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Age 3-Pre-K

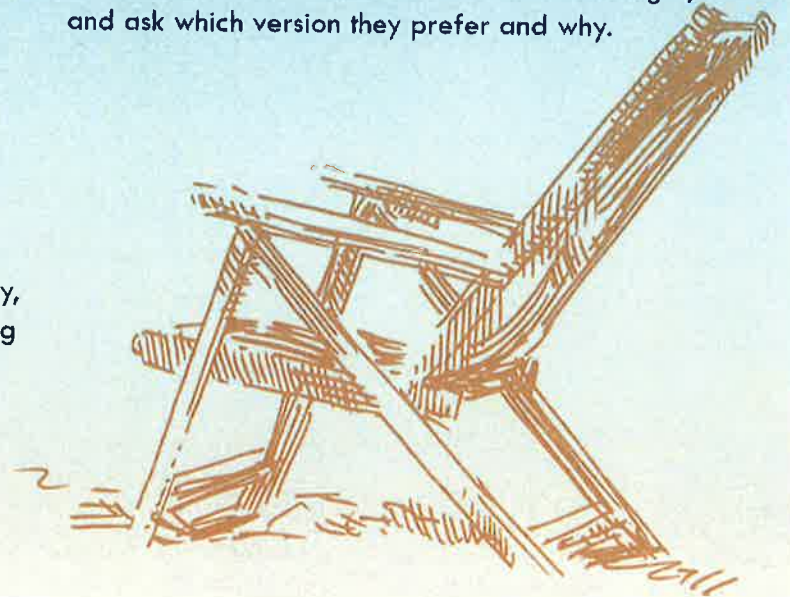


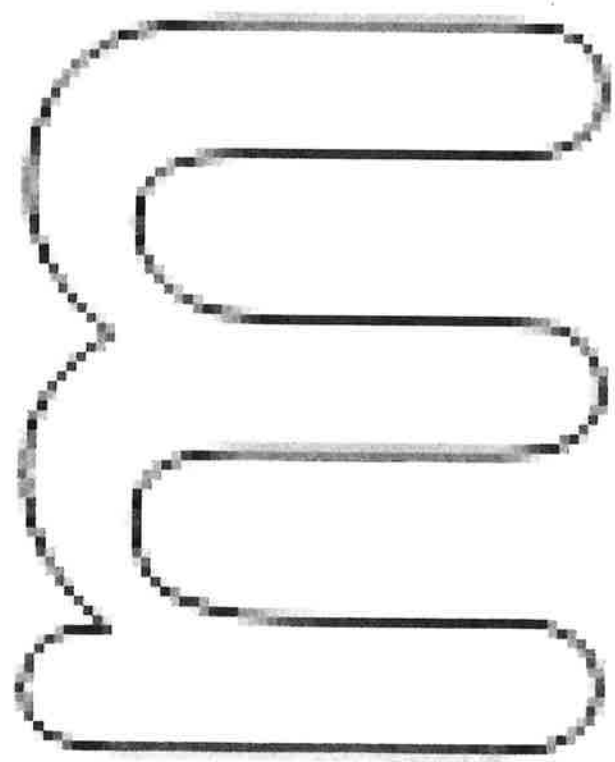
# Keep your kids and teens **READING** (and **HAVING FUN**) this *Summer*

Reading is one of the most important things children and teens can do during the summer to keep their skills sharp for the next school year.

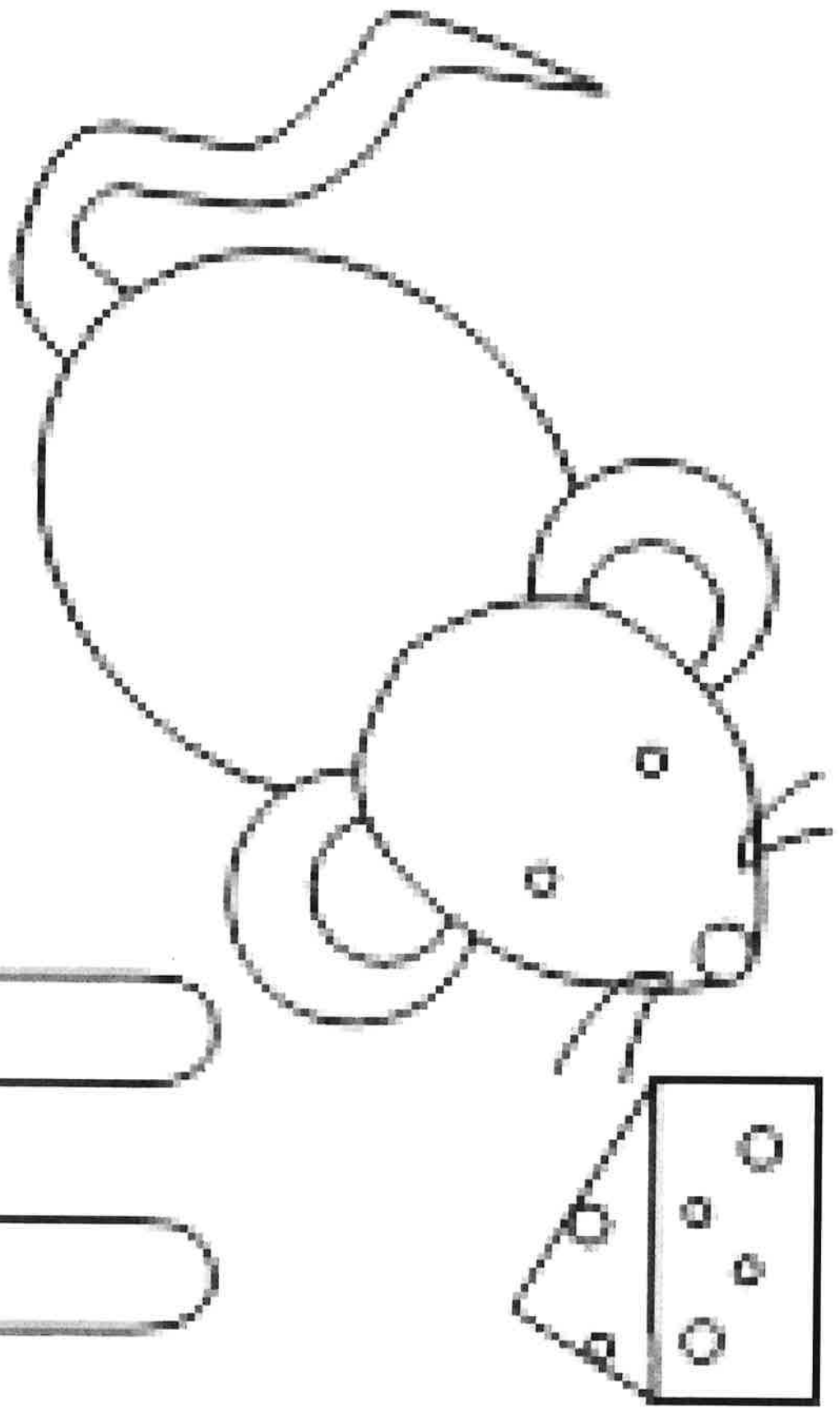
Reading just 4 to 6 books helps keep kids and teens from losing the reading ability they gained in the last school year.

- Keep reading fun for your kids. They'll see reading as an enjoyable activity and one they want to continue through the summer and their whole lives.
- Listen to audiobooks in the house and while traveling (it's an engaging way to pass the time on a long car trip!). Check them out for free from your library!
- Let kids and teens choose their own books and other materials to read. They tend to read more on their own and enjoy it more if they're able to pick what they read.
- The public library provides free, safe, fun, enriching activities for your kids and teens over the summer and year-round.
- Provide your children with lots of access to a wide variety of books and reading materials in different formats (books, eBooks, audiobooks, magazines, etc). Frequent trips to the library as well as books and reading materials you have in your home make this possible.
- Get your kids their own library cards (they're free!). When kids have their own library card and use it regularly, they see that reading plays an important role in their family and lives.
- Summer reading can take place anywhere—at the park, at the kitchen table and in the car, at the library, or while visiting family and friends. Taking the reading adventure beyond the classroom is a great way for your kids and whole family to explore new worlds, have fun, and find new friends
- Become a reading role model for the kids and teens in your life. When you spend time reading books, eBooks, blogs, the newspaper, or even directions for how to put together a piece of furniture, you show your child that reading is both fun and useful.
- Starting at birth, read aloud to your children. Reading aloud helps them develop language and pre-literacy skills. Make sure your caregivers are also reading with your children.
- Set reading goals with your kids and reward effort. Reward reading with more reading. Stop by the library for the next book in your child's favorite series, or to discover new ones. Ask librarians for suggestions.
- Encourage kids to branch out and read about new topics and from new genres. Share your favorite books from childhood and make new memories together.
- Together with your kids, watch movies based on books, and read those books. Discuss the differences, talk about why the filmmakers chose to make changes, and ask which version they prefer and why.





m is for mouse





# Paint Puddle

Dancing in a paint puddle,  
Playing peek-a-boo,  
Happy feet mix up the paint  
To make a different hue.

'Cause red feet in a yellow puddle make  
ORANGE.

And yellow feet in a blue puddle make  
GREEN.

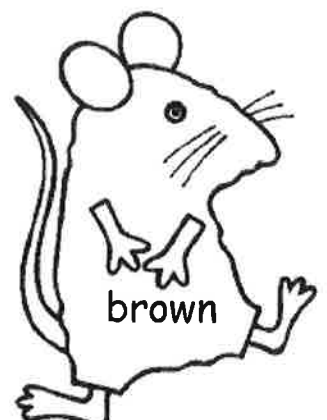
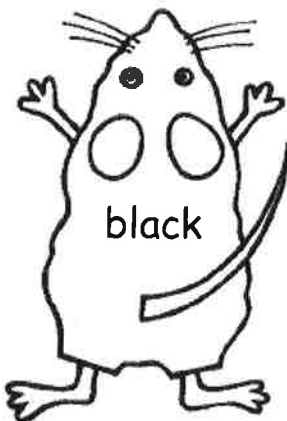
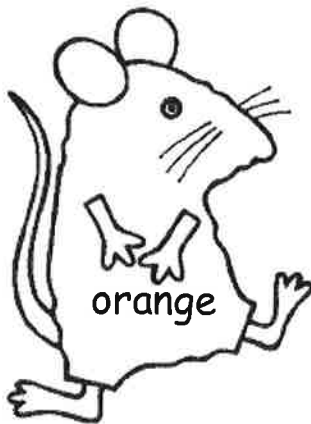
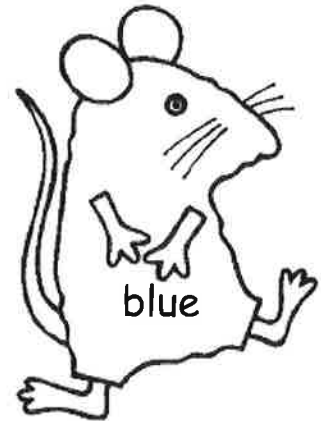
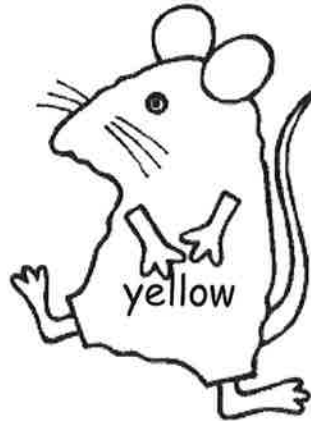
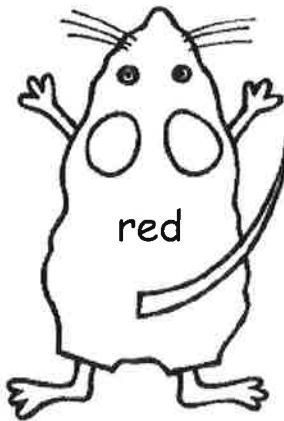
And blue feet in a red puddle make  
PURPLE.

Dancing in a paint puddle-  
It's such a color treat  
To mix up all the paints  
And make such colorful feet.



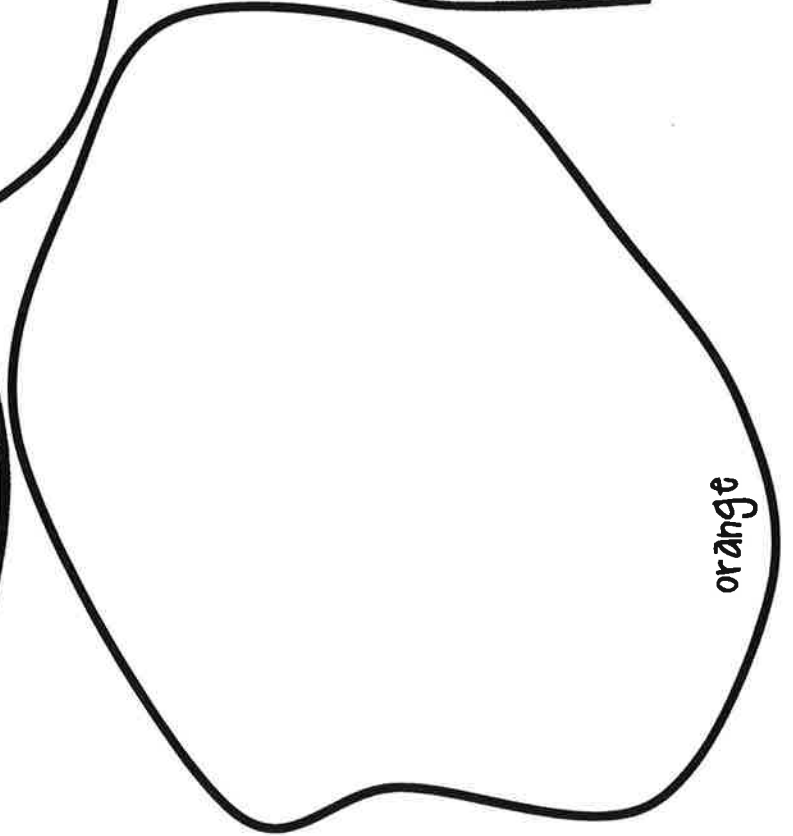
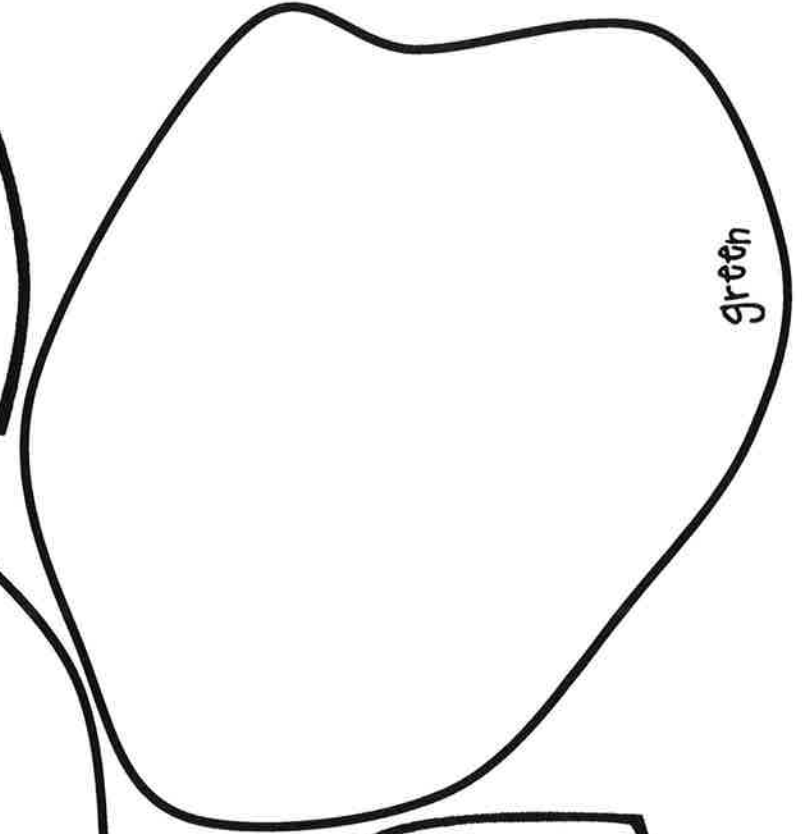
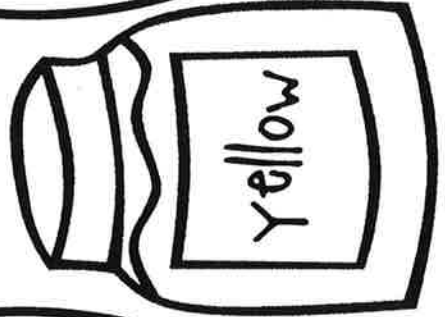
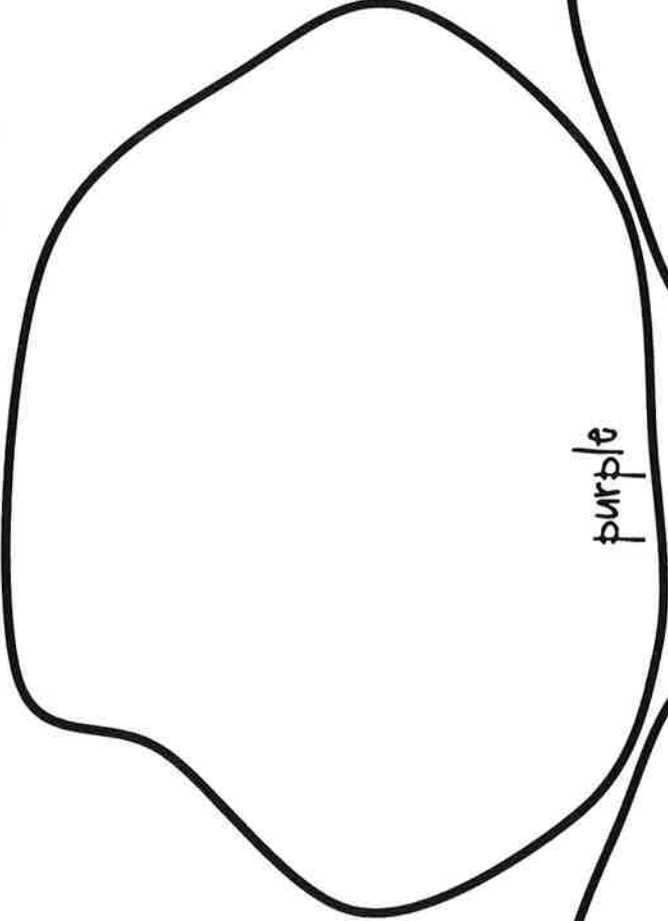
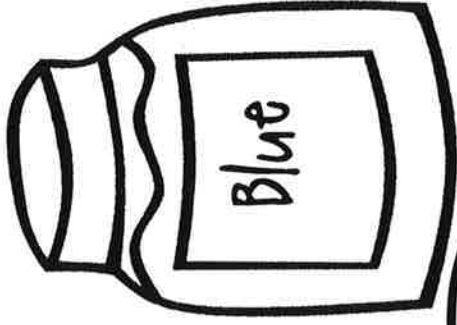
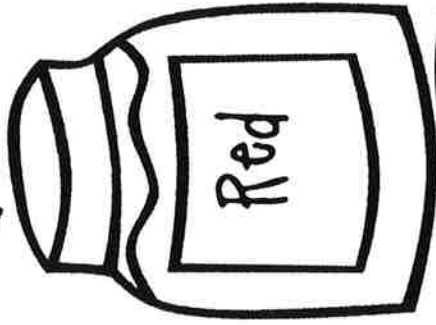
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Read the color words. Color the mice.

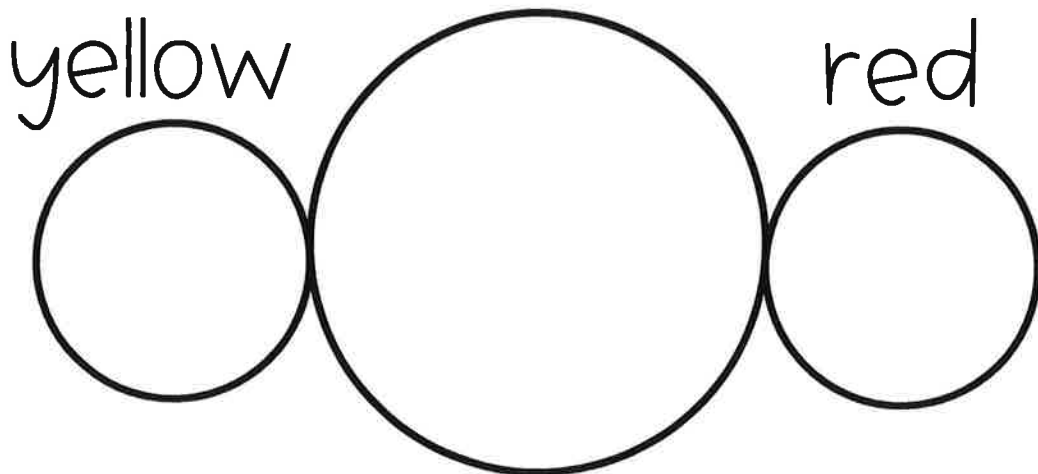
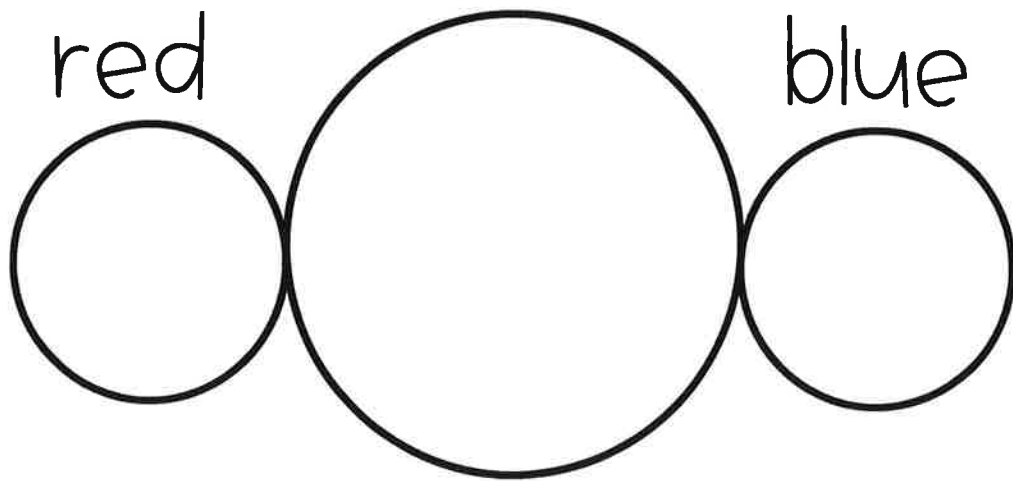
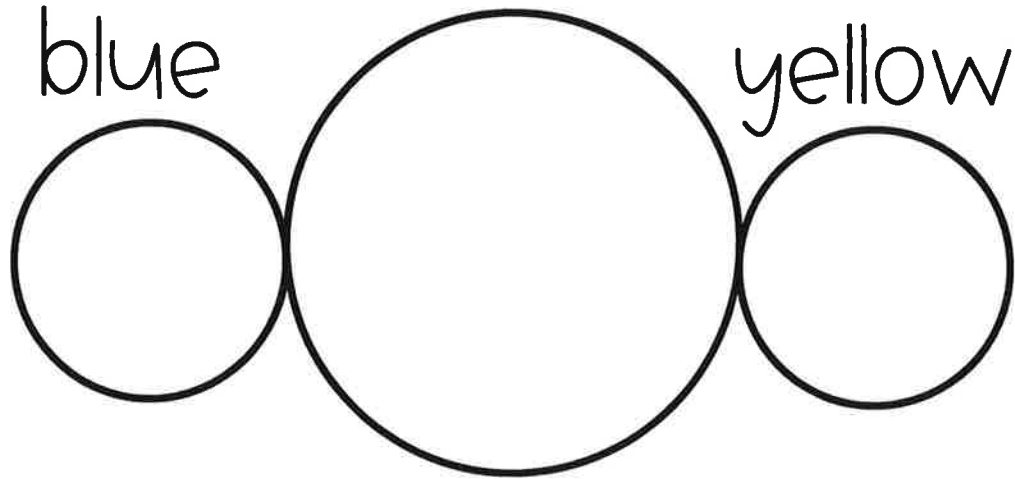




Let's Dance in Some Paint!



let's mix  
**Primary Colors**

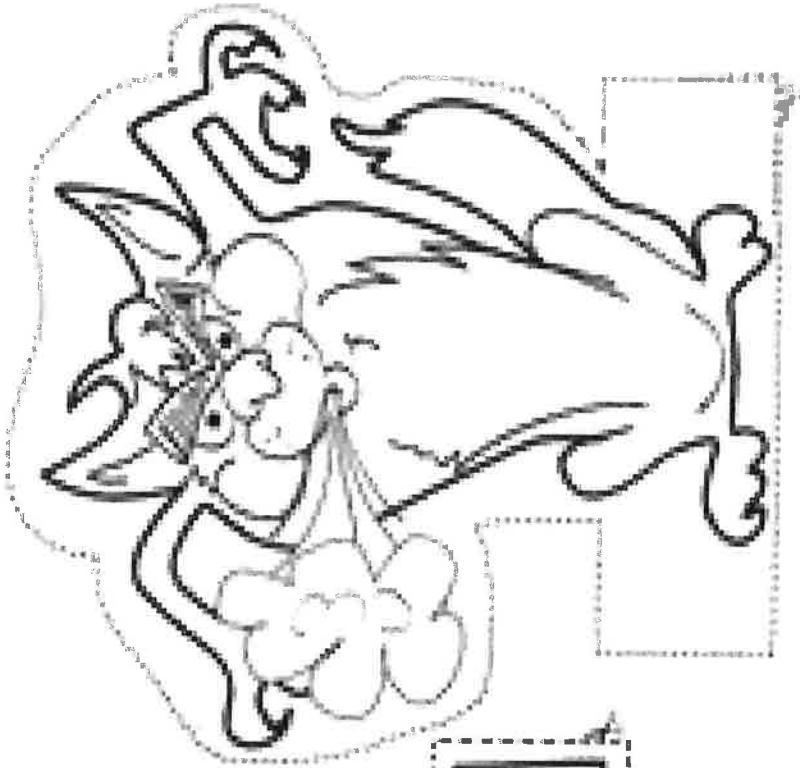
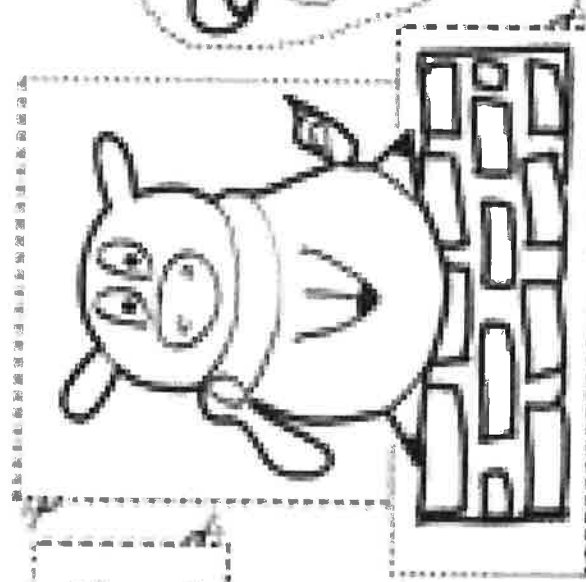
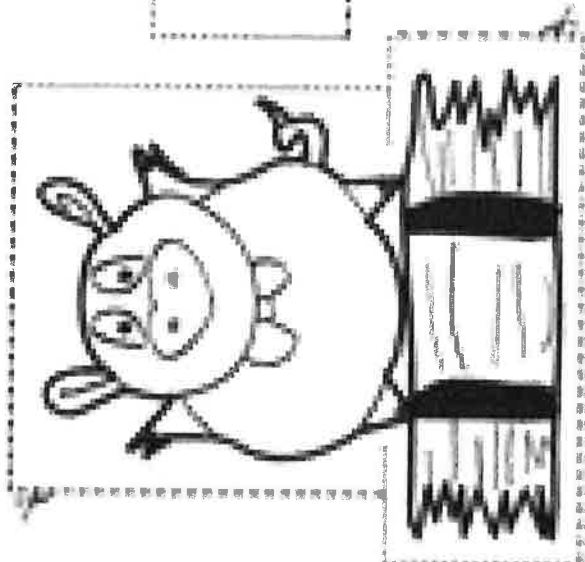
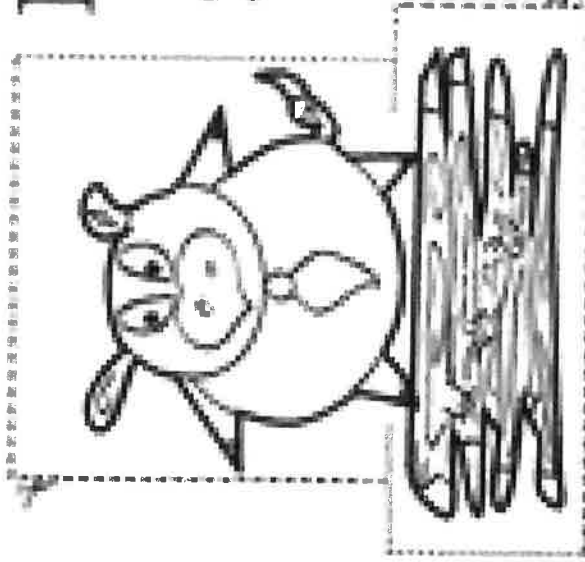




# FINGER PUPPET THEATRE

## The Three Little Pigs

Color, cut out, and use these puppets to act out your favorite scene from the story of 'The Three Little Pigs'.



# Three Little Pigs Maze

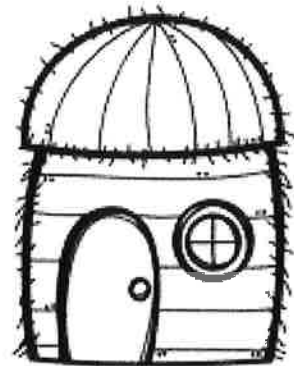
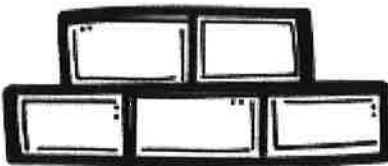
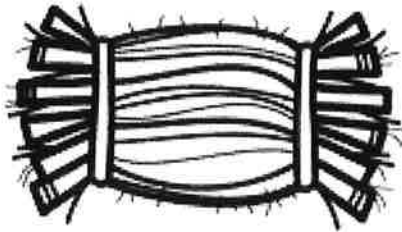
Guide each little pig to his house. Don't run into the big bad wolf!



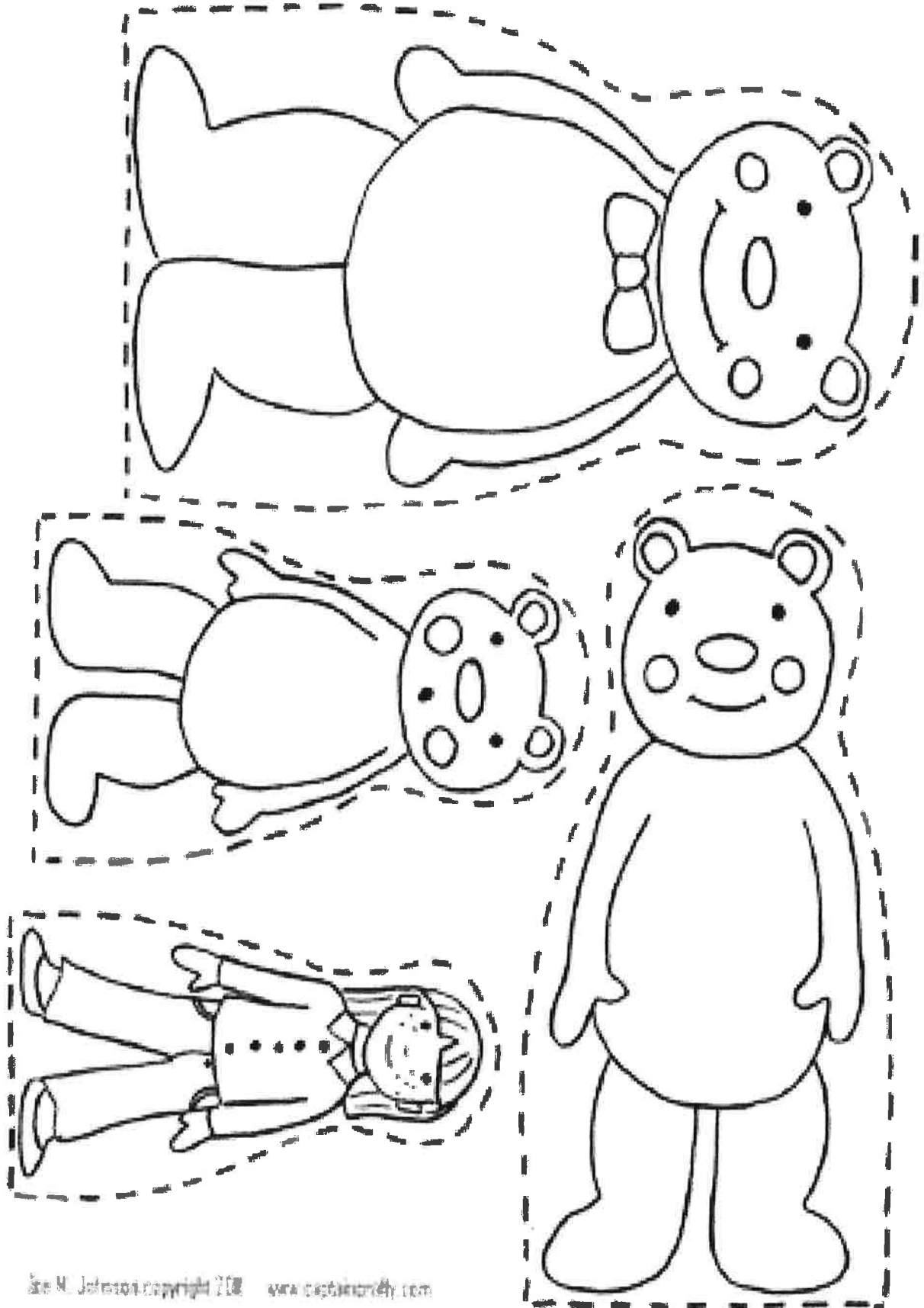
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# The Three Little Pigs

Draw lines to match the building materials with the houses they were used to build.





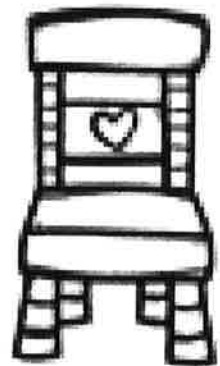
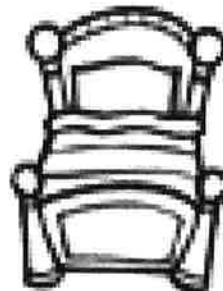
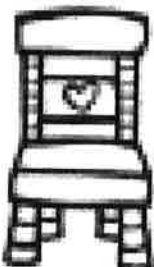
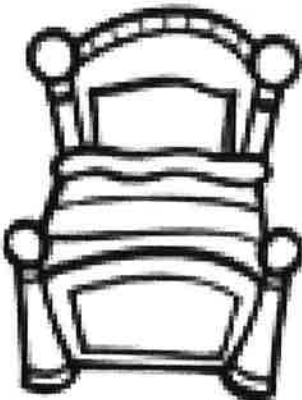
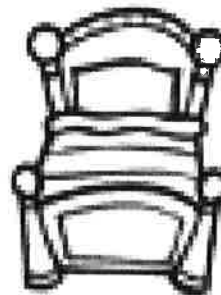
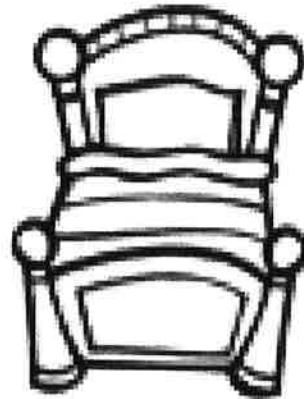
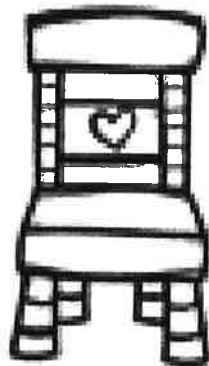


# 3 Bears

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## Measurement

Directions: There is a bowl, chair, and bed in 3 different sizes. Color the small items yellow. Color the medium items blue. Color the large items red.



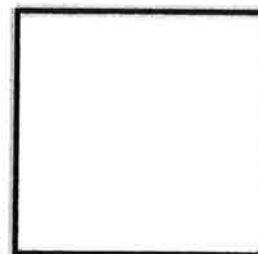
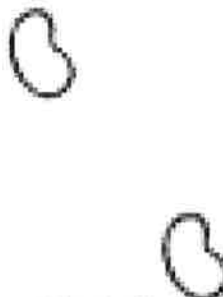
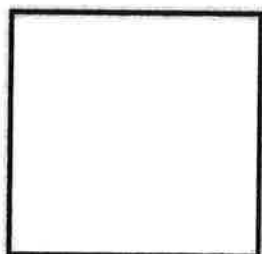
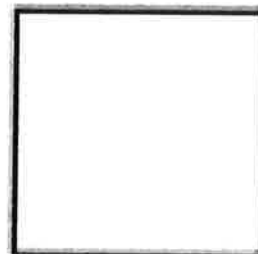
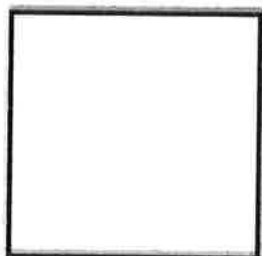
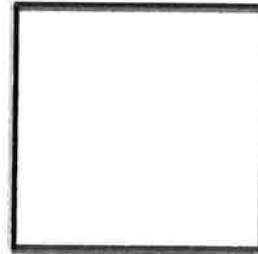
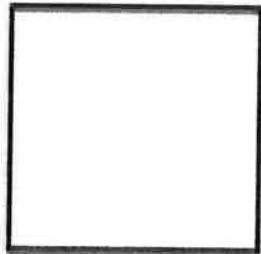
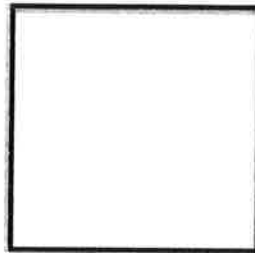
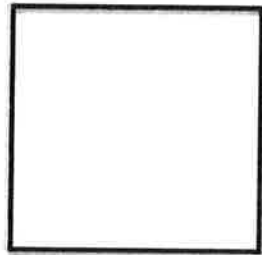


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# Magic Beans Counting

Directions: Cut and paste the numbers in the matching box. Color the pictures.



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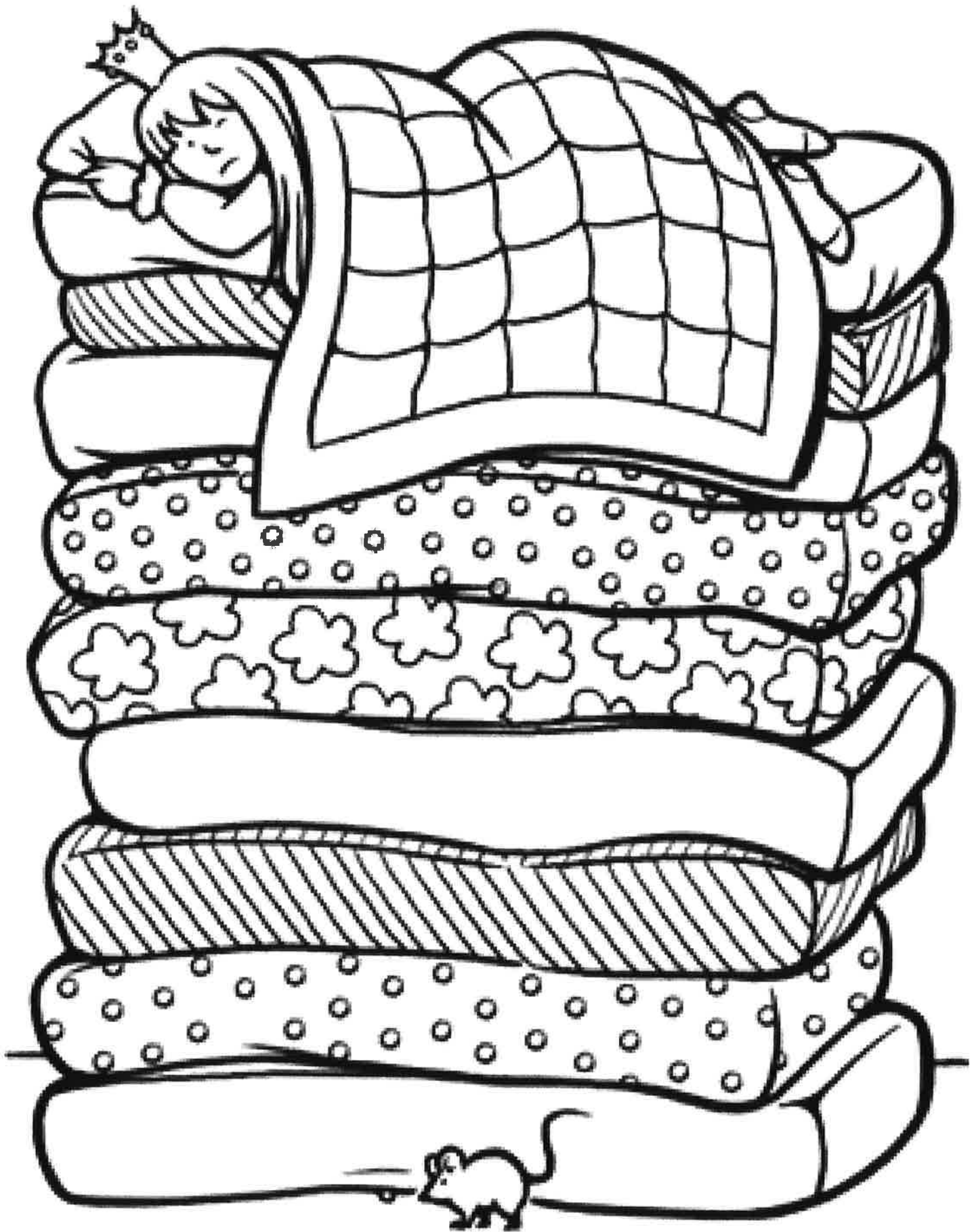
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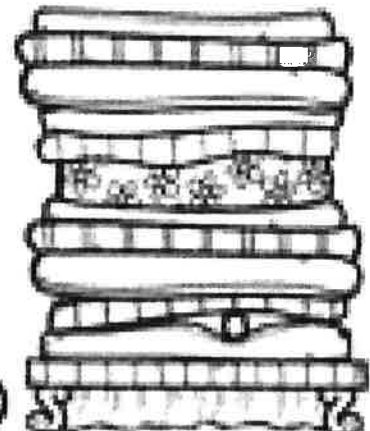
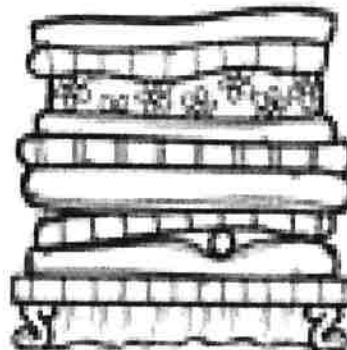
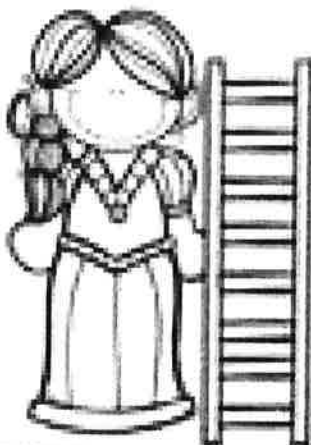
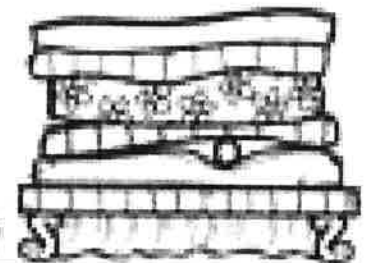
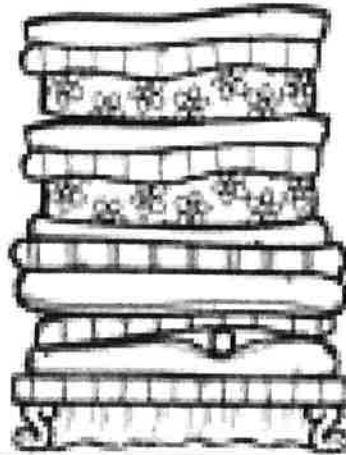
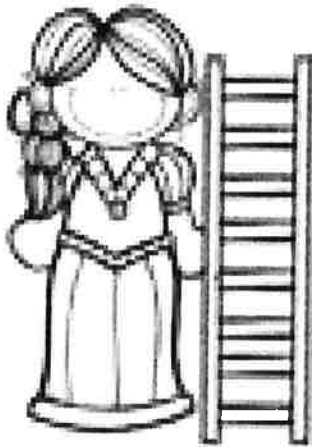
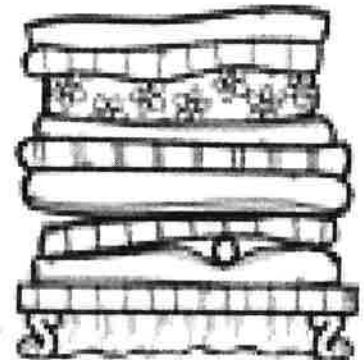
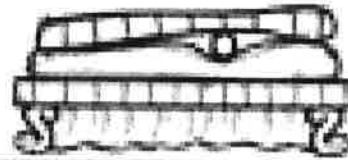
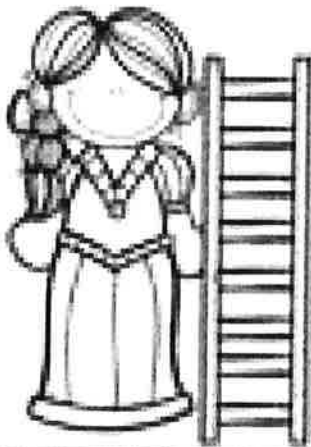


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# Princess & The Pea

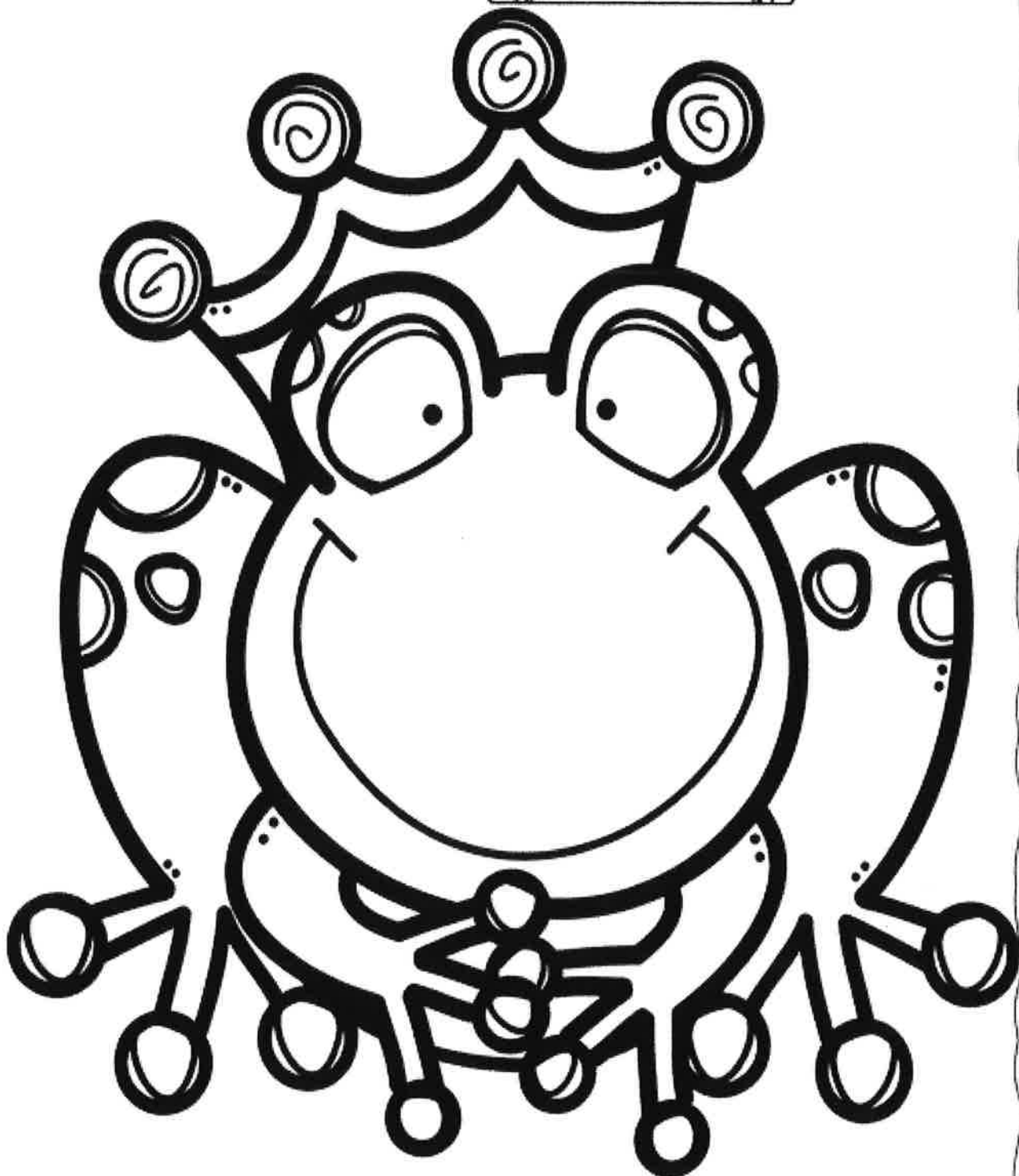
## Measurement

Directions: Fill in the circle of the taller bed. Color the pictures.



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Directions: Color

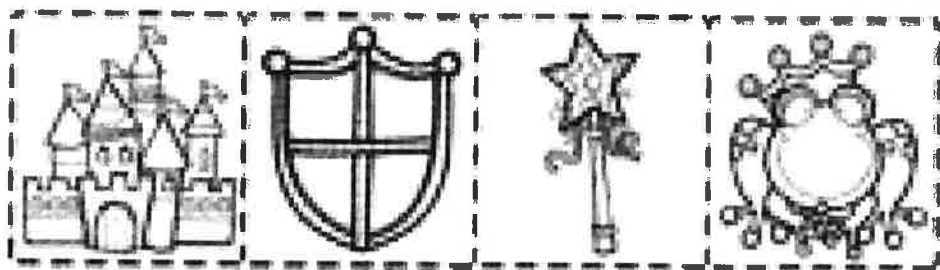
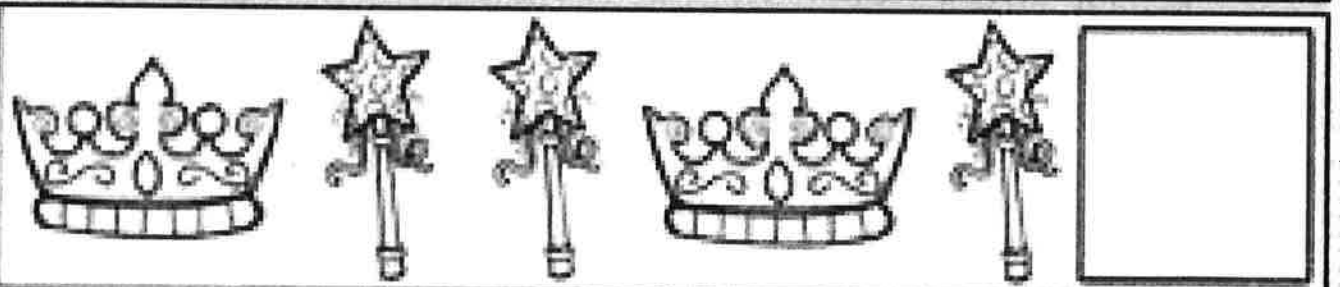
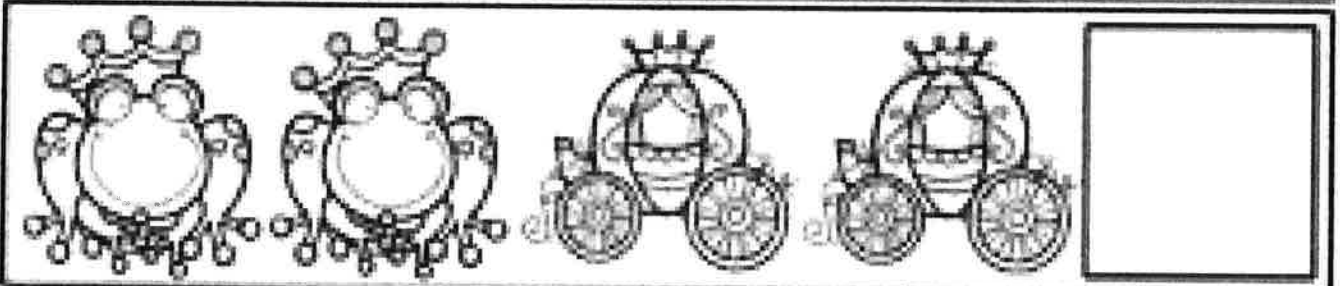
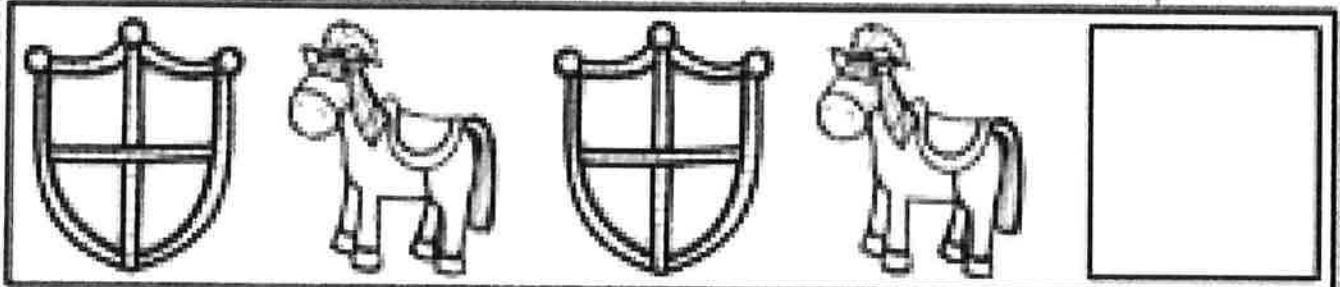




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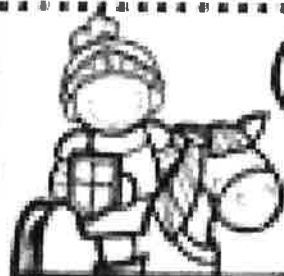
# Fairy Tale Patterns

Directions: Cut and paste to continue the patterns.





"I wish the princess to be wise!"

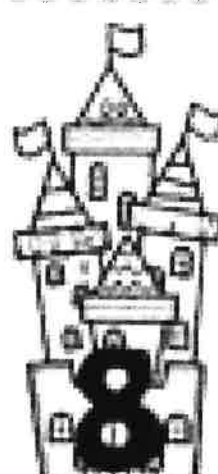
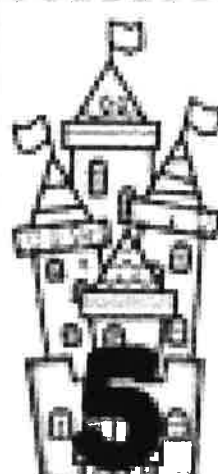
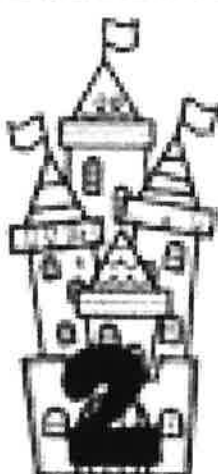
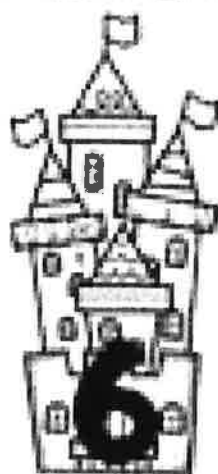
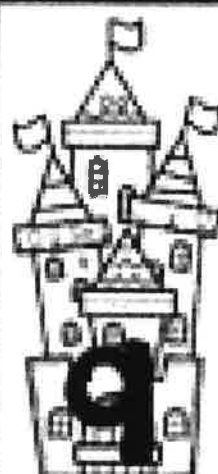
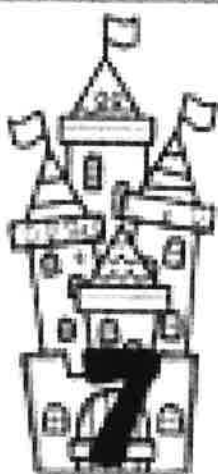
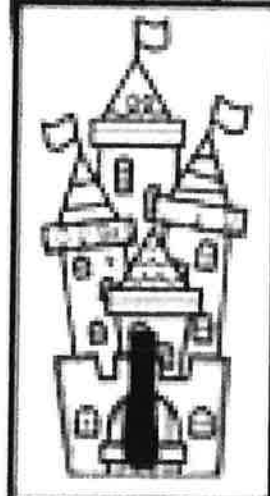


# Castle

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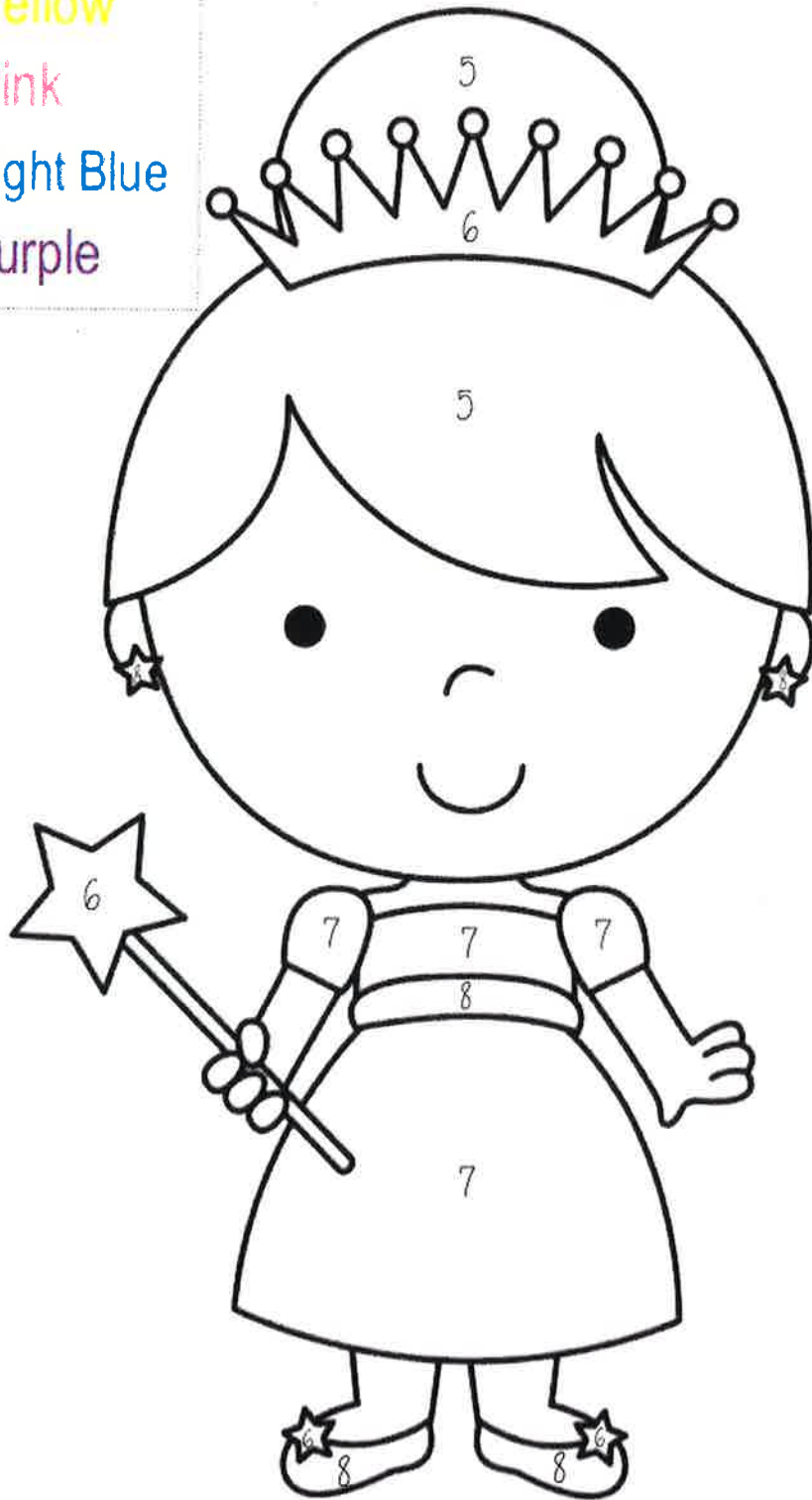
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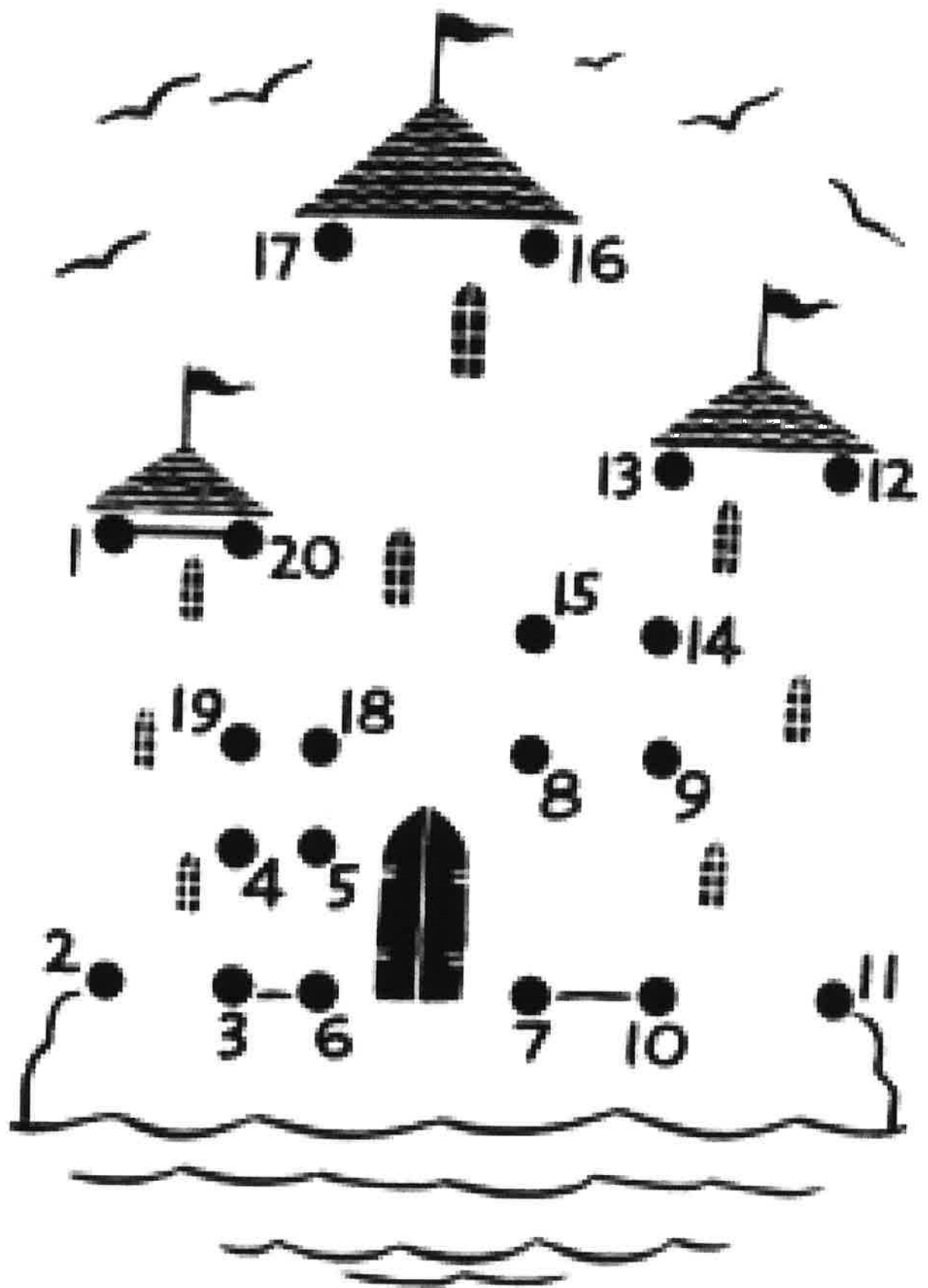
Directions: Cut and paste the missing castles in order.



# Princess Colour by Number

- 5 = Yellow
- 6 = Pink
- 7 = Light Blue
- 8 = Purple







# Ice Cream in a Bag!

By: nicole at  
[Kinderconfections.blogspot.com](http://Kinderconfections.blogspot.com)

## What you'll need:

- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1/2 cup milk or half & half
- 1/4 teaspoon vanilla
- 6 tablespoons rock salt
- 1 pint-size plastic food storage bag (e.g., Ziploc)
- 1 gallon-size plastic food storage bag
- Ice cubes



## How to make it:

Fill the large bag half full of ice, and add the rock salt. Seal the bag. Put milk, vanilla, and sugar into the small bag, and seal it. Place the small bag inside the large one, and seal it again carefully. Shake until the mixture is ice cream, which takes about 5 minutes. Wipe off the top of the small bag, then open it carefully. Enjoy!

## TIPS:

A 1/2 cup milk will make about 1 scoop of ice cream, so double the recipe if you want more. But don't increase the proportions more than that -- a large amount might be too big for kids to pick-up because the ice itself is heavy.



# SUMMER



## Bucket List

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Play in the sprinklers      | <input type="checkbox"/> Attend an outdoor concert   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Camp in the backyard</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> Make lemonade               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Make snow cones             | <input type="checkbox"/> Climb a tree                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Visit an amusement park     | <input type="checkbox"/> Visit the library           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Paint rocks                 | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Catch lightning bugs</b> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Catch fireflies</b>      | <input type="checkbox"/> Run through a sprinkler     |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Go bowling                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Go to a fair or carnival    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Draw with sidewalk chalk    | <input type="checkbox"/> Have a relay race           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Visit a farmer's market     | <input type="checkbox"/> Tie dye shirts              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Watch the clouds            | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Roast marshmallows</b>   |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Go swimming                 | <input type="checkbox"/> See a movie                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Watch fireworks             | <input type="checkbox"/> Watch a meteor shower       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Play volleyball             | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Have a picnic</b>        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Do a treasure hunt</b>   | <input type="checkbox"/> Go fishing                  |



## Pudding Slime Ingredients

This recipe rocks because **you only need 3 simple ingredients that you might already have in your kitchen!** I've included affiliate links for your convenience; disclosure policy [here](#).

- 1/4 cup [instant pudding mix](#)
- 1 cup [corn starch](#)
- 1/3 cup warm water

**Tip:** If your kids love making edible slime, stock up on [corn starch](#)! It's one of the safe slime ingredients we use ALL the time!



# summer BUCKET LIST

1. Build a bonfire
2. Catch Bugs
3. Stargaze
4. Fly kites
5. Dance in the rain
6. Go on a treasure hunt
7. Make a water blob
8. Play in the dirt
9. Play capture the flag
10. Spray chalk
11. Hammock swing
12. Play dress up
13. Let them play with water
14. Have a picnic
15. Play soccer
16. Create a backyard car wash
17. Go swimming
18. Make music
19. Do magic tricks
20. Go bowling in the backyard
21. Go fishing
22. Go to the movies
23. Pick flowers
24. Fly kites
25. Make popsicles
26. Visit a museum
27. Watch fireworks
28. Go to a baseball game
29. Go to a Farmer's Market
30. Plant a little garden
31. Read books outside
32. Pick fruit at a farm
33. Visit the zoo
34. Visit a fire station
35. Bake cookies



# Jello Popsicle Recipe

## Ingredients

- 1 small package of jello
- 2 cups of orange juice
- 2 cups of boiling water



## Directions

1. In a bowl, dissolve jello in boiling water.
2. Add orange juice and mix well.
3. Pour into Popsicle trays and freeze.

Option: Just make jello mixture with no juice (use 4 cups of water) or try different juices.

# Indoor Scavenger Hunt

How many of these items can you find around the house?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> stuffed bear   |    | <input type="checkbox"/> flashlight       |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> paper airplane |    | <input type="checkbox"/> mug or cup       |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> random sock    |    | <input type="checkbox"/> keys             |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> sunglasses     |    | <input type="checkbox"/> alarm clock      |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> book           |   | <input type="checkbox"/> measuring tape   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> crayon         |  | <input type="checkbox"/> ball of any sort |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> toy truck      |  | <input type="checkbox"/> scarf            |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> potted plant   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> building blocks  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ruler          |  | <input type="checkbox"/> baby doll        |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> toothpaste     |  | <input type="checkbox"/> salt and pepper  |  |

# NATURE bucket list

for little ones



- climb a tree
- balance on rocks
- be the leader on a hike
- find a bird or hawk
- jump in a leaf pile
- make stick fairy wands
- spalsh in water (puddle, creek, river, ocean...)
- build a stick teepee or fort
- paint with mud
- make a nature mandala
- play with rocks (skip, stack, count, sort..)
- make tree rubbings
- find a walking stick
- play I spy or hide and seek in nature
- get dirty...really dirty
- make a leaf man
- find a rainbow
- play in the rain
- have a picnic
- explore off trail
- build a bridge (with rocks, sticks, or...?)
- make leaf prints (with water or paint)
- find a special place
- journal or paint outside

