MEET THE LITTLE ANIMAL PUPPET FRIENDS!

10 Easy Paper Bag Puppets for Kids

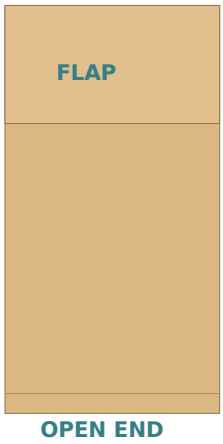
Free Printable Animal Templates

Teacher + parent guide

You need a small paper lunch bag, paper or light cardstock, child-safe scissors, glue, and optional crayons or markers.

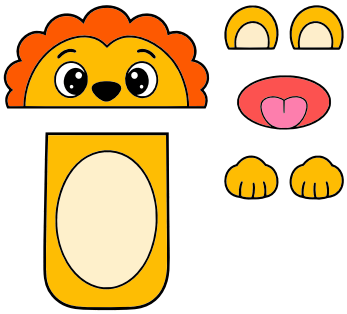
Print US Letter at 100% / Actual Size. Check the 1-inch line. The largest face fits within 4.6 x 2.55 in; choose a bag flap at least that large.

1 Prepare the bag



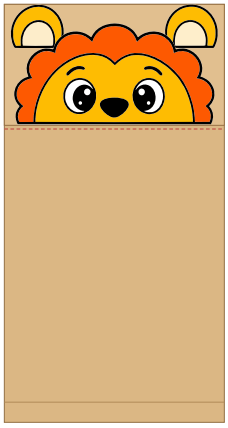
Keep the bag flat, with its folded bottom flap at the top and its open end at the bottom. This flap becomes the moving upper mouth.

2 Choose and cut



Choose one color page (3-12) or its B&W match (13-22). Color before cutting, then cut out all 7 pieces. Inside lines are decoration.

3 Decorate the flap



Glue D and E behind A, then glue A ONLY to the moving flap. Align A's flat lower edge with the flap's lower edge. Frog: save D/E for the body.

Keep the moving mouth free

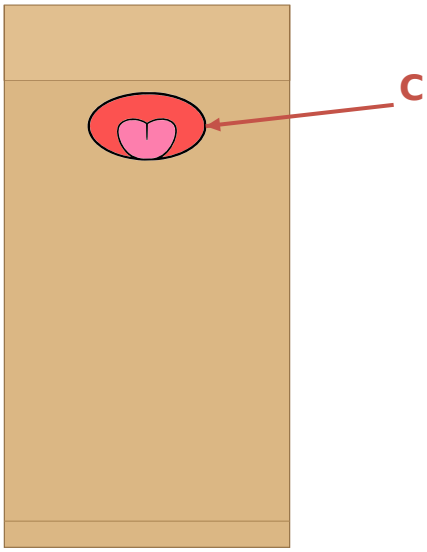
Do not glue the flap to the bag front. No body piece, ear or paw should bridge the flap's lower edge. Let the glue dry before testing the movement.

Adult support: supervise scissors and glue, and help with curved cuts. Do not put glue inside the bag.

Make your puppet talk!

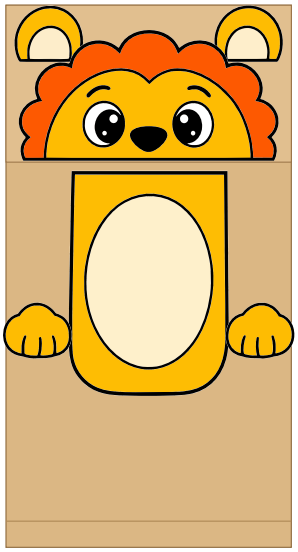
The face moves with the flap. The body stays on the bag front.

4 Hide the mouth patch



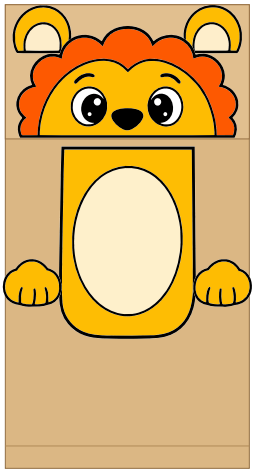
Lift the flap. Glue C onto the FIXED bag front underneath it, near the lower edge. Close the flap to check that C is hidden. Keep all glue off the flap.

5 Add the body and paws

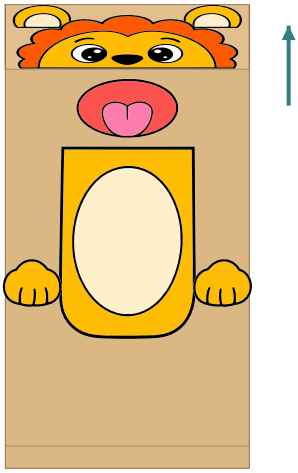


Glue B below the flap, leaving about a 1/8-inch gap. Add F/G at the body sides. Frog: D/E are back feet at the lower corners; F/G are hands at the sides.

6 Try a little conversation



CLOSED



FLAP RAISED

When the glue is dry, slide a hand in through the open end. Put fingers under the folded flap and the thumb below it. Gently lift and lower the flap to reveal and hide the tongue.

Check: the mouth opens freely, the tongue stays on the bag front, and the body does not move with the flap.

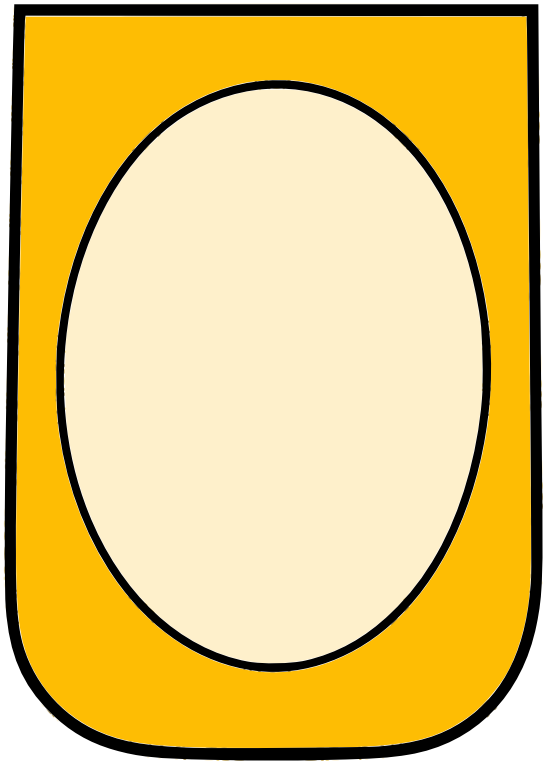
01. Lion Puppet

FULL-COLOR TEMPLATE | 7 cutout pieces

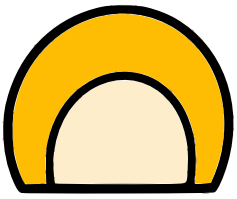
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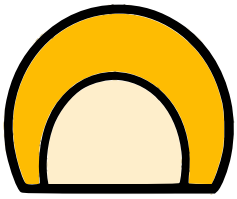
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MOVING FLAP



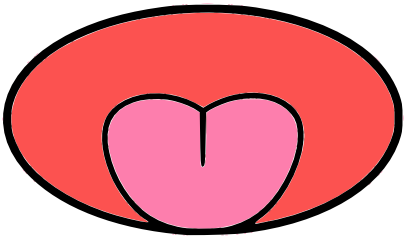
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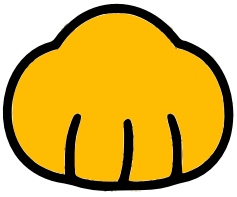
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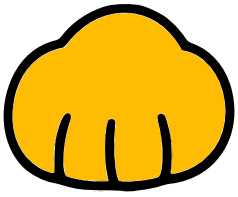
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C INNER MOUTH
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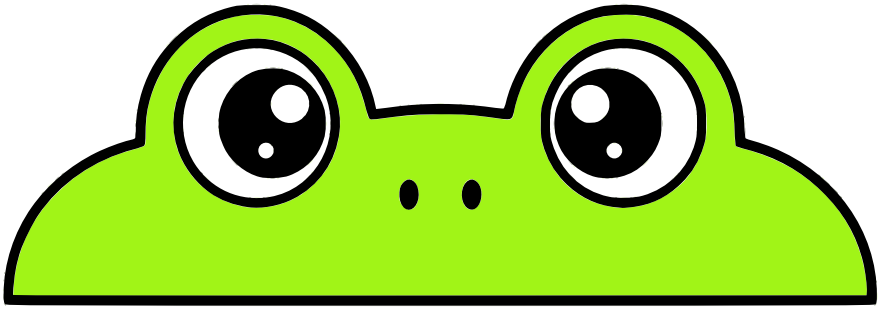
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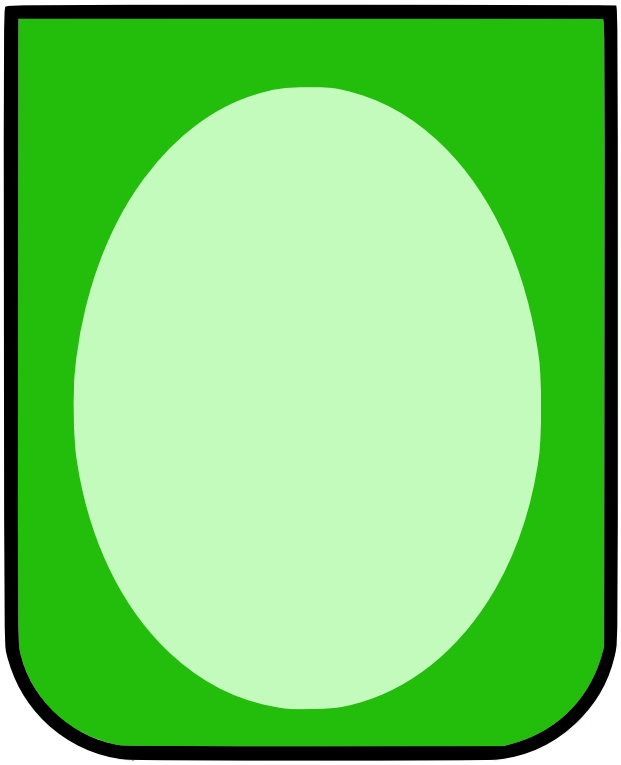
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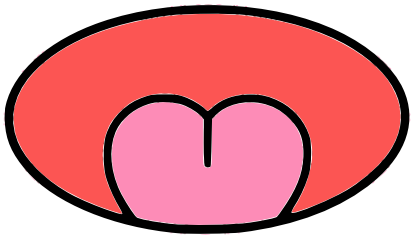
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D LEFT FOOT
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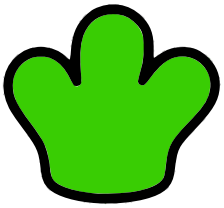
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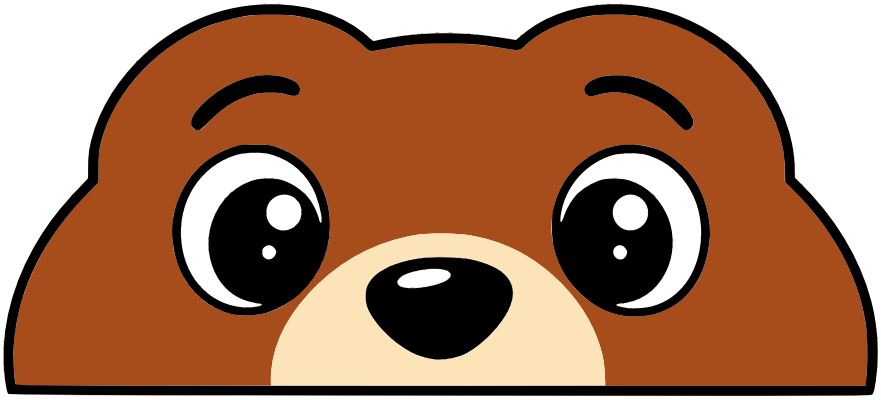
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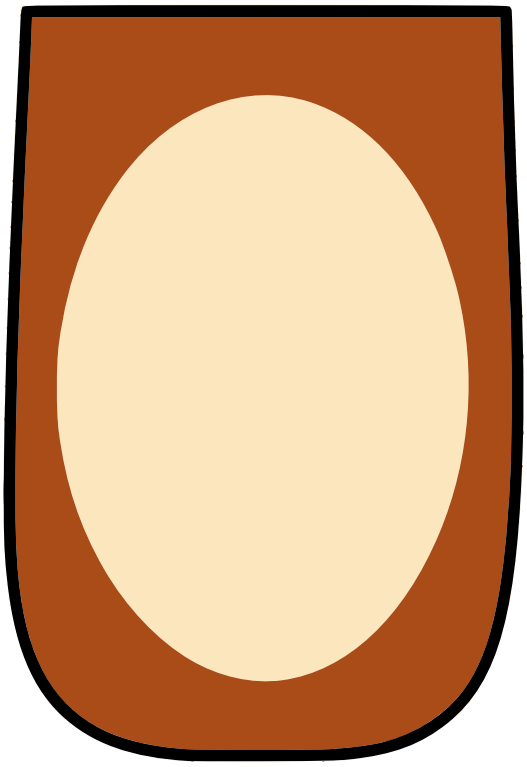
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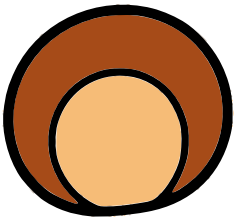
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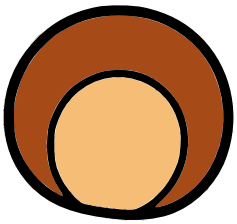
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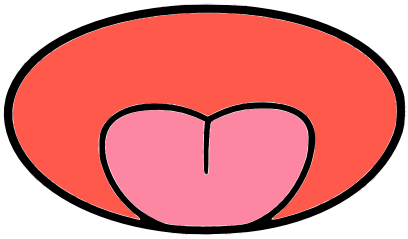
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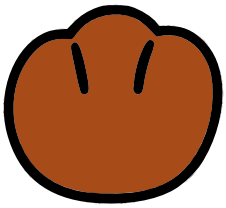
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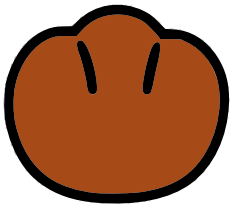
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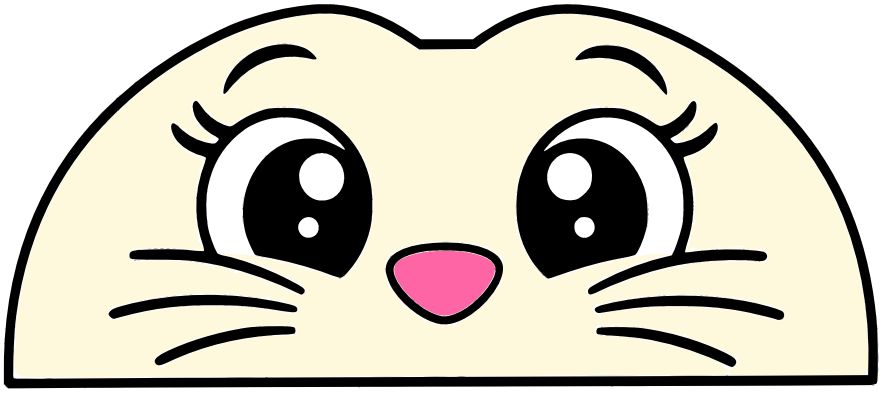
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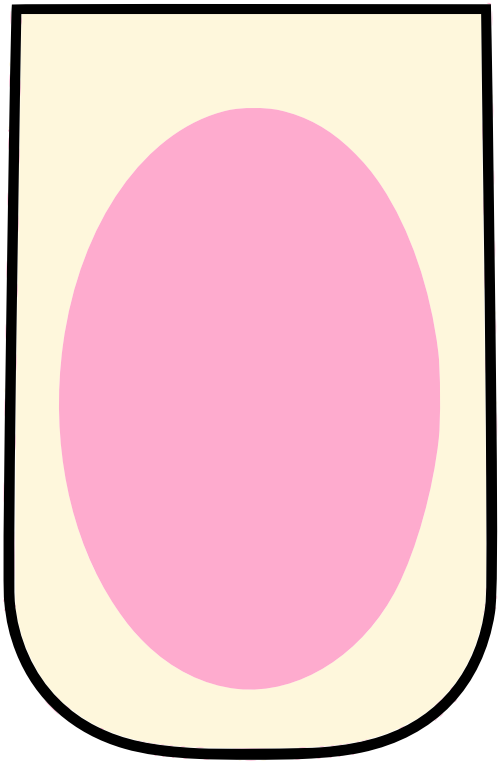
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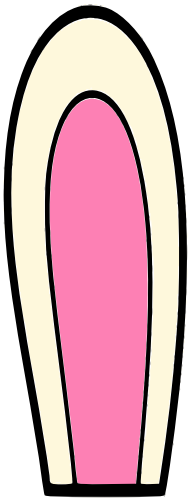
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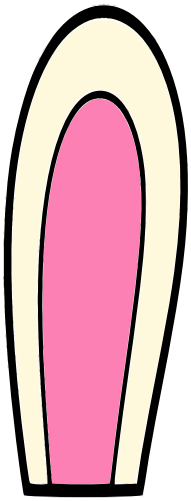
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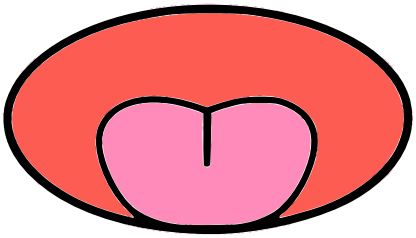
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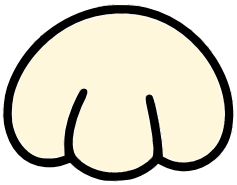
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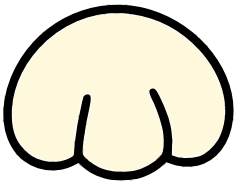
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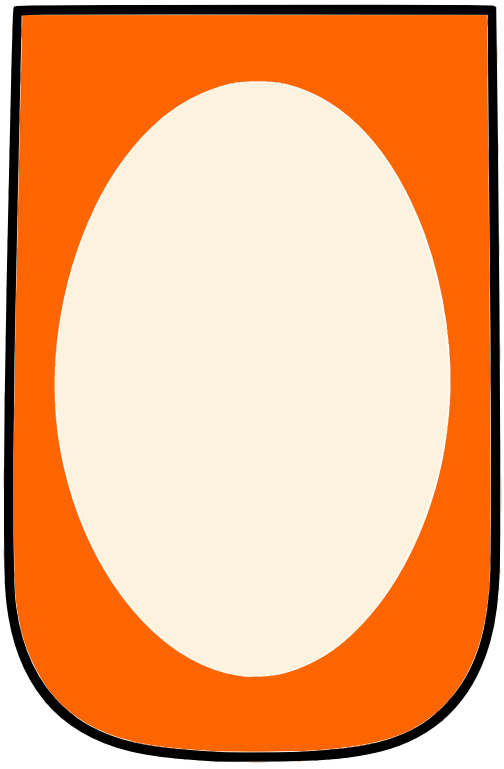
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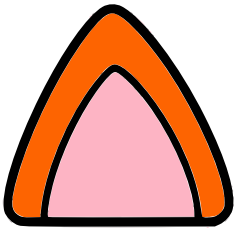
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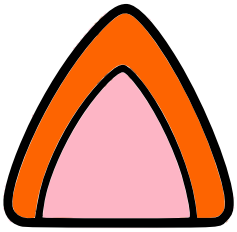
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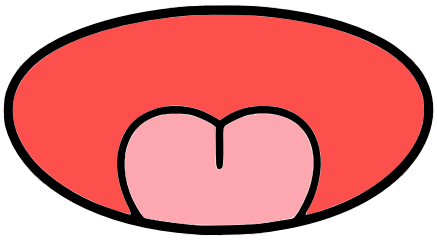
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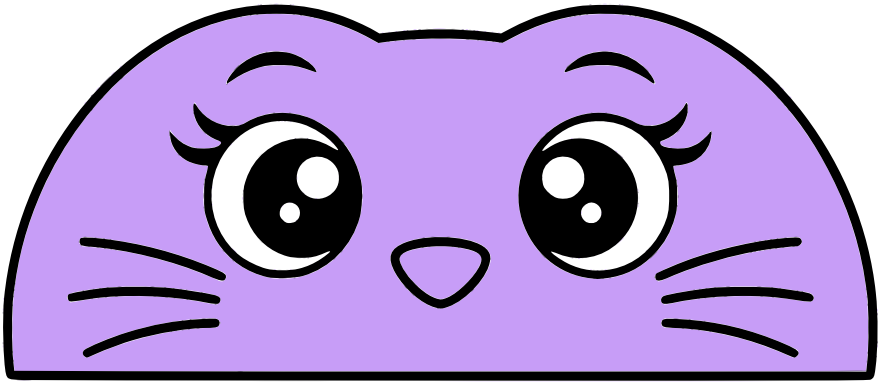
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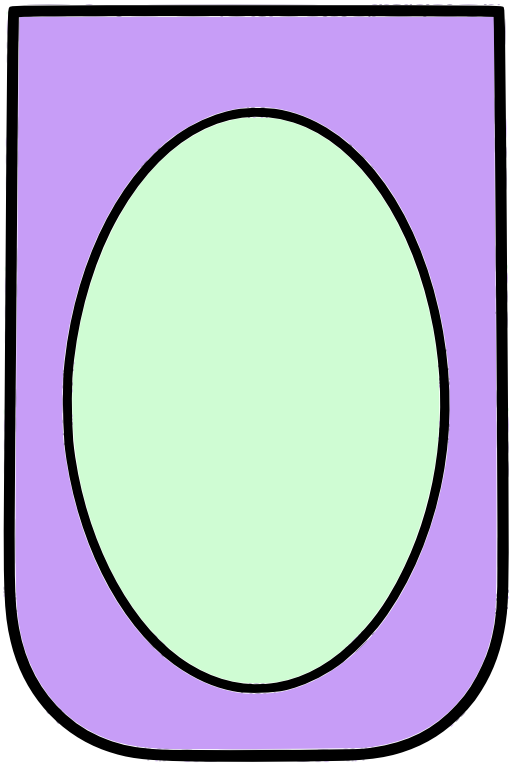
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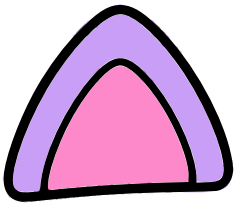
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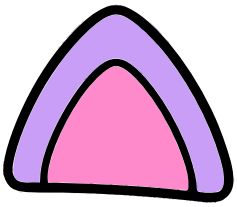
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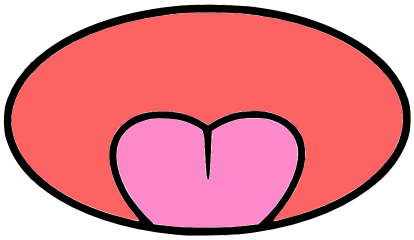
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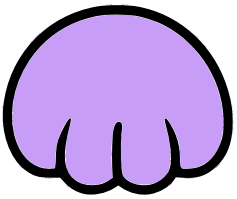
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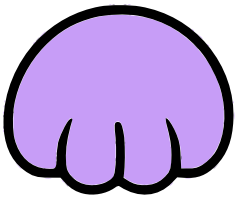
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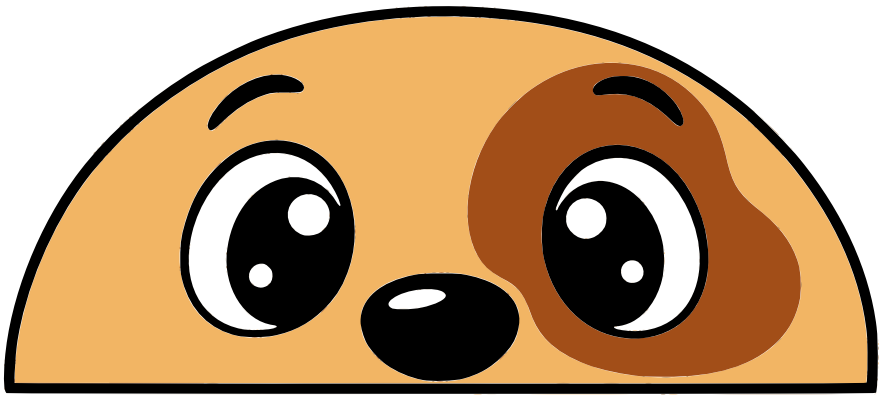
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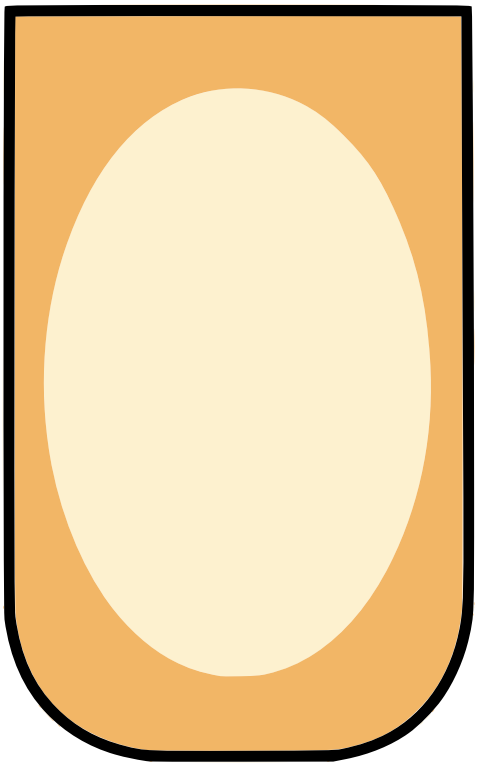
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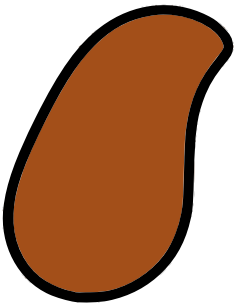
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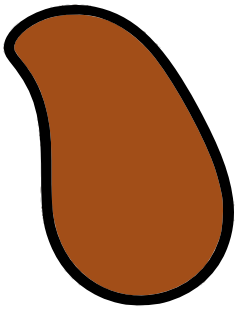
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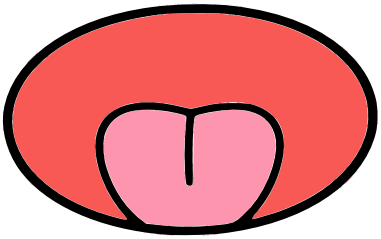
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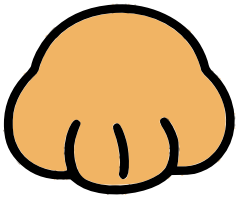
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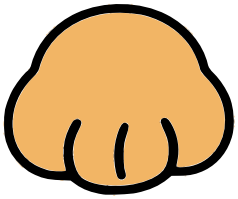
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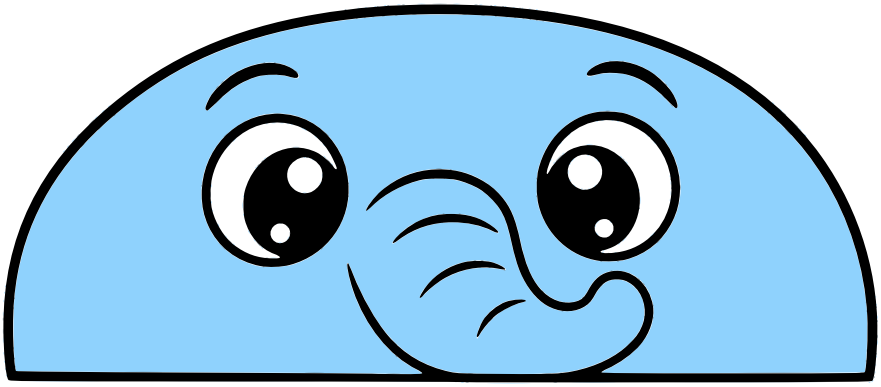
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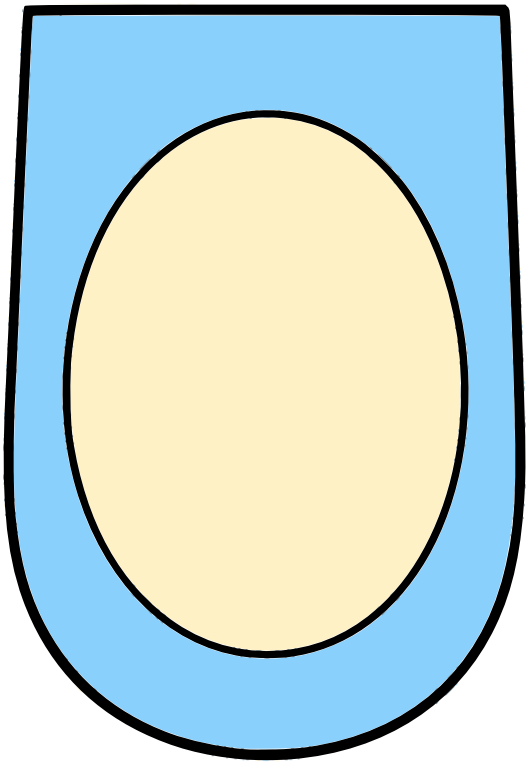
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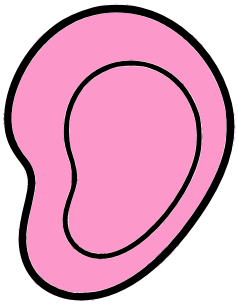
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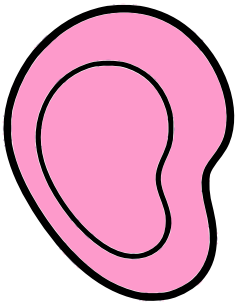
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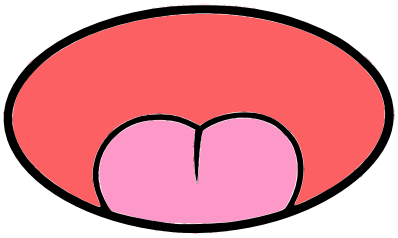
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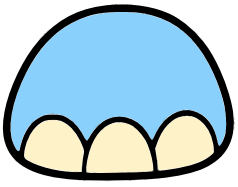
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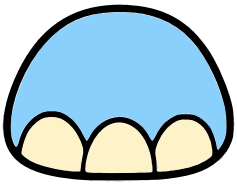
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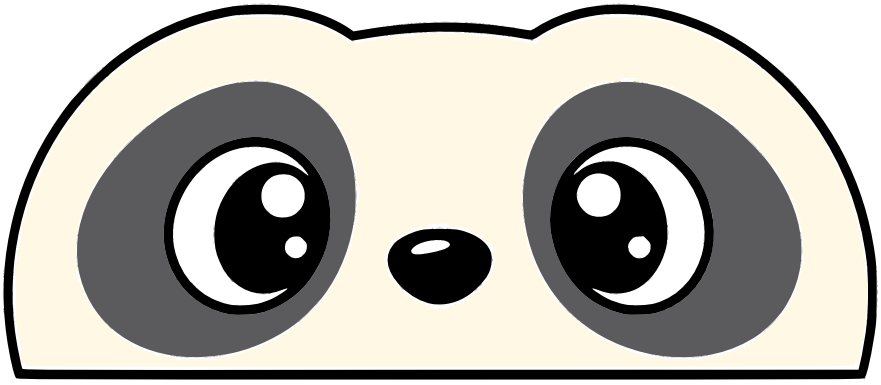
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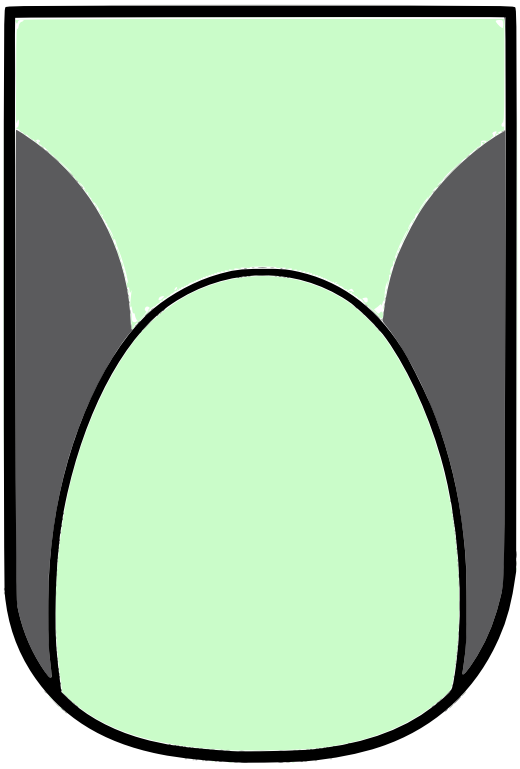
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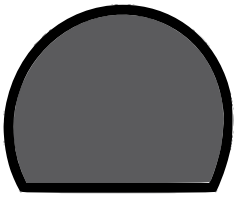
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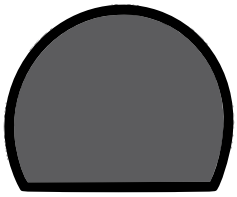
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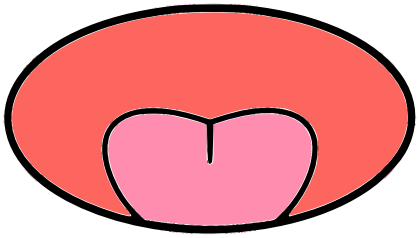
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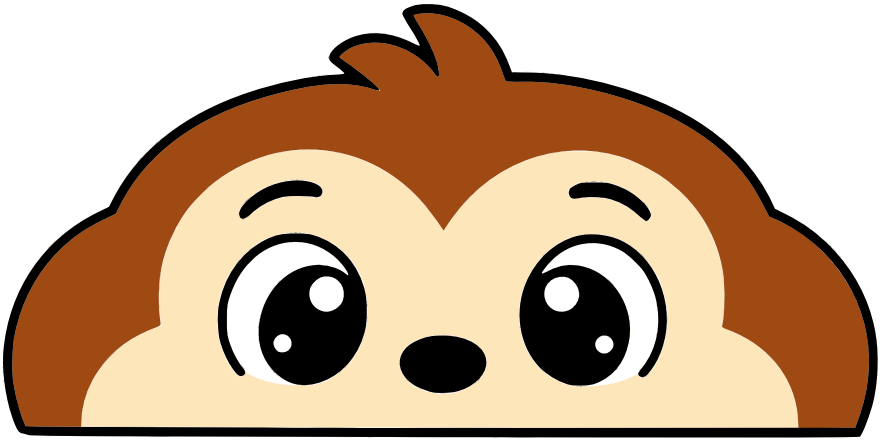
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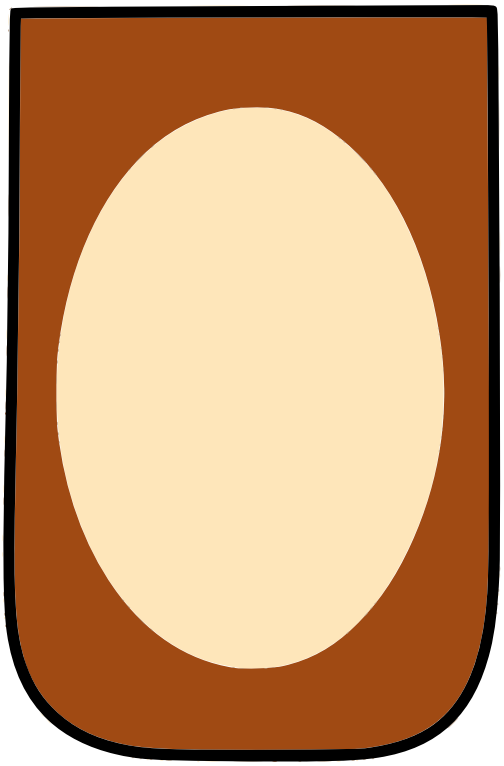
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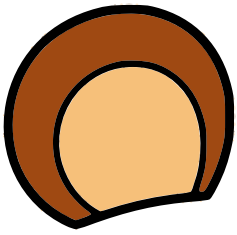
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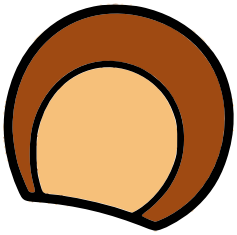
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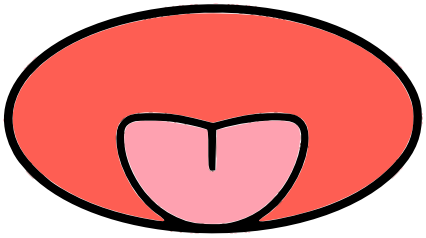
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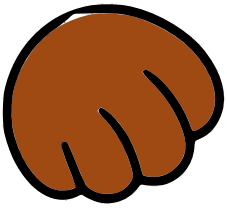
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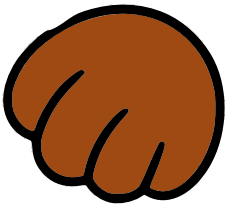
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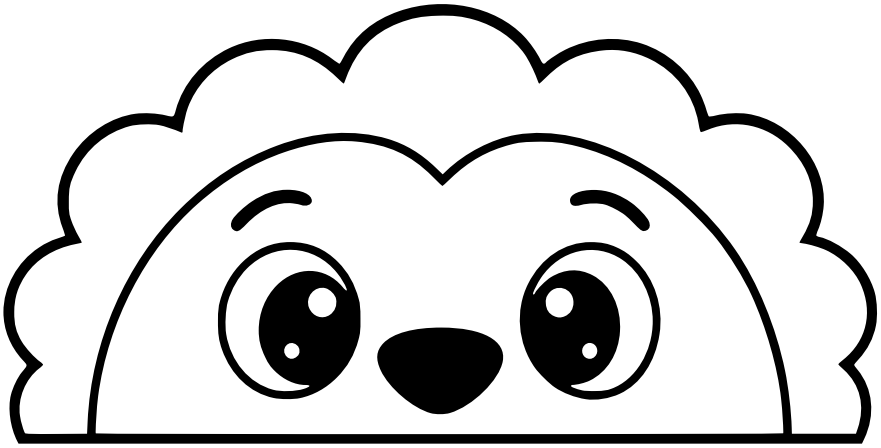
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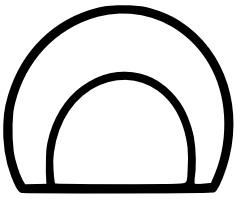
01. Lion Puppet

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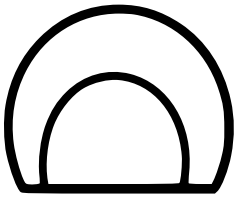
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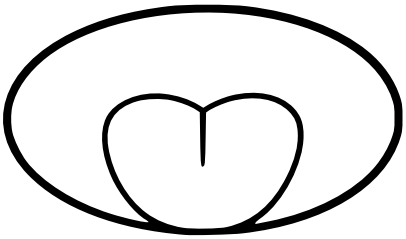
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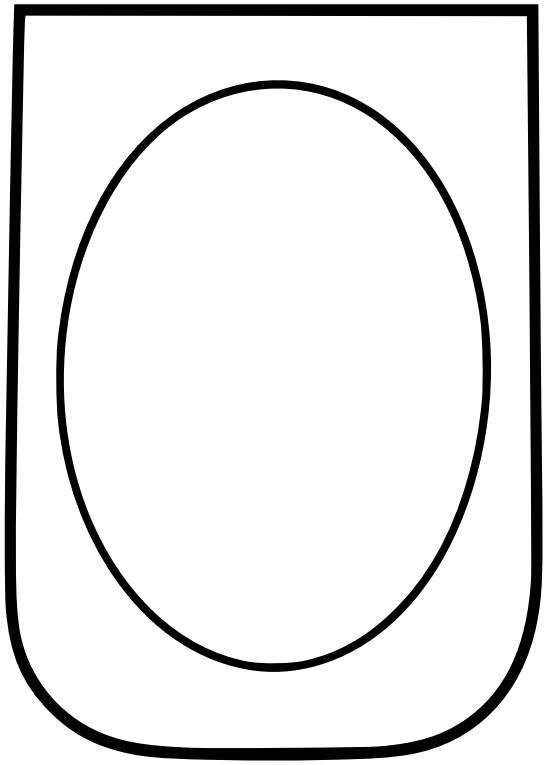
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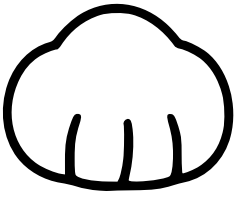
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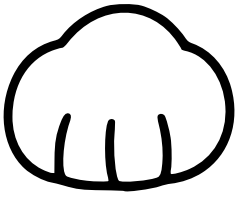
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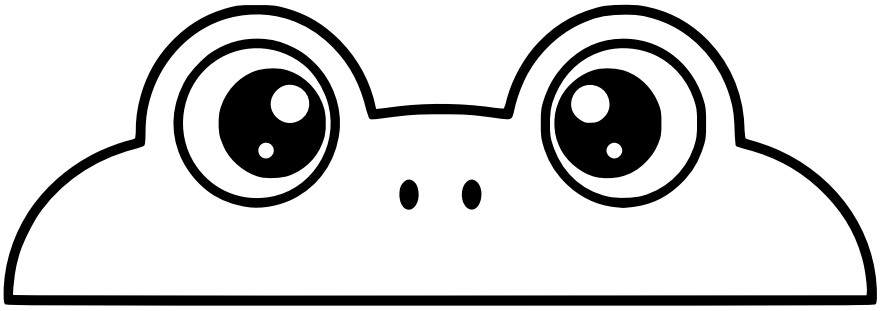
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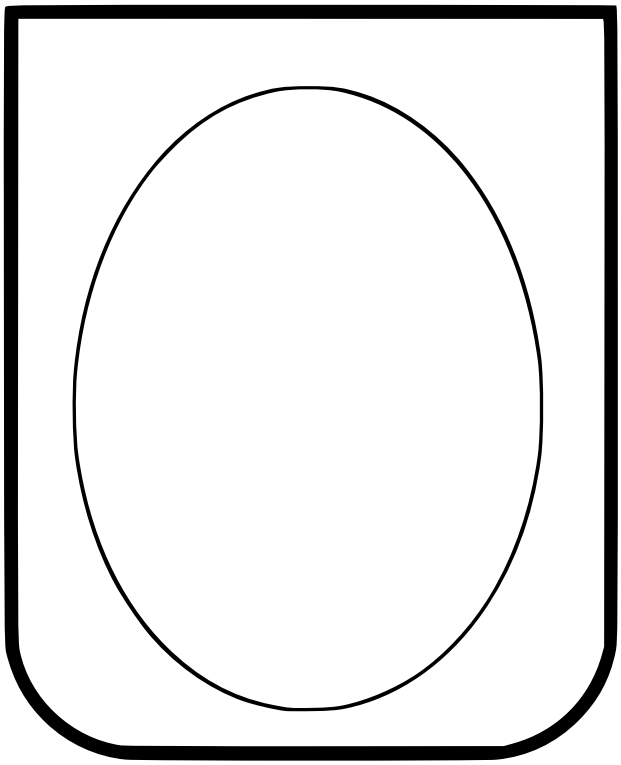
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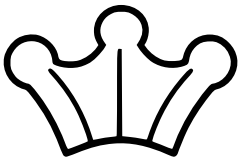
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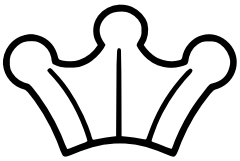
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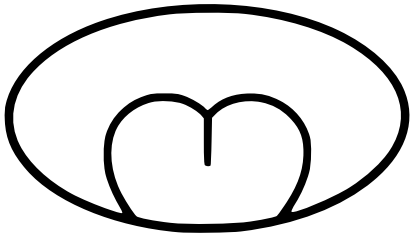
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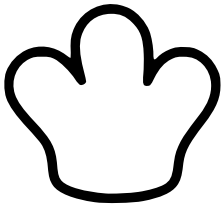
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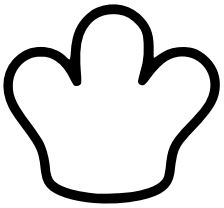
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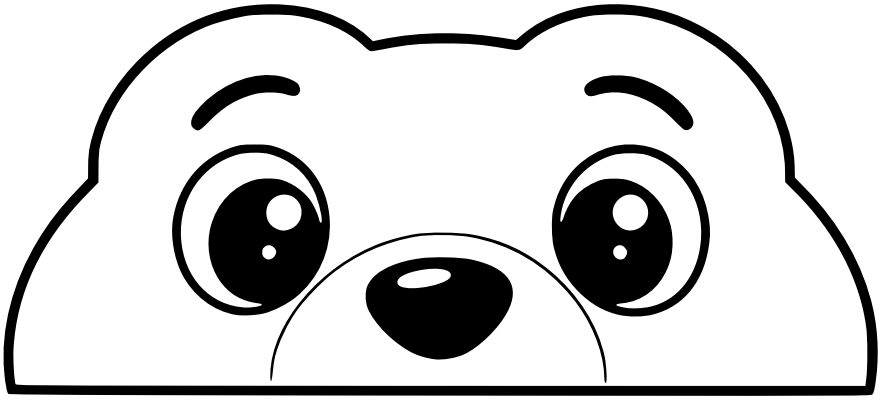
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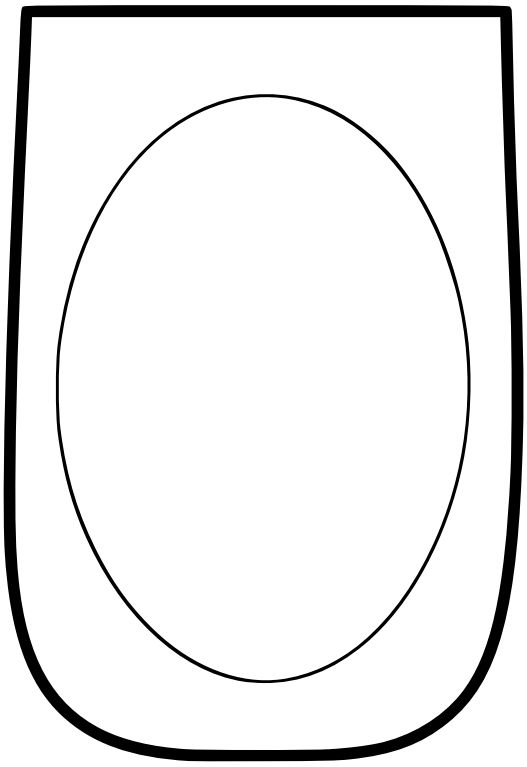
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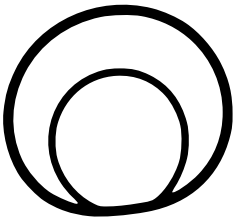
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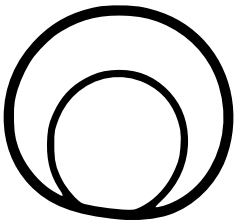
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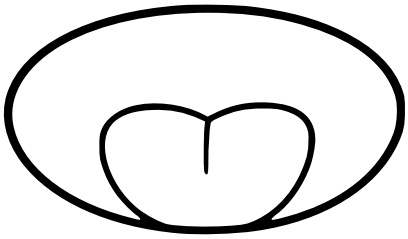
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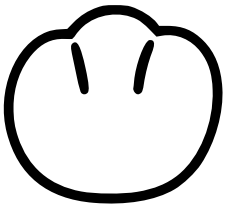
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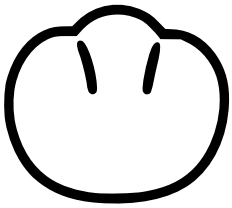
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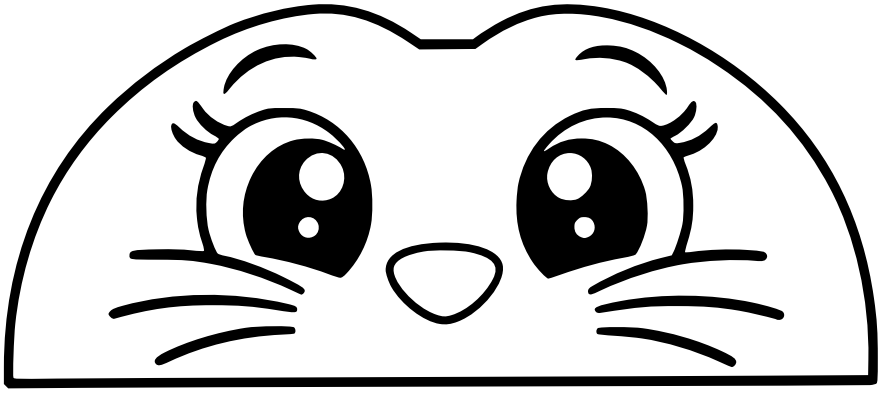
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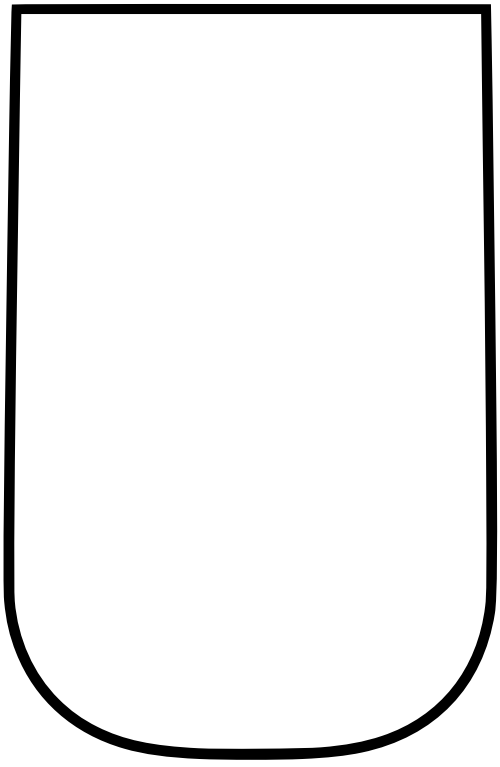
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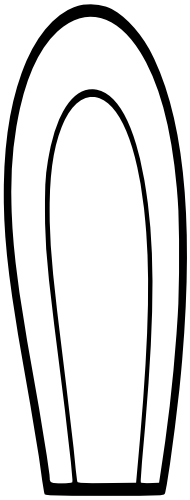
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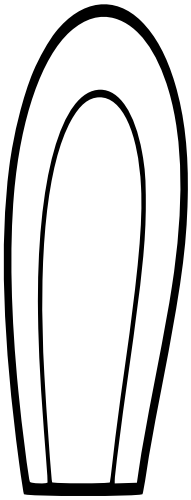
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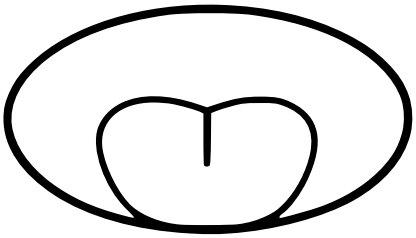
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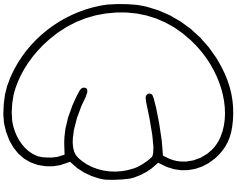
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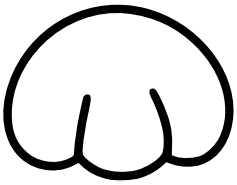
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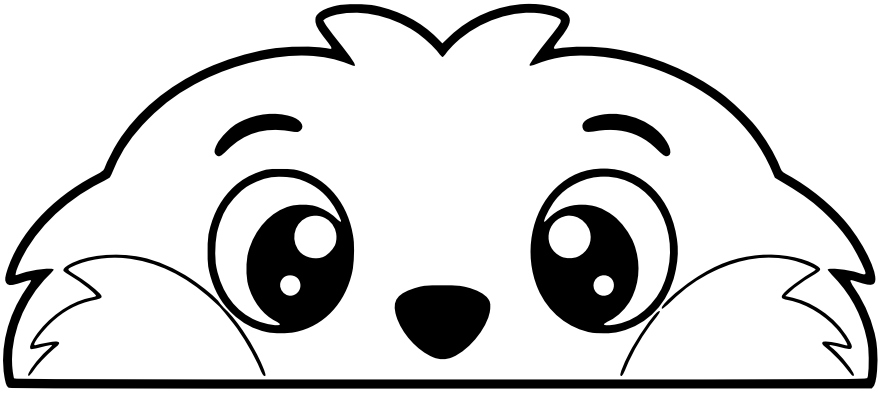
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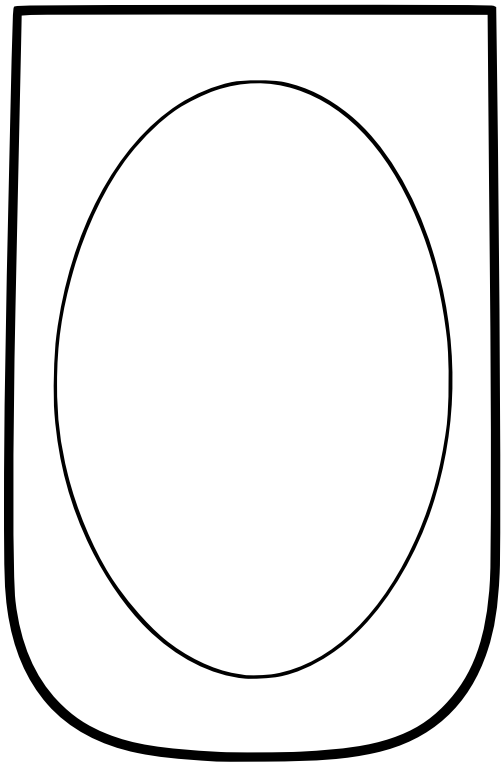
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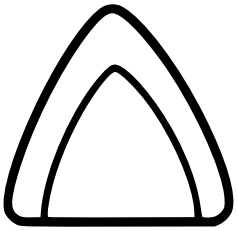
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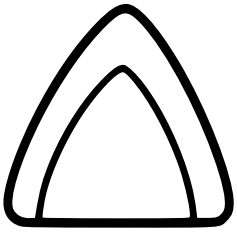
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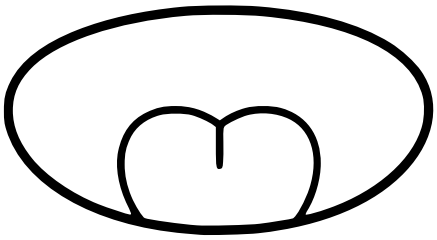
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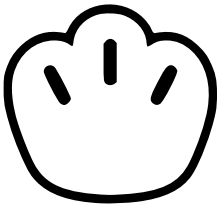
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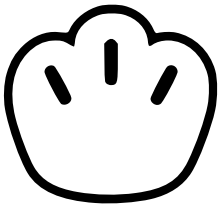
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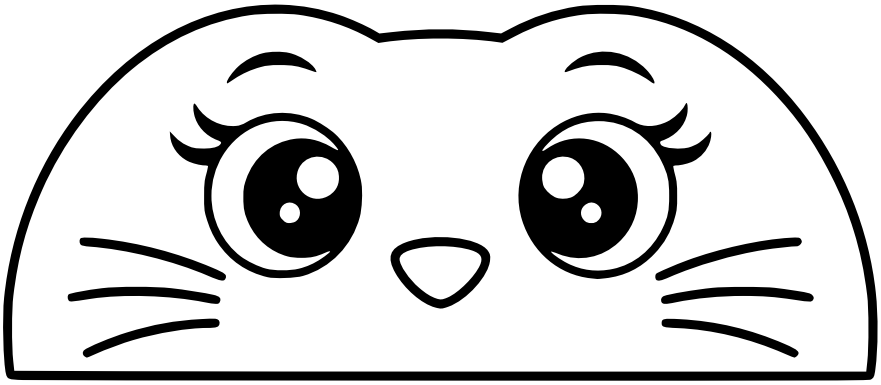
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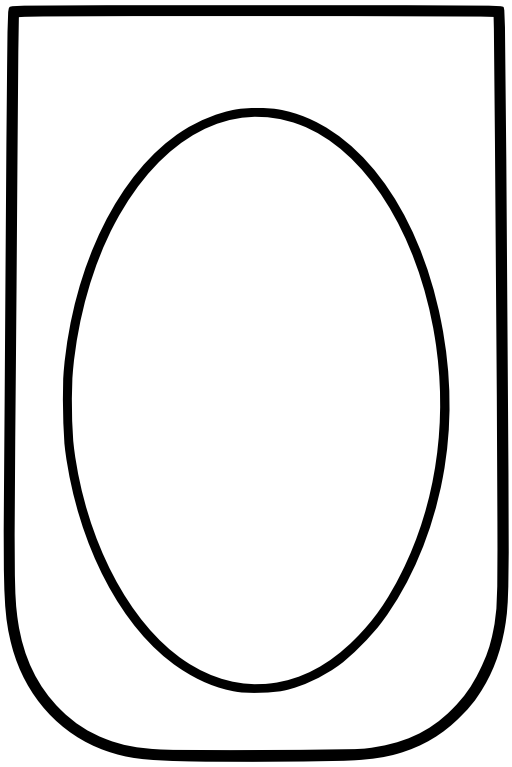
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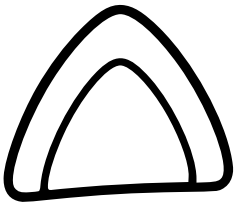
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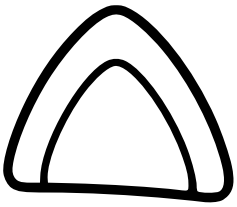
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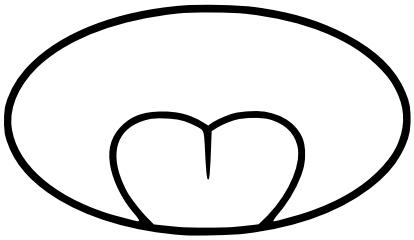
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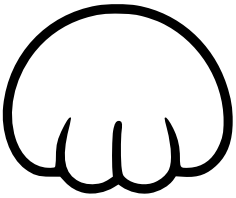
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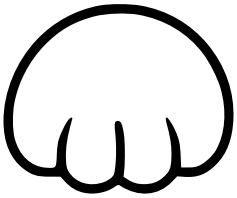
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C INNER MOUTH
UNDER FLAP



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BODY SIDE



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BODY SIDE

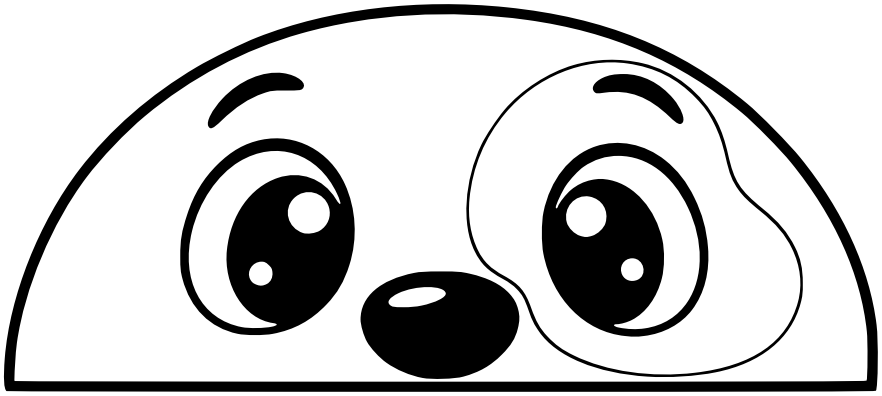
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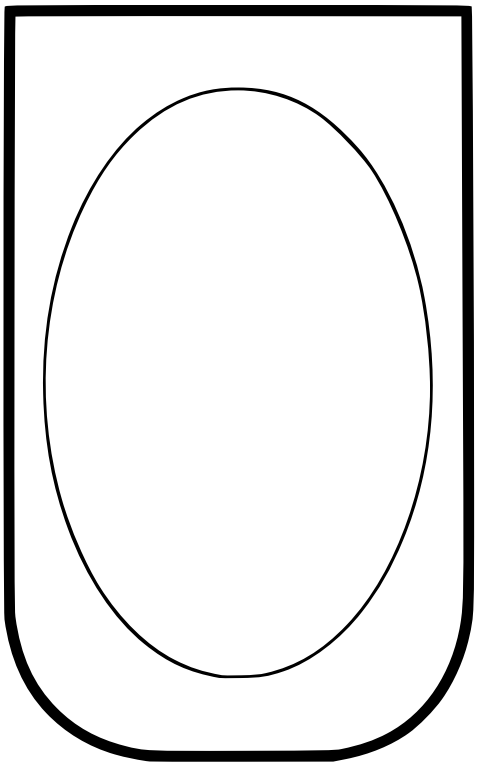
07. Dog Puppet

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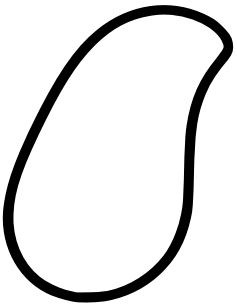
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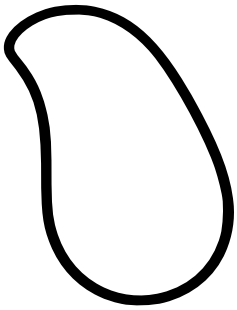
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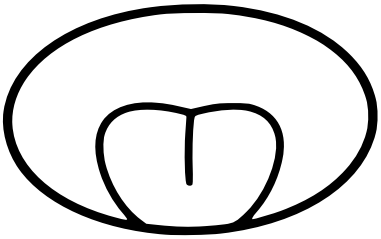
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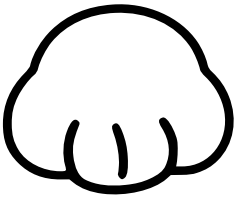
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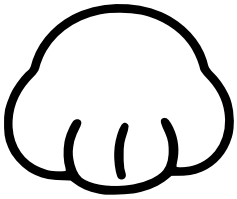
E RIGHT EAR
BEHIND FACE



C INNER MOUTH
UNDER FLAP



F LEFT PAW
BODY SIDE



G RIGHT PAW
BODY SIDE

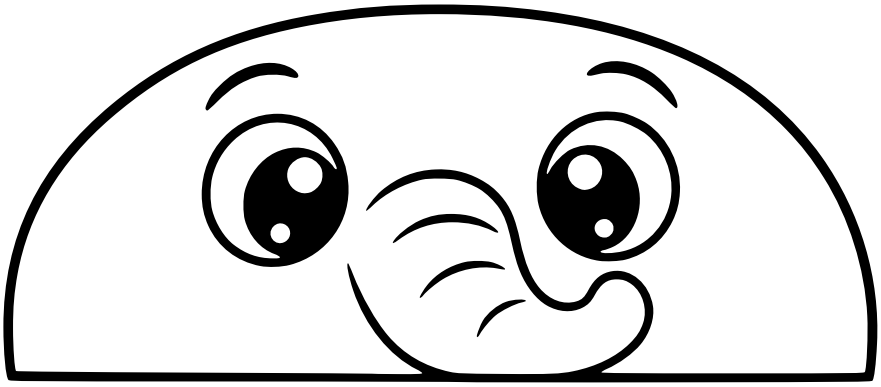
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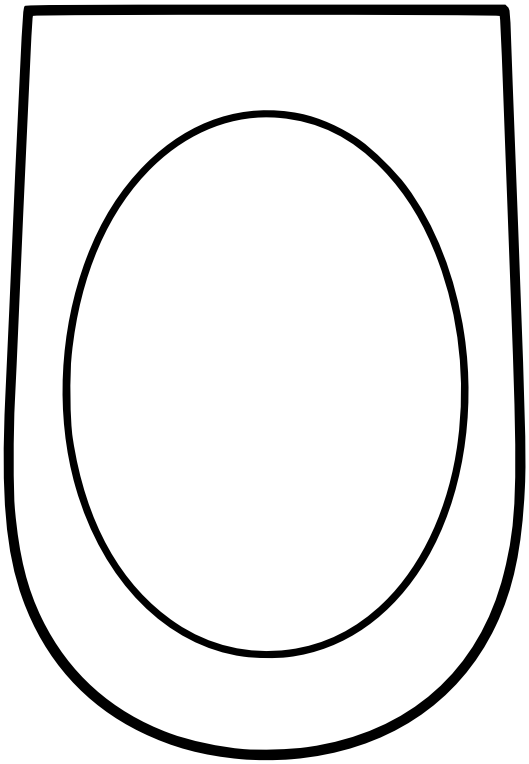
08. Elephant Puppet

BLACK-AND-WHITE TEMPLATE | 7 cutout pieces

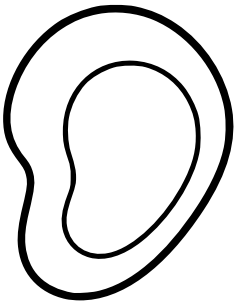
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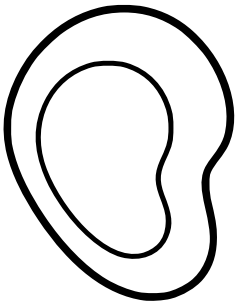
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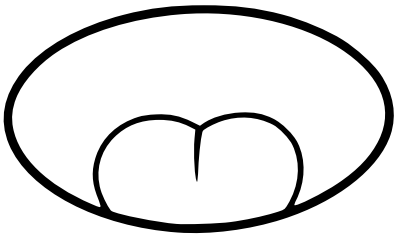
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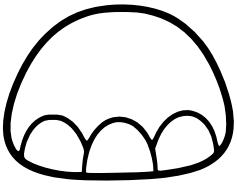
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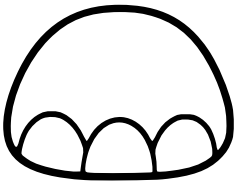
E RIGHT EAR
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C INNER MOUTH
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BODY SIDE



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BODY SIDE

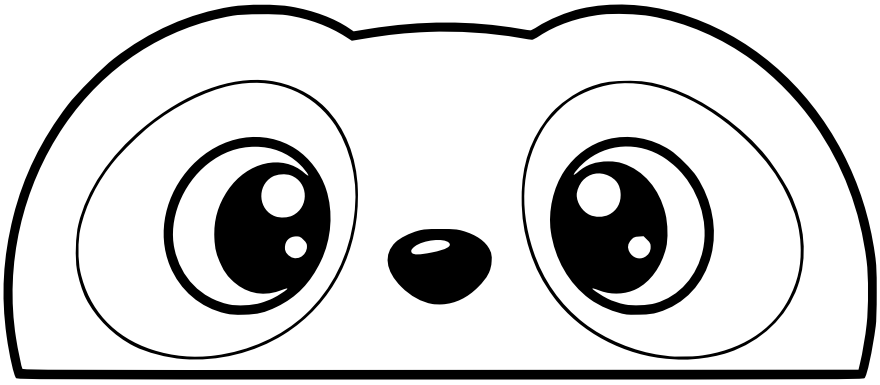
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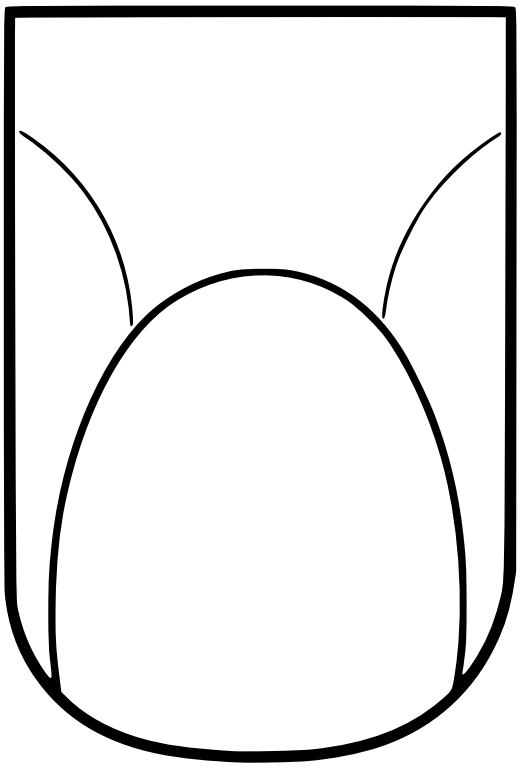
09. Panda Puppet

BLACK-AND-WHITE TEMPLATE | 7 cutout pieces

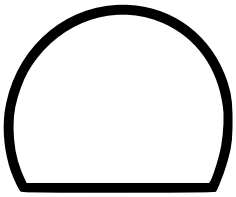
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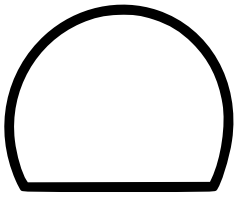
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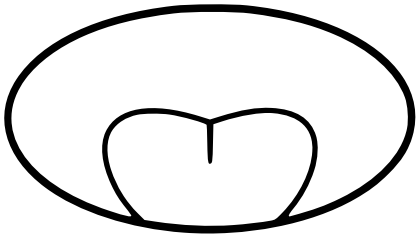
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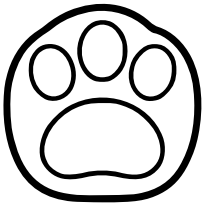
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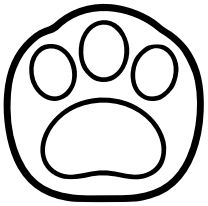
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C INNER MOUTH
UNDER FLAP



F LEFT PAW
BODY SIDE



G RIGHT PAW
BODY SIDE

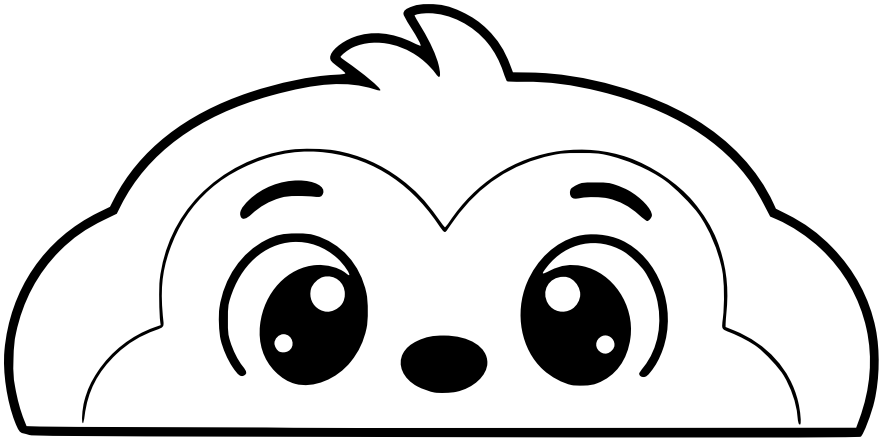
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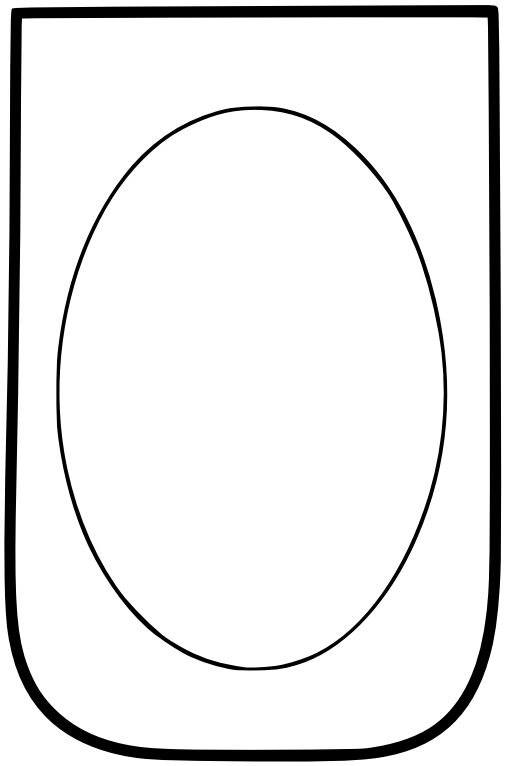
10. Monkey Puppet

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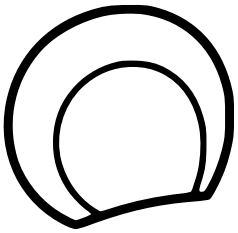
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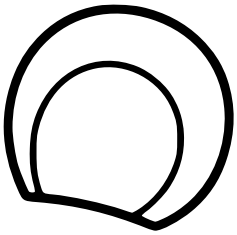
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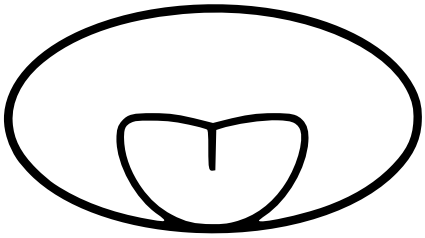
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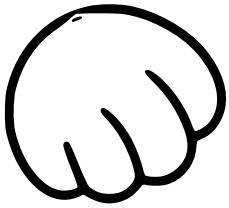
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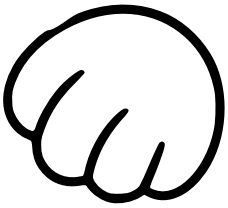
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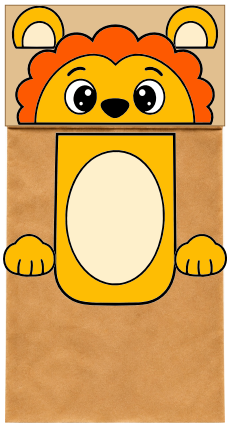
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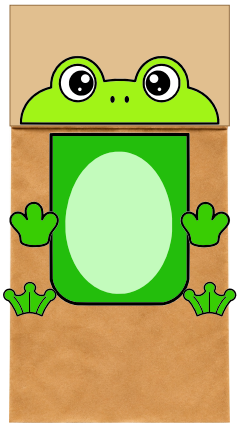
Our paper bag puppet friends

Completed examples use the same pieces as your templates. Mouth patches hide under the closed flaps.



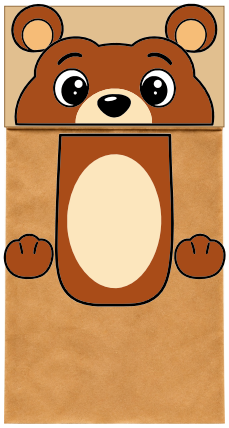
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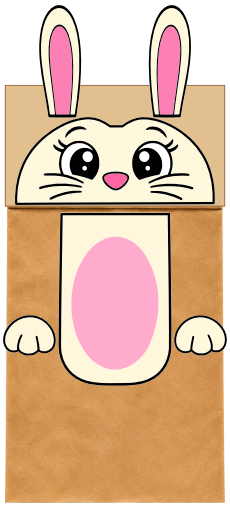
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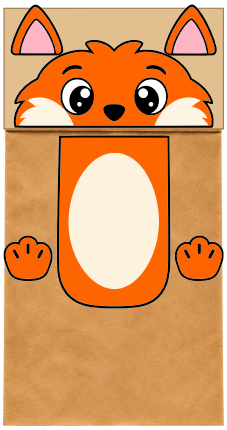
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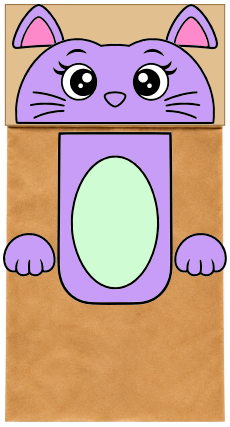
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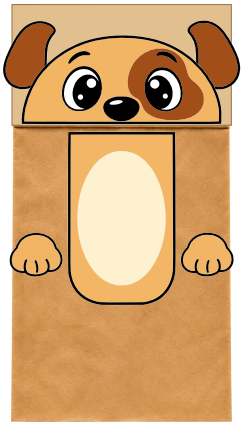
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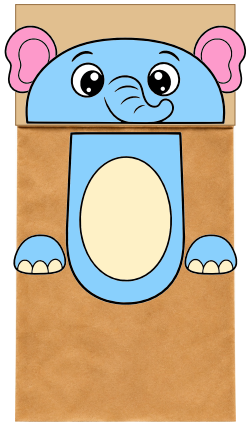
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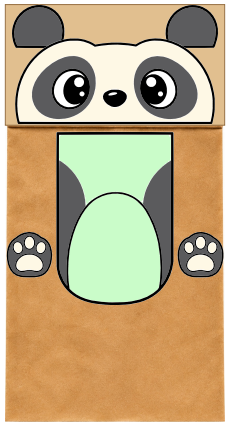
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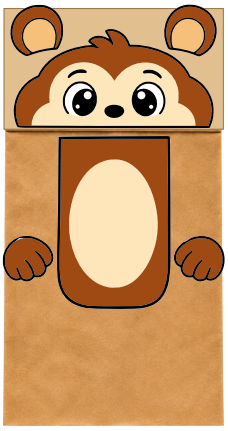
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Panda

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Monkey

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