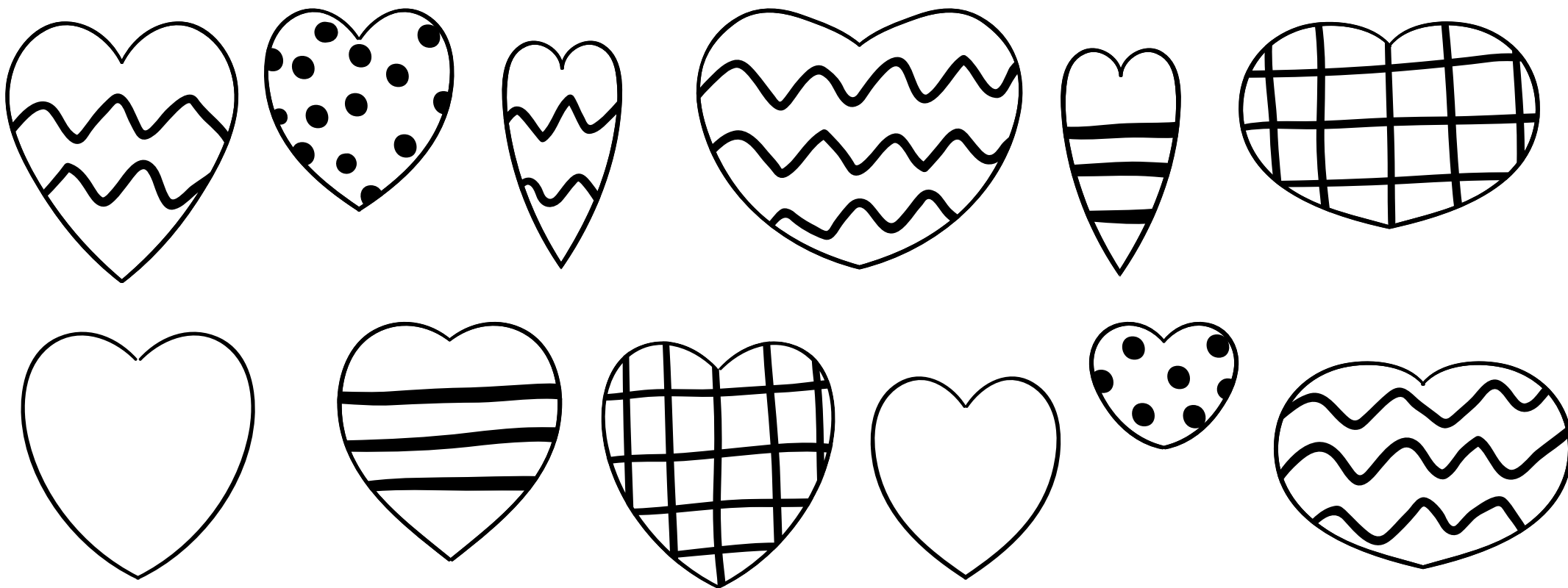


February is the last winter month. Everyone is waiting for the spring to come with excitement.

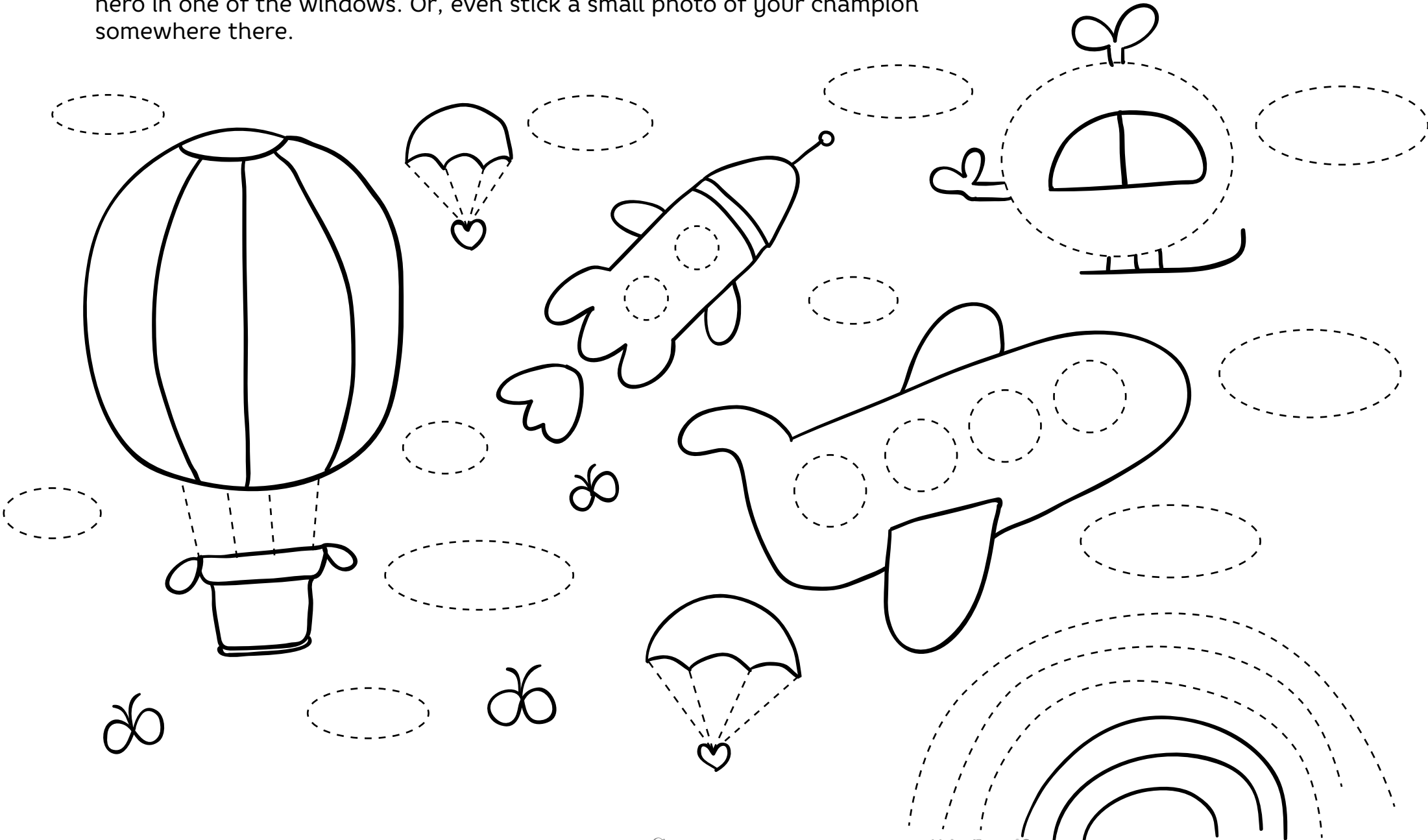
 **St. Valentine's Day is one of the most favourite holidays in February.**

Every heart has a pair. Find and join two hearts with the same patterns. Decorate empty hearts with your own patterns.



 **In February we congratulate our defenders – daddies, brothers and grandpas.**

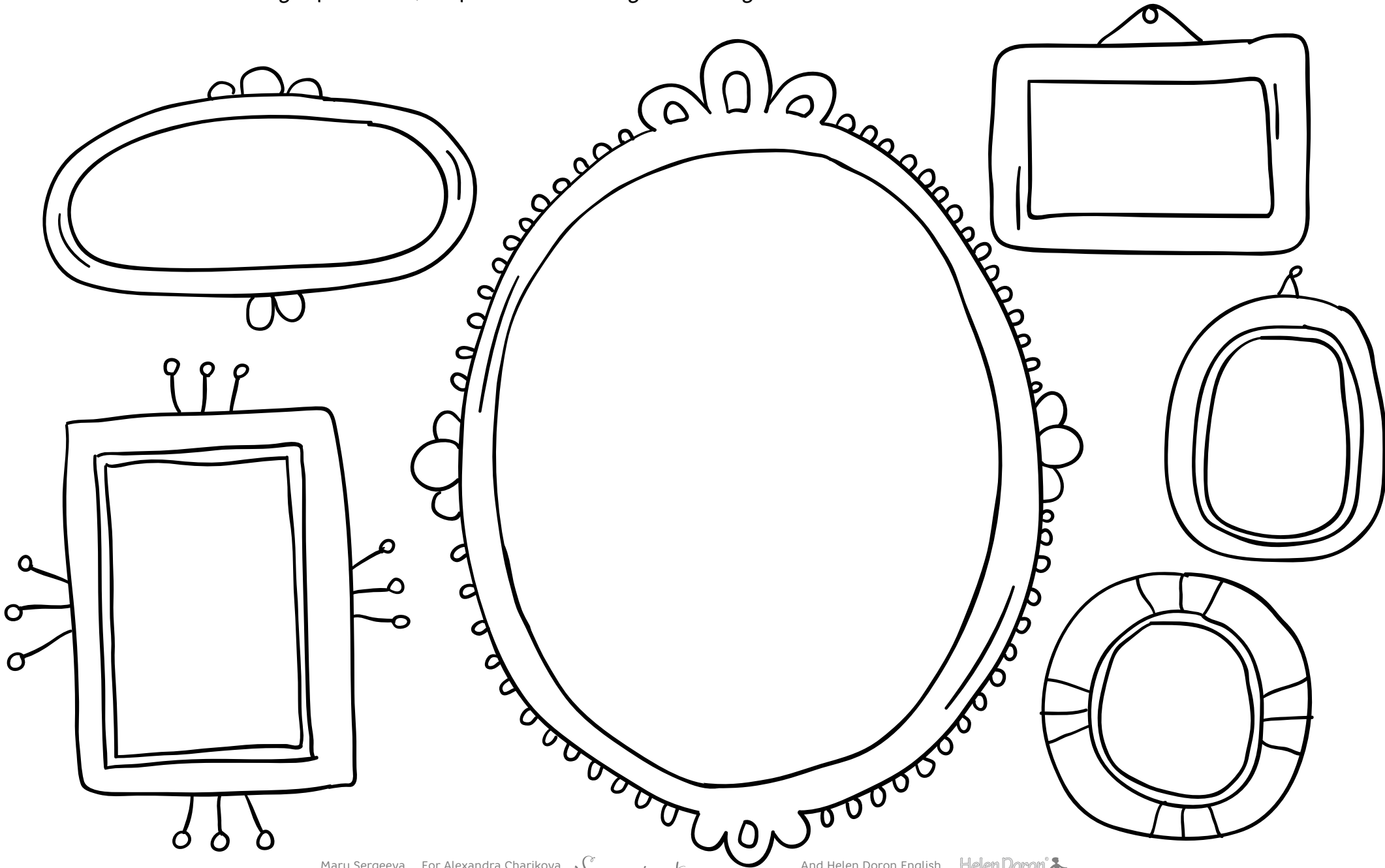
Colour the picture for your defender. Outline the dots at first. You can also draw your hero in one of the windows. Or, even stick a small photo of your champion somewhere there.





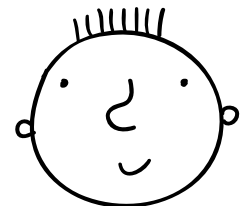
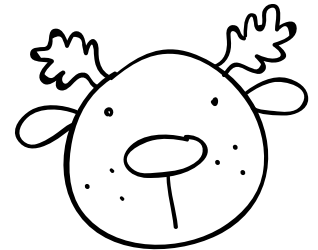
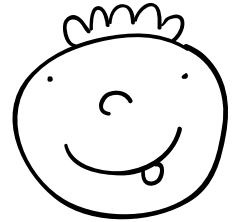
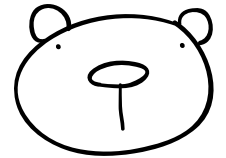
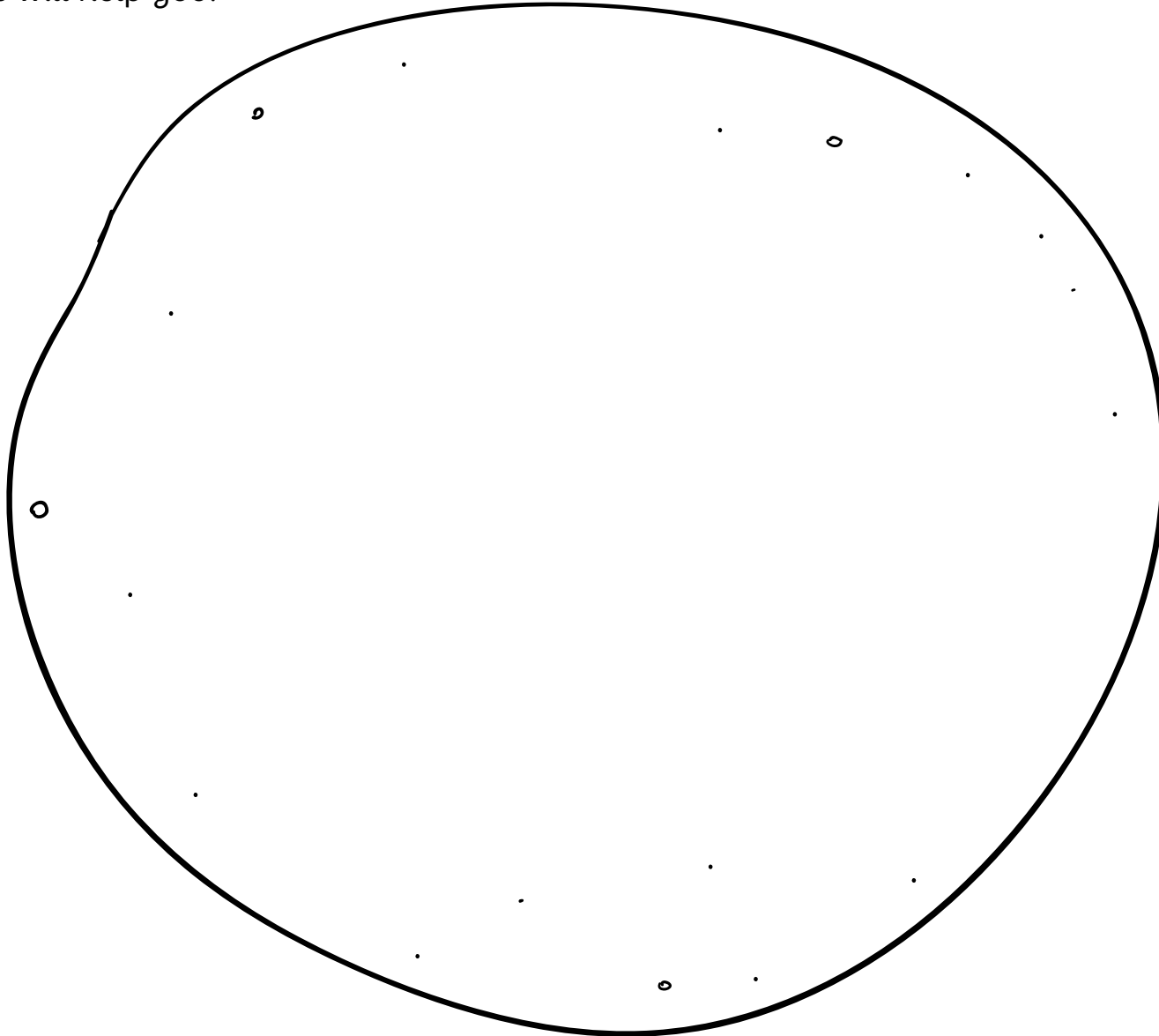
Mummies wait for their holiday as well. They dream to get a portrait.

Draw lots of mummy's portraits, or portraits of all your family members.



 **20th February is the beginning of the Pancake week (Cheesafare week).
Time to bake pancakes.**

Turn this pancake into a face of an animal or a man. Draw eyes, nose and mouth. The examples on the side will help you.



Maslenitsa effigy.

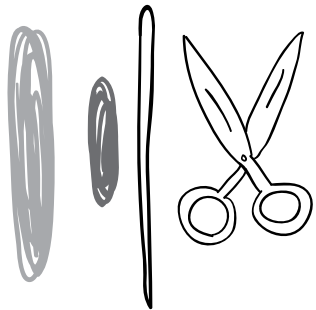
There is a tradition to burn Lady Maslanitsa made out of straw in a bonfire on the last day of Cheesafare week. They say it's really important to do this to make the spring come.

You can explain it to the children, telling that to the new fresh grass to grow, the old, yellow, dry one should go away. Only with the old things gone something new can appear. In Nature for the spring to come the winter should end first.

You can make Maslenitsa effigy out of splint (raffia, straw), or threads. No need to burn it :), you can just dress it up beautifully.

You'll need:

- yellow or orange cottons (threads) for the body
- red bright cottons for banding
- a wooden stick (a little skewer, or a chopstick)
- scissors



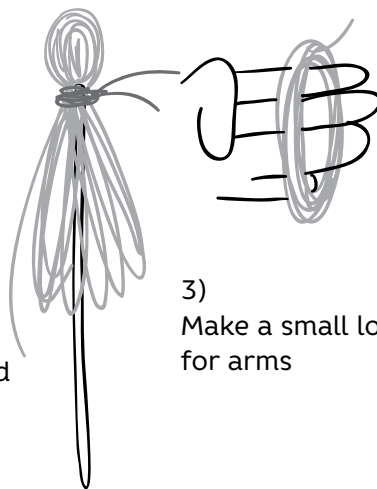
Process:

Body making

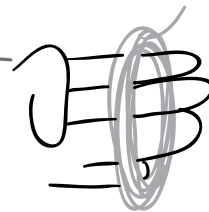


1) Wind round lots of yellow threads for the body. You can wind them round your fingers, or a thick piece of paper.

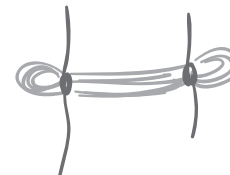
Making arms



2) Fix it on the stick with the help of the bright thread. Tie it up firmly.



3) Make a small loop for arms



4) Tie it up on the sides to make palms

Putting it together



5) Place the arms inside the body



6) Tie up with bright threads. You can decorate the head. Cut the threads from the body on the bottom to make a skirt.



Recipes of Bliny.

Thin crepes and pancakes.

Lacy thin crepes. Recipe of Elena Koida, mother of Sasha Charikova.

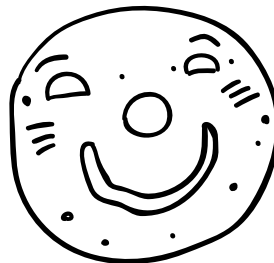
You'll need

- 3 eggs
- 1 tablespoon of sugar
- 2 glasses of milk
- 7-8 tablespoons of flour
- 3 tablespoons of oil

Process:

1. Beat up eggs with sugar, add milk, flour, and oil. You can do it with a whisk or a mixer.
2. Make a pan red-hot, oil it (with an olive or sunflower oil).
3. Pour half of soup ladle of your mixture on the pan. Move the pan to make the dough spread equally. Use a turner to turn the crepe.
4. The first crepe can be a blob, don't be sad. It'll get better :)

Enjoy!



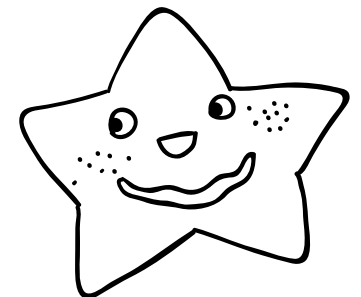
Funny pancakes for children from Helen Doron

You'll need:

- 250 ml of milk
- 3 tablespoons of sunflower oil, or 40 gr of melted butter
- 1 egg
- 2 tablespoons of sugar
- 1 teaspoon of baking powder
- ¼ teaspoon of salt
- 170 gr of flour

Process:

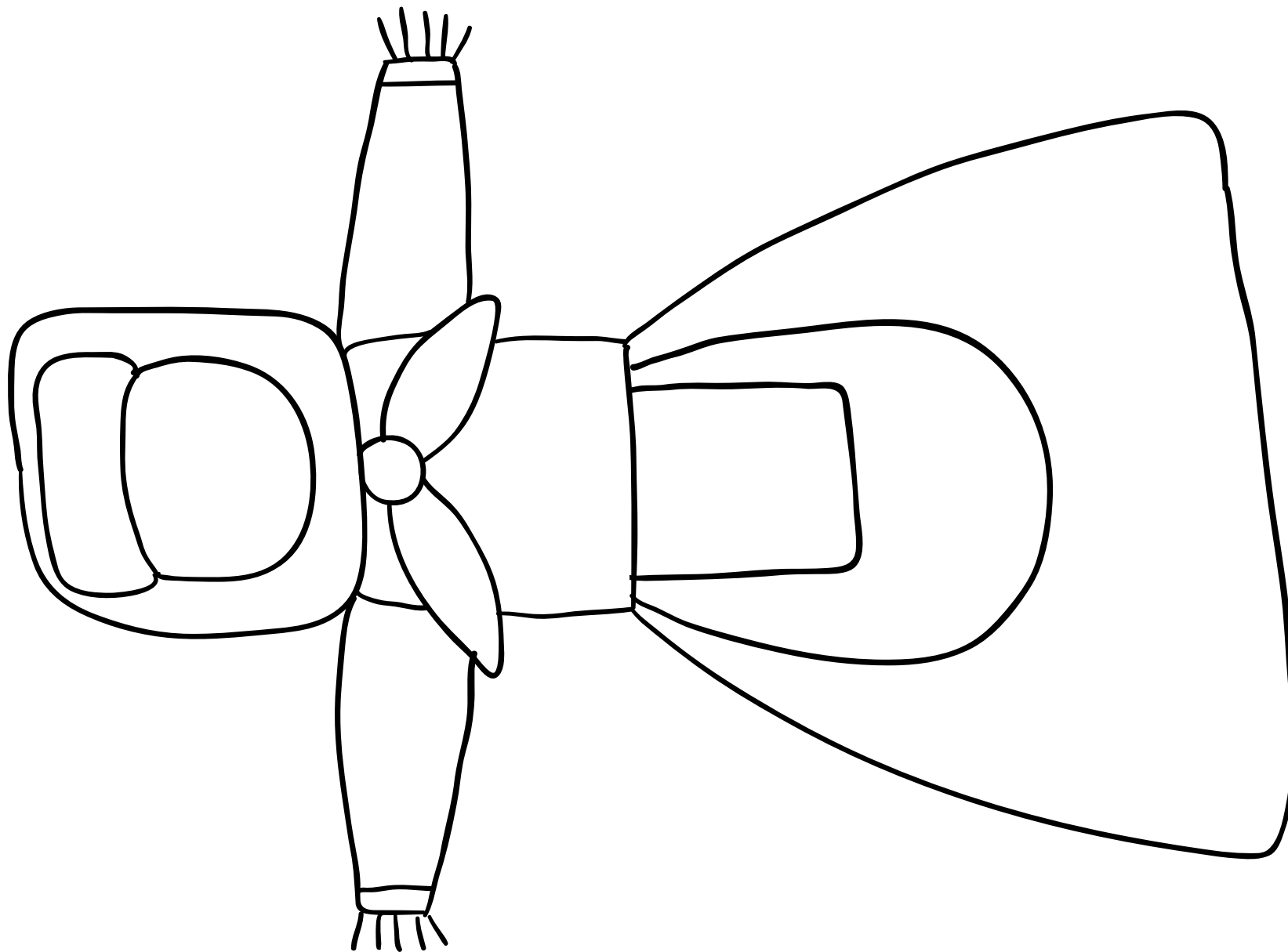
1. Beat up eggs with sugar with a whisk in a bowl.
2. Add milk, stir it.
3. Mix flour, salt and baking powder. Add it to the milk-egg mixture. Stir it properly, there should be no lumps.
4. Heat the pan on a medium, pour the mixture on a dry surface. Turn the pancake when you see the beads.
5. Cut the pancakes in the shapes you want and decorate with berries and chocolate.





One more lady Maslenitsa.

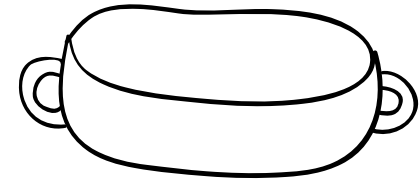
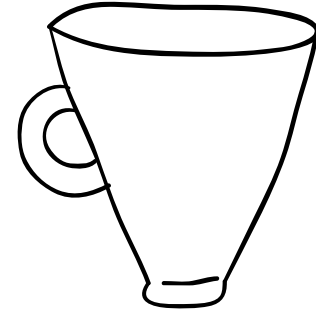
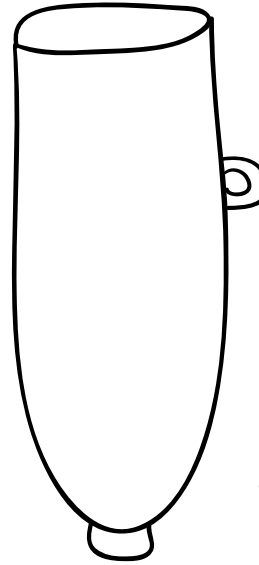
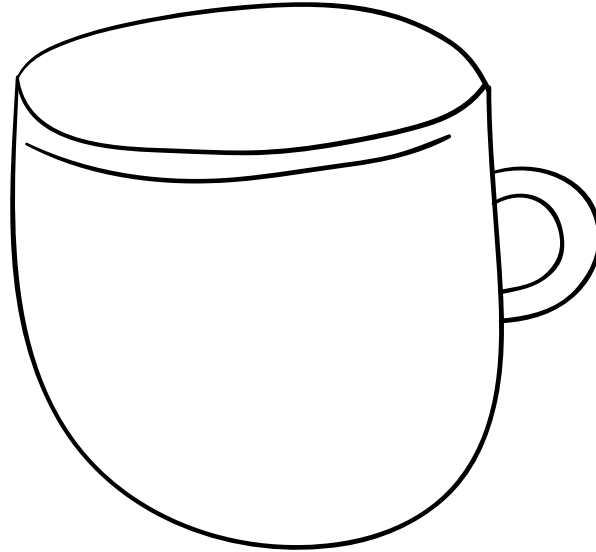
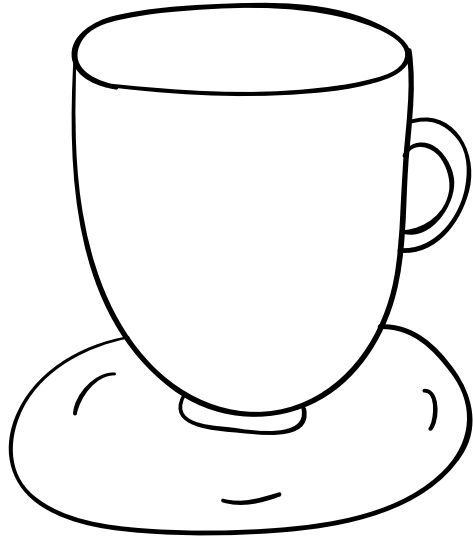
Draw the face and decorate the dress with patterns.



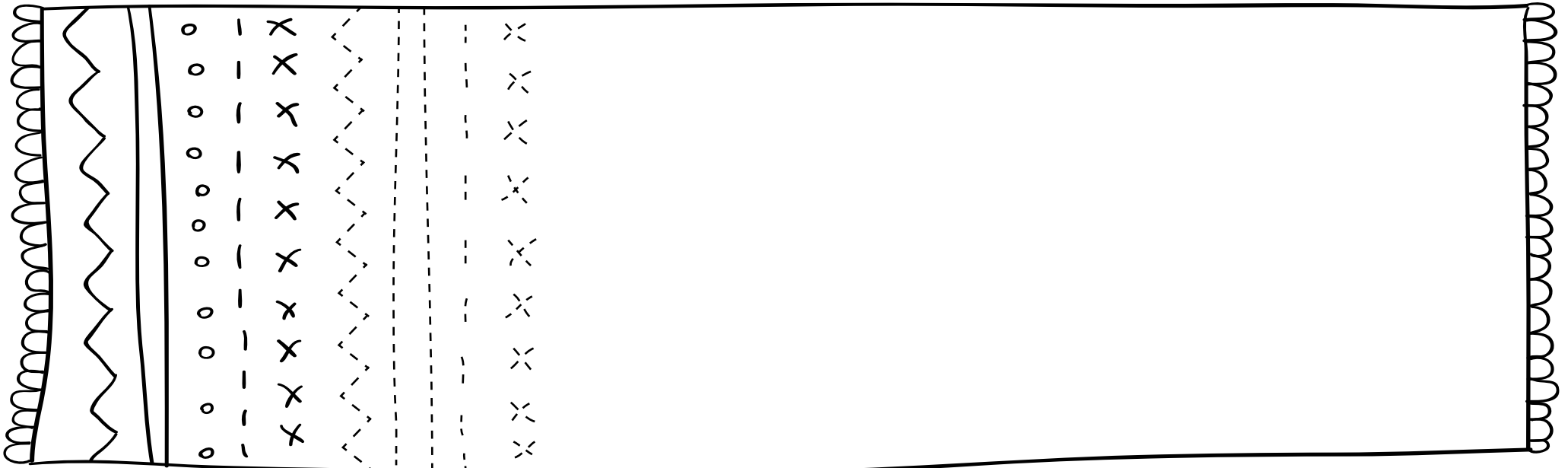


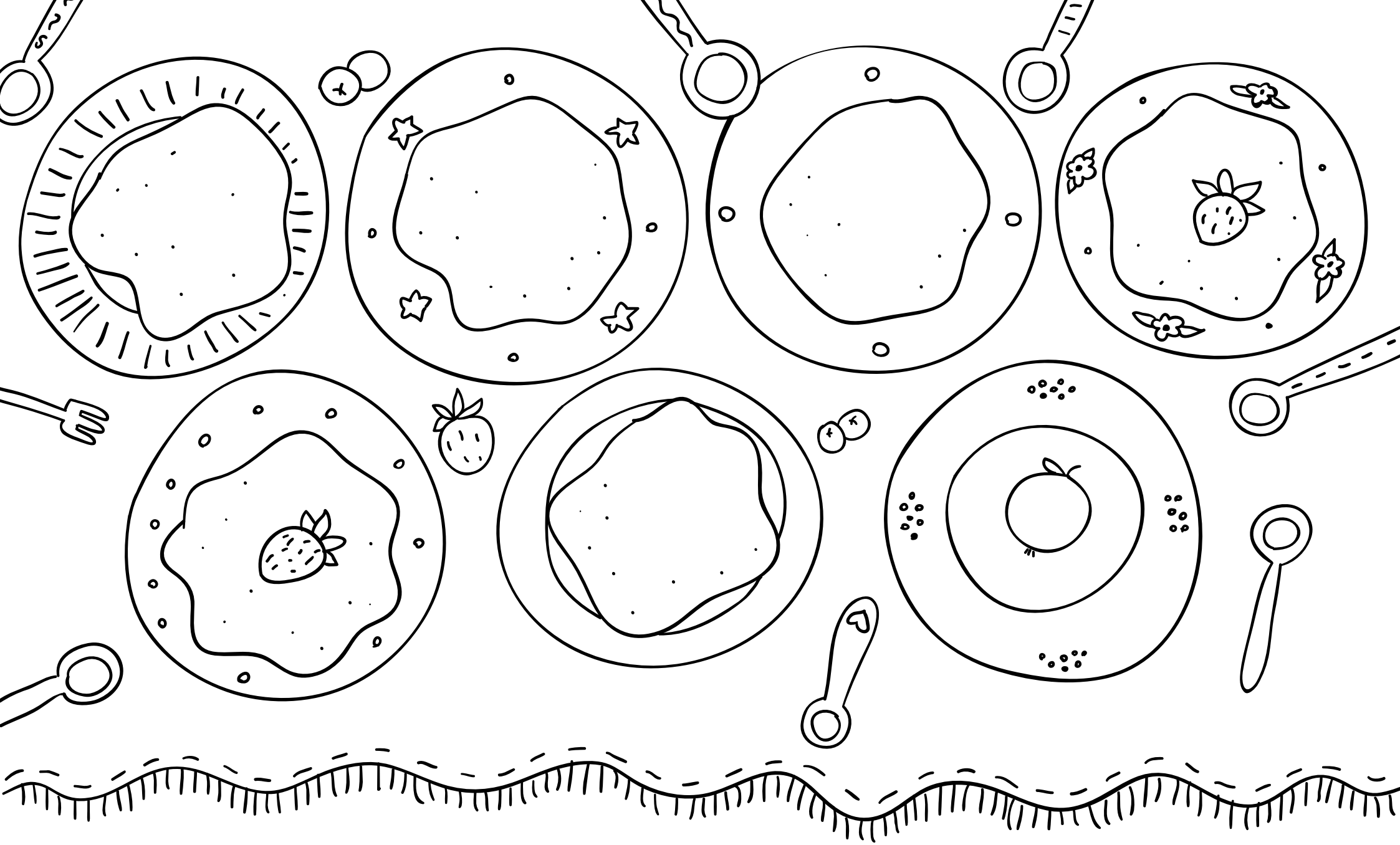
Tea time.

Decorate the mugs.

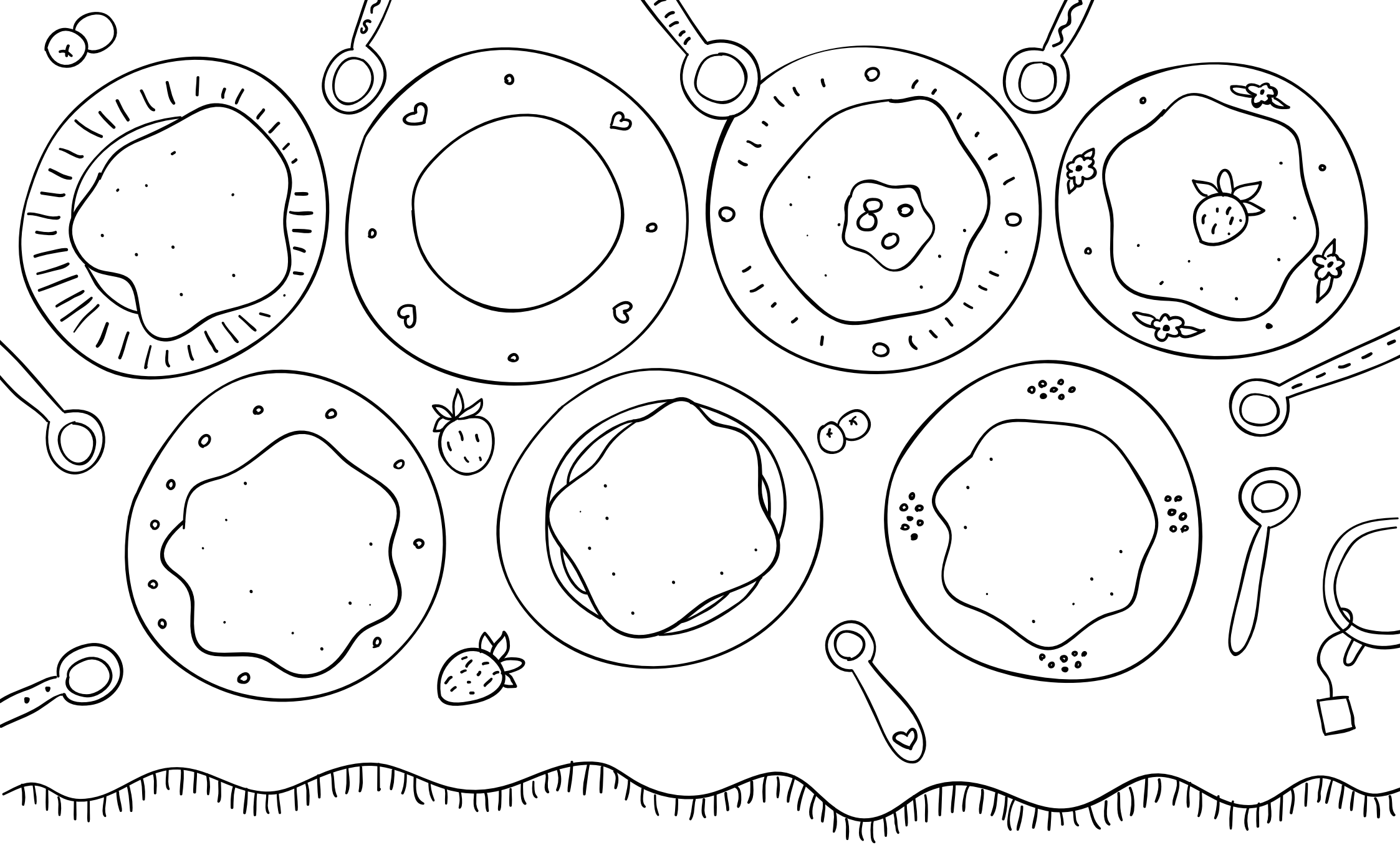


Continue the patterns on tablecloth.





Find the differences between the next two pages.

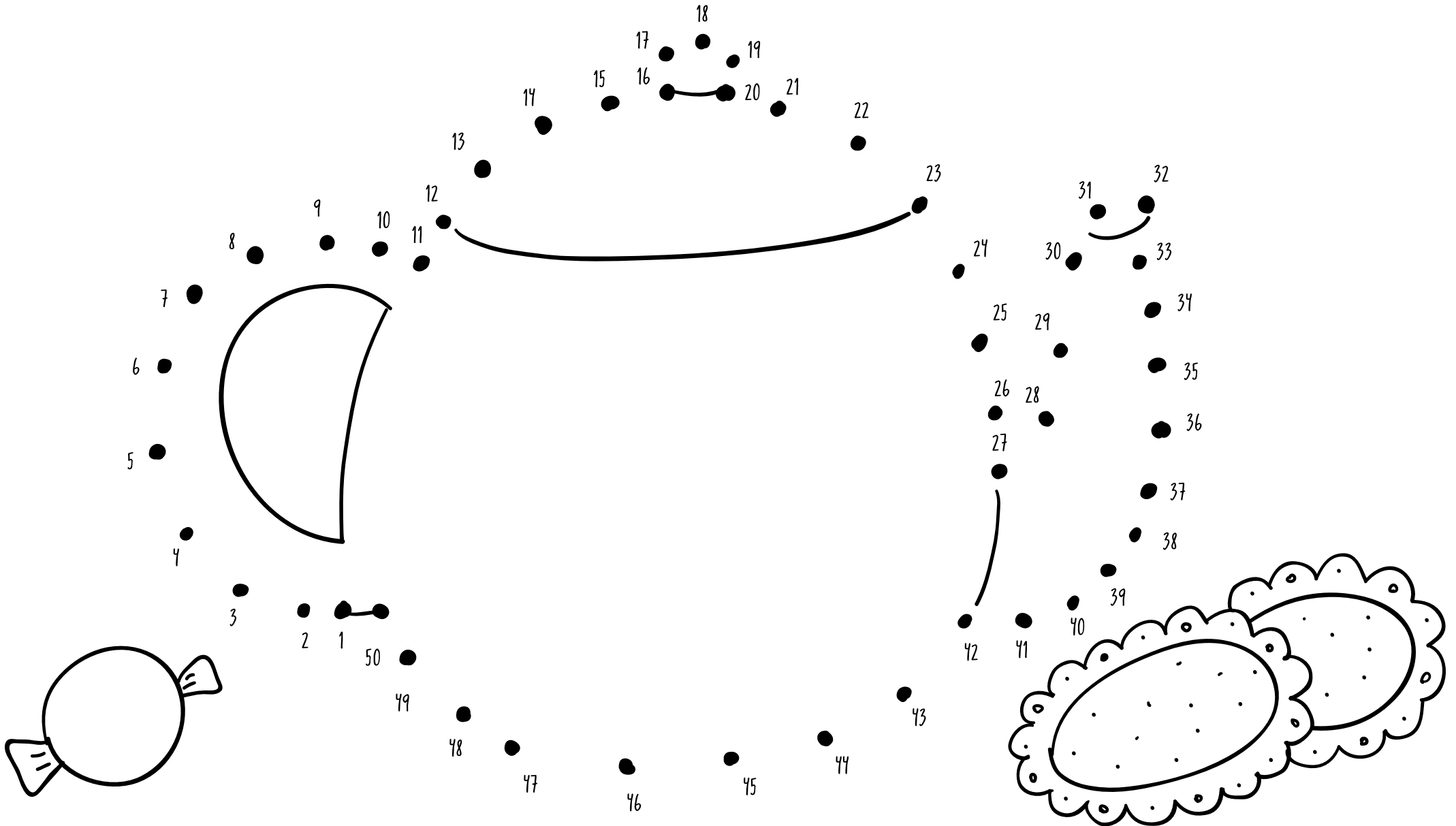


Colour the picture.



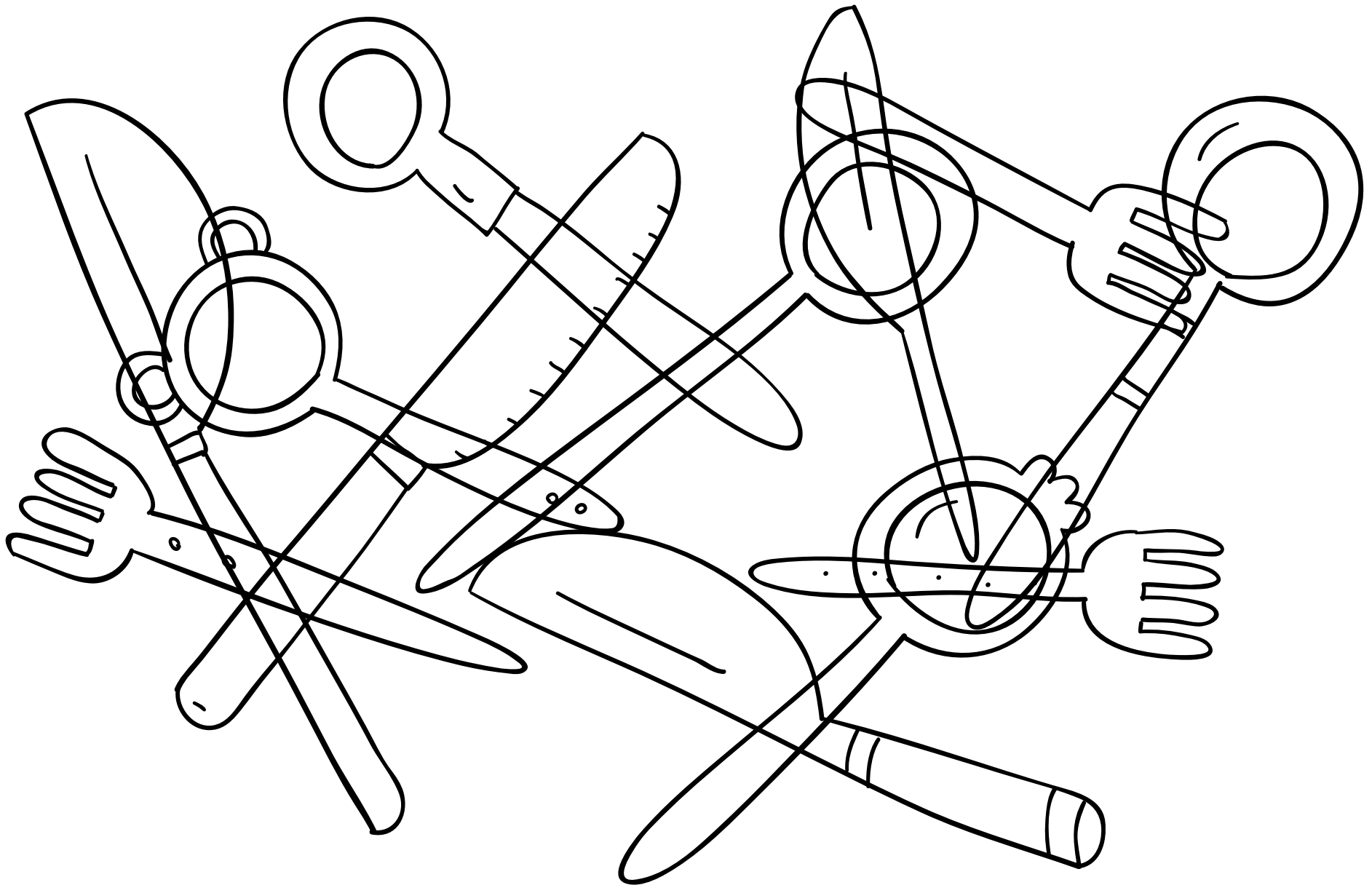
What's this?

Join the numbers. What is it? Colour it.



 **Laying the table.**

How many forks, spoons, and knives are there on the picture?



 **Yumm... Pancakes are ready.**

What will you eat them with? Draw your favourite stuffings on the pancakes.

