

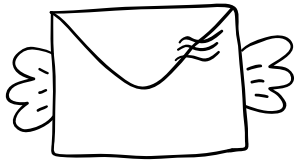
## 10 days before the New Year's Day

We would like to help you to have fun during the last 10 days of the year and to check if you are ready for the holidays.

### Preparations. Final countdown

If you haven't done it yet, think of how you are going to count down days before the New Year's day and of how can you use the tasks from these colouring pages to do it. And if you already have your own advent calendar, you can add these tasks to yours.

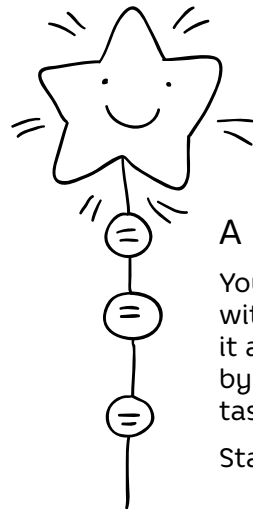
#### Ideas:



##### An envelope

You can put 10 printed tasks in 10 envelopes, number them or open a random one each day.

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##### A star

You can make a star with 10 circles below it and cut them off one by one completing the task written on it.

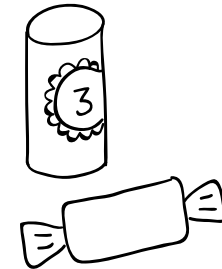
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##### Father Frost's beard

You can either stick parts of the beard on Father Frost or cut them off :) For the first idea you'll need cotton pads or white paper sheets pre-cut in the shape of circles, for the second idea you'll need a template and scissors.

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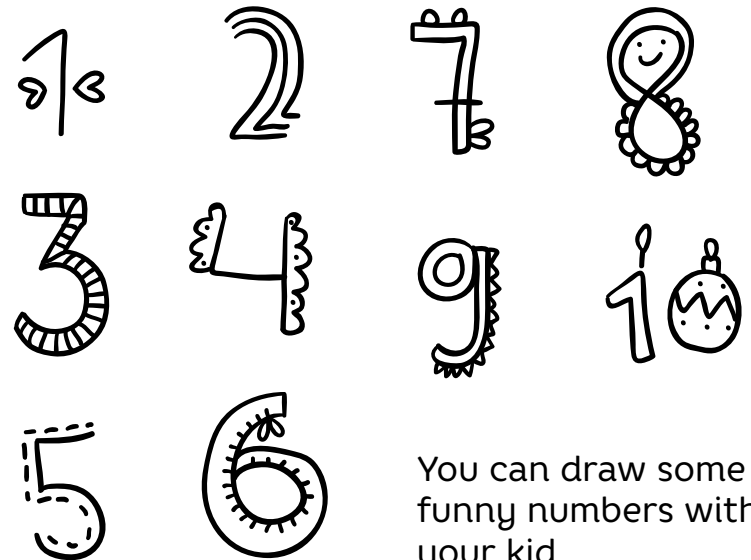
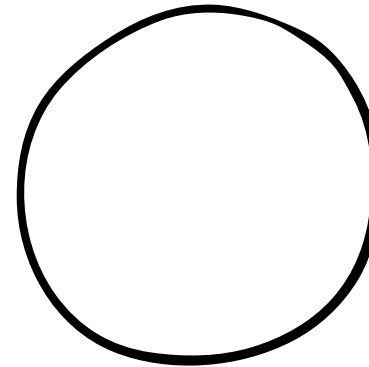
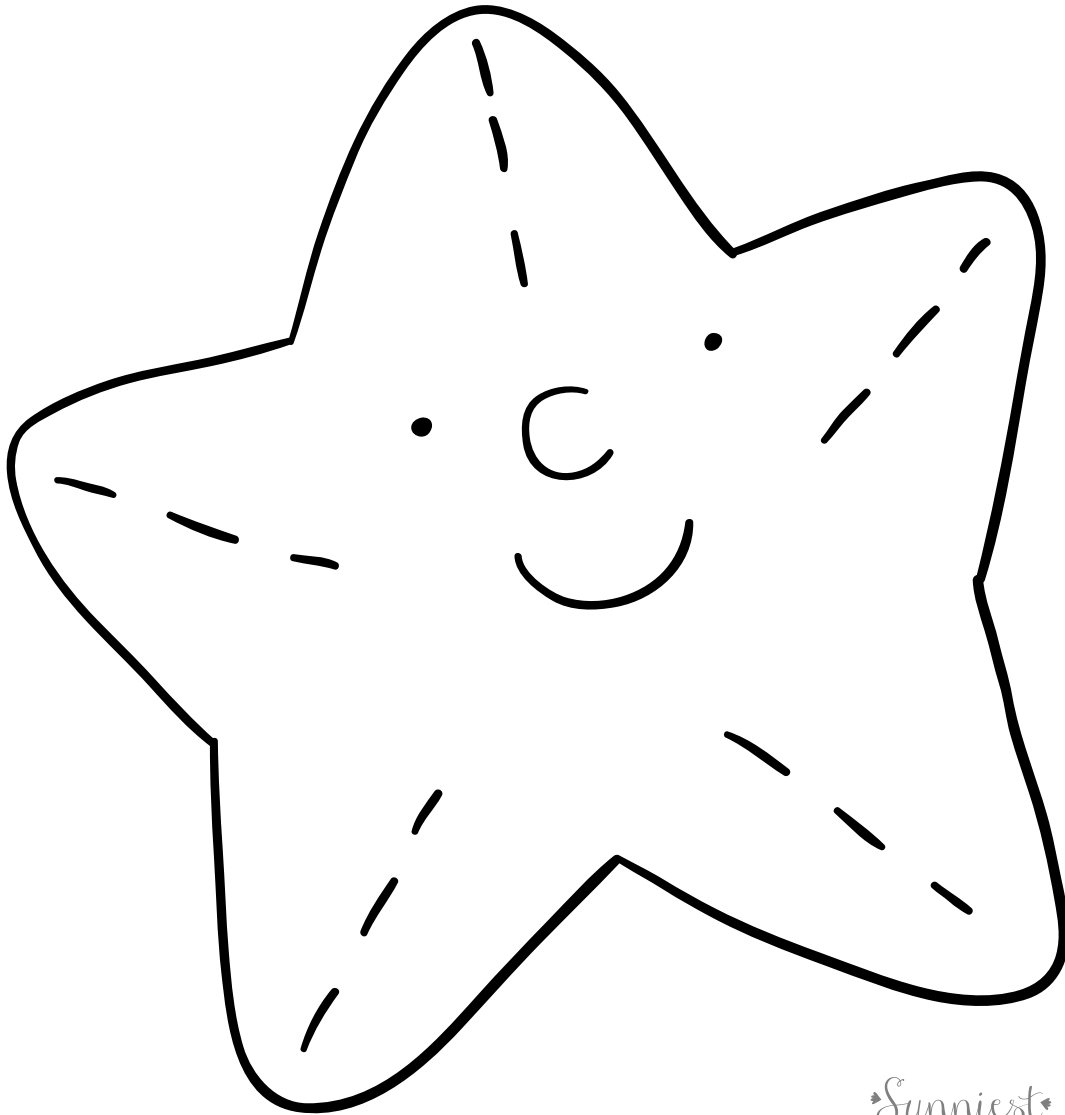
##### Paper rolls

We hope that you've stopped throwing away toilet paper rolls a long time ago like we have. In this case you can easily make 10 candies out of them covering them with colour paper or just 10 magical cylinders with numbers on them.

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## Star template

Cut out one star (you can cut this one or use it as a stencil and make your own star out of thick white or colour paper) and as many circles as there are days before the New Year. Write down tasks and numbers on the circles (either 29-30-31, or 1-2-3). Hang the circles on a thread in the reverse order. The last day before the holiday should be the closest to the star.



You can draw some funny numbers with your kid.

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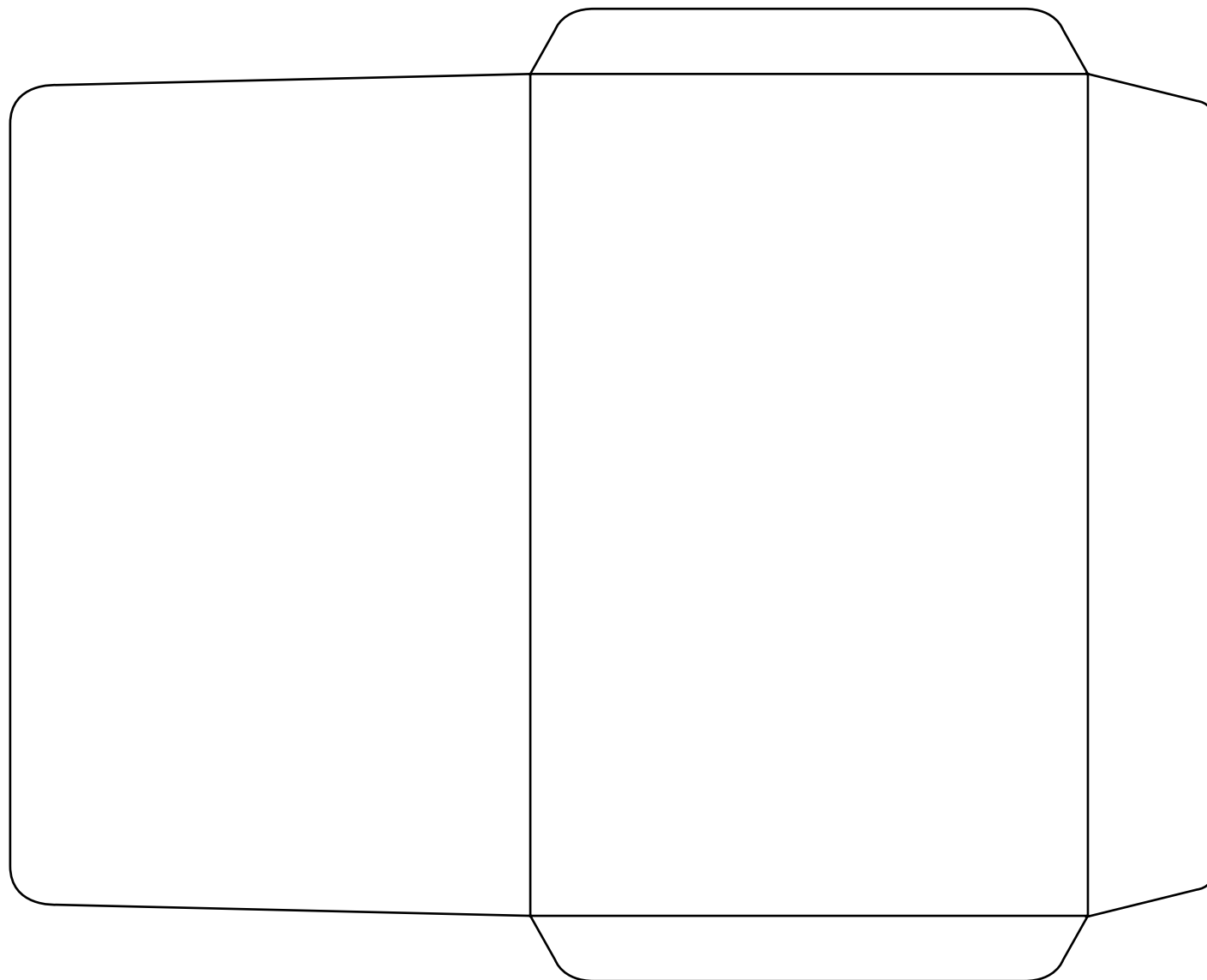
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## Envelope template

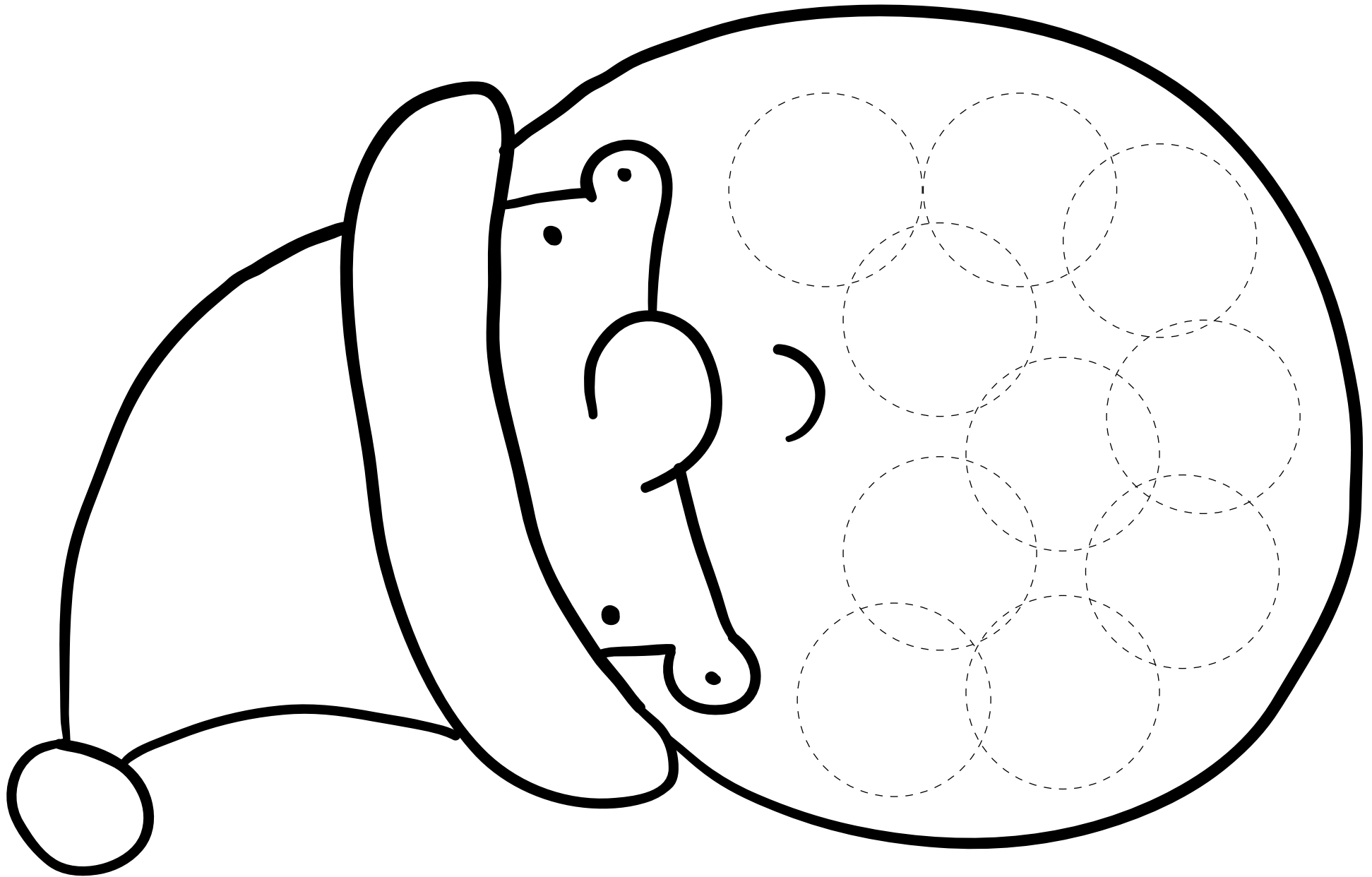
You can use this template and make envelopes for tasks. Think of whoever is the messenger and draw few funny stamps.





# Father Frost template (to stick the beard)

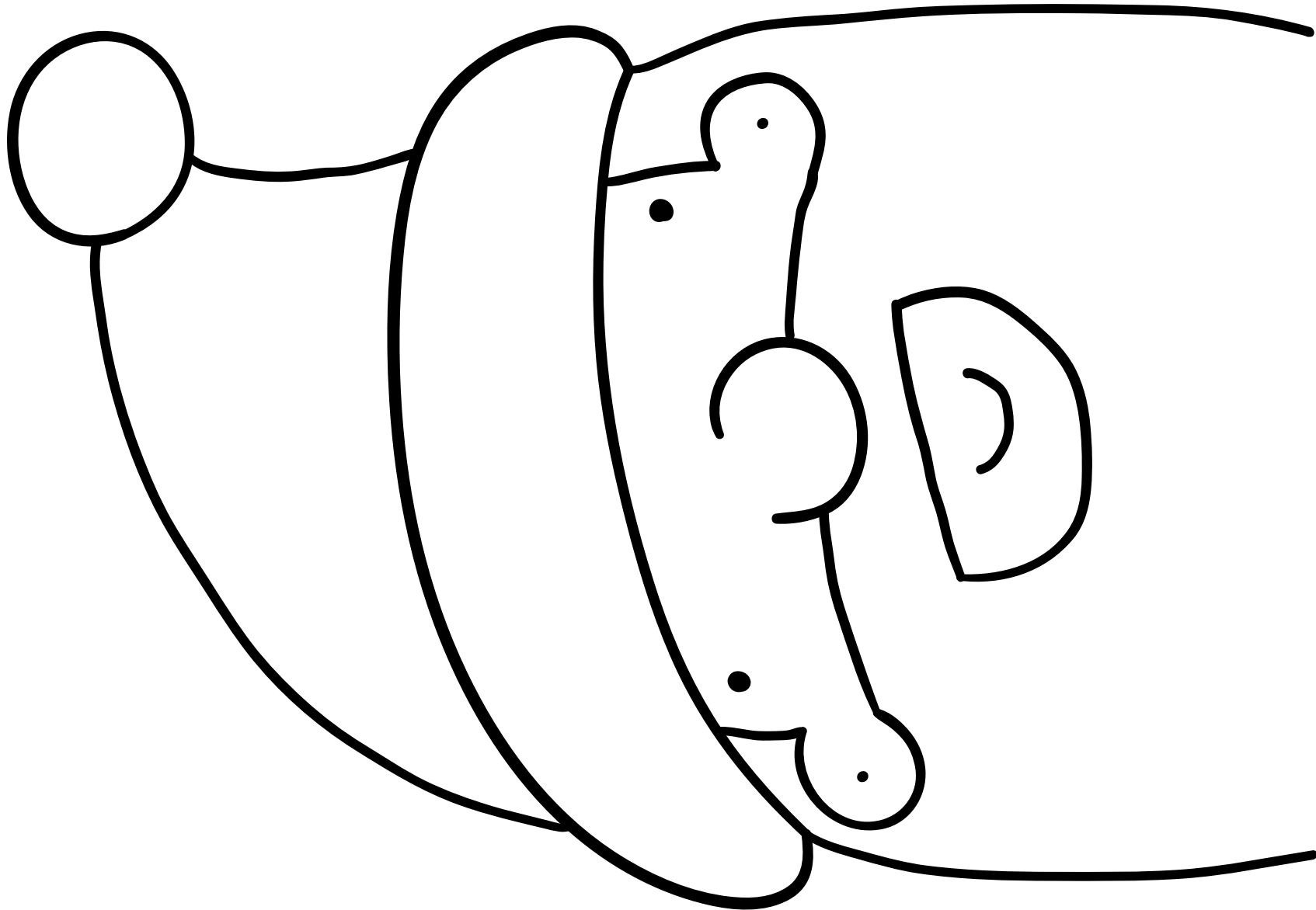
Once a day stick one cotton pad or paper circle on this Father Frost's beard.





## Father Frost template (to cut the beard)

Make the beard with A4 size paper sheets, rule them straight or in some other interesting way and cut off one line every day. Write down the numbers on each line for convenience. You can also write all the tasks here.





# Check list

Check if everything is ready for the holiday. Plan how to spend the time that is left.

- 1. Decorate a house
- 2. Buy presents for your family and friends. Wrap them. Write the cards.
- 3. Meet with your friends and exchange the presents.
- 4. Decorate a Christmas tree
- 5. Bake cookies for Father Frost
- 6. Plan your celebrations for the New Year's Eve and the New Year's Day (masquerade? party for children? a trip to watch fireworks?)
- 7. Find costumes and purchase fireworks if you need them
- 8. Think of the New Year's menu

9. Write down your ideas:

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## What to do each day

December 22   December 23   December 24   December 25   December 26   December 27   December 28   December 29   December 30   December 31

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# Day 1 – letter to Father Frost

Write a letter to Father Frost. You can decorate it with pictures from the side of the page.

To: Father Frost  
The North

From: \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Father Frost!

My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I'm \_\_\_\_\_ years old.

This year I was \_\_\_\_\_  
and did a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ things like \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

and I would really like to get \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

s a present. YOU SHOULD DEFINITELY COME BY! I WAIT FOR YOU!  
I will make \_\_\_\_\_ for you.

HAPPY NEW YEAR, dear Father Frost!





## Day 2 – card for the loved ones

Decorate the picture with white snowballs and snowflakes. Put dots with your fingers or cotton buds. There can be snow on the branches of the trees, in the sky or on the ground! Draw some animals.



Back

Middle

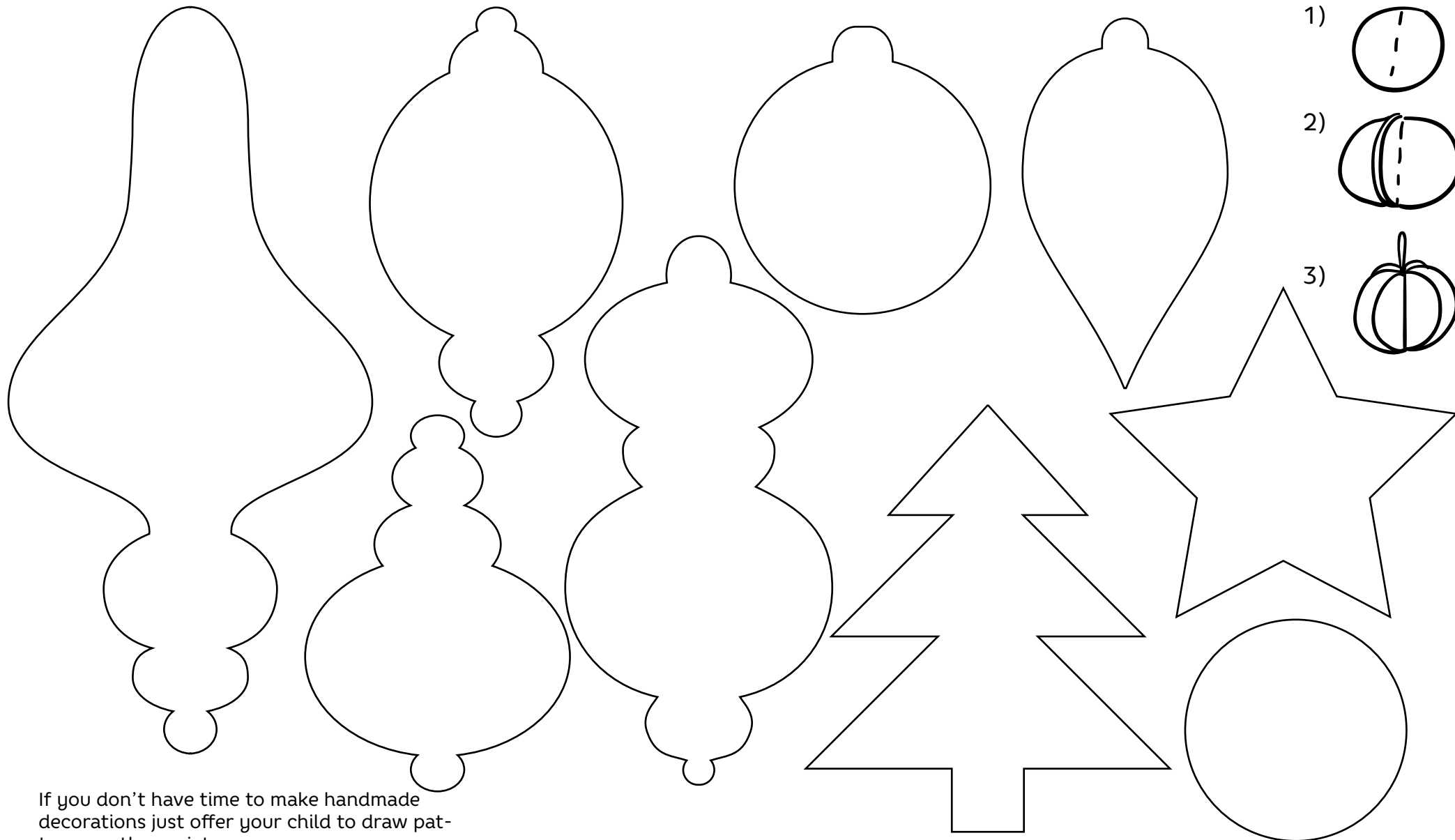
Front





## Day 3 – dimensional tree decorations

You should trace every part several times (for example, 8) on a white or colour paper, cut them out, fold in half and begin to glue them to each other. Before you glue the last two halves together put a thread inside. Easy templates are for children; difficult ones are for mums and dads.



If you don't have time to make handmade decorations just offer your child to draw patterns on these pictures.



## Day 4 – bake ginger cookies or gingerbreads

We share our recipe of the New Year's cookies with you. You can cover them with frosting and hang on the Christmas tree.

### Our time-proved recipe

Mix 125 gr of butter and spices according to your taste (but make it a lot!) -cinnamon, nutmeg, and ginger – in a small pot. You can add honey if you want. You can also add fresh ginger. Melt it.

In a bowl mix 500 gr of flour, one teaspoon of baking soda. Then you have to add whipped eggs there and the hot mixture that you've prepared before.

Beat dough. It should be sticky.

Put it in a refrigerator for a night.

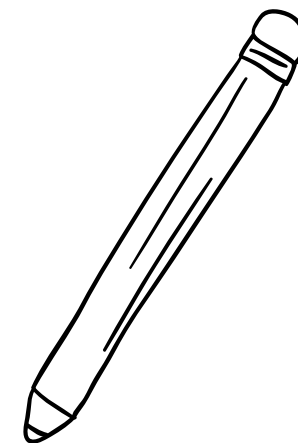
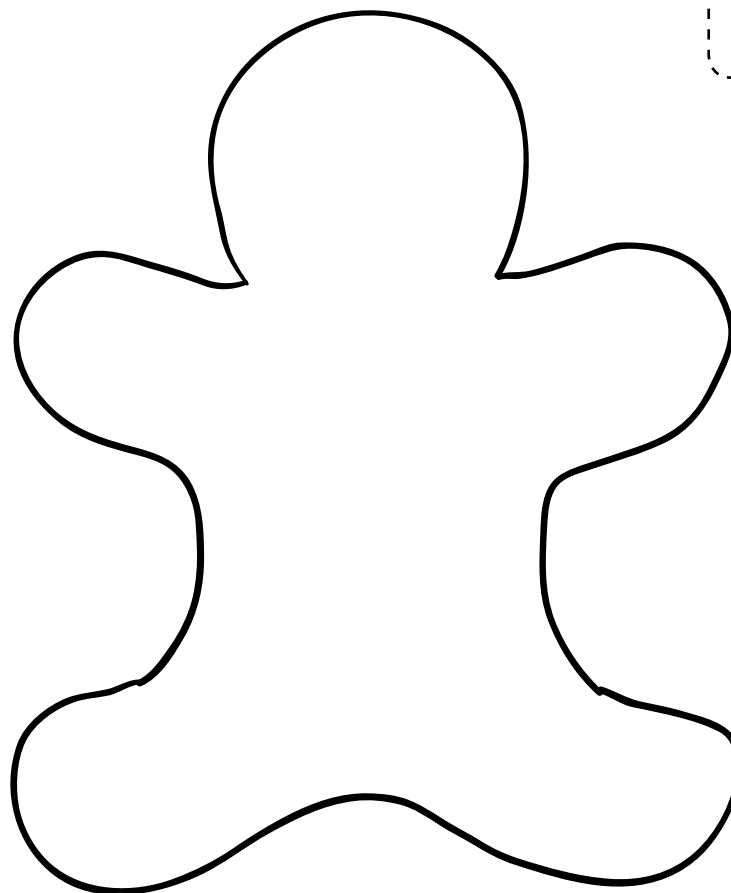
In the morning take it out and leave for 15 minutes, roll it out (it should be thin for cookies and thick for gingerbread), cut in different shapes.

Put it in pre-heated oven (180 degrees) for 10-15 minutes.

### Frosting

Beat up white of eggs with 180-200 gr of sugar powder and a lemon sprinkle.

You'll need a night break for the dough to be ready before baking it.

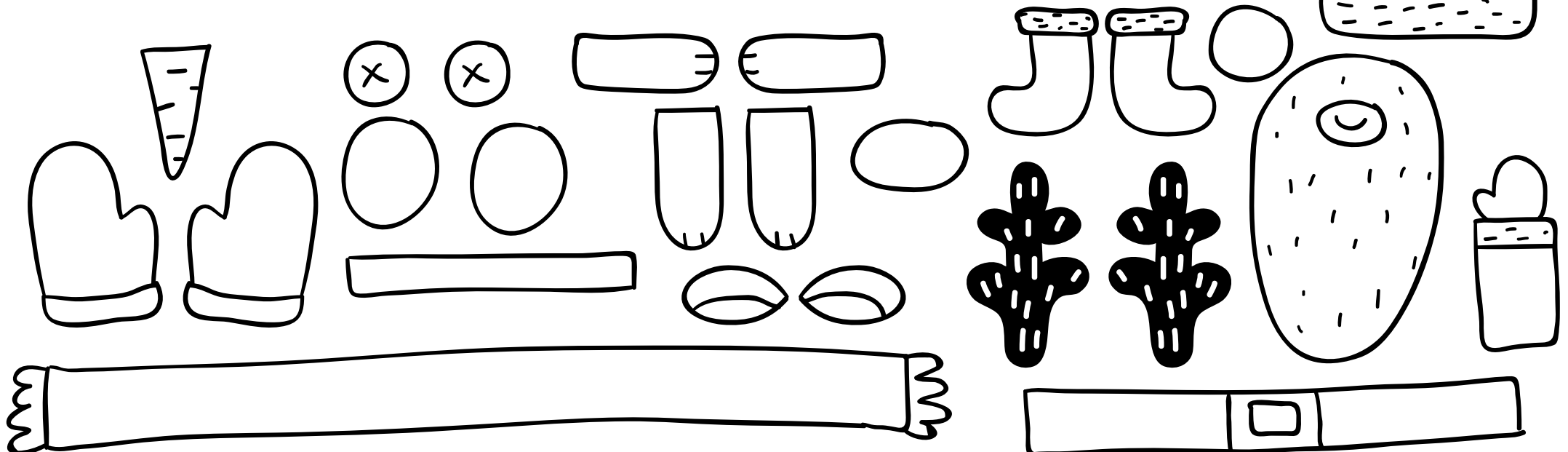
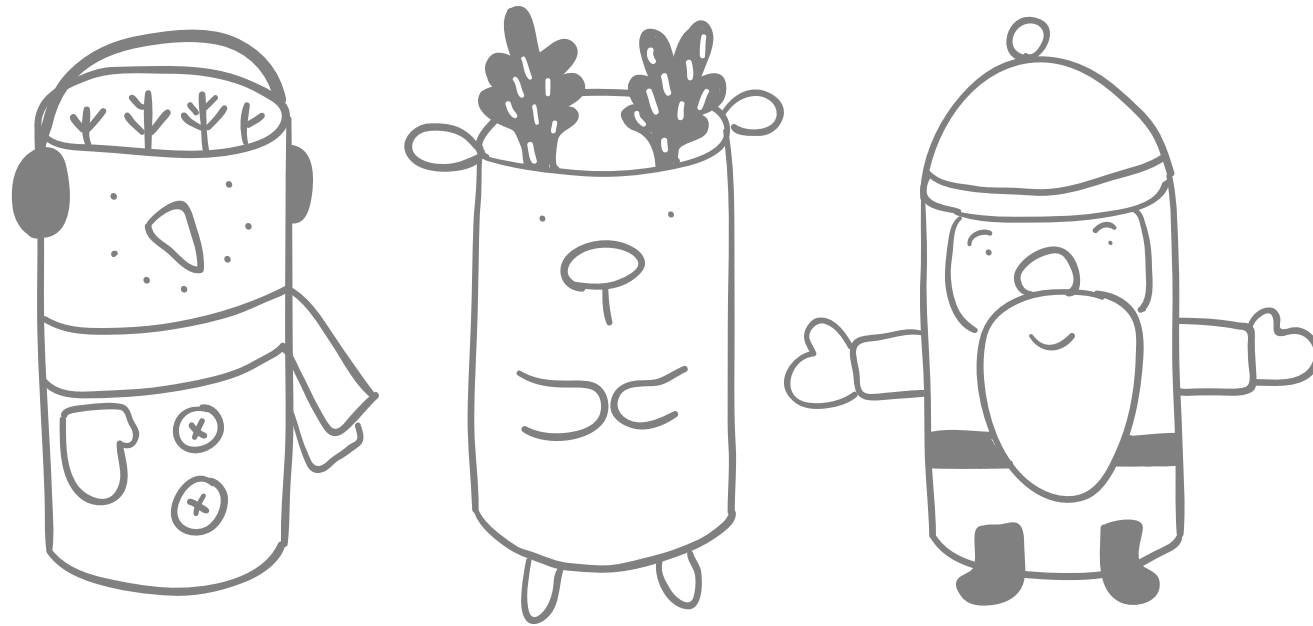


While mummy is doing everything that needs to be done, little ones can colour paper gingerbread man.

# Day 5 – New Year’s characters

Turn toilet paper rolls into funny characters.

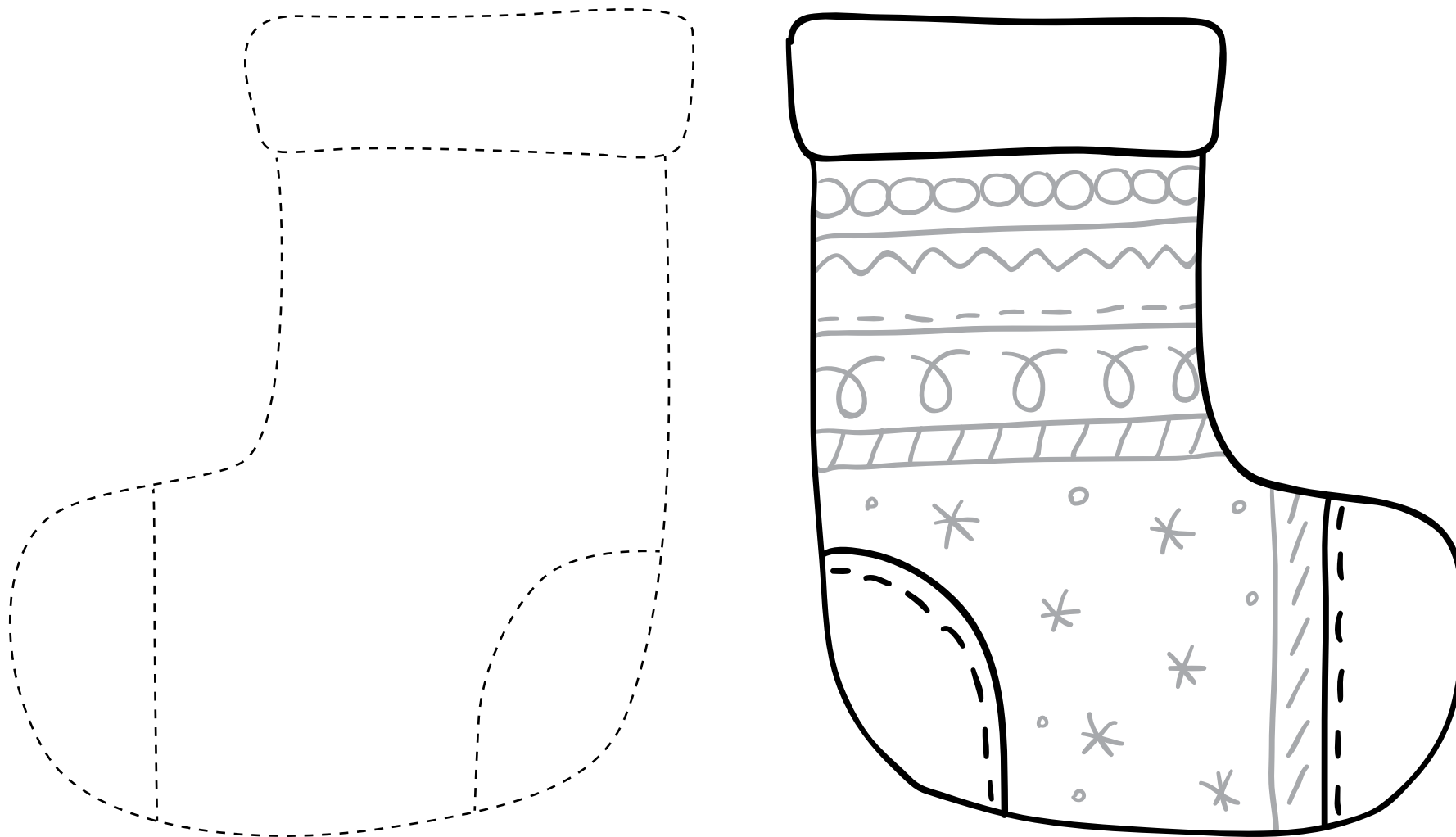
At first you need to colour all the parts, then cut them out and glue together. Use your imagination! You can stick real buttons and fabric scarf instead of paper ones.





## Day 6 – stockings for presents

Join the dots; draw patterns on the stocking. Cut out the halves, glue them together and hang on your Christmas tree. If you glue them only on the sides and leave the hole on the top then you can put a candy inside on the New Year's day.





# Day 7 – the easiest gingerbread house

Bake a gingerbread house with your children. Decorate it with frosting.

## Dough:

Pour 200 gr of honey in a pot and melt 200 gr of butter in it.

When the butter has melted remove the pot from the heater and add half of the glass of sugar in the mixture. Add one egg.

Stir it.

Gradually add 400 gr of flour.

Add a little bit of salt, spices (cinnamon, ginger, vanilla sugar, nutmeg will do very nicely).

Roll out the dough. It should be thick, not less than 5 mm

Cut out the walls and a roof using our template\*

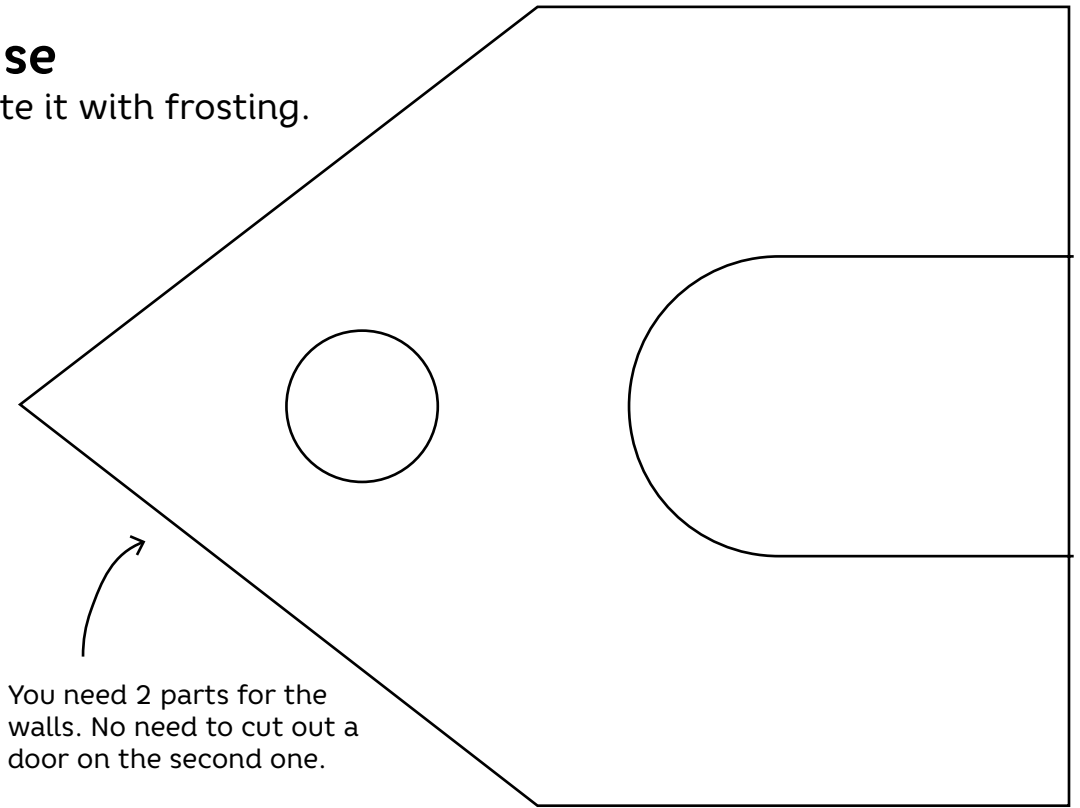
Bake for 10-15 minutes at 180 degrees

Take them out just when they start turning dark. If the house is too dark you can scrape a layer with a knife.

## Frosting

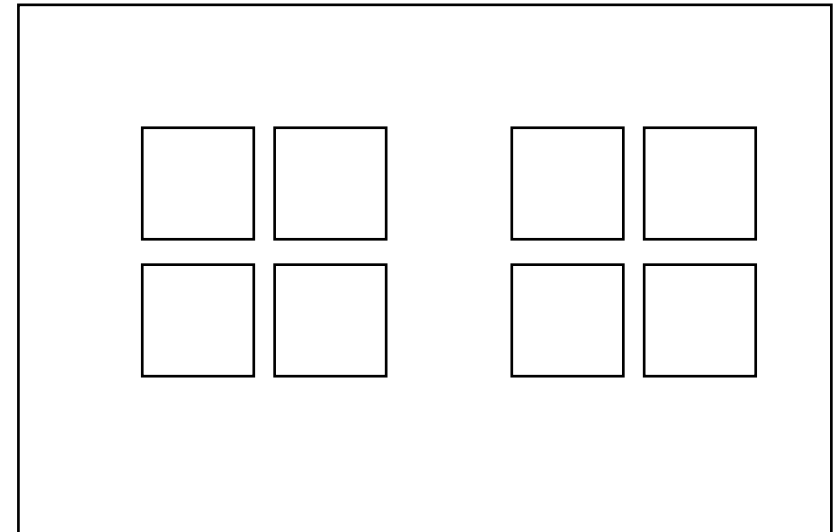
White of eggs mix with sugar (approximately 100 gr) and vanilla. You can use sugar powder instead of sugar (200 gr for one egg) and add a little bit of citric acid. You can also colour the frosting with food colourings.

\*You can definitely add a chimney, bay windows, Christmas trees and other parts to enrich your house.



You need 2 parts for the walls. No need to cut out a door on the second one.

It's better to decorate the parts and piece the house together only after that. You can join the parts with the frosting.



You need 2 parts to make a roof

You need 2 parts to make sidewalls. No need to cut out windows.

You can make a floor if you want. It should be the size of one part of the roof.



## Day 8 – find the differences

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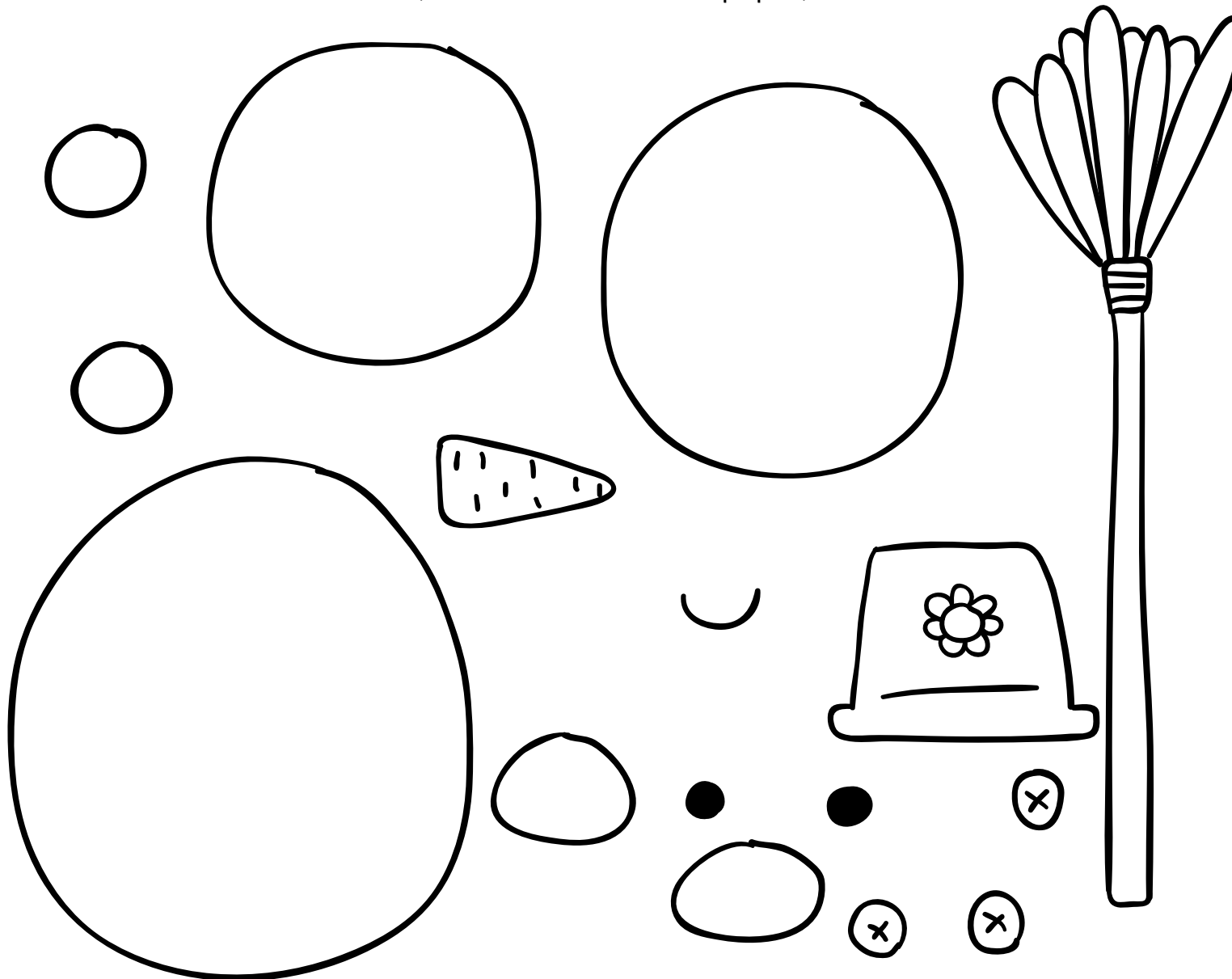
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## Day 9 – a snowman

Make a paper snowman. Cut out all the parts and stick them on the sheet of color paper. You can colour it and decorate it with snowflakes (cotton wool or white paper).



You can have a nice snowman like this one.





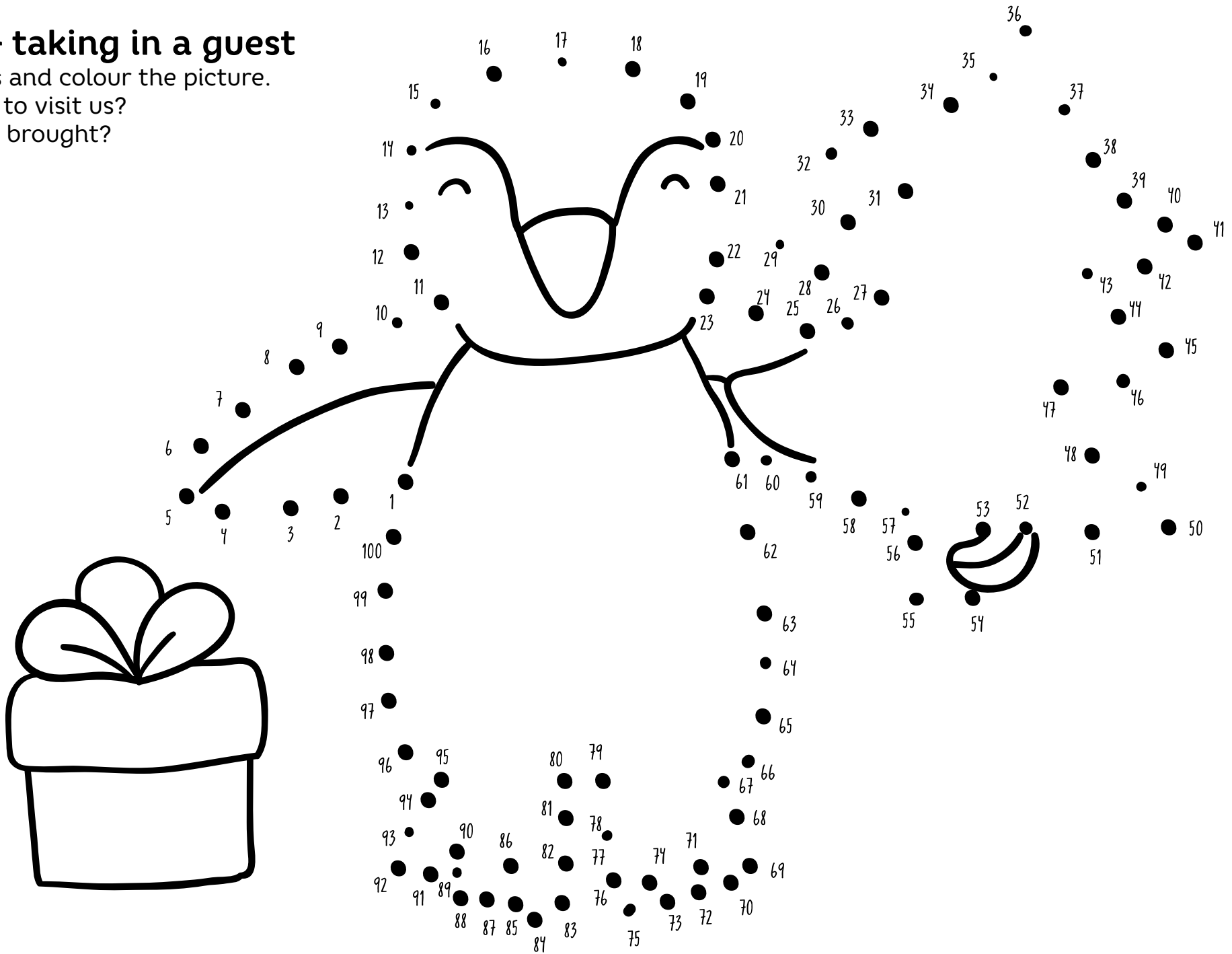


# Day 10 – taking in a guest

Join the dots and colour the picture.

Who's come to visit us?

What has he brought?





# New Year's resolutions

In the coming year I will...

For myself

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At home

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For my family and friends

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At work

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For the whole world

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For my soul

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For fun

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# Things to do

Make a list of things to do during holidays

- 1. Walk in the park
- 2. Make a snowman, play snowballs, jump in the snow banks and make snow angels
- 3. Slide down the hill
- 4. Visit grandparents and congratulate them with holidays
- 5. Go to a party or to a theatre
- 6. Open presents and play with them
- 7. Give presents to your friends
- 8. Watch a nice cartoon together with your family

9. Write down your plans:

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## What to do and when:

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