

Winter Animal Fun: Catching Snowflakes Art Project

Grade Level: K-5 (adaptable)

Time Required: 45-60 minutes

What Students Will Create:

Students will create an adorable winter scene featuring a playful animal catching a snowflake on its tongue! This engaging mixed-media project combines coloring, cutting, and assembly skills.

Materials Needed:

Animal template printout (included)

Blue paper OR white paper with blue coloring materials (watercolor, oil pastels, crayons, or torn paper collage)

Scissors

Glue stick

White drawing materials for snowflakes: acrylic marker, paint, or chalk marker

Optional: Snowflake paper punch (I really recommend this)

Optional: Printed snowflake templates (included)

What's Included:

Multiple animal templates (dog, and additional animals)

Snowflake templates

Step-by-step photo guide

Guided Drawing Printout for Dog & Cat

Teacher instructions

Skills Practiced:

Fine motor skills (cutting, gluing)

Color theory and media exploration

Following multi-step directions

Creative expression

Spatial awareness

Tips for Success:

Pre-punch snowflakes before the lesson to save time

Demonstrate the tongue fold clearly

Have sample finished projects visible

Consider creating backgrounds in a previous class session

Differentiation Options:

Younger students: Pre-cut pieces, simplified coloring.

Older students: Draw the animal by themselves, add additional details, create patterned backgrounds, experiment with mixed media.

Extension activity: Write a winter story or poem about their animal.



Step-by-Step Instructions:

Step 1:

Create the Winter Sky Background

Choose one method:

Use a blue sheet of paper, OR have students color white paper blue using a technique of your or their choice.

Watercolor, oil pastels, crayons, or a torn paper collage work really well for this project.



Step 2:

Color the Animal (or draw a dog or a cat). Students color each part of the animal template using their choice of coloring materials.

Encourage creativity with patterns on the scarf and hat!



Step 3:

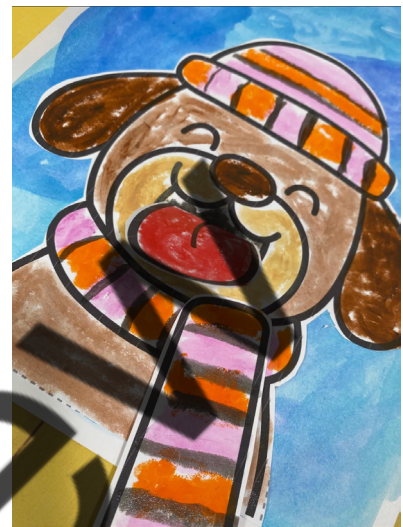
Cut Out the Pieces

Carefully cut out all animal parts along the solid black lines.

Step 4:

Assemble the Animal

Glue the main animal body onto the blue background. Glue the decorative scarf piece onto the animal. Fold the tongue piece along the dashed line to create dimension, then glue it onto the animal's mouth area.



Step 5:

Add Snowflakes

Draw snowflakes on the background using white acrylic marker, paint, or chalk marker.

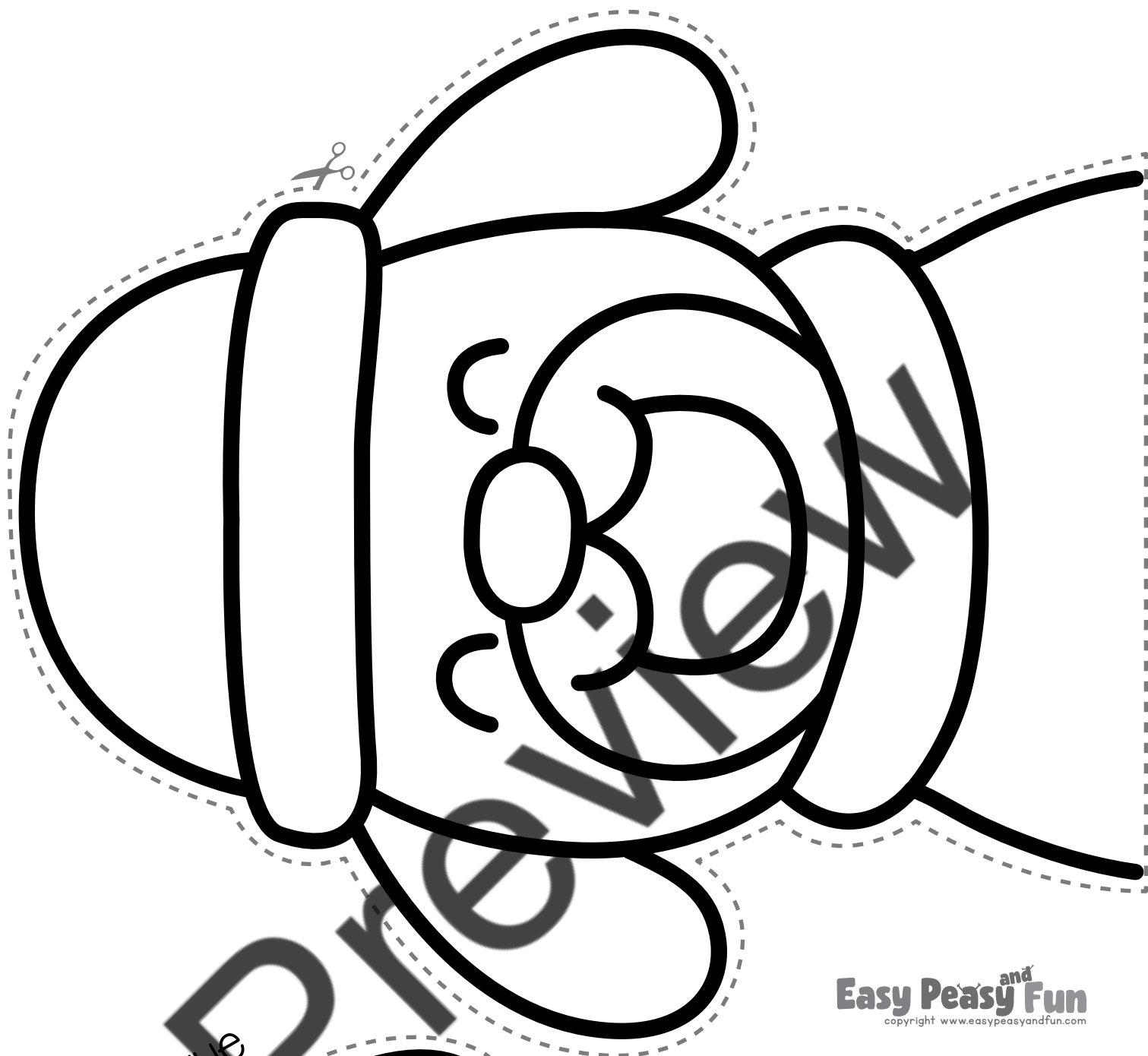
Alternatively, use the included snowflake templates or a snowflake paper punch.

Step 6:

The Magic Touch

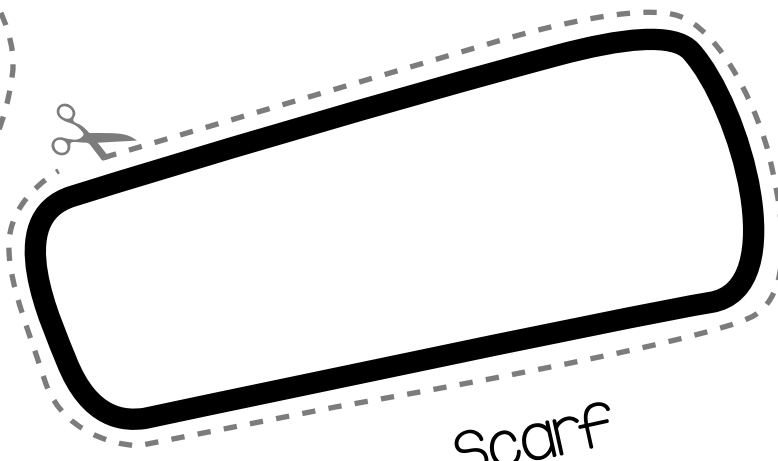
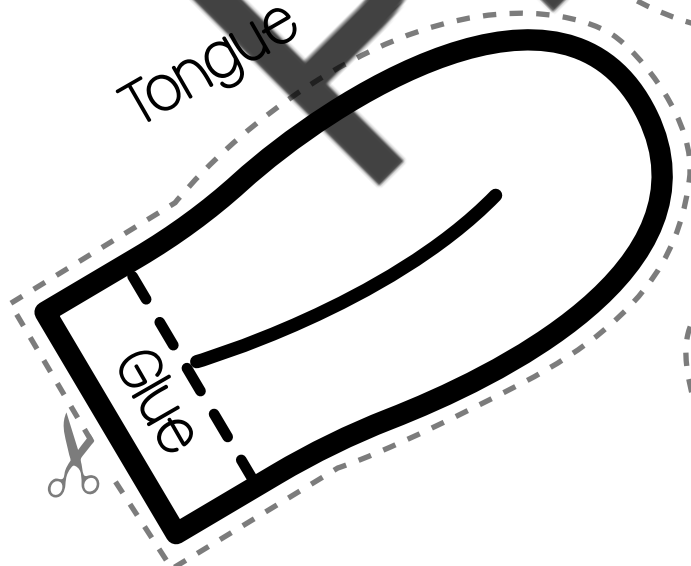
Attach one paper snowflake to the animal's tongue to complete the winter scene!

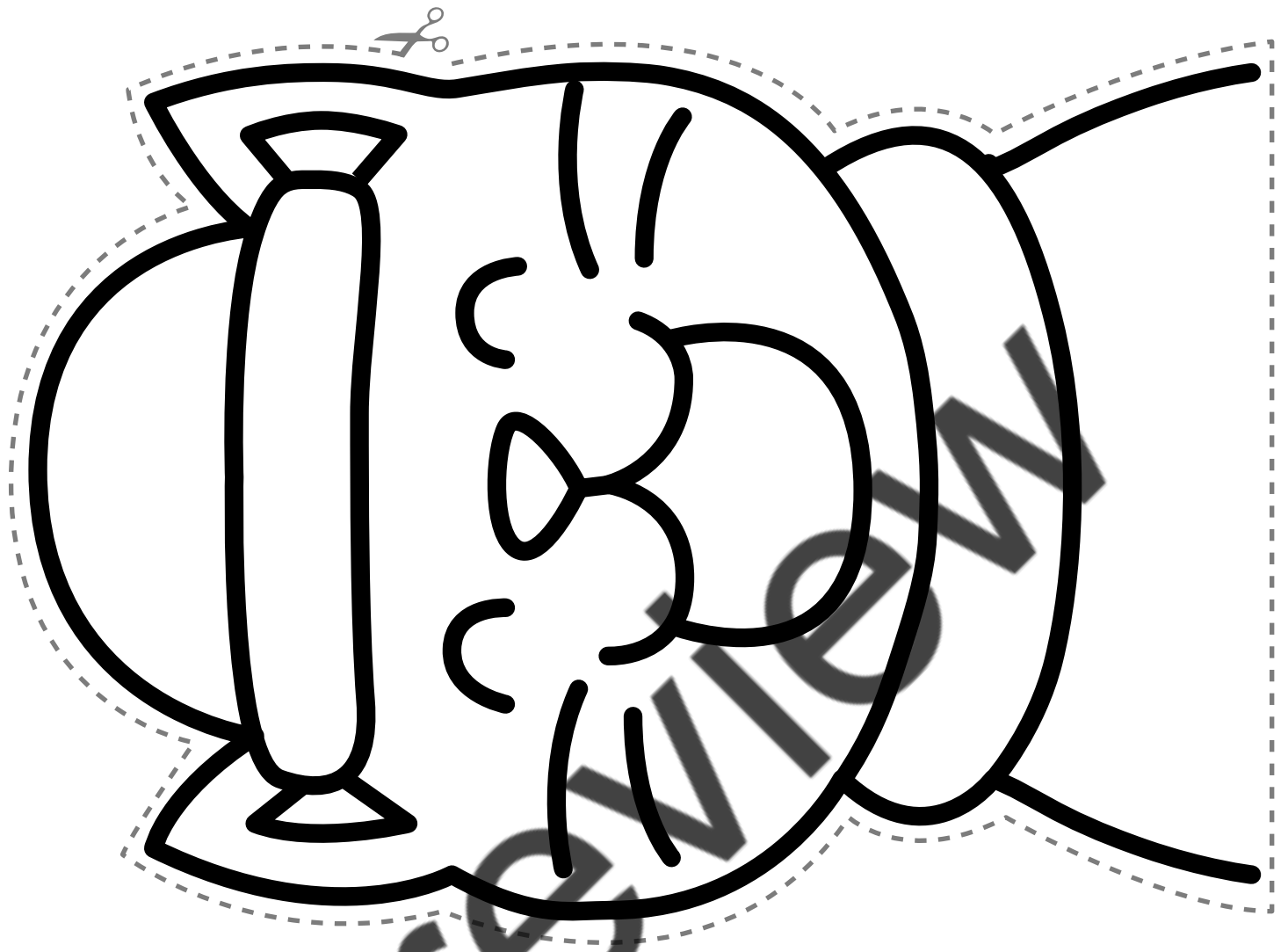




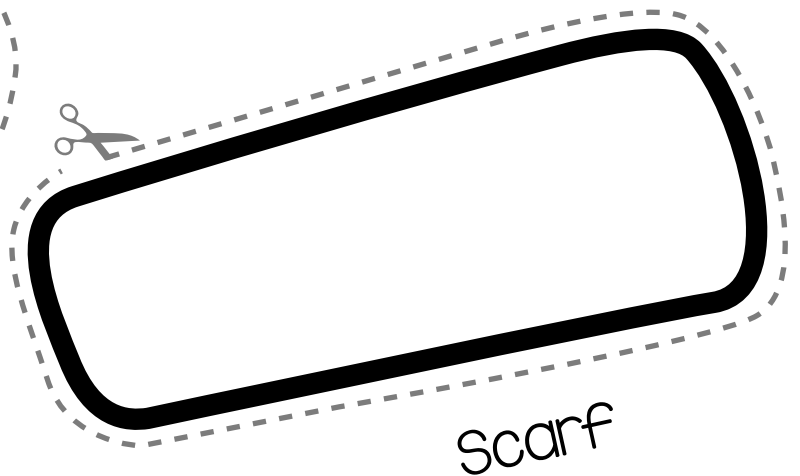
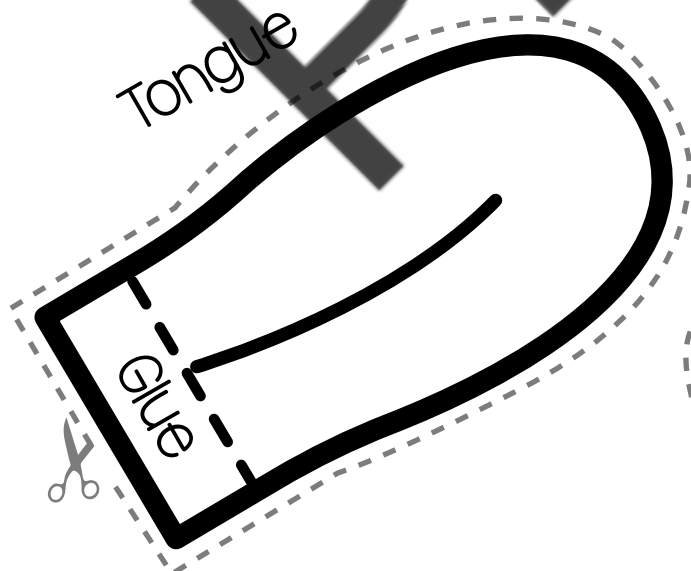
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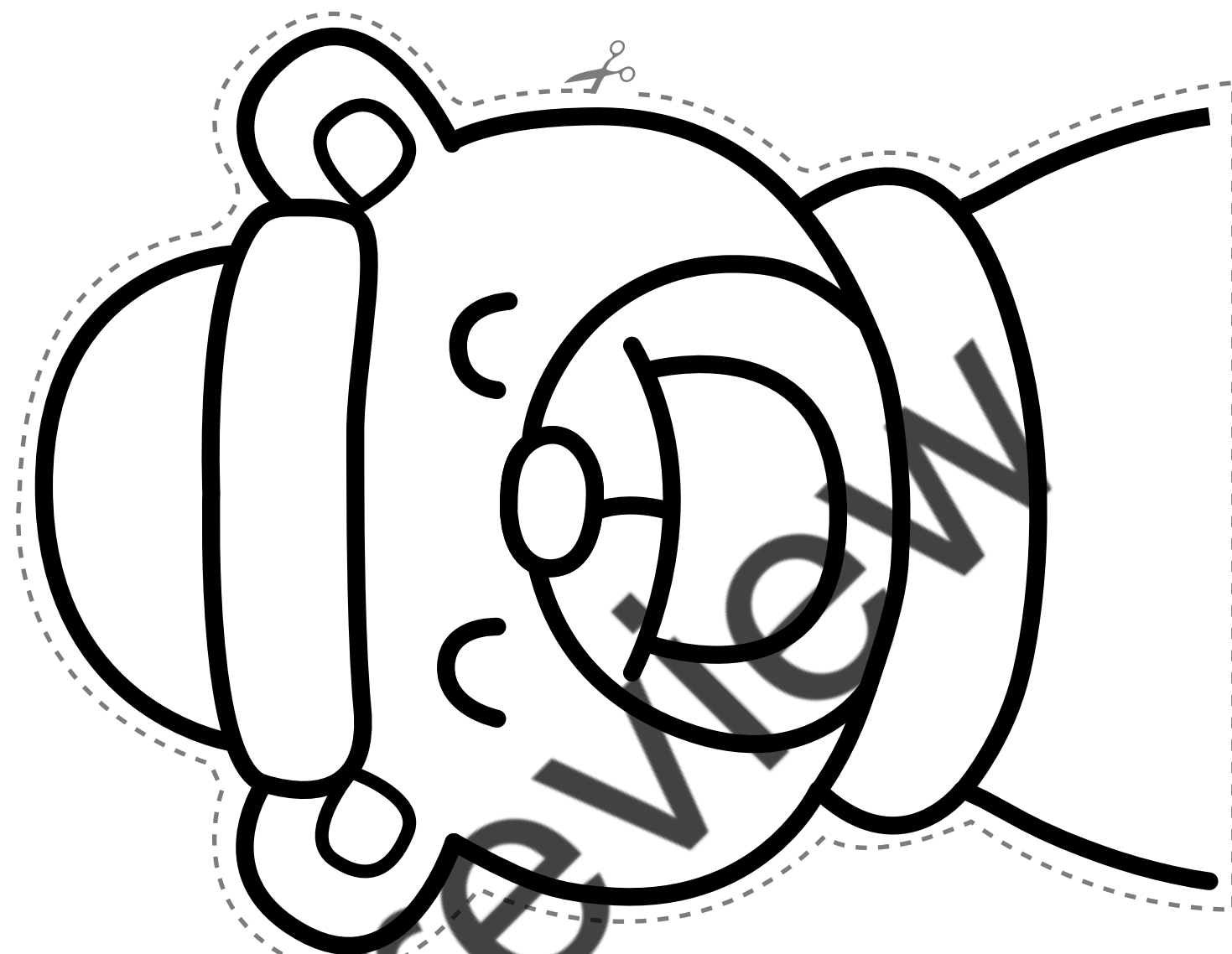
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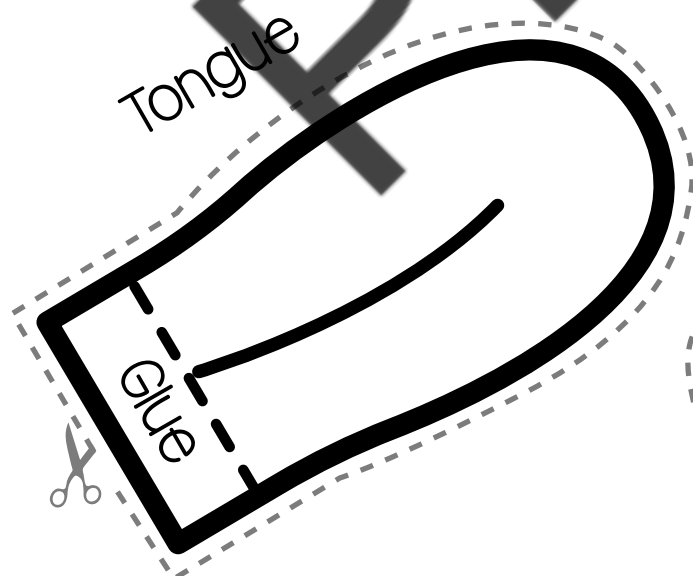


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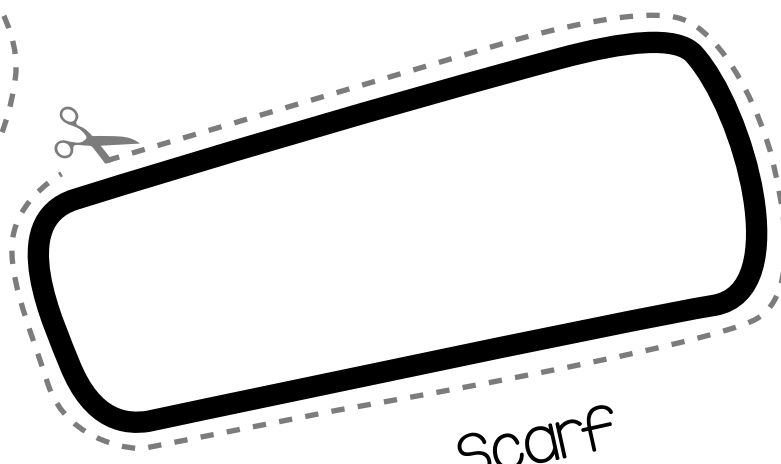




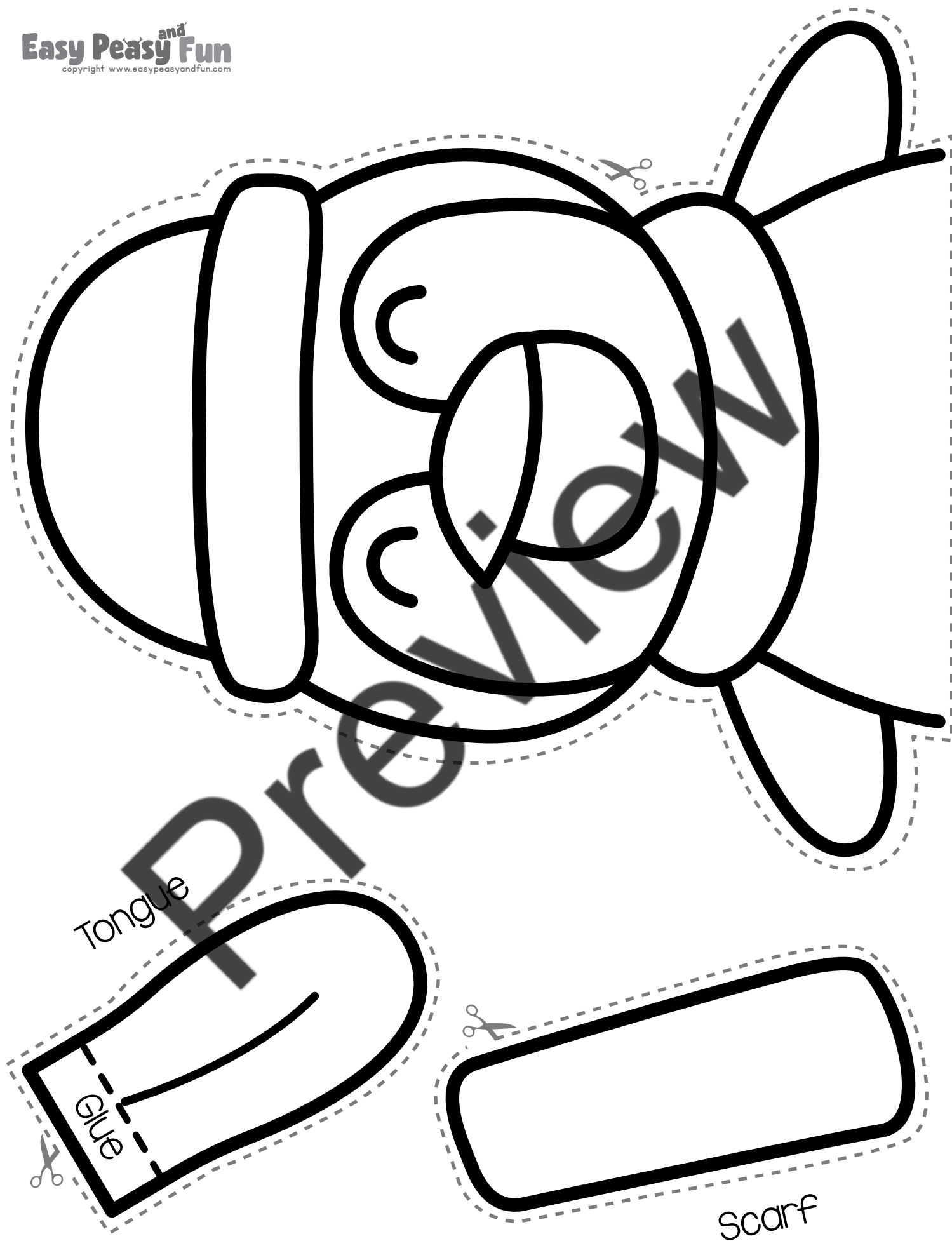
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Tongue



Scarf



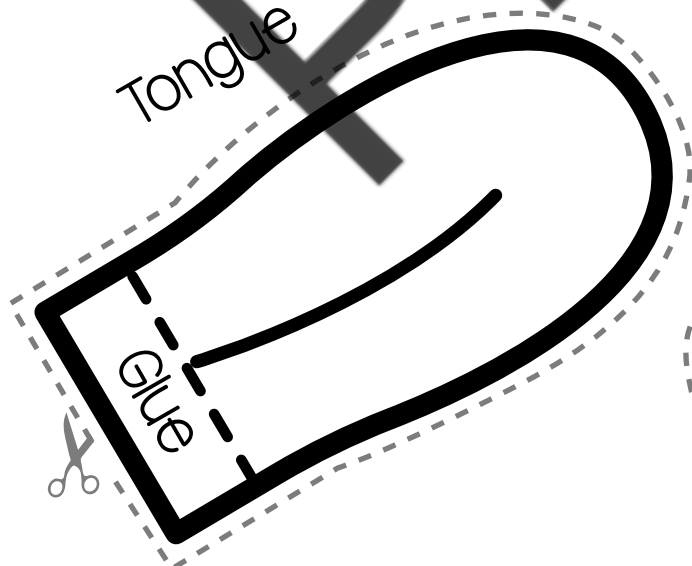
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Glue

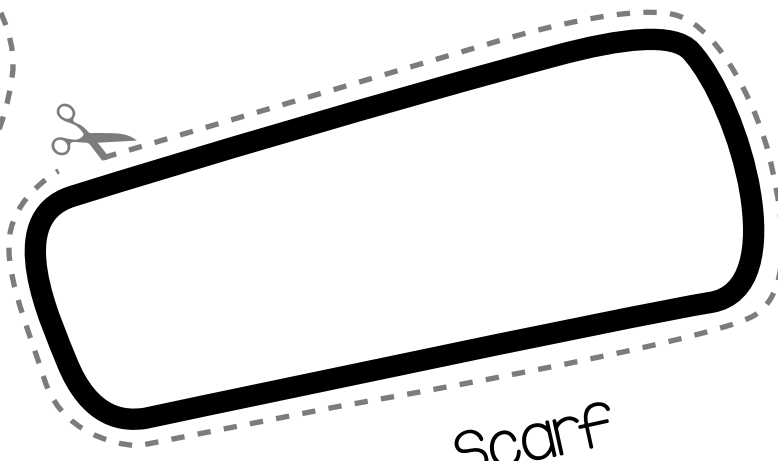
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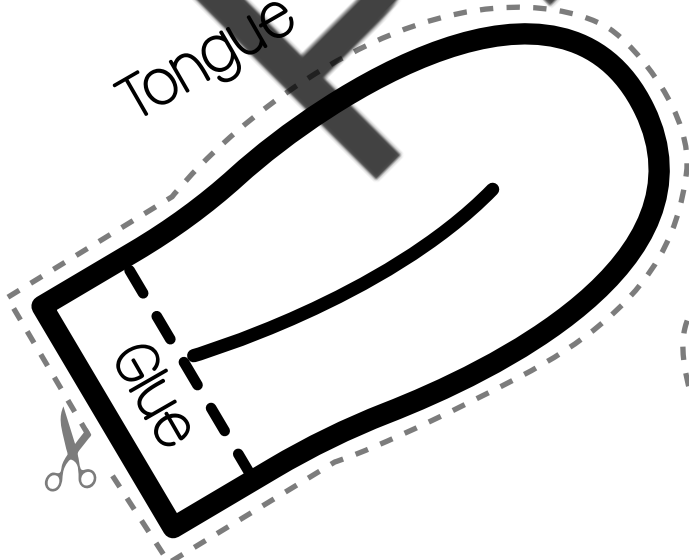
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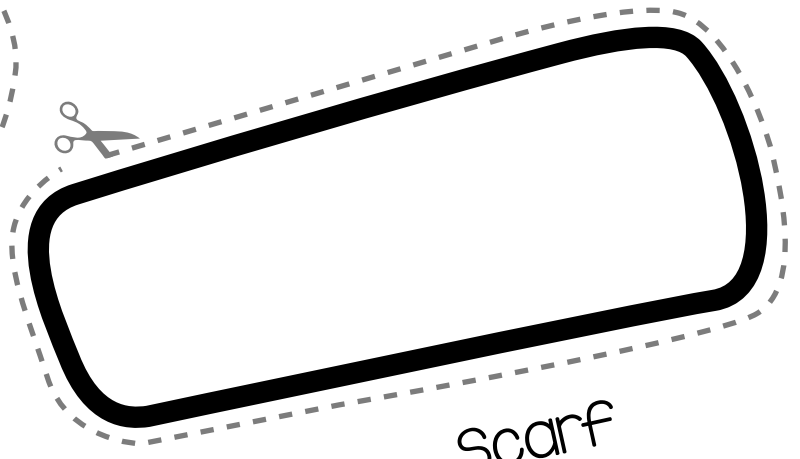
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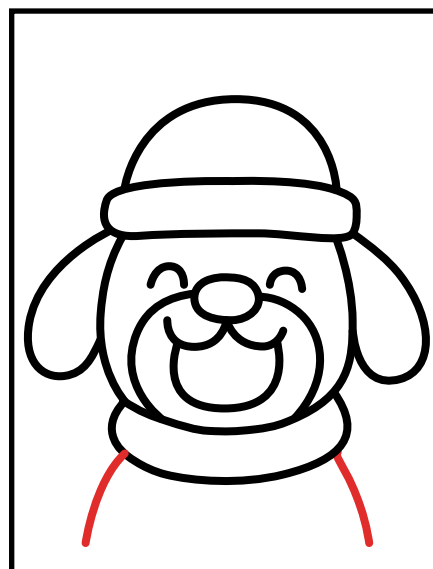
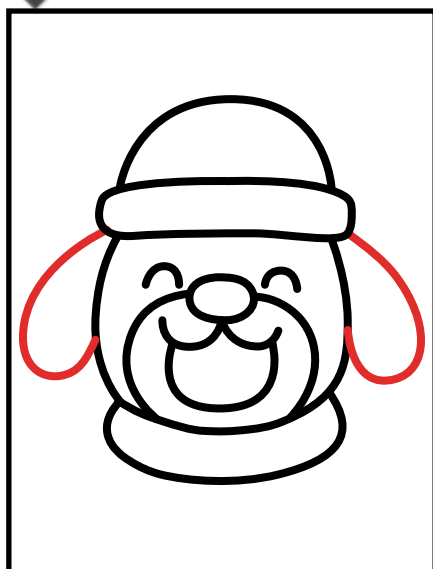
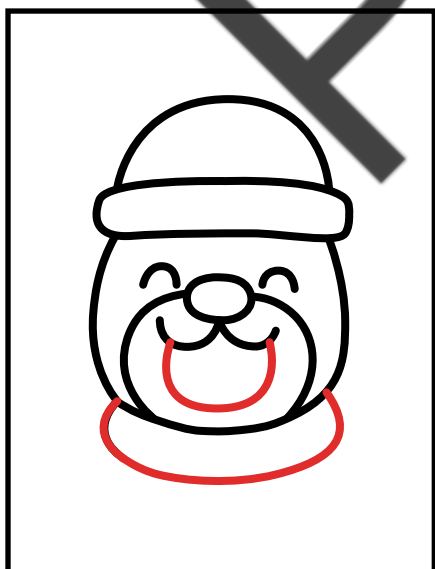
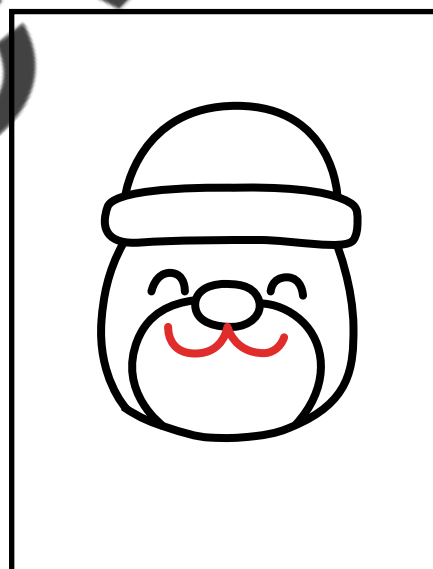
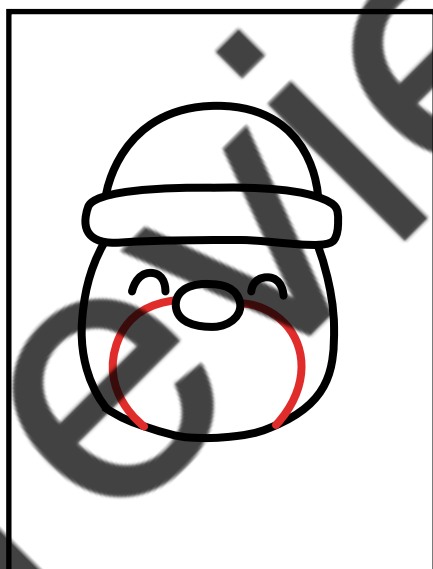
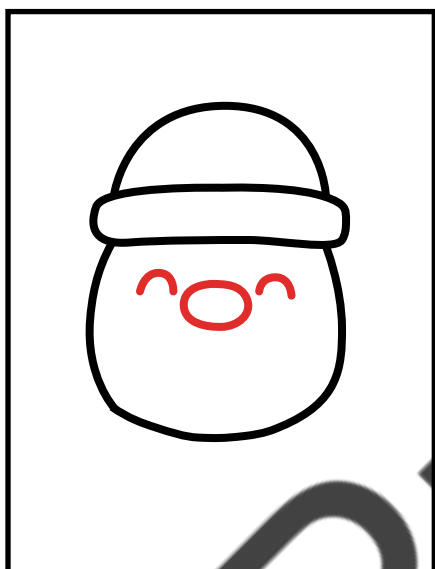
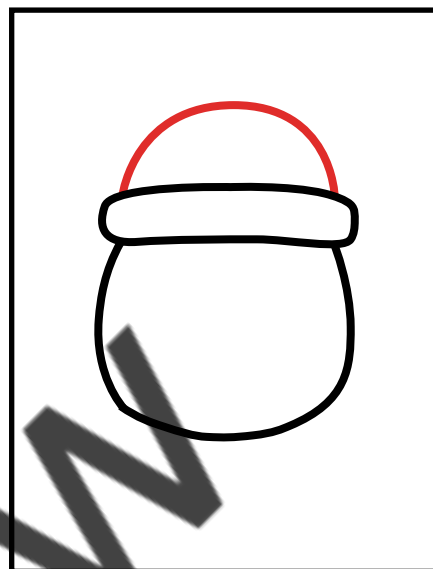
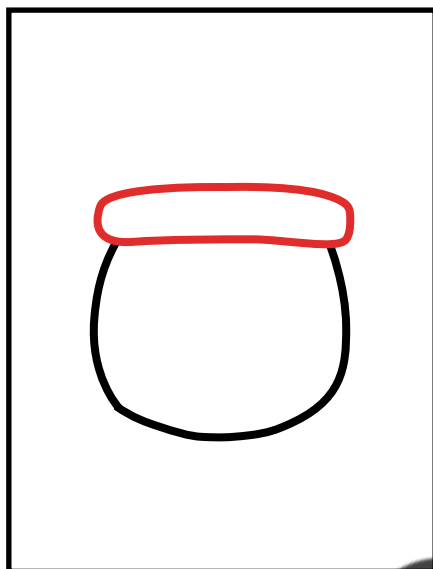
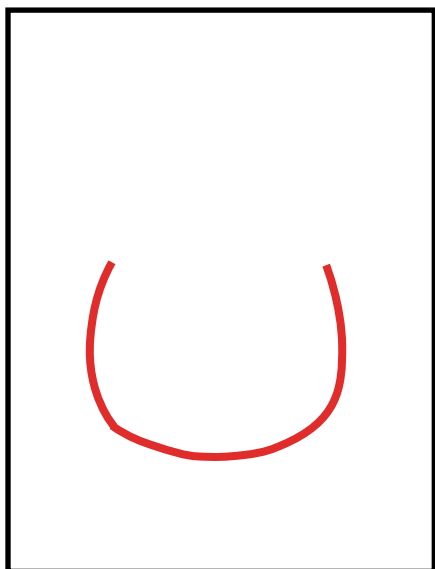


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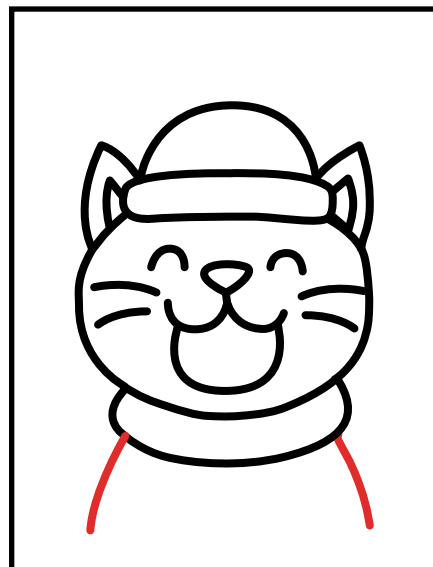
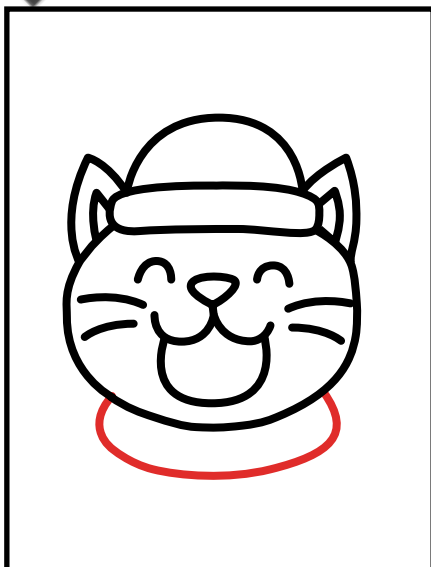
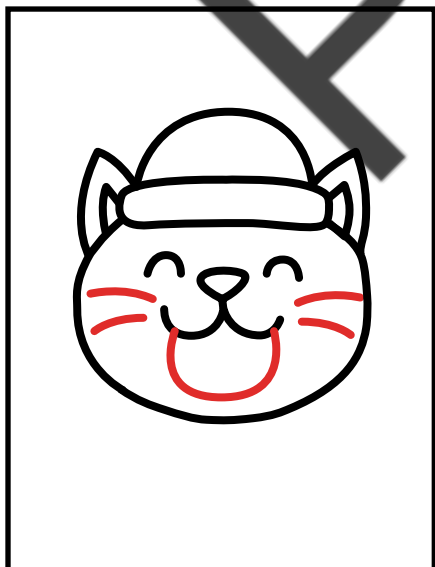
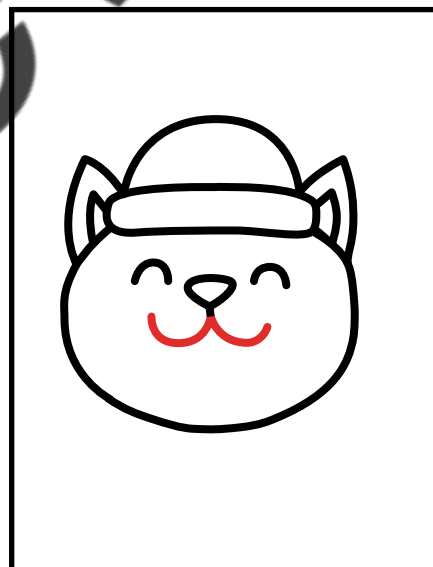
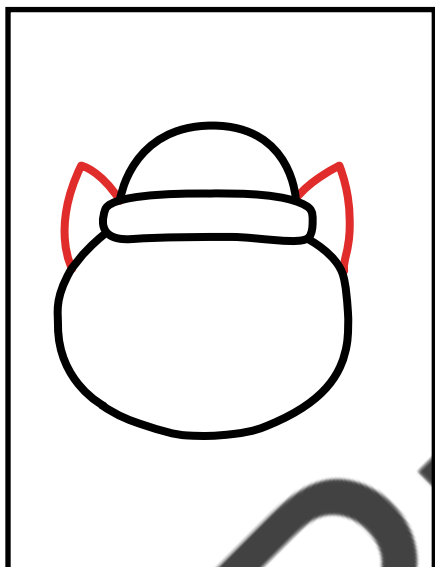
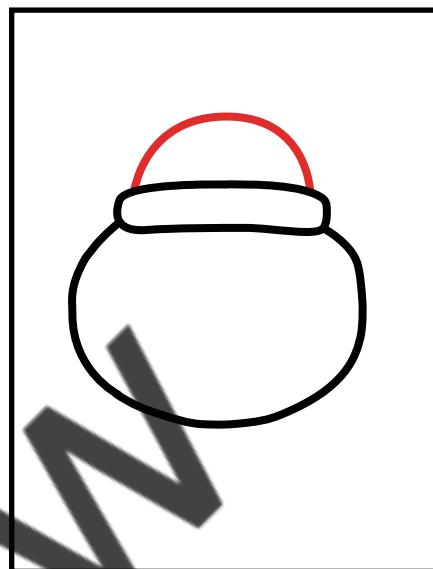
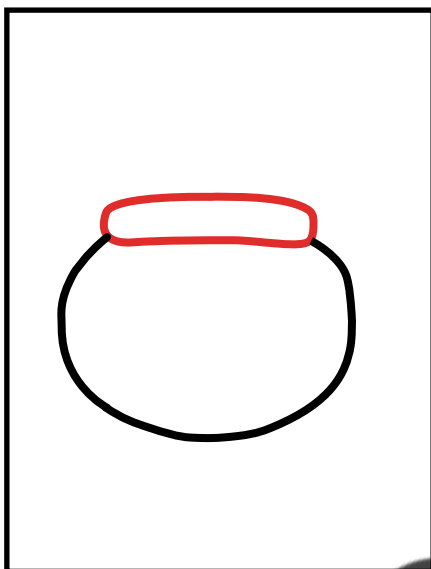
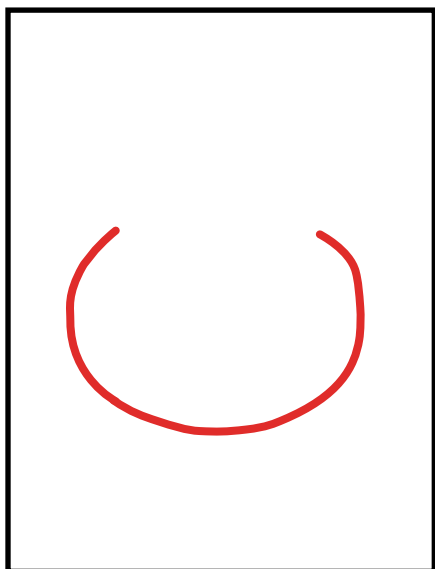


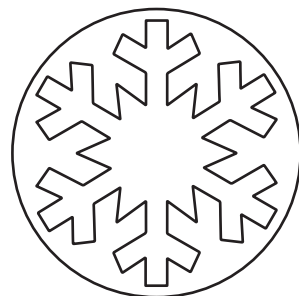
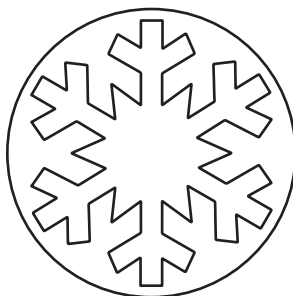
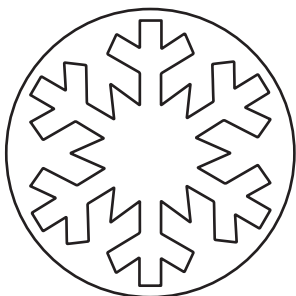
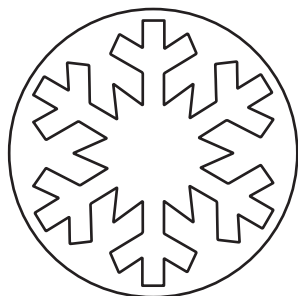
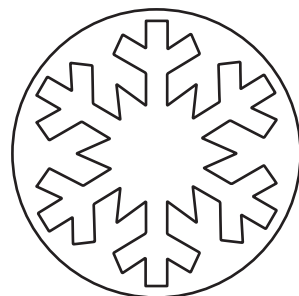
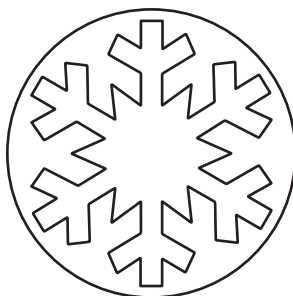
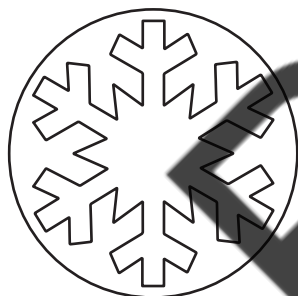
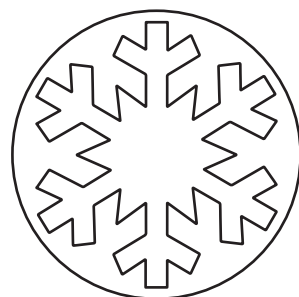
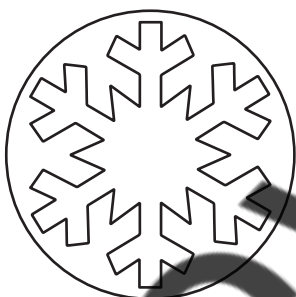
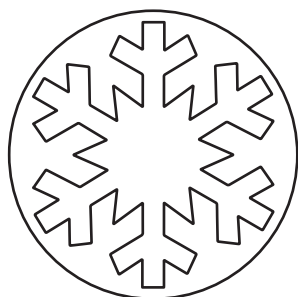
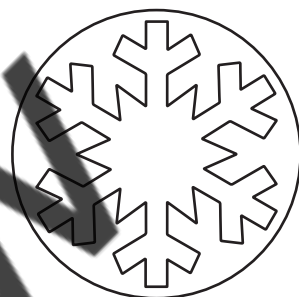
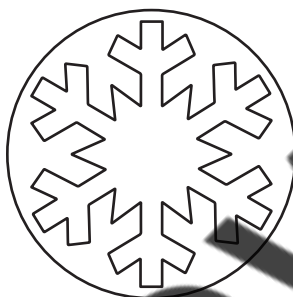
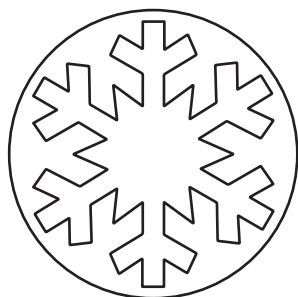
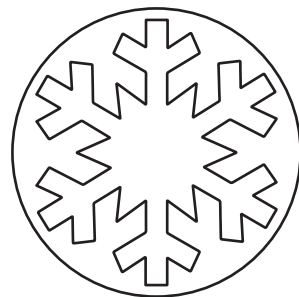
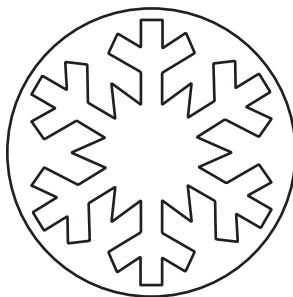
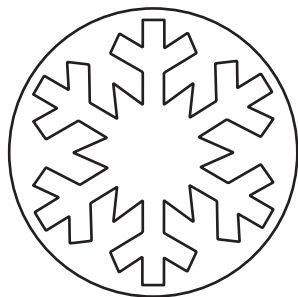
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Draw a Dog



Draw a Cat





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