

INSTRUCTIONS: Alebrije Jumping Jacks

YOU WILL NEED:

- These jumping jack print-outs
- Cardboard, foam core, or card stock
- A spool of string or thin ribbon
- Scissors or x-acto knife
- Paint

STEP 1

Print and carefully cut out the desired animal parts. Mix and match to your heart's content! Trace onto cardboard, foam core, or card stock and then cut out.

STEP 2

Cut along the dashed lines to create grooves for the connectors. Dashed lines have been left on the top of each body; these are optional and are only cut if one plans to add accessories to the alebrije, such as alligator scales.

STEP 3

Poke holes into the legs and body on the circles provided. Be cautious at this step: the holes provided may be too large for the thickness of your chosen string. Make sure the hole is small enough that your knotted string won't go through it.

STEP 4

Paint your alebrije! It's generally easier to paint the pieces while they're separated instead of after it's been put together.

STEP 5

"Pin" the legs to the body by knotting one end of the string, close to the end, and threading the string through a hole on the body and the bottom leg hole. Tie the loose end of the string as tightly as possible so the leg is not loose. Cut off any extra string and repeat for any remaining legs.

STEP 6

Once all legs have been pinned on, take a long piece of string and thread it through the top hole on the two back legs, ensuring there is an equal amount of excess string on each side. Tie the loose ends together, making sure the string connecting the legs loose enough that the legs still hang down. Do not cut off excess string.

STEP 7

Repeat step 6 for the front legs.

STEP 8

Take the excess string from both the front and back legs and tie them together in the center of the alebrije, again, loose-ly enough that the legs continue to dangle.

STEP 9

You can now pull down on the center string to make the legs jump! Cut this string to the desired length.

STEP 10

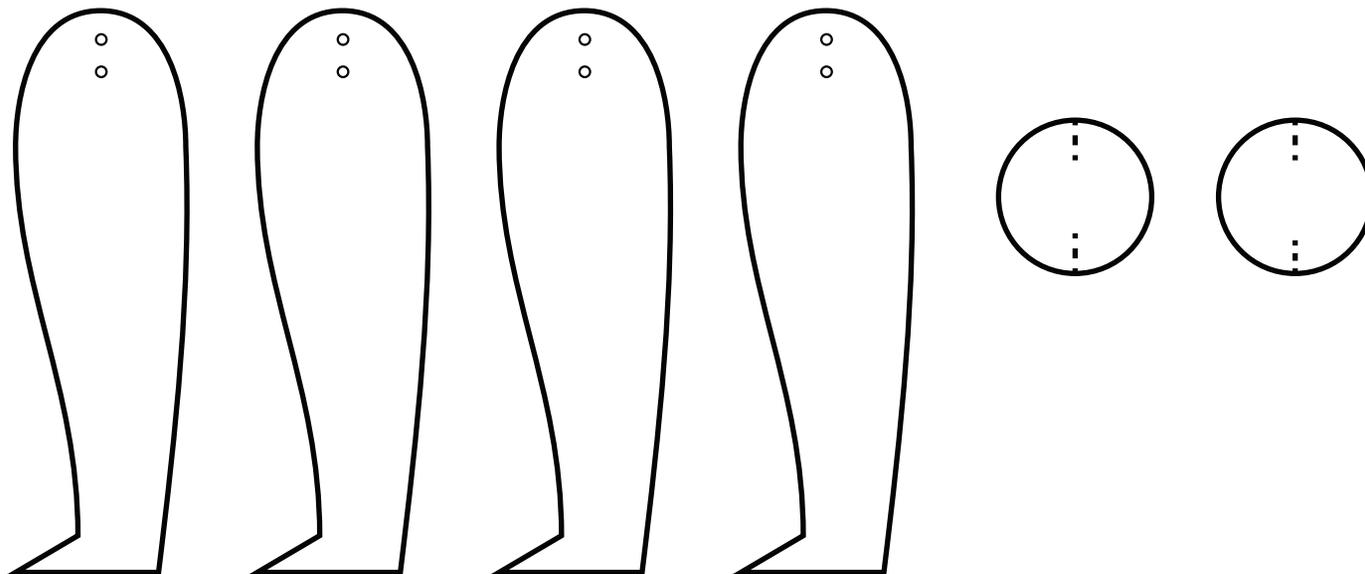
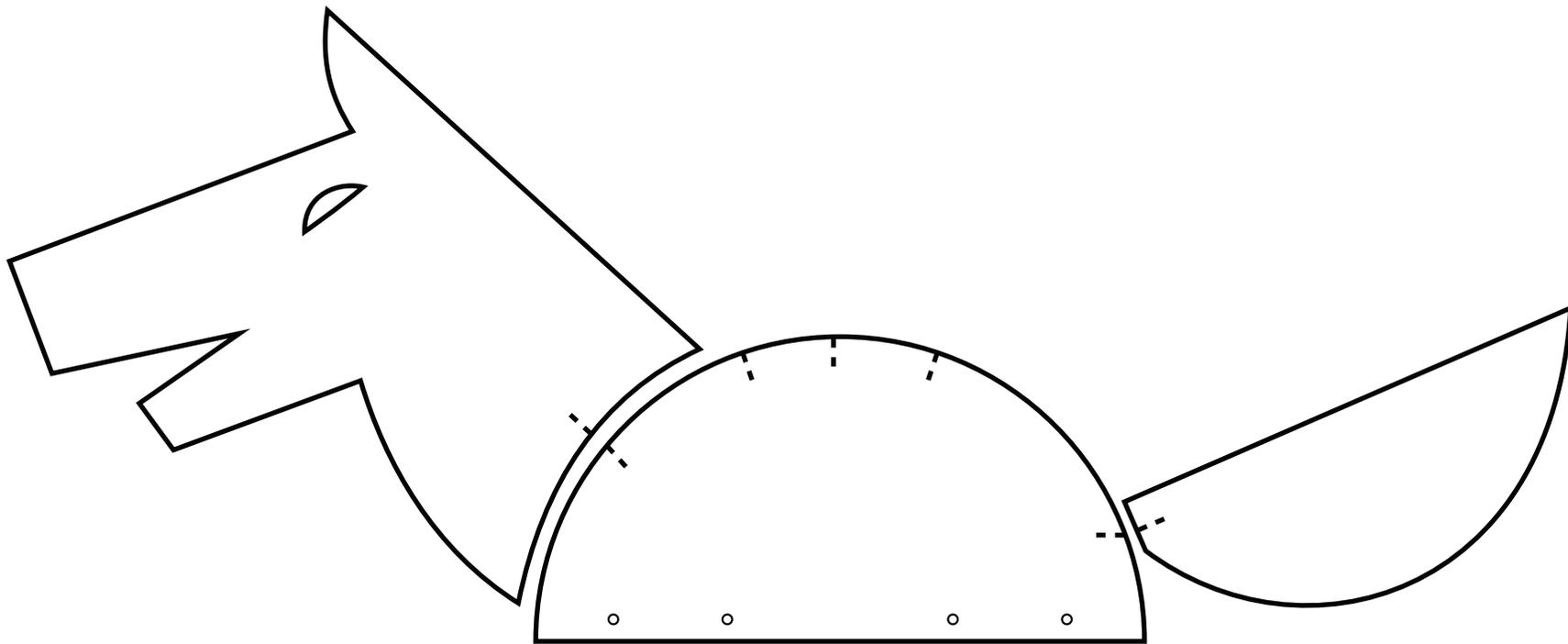
Connect the head and tail to the body by first sliding them onto the slits on the connectors and then sliding the connectors onto the slits on the body.

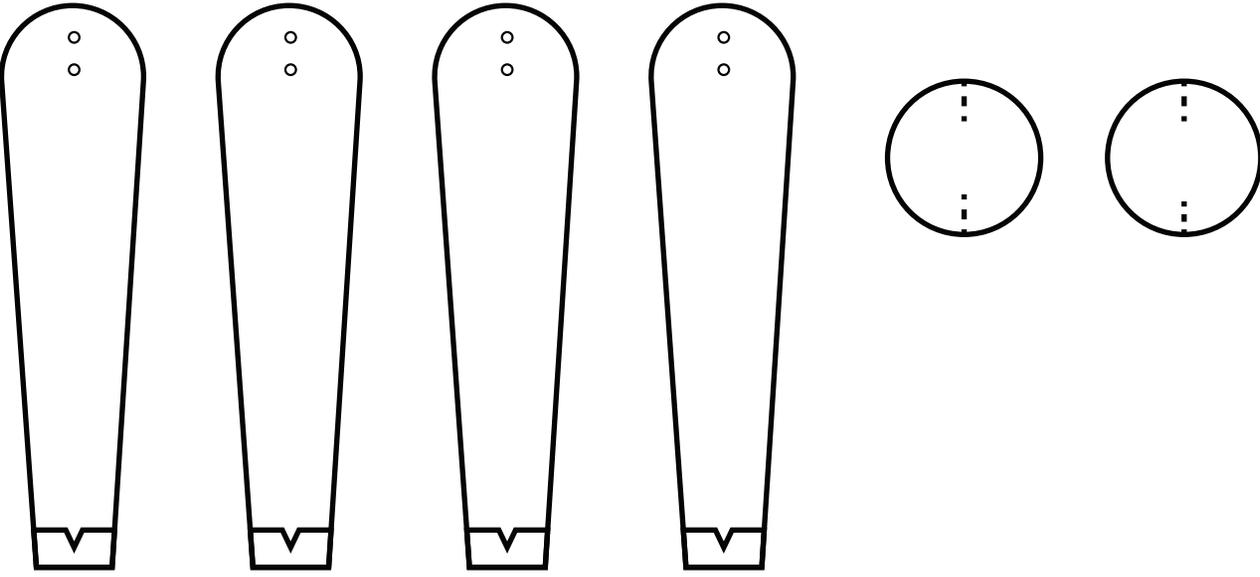
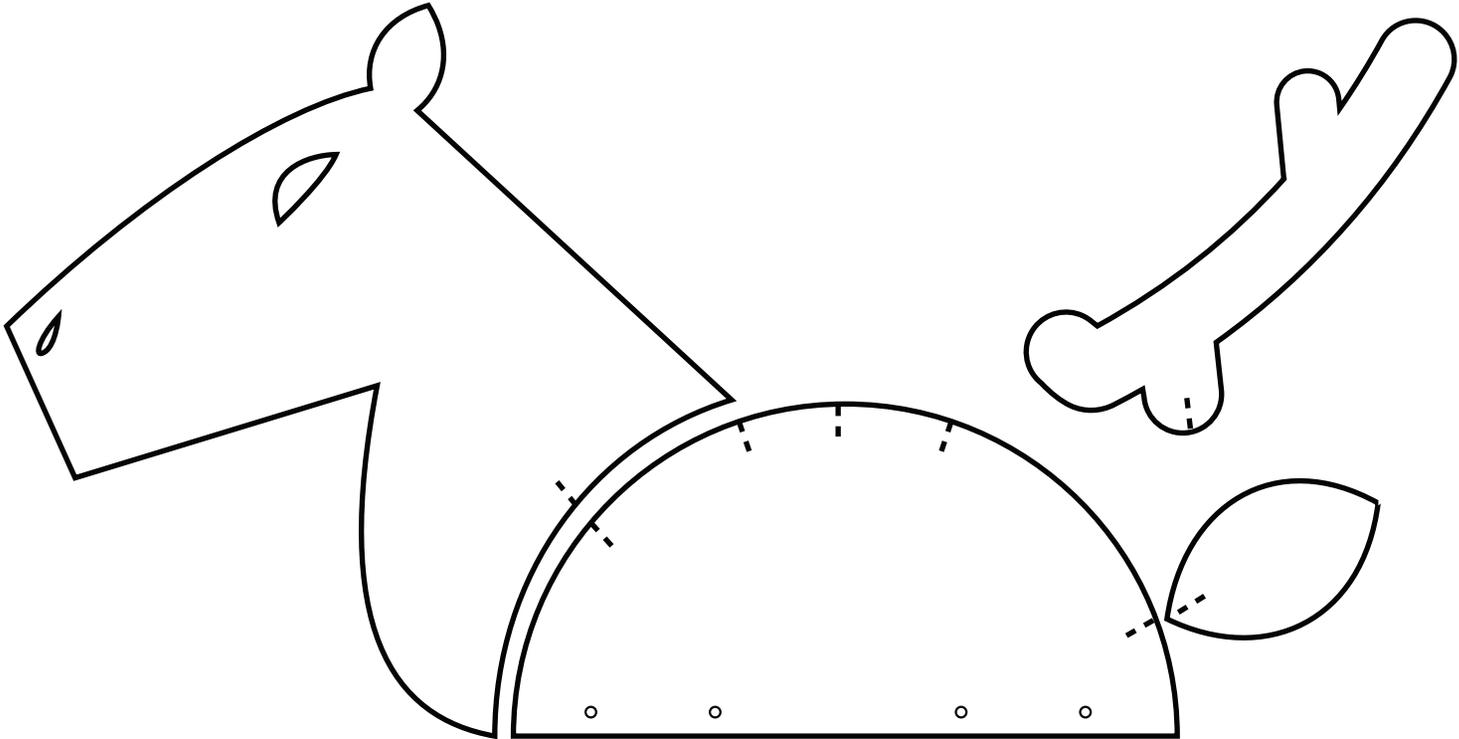
Congratulations! Your alebrije jumping jack is complete!

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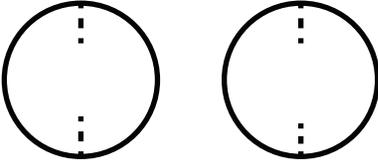
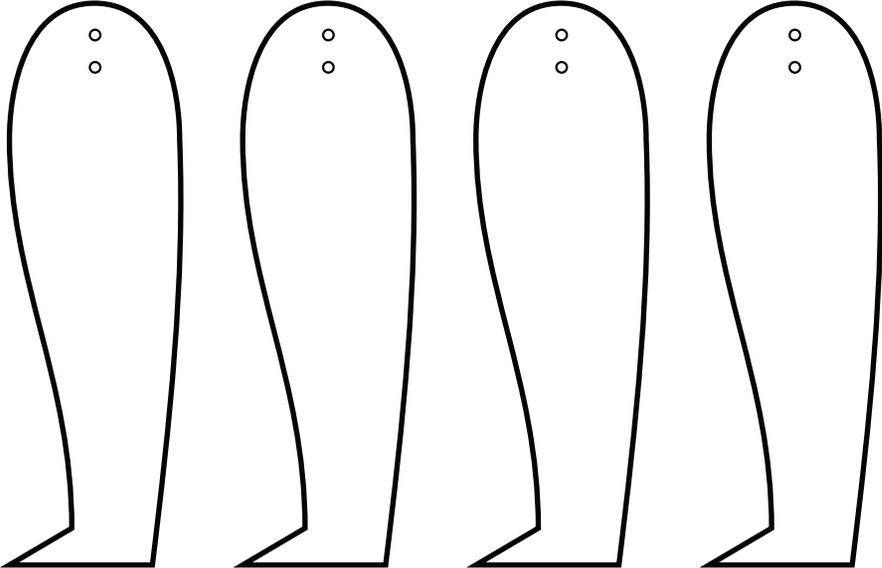
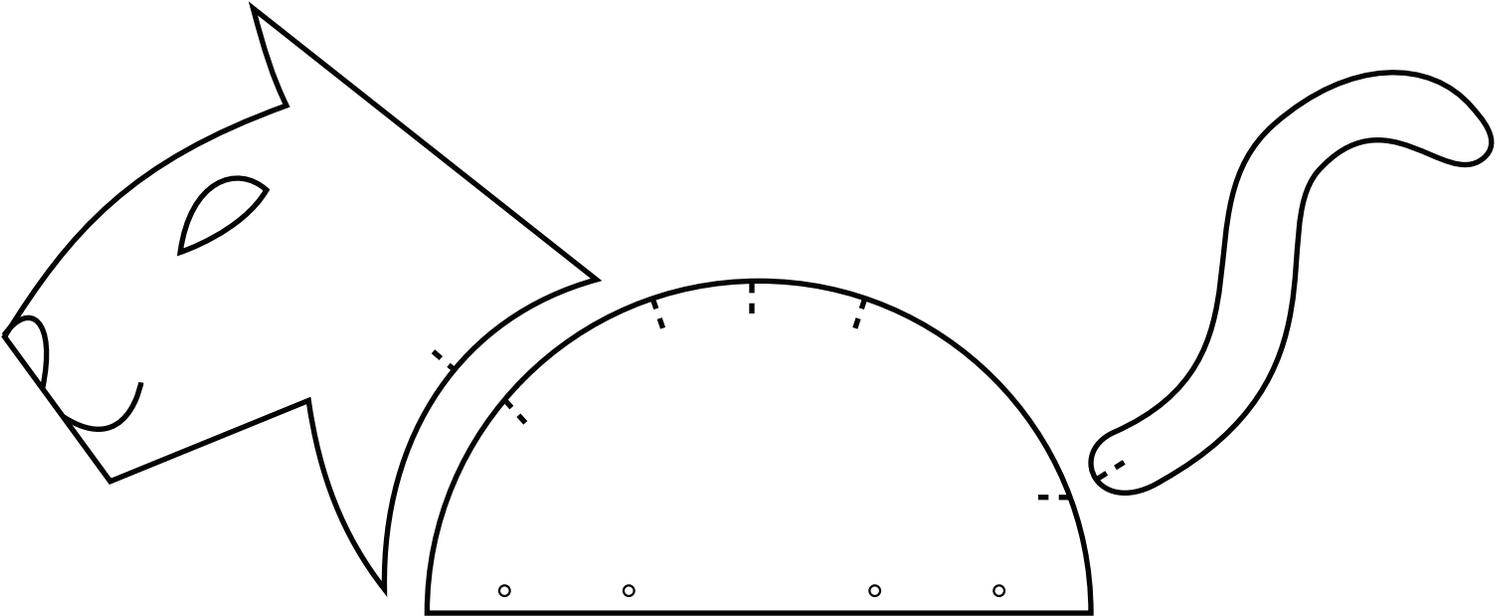
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Canine

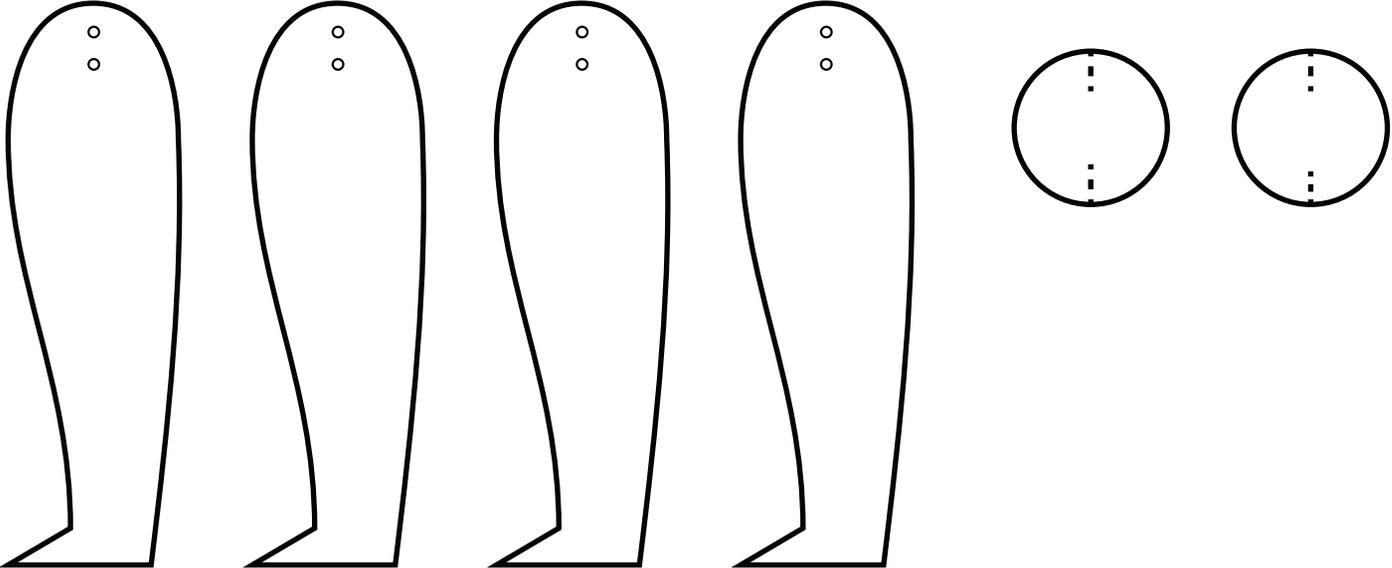
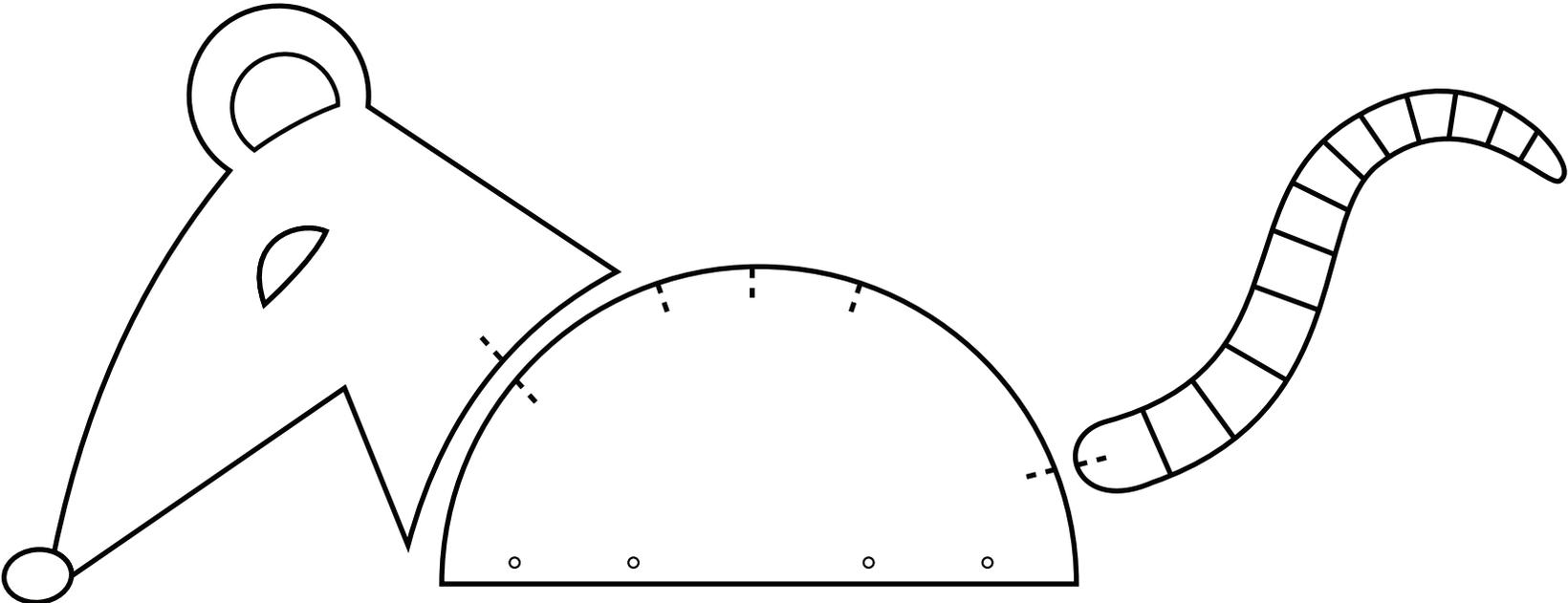




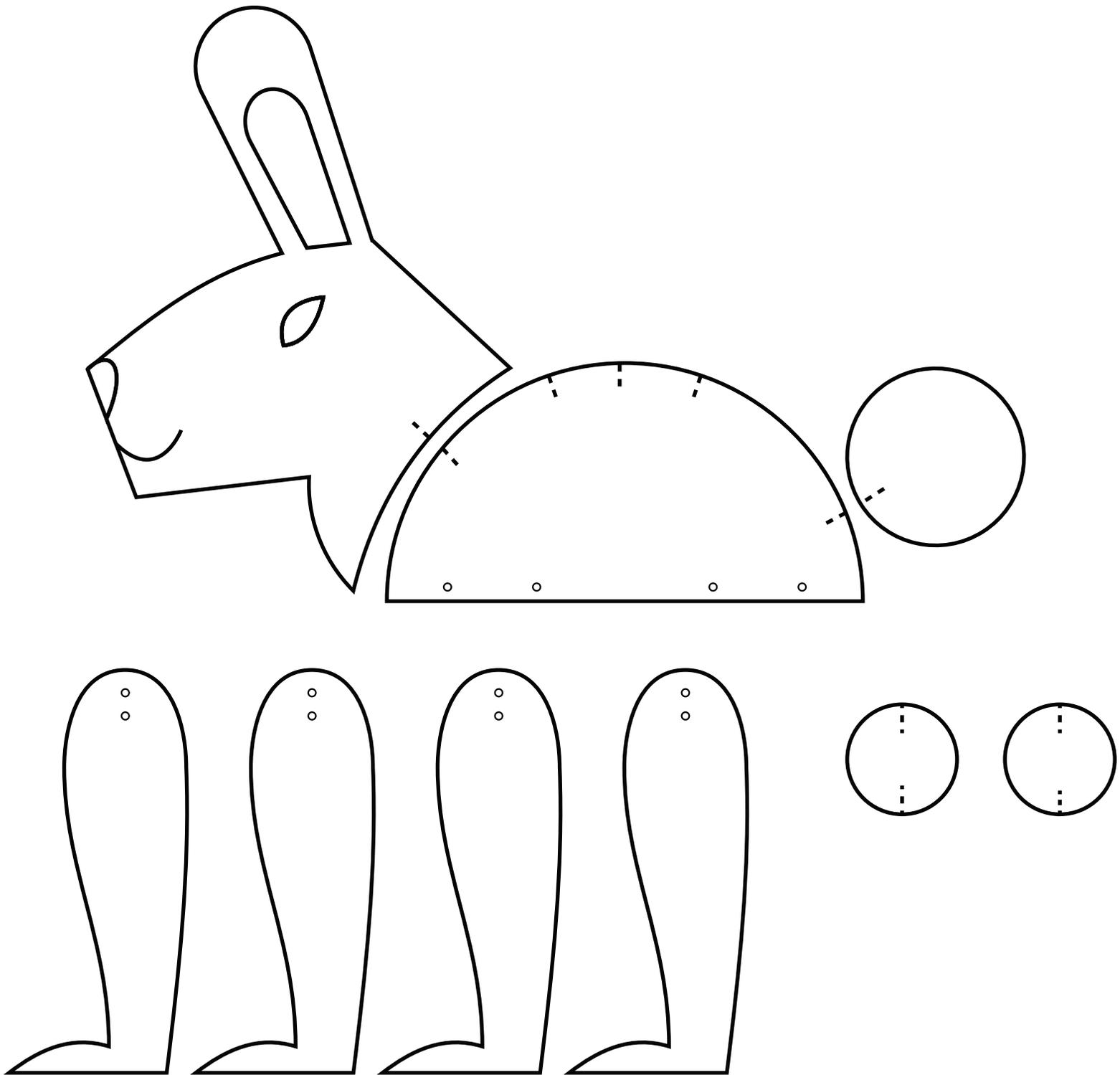
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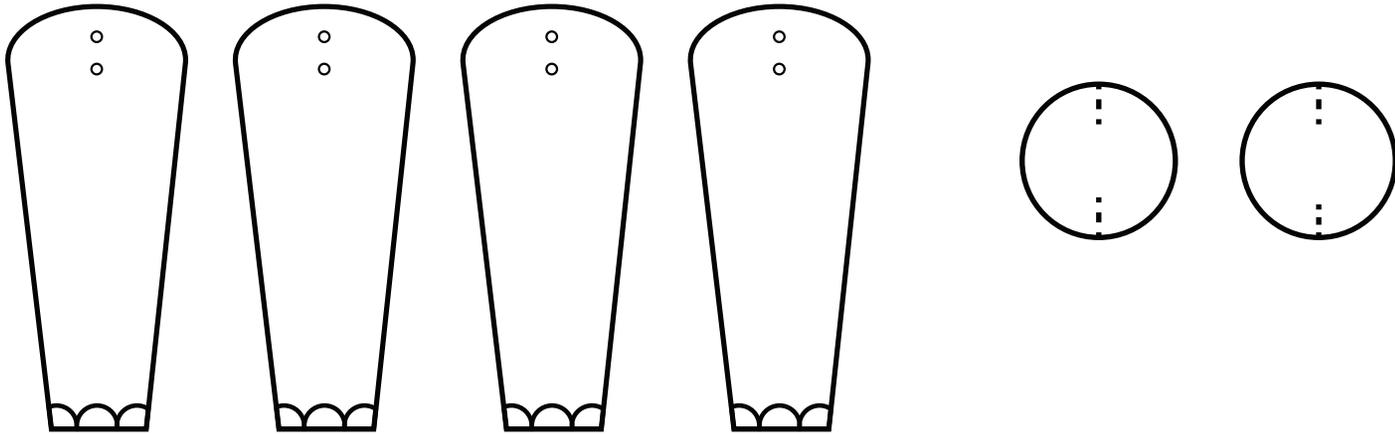
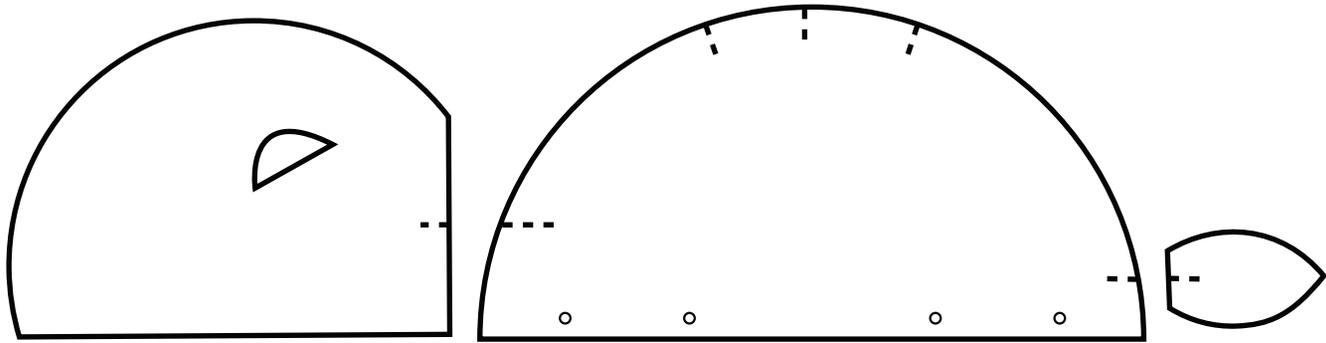
Mouse



Rabbit



Turtle



Alligator

