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April Apple Bytes





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Welcome to the third edition of **Apple Bytes!**

Apple Bytes is **TeachWithMe.com's** monthly newsletter and teaching packet for subscription members only.

It's a "taste" of the themes for the month. A nice bonus in your mailbox filled with a little bit of this and that.

I design this especially for you, so please let me know what you'd like in the form of skill sheets, helpful forms, borders for stationery, themes, words for word cards etc. diane@teachwithme.com

This month's themes:

- Spring
- Umbrellas (April showers bring May flowers!)
- Butterflies & Caterpillars
- Bunnies
- Eggs
- Easter

Make extra "What's Missing?" number and letter skill sheets with the blank sets. You can make them as difficult or as easy as you want by filling in a lot of letters and numbers or leaving most of them blank for your students to fill in.

I use them for "speed games" and tuck them into my sub folder. They are also a nice "home-school connection" if you're looking for something to send home for parent-child reinforcement.

Have your students trace the floral pages and use them as a worksheet, or have your students cut them apart and play against a partner to see who can sequence them the fastest.

You can also laminate several sets and play a memory concentration game and match uppercase letters with lowercase letters. Students can cut them apart and make several different kinds of Itty Bitty booklets to take home and read.

You can use the butterfly number cards in much the same way; laminate a set and use them as flashcards, memory games, mystery number of the day, or for students to make into Itty Bitty booklets. They put the number first and then trace and then write the word and number.

I have my students bring their booklets up to the stamping table and then stamp the backs of their pages with that many butterfly stamps on the back of the appropriate pages.

I hope your students enjoy the easy-reader butterfly counting booklet. When your students have completed cutting and gluing it together; read it aloud as a whole group to reinforce concepts of print.

I hope you have a lovely spring and a blessed Easter!

Educationally Yours,

Diane Henderson ☺

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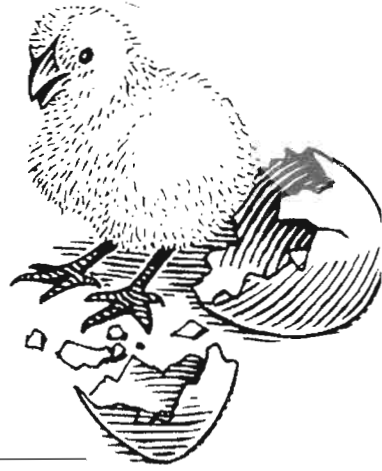
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A black and white illustration of a bird, possibly a crow or raven, perched on a branch. The bird is facing left with its beak open, as if calling or singing. It has a white patch around its eye and on its neck. The branch it sits on has a small, stylized flower with five petals. The background is plain white.

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April To Do List



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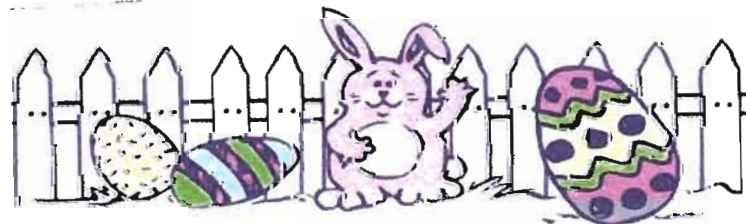
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This image shows a blank calendar page for the month of April. The top left corner features a small, colorful illustration of a white rabbit with long ears, sitting among several stylized flowers in shades of yellow, orange, and purple. Below the illustration, the word "April" is written in a large, black, serif font. The rest of the page is filled with a grid of squares, typical of a monthly calendar layout. The grid consists of 4 columns and 30 rows, providing space for daily entries.

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Happy Easter from your teacher

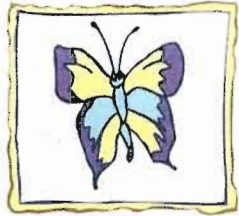
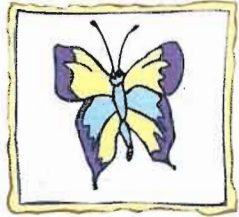
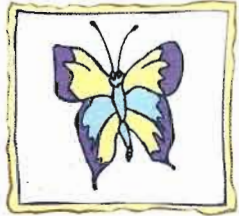
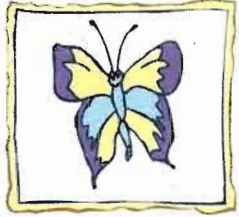
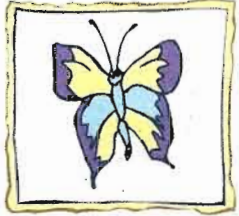
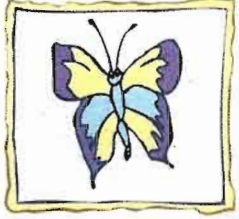
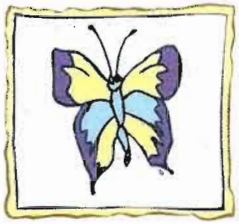
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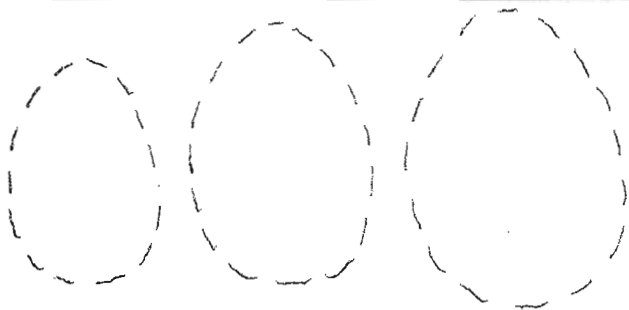


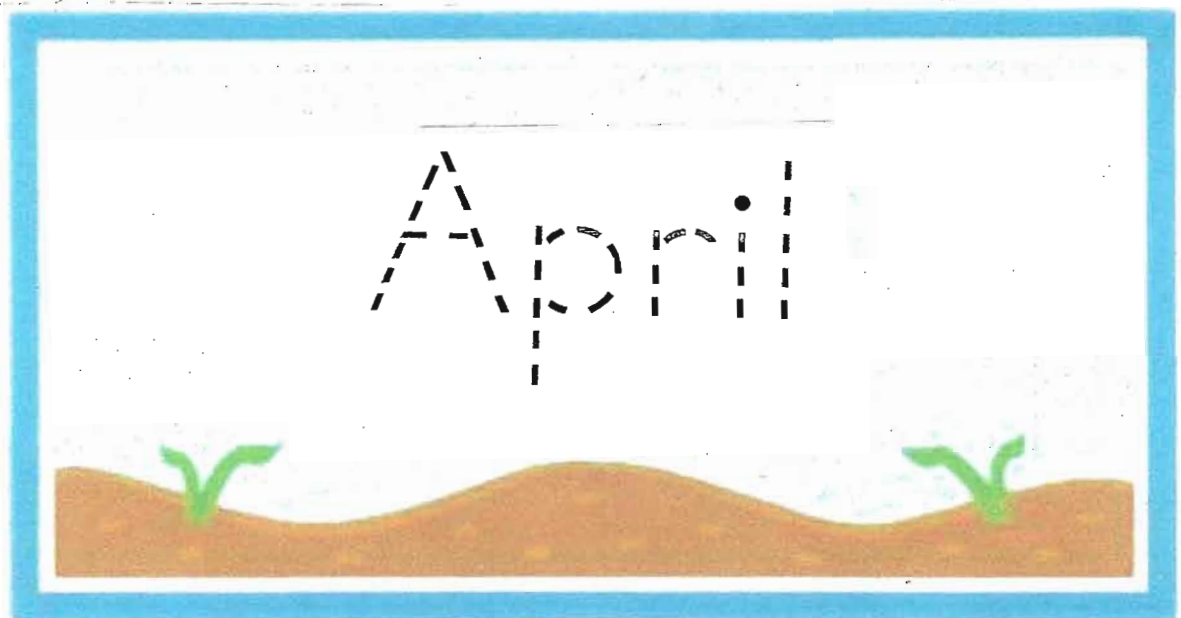
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TRACE the sentence and then WRITE it. Use 2 DIFFERENT colors in an ABAB pattern. TRACE the egg at the bottom and then DRAW your own next to it.

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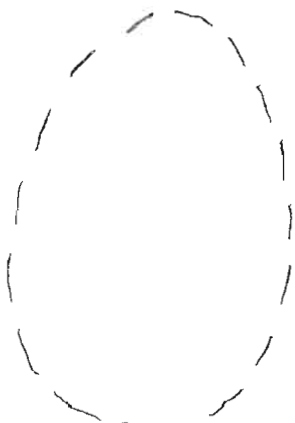
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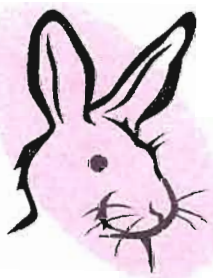
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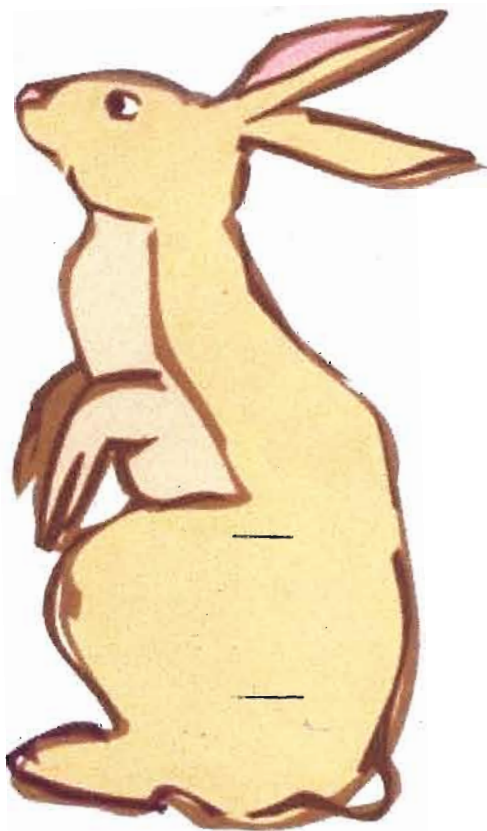
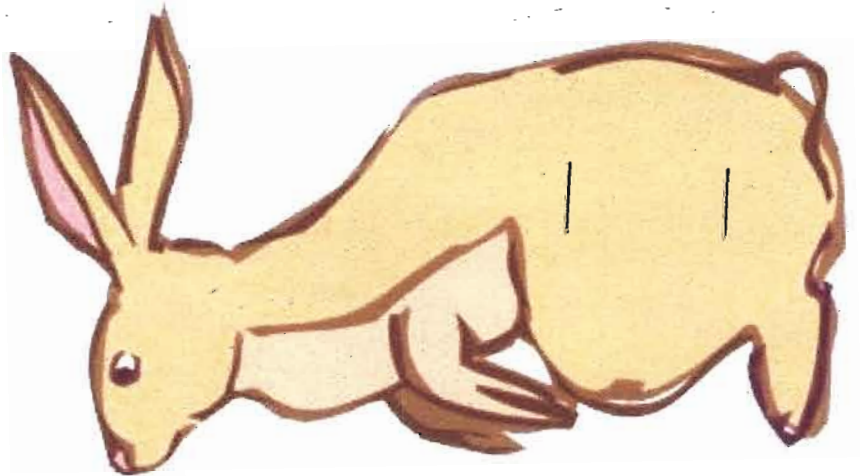
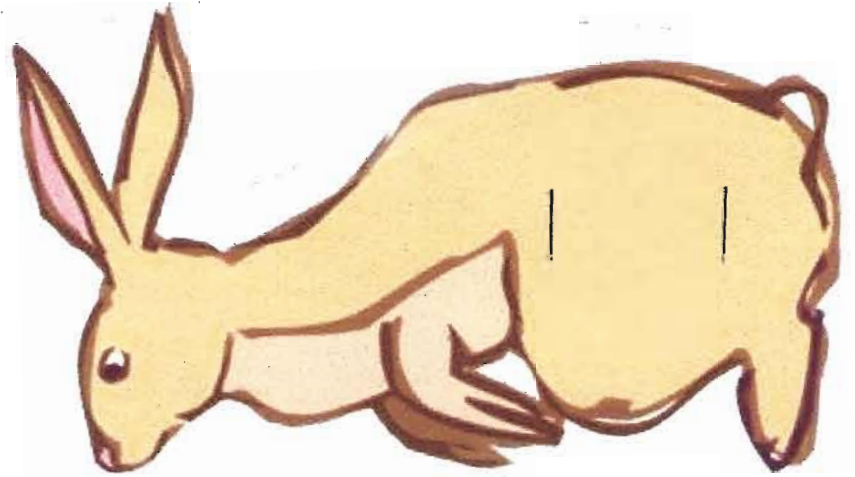
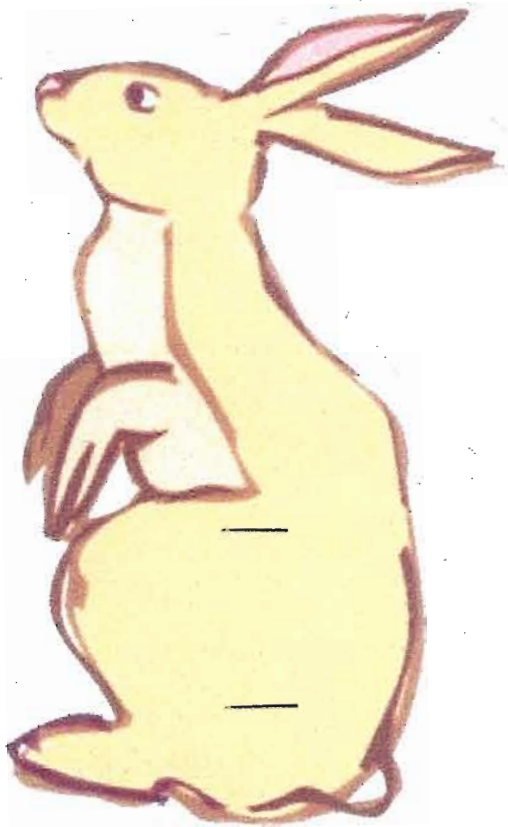
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Pencil toppers.

Run off, cut out and glue to a piece of pastel construction paper, trim, cut slits and insert pencil.





Bb is for butterfly.

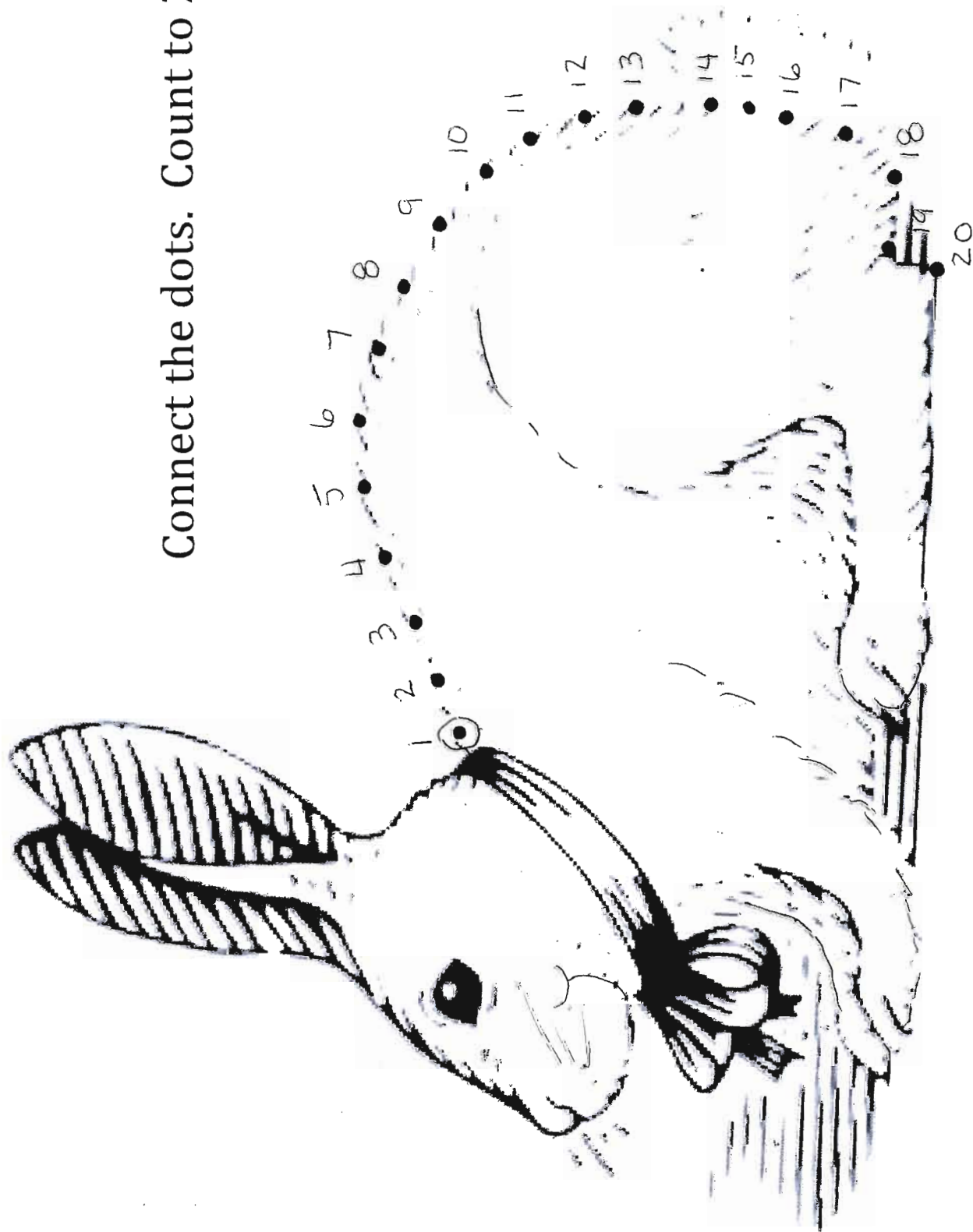


Rr is for rabbit



Uu is for umbrella.

Connect the dots. Count to 20.

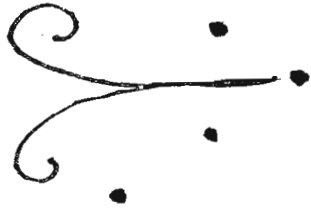


Connect the dots by 5's and 10's.
Count to 100.



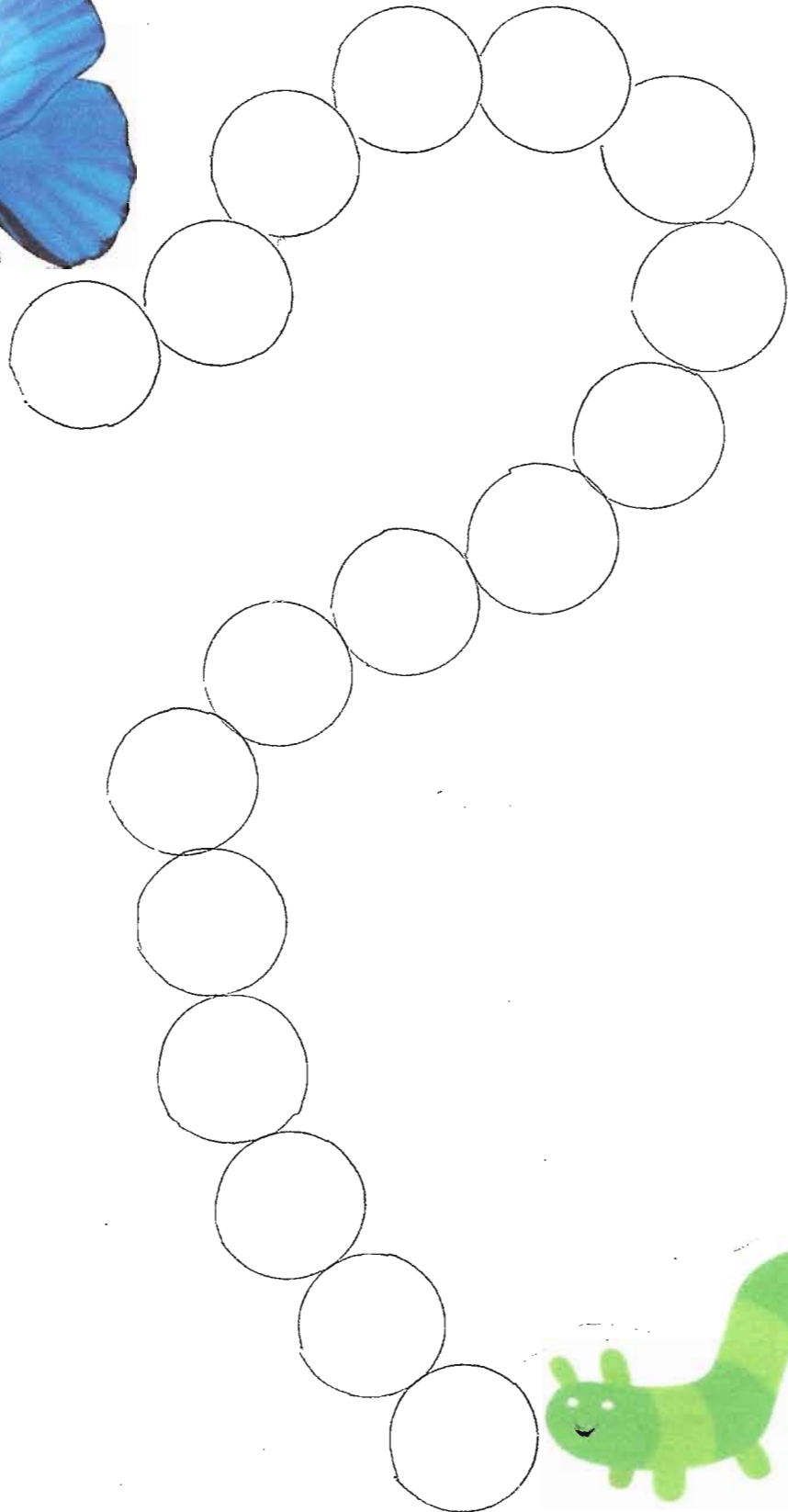
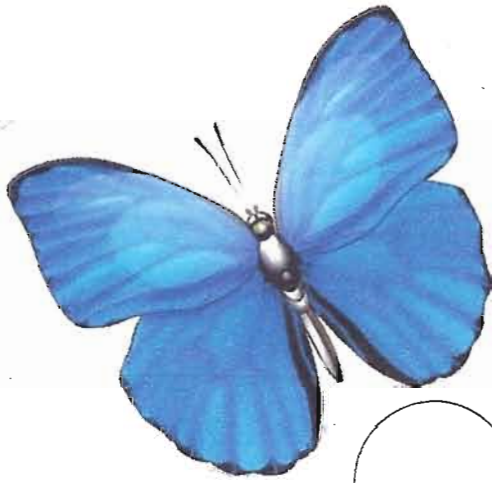


Pinch & Poke

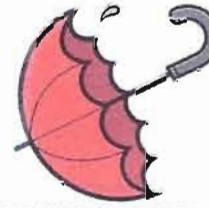
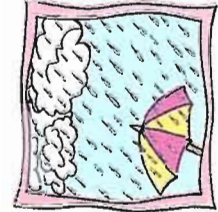
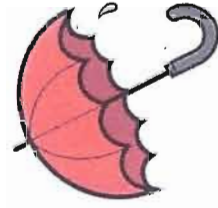
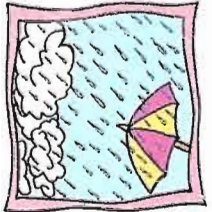
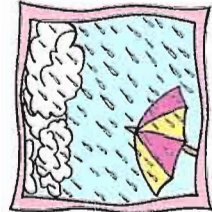
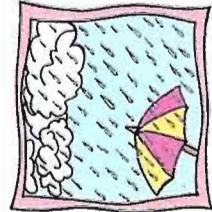
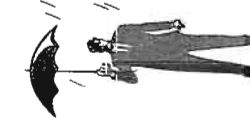


Students lie on their tummies on a carpet and poke holes in the dots, using a golf tee or a large thumb tack. This strengthens upper body muscles and hand muscles as well as improves finger coordination and dexterity.

Choose two colors and bingo dot an ABAB pattern.



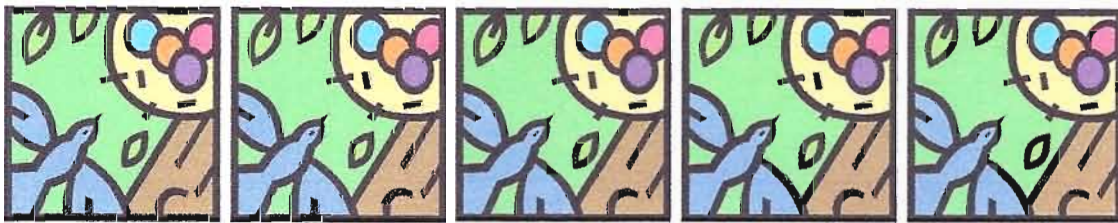
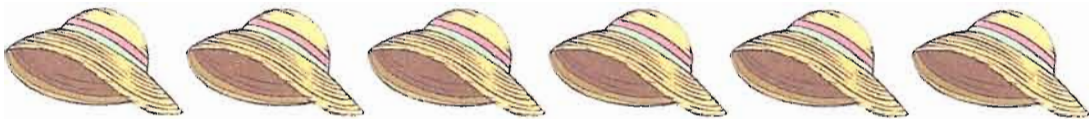
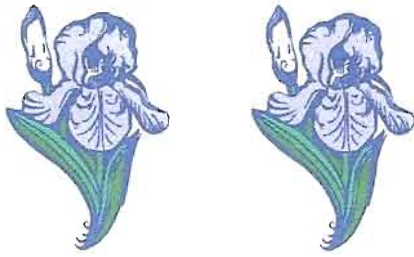
Complete the pattern by cutting and gluing the pieces on the bottom to the appropriate places on the top.



There is a spy in each line, one that is different. Find the spy and "zap" it with an X.



Count how many and write the number at the end.

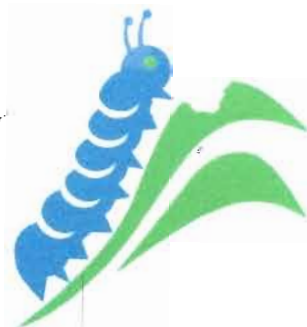
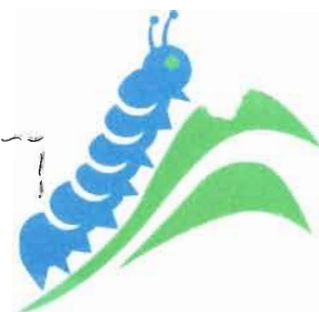
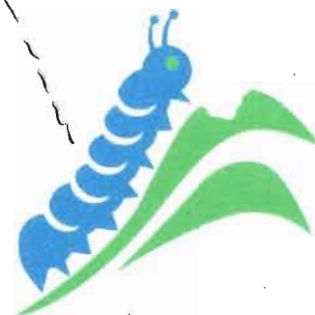
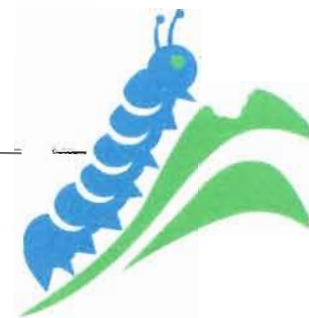
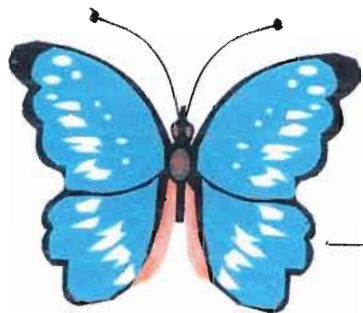


Add or subtract the butterflies and then write in the answer to the equation.

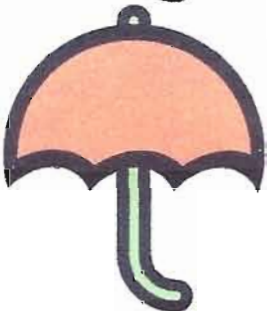
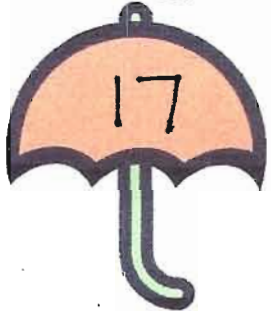
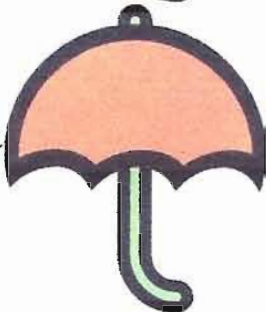
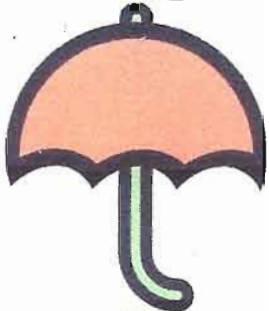
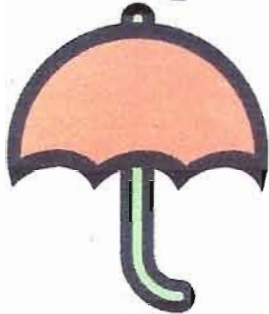
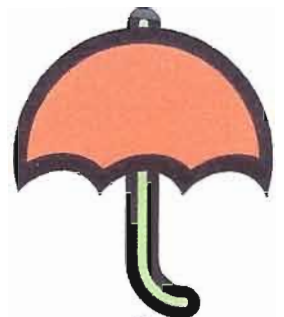
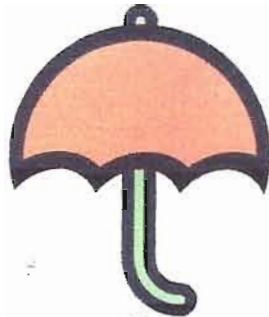
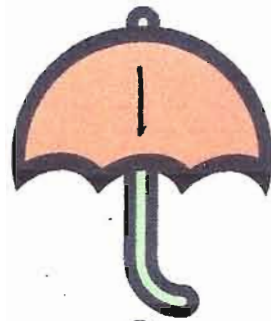


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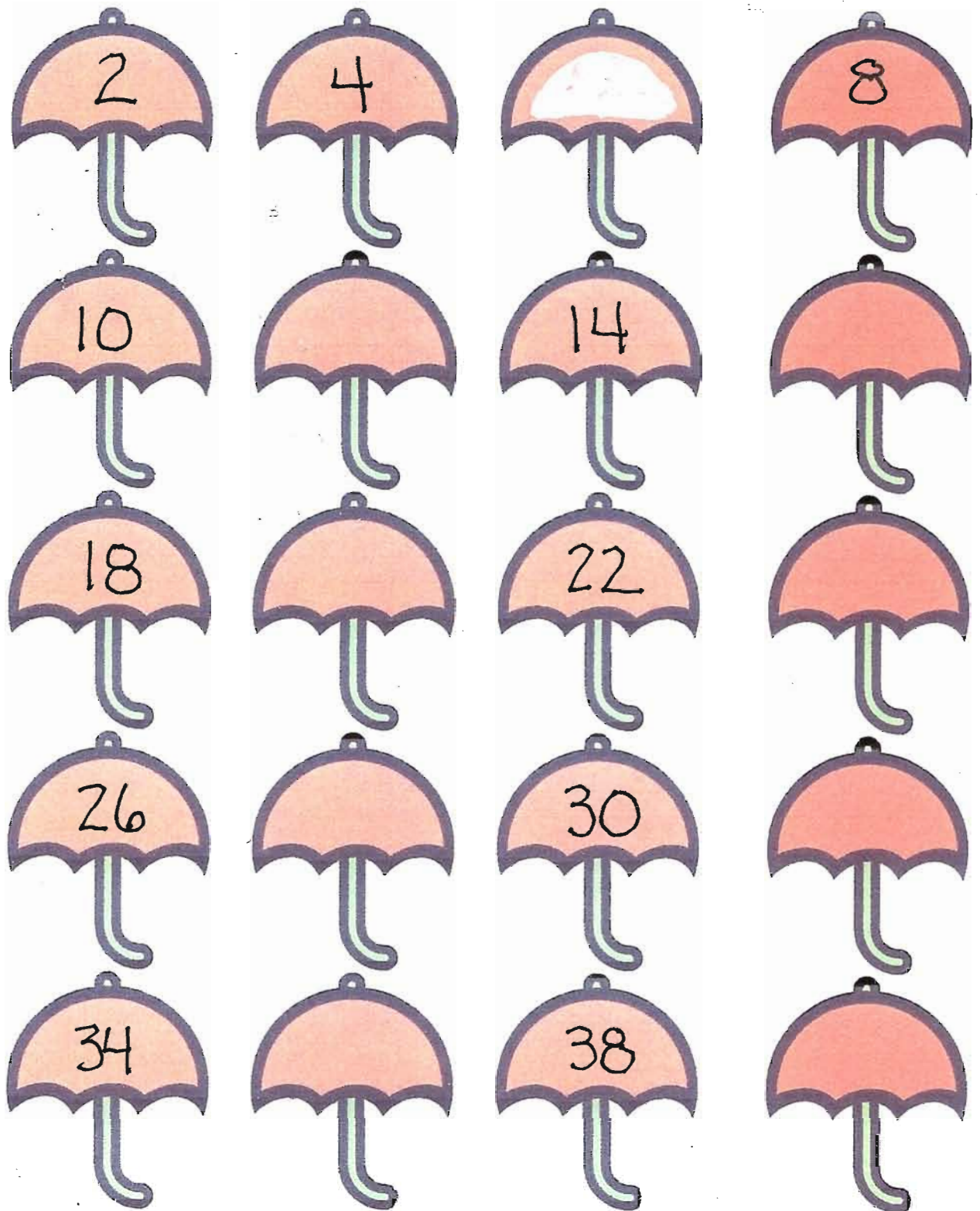
TRACE the lines from LEFT to RIGHT. Use a DIFFERENT color for each line.



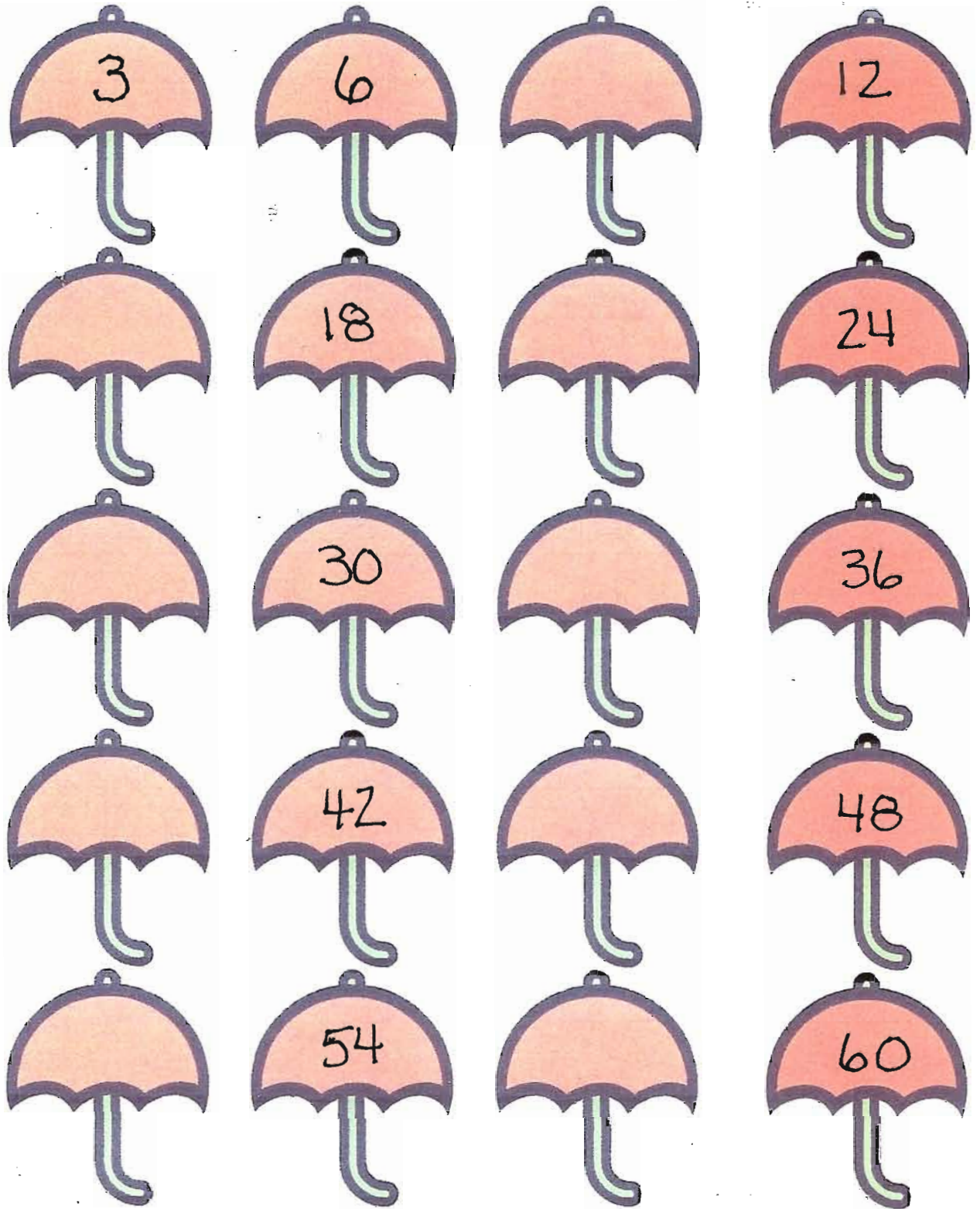
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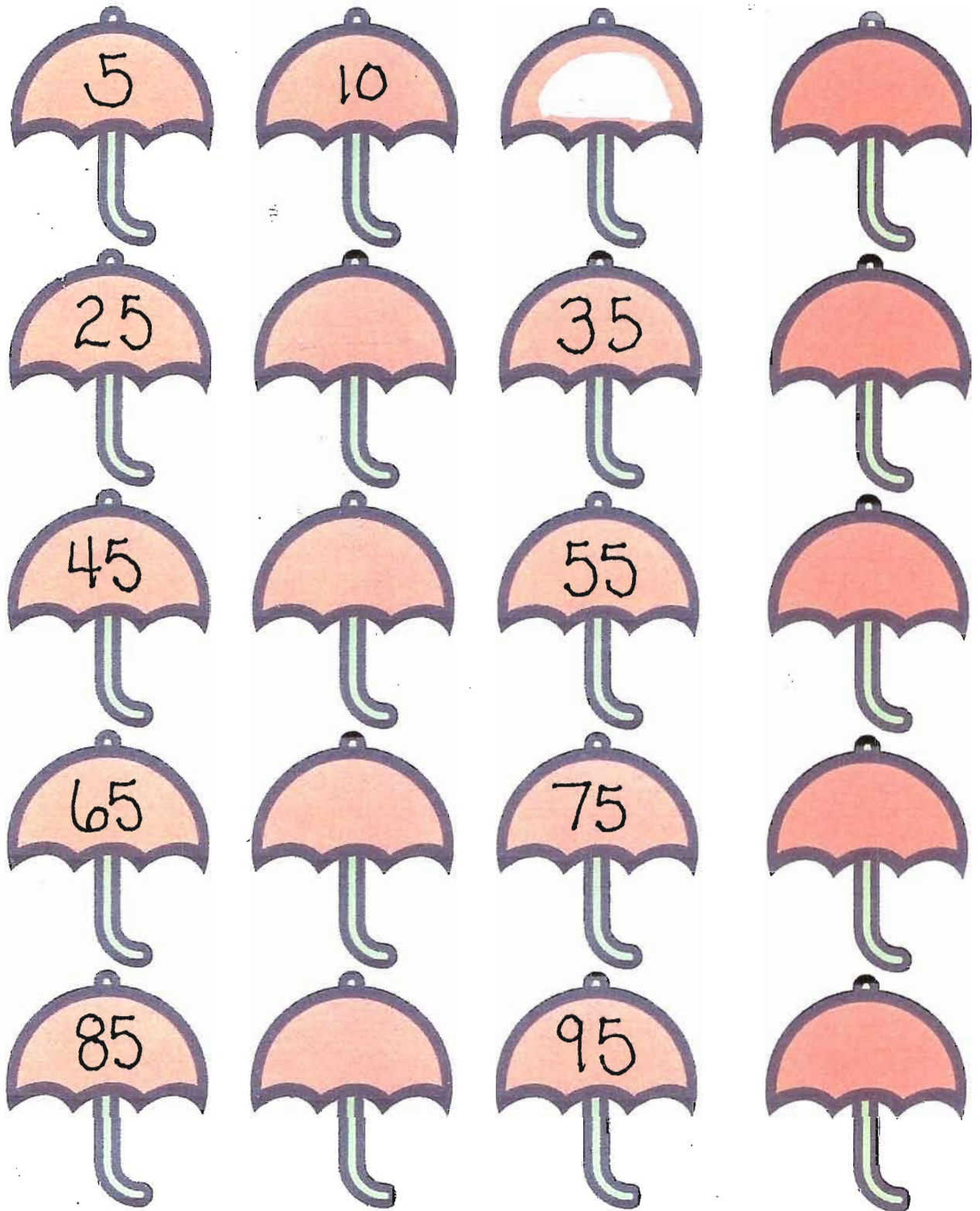
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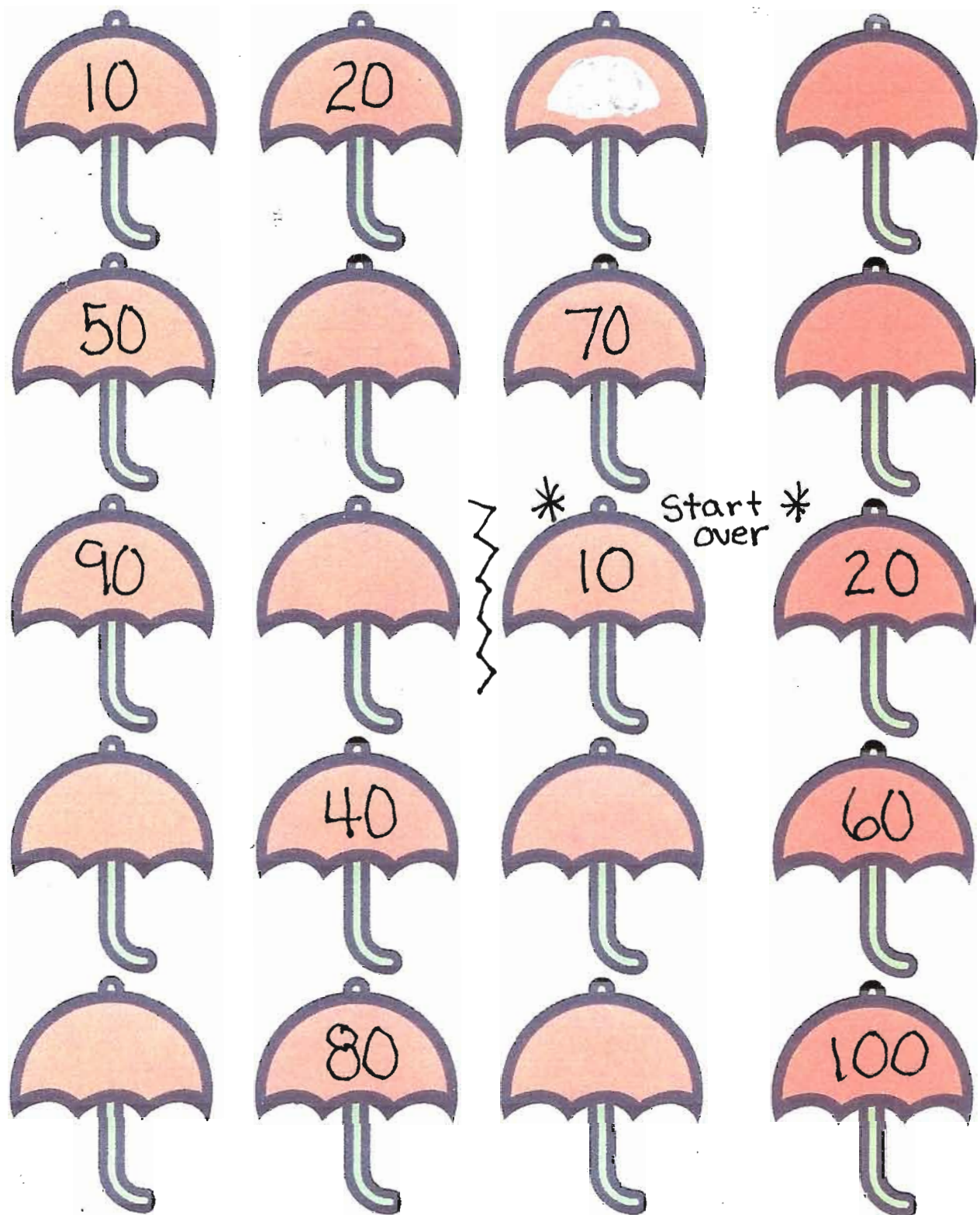
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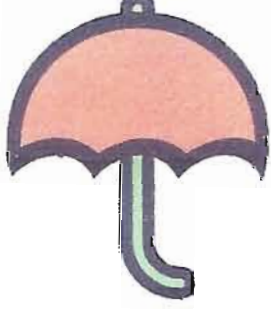
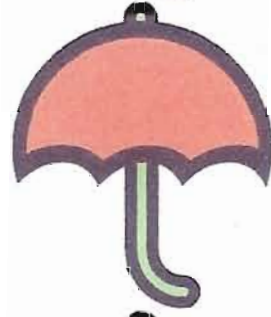
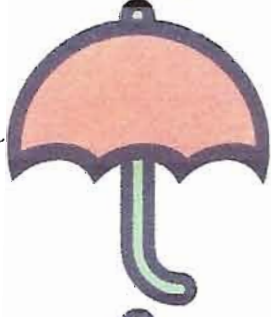
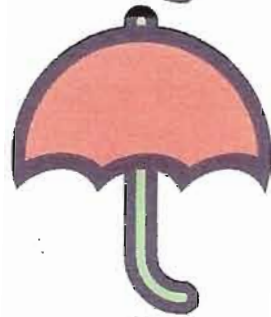
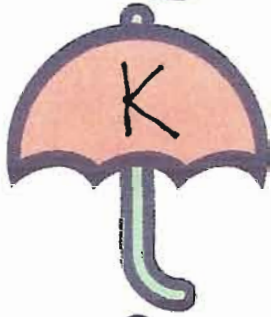
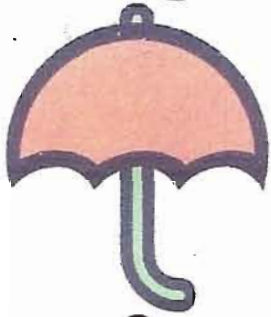
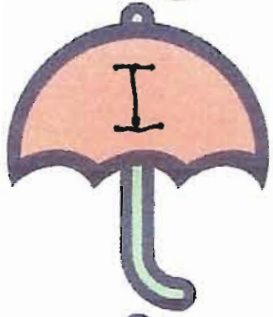
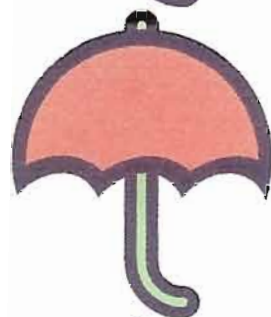
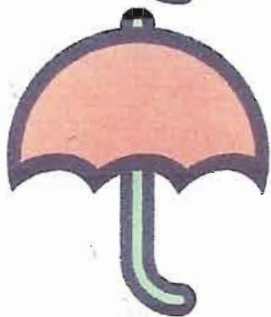
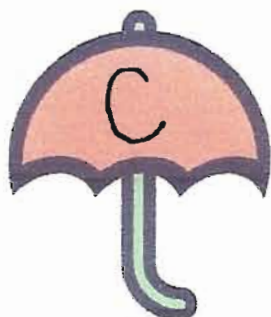
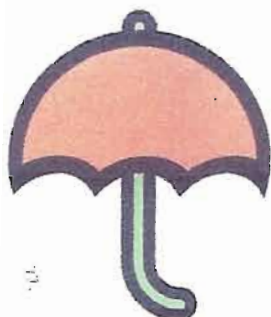
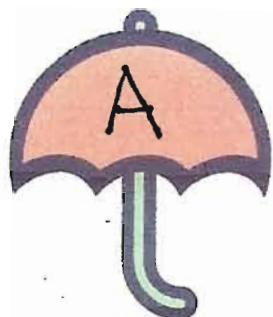
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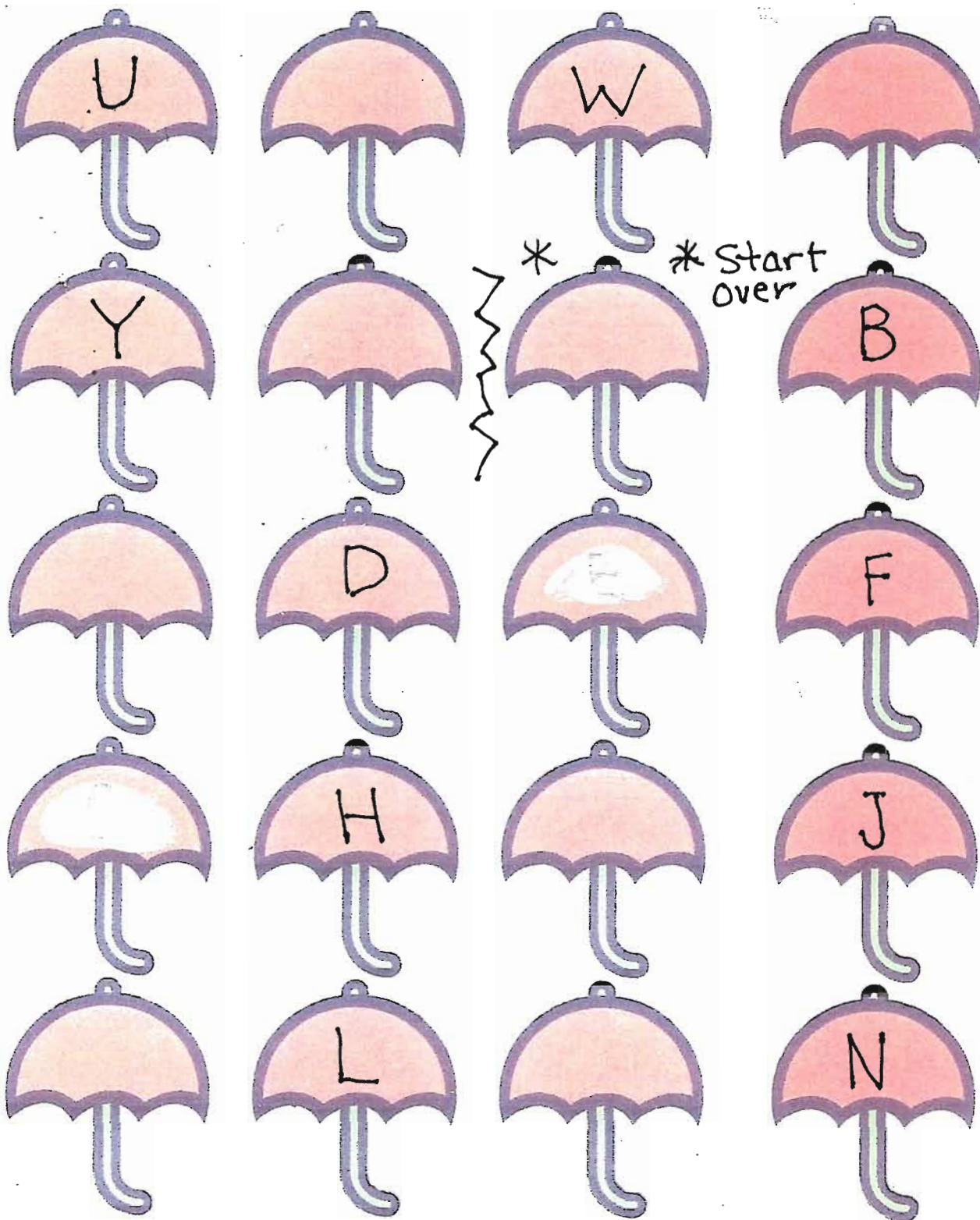
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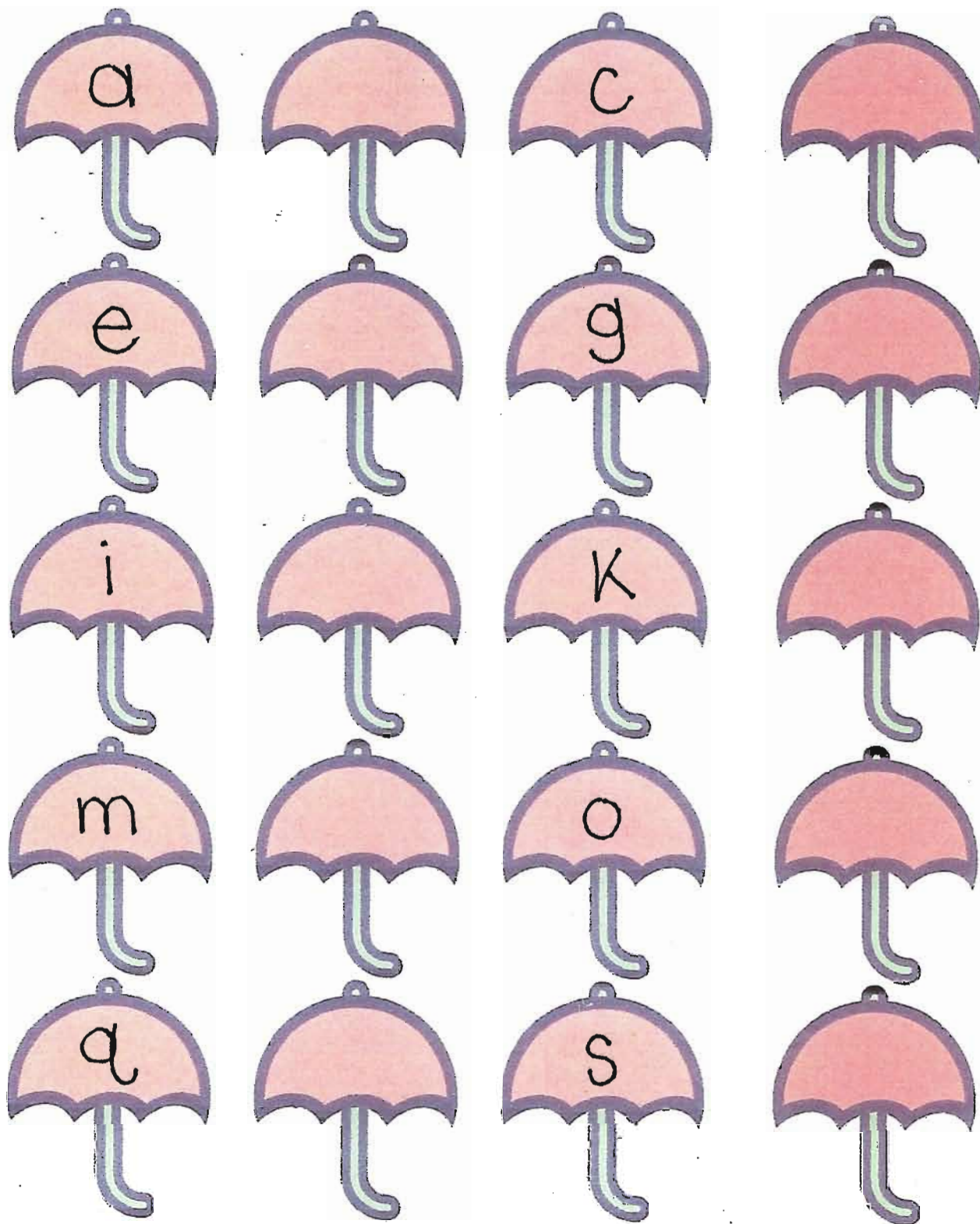
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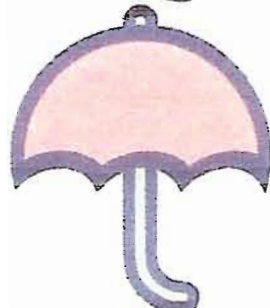
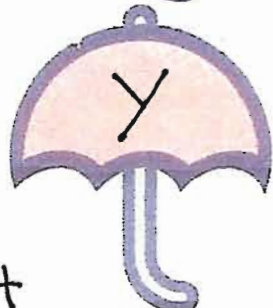
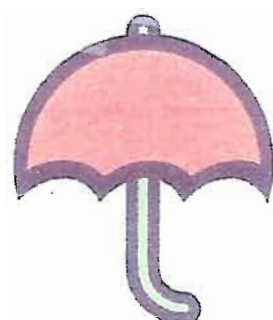
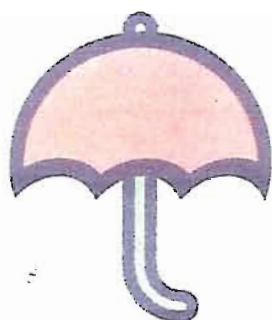
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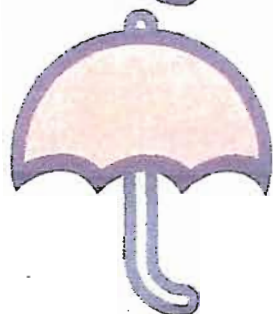
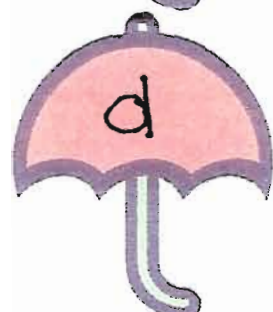
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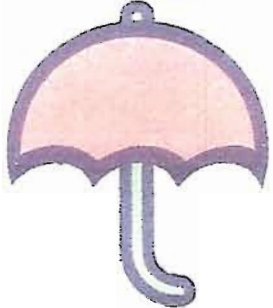
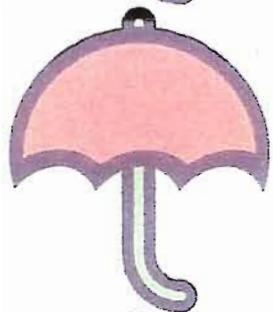
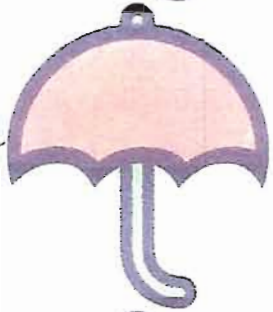
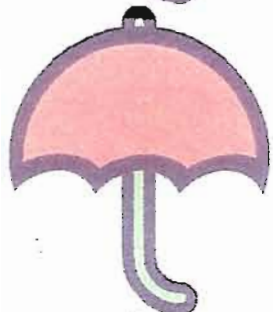
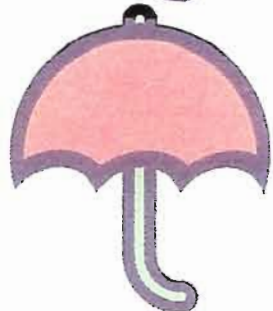
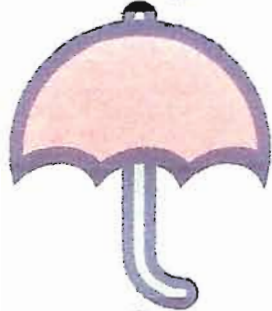
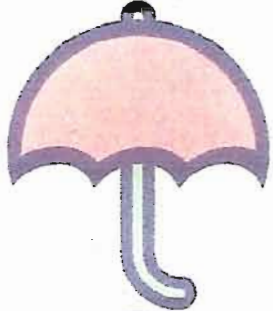
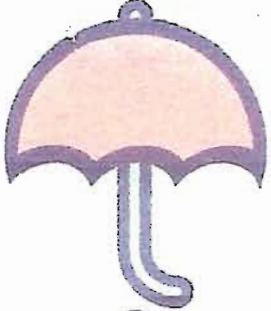
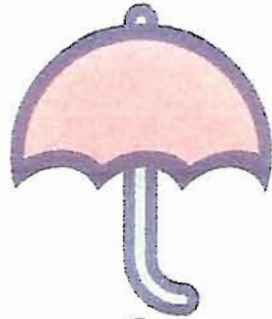
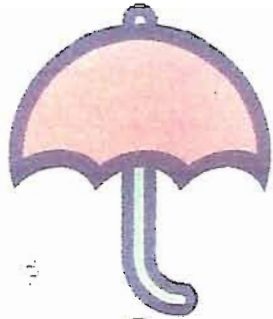
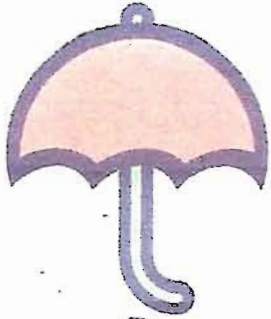
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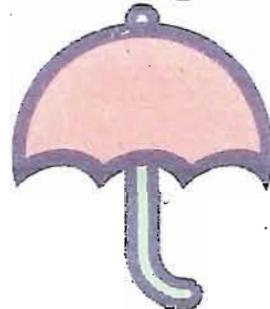
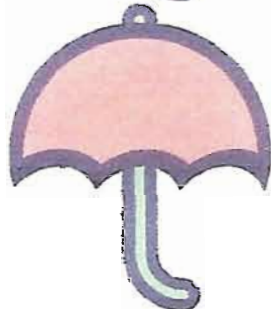
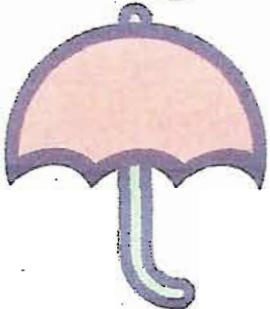
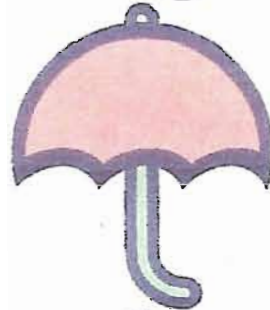
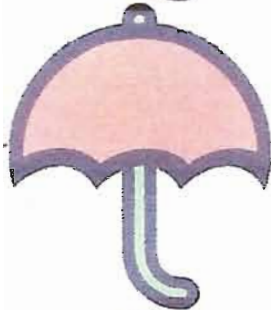
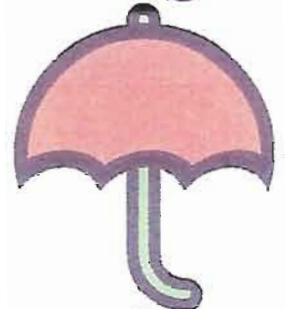
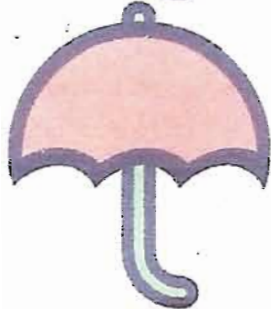
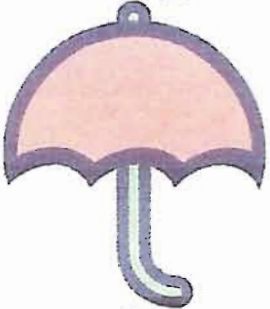
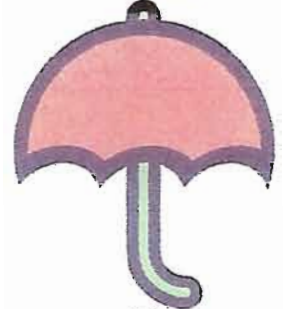
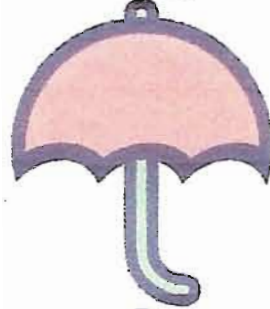
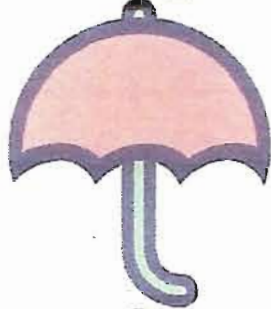
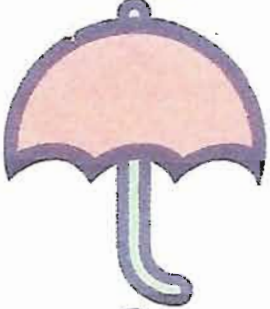
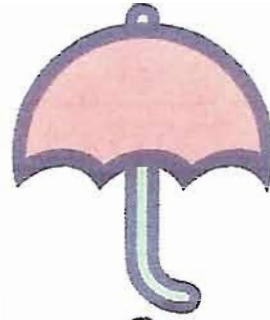
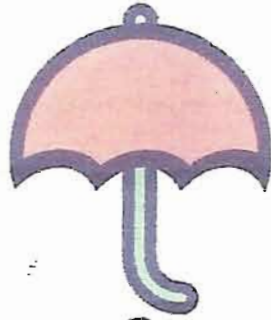
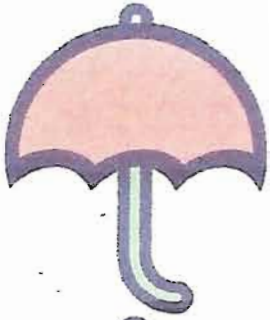
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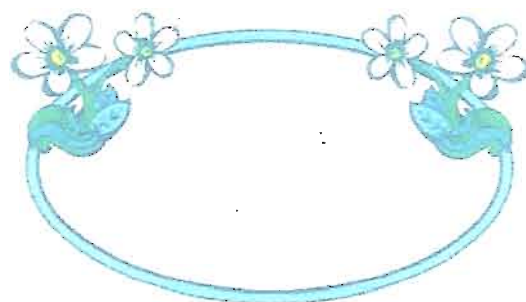
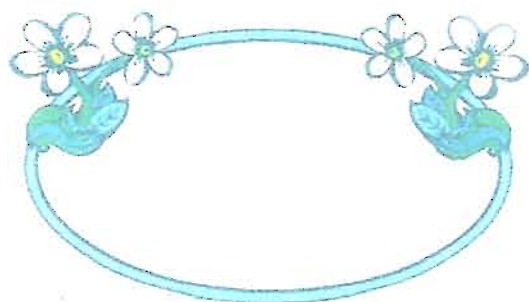
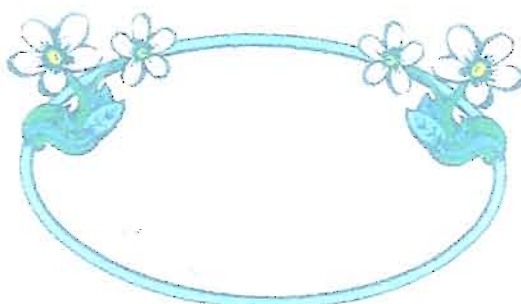
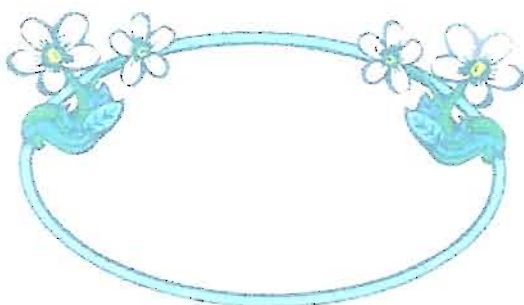
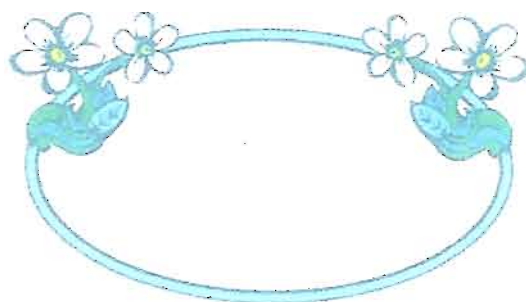
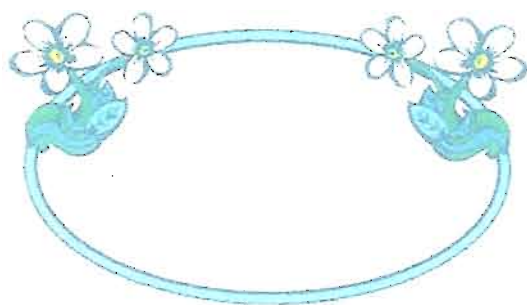
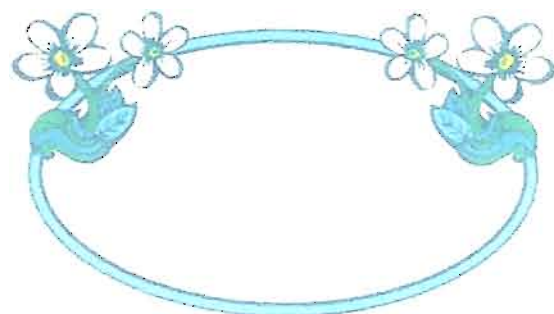
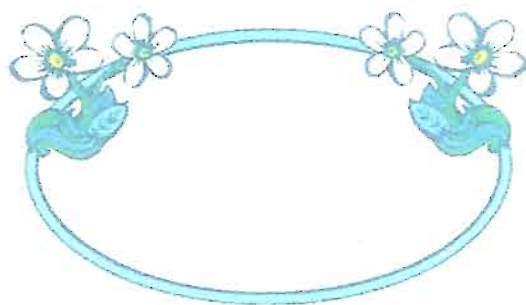
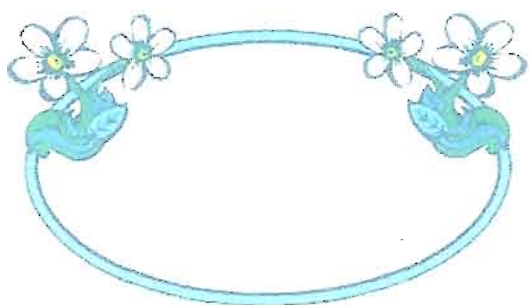


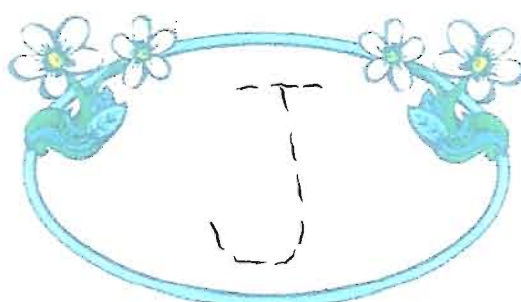
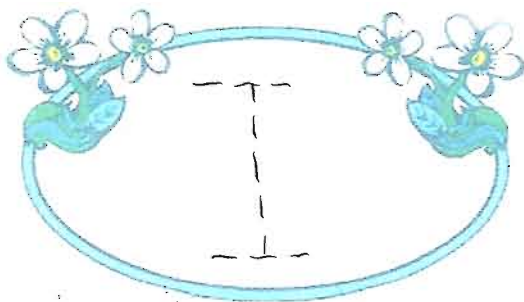
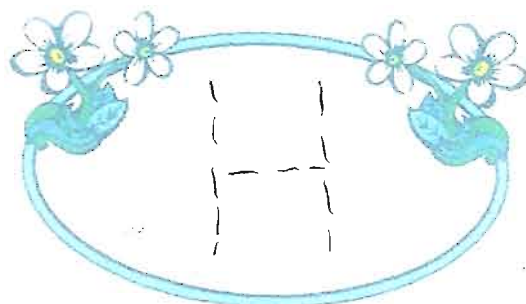
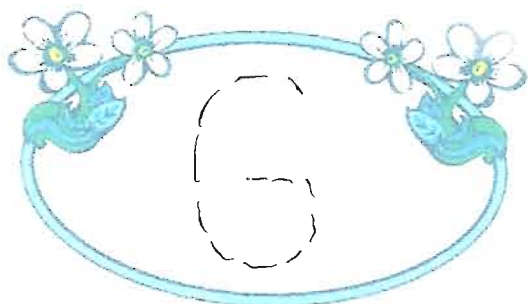
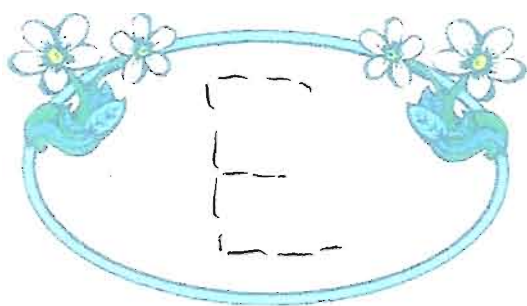
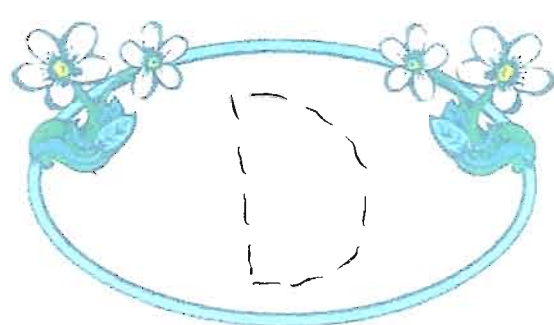
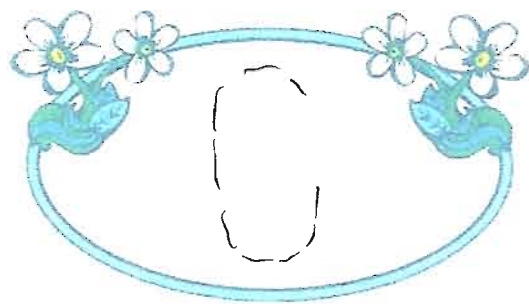
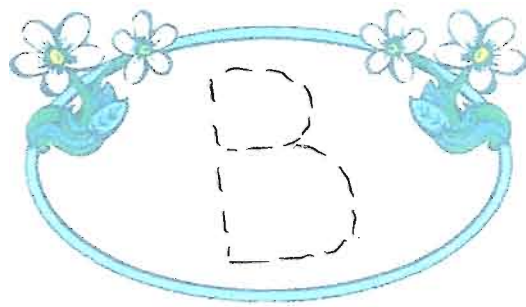
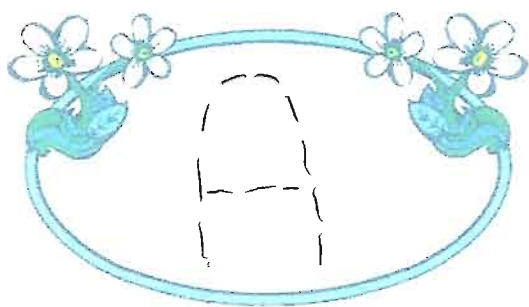
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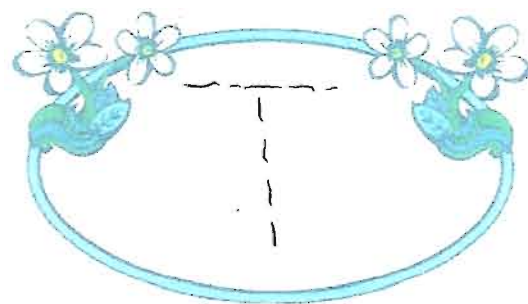
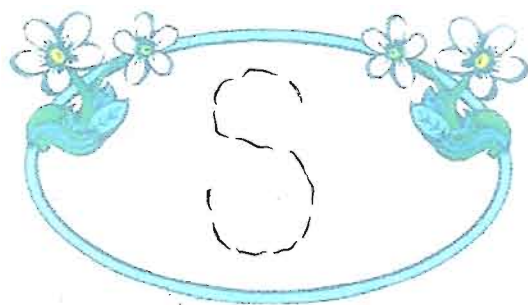
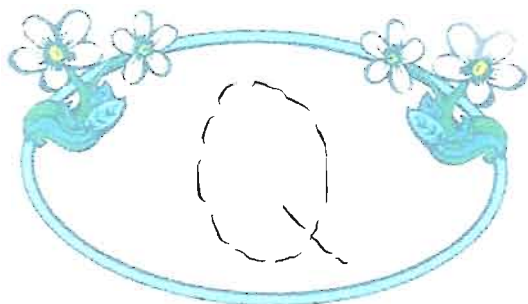
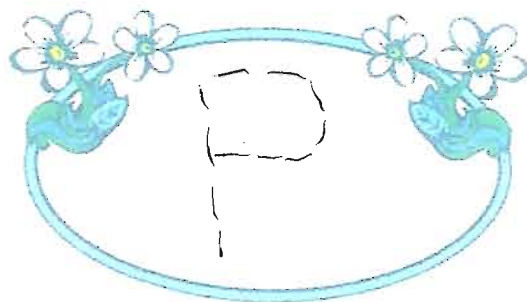
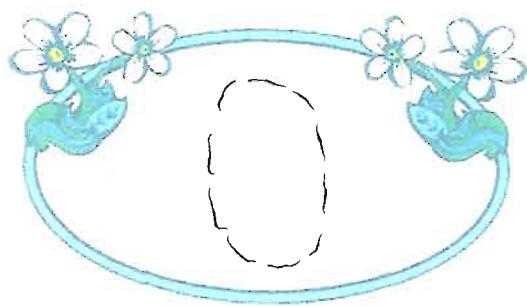
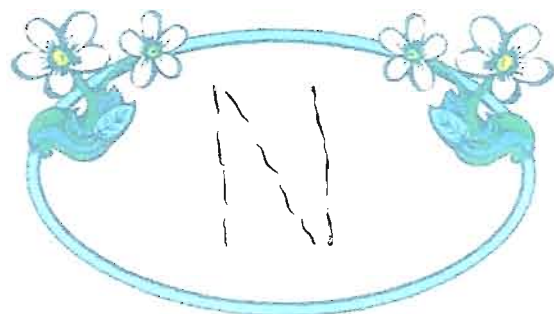
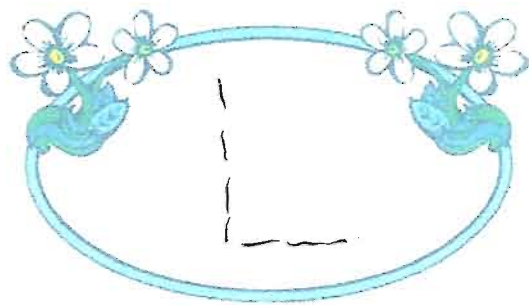
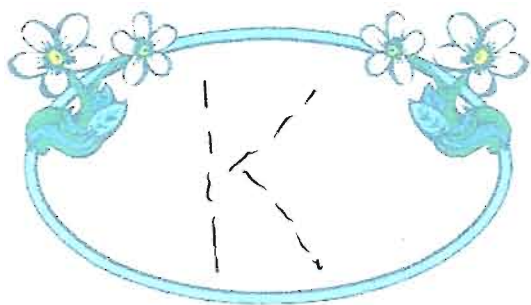


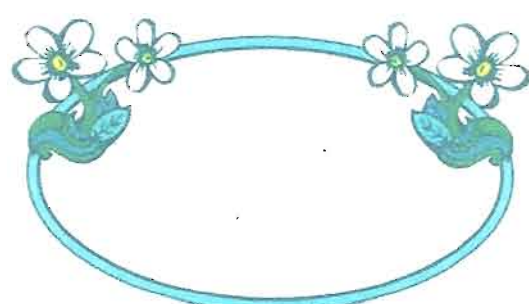
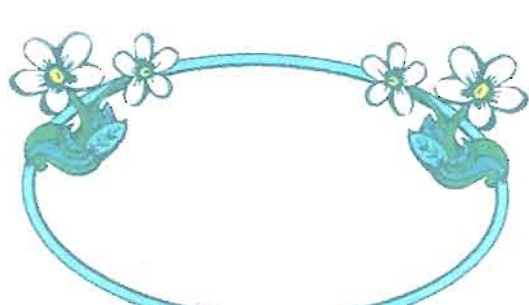
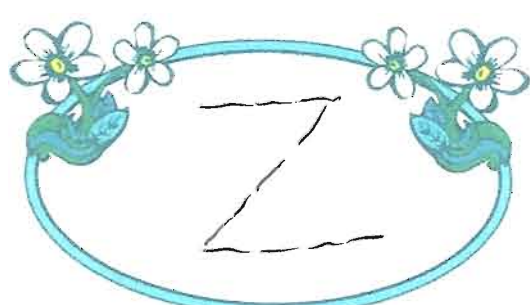
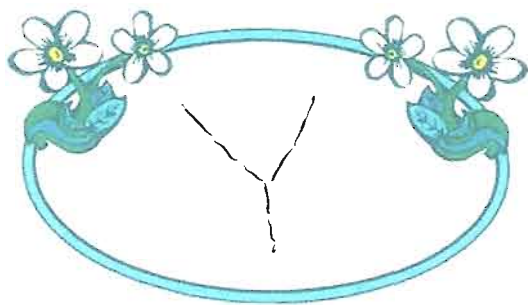
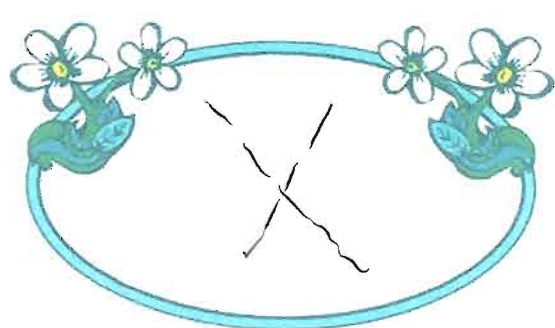
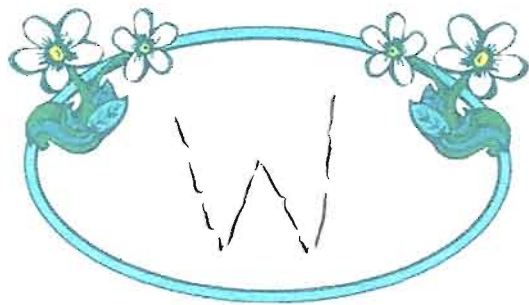
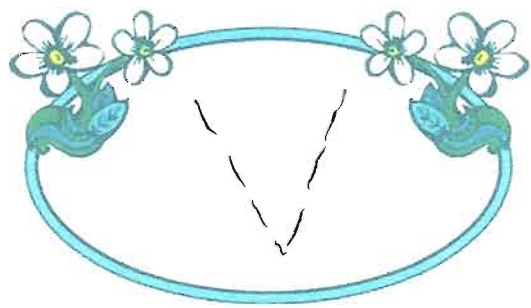
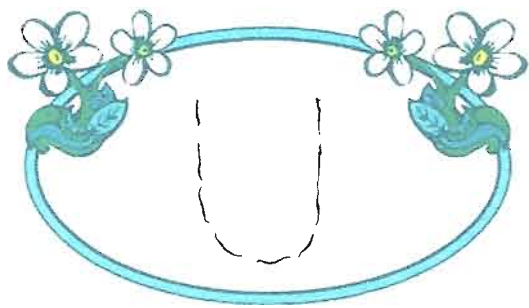
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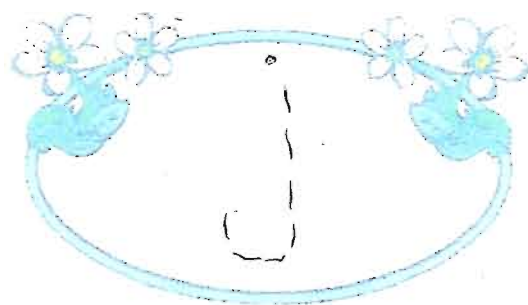
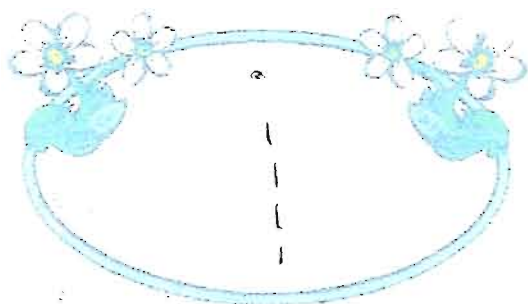
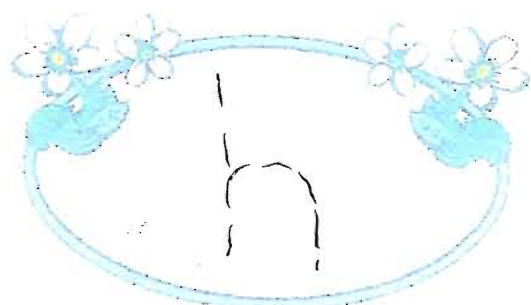
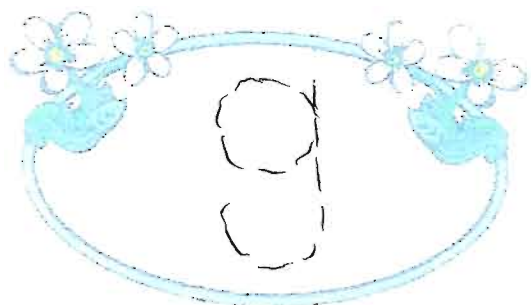
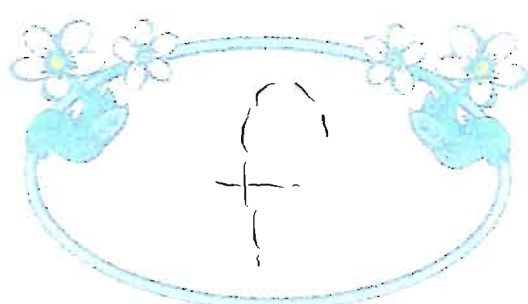
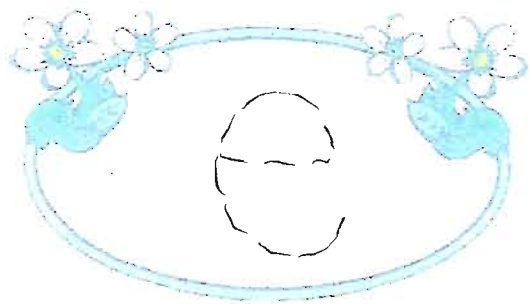
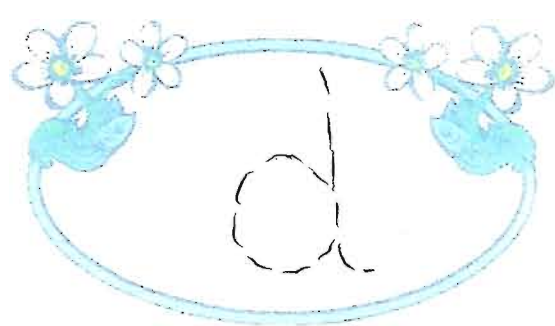
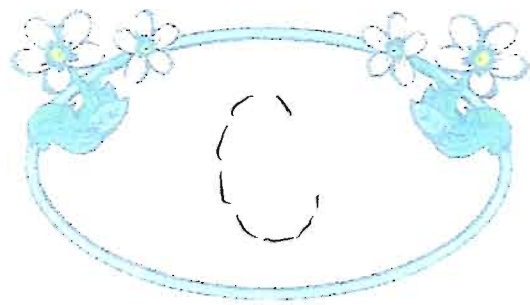
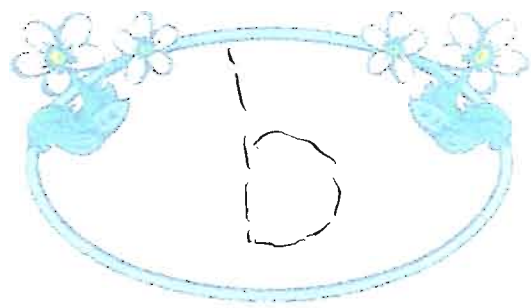
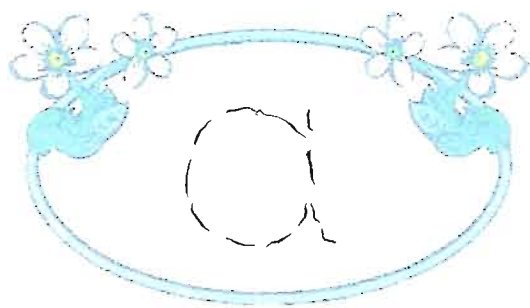


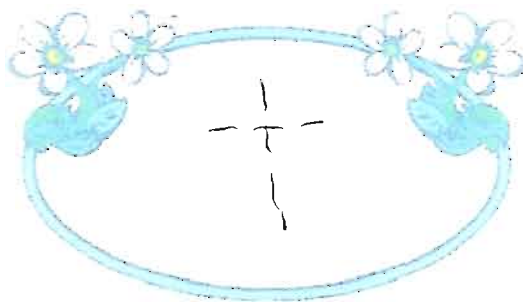
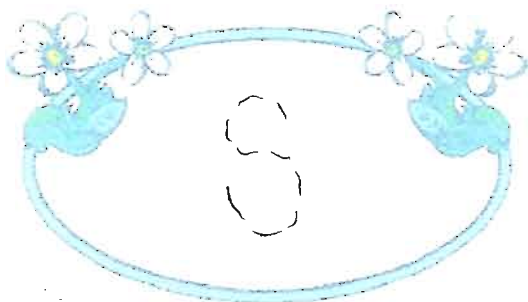
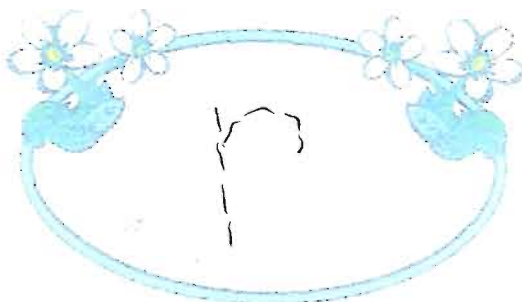
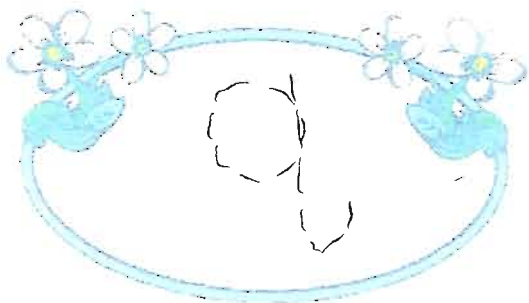
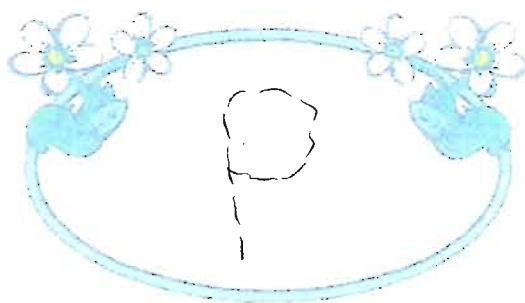
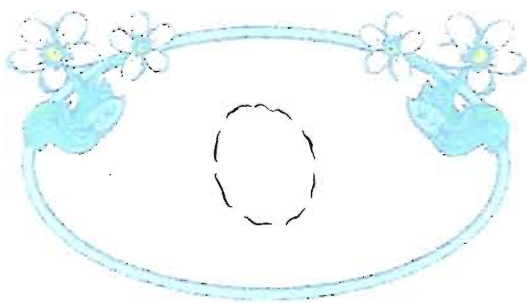
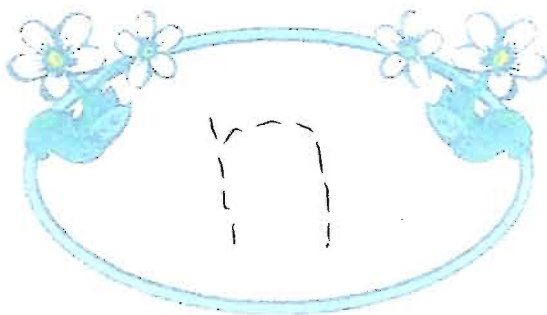
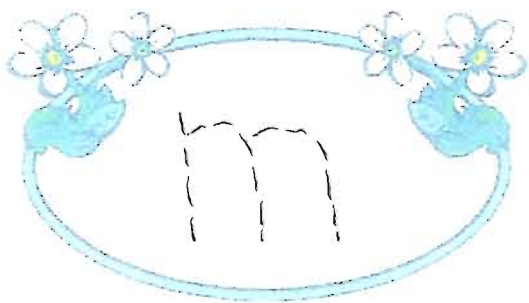
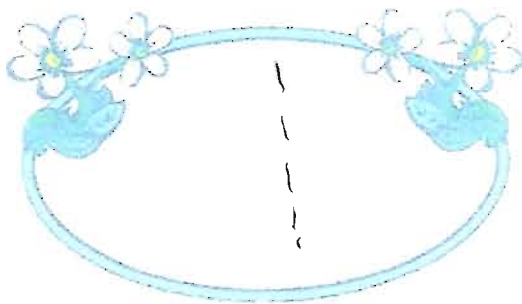
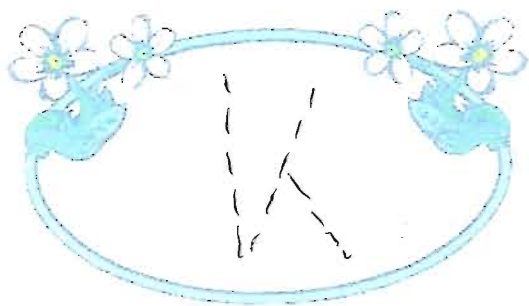


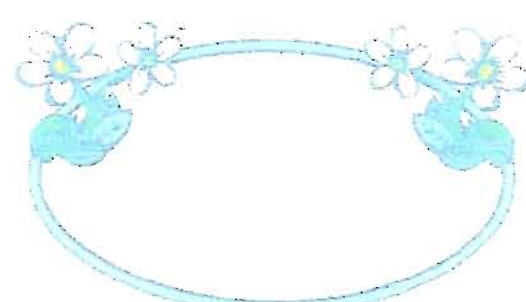
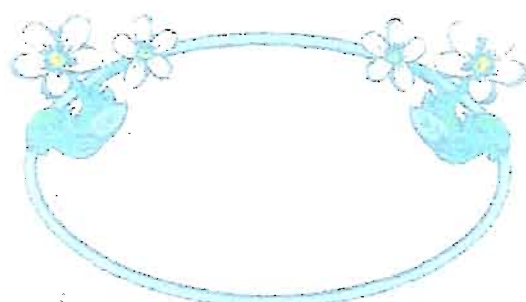
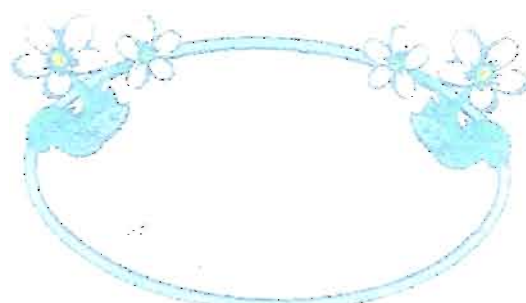
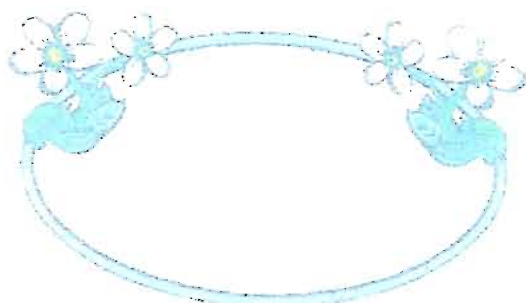
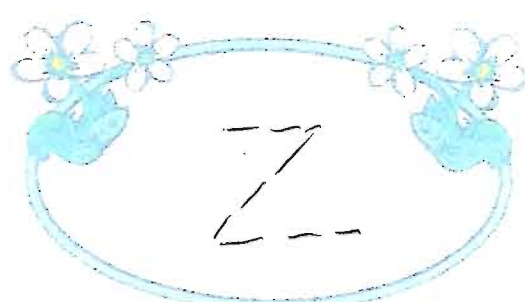
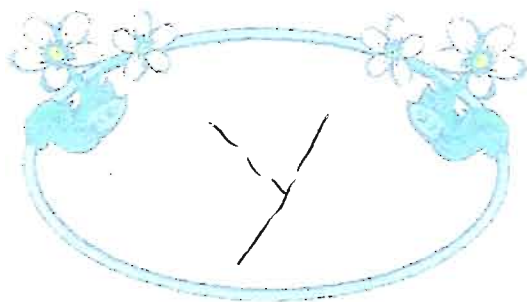
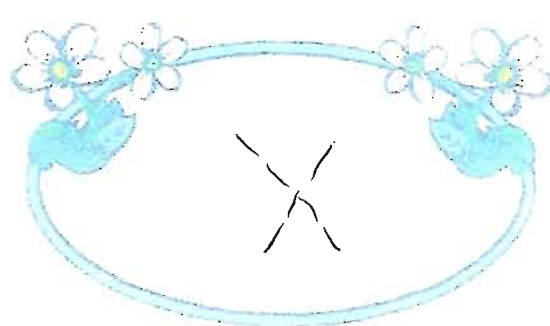
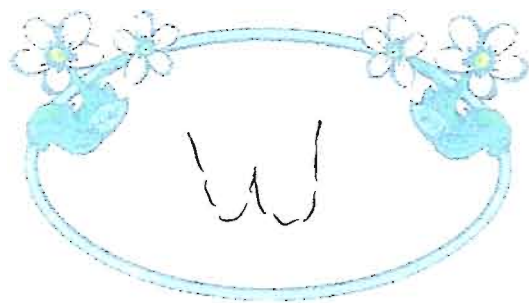
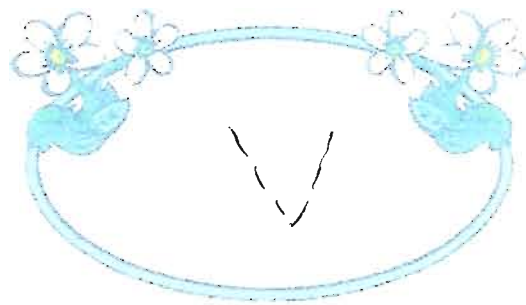
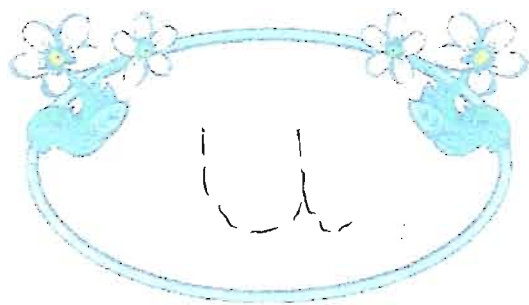


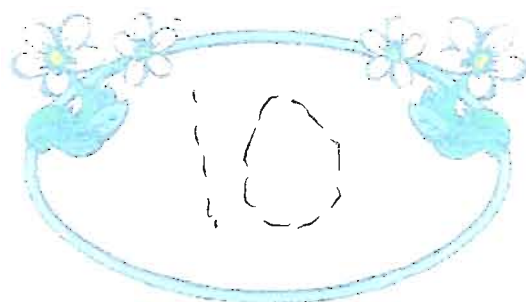
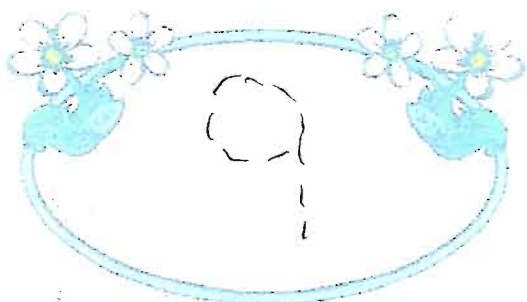
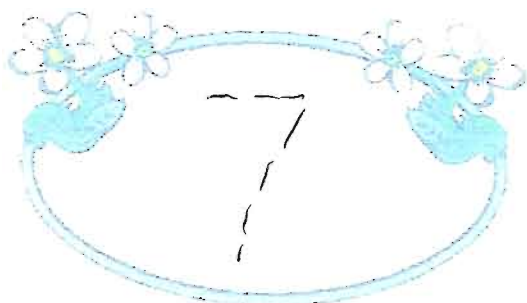
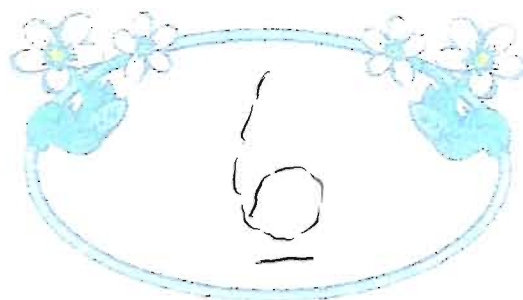
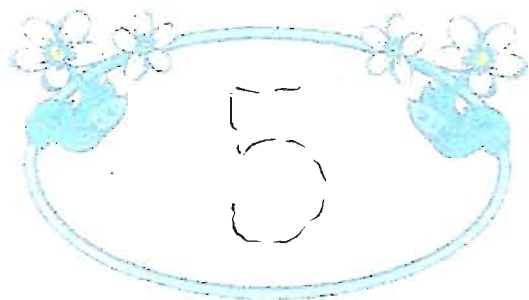
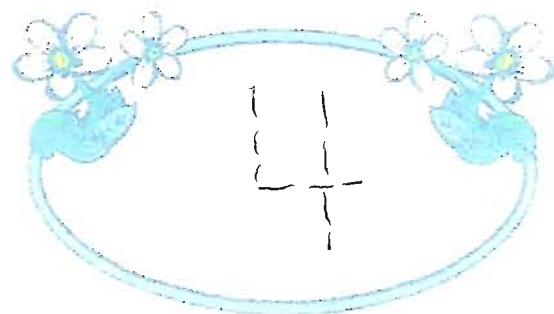
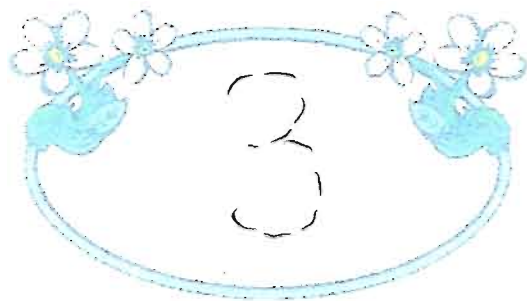
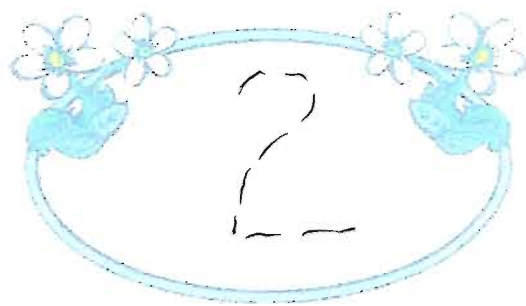
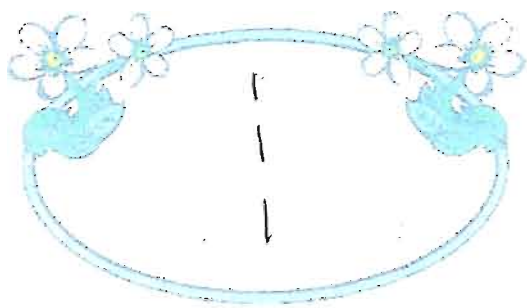


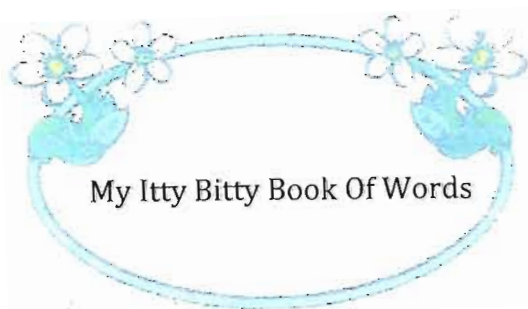
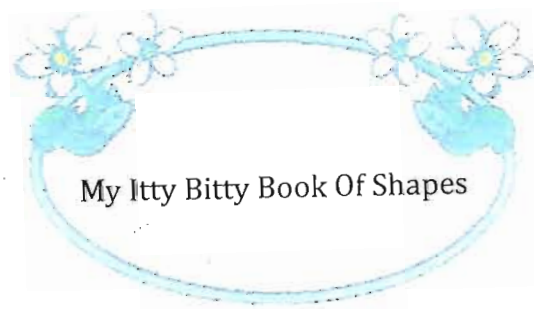
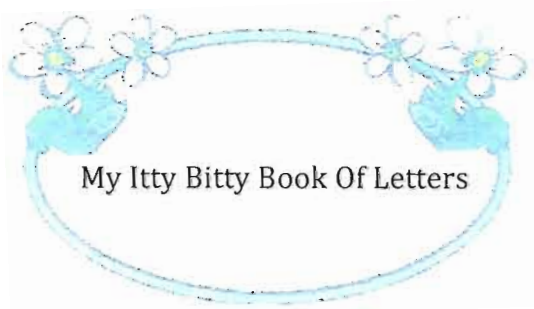
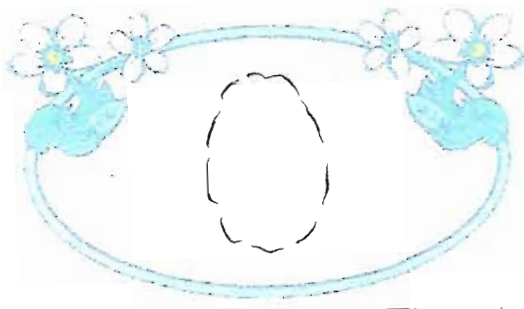
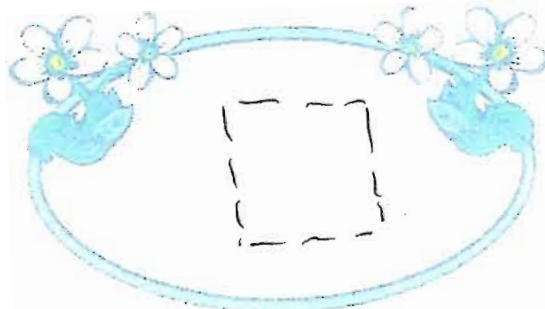
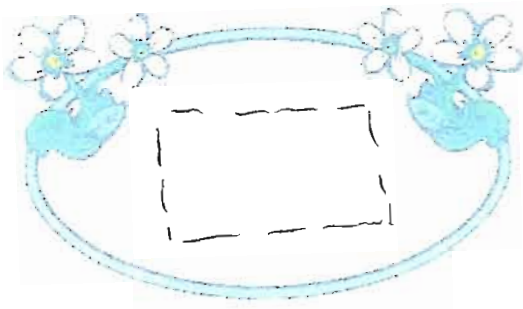
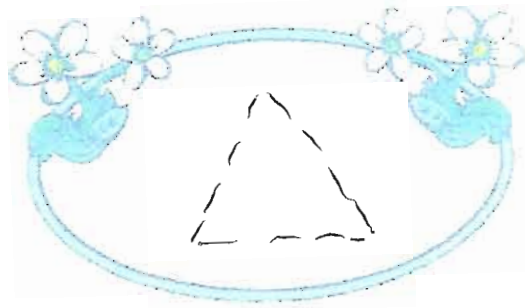
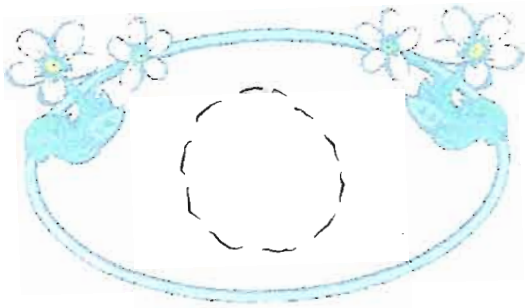












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bunny	lamb
rain	April
butterfly	rainbow
puddles	umbrella

Challenge word flashcards for spring

flower	cloud
sun	green
grass	baby
caterpillar	crysalis
lightning	thunder

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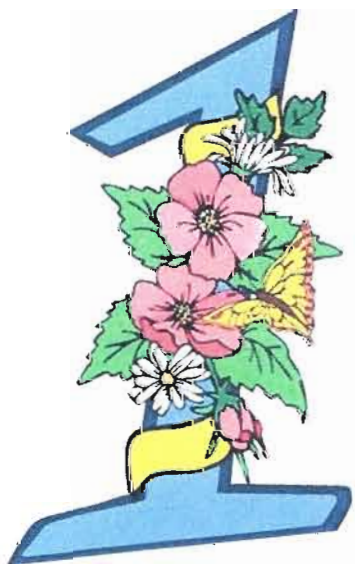
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Two butterflies.

Two two

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Three butterflies.

Three three

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Four butterflies.

Four four

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Five butterflies.

Five five

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Six butterflies.

Six six

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Seven butterflies.

Seven seven

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Eight butterflies.

Eight eight

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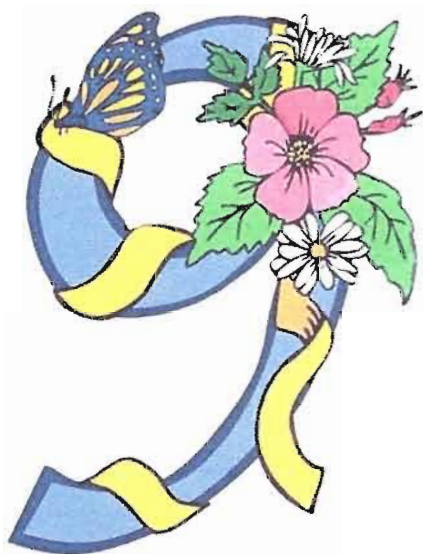


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Nine butterflies.

Nine nine

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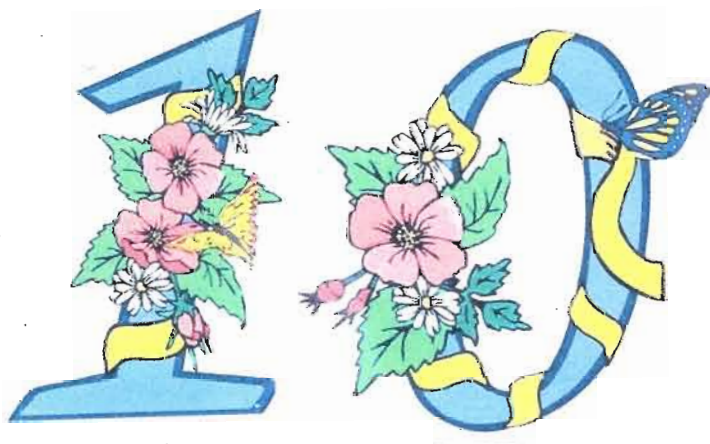


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Ten butterflies.

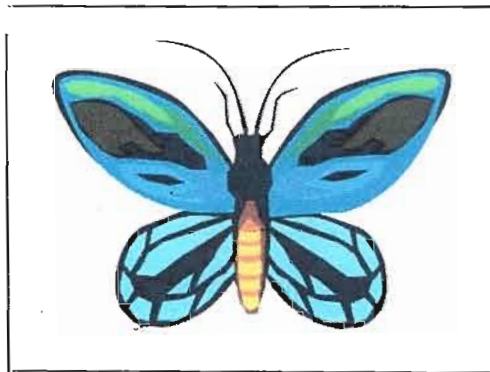
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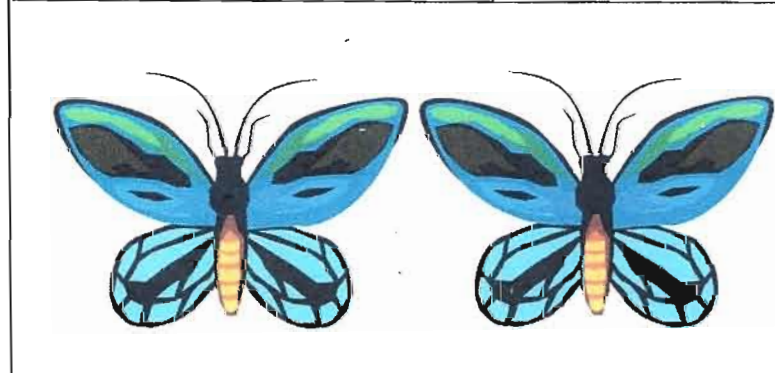


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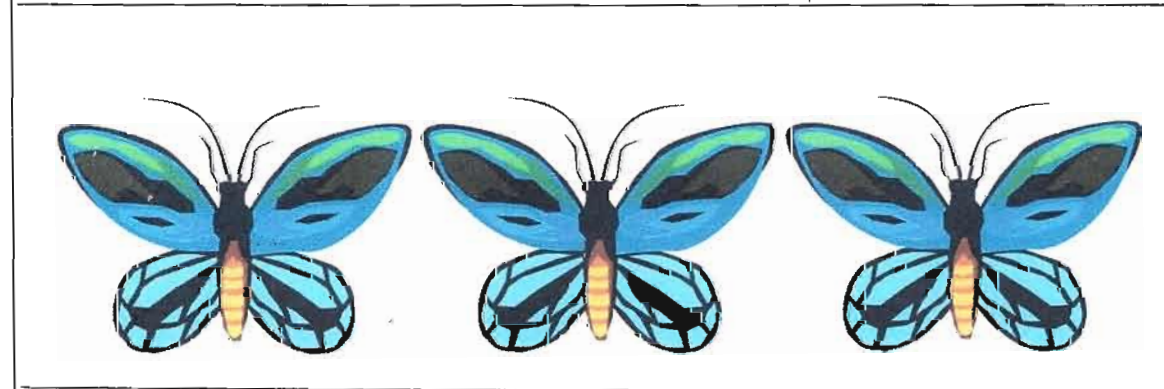
CUT out the **STRIPS** and GLUE them to the correct pages of your booklet.



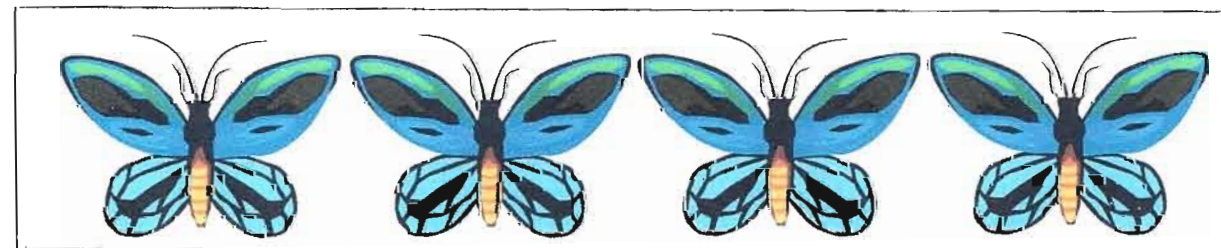
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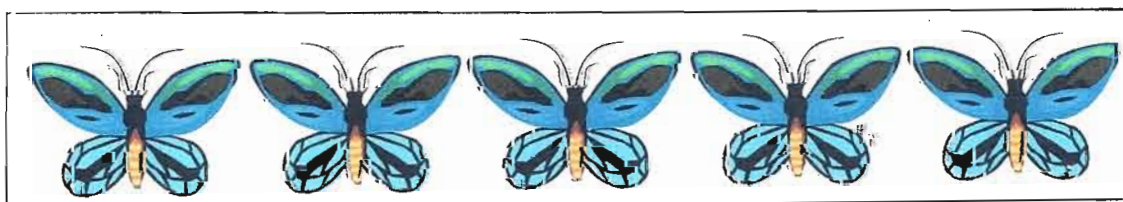
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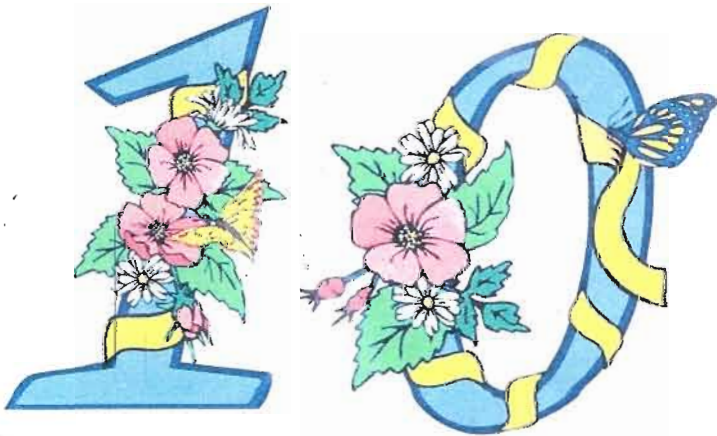
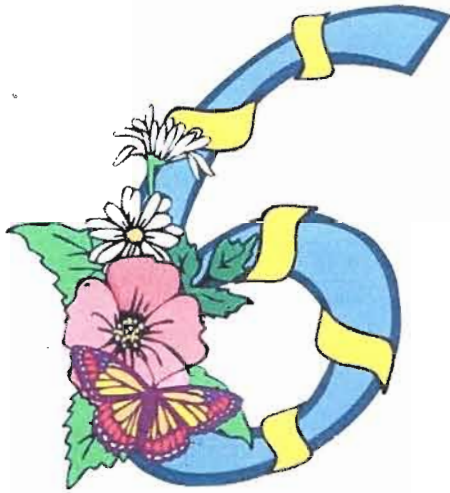


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My

Number

Butterfly

Booklet



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seven

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eight

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nine

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ten

10

Number
Flashcards



Pussy Willow Art

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Materials:

- White paint
- Brown magic marker
- Glue sticks
- Scissors
- Patterned wallpaper
- Various colors of construction paper.
- **Optional:** opalescent glitter

Directions:

Prep:

- Cut out the wallpaper vases ahead of time, or if you want your students to have cutting practice, make a template and have a room helper trace the pattern on the wallpaper so that students can cut it out.
- Run off poem and cut out so each student has one. I have tried to source the author with no luck. It must be very old because people looking for it remember it as a child and they're teachers now.

The next day...

1. Demonstrate how to make a vase of pussy willows. I bring some real ones in so that my students can touch them and see how soft they are. Most flower stores sell them. They grow wild here in Michigan.
2. Students glue their wallpaper vase to the middle bottom of their piece of construction paper.
3. Students write their name on the bottom right hand corner of their paper.
4. Students glue their pussy willow poem to the top left hand corner of their paper.
5. Using a brown marker students make 3 pussy willow stems coming out of their vase.
6. Students dip their pointer finger into the plate of white paint and add pussy willow blossoms to each side of their pussy willow stems.
7. Set aside to dry.
8. You can add some opalescent glitter glue while it's wet if you'd like to add some pizzazz.
9. Hang as a long border in the hallway, or send home as a Happy Spring card.

Pussy Willow
I Know A Little Pussy
Her coat is silver grey
She lives down in the meadow
Not very far away
Although she is a pussy
She'll never be a cat
For she's a pussy willow
Now what do you think of that?
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