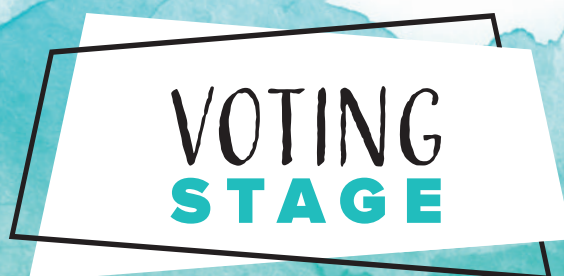




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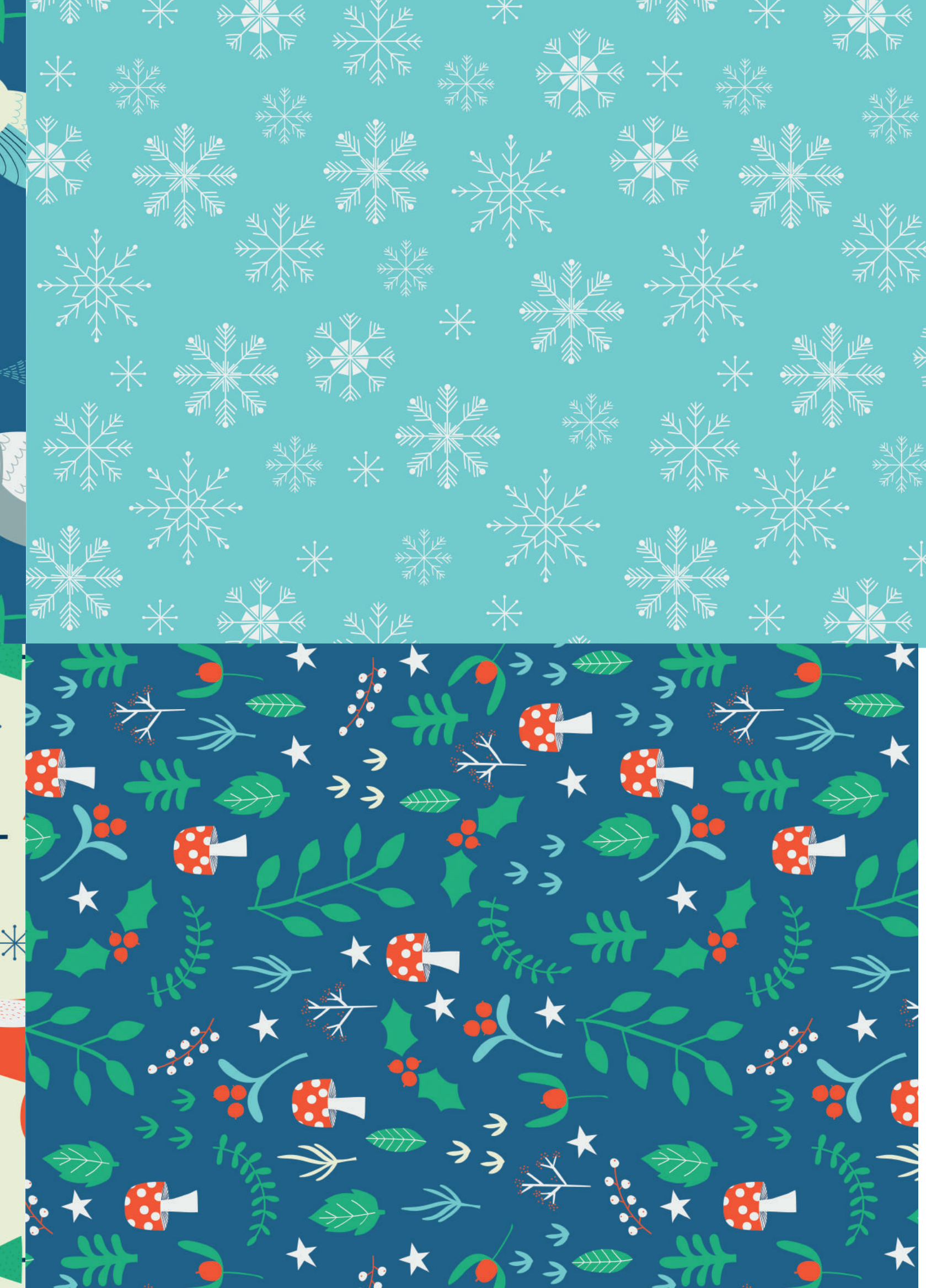


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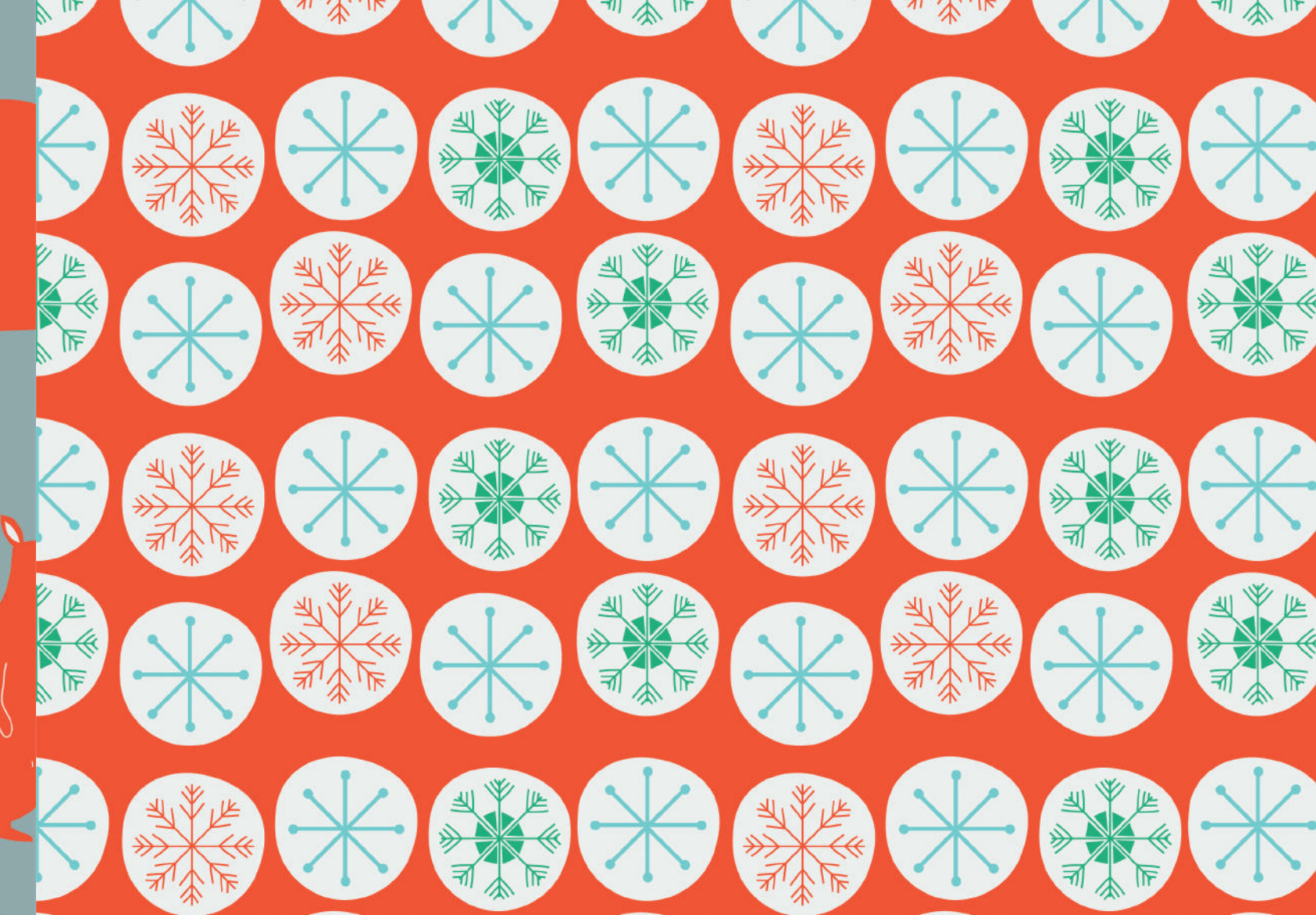
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CHRISTMAS
GREETINGS



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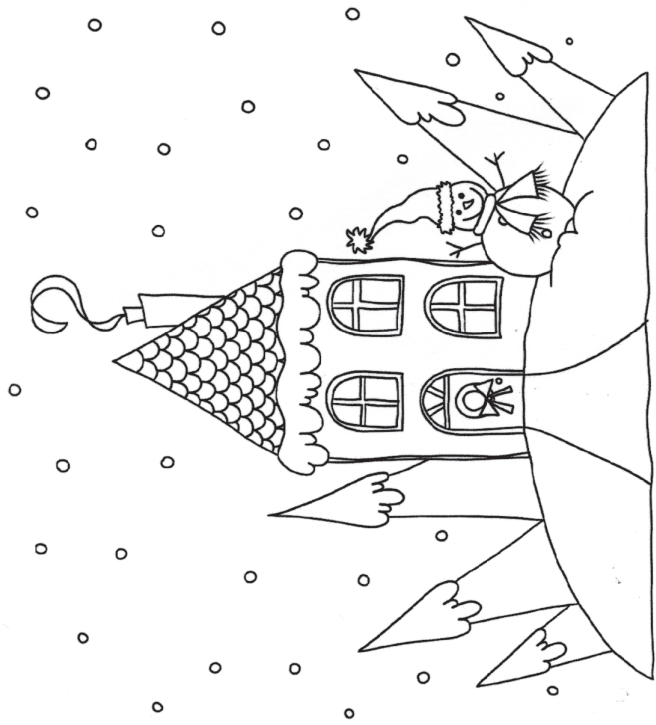
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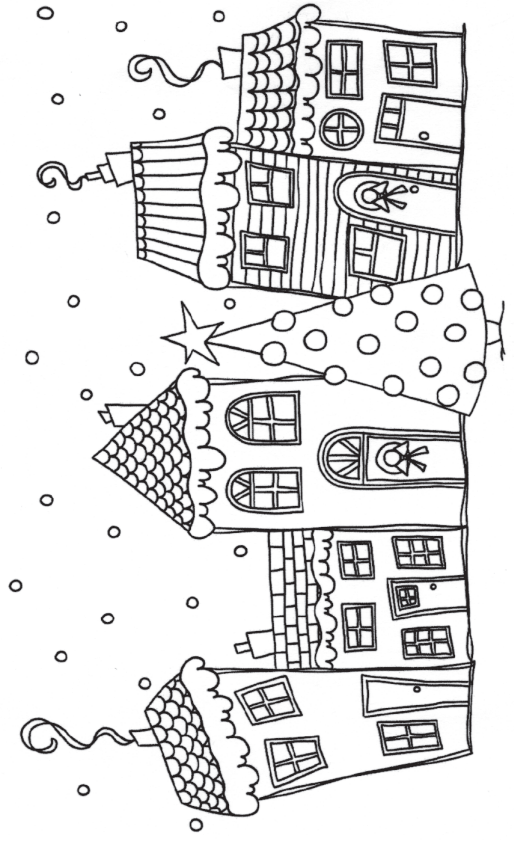


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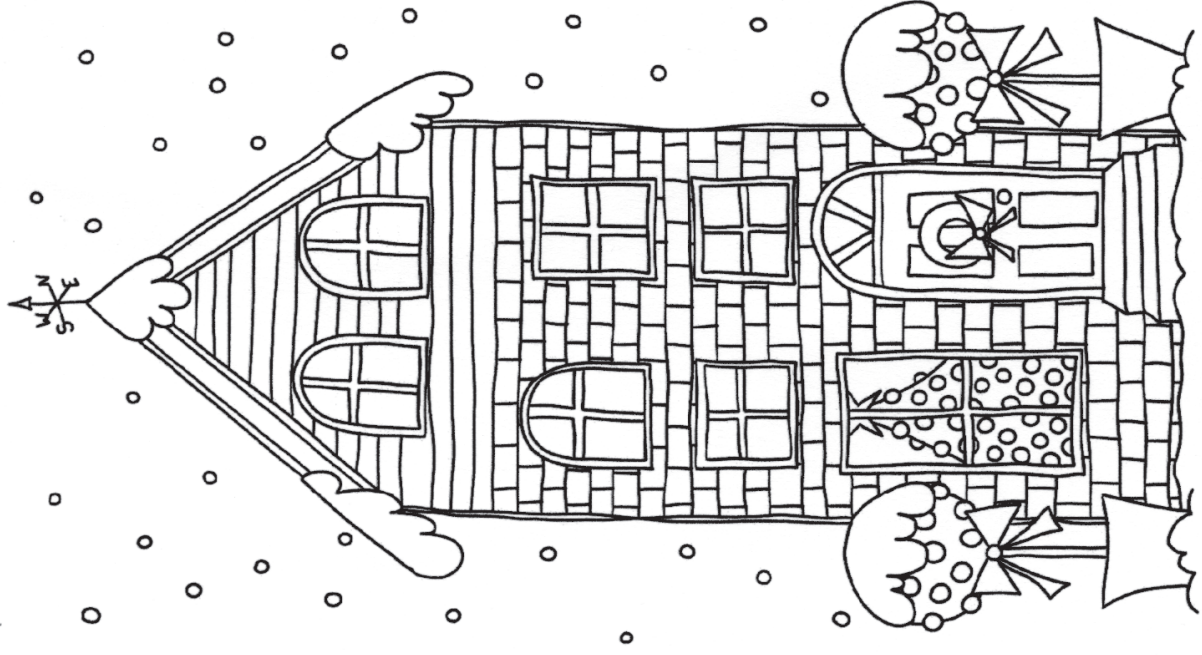
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**STITCH GERRY THE GIRAFFE
AND OUR FAB REINDEER, OR
CRAFT A SELECTION OF
AWESOME CARDS**



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GET HOLD
OF THIS
BOTANICAL
BLISS PAPER
PAD AND
TAKE A LEAF
FROM
TRACEY
DAYKIN-
JONES' BOOK

1 HAVE A GO AT A GATEFOLD GREETING

Cover the outside panels of a gatefold blank, 10.5cm x 15cm, with pink card. Layer leaf patterned paper on top. Die cut a circle from yellow, then die cut a butterfly from the centre. Layer onto purple card using 3D foam pads and adhere to the edge of the left panel only.



BOTANICAL GREETINGS



2 DIVIDE UP YOUR BACKGROUNDS

Layer purple and lilac card onto a 10.5cm x 15cm top-folding blank. Trim a smaller panel of botanical patterned paper, divide into three panels and adhere to the card front. Add a horizontal strip of aqua ribbon across the bottom and secure the ends to the inside. Fix a die-cut sentiment onto a purple oval die-cut, glue to the greeting and finish with a silver gem.

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3 CHEAT HOT FOILING WITH PATTERNED PAPERS

Take a 10.5cm x 15cm top-folding blank and layer red, then pink card onto the front. Add a panel of foil floral patterned paper to the centre. Die cut an oval from pink and fix using 3D foam pads. Die cut 'Congrats' twice, one from red and the other from white. Secure together, offsetting the words slightly to create a shadow effect, then glue to the oval to finish.

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CRAFT CLEVER

Building up die-cuts is a surefire way to achieve dimension. For added height, gently lift the petals of the flowers

4 MAKE AN IMPACT WITH LAYERED DIE-CUTS

Cover a 10.5cm x 15cm blank with blue patterned paper. Add a strip of blue to the left edge and conceal the join with white ribbon. Adhere three blue circles down the centre and layer two yellow circles onto each shape using 3D foam pads. Add scallop-edged yellow circles to the floral centres to complete.



GERRY THE GIRAFFE

SEW THIS COLOURFUL CHARACTER
AS A FUN BIRTHDAY OR XMAS GIFT

GIRAFFES are one of the most FUN creatures in the animal kingdom, with their long legs and necks. CORINNE BRADD'S cute toy version is so easy to make, stitched from bright yellow and green PATTERNED fabrics, but you could choose other colours and PRINTS to suit whoever you are making him for.

DID YOU KNOW?

Ossicones are the horn-like protuberances on top of a giraffe's head – both the males and females have them



YOU WILL NEED...

Printed cottons, two fat quarters
Toy stuffing
Quilt wadding
Felt
Small black buttons, two





"If you're making this giraffe for a very young child, replace the button eyes with black felt circles and make sure to stitch these and the nostrils on very securely"

Corinne Bradd, Designer

GERRY THE GIRAFFE

1 Draw around the template pieces onto the reverse of your fabrics as indicated and cut out, adding a 5mm seam allowance to each. Pair up the ossicone pieces right sides together and sew around the edges, leaving the bottom open. Clip the curves, turn right side out and stuff fairly firmly to 1cm from the raw edge. Tack across the ossicone to hold the stuffing in place.

2 Secure two different patterned ear pieces right sides together and pin onto a

scrap of wadding. Sew around the edges, leaving the flat end open. Clip the curves and turn right sides out. Pleat the lower edge of the ear and tack to hold.

3 Pin the nose pieces right sides together along the straight edges of both the front head and front body, then stitch in place. Pair up the curved edges of the nose right sides together and stitch. Clip curves and turn the nose out.

4 Pin and tack the ossicones and ears face down onto the front head, matching up the raw edges with the outline of the head. Pin the back body over everything and sew around the edges, leaving

at least a 6cm gap along a straight section.

5 Clip the curves and check that all pieces are held securely within the seam before turning right sides out. Firmly stuff the nose and body before folding in the raw edges of the gap and slip stitching closed. Remove the tacking stitches from the ossicones and manipulate the stuffing down to the seam so they stand up.

6 Cut two tiny circles of felt and stitch to the end of the nose as nostrils. Trim two larger circles of felt and oversew to the head, just above the nose. Stitch buttons in the centre of each larger felt disc for eyes.

FABRIC LOVE



SUNNY SIDE UP

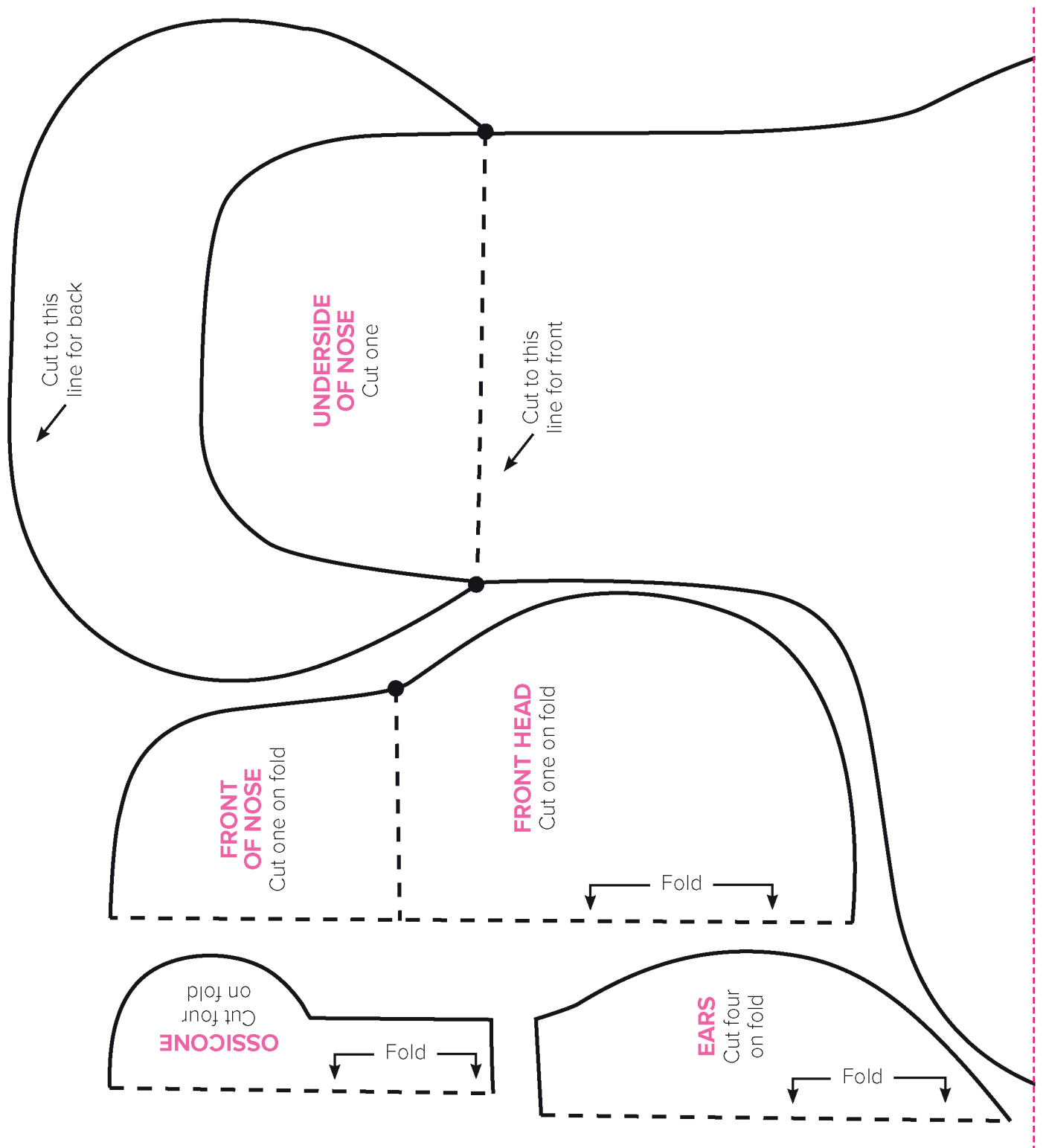
This pretty yellow fabric from Washington Street Studio's Vintage 1930s Florals collection makes for a cute giraffe. Visit eqsuk.com for stockists

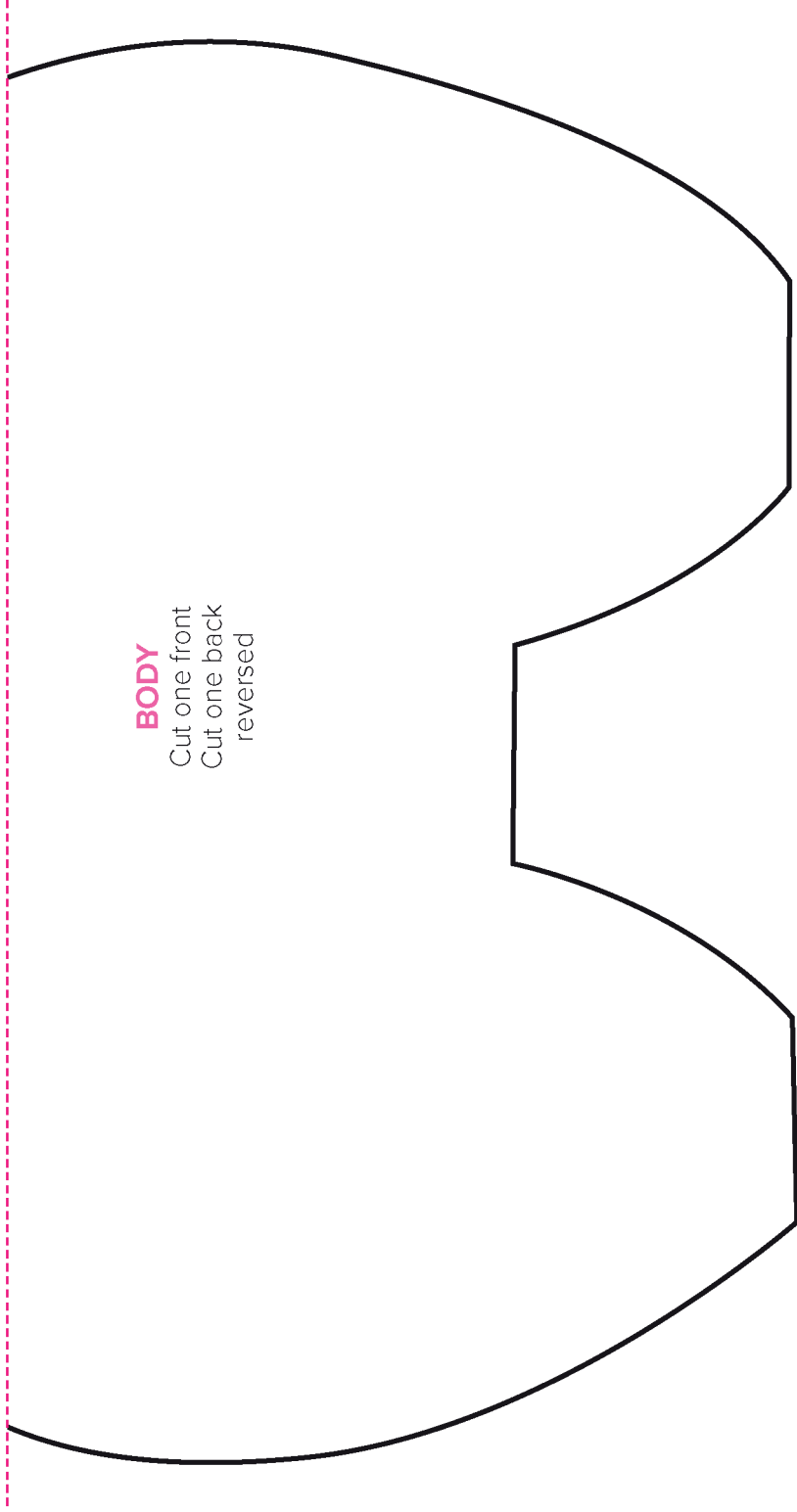


ON THE DOT

Create a zingy contrast on your toy with this White Spots on Kiwi Green fabric from Makower. £11 per metre, new-threads.com

TEMPLATE





BODY

Cut one front

Cut one back
reversed



“Cut out foam initials and stamp onto the crackers to make great personalised name markers for the Christmas table”

Helen Fitzjohn, Designer

A **FESTIVE** dinner table just wouldn't be complete without the **CRACKERS**, so why not make **HELEN FITZJOHN'S** simple Scandi-inspired set this year? Use our free designs on craft foam to create little **HANDMADE** stamps to **DECORATE** them, then fill with treats and paper hats for your guests – and don't forget the groan-worthy **JOKES**!



YOU WILL NEED...

Paper: white, slightly textured
Ink-pad: blue, red
Craft foam sheet
Mountboard
Bakers twine
Adhesives

TOP TIP

Don't clean the stamps after use, just blot off any excess ink and leave to dry before storing



PAINTED CRACKERS

ADD A PERSONAL TOUCH TO YOUR YULETIDE SPREAD WITH THESE MIX AND MATCH DELIGHTS

SCANDI CRACKERS

1 Print the cracker template onto textured white paper. Print the motifs onto plain paper and trace each one.

Cut out 4cm x 4.5cm pieces of mountboard and cover one side with strips of double-sided tape. Stick down onto a sheet of funky foam and cut out.

2 Trace a design on each square of foam. Use a scalpel to cut away the design, just leaving a foam stamp. Ink your stamps and add patterns

to the crackers. Leave for five minutes for the ink to dry, then cut out the crackers.

3 Slot the back tab in and secure with a tiny piece of tape. Slip any small items into the cracker, then use a glue-stick to secure the ends in place. Tie the ends with bakers twine to finish off.

STOP SHOP!

ENSURE YOUR CRAFT KIT IS PREPARED TO MAKE THESE FESTIVE STAPLES

FLAKE OUT

Short on time? Print your crackers with this wood mounted snowflake stamp. £2.85, pipii.co.uk



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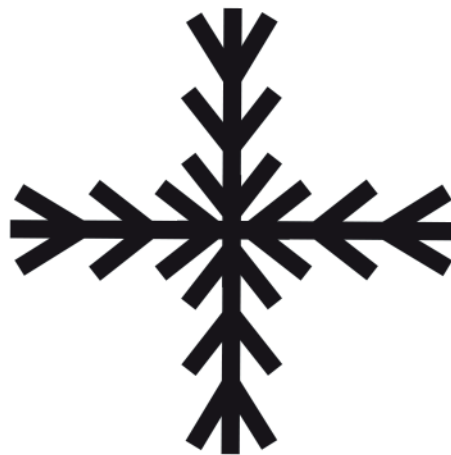
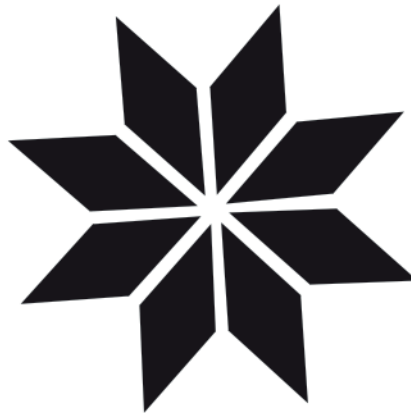
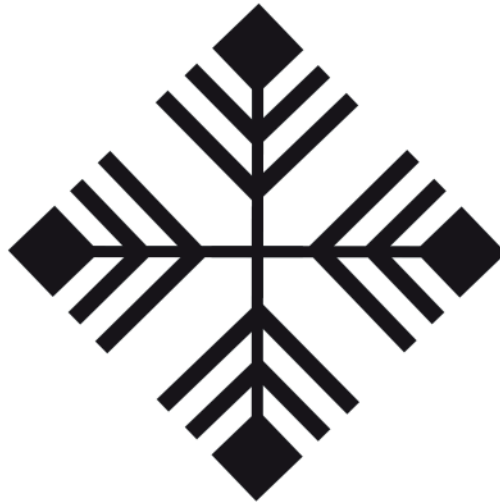
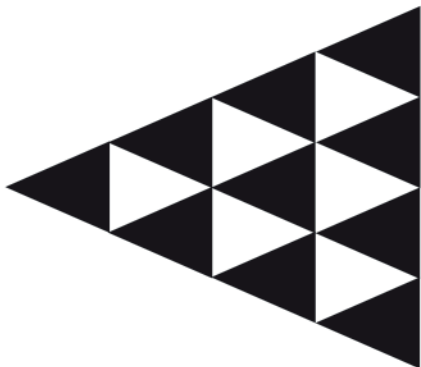
This candy cane striped Holly Jolly Christmas twine adds a suitably folksy touch. £2, hobbycraft.co.uk

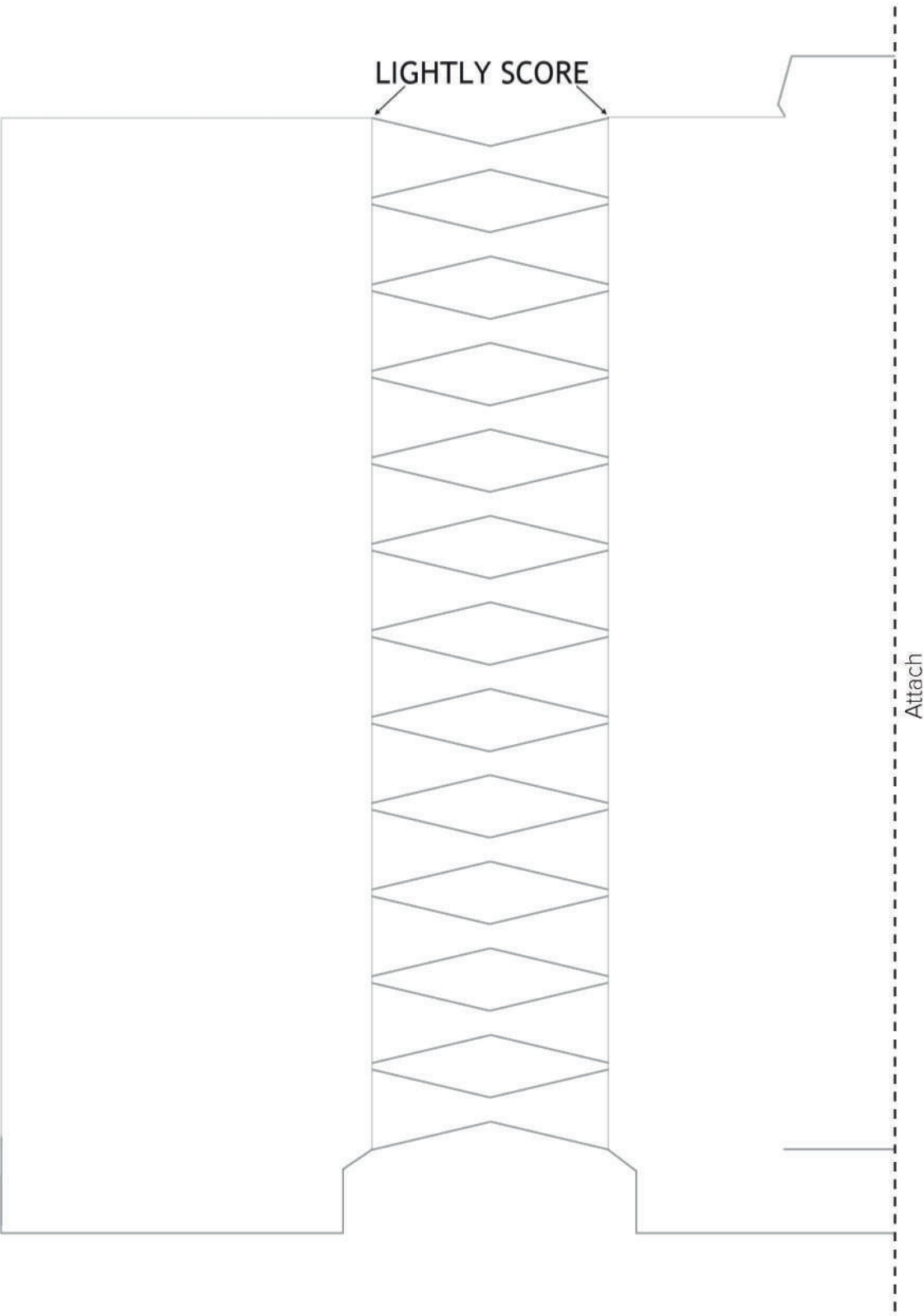
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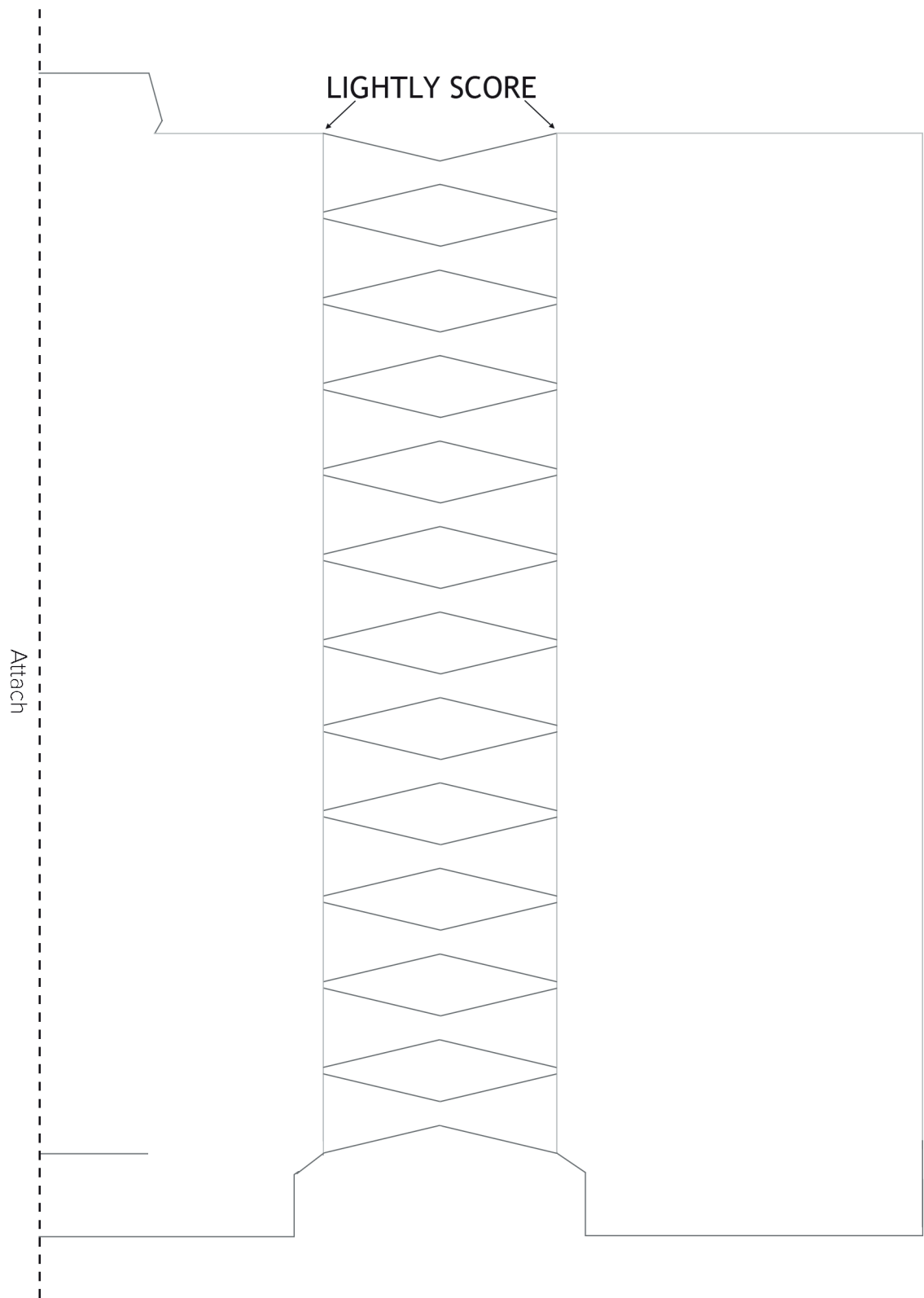


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YOU WILL NEED...

Art Gallery Fabrics,
Charleston: Wallflower
Azalea, Wallflower Jasmine
Metallic cotton fabric:
gold, silver
Toy stuffing
Mini pom-pom trim
Small jingle bells
Buttons: black, 5mm,
fancy, 15mm
Embroidery thread



“Use a knitting needle to help push the stuffing right to the ends of the narrow prongs on the antlers”

Corinne Bradd, Designer

REINDEER GAMES

STITCH SOME STYLISH TRANSPORTATION FOR SANTA THIS CHRISTMAS!

There'd be no present deliveries on **25TH DECEMBER** without those trusty **REINDEER** and Corinne Bradd's **PRETTY** couple are raring to take flight! **SEWN** from dainty floral prints in dark blue and dusky pink, our intrepid pair may not have shiny **RED NOSES** but they make up for it with gold and silver **ANTLERS**

STITCHED REINDEER

1 Fold fat quarters of fabric in half, right sides together, and draw around the body, leg and ear templates onto the

reverse, leaving 1cm gaps between the shapes. Pin the fabric together but do not cut out. Leaving the material in one sheet, stitch around the shapes using the drawn line as a guide and leaving a gap in each one for turning. Keeping the fabric intact allows you to negotiate

tricky bends and corners more easily.

2 Cut out each stitched shape 5mm from the sewn line. Clip curves and corners, then turn right sides out. Stuff the body and legs firmly before folding in the raw edges of the gap and slip stitching closed. Do not stuff

the ears, instead fold in the open bottom edge, fold in half and pin.

3 Draw around the antler template onto folded metallic fabric and stitch around before cutting out. Do not sew across the base as this will be used for turning out. Keep the seam allowance to a minimum and use tweezers to help turn out the narrow prongs. Stuff, fold in the raw edges of the gap and slip stitch closed. Oversew mini pom-pom trim to the bottom of each leg, then add a pom-pom trim collar and bell around the neck.

4 Pin the limbs to either side of the body, checking they are level. Join them with a long, double thickness of thread by knotting the end and passing through the top of one leg, the body and out of the top of the other limb. Place a fancy button on the thread and sew back through all layers in the opposite direction. Add the second button and sew back through. Continue several times, pulling the thread fairly taut as you do so. Secure underneath the leg to finish.

5 Oversew the folded ears and antlers to each side of the top of the head so they stand up. Stitch black button eyes to either side of the face and use coloured thread to embroider a small nose at the tip of the muzzle.

FABRIC SHOP



PRETTY IN PINK

The Wallflower print from Art Gallery Fabrics' Charleston collection features dainty blooms in dusky pink.



FLOWER POWER

Create a contrasting reindeer with the same Wallflower print, this time in a deep shade of blue.

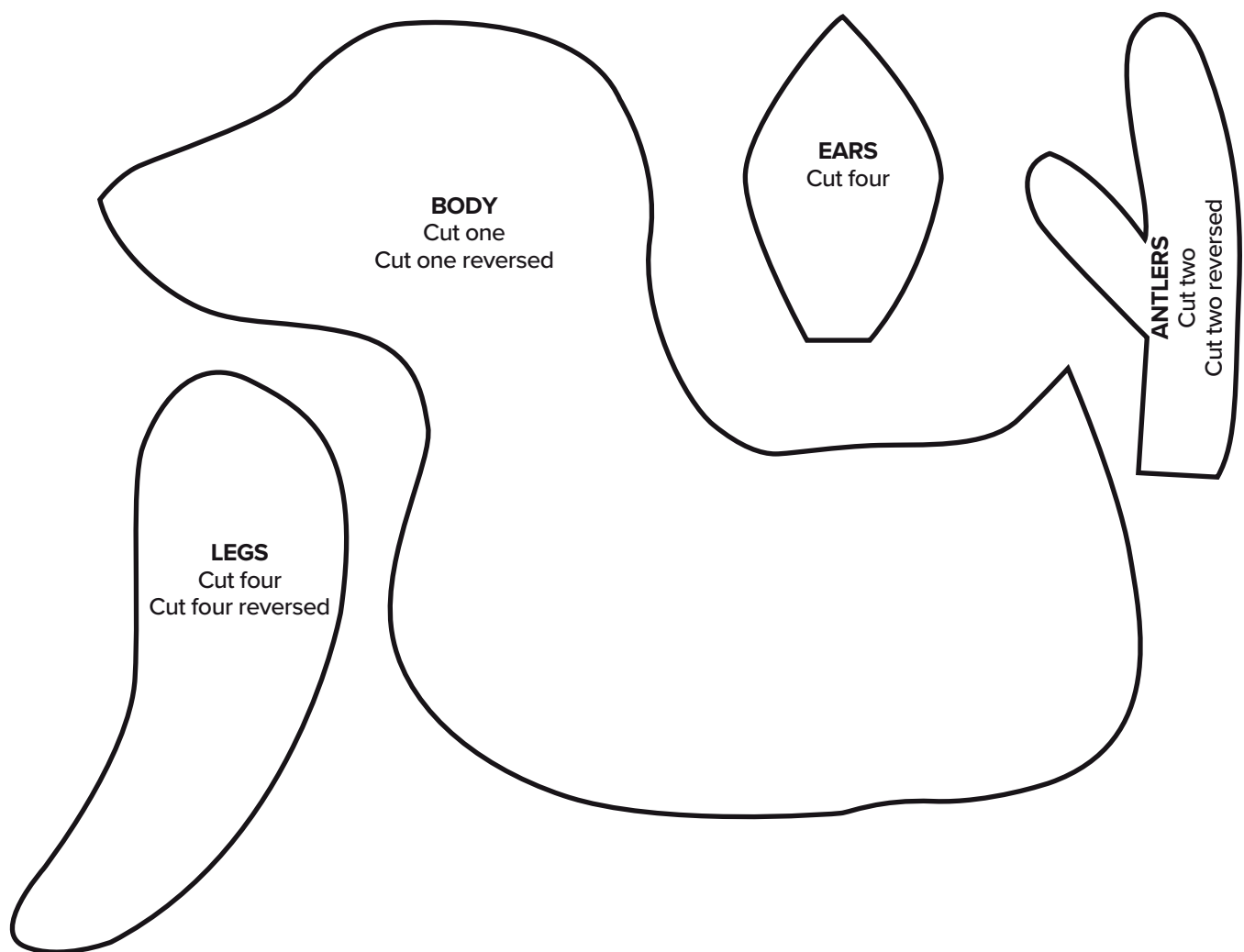
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SEW CLEVER

If you're making these reindeer for a small child, embroider the eyes and ensure the pom-pom trim is stitched securely

TEMPLATE



CLEVER CARDS

GIVE THESE UNIQUE GREETINGS A WHIRL THIS CHRISTMAS

Have a ball experimenting with TRACEY DAYKIN-JONES' one-of-a-kind **FESTIVE GREETINGS** that are a sure-fire way to impress. Each one is **INCREDIBLY** unique and all five can easily be whipped up in an afternoon ready to send to the **LUCKY** recipients.





YOU WILL NEED...

Dies: Sara Signature Scandinavian Christmas, Nordic Bird, Love Birds; heart, circle, scallop-edged circle

Card: white, teal, red
Patterned paper, Echo Park, A Perfect Winter
Adhesives

TRIPLE THE FUN

- 1 Take white card, 15cm x 28cm. In a landscape position, score vertical lines starting from the left: 3.5cm, 10.5cm and 17.5cm. Fold and secure the two middle panels together to create a triple-fold card. Cover each section with patterned paper.
- 2 Die-cut three hearts from coloured card. Glue two white birds to teal and red hearts, then a glitter one to the white. Add negative sections back into the birds from teal and red glitter papers. To finish, secure the hearts using foam pads.

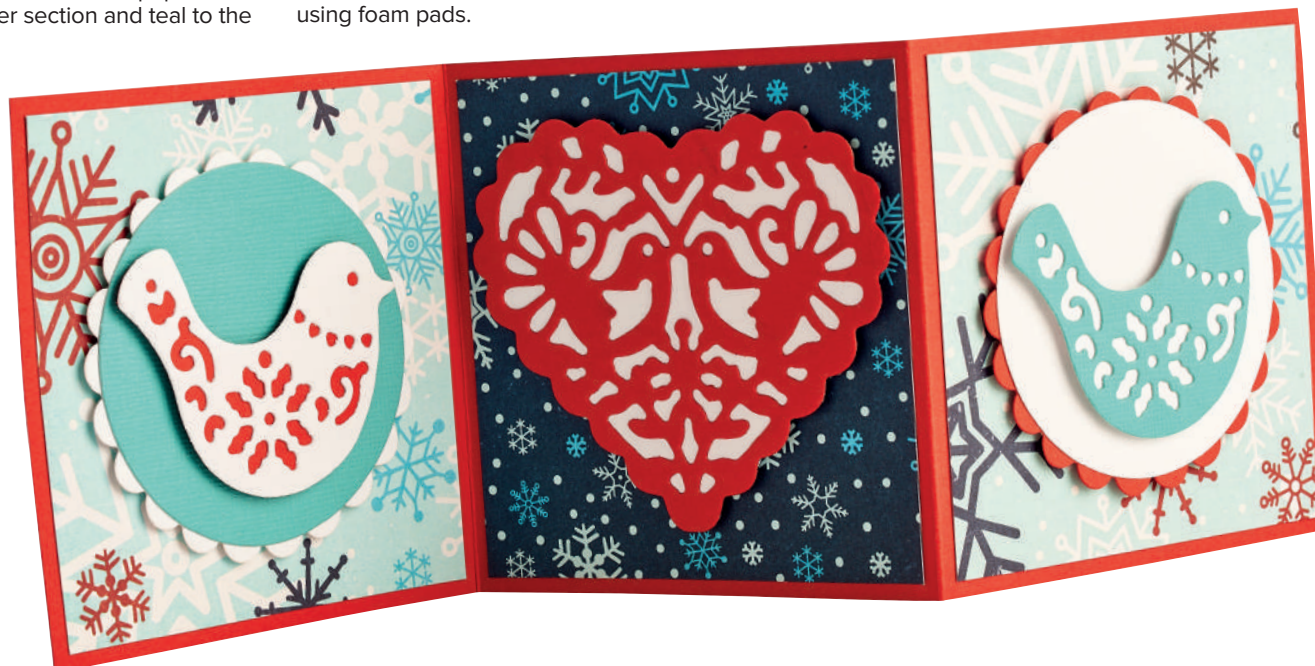


DOUBLE GREETING

- 1 Take an A6 side-fold card and cut a vertical line down the centre of the front. Cover the front and inner panels with red card.
- 2 Layer snowflake paper to the inner section and teal to the

front. Take a smaller side-fold landscape card and add a patterned topper.

- 3 Die-cut a bird from red and adhere in the white oval. Secure to the inside of the larger card so that it opens from the left. To secure the card closed, adhere a snowflake sticker as shown using foam pads.



CONCERTINA STYLE

- 1 Take red card, 10cm x 30cm, then score and fold at 10cm intervals to create a concertina effect. Layer light snowflake paper to the first and third panels, and dark blue patterned

paper to the central panel.

- 2 Layer a teal circle onto a white scallop-edged one, then adhere to the first panel using foam pads. Die-cut a bird from white and add red behind, then secure to the topper.

- 3 Create a topper for the third panel using co-ordinating colours. Die-cut a decorative heart from red and adhere white behind. Secure onto the central panel using 3-D foam pads.

CRAFT CLEVER

When securing the middle panels together, cover the entire area with double-sided tape to ensure it remains closed



“Christmas is the perfect time to experiment with unique shapes”

Tracey Daykin-Jones, Designer



EASY ORIGAMI

1 Cut a 16cm square from snowflake paper and mark the centre. Fold all four corners into the middle, then fold each section back on itself. Pop under a pile of books to allow the folds to settle.

2 Die-cut a decorative heart from white and glue a red background in place. Take a top-fold card, 12.5cm square, and cover with red. Secure the folded aperture section to the centre and add the white heart in the centre to finish.



GLITTER BIRD

1 Take a side-fold square card and cover the inner panel with teal patterned paper. Layer snowflake on top. Trim off the top-half of the front panel and cover the remaining section with red.

2 Fix patterned paper on top. Layer a teal glitter circle onto a white scallop-edged one and adhere to the front using foam pads on the bottom section only.

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