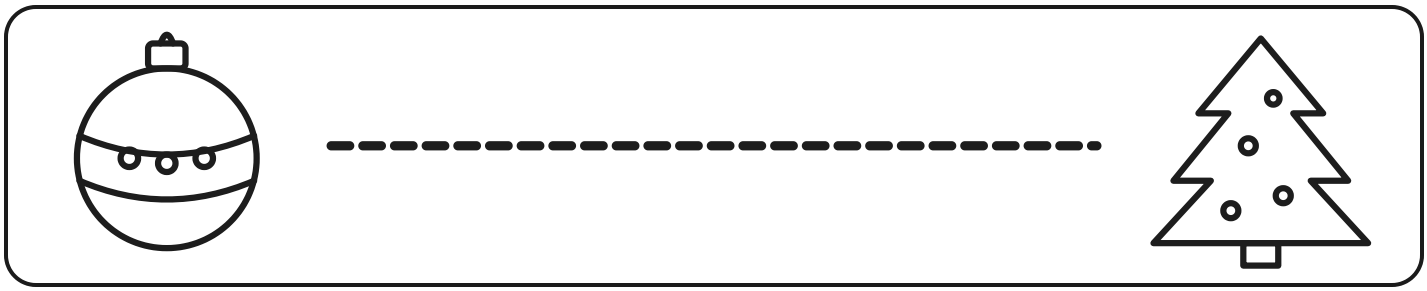
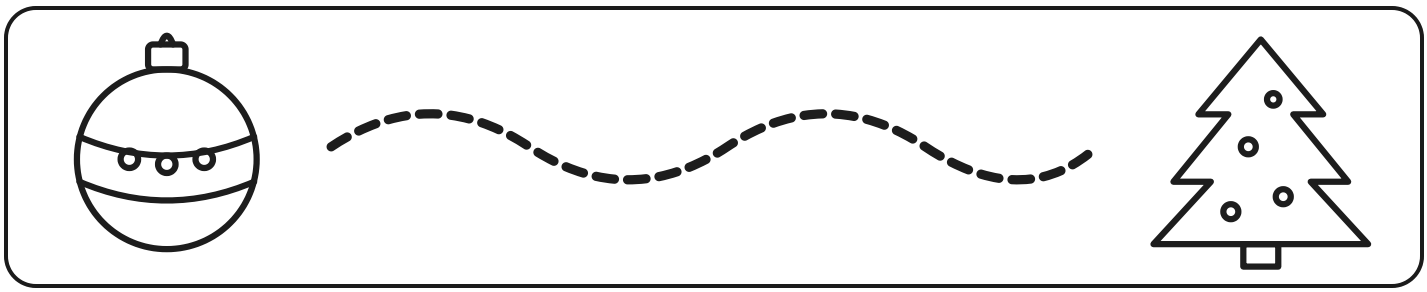
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Snip to the Christmas Tree

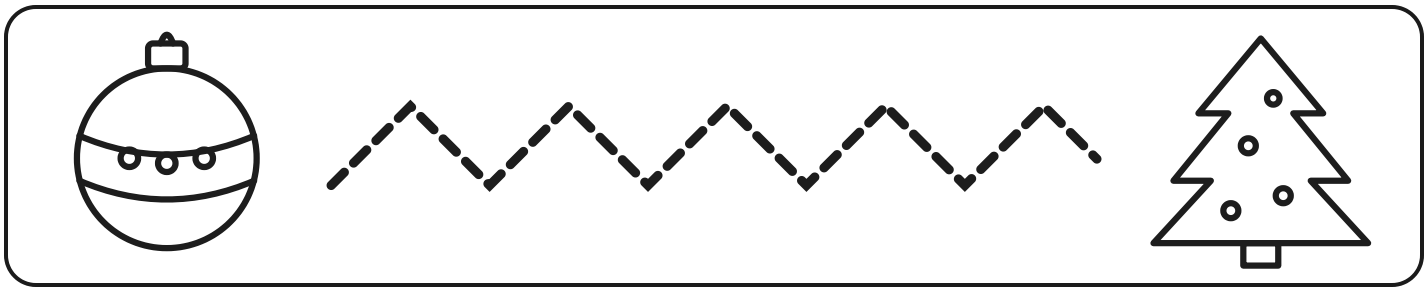
Cut along each dashed line from the ornament to the tree. Thumbs up on the scissors! Ages 2–3: you hold the paper, they make single snips across the start of each strip (the “fringe” is perfect practice).



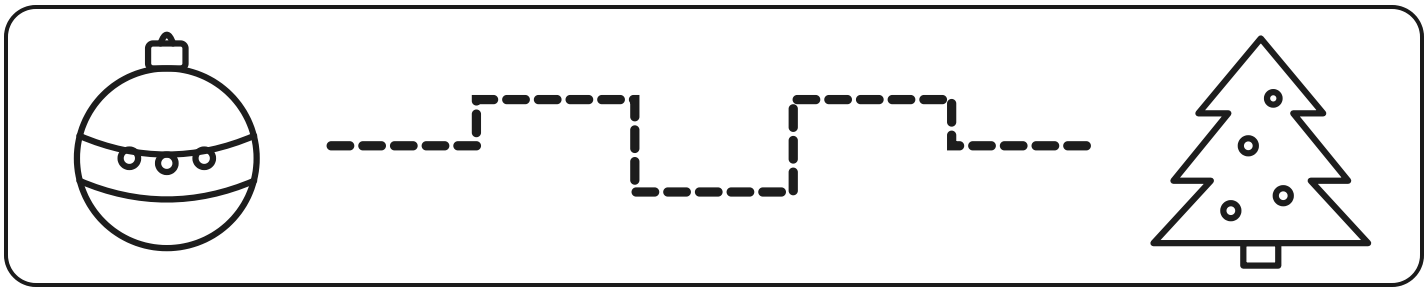
Straight line: snip, snip, snip!



Wavy line: go slow around the hills



Zigzag: stop, turn the paper, keep going



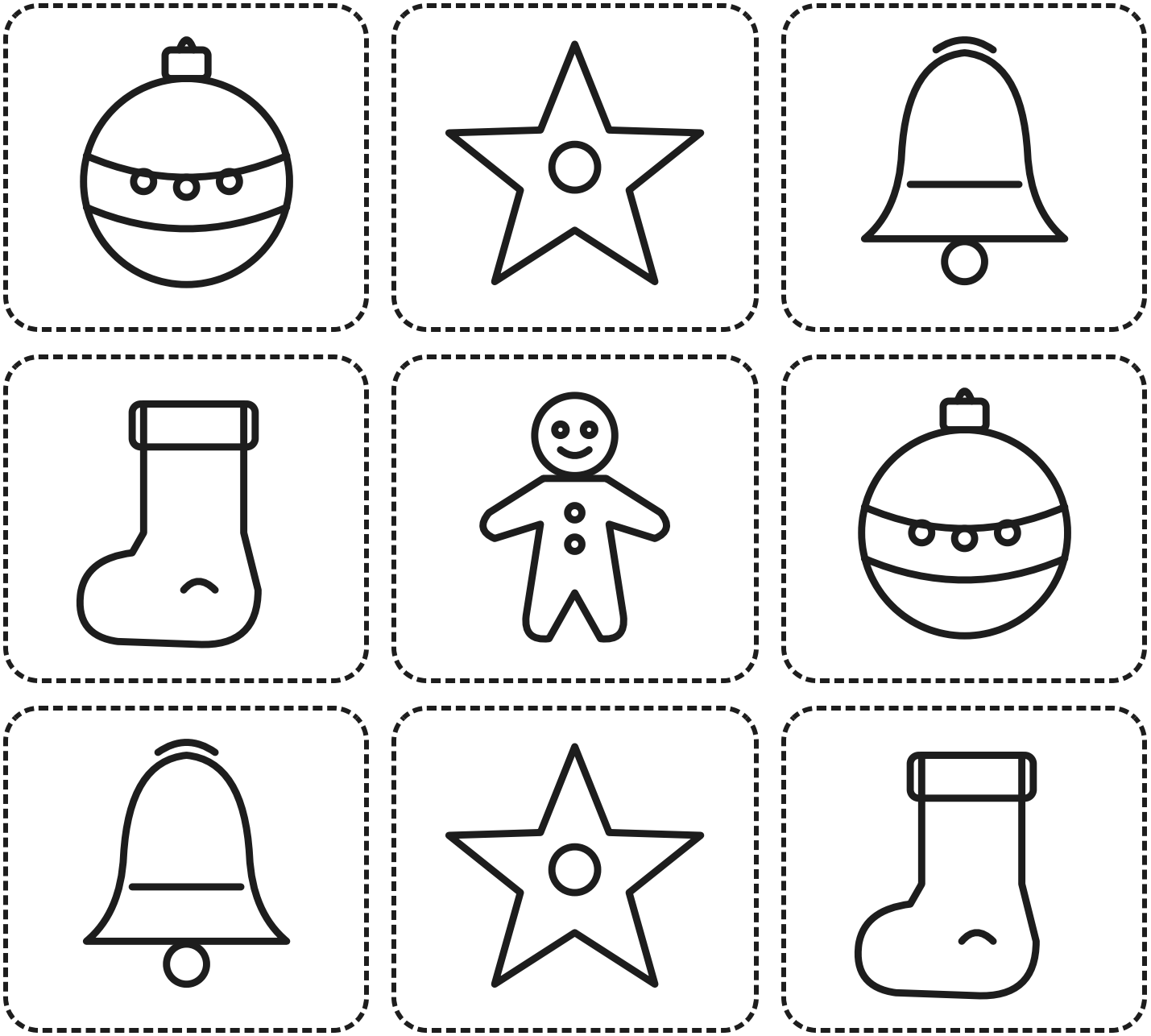
Castle road: straight lines and sharp corners

✂️ Scissor tip

Say “thumb on top, like a thumbs-up.” The helper hand holds and turns the paper. Start with the straight line; save the castle road for when straight lines feel easy.

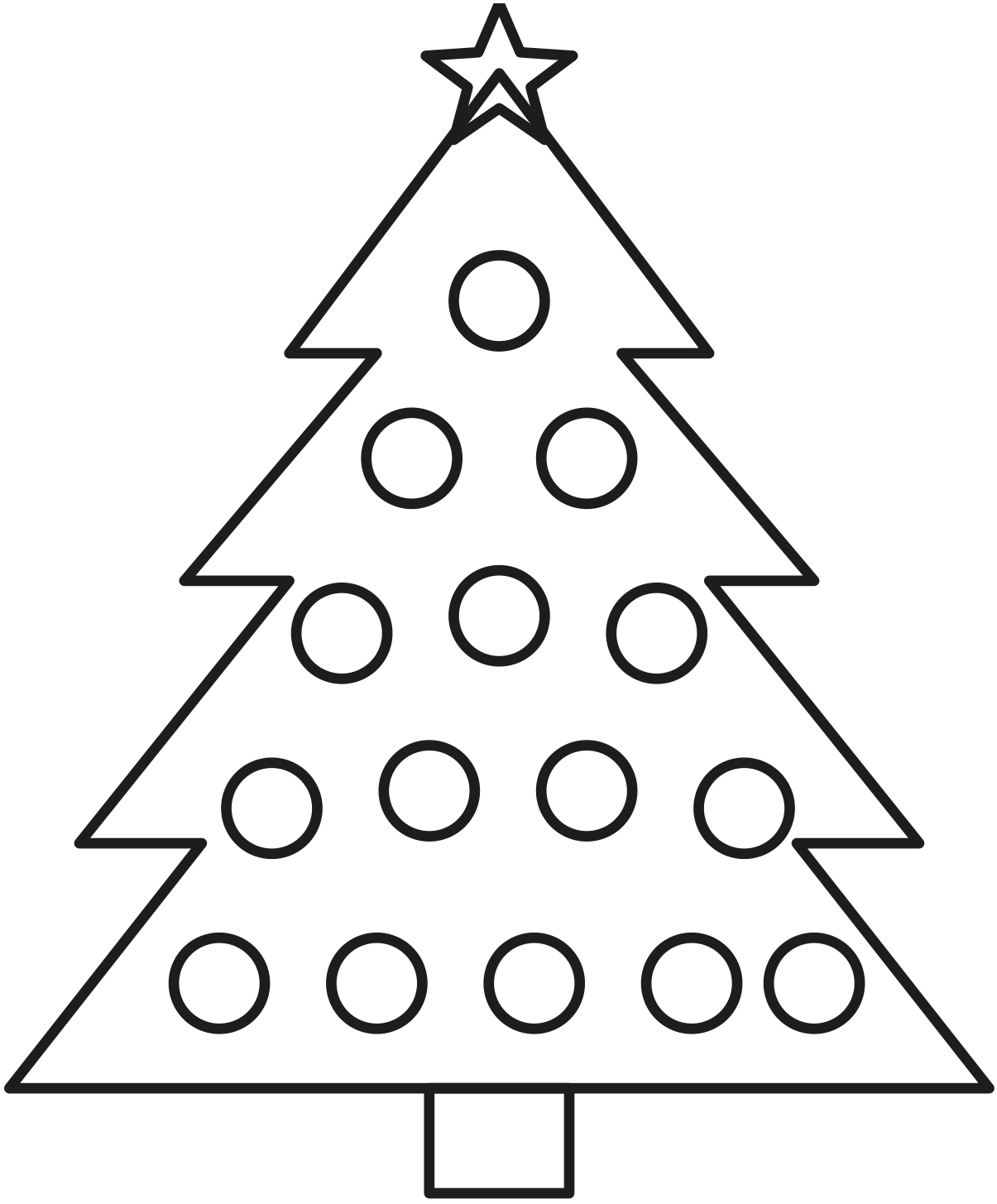
Cut-Out Ornaments

Color the ornaments, cut around the dashed boxes (or the shapes, for ages 4–5), then glue them onto the tree on page 3. Grown-ups pre-cut for little ones.



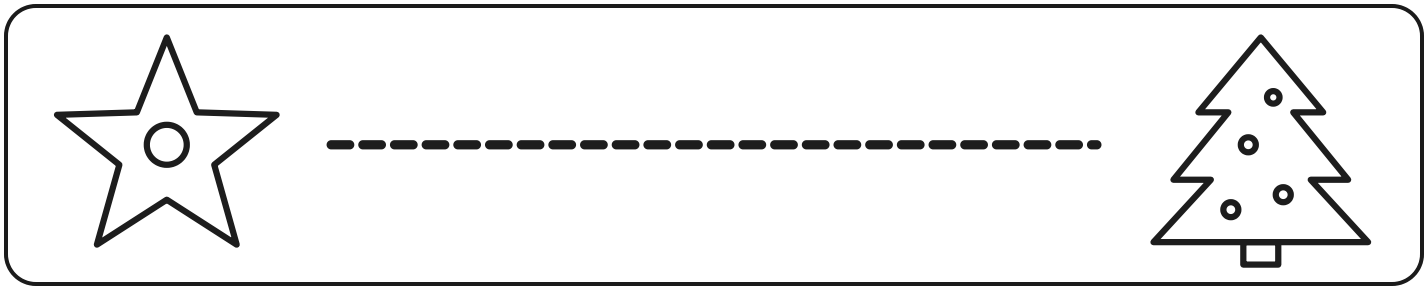
Decorate the Tree

Press a round sticker, a dot marker, a fingerprint or (ages 3+) a pom-pom on each circle. Glue your cut-out ornaments from page 2 anywhere you like. Count the circles together: there are 15!

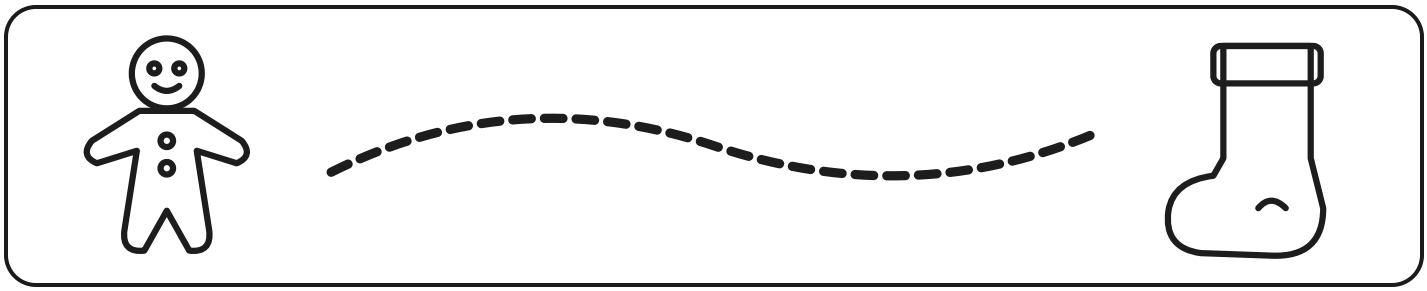


Trace the Christmas Paths

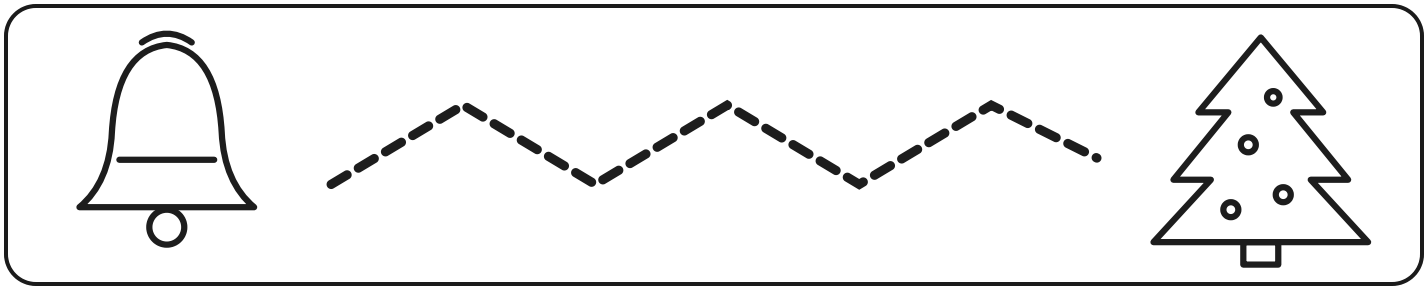
Use a chunky crayon or marker to trace each dashed path from left to right. Then color the pictures. Slide the page into a sheet protector to trace again and again with a dry-erase marker.



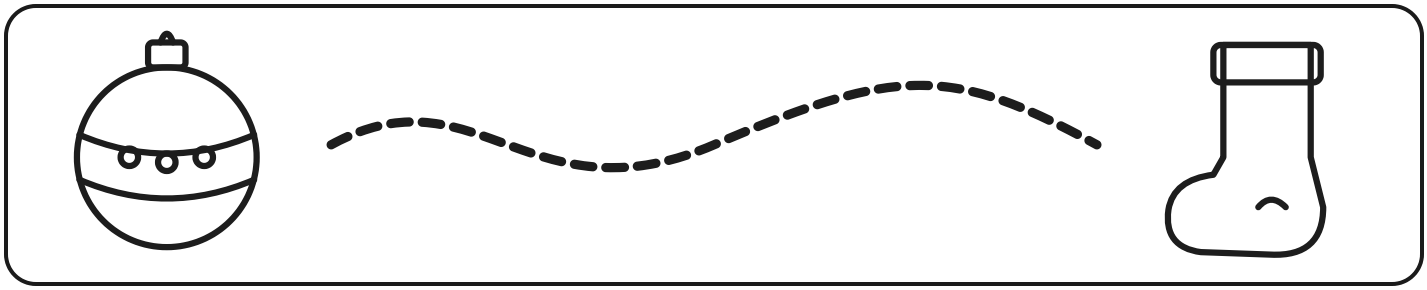
Put the star on the tree



Help the gingerbread friend jump into the stocking



Ring the bell all the way to the tree



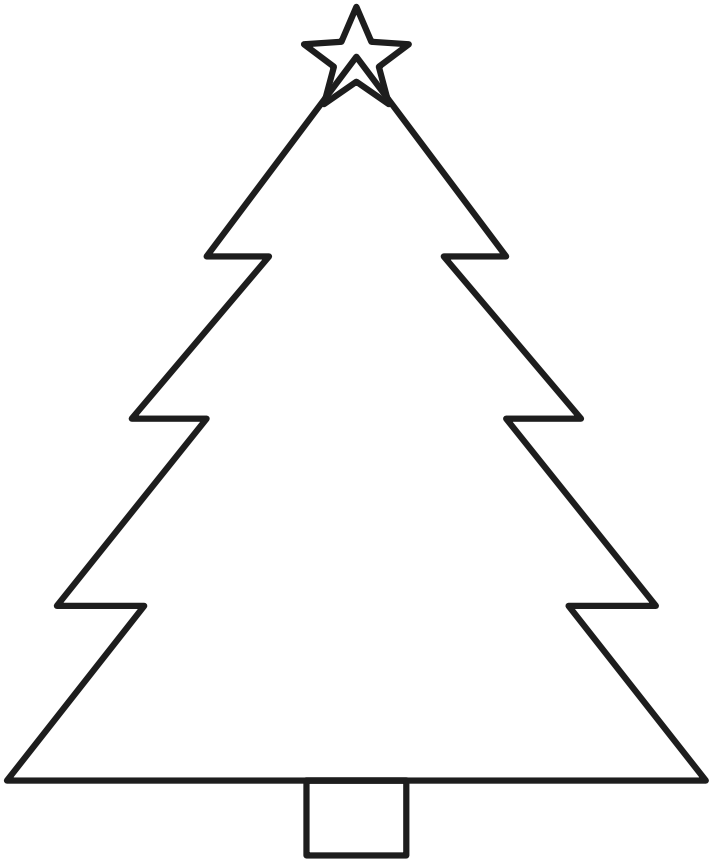
Roll the ornament to the stocking

✏️ Grip tip

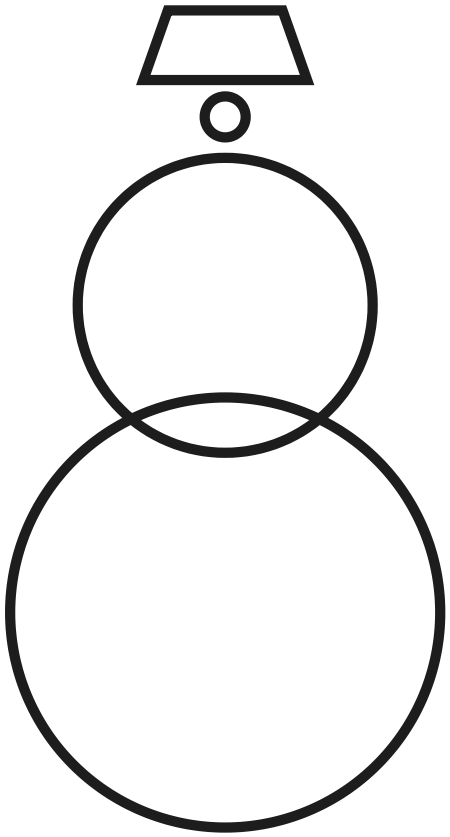
Short, chunky crayons (or a crayon broken in half) encourage a fingertip grip instead of a fist. Trace slowly, then race your finger along the path for fun.

Playdough Mats: Tree & Snowman

Slide this page into a sheet protector. Roll tiny playdough balls for ornaments, a long snake for the garland, buttons and a carrot nose for the snowman. Squeeze, roll, pinch, press: every move builds hand strength.



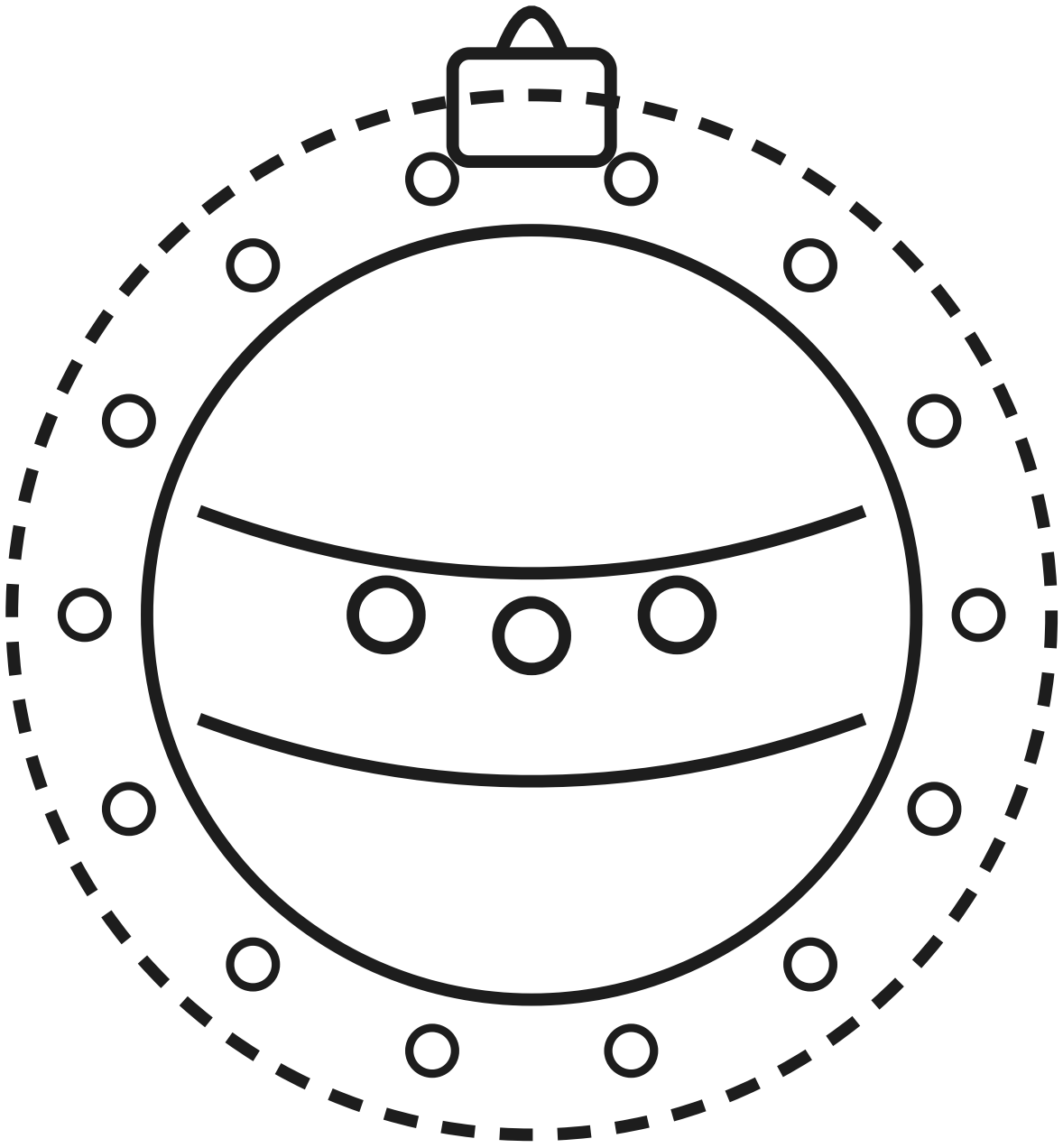
Roll 10 ornaments



3 buttons, 2 eyes, 1 nose

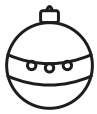
Ornament Lacing Card

Glue this page onto an old cereal box and let it dry. A grown-up cuts out the ornament and punches a hole in each circle. Wrap tape around the end of a piece of yarn (like a shoelace tip) and lace in and out around the ornament. Then color it and hang it up!



Clip-the-Number Count Cards

Cut out the cards. Count the pictures, then pinch a clothespin (or place a pom-pom) on the right number. Pinching clothespins is a terrific grip workout. Ages 2–3: count together and point.



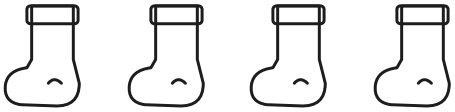
1 2



1 2 3



2 3 4



3 4 5



4 5 6

Make your own card: draw your favorite number of ornaments here!

PAGE 8 · FOR GROWN-UPS

Grown-Up Guide

Short, playful practice is the goal. Five to ten minutes, stop while it is still fun, and praise the effort, not the result.

Ages 1–2

Fingerprints and big stickers on the tree (page 3), squishing playdough on the mats (page 5), tearing paper strips. Sit close the whole time.

Ages 2–3

Dot markers on page 3, fat crayon on the straight paths (page 4), single scissor snips on the fringe of page 1 with you holding the paper.

Ages 3–4

Straight and wavy cutting (page 1), cutting the boxes on page 2, lacing card (page 6), clothespin counting 1–3 (page 7).

Ages 4–5

Zigzag and bumpy cutting, cutting around the ornament shapes, all four tracing paths, counting to 5 and making their own card.

Supplies

Child-safe scissors · glue stick · chunky crayons or dot markers · round stickers · playdough · sheet protector · yarn and tape · clothespins · cereal box for card stock.

Safety

Pom-poms, beads, buttons and small candies are choking hazards for children under 3. Use big stickers, fingerprints and dot markers instead, and supervise closely. Grown-ups handle the hole punch and any sharp tools.

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