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Read Together 20  
Minutes Every Day™

# Books, Reading & Play Pack

Play  
With a  
Purpose

Coloring  
Sheet



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# SEPTEMBER



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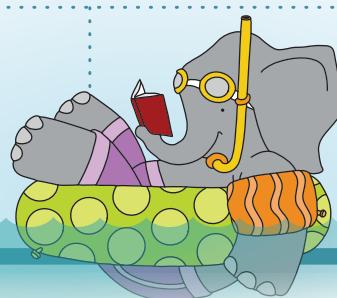
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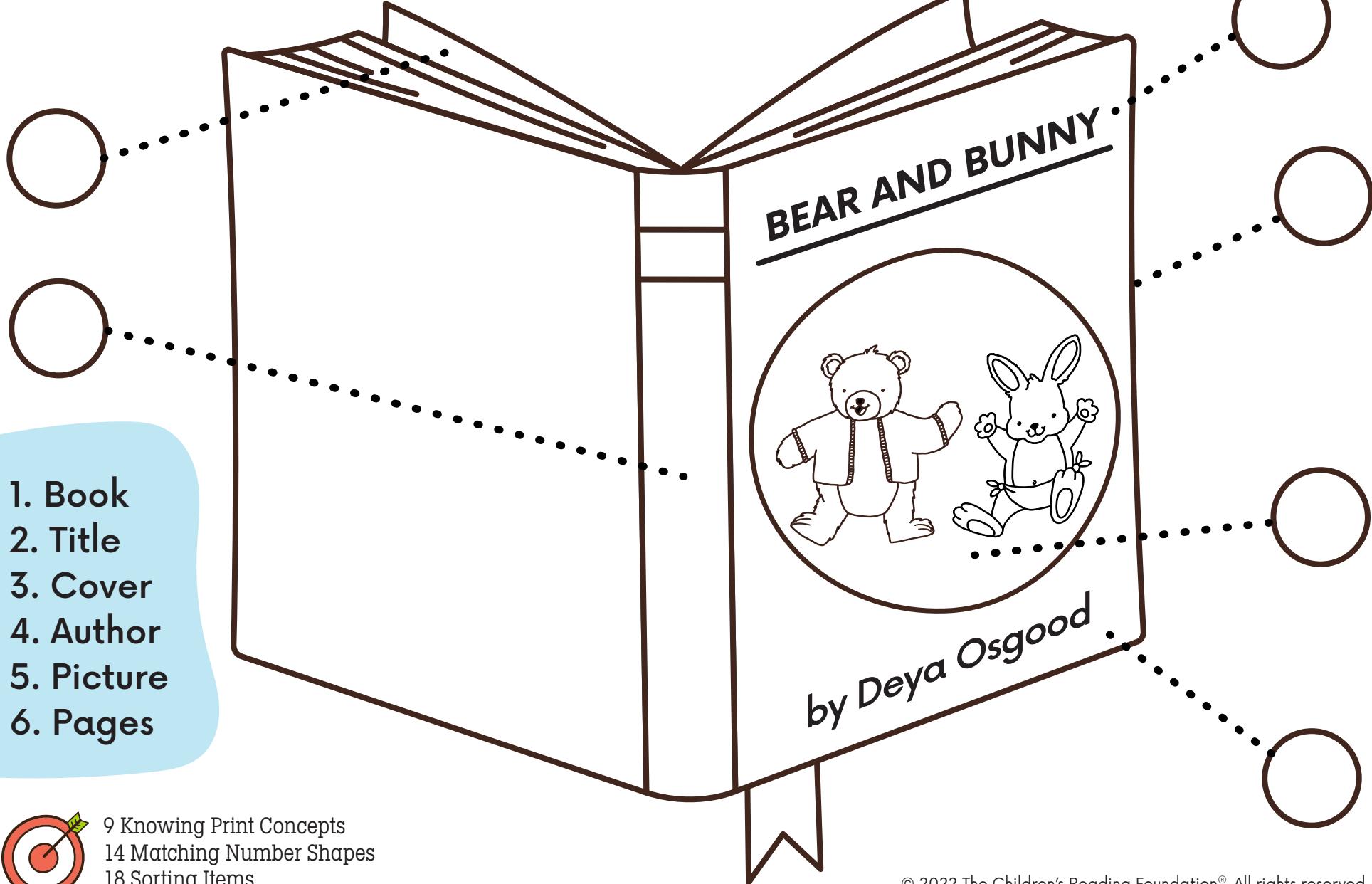

8 Comprehending Books  
9 Knowing Print Concepts

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# The Parts of a Book!

Help your child discover the different parts of a book with this delightful activity sheet. Write the corresponding number in the circle that matches the part of the book. For an added bonus, have your child color the book, too!





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# ABC Tracing & Coloring Book

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Create with your child their very own alphabet book. Play With a Purpose by tracing the letters with your index finger. As a bonus, color each letter with crayons or markers for a storybook ending!



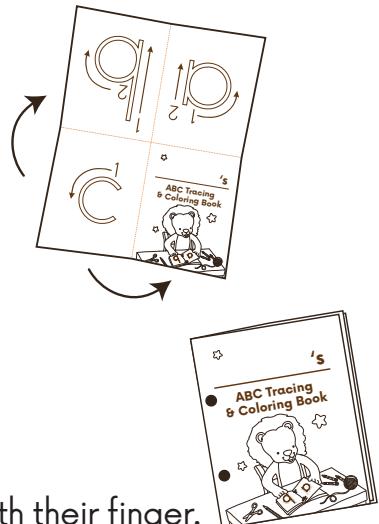
## Materials:

- 8 1/2 x 11 paper
- Crayons or markers
- Hole punch
- One piece of string or twine, approximately 12 inches long



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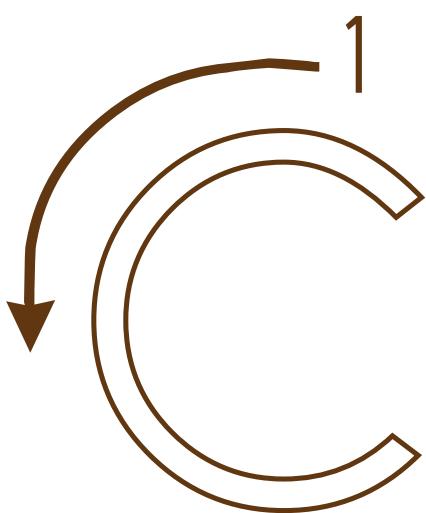
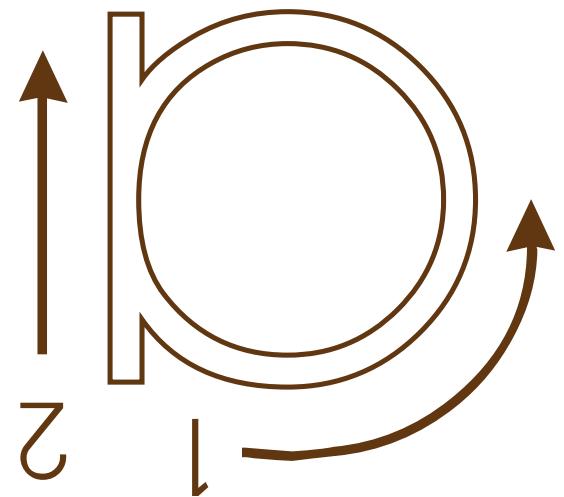
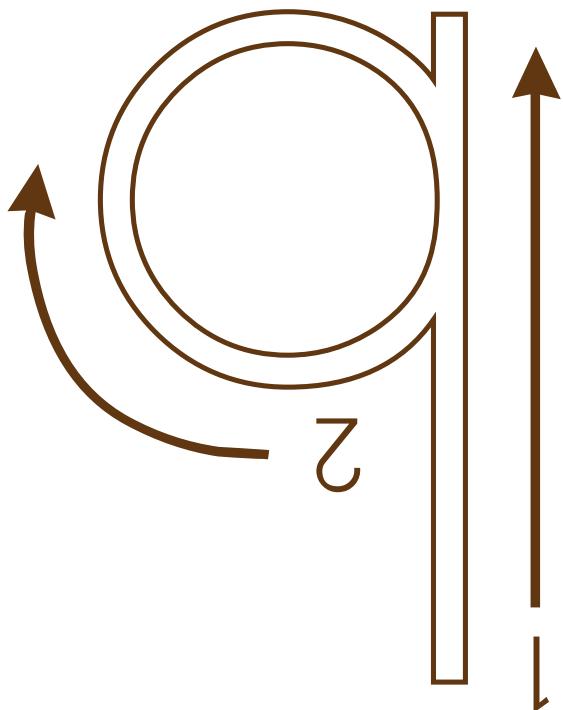
1. Print the pages of the alphabet book, one-sided.
2. Fold the paper in half, top to bottom.
3. Next fold the paper in half, left to right to create a mini booklet.
4. Then punch two holes in the left side of each mini booklet.
5. Put the pages on top of one another and line up the holes. Make sure the letters are in the correct order.
6. Run the string through the holes and tie in a bow.
7. Use the arrows in the letters to guide your child to trace each letter with their finger.
8. Then have your child color the front cover, back cover, and interior pages of their alphabet book.



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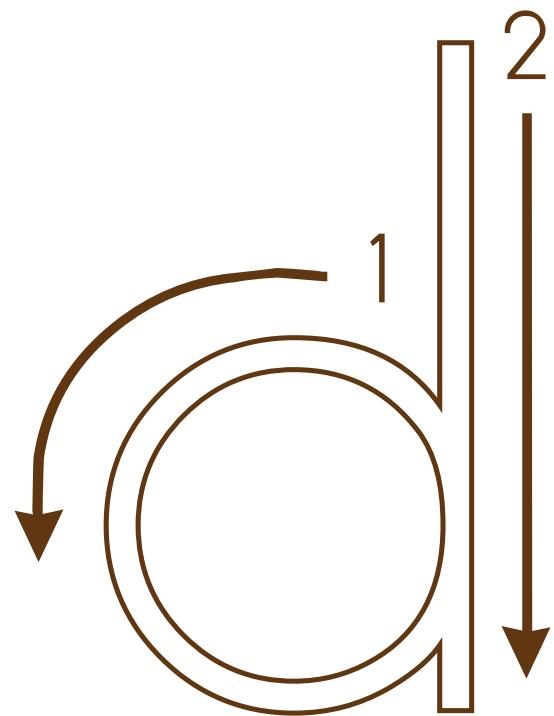
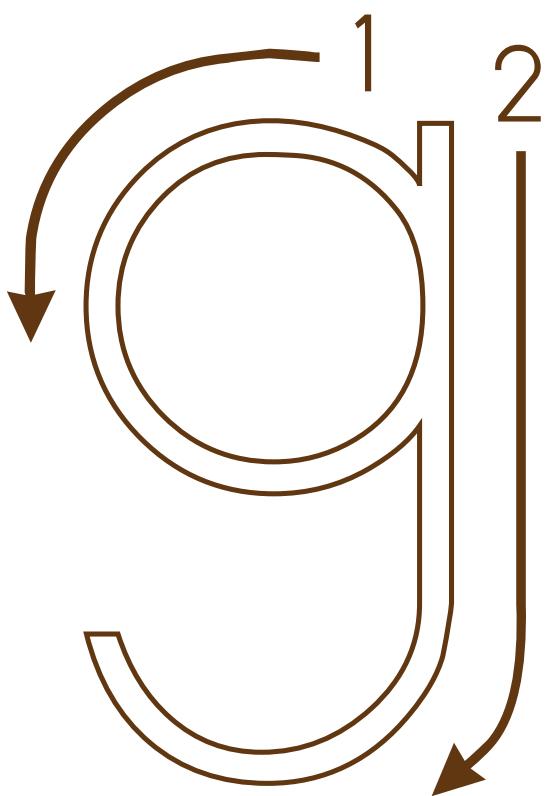
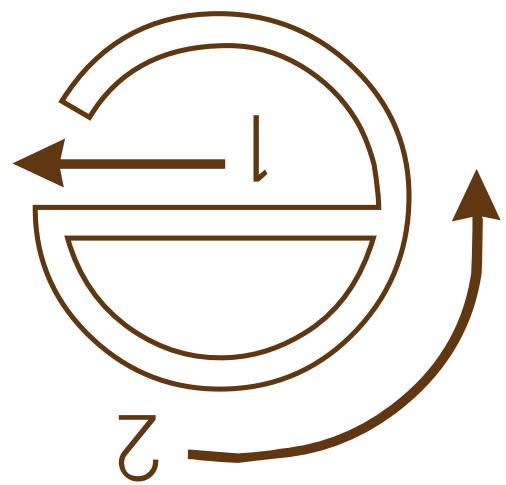
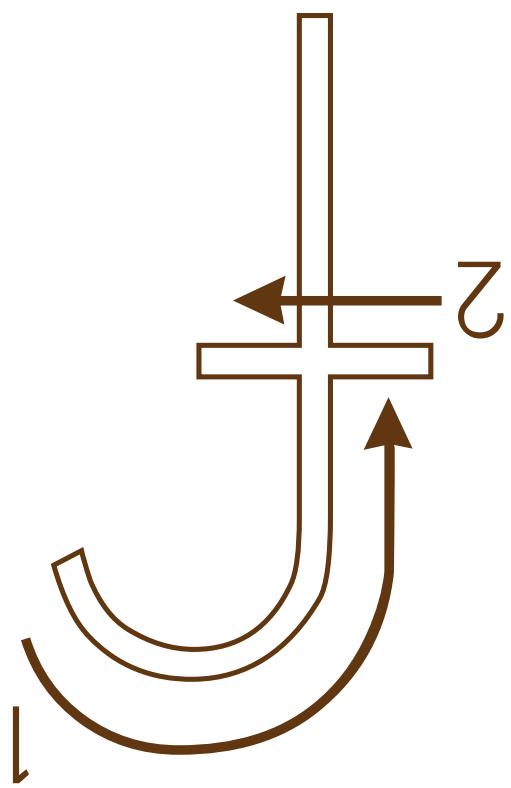


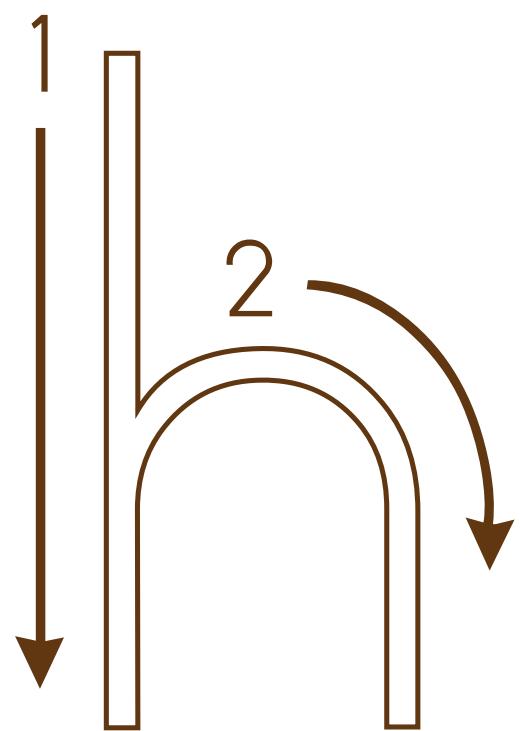
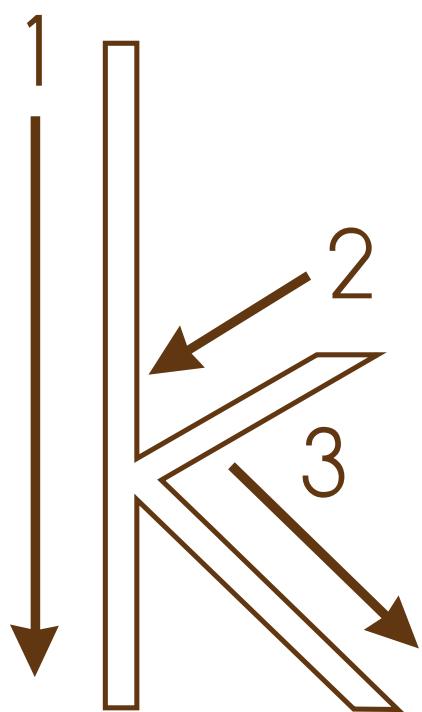
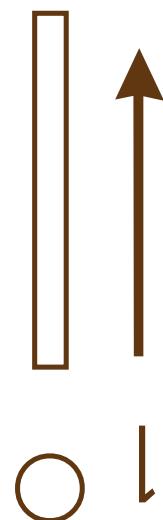
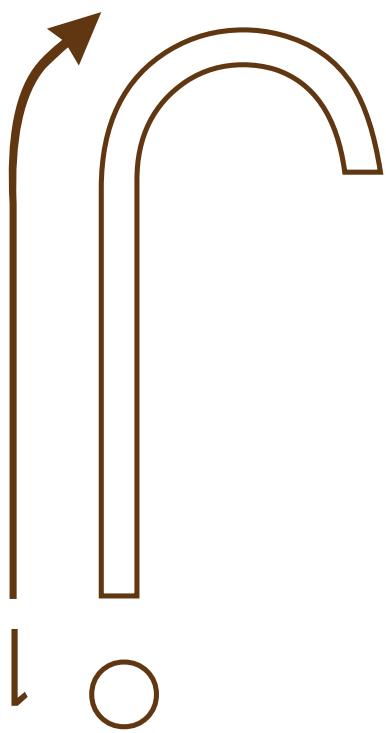
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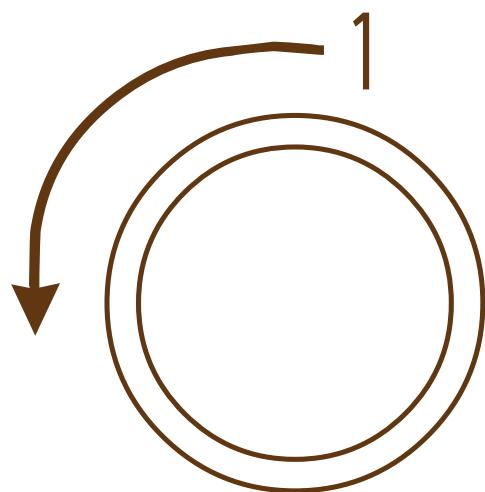
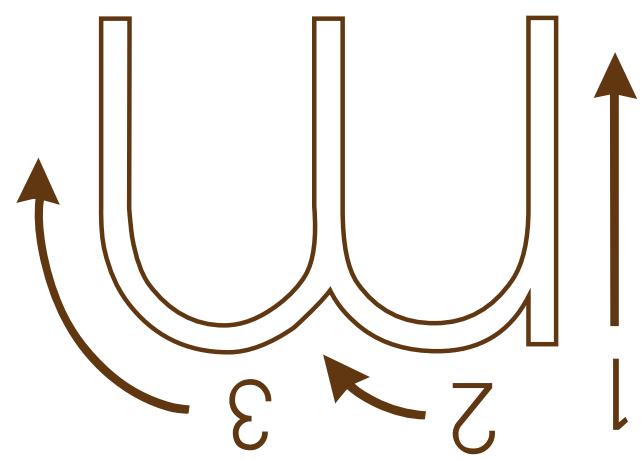
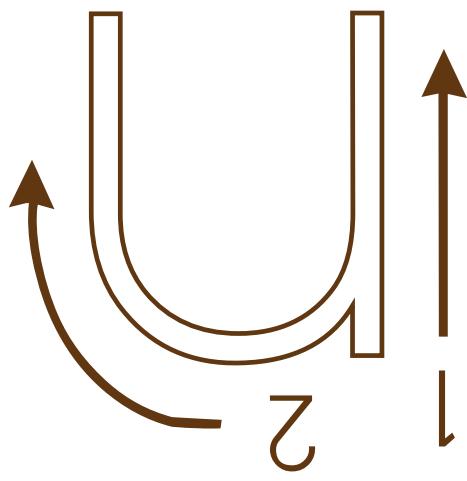
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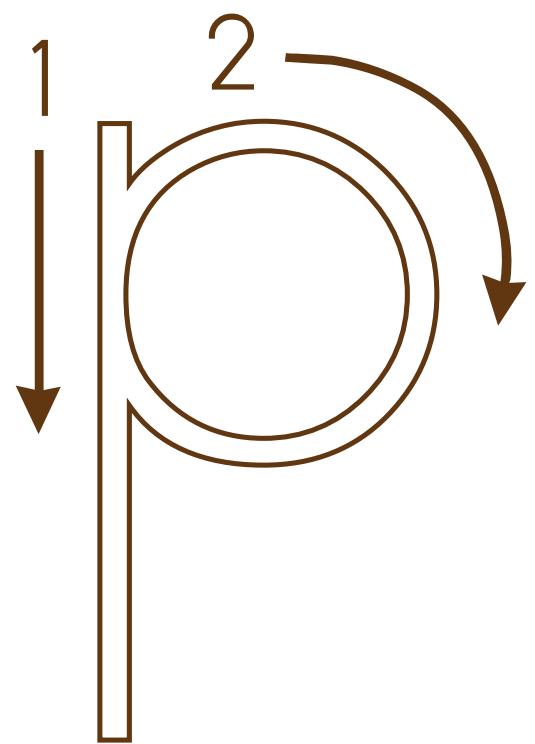
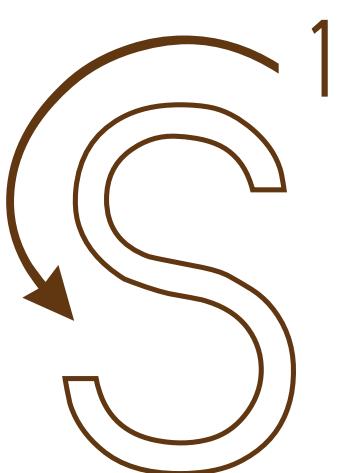
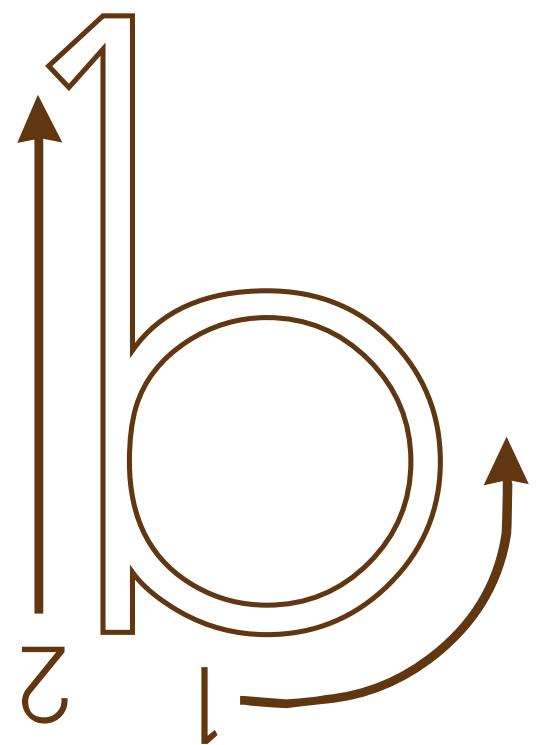
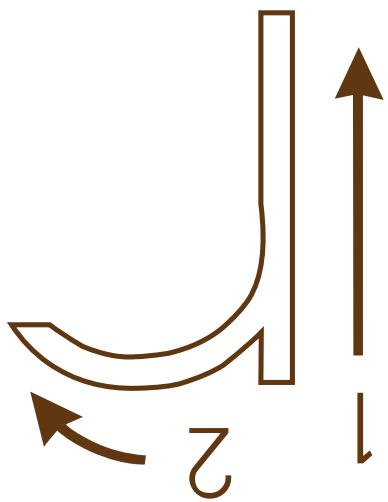
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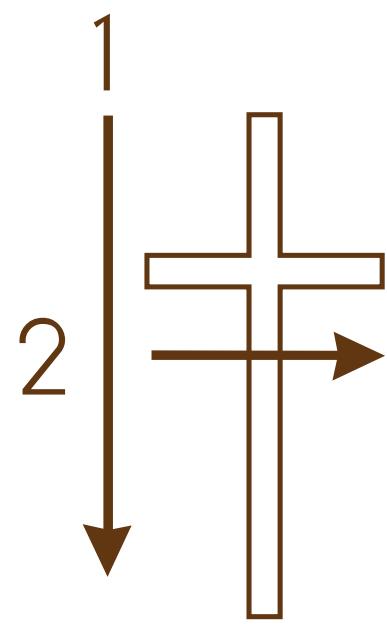
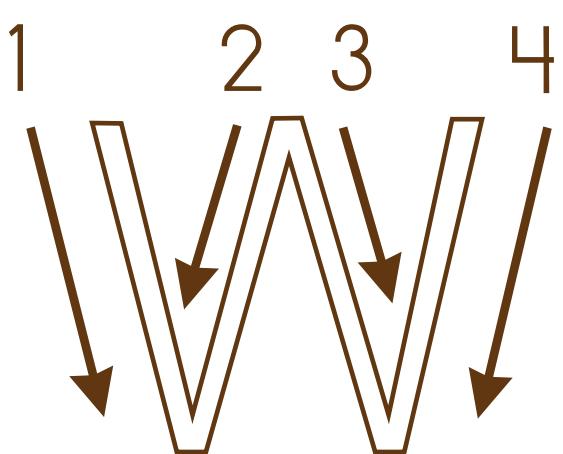
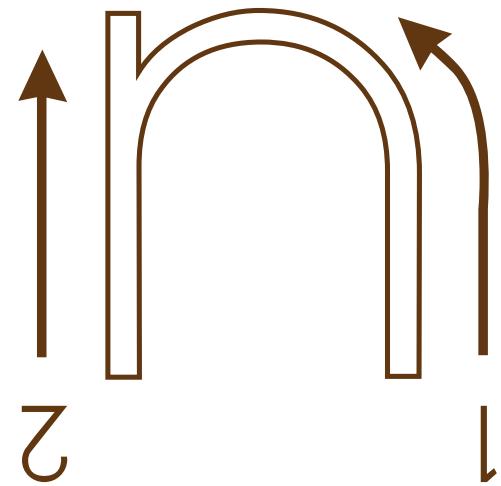
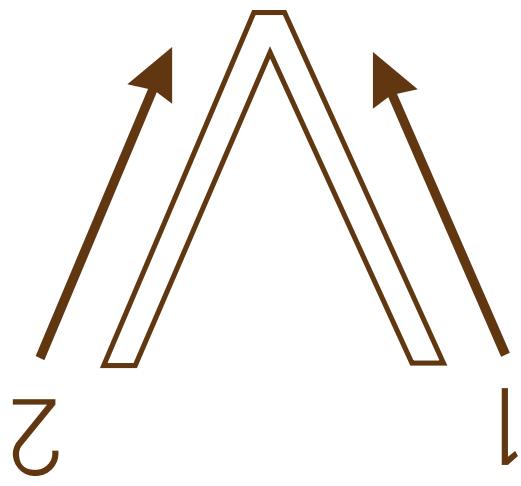


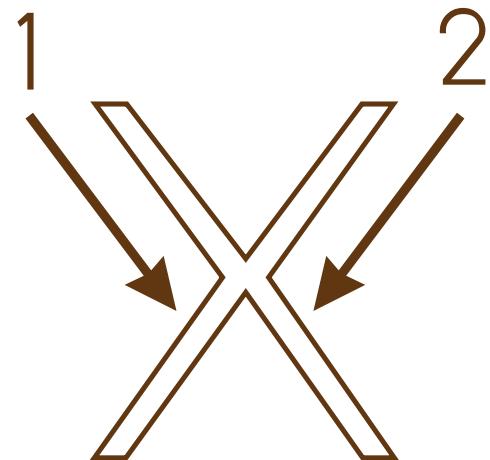
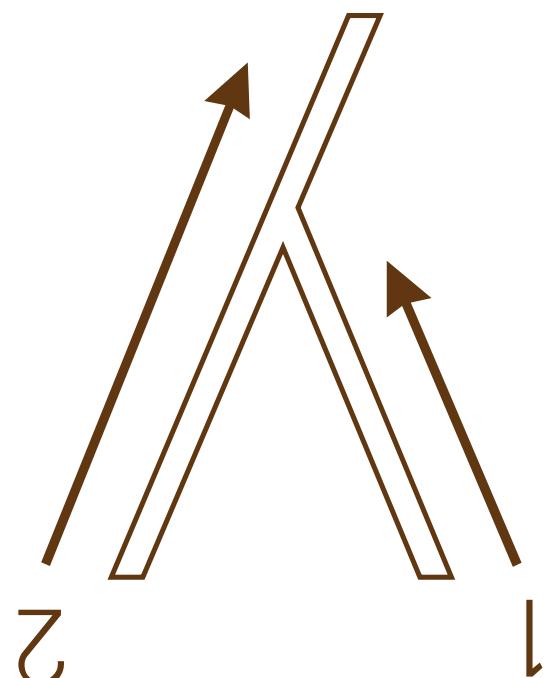
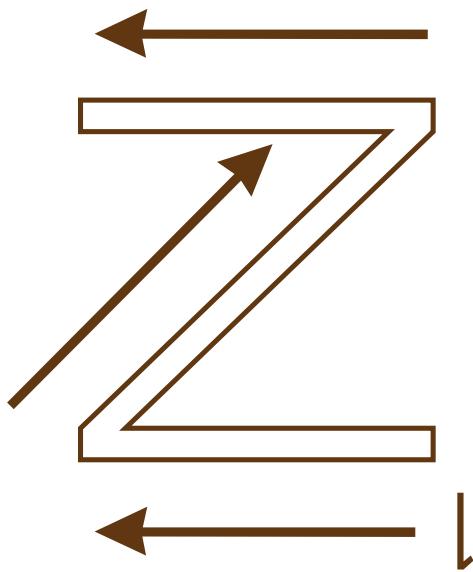












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# Parts of a Parent Reader



**A Smart Mind**, to understand the importance of reading with their child daily.

**Ears**, to listen to their child's questions.

**A Heart**, to love and desire a good education for their child.

**Eyes**, for seeing their child and showing how engaged they are.

**A Mouth**, for reading a book with their child, 20 minutes every day.

**Hands**, for hugging their child close, while reading a favorite book.



**Feet**, for walking to the library each week to discover new books.

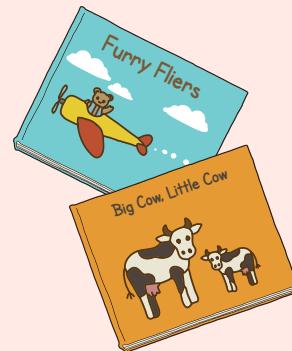
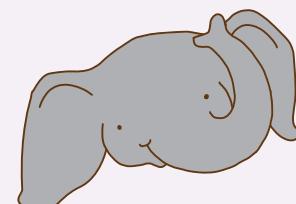
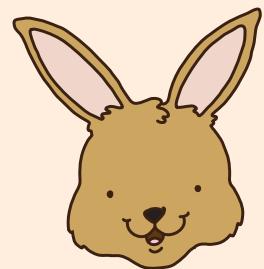
**Books**, to share every day with their child to build their language and literacy.



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- 10 Hearing Spoken Words

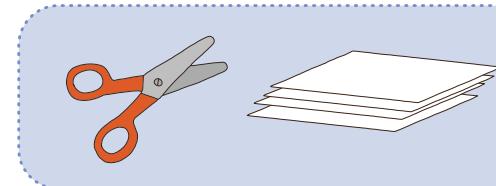
# • ANIMAL MATCHING GAME •

This animal matching game is great for playing together. Matching games provide preschoolers with the opportunity to practice focus, memory, and matching skills.



## What you'll need:

- Scissors
- 8 1/2 x 11 white paper (for printing)



## INSTRUCTIONS FOR CAREGIVER AND CHILD:

1. Print out the Animal Matching Game.
2. Cut out each card along the dotted lines. If your child can cut by themselves, ask them to practice their scissor skills by cutting out the cards. If they are not ready to use scissors, you can hold their hand and cut the cards together.
3. Now you are ready to Play With a Purpose. Place each individual card face down and mix them up.
4. Flip over one card and then flip over another. If they match, pull the cards to the side. If they don't, turn both cards back over.
5. Then it is the next player's turn.
6. Keep playing until all pairs of cards are matched. Everyone wins when you play together! The time spent playing together reinforces important skills and strengthens your connection.

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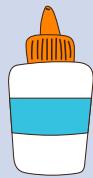
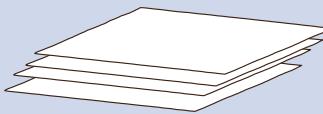
# GIRAFFE GROWTH CHART

Look how tall you are! Play With a Purpose with your child by measuring their height with this adorable growth chart! Don't forget to track their growth and use math vocabulary in your conversations!



## What you'll need:

- 8½ x 11 white paper (for printing)
- Scissors
- Tape or glue



## INSTRUCTIONS FOR CAREGIVER AND CHILD:

1. Print out the three pages of the Giraffe Growth Chart.
2. Tape, glue, or paste margin 2 on top of margin 3.
3. Tape, glue, or paste margin 4 on top of margin 5.
4. Measure one foot from the floor of an available wall, place the bottom of your Giraffe Growth Chart on the one-foot mark, and secure the Giraffe Growth Chart to the wall.
5. See how tall your child is!

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11 Developing Verbal Skills

13 Counting

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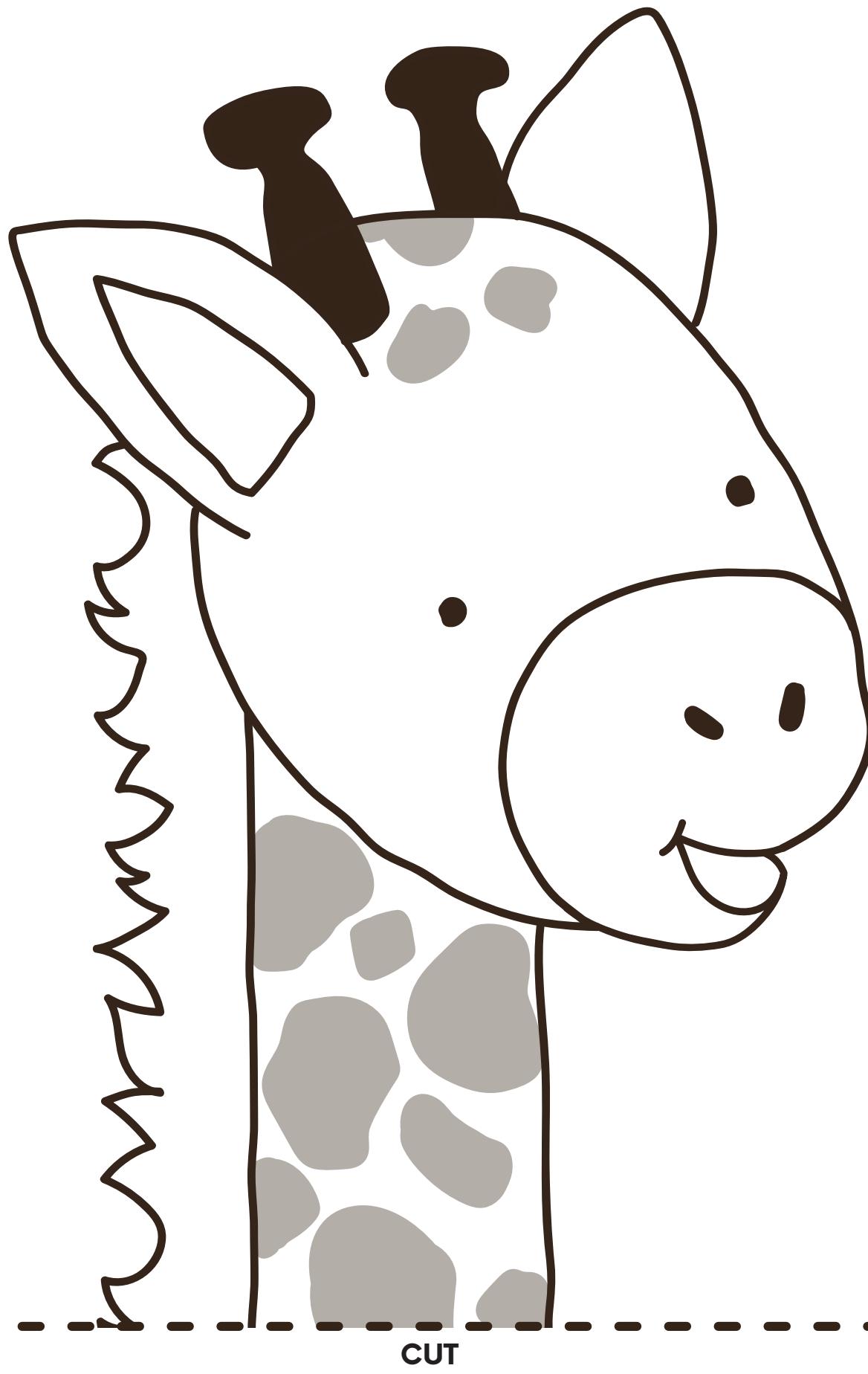
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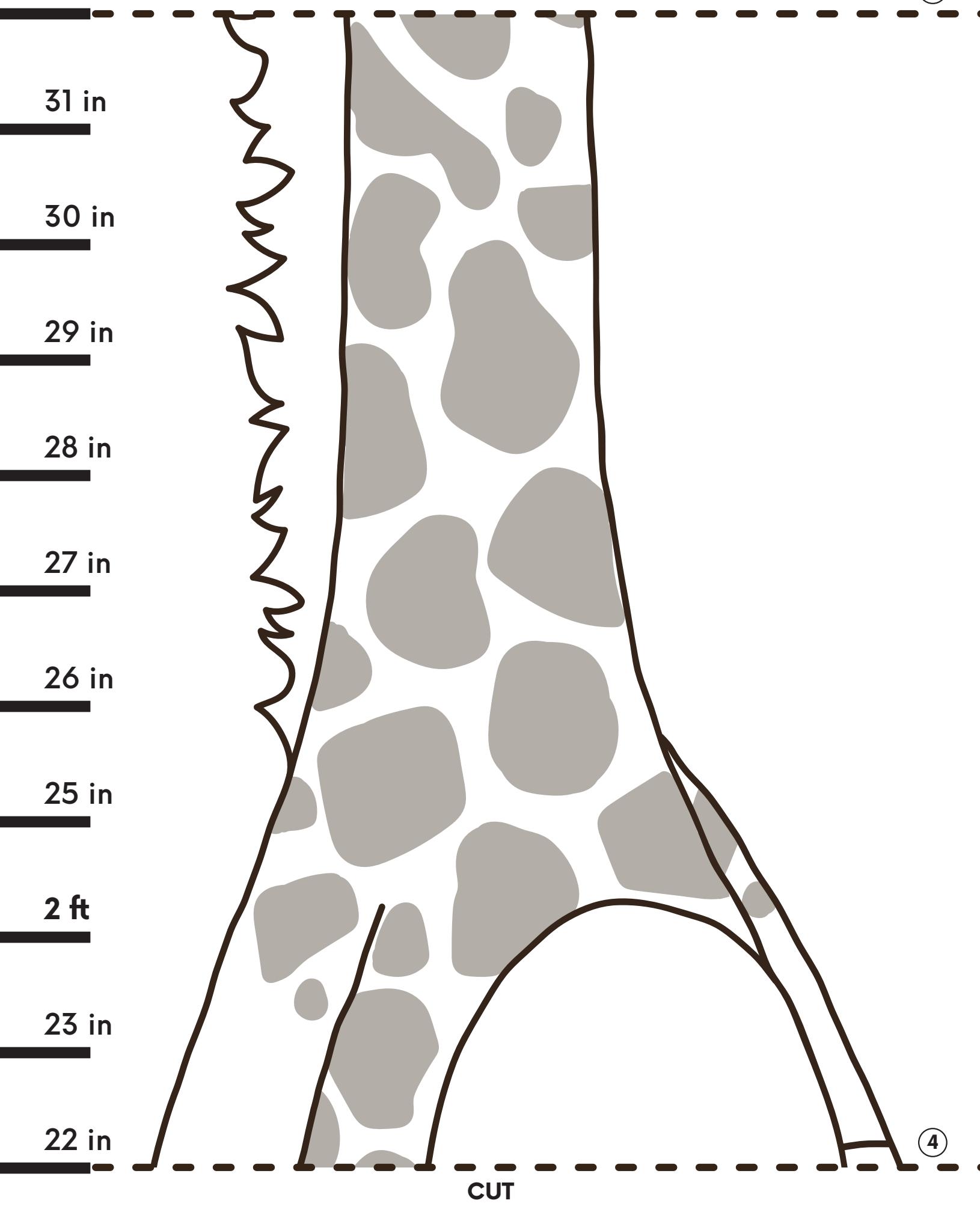
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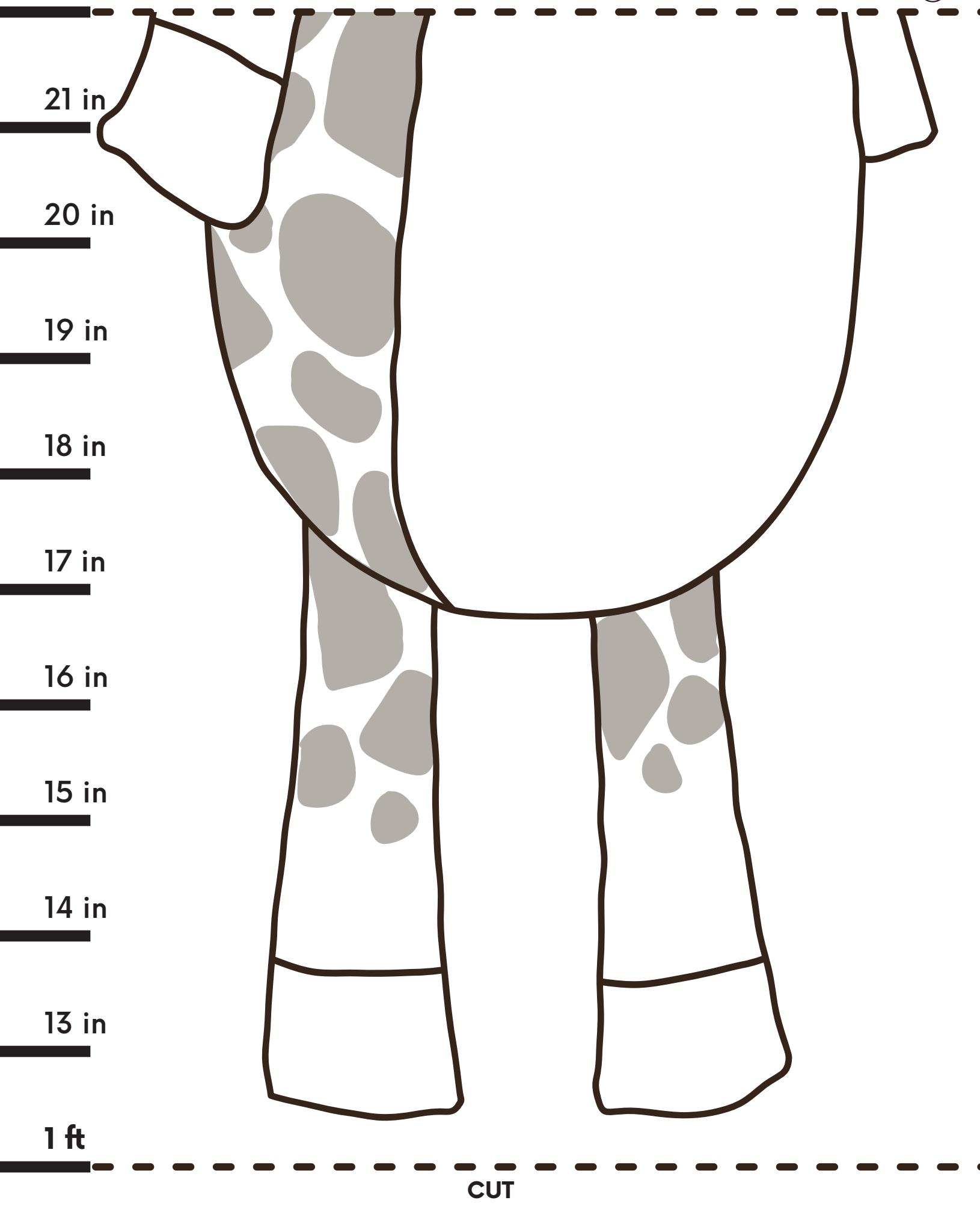
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# CARDBOARD ANIMAL CRAFTS



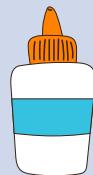
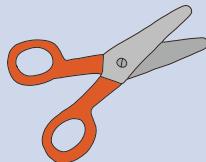
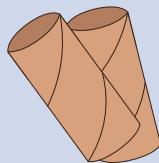
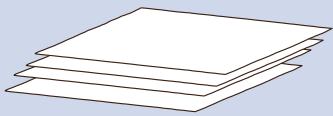
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Repurpose some toilet paper tubes and have fun crafting with materials from home. Your child will have an opportunity to develop and practice fine motor skills while you create these tube READY! animals together.

## What you'll need:

- 8½ x 11 white paper (for printing)
- 2 empty toilet paper tubes
- Scissors
- Tape or glue



## INSTRUCTIONS FOR CAREGIVER AND CHILD:

1. Print out Toilet Paper Tube Animals sheet on the other page of this document.
2. Separate the READY! character pieces by cutting along the dotted lines. If your child can cut by themselves, ask them to practice their scissor skills by cutting out the animals' heads, bodies, feet, and tails. If they are not ready to use scissors, you can hold their hand and cut out the animals together.
3. Tape the bunny's body around the first empty toilet paper tube. Then tape the bunny's face to the front, the paws below the face, and the tail at the back of the toilet paper tube.
4. Once done, tape the lion's body around the second empty toilet paper tube. Tape the lion's face to the front, the paws below the face, and the tail at the back of the toilet paper tube.
5. Now you are ready to Play With a Purpose. Use your Toilet Paper Tube Animals to tell a story. Ask your child questions and follow their lead to add details to the stories. Have the READY! animals be a part of your daily reading routine too!

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