

Calligrakids Workshops

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An online workbook to help you create
your own fun and fantastical letters!

What you will need:

- *A printer (or someone that will print it for you)
- *cardstock for the templates and scissors
- *paper
- *pencil/eraser and a ruler
- *markers, coloured pencils, crayons or paint
- *YOUR IMAGINATION

Basic Steps

Read through the BASIC STEPS before you start!

Step 1. You will need an adult to help you download, print out the workbook, and help you with cutting the templates.

Step 2. Watch the video!

Step 3. Gather your supplies and work through the practice pages on scrap paper.

TO FINISH:

Step 4. On your good piece of paper (a little heavier)

lightly sketch your letter(s).

Step 5. Add your features and then erase all the lines you DON'T want.

Step 6. Using the black permanent marker, go over all of your pencil lines.

Step 7. Now you can colour!

HAVE FUN!

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SUPPLIES AND TIPS

***Washable markers work great beacuse they dont seep through the paper and they dont smudge the black outline.**

***A nice black marker will really make your artwork pop!
Not too thin...**

***You might want to add wiggly eyes or glitter to your mermaid!**

***If you want to frame your artwork, consider painting an inexpensive frame to match your drawing. Just use ordinary craft paint.**

***Using a heavier paper is easier to erase on and nicer with markers.**

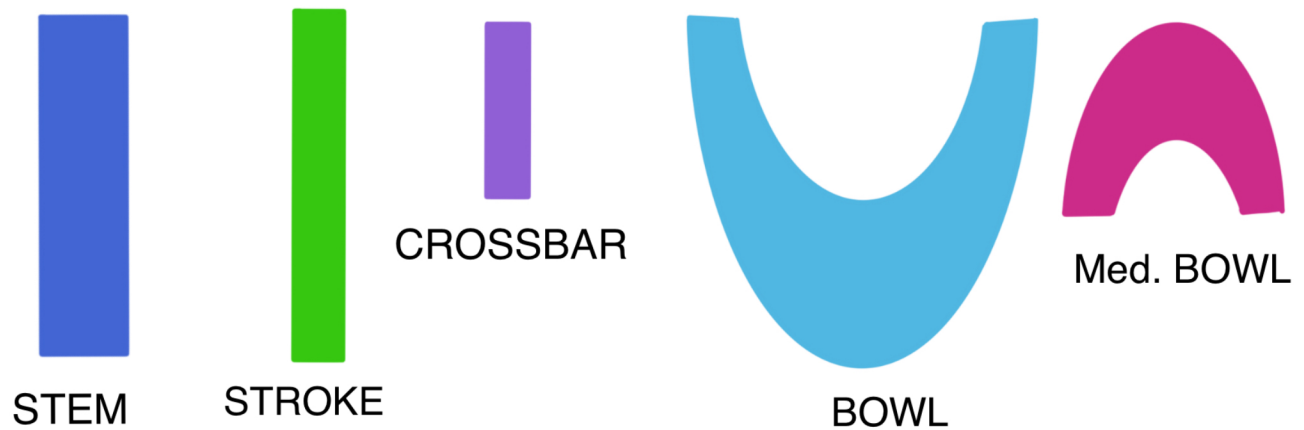
Extras: fine black marker, white gel pen, white chalk marker, glitter, metalic markers, sequins, gems

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PARTS OF A LETTER

Every letter is made up of 5 basic parts!



The shapes shown above would make 'block' letters, like this:



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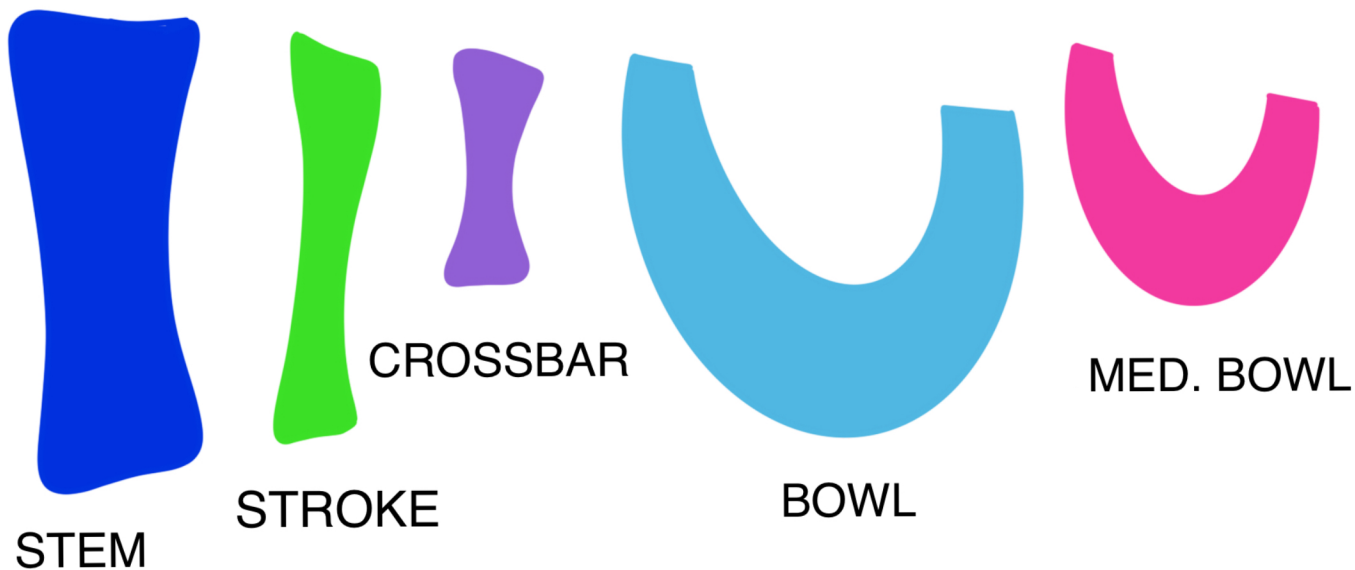
What would happen if we changed the shape of the parts??

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Lets shake things up a little..



Whoa!!! What just happened??



Now it's your turn!

Using your templates, try to make all of the letters!

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Here is a guide for you!

A B C D E F G

* H I J * K L M

N O P Q R

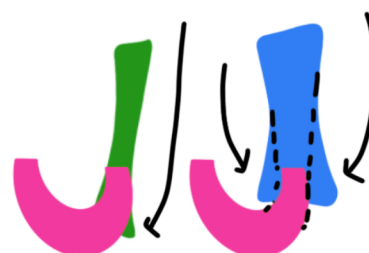
S T U V W

X Y Z

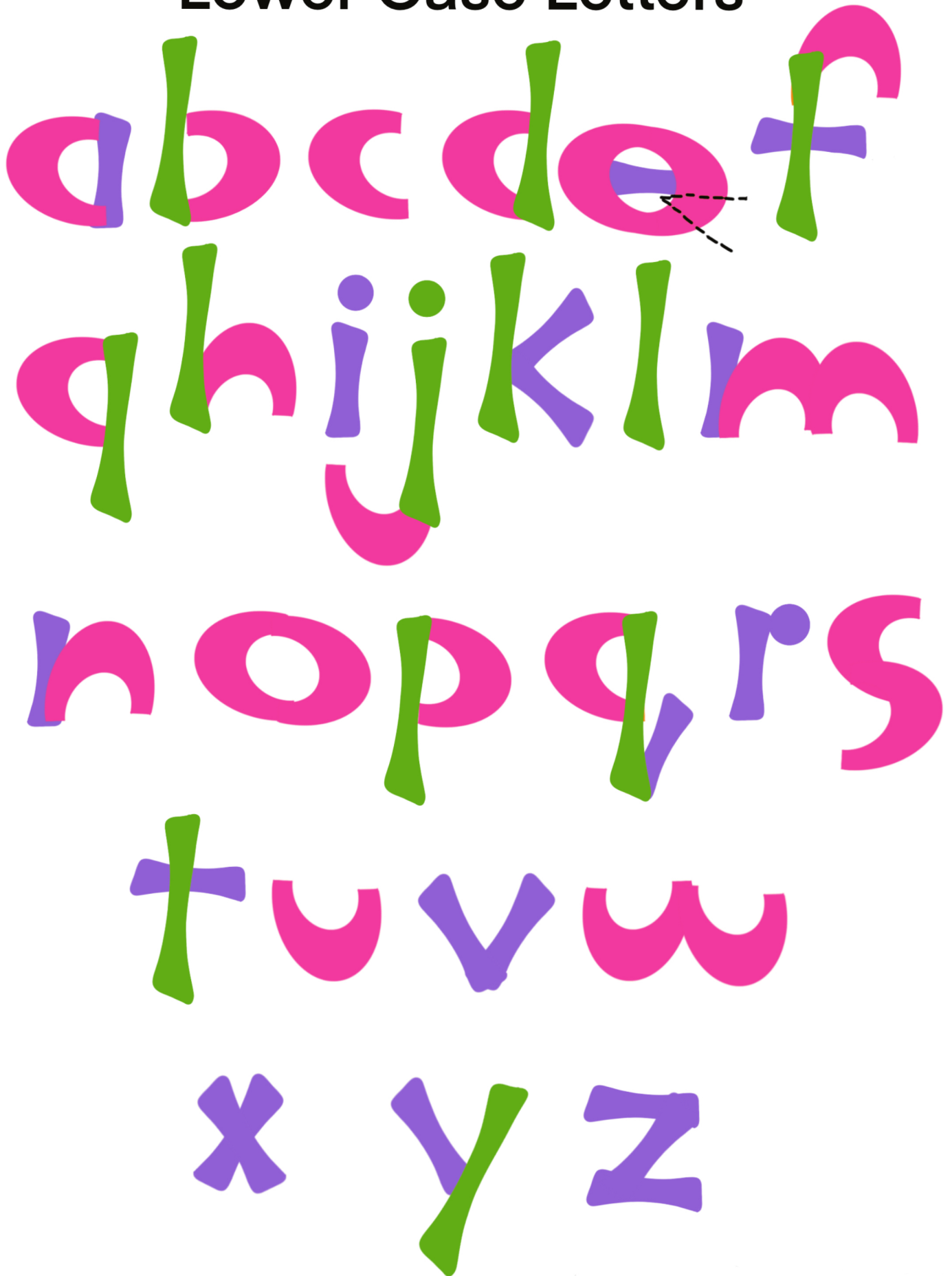
* Sometimes,
like with the
H, there are
alternatives.
Can you think
of more?



* An sometimes you have to smooth them
out a little... 'J's are tricky!



Lower Case Letters

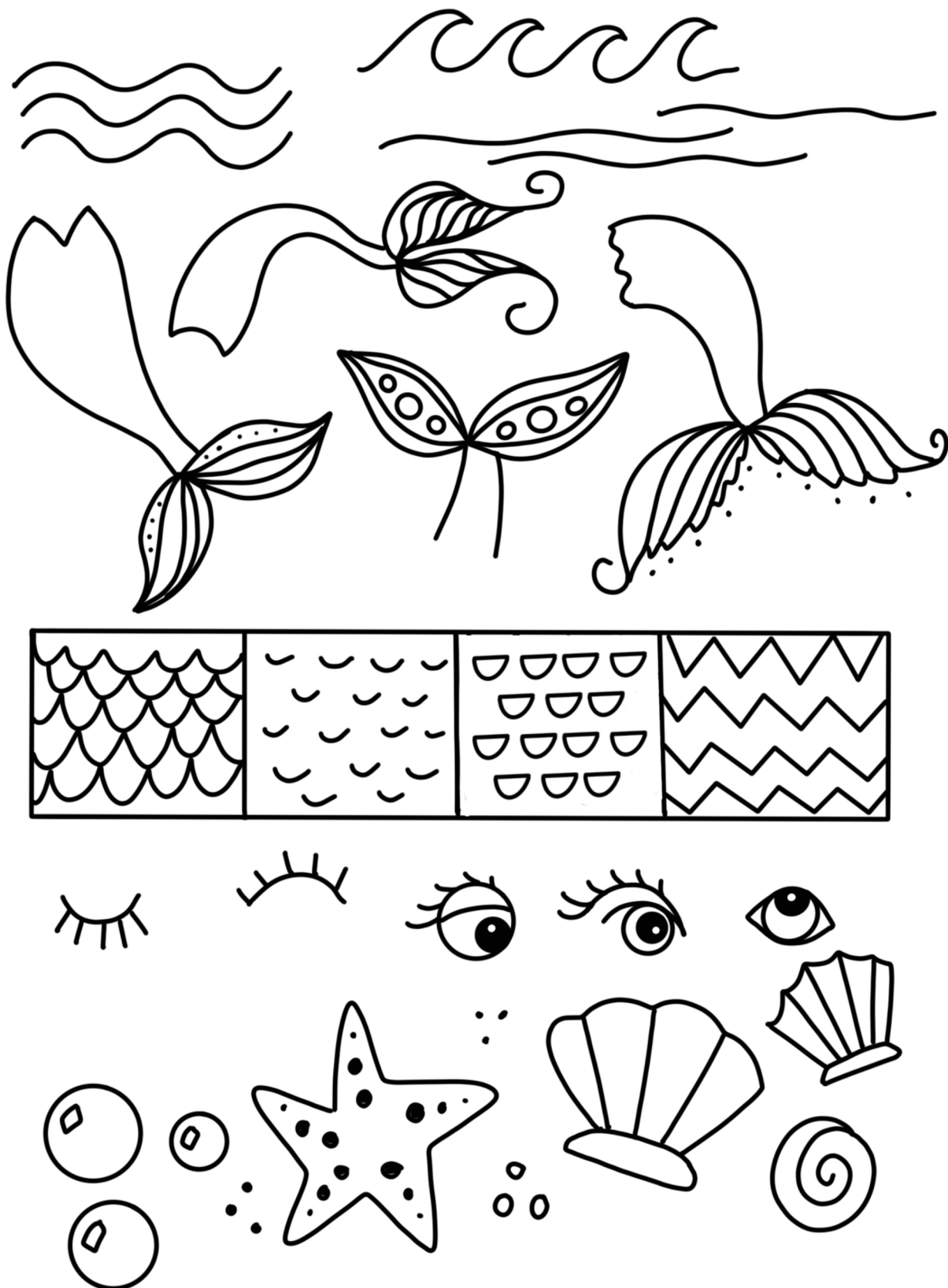


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Parts of a Mermaid

Try recreating these mermaid drawings on a blank sheet of paper


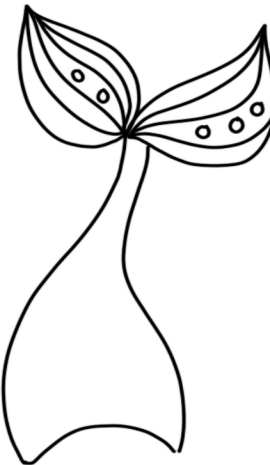
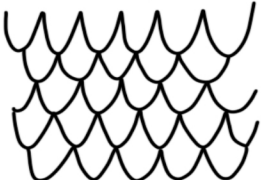
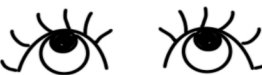
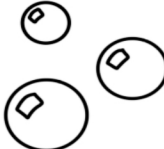


If you want you can cut some of these out and use them as stencils on your final drawing

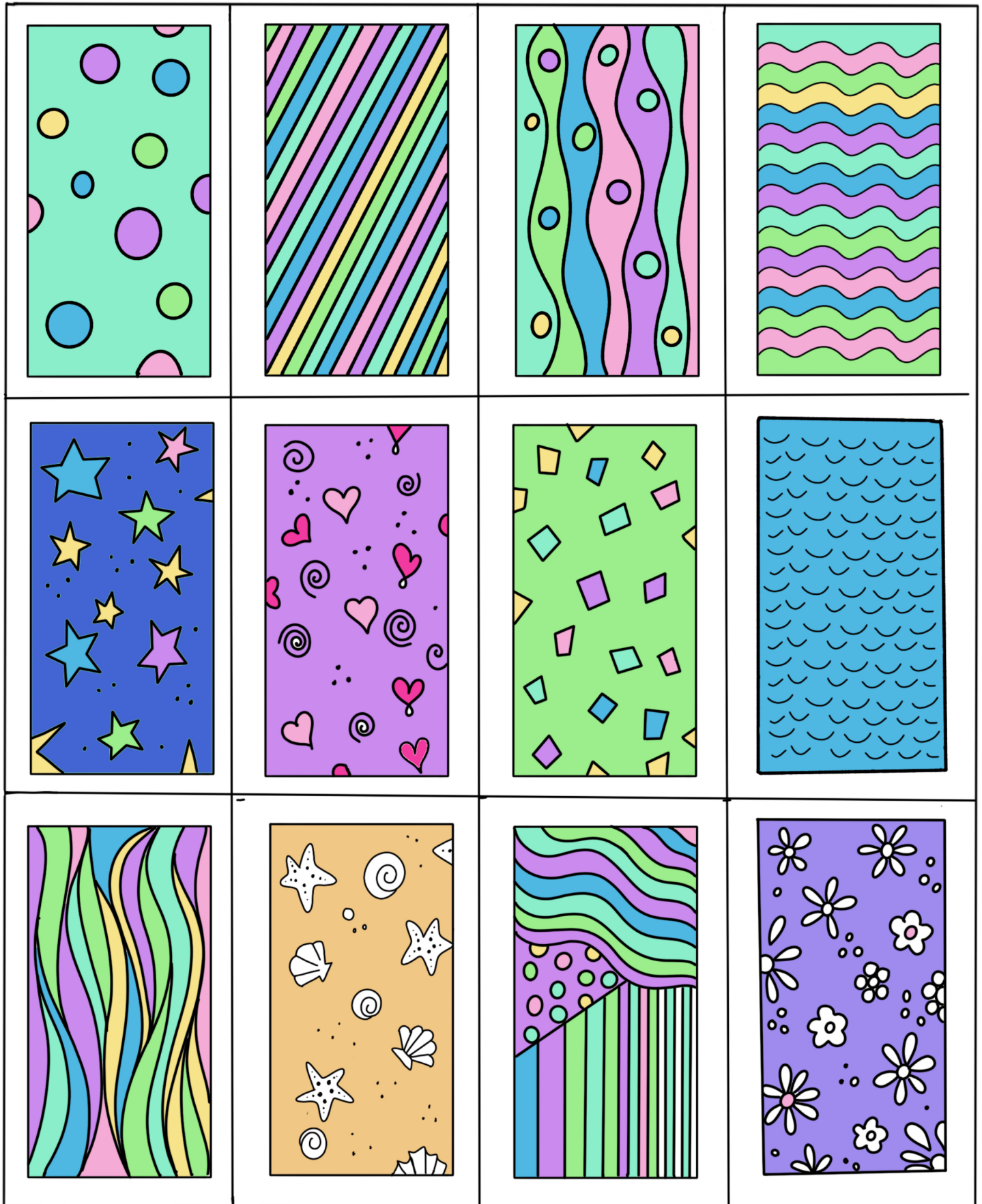
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Now practice drawing your own!

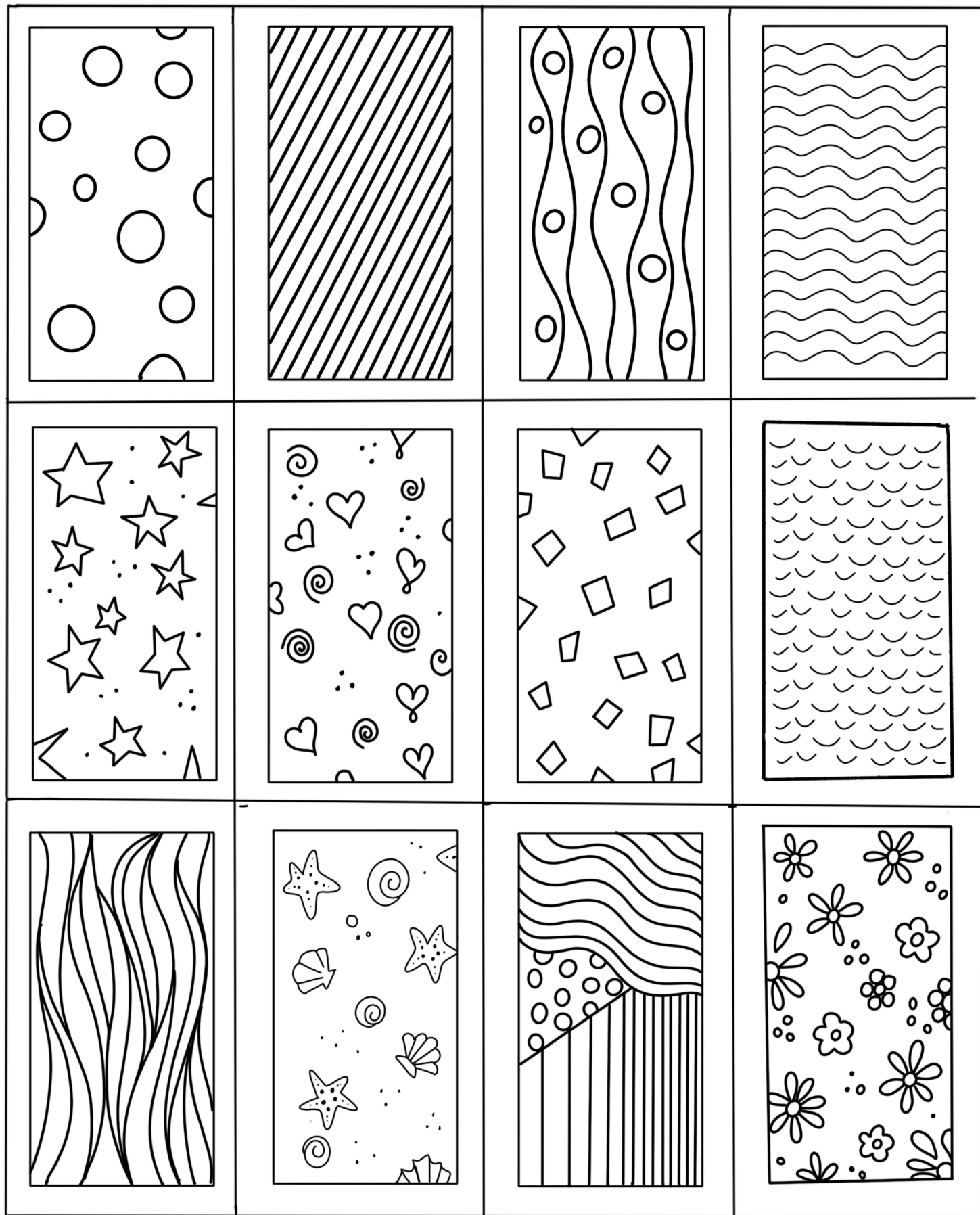
<p>BACKGROUNDS</p> 			
			
			
			
			

8. Use this page for inspiration, then colour in your own patterns!



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Practice the shading method I describe in the video. Then grab some blank sheets and come up with some new designs!



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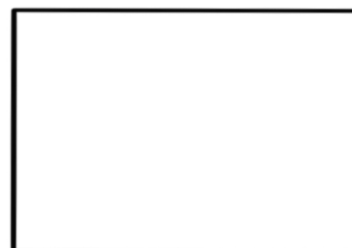
Let's make a **MERMAID** letter!

First, decide if you want your finished art to look like this:



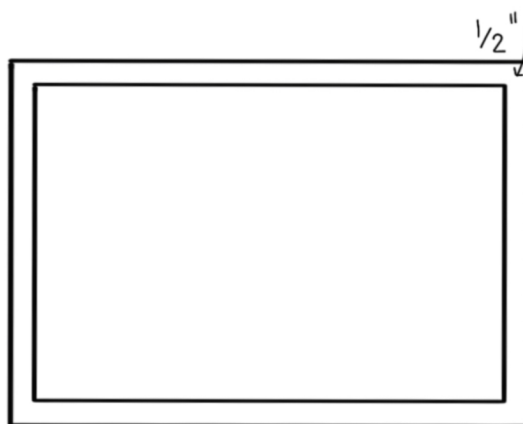
Portrait

or this:



Landscape

Then draw about a 1/2 inch border around the edge (this helps remind you not to go too close to the edge in case you want to frame it)



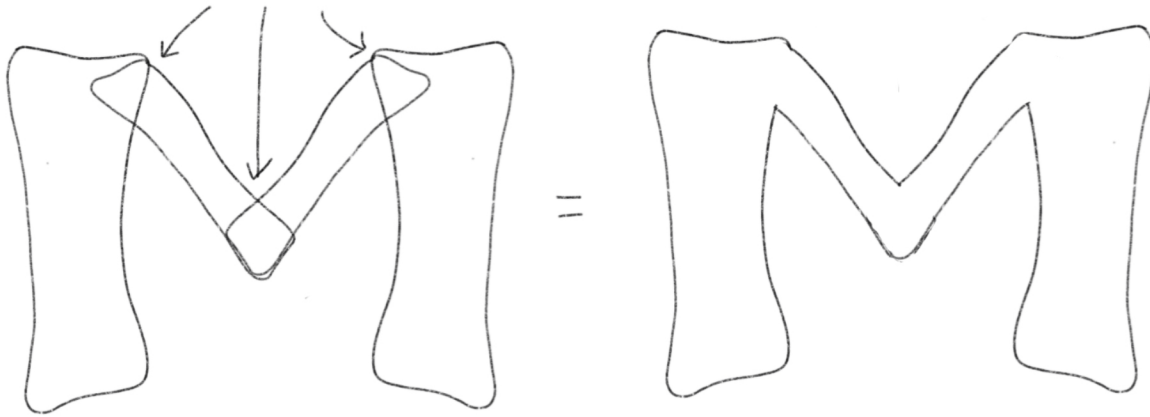
Use a black marker for the border

Next, arrange the shapes of the letter you have chosen on the paper (like we practiced at the beginning) and with your pencil, lightly trace around the shapes

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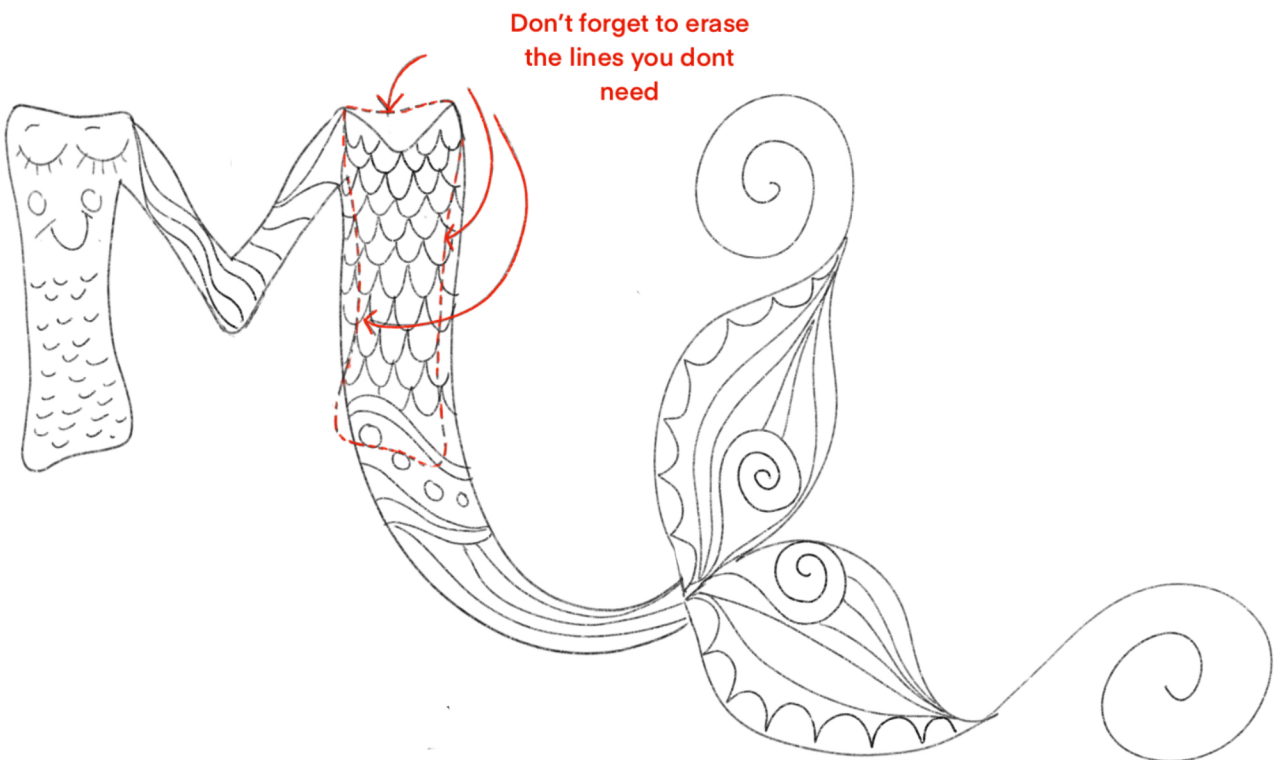
As you go, you can erase the pencil marks you don't need



Sometimes you can flip the shapes over to make them fit better

Now we are ready to add our Mermaid parts!

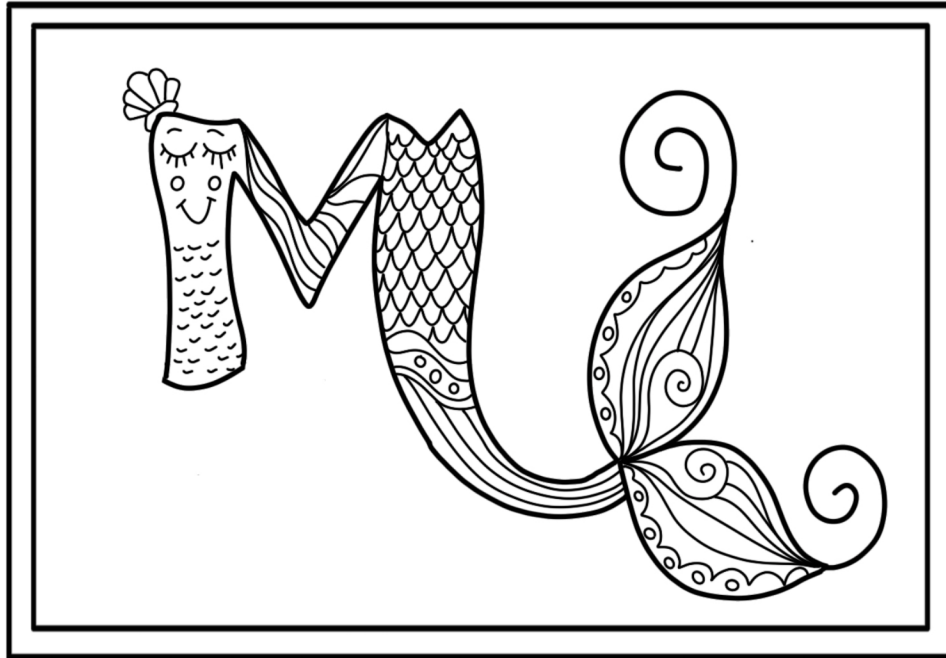
*you can cut out some of the shapes from page 6 and from the Tail Template page and use them as stencils or draw them freehand and add them to your letter.



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Now you can take your black marker (remember, not to thick and not too thin) and outline the whole thing!



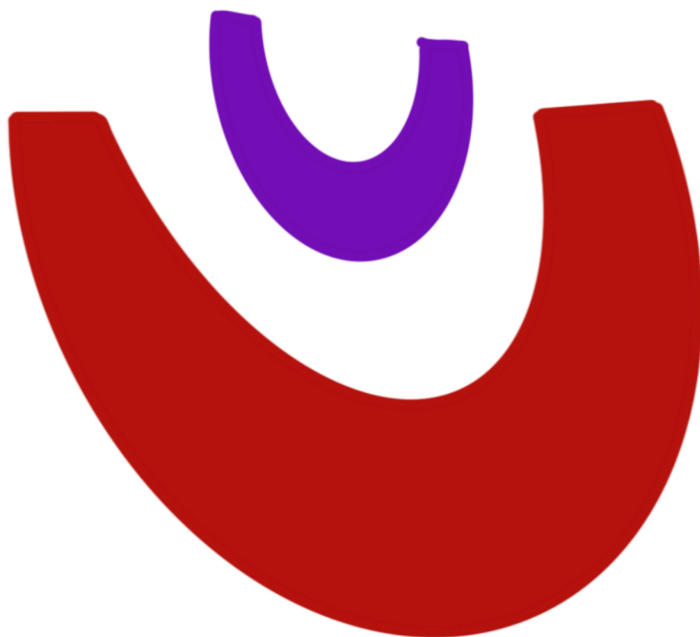
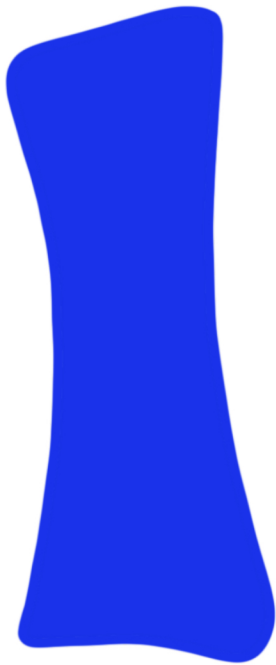
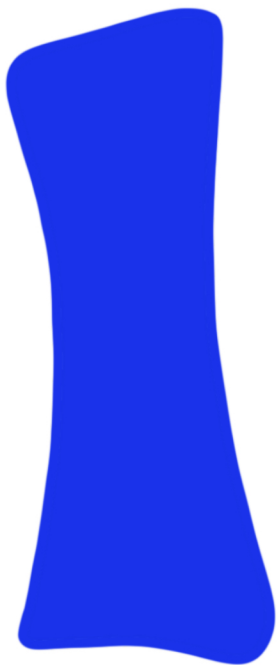
Finally, you can add some patterns (dont forget about the background) and COLOUR!

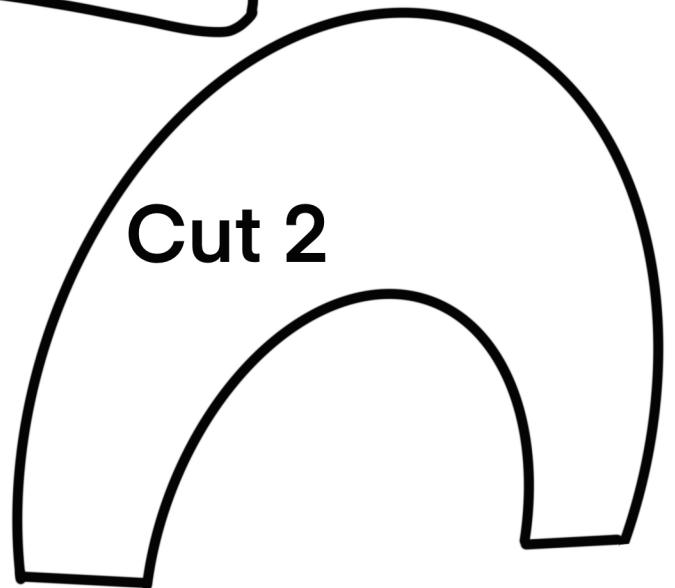
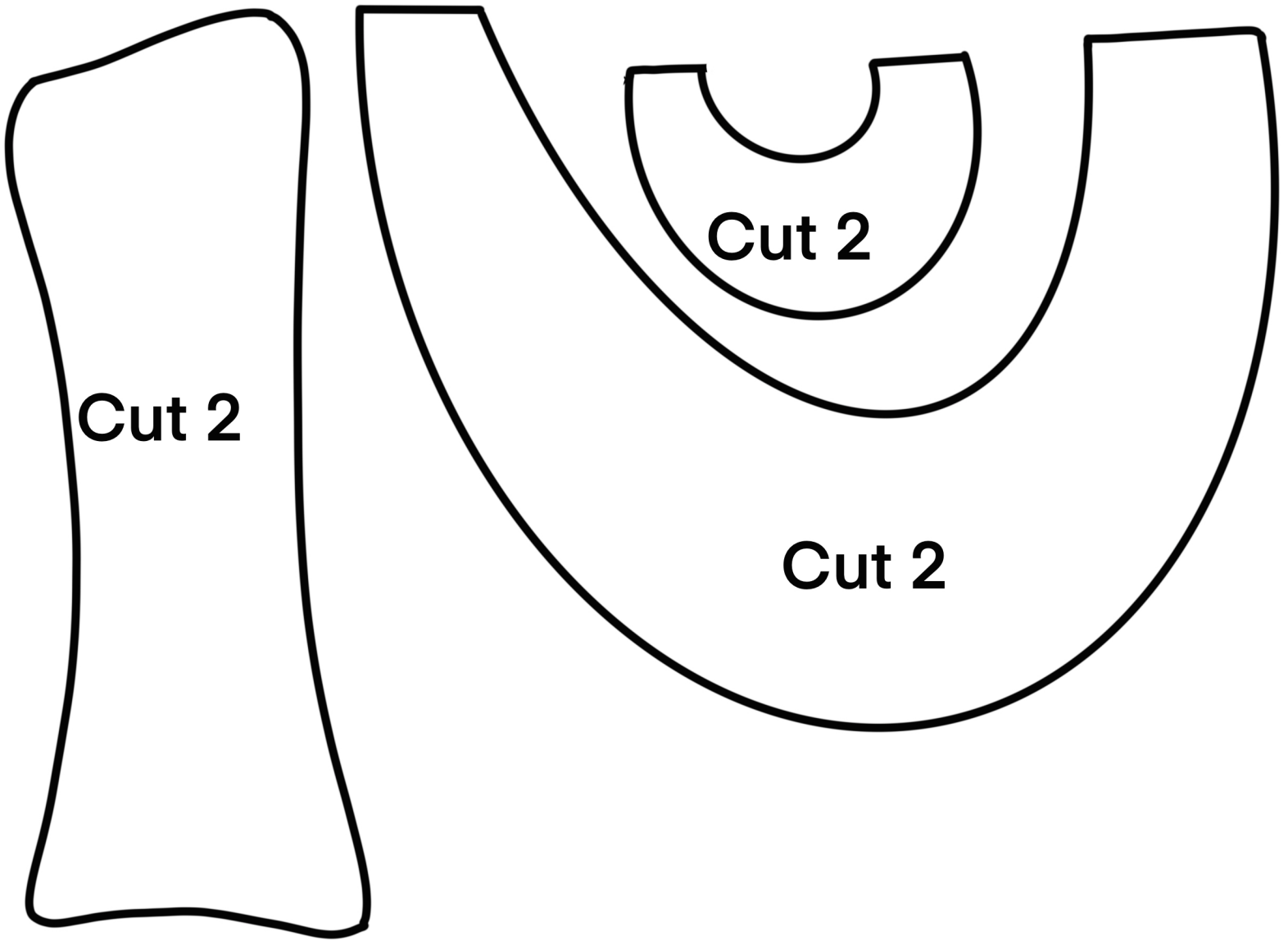


CONGRATULATIONS!

You have completed your first Mermaid letter! Dont forget to sign it!

Template





**Curvy letter
Template**
Cut out of cardstock



The image shows a large, symmetrical mermaid tail template. It has a wide, flat base at the top, which tapers into a long, curved tail. The tail is divided into two main sections by a central vertical line. Each section has a large, rounded fin at the top and a smaller, pointed fin at the bottom. The entire template is outlined in black and is intended to be cut out of cardstock.

Mermaid Tails

Cut out of
cardstock
and trace

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