

ARMY OF LOCUSTS

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JOEL 2

FOCUS

JOEL 2:2-5 & 11

The Army of Locusts in Joel 2 resembles the characteristics of locusts!

MATERIALS

Locust Paper Chain (1 per child)
Clothespin Locust (1 per child)
Fruit (1 set per child)
Mountain scene
Balloon and string (1 set per child)
Crayons and markers

ACTIVITIES

1. LOTS OF THEM

TALK: Locusts swarm together in large groups! Sometimes even billions of locusts can swarm together! In Joel 2 it talks about a large army, just like a large swarm of locusts!

ACTIVITY: Make a paper chain locust.



CORRESPONDING VERSE

A LARGE AND MIGHTY ARMY COMES, SUCH AS NEVER WAS IN ANCIENT TIMES NOR EVER WILL BE IN AGES TO COME.

JOEL 2:2

2. LARGE

TALK: Locusts are the biggest type of grasshopper! Just like the Army in Joel 2, they are large and travel together!

ACTIVITY: Color the clothespin locust.



THEY HAVE THE APPEARANCE OF HORSES; THEY GALLOP ALONG LIKE CAVALRY.

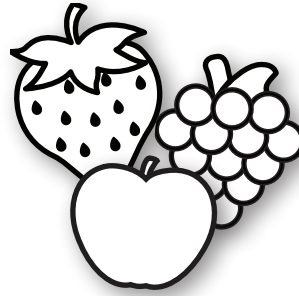
JOEL 2:4

ACTIVITIES

3. EAT!

TALK: The locusts eat everything that is in front of them until there is nothing left! Just like in Joel 2, the army takes everything it sees in front of it and leaves nothing behind it.

ACTIVITY: Color the fruit, then place them into 4 rows of 3 and have your Tiny Arrow use their locust to pick up the fruit, on row at a time! Set aside the first row, then do it again until they are all gone!



CORRESPONDING VERSE

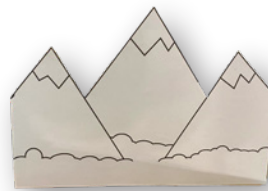
BEFORE THEM THE LAND IS LIKE THE GARDEN OF EDEN, BEHIND THEM, A DESERT WASTE—NOTHING ESCAPES THEM.

JOEL 2:3

4. FAST

TALK: Locusts can go travel far and fast!

ACTIVITY: Have your Tiny Arrow color the mountain scene, then use their locust to leap over the mountains.



WITH A NOISE LIKE THAT OF CHARIOTS THEY LEAP OVER THE MOUNTAINTOPS.

JOEL 2:5A

5. GO FAR

TALK: The locusts are like an army traveling for battle!

ACTIVITY: Blow up the balloon then have your Tiny Arrow draw a lot of lines on it to represent the locusts. Tie the string to the end and have them run around holding on to the string! Just like the army is together, going fast, and ready to battle!



LIKE A MIGHTY ARMY DEPLOYED FOR BATTLE.

JOEL 2:5B

6. MIGHTY ARMY

TALK: The Lord's army is huge! He is at the head of it and everyone in His army obeys His command!

ACTIVITY: Have your Tiny Arrow stand at attention, with the hands to their sides, then ask them if they "want to be apart of a mighty army!" when they say "yes", tell them "they can be apart of the Lord's army! Being in the Lord's army means they have to obey the Lord!" Have your Tiny Arrow say "I will obey the Lord!" then tell them "they are ready for battle!"

THE LORD THUNDERS AT THE HEAD OF HIS ARMY; HIS FORCES ARE BEYOND NUMBER, AND MIGHTY IS THE ARMY THAT OBEYS HIS COMMAND.

JOEL 2:11

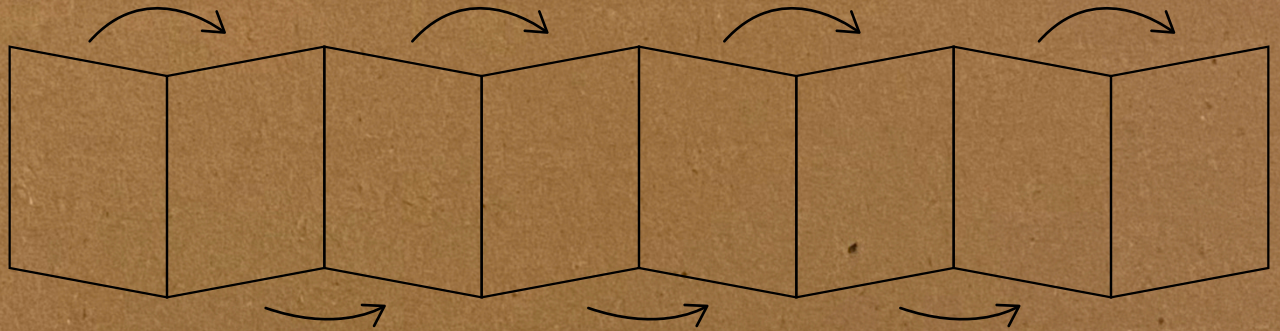
OPTIONAL: Hand out each child a bible verse to take home.

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DEPLOYED FOR BATTLE.

JOEL 2:5B

LOCUST PAPER CHAIN

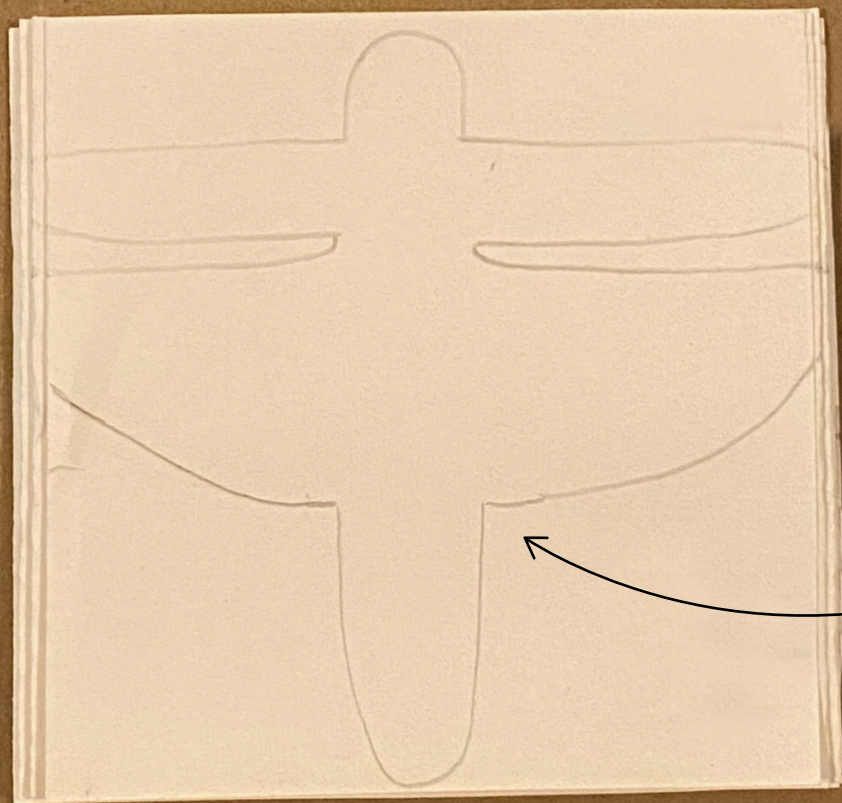
ACCORDION
STYLE FOLD



LARGE PIECE OF
PAPER FOLDED
ACCORDION
STYLE



THE LONGER THE
PAPER & THE MORE
THE FOLDS THE
MORE LOCUSTS YOU
WILL MAKE



DRAW THE BASIC
OUTLINE OF A
LOCUST WITH THE
WINGS COMING
OFF THE ENDS OF
THE PAPER

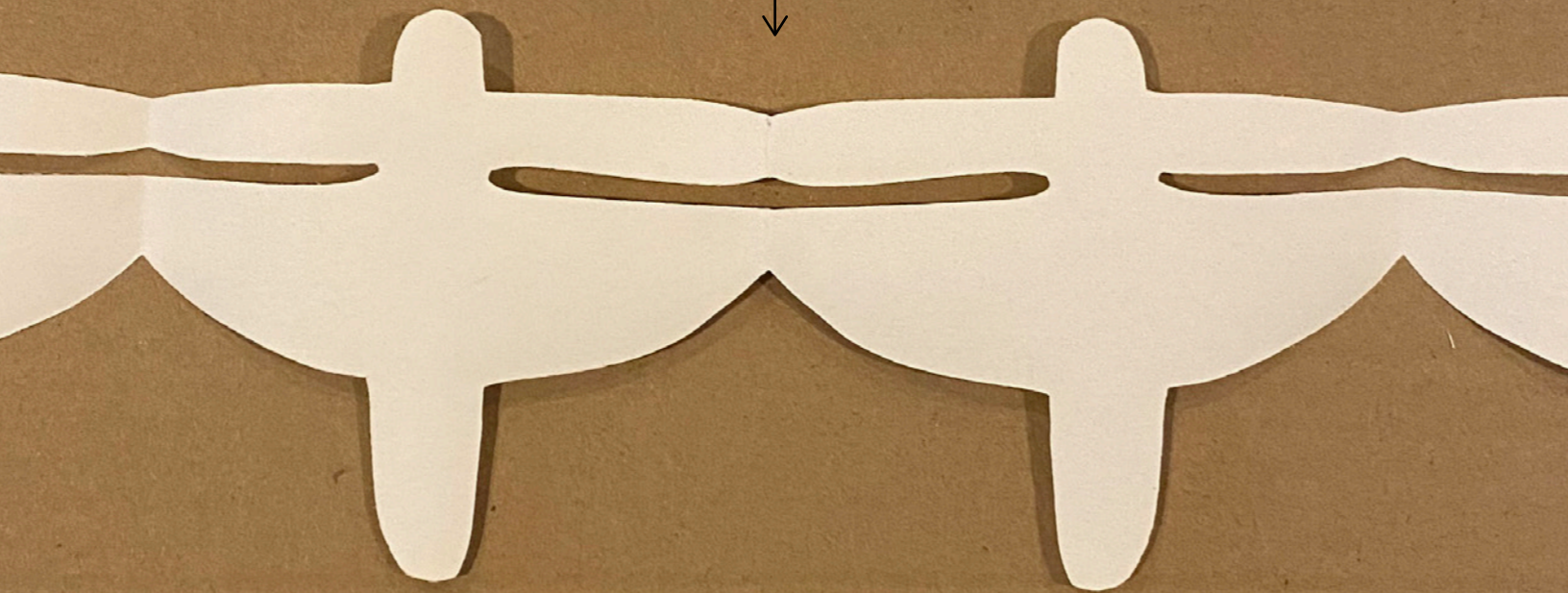


CUT THE SHAPE OUT



LOCUST PAPER CHAIN

UNFOLD TO REVEAL A LOCUST PAPER CHAIN



LOCUST

1 TAN PIPE CLEANER
BENT IN M SHAPE
HIND LEGS

1 TAN PIPE CLEANER
BENT 8 SHAPE
HING WINGS

1 TAN PIPE CLEANER
BENT THINNER 8 SHAPE
FOREWINGS

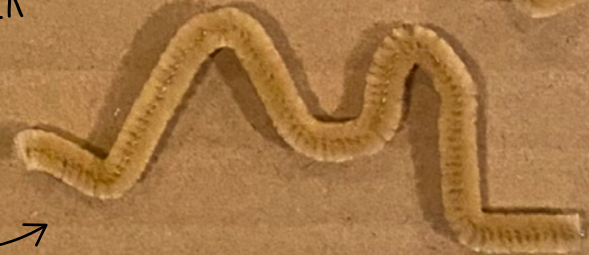
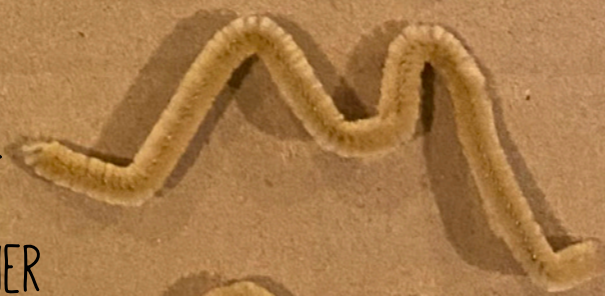
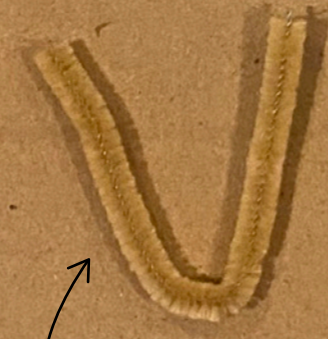
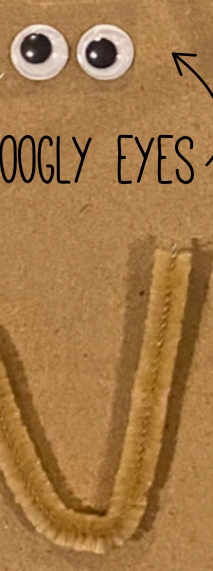
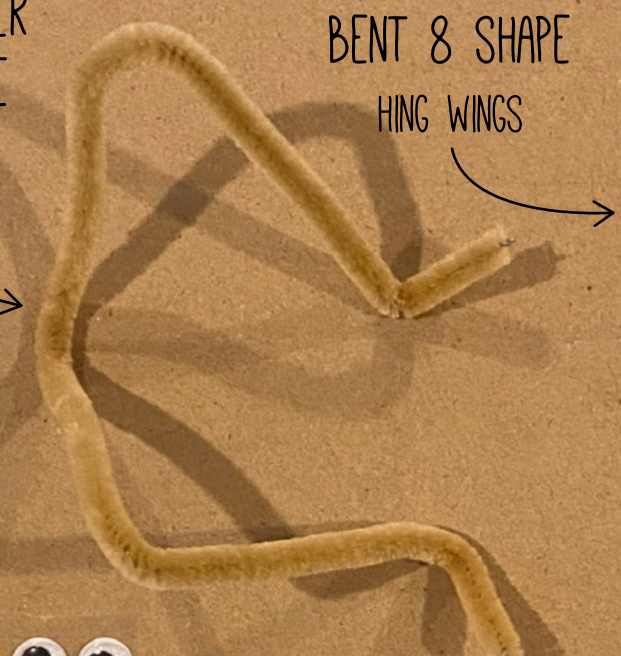
LARGE CLOTHESPIN

2 GOOGLY EYES

.375" NEODYMIUM
RING MAGNET

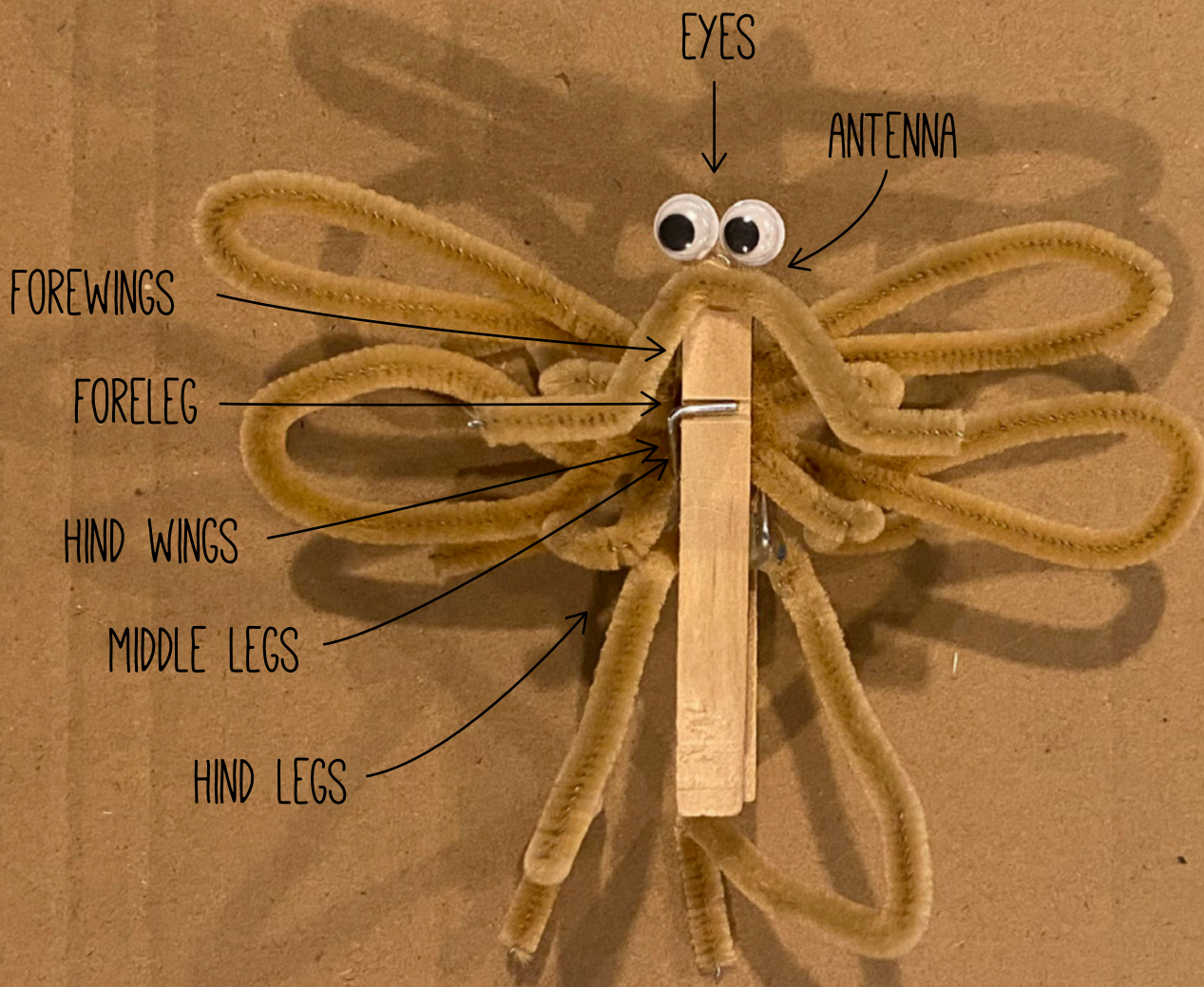
3-4" TAN PIPE CLEANER
BENT IN HALF
ANTENNA

1/2 TAN PIPE CLEANER
BENT IN M SHAPE
FORELEG & MIDDLE LEG



LOCUST

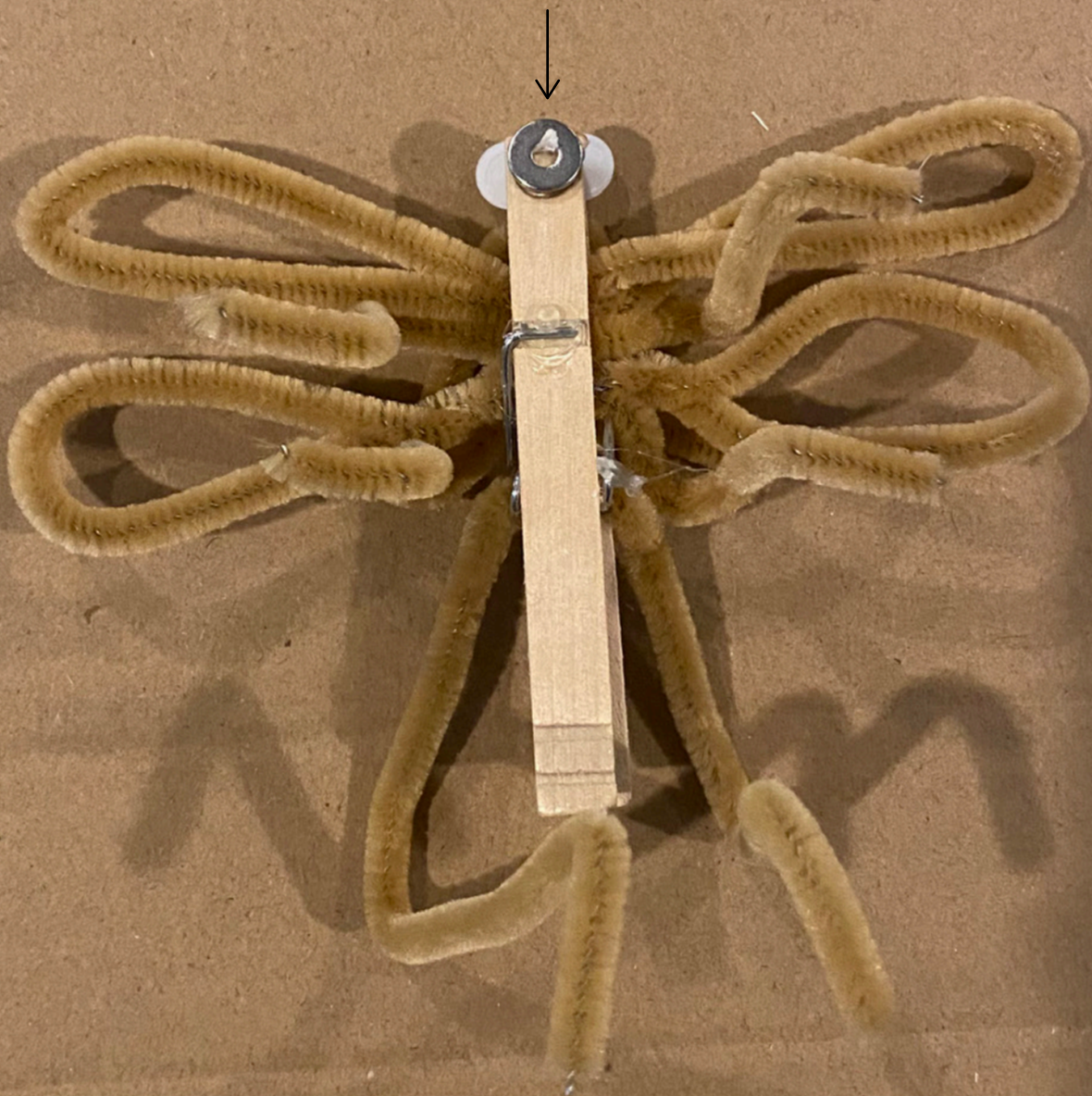
USING A HOT GLUE GUN, GLUE ALL PIECES TO THE INSIDE OF THE CLOTHESPIN IN A ROW



LOCUST

USING A HOT GLUE GUN, GLUE THE MAGNET TO THE
BOTTOM OF THE CLOTHESPIN

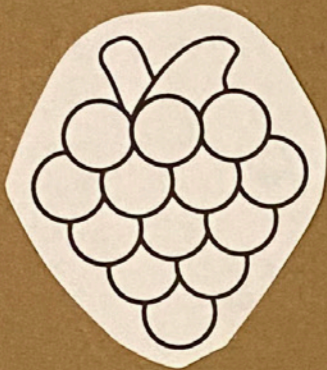
THIS WILL BE USED TO PICK UP THE FRUIT



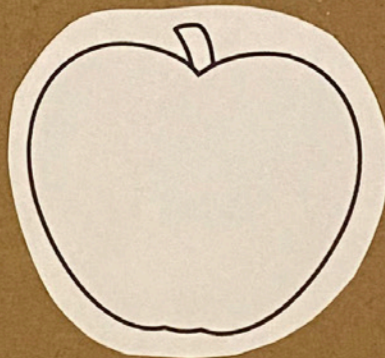
FRUIT

PRINT & CUT OUT FRUIT

FRONT



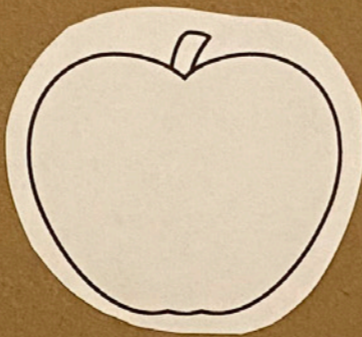
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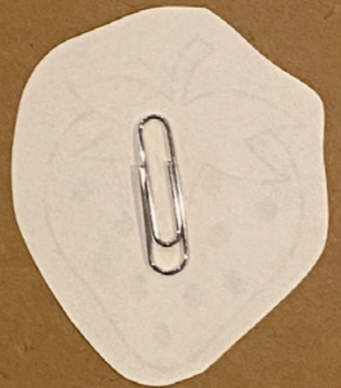
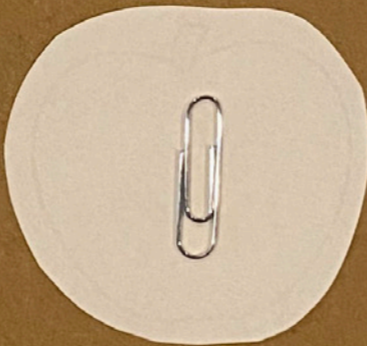
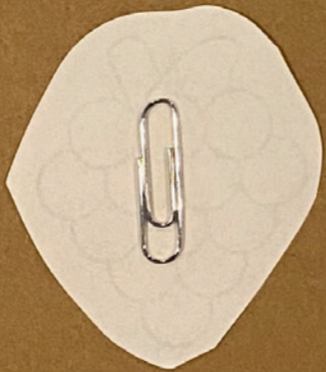
1 PAPER CLIP PER SET OF FRUIT

FRUIT

FRONT

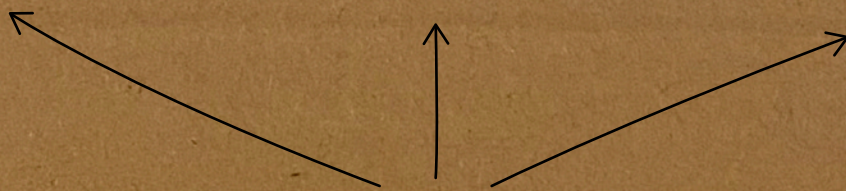
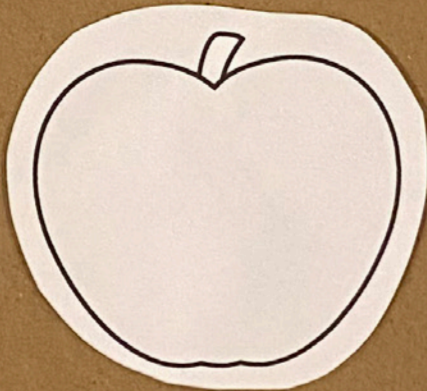


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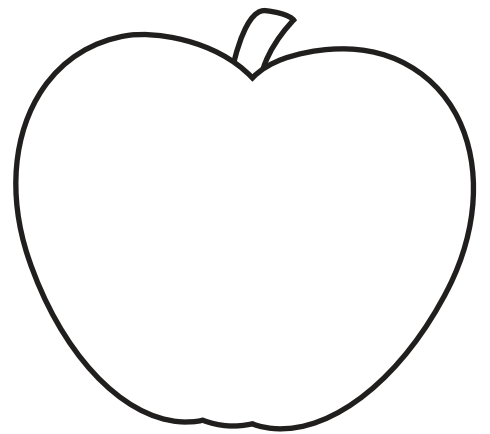
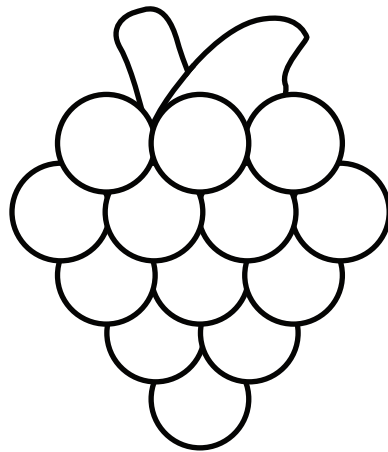
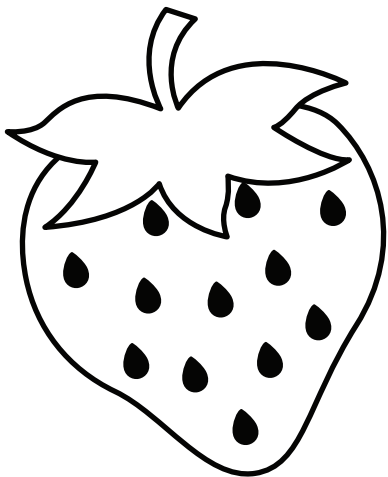
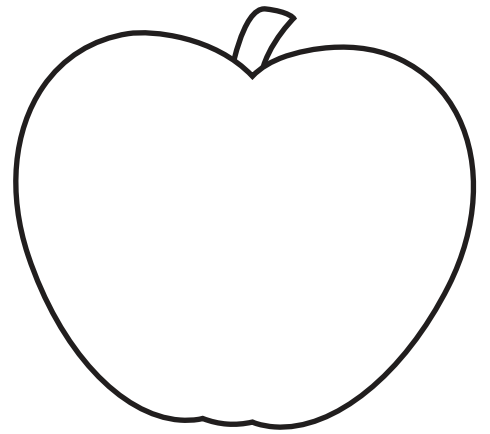
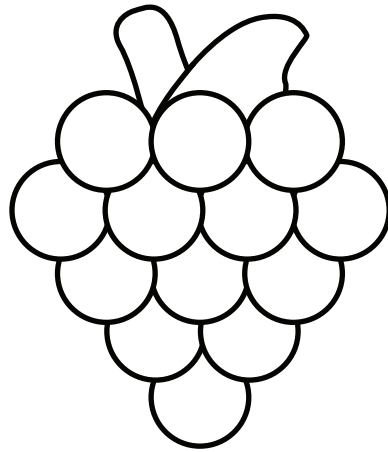
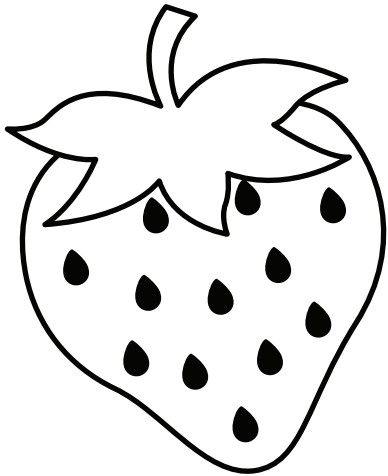
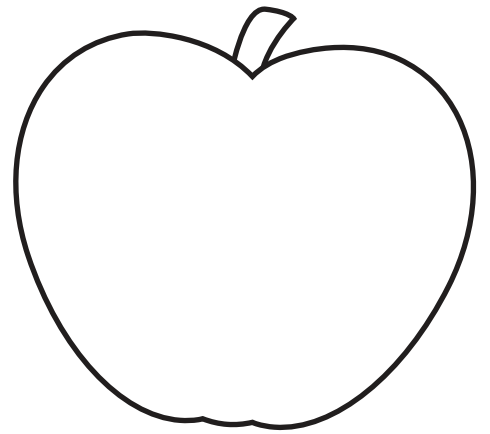
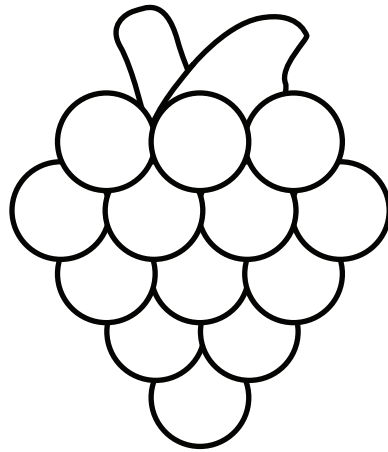
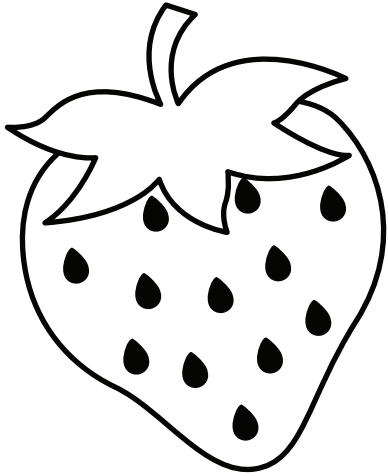
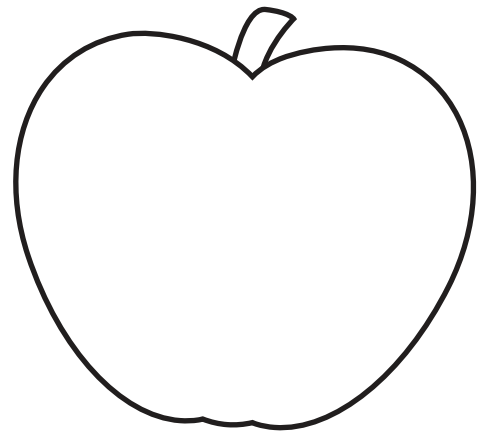
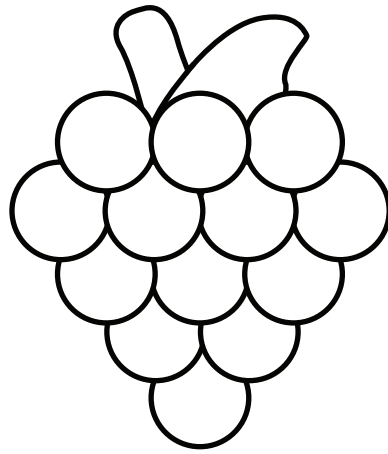
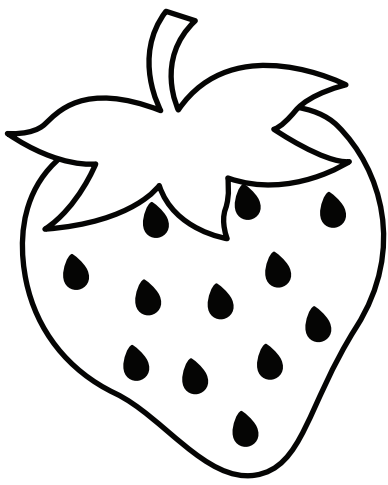


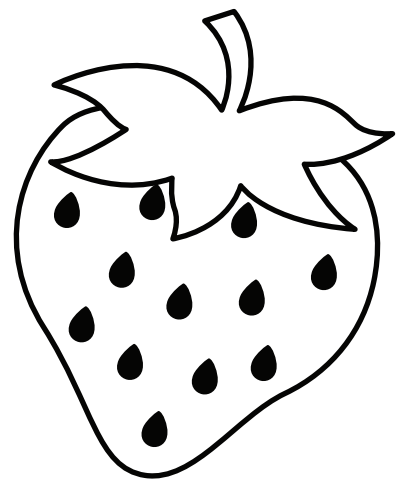
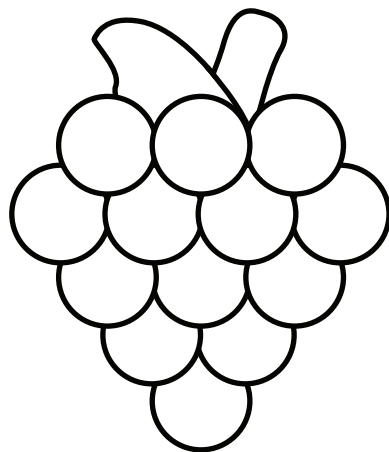
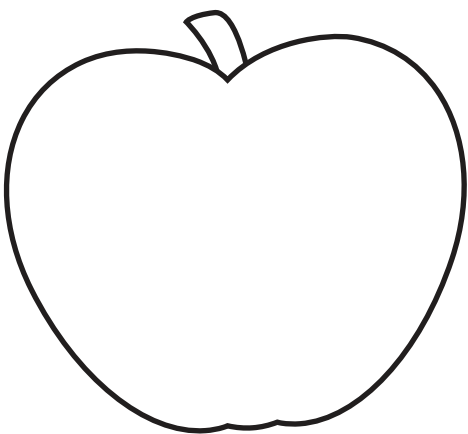
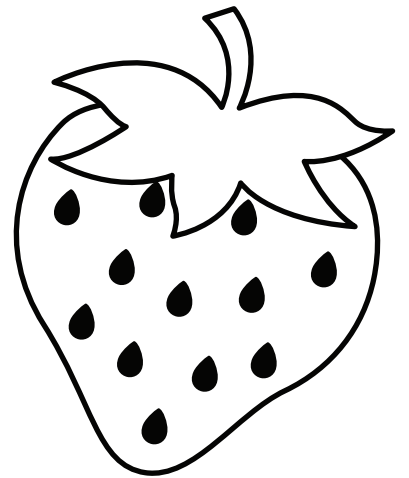
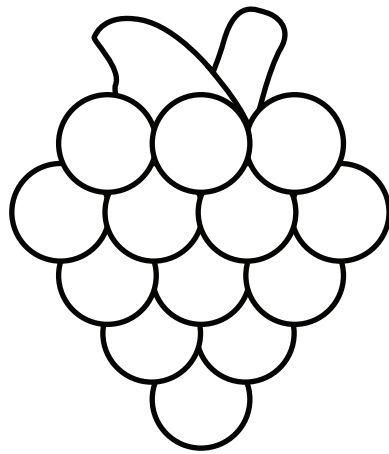
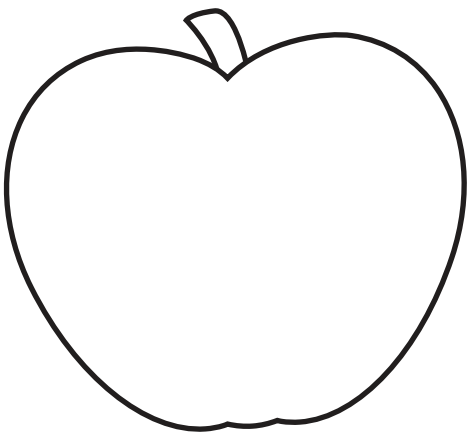
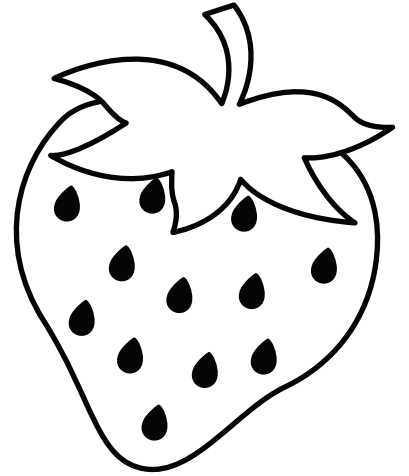
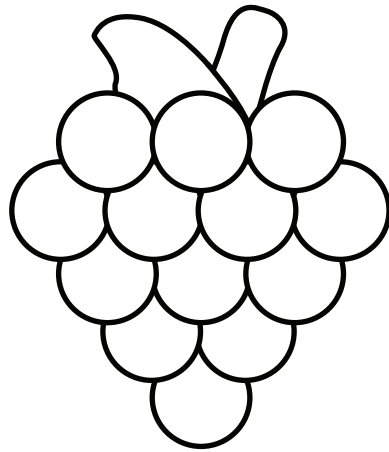
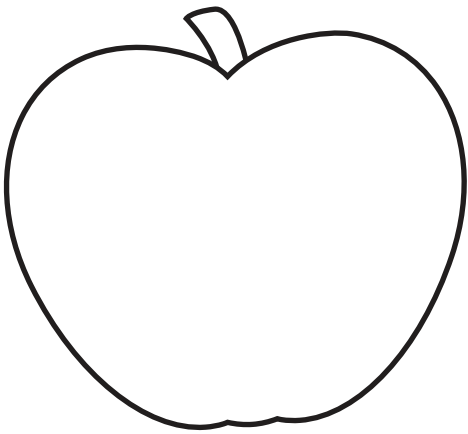
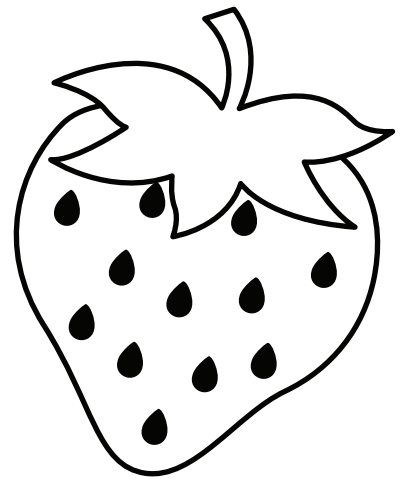
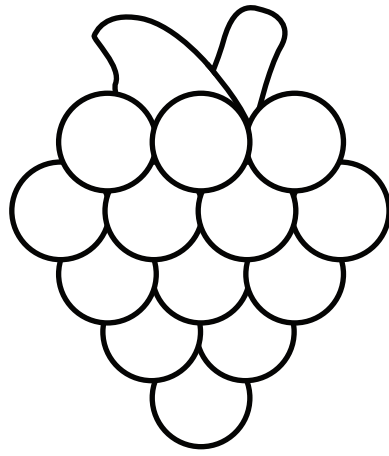
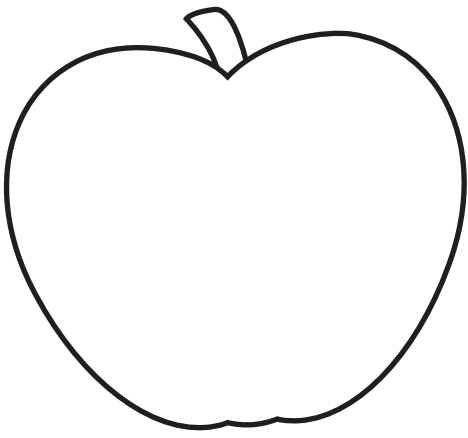
FLIP OVER THE BACKS OF THE FRUIT
& PLACE THE PAPERCLIP ON TOP

FRUIT



GLUE THE FRONT OF THE FRUIT TO THE BACK
WITH THE PAPERCLIP IN BETWEEN THE PAPER

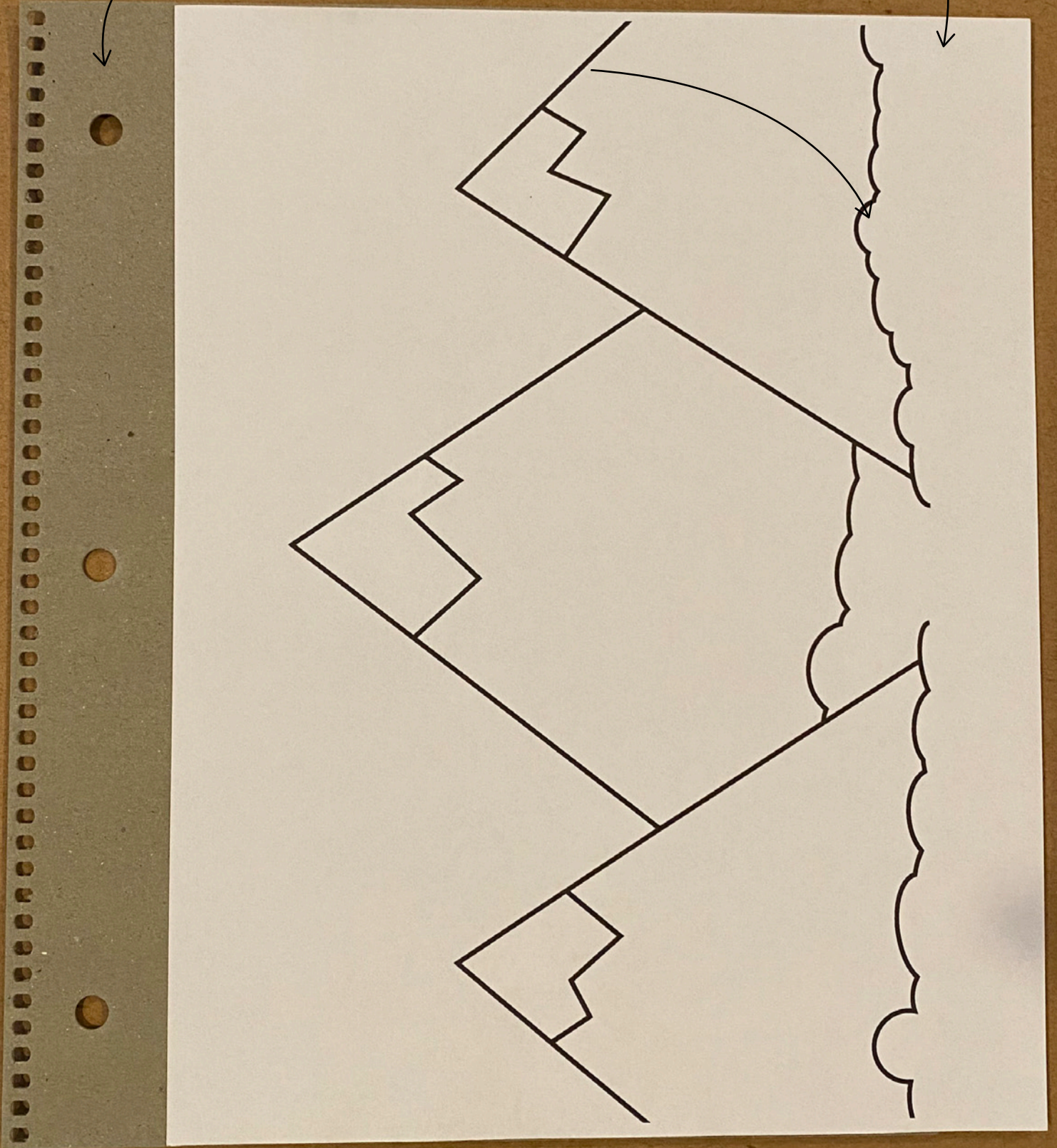




MOUNTAIN

CARDBOARD BACKING

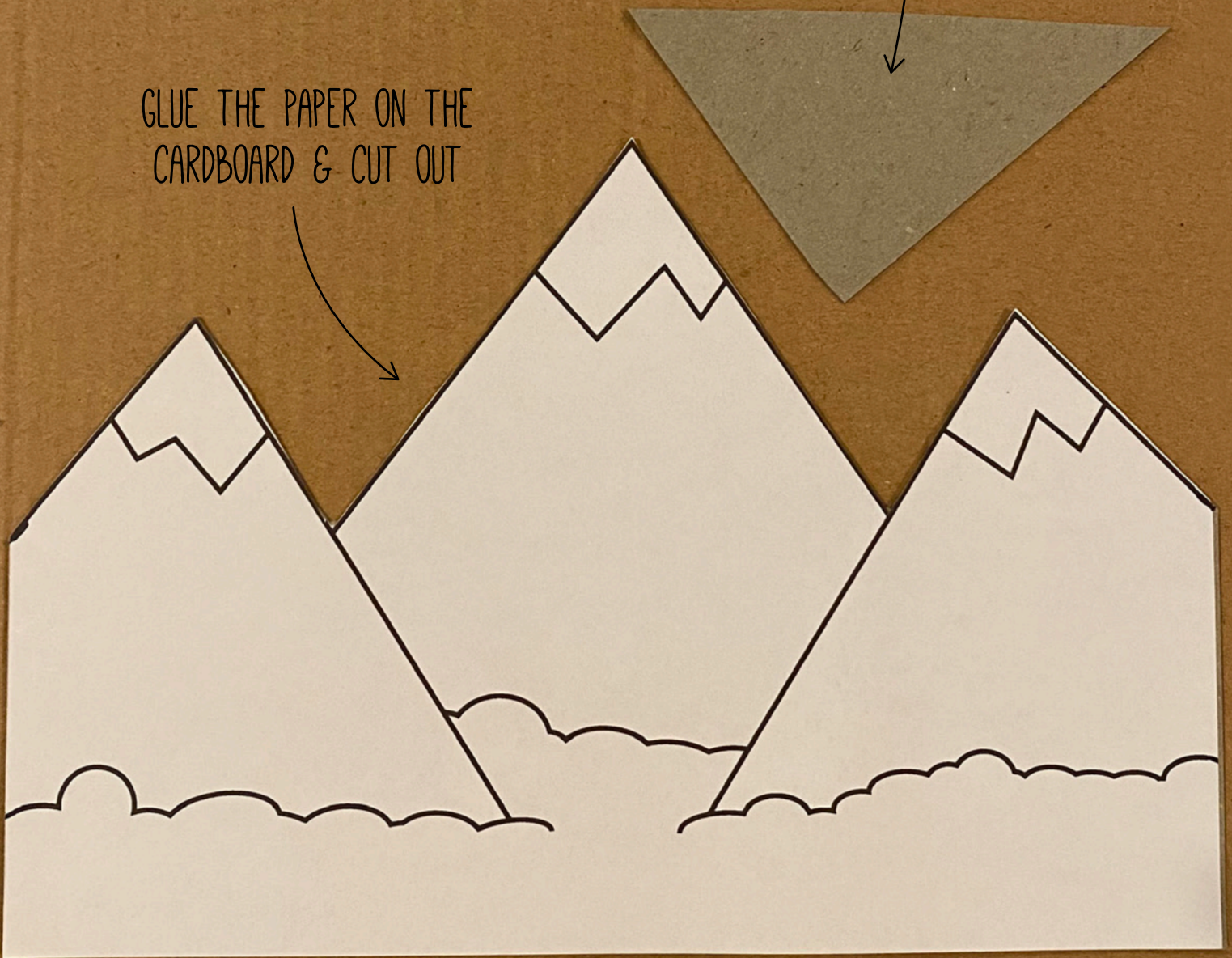
PRINT



MOUNTAIN

CUT OUT A TRIANGLE FROM
THE LEFTOVER CARDBOARD

GLUE THE PAPER ON THE
CARDBOARD & CUT OUT

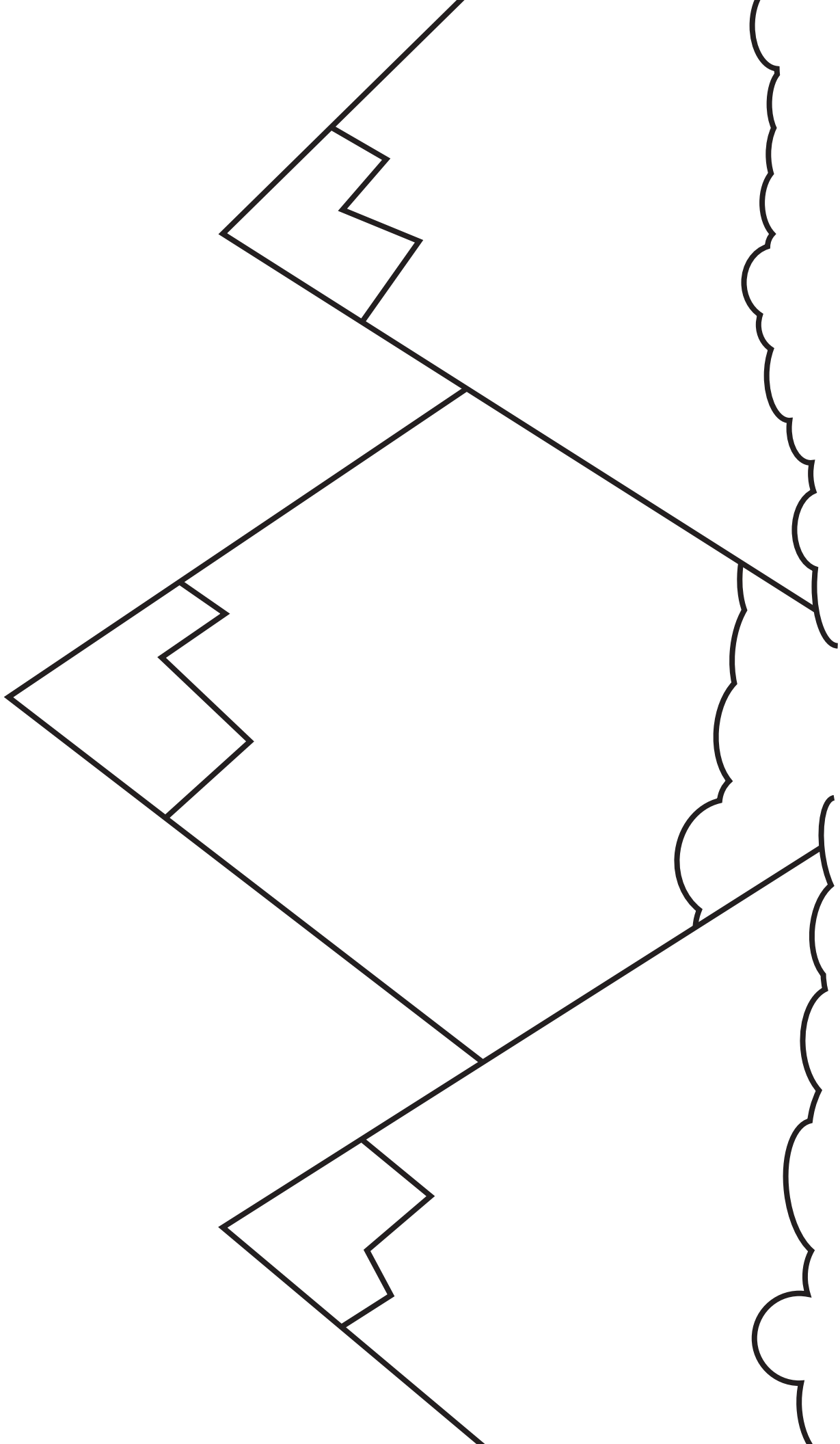


MOUNTAIN



TAPE THE CARDBOARD
TRIANGLE ON THE BACK
TO BE A STAND





BALLOON

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24" STRING

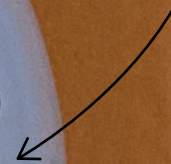


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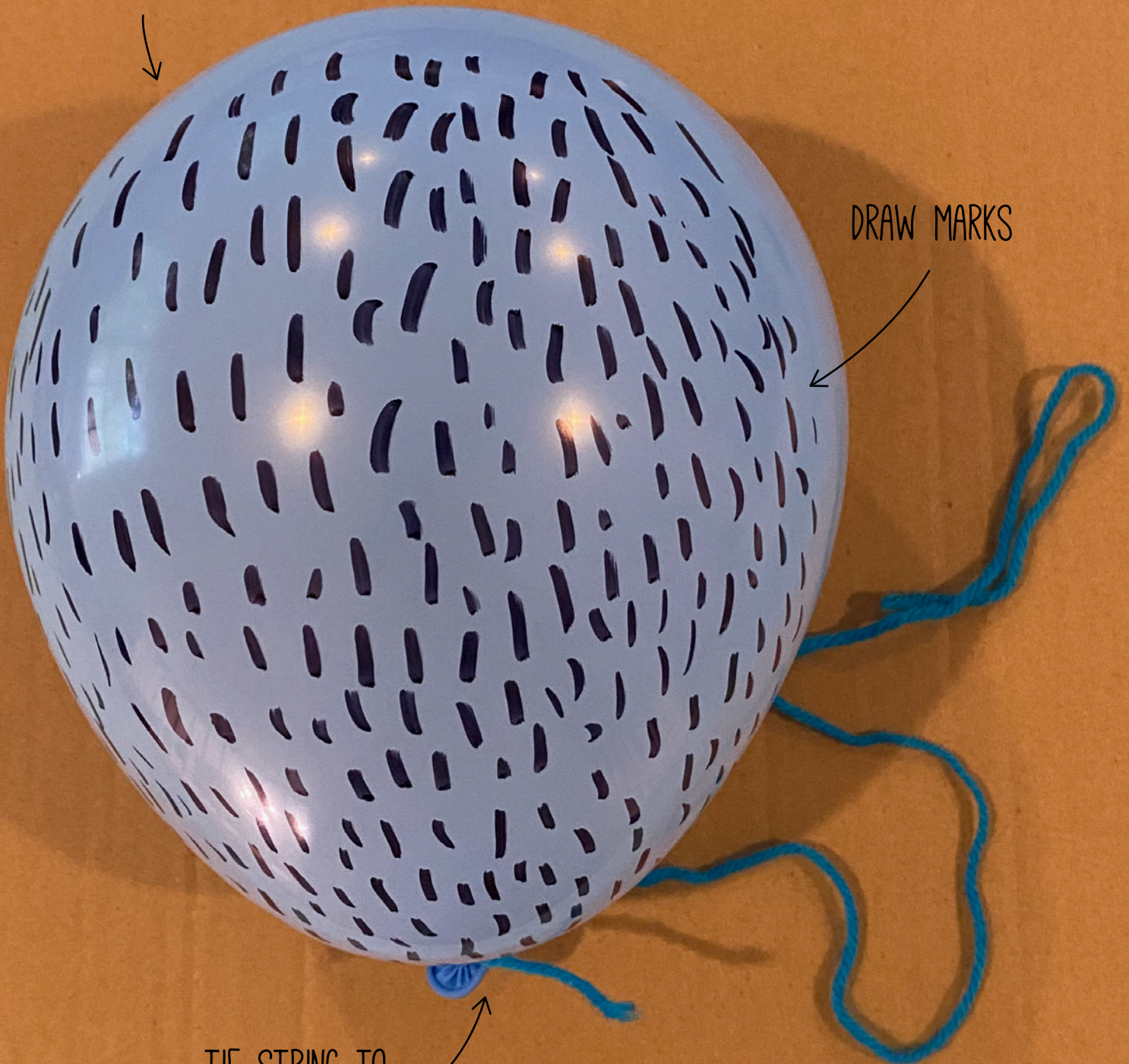
BLOW UP BALLOON



DRAW MARKS



TIE STRING TO
BALLOON



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