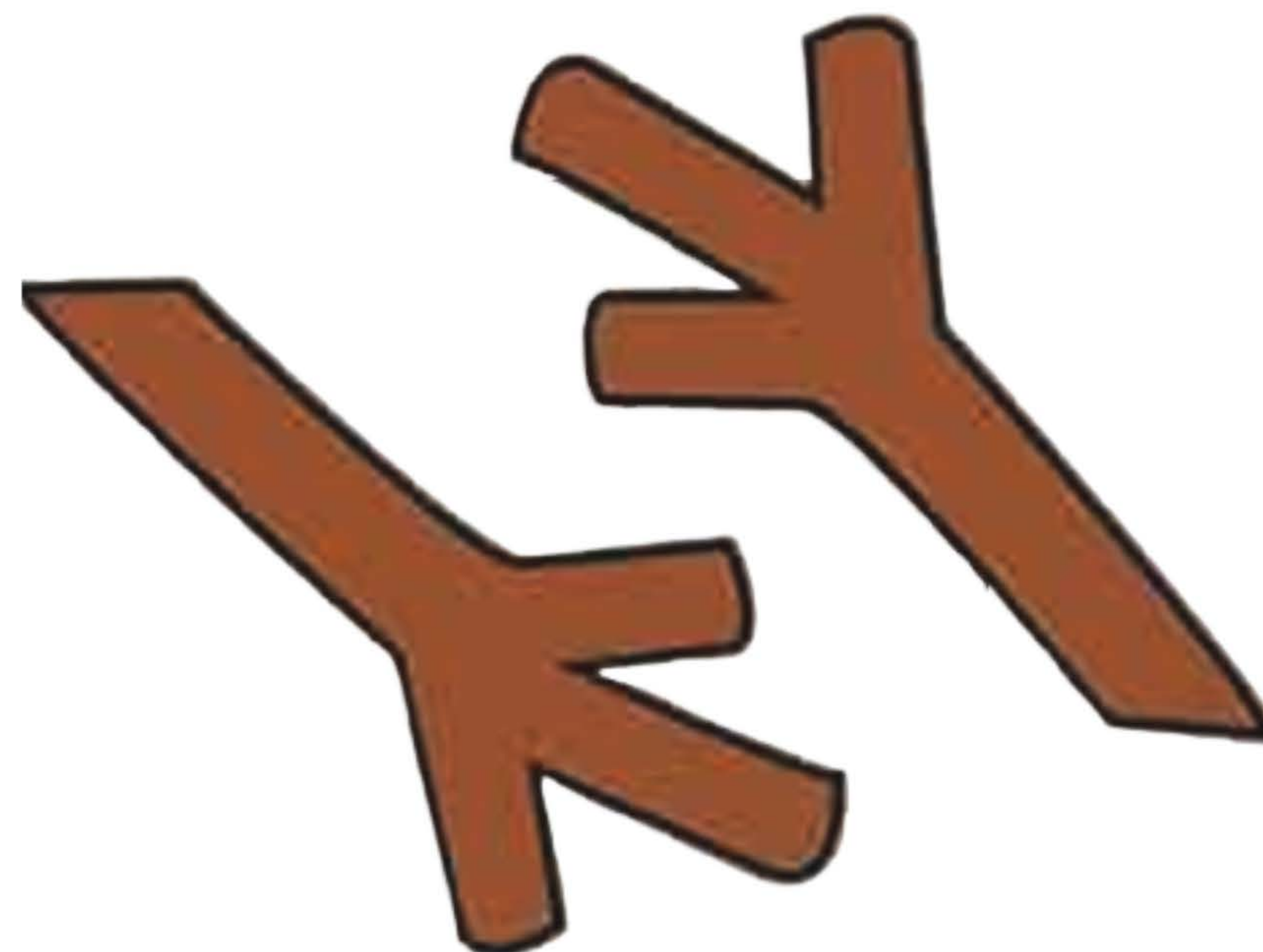
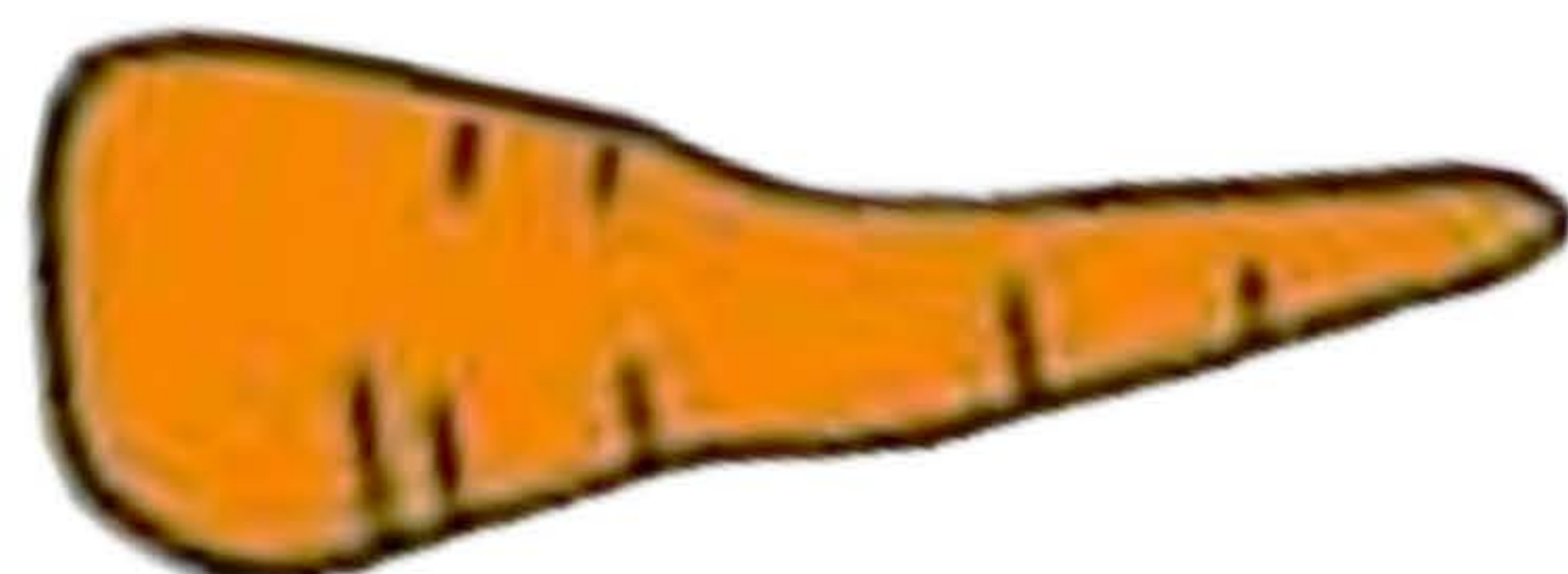
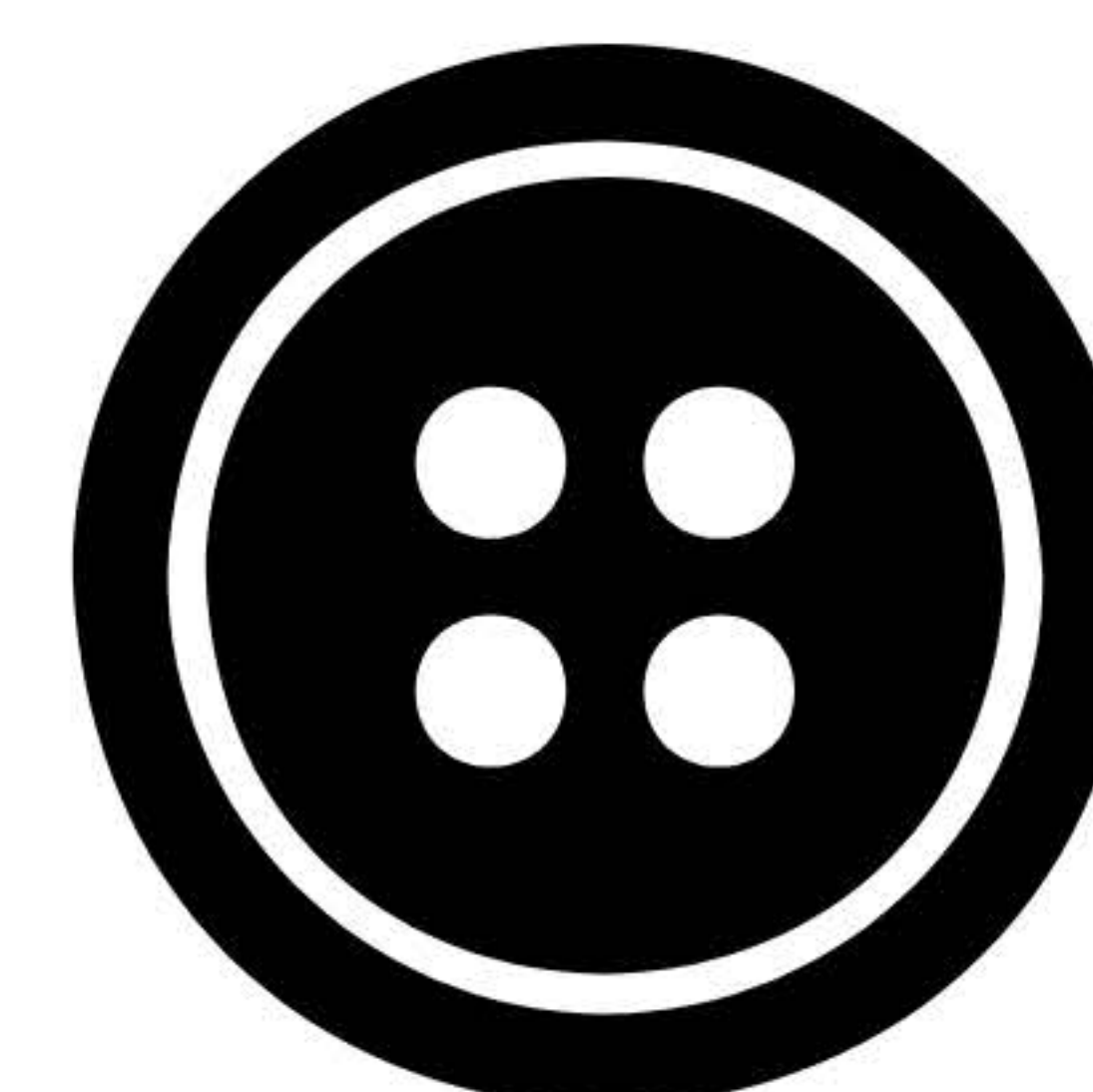
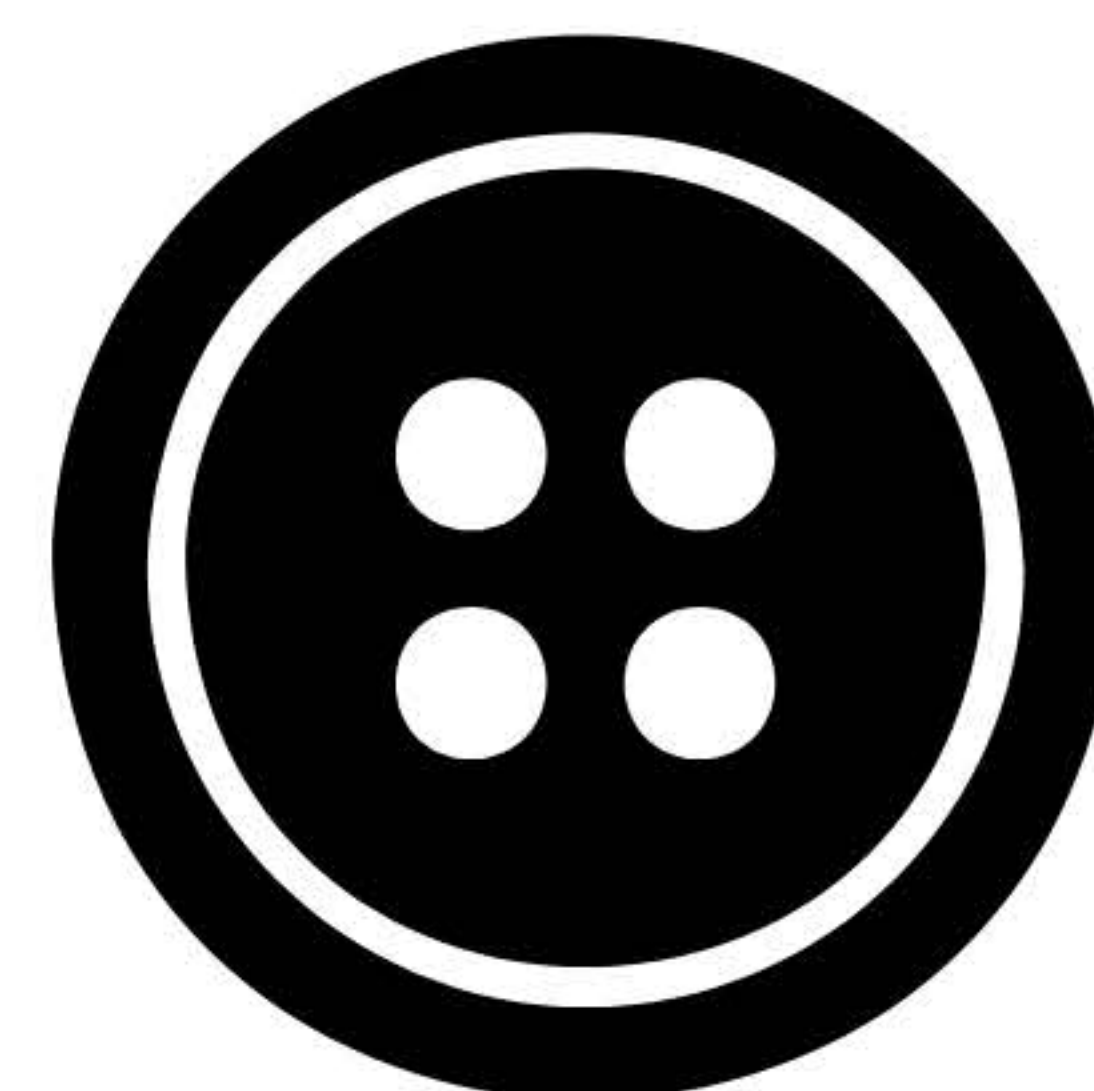
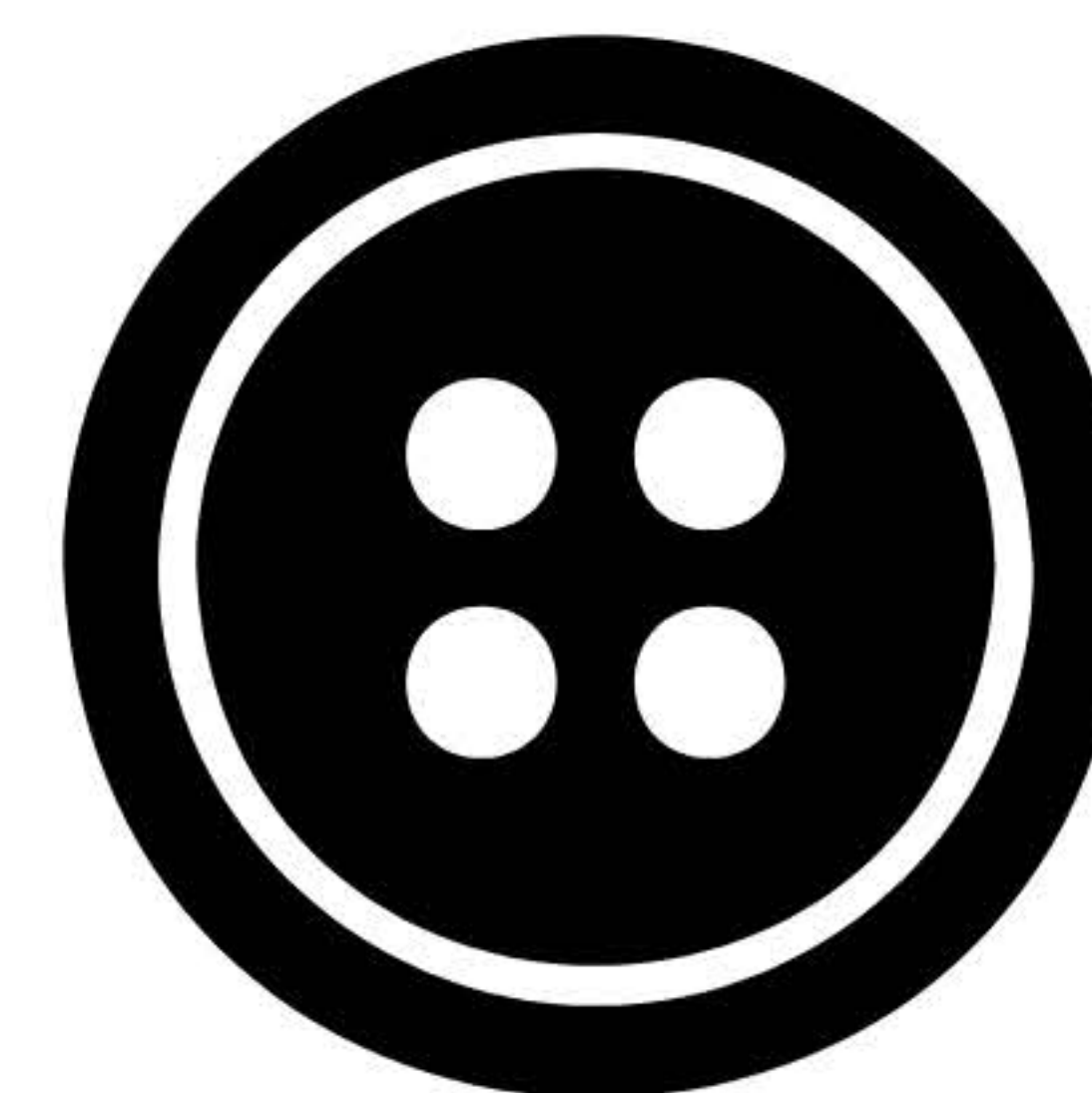
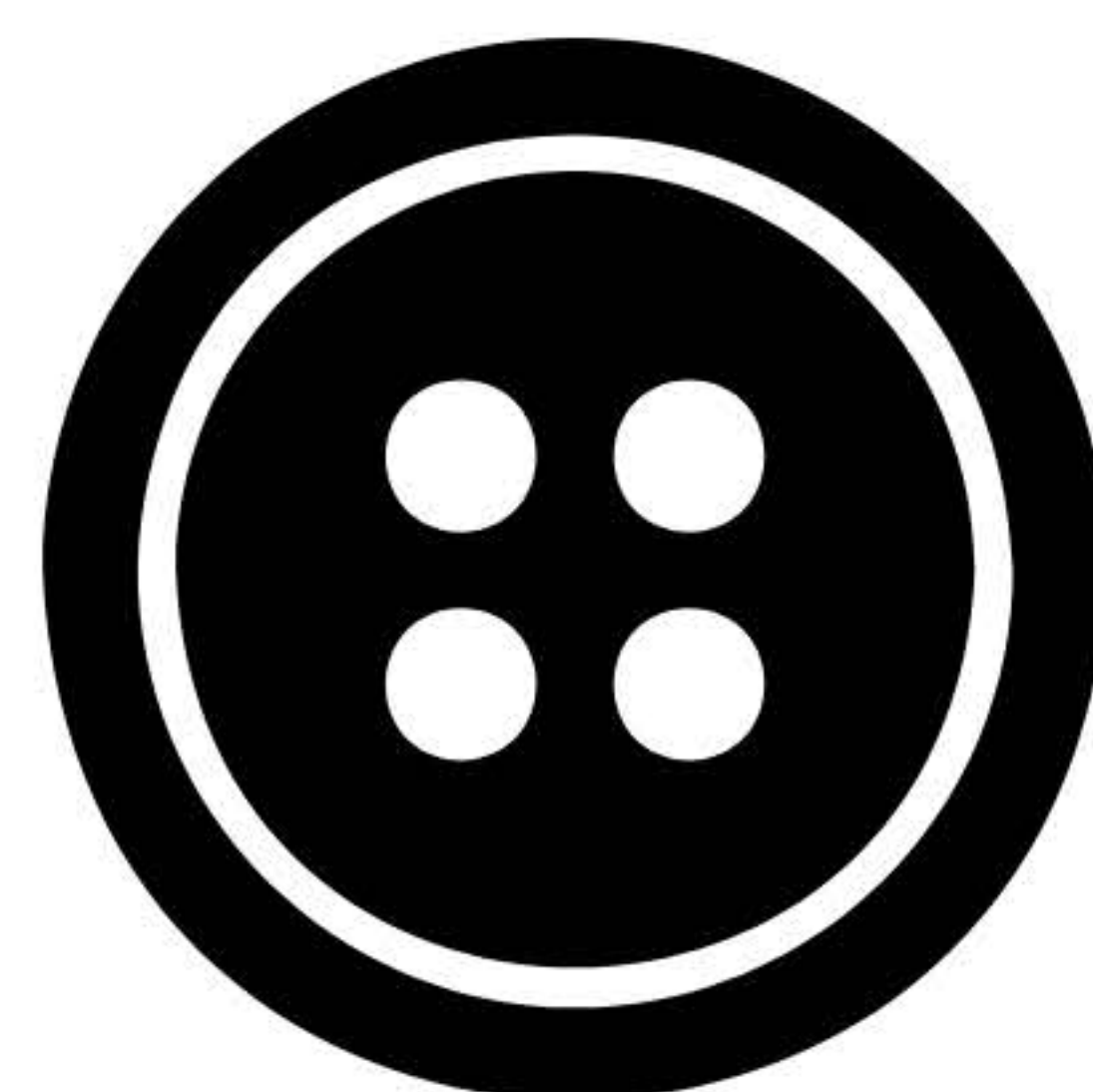
Let the child enjoy playing with the fake snow! They can mold other shapes, pretend it's a snowy day, or simply enjoy the sensory experience. Talk to them about snow and how it's different in other countries during Christmas time.

Materials Needed: Baking soda (bicarbonate of soda), cold water, mixing bowl, measuring cup or spoon, buttons, small twigs, small hat for decoration

Place about 2 cups of baking soda in the mixing bowl. Slowly add cold water, one tablespoon at a time, mixing well with each addition. Keep adding water until the texture resembles snow—cool, crumbly, and moldable.

Once your fake snow is ready, mold it into three different-sized snowballs to create a snowman. Stack them on top of each other to form the snowman shape.

Use buttons to give your snowman eyes and buttons on his body, add twigs for the arms, and place a small hat on top. You can even make a carrot nose using paper or clay!



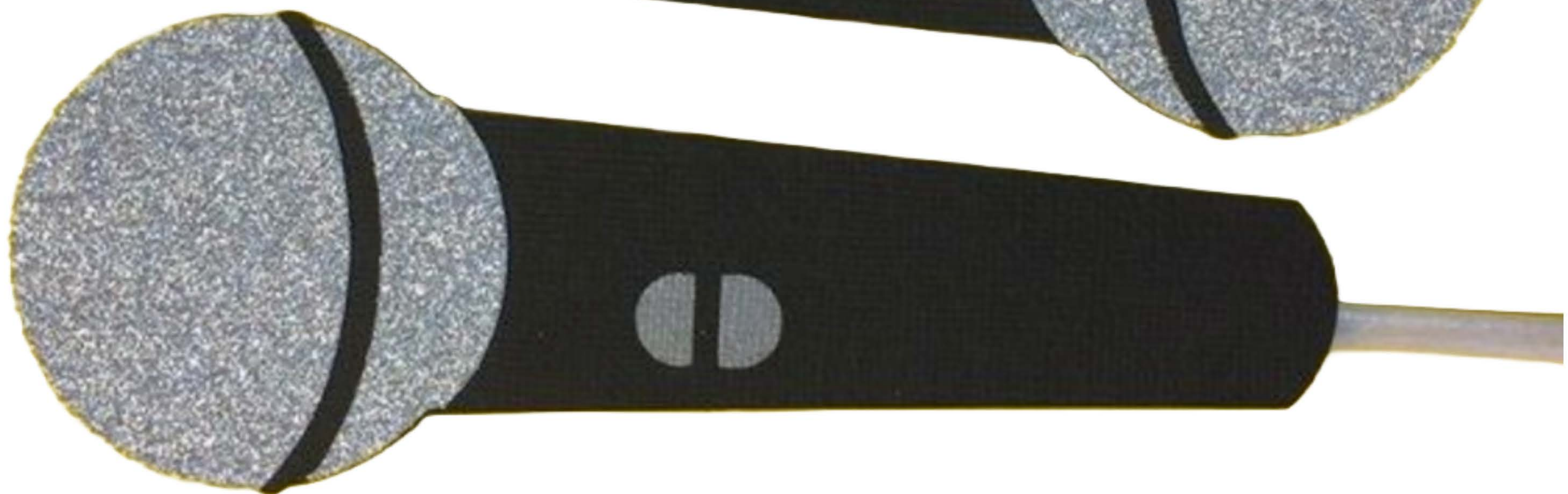
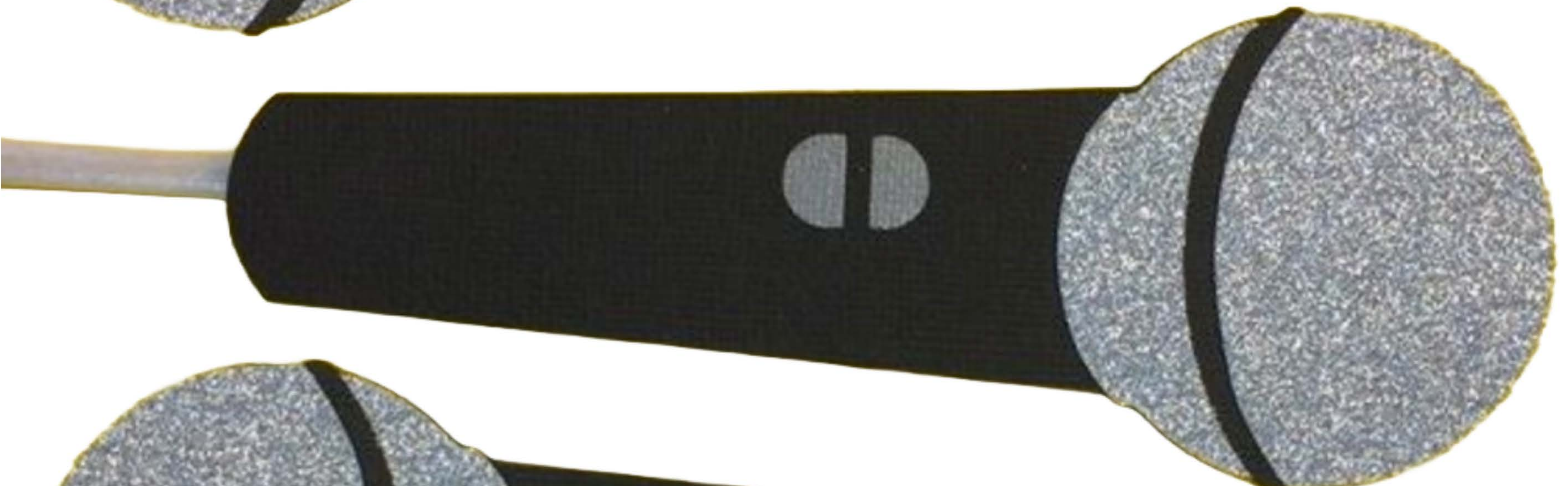


December 16: Christmas Carol Karaoke Night .

Christmas Carol Karaoke Night is all about bringing people together to celebrate through music, laughter, and festive fun. It's an excellent way to spread Christmas cheer and create joyful memories with loved ones!

Materials Needed: Karaoke machine or computer/TV with speakers, microphones (optional), playlist of Christmas carols, christmas decorations (lights, garlands), snacks and drinks (e.g., hot cocoa, cookies), props (Santa hats, reindeer antlers).

- Set Up: Decorate a cozy area with Christmas lights, set up a karaoke station, and prepare a Christmas carol playlist.
- Dress Up: Wear festive attire like Santa hats or reindeer antlers, and use fun props.
- Sing & Perform: Take turns singing Christmas carols, dance, and clap along.
- Group Finale: End with everyone singing a favorite carol together.
- Enjoy Treats: Finish the night with Christmas snacks like cookies and hot cocoa.
- Bonus: Add a karaoke contest for extra fun!





December 17: Santa's Workshop Pretend Play

Santa's Workshop Pretend Play is a great way to engage kids in imaginative role play while celebrating the spirit of giving. It's creative, festive, and a fun activity that lets them experience the magic of being one of Santa's elves!

Materials Needed: Small boxes or items to wrap (like toys, candies, or empty containers), wrapping paper in bright, summery colors (such as yellow, blue, and pink), ribbons, bows, and decorative items. Scissors and tape, stickers and markers for personalization.

- **Set Up Workshop:** Create a festive workspace with wrapping supplies and decorations.
- **Dress as Elves:** Wear elf hats, aprons, and make name tags to get into character.
- **Play Music:** Put on cheerful Christmas songs for a festive atmosphere.
- **Wrap Gifts:** Use bright, summery wrapping paper to wrap small gifts.
- **Decorate Gifts:** Personalize the wrapped gifts with stickers and drawings.
- **Role Play:** Pretend to be Santa's elves preparing gifts for Christmas Eve.
- **Assembly Line Game:** Turn wrapping into a game by giving each elf a specific task.
- **Gift-Giving Plan:** Discuss who will receive each gift to emphasize the spirit of giving.
- **Enjoy a Treat:** Reward the kids with cookies or punch after their hard work.

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PRETEND PLAY





December 18: Family Photo Ornament Craft .

Family Photo Ornament Craft is a meaningful and creative activity that results in a beautiful keepsake for your tree. It's a perfect way to celebrate family and create a personalized decoration that can be enjoyed for years to come!

Materials Needed: Wooden popsicle sticks, paint, glitter, glue, small pompoms, twine or ribbon for hanging, a family photo (small enough to fit inside the frame), washi tape or decorative paper, scissors.

Optional: Stickers or small Christmas-themed cutouts (e.g., gingerbread men)

STEP BY STEP

- Prepare the Frame: Arrange and glue wooden popsicle sticks in a house shape. Let it dry.
- Paint and Decorate: Paint the frame, let it dry, and add glitter to the roof.
- Attach the Photo: Glue a family photo to the center and decorate with washi tape.
- Add Decorations: Add small pompoms and stickers to personalize the ornament.
- Attach Hanging String: Glue twine or ribbon to the back to hang on the tree.
- Final Touches: Let kids add personal drawings or decorations.
- Hang the Ornament: Hang it on the tree and enjoy your new keepsake!

Here are some examples for you to get inspired





December 19: Christmas Picture Bingo. .

Today, it's time for a fun game of Christmas Picture Bingo to bring everyone together for some festive fun!

Materials Needed:

- Christmas Bingo Cards
- Markers: Use small items like buttons, festive candies, or even small Christmas ornaments to mark the squares.
- Call Sheet
- Small Prizes: Optional prizes for the winners (candy canes, small toys, Christmas-themed items).

Give each player a Christmas Bingo card and markers to cover images.

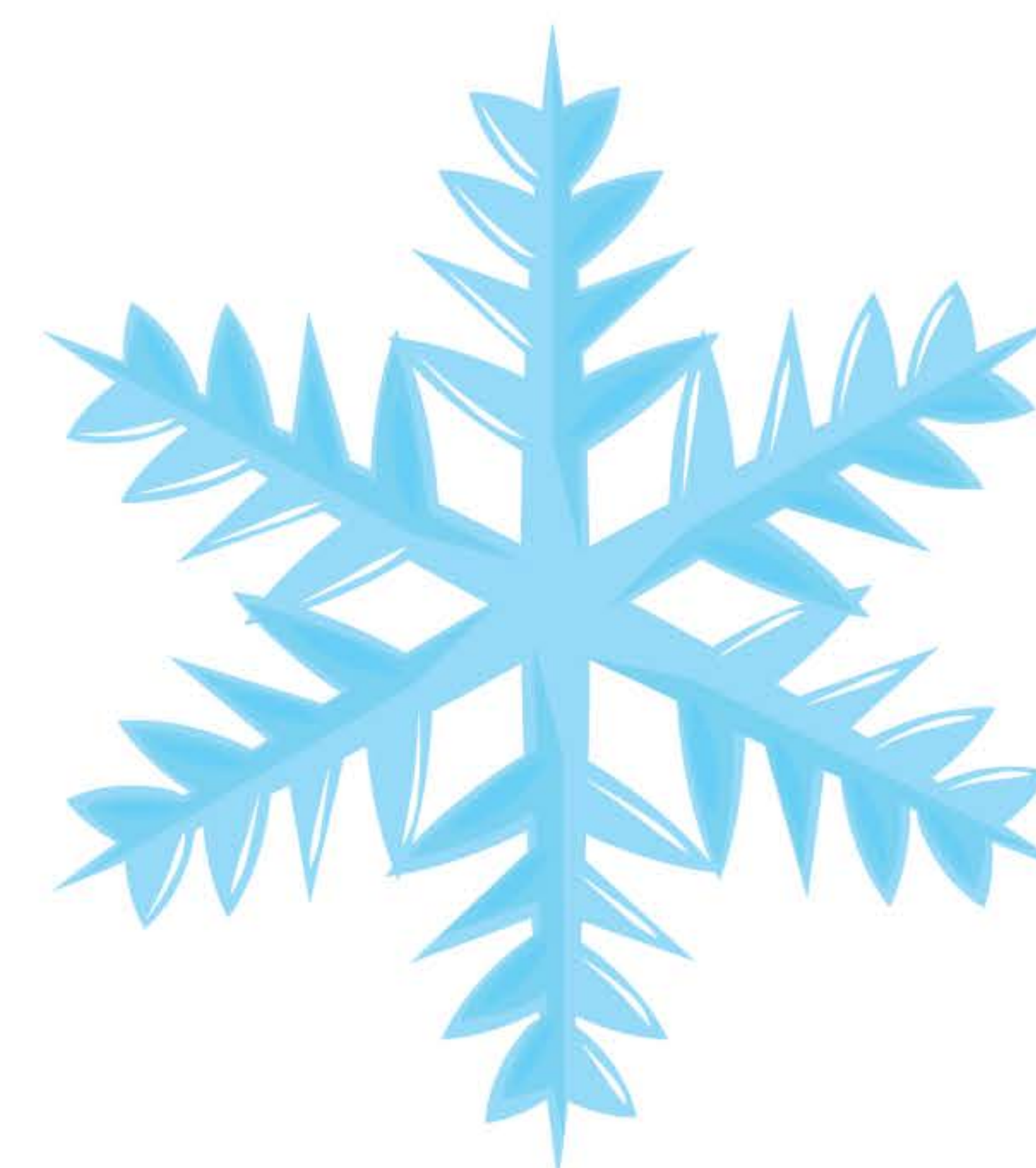
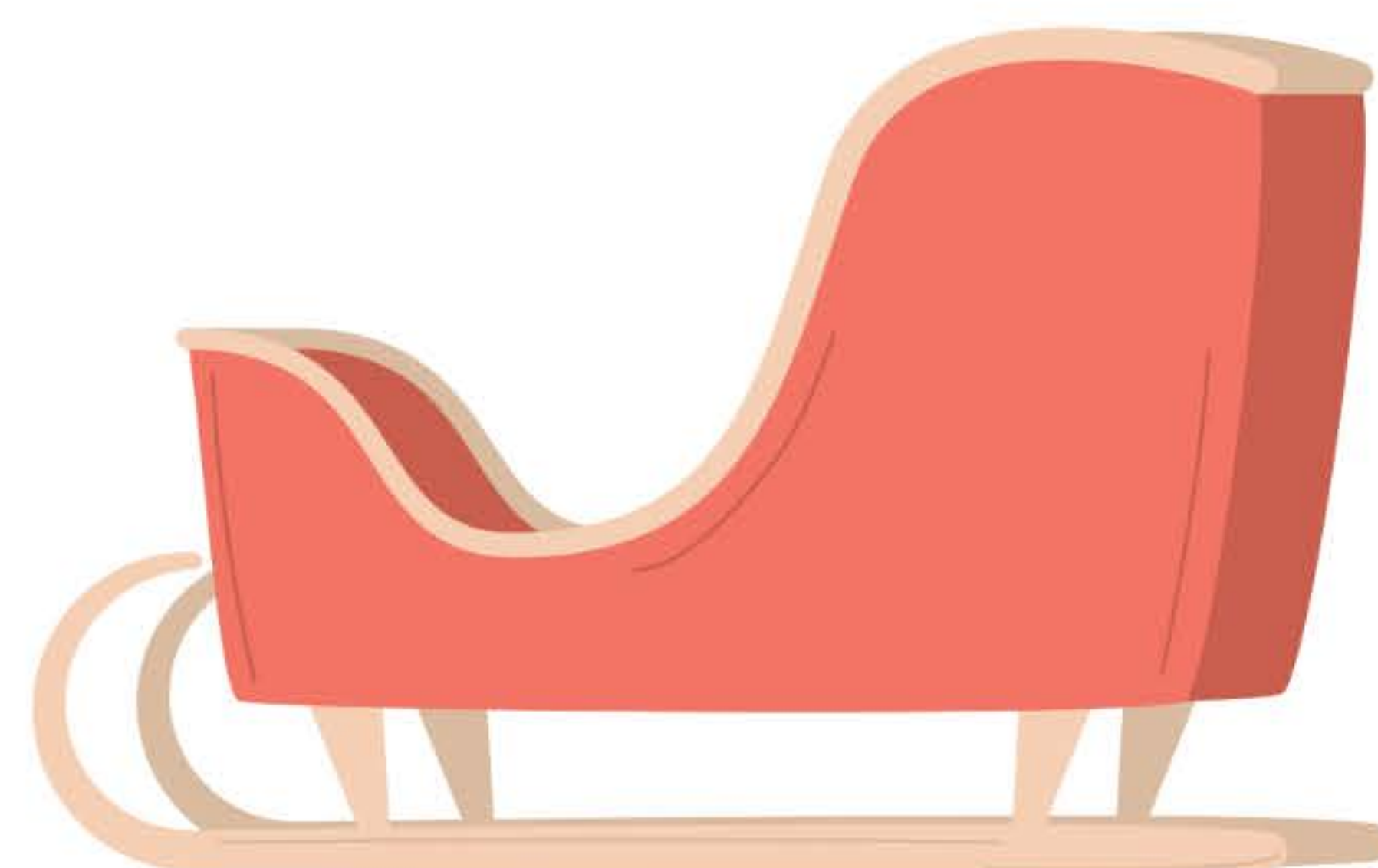
Explain the Rules: Players must complete a line (vertical, horizontal, or diagonal) and shout "Bingo!" when finished.

Call Out Images: The caller randomly selects and announces images; players mark them if they have them.











December 20: Visit the Christmas Decorations Around Town

Visiting the Christmas Decorations Around Town is a wonderful way to spend time together as a family, appreciating the beauty of the holiday season. It's festive, magical, and a perfect way to create lasting memories during Christmastime!

1. Plan the Route: Choose a route with the best holiday decorations in your city or neighborhood.
2. Dress Festively: Wear comfortable and festive clothing for the outing.
3. Explore Decorations: Walk or drive to see the lights, make stops, and discuss each display.
4. Take Photos: Capture favorite moments and decorations to remember the outing.
5. Scavenger Hunt Game: Make the visit more interactive by searching for specific items like reindeer or Santa decorations.
6. Play Christmas Music: Play Christmas carols in the car or sing along while walking.
7. Share and Draw: Talk about everyone's favorite decorations and let kids draw their favorite displays.

Visiting the Christmas Decorations is a great way to enjoy the holiday spirit together and create beautiful family memories!

My Christmas Decoration Adventure!

What was your favorite part of our visit to see the Christmas decorations?

Draw a picture of your favorite decoration or moment from our adventure!

My favorite part was:

Why I liked it:



December 21: Christmas Storytime and Blanket Fort

This Christmas fort is not just about reading or watching a movie—it's about creating a space where the family can relax, laugh, and build memories that will last a lifetime. Enjoy the warmth of being together and let the festive spirit fill your hearts!

Create a warm and inviting atmosphere where the entire family can gather and enjoy the magic of the holiday season together. Start by building a cozy blanket fort in the living room—use blankets, pillows, and cushions to create a soft, enclosed space where everyone can feel comfortable and relaxed. Adding some fairy lights can make the fort feel extra special, bringing a little twinkle and magic to the evening.

Once your cozy space is ready, gather inside together. You can choose to either read a favorite Christmas story—like “The Night Before Christmas” or even the nativity story from the Bible—or watch a favorite Christmas movie that everyone loves. Whether it's reading about the magic of Santa or watching a heartwarming Christmas film, this is the perfect opportunity to enjoy each other's company, laugh, and share in the wonder of the holiday season.

Make sure to snuggle up under some blankets, sip on hot cocoa, and enjoy some snacks and popcorn to make the experience even more enjoyable. Since it's summer, you can turn on the AC to create a cooler atmosphere and pretend it's cold outside, just like in a traditional Christmas setting. This little touch makes it feel even more like a classic cozy winter evening.



December 22: Christmas Eve Family Game Night & Hot Chocolate Bar

Christmas Family Game Night is a joyful way to spend time together, filled with laughter, creativity, and family connection. It's all about having fun, enjoying each other's company, and celebrating the spirit of Christmas in a relaxed and festive way.

Instructions:

1. Hot Chocolate Bar: Set up a hot chocolate bar with toppings like marshmallows, whipped cream, and sprinkles. Everyone can make their own perfect cup.
2. Game Space: Set up a cozy area with blankets, pillows, and a selection of board games.
3. Choose and Play Games: Let the family choose their favorite games to play—like Uno, Jenga, or Christmas-themed trivia—and enjoy them together. Add excitement with prizes for the winners.
4. Snack Breaks: Take snack breaks with Christmas cookies, popcorn, and leftover treats.
5. Storytelling Game: End the night with a fun Christmas storytelling game where each family member adds a line to the story.
6. Reflection: Reflect on the evening and share favorite moments while toasting with hot chocolate.



December 23: Christmas Cookie Decorating Marathon

This Christmas Cookie Decorating Marathon is not only about having fun in the kitchen, but also about sharing joy and anticipation for Christmas Eve. It's a sweet, creative way to celebrate and a reminder that Christmas is about giving—including giving Santa something special to enjoy during his long journey around the world!

Gather the family for a fun cookie decorating marathon! Use the same recipe made earlier in the advent season, and get creative—mix, roll, and cut the dough into festive shapes like Christmas trees, stars, and reindeer. Once baked, set up a decorating station with colorful frosting, sprinkles, and edible glitter.

Decorate the cookies however you like, and even have a friendly competition for titles like "Most Festive Cookie." But remember—don't eat them all! Save some for Santa on Christmas Eve. Enjoy your masterpieces with hot cocoa or milk, but make sure the best ones are set aside for Santa's big visit tomorrow!





Gingerbread Cookie Recipe Ingredients:

**2 cups of all-purpose flour
1/2 cup of margarine
1 egg
1 cup of brown sugar
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1 teaspoon ground ginger
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
Sprinkles (for decoration)**

These cookies are a tradition at Ensino Bilin, and they are perfect for making with children, creating fun memories while spreading the Christmas spirit!

In a large bowl, cream together the margarine and brown sugar until smooth.

Add the egg and mix well until fully combined.

Add the flour, ground cinnamon, ground ginger, baking powder, and salt. Mix everything until you get a firm, consistent dough.

Wrap the dough in plastic wrap and refrigerate for about 30 minutes.

Preheat the oven to 180°C (350°F).

Roll out the dough on a lightly floured surface to about 0.5 cm thick.

Use Christmas-themed cookie cutters to cut the dough into fun shapes.

Place the cookies on a greased or parchment-lined baking sheet.

Bake for about 10 to 12 minutes, or until the edges of the cookies are lightly golden.

Let the cookies cool completely before decorating with your choice of toppings.



December 24: Prepare a Plate for Santa

Get ready to create a special treat for Santa! Today, you'll prepare a plate of cookies and a glass of milk to leave out for Santa on Christmas Eve. This activity is all about sharing the love and making Santa feel appreciated for all his hard work.

Materials Needed:

- Cookies (decorated in the previous activity)
- A glass of milk
- A small plate
- A decorative napkin or doily (optional)
- A piece of paper and colored markers
- Stickers or drawings to decorate the note (optional)

1. Gather Materials: Get a small plate, cookies, a glass of milk, a napkin, paper, and markers.
2. Select Cookies: Choose the best-decorated cookies for Santa.
3. Pour Milk: Pour a glass of milk to go with the cookies.
4. Write a Note: Write a cheerful note to Santa and decorate it.
5. Arrange the Plate: Place the cookies, milk, and note neatly on a plate.
6. Pick the Spot: Leave the plate near the tree or fireplace where Santa can find it.
7. Share the Moment: Gather to admire the plate and share in the excitement.
8. Take a Photo: Take a picture to remember the moment.
9. Prepare a Plate for Santa is a sweet way to celebrate and share the magic of Christmas Eve!

Dear Santa,





Merry Christmas

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