

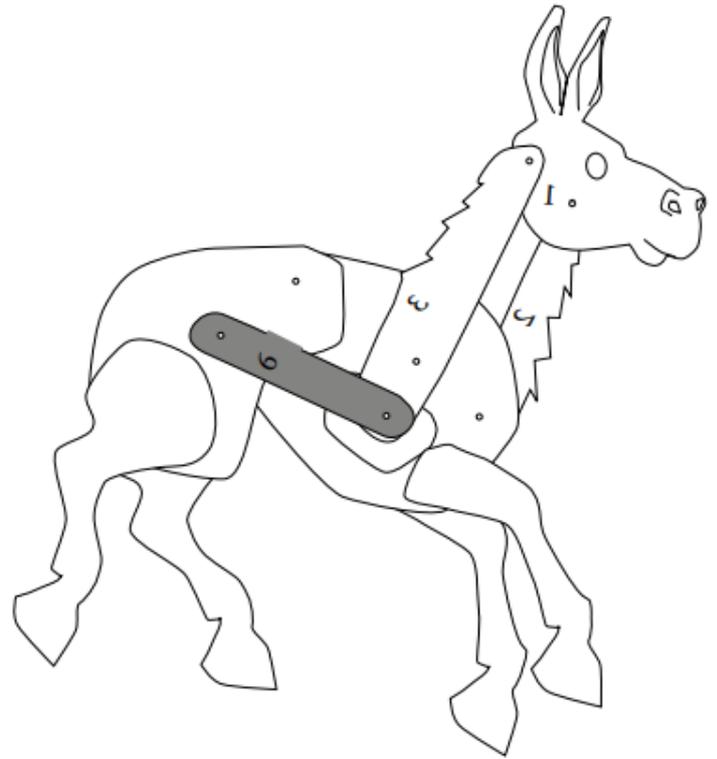
How to make... a donkey puppet

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Suitable for ages 7-11 independently working
or ages 3-6 with adult help

You will need:

- Access to a printer for the templates
- Glue
- Firm cardboard
- Scissors or a knife to cut
- Split pins
- String or fabric to make a tail
- Anything else you want to decorate your puppet with



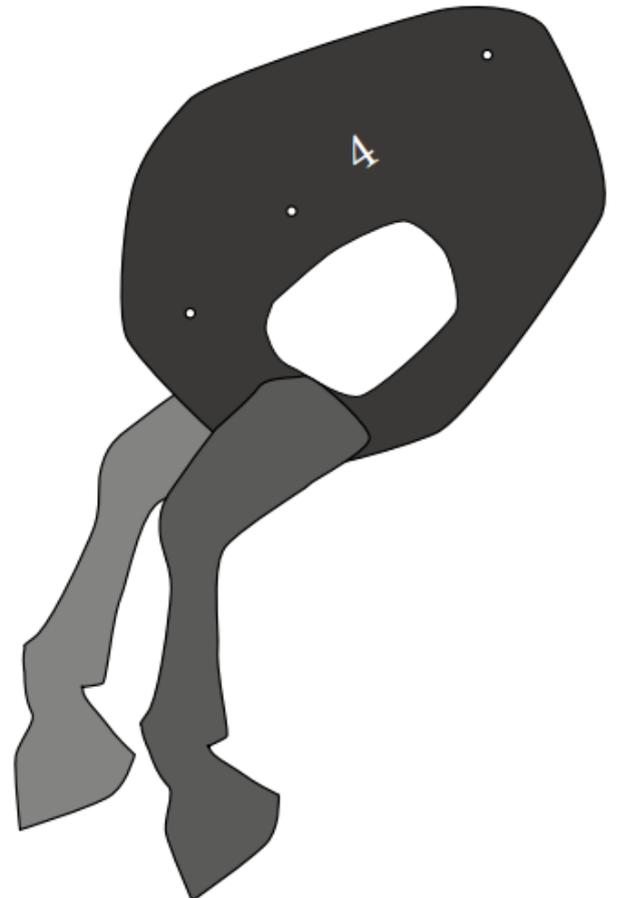
Instructions

Step 1:

Print out the templates included in this activity sheet and stick them onto firm cardboard. Then cut each piece out carefully - you may need an adult to help you. Make small holes where the circles show, just big enough to insert a split pin.

Step 2:

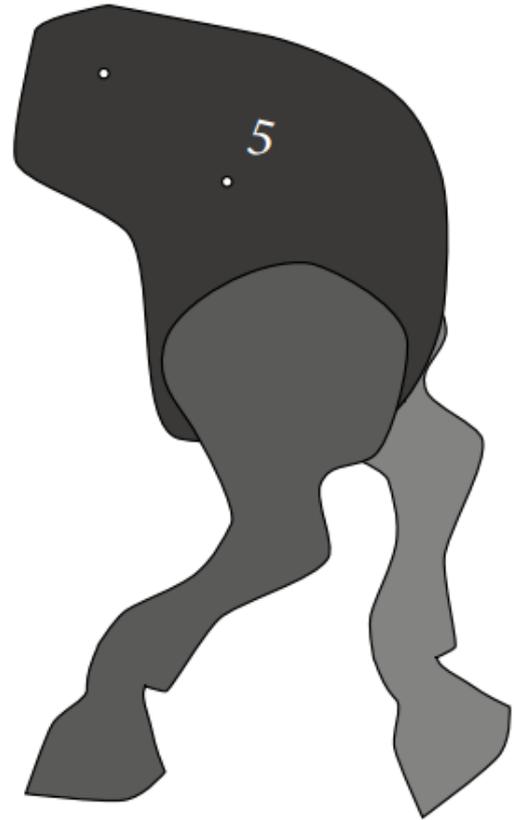
Glue the front legs onto the body (piece 4), being careful to position them as shown.



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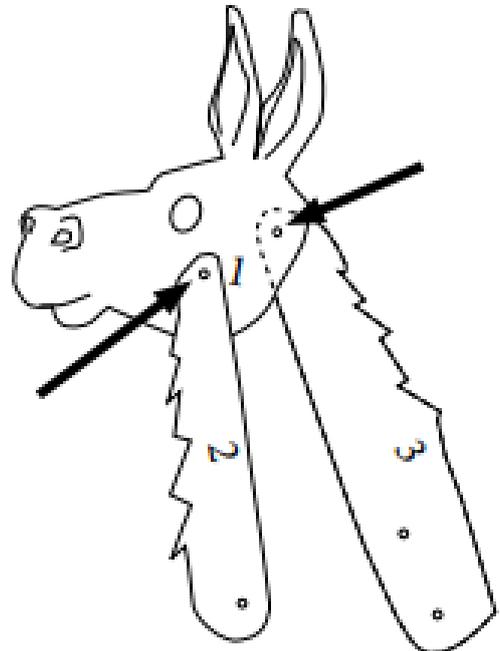
Step 3:

Glue the back legs onto the body (piece 5), being careful to position them as shown.



Step 4:

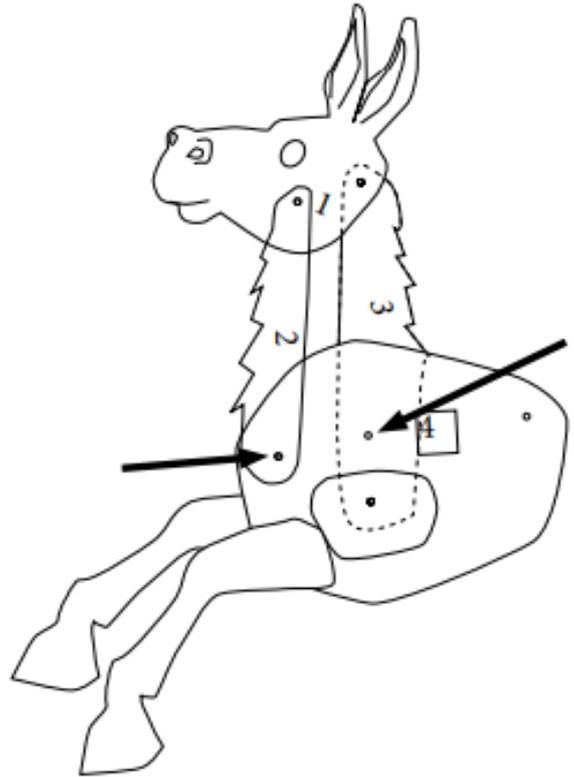
Use split pins to attach the neck pieces (2 and 3) to the head piece (1). Be sure that piece 3 goes on behind the head and piece 2 in front as shown. Push your split pins in from the front side.



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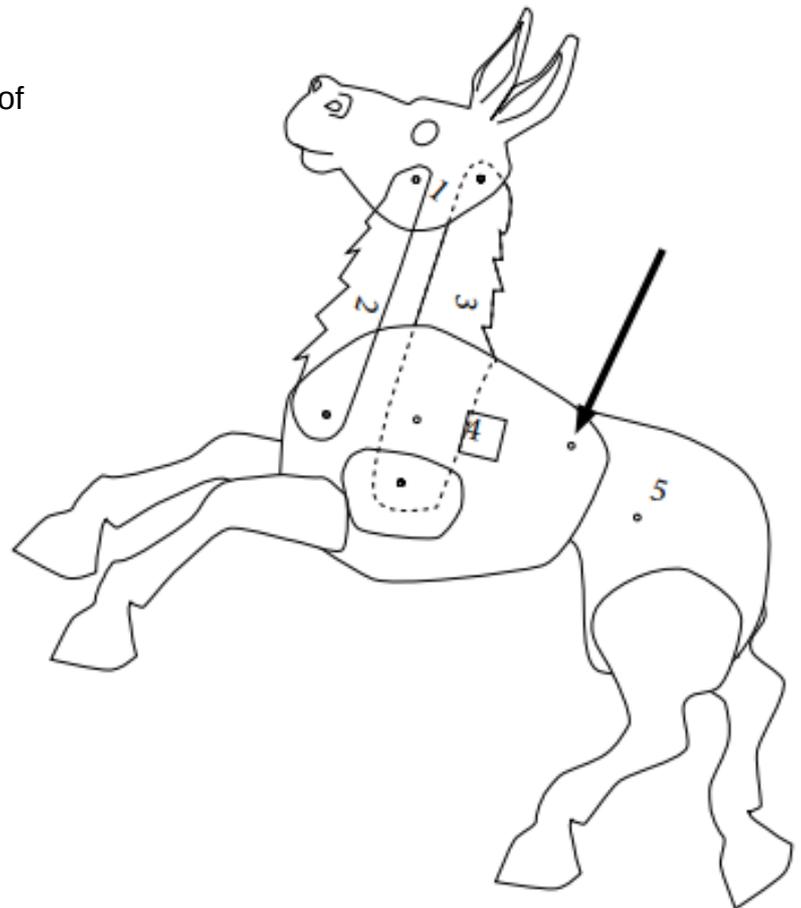
Step 5:

Then use split pins to attach neck pieces to the body (piece 4). Be sure that piece 3 goes behind the body and piece 2 goes in front as shown. Again all split pins should be pushed in from the front side.



Step 6:

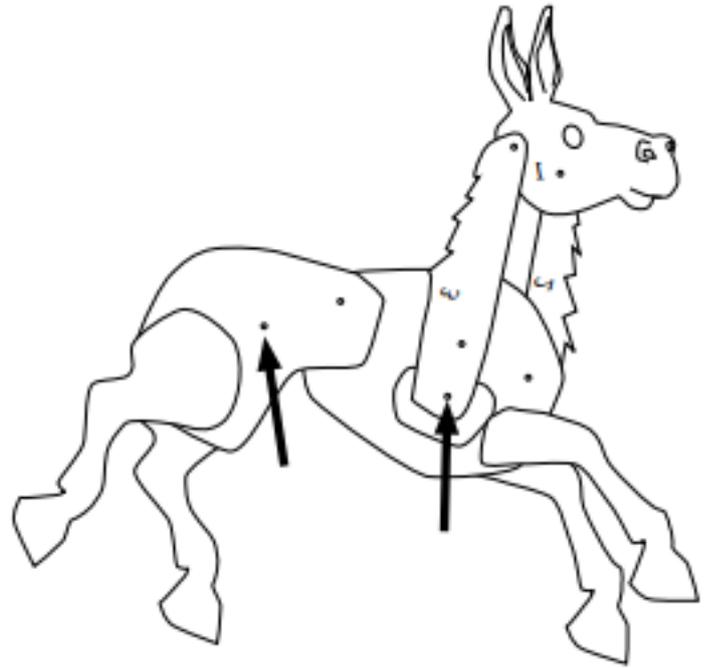
Now join the two body pieces with a split pin. Make sure the front of the body (4) is on top of the back of the body (5) as shown.



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Step 7:

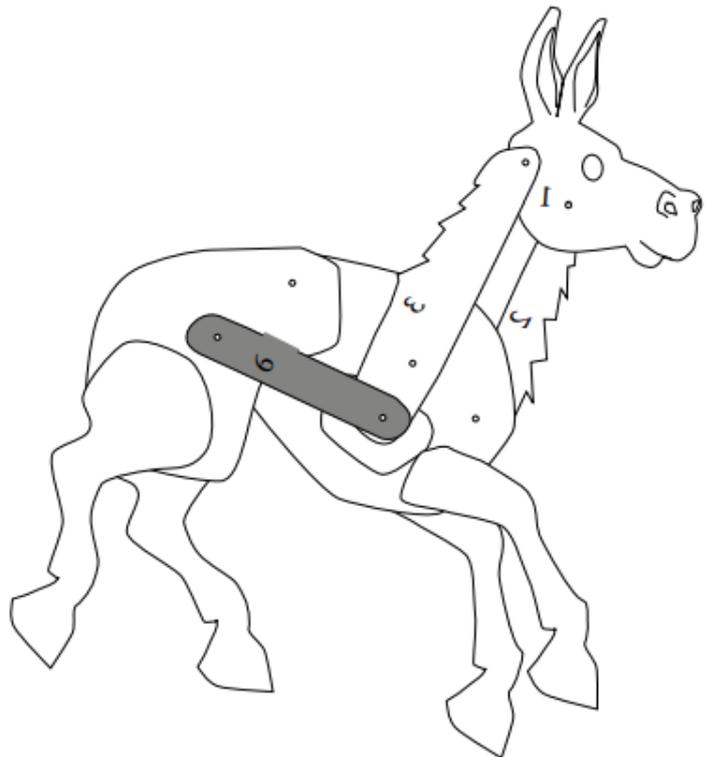
If you turn your donkey over it should look something like the next picture. The final holes to use are shown by the arrows.



Step 8:

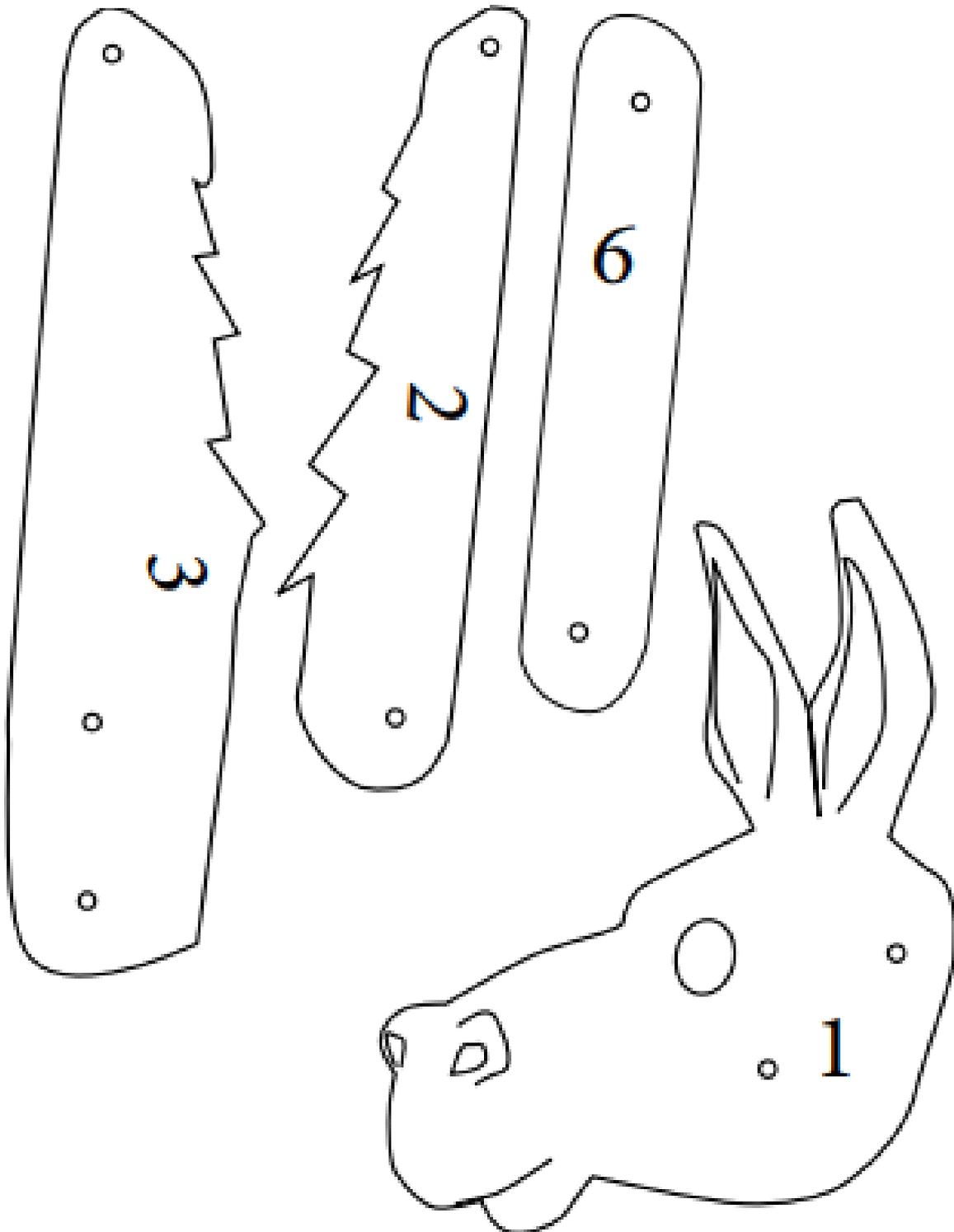
Be sure to push your last two split pins in from the other side so the arms are on the back and don't get in the way of the movement.

Your donkey is now ready! But guess what? It needs a tail! So use string or fabric to make one and decorate your donkey as much as you like!

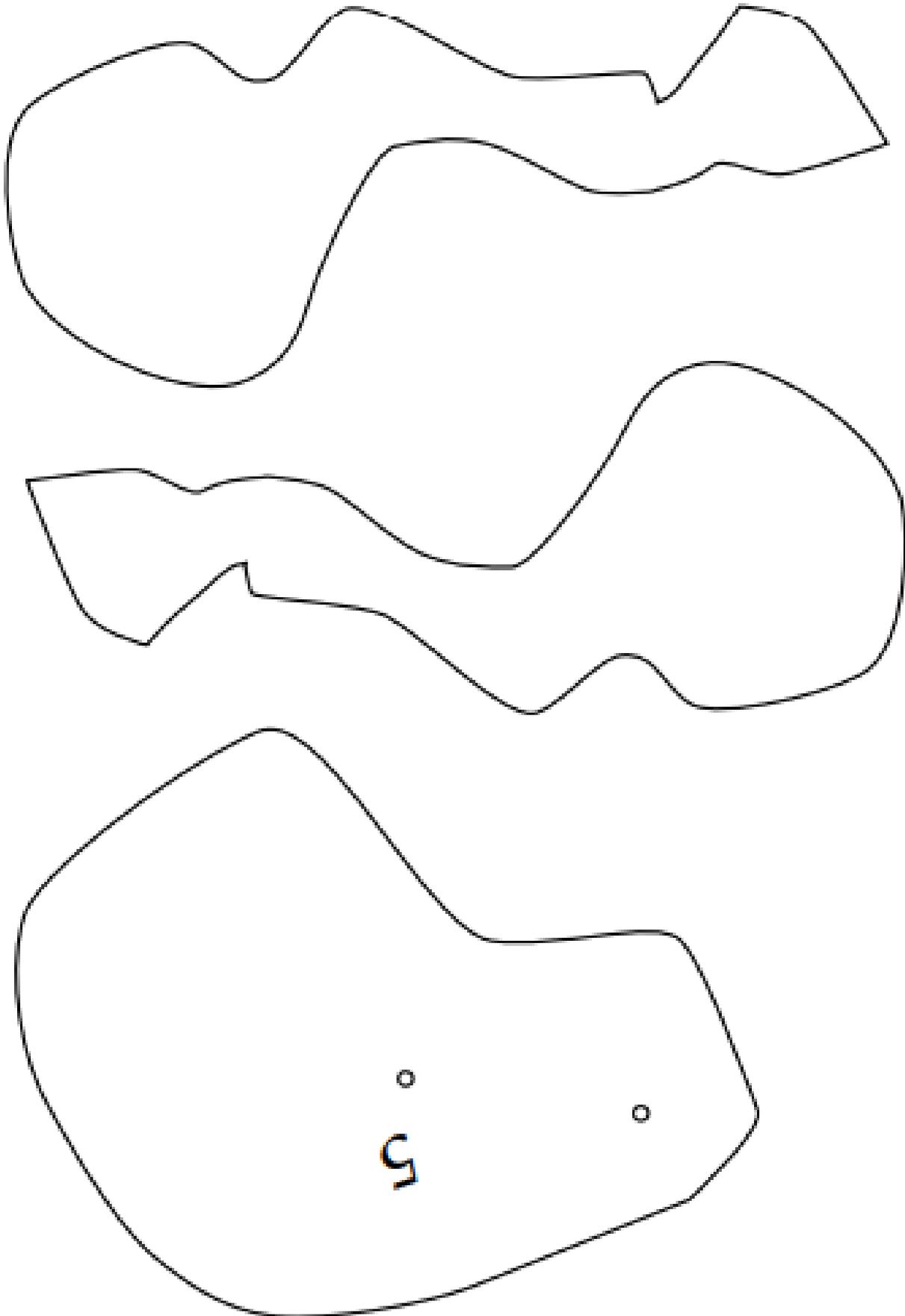


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Templates:



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