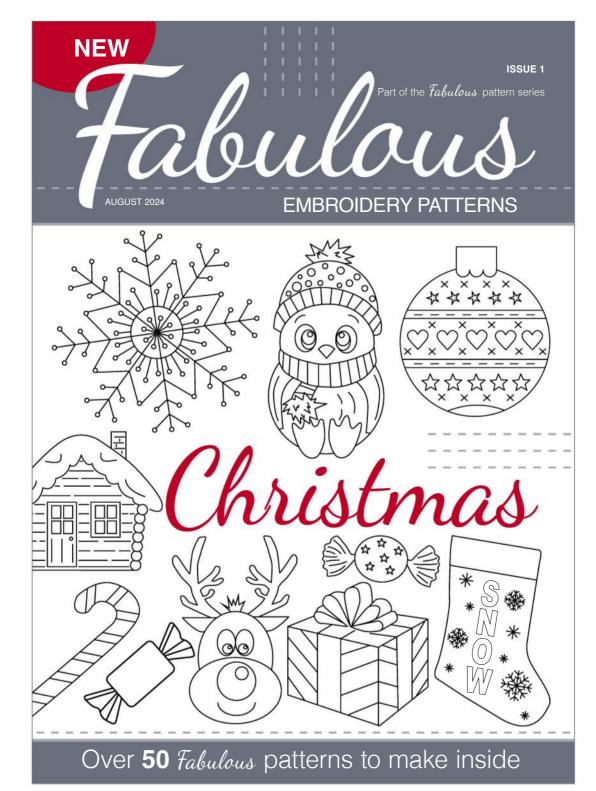


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By the time we relax to craft from our busy lives, we find that we want something quick to work on, so we have aimed for each issue to have lots of ideas where you can simply choose what you need and get making. Our ideas for each issue are simple. There are over 50 templates for you to use in your creations, along with some fabulous ideas for what you can do with them and tips on how to use them.

In this Papercraft issue the focus is on all things Tropical. We prepared this magazine while waiting for the British summer to hot up, and we waited and waited! Inside this issue though you will find a host of different Tropical collage designs, from luscious plants to a beach umbrella and even a cocktail. Each project is designed for collage and is great for using up paper scraps. The templates are designed to be layered and if you are a beginner we have provided some basic instructions to get you started.

We hope the patterns provide you with lots of inspiration. If you have any ideas for future themes, do get in touch at info@jellymediauk.com, we love to hear from you.

Happy Stitching The Fabulous Patterns Team



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Papercraft for beginners

Papercraft is a really enjoyable creative craft and on these pages you will find lots of templates to use to create your own designs. The equipment needed is easily obtainable, as well as fairly inexpensive, and as the designs are quick to do you can have lots of fun experimenting.



There are many ways to enjoy being creative with paper, if you are new to the craft here is some information to help get you started.

Paper

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Found Papers These can be magazine pages, paper bags or packaging. The inside of envelopes can be an interesting place to find pattern and for texture try ripping apart boxes to see the

corrugated effect. Second-hand Papers

Charity shops and car boot sales can be a place to find some lovely old papers. Look out for sheet music, handwritten letters and damaged books. If you do not want to use the original then photocopy and use this. Old part-used wallpaper rolls can be fun to work with, both for the pattern and as an inexpensive base.

Bought Paper

Art shops are a good place to browse interesting paper that has texture, such as those suitable for watercolour. Origami paper and wrapping paper is available from stationery shops.

Decorated Papers

For a personal touch you can decorate the papers yourself. This can be as simple as creating a stamp by painting an eraser and using this to make a repeat pattern. Look for found objects around the home and out and about, for example in autumn dried leaves can make great stamps. You can also write on the papers, paint on them or use other crafts you may like, such as marbling. The papers will be cut and so if you are nervous

about drawing and painting it can be freeing to know you'll be looking for little areas of interest with a broken line or smudge of paint rather than a figurative image.

You might see the term GSM and that refers to the weight of the paper and the higher the number the heavier the paper. With collage the heavier the paper then the stronger the glue will likely need to be. When starting you will want something heavier as your base paper and to collage light papers on top, as they won't need so much glueing. However, the lighter the paper the more likely glue such as PVA will show through, so if you are starting out or have not played with collage for a while it is a case of trial and error while you experiment.

Tips

- When cutting a long outline with scissors do not cut through to the tips of the scissors, instead cut a small area then slide your scissors along and keep doing this as you go. This helps you to get a smooth line.
- If cutting stacks of paper then mark the template on the front piece and hold the papers together with a clips to stop them shifting as you cut.
- -- Keep scissors clean and away from adhesives.
- -- Keep adhesives, scissors and craft knives somewhere safe when not in use.

Using the Templates

Simply print your template and use a glue stick to attach it onto a piece of card (this can be some old packaging out of the recycling bin) then cut out using paper scissors. Place the template onto the wrong side of your paper and draw around the edge. You can also place the template on the front of the paper and mark around it, but then cut slightly within the drawn line. If any pencil remains use an eraser to remove.

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When using the template you may need to reverse (mirror) the design depending on how you want the motif to look. This is especially important when working with designs that cannot be mirrored, such as text.

Project Ideas

Some ideas of things to make from your papercraft designs:

Table mats and coasters – these are fun to make and a quick way to display papercraft as well as crreating something unique for the home. To make them stronger you could back them with some thin plyboard. As paper can be inexpensive you can change them to suit the seasons.

Bunting/Garlands – if you want to try out lots of different papercraft designs then displaying them as bunting is great for this as each pennant can be different. Use a hole punch to make holes in the top of the pennants then lace onto some ribbon or string.

Greetings cards – simply glue to the front of a greetings card blank, if you want to add more decoration you can do so with items such as ribbon and string. It can be nice to add a design to the envelope too.

Wrapping paper and tags – use thinner papers (brown parcel paper is ideal as backing paper) so it is easy to wrap around a gift.

Pictures – this is a good way to show your designs and frames can be picked up inexpensively in supermarkets and charity shops.

Materials

-- Scissors

Keep your paper scissors exclusively for this, do not be tempted to use them for other tasks such as in the garden. It can be a good idea to have a collection of scissors that are different sizes. A large pair can be good for bigger pieces of work, while a very small pair make it easier to cut around smaller more fiddly shapes. You can also buy scissors with a shape cut into the blade. The most commonly known are a pinking sheers, which have a zig zag line, and these are useful for adding texture to shapes such as flower petals.

-- Craft Knife (or scalpel)

You can cut multiple sheets of paper using one of these.

-- Cutting Mat and Metal Ruler

If using a craft knife a self-healing cutting mat and metal ruler is a must.

-- Adhesives

There are lots of different products available to buy. Below are some of the items we use. There are different brands available so read the instructions before starting, especially if they are permanent glues.

Glue Stick - These are convenient as easy to find in the shops and clean to use. Make sure you replace the cap properly after use to stop the glue drying out. **PVA Glue** - This is a liquid glue and widely used not just for paper but also for fabric and wood. It is fairly inexpensive and is usually looks white then dries clear. If you use too much it can cause the paper to buckle so be careful with application. Using a brush helps and make sure you clean it straight after use. **Double Sided Tape** - This gives a clean finish and is really handy for tasks such as attaching a

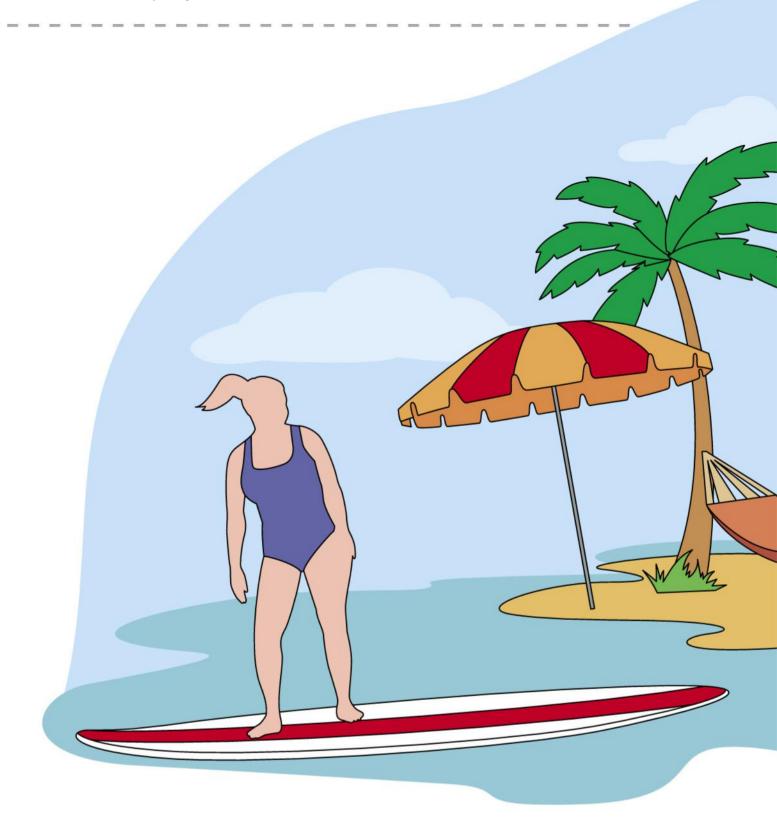
finished piece to a backing (such as a design onto a greetings card).

Modge Podge® - If you want to varnish the finished piece then podge is good for this. As well as being a glue you can paint it over the whole piece to seal it. Other glues - A glue gun, if you have one, can be handy. Spray glues are also available and these give a very flat finish however if using this read the instructions carefully, especially about ventilating your workspace and keeping the area clean.

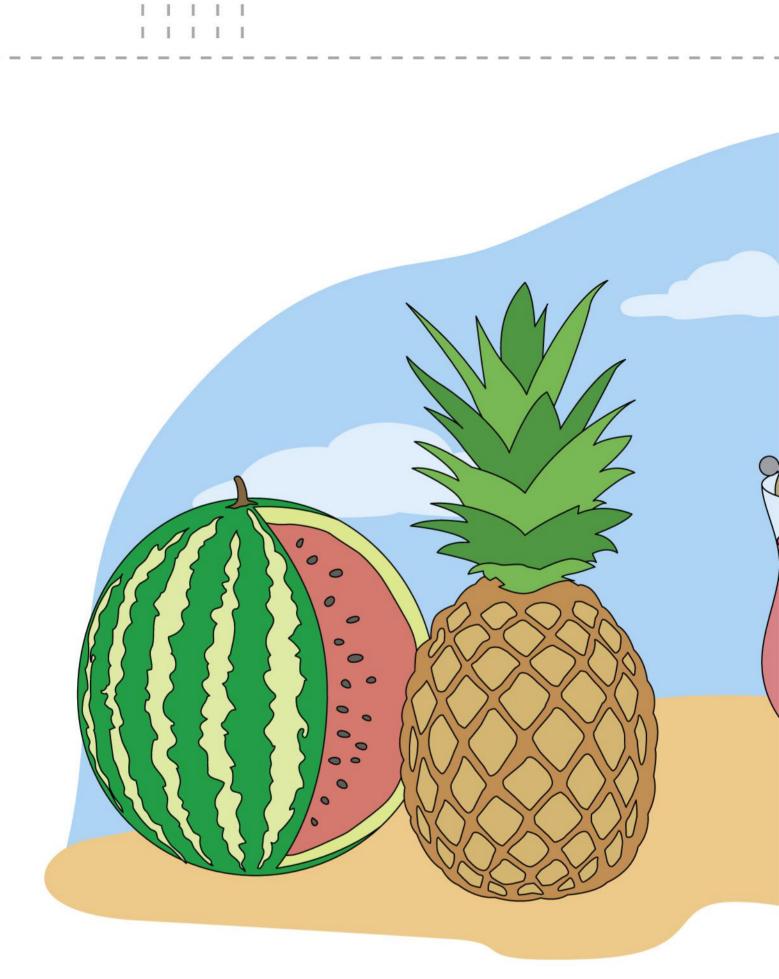
-- Sundries

A cocktail stick, toothpick or cotton wool buds can be good to have to hand for cleaning up little areas such as if some glue seeps out from under the edge of a shape.

Here are some ideas of how to use one, or more, of our original papercraft patterns. Brighten up a birthday card or decorate a scrapbook for a loved one or make some themed bunting for a special event or party.

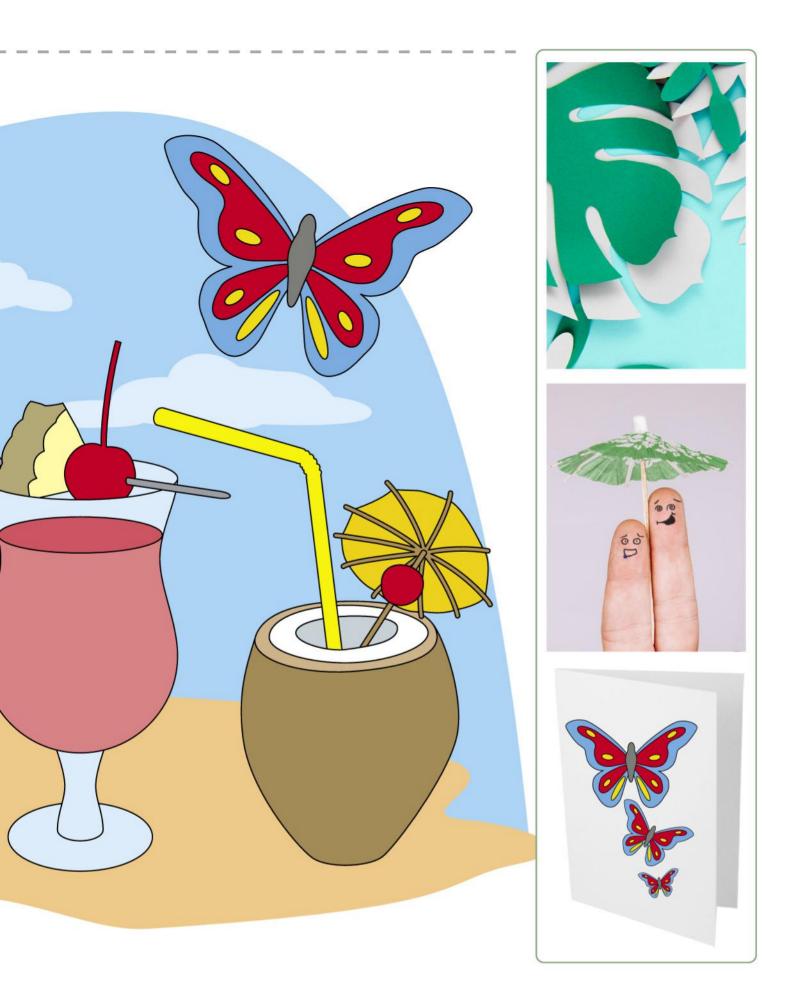


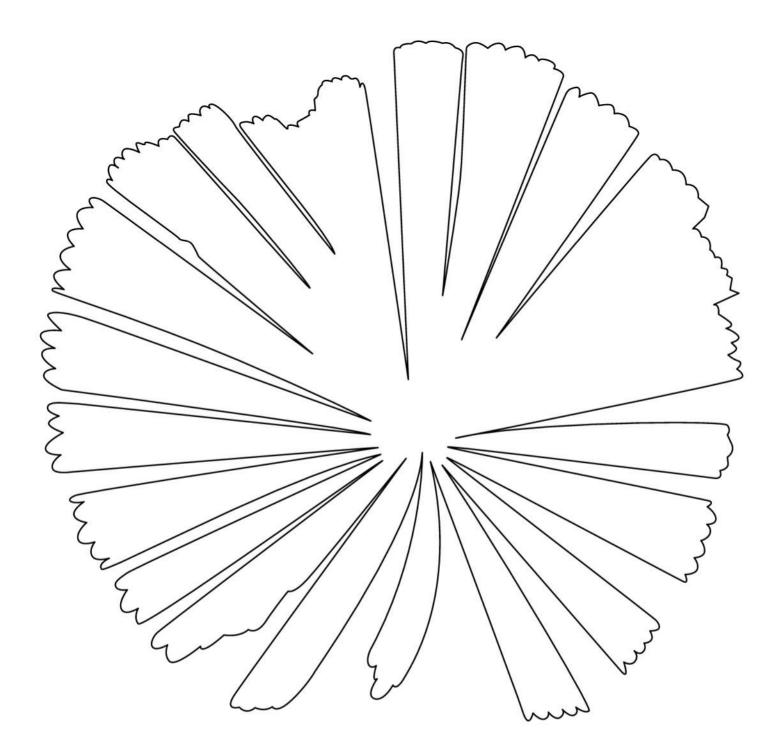


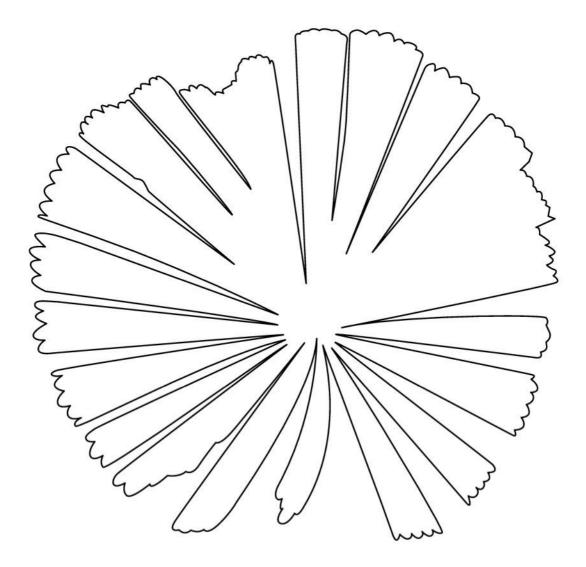


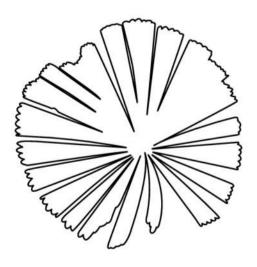
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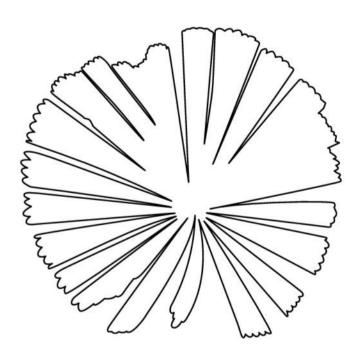
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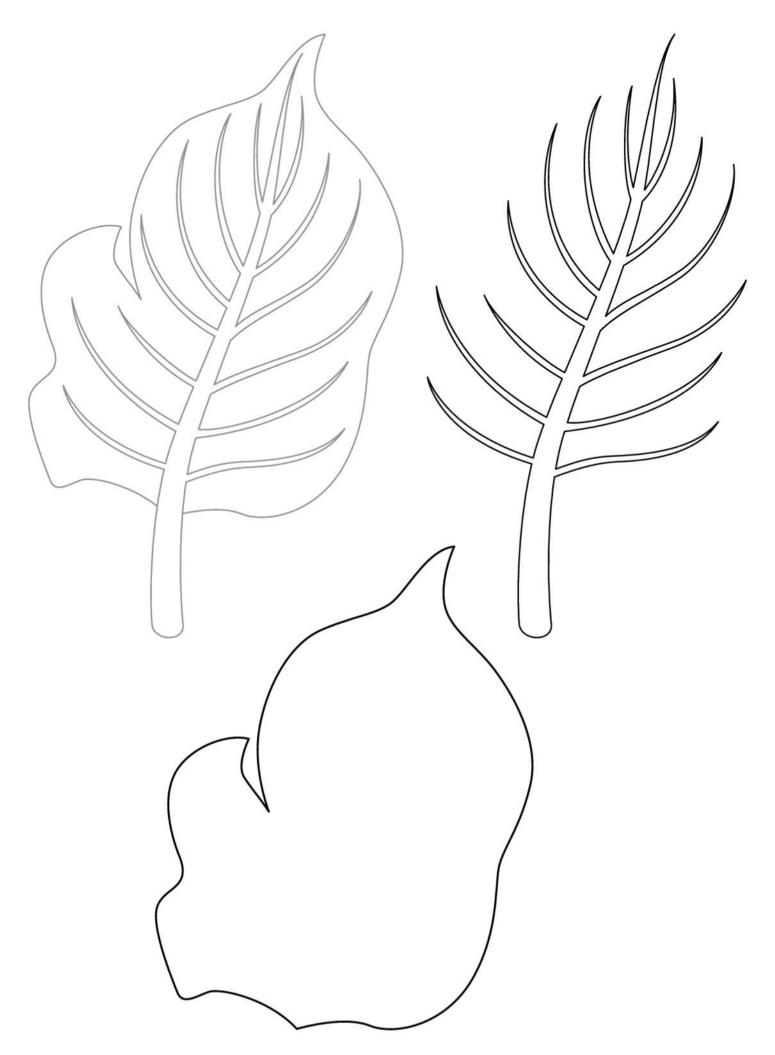


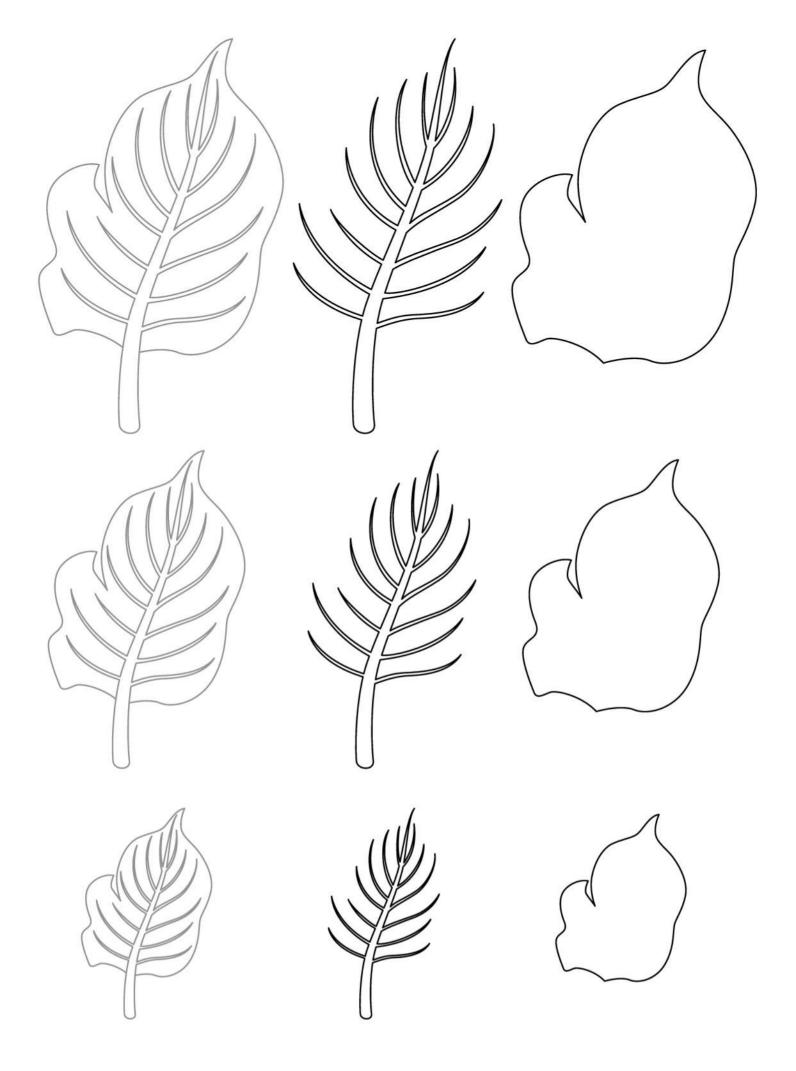


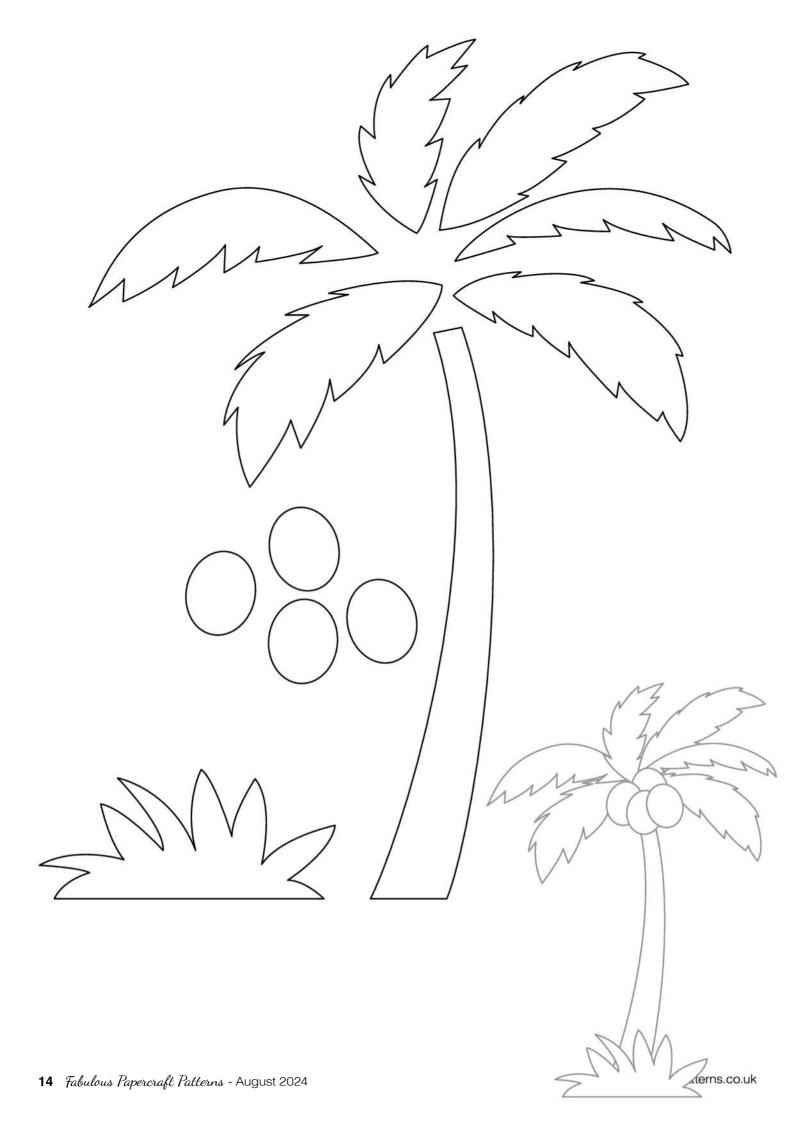


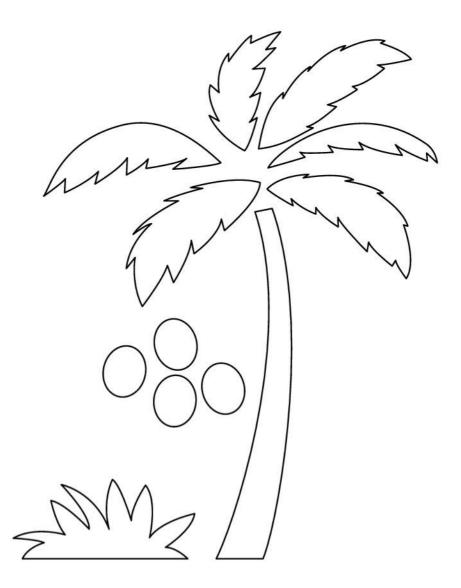


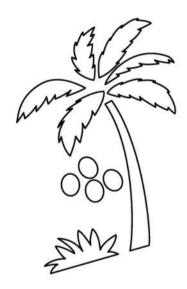


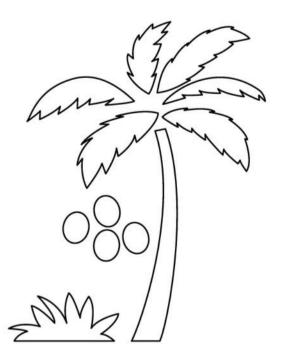


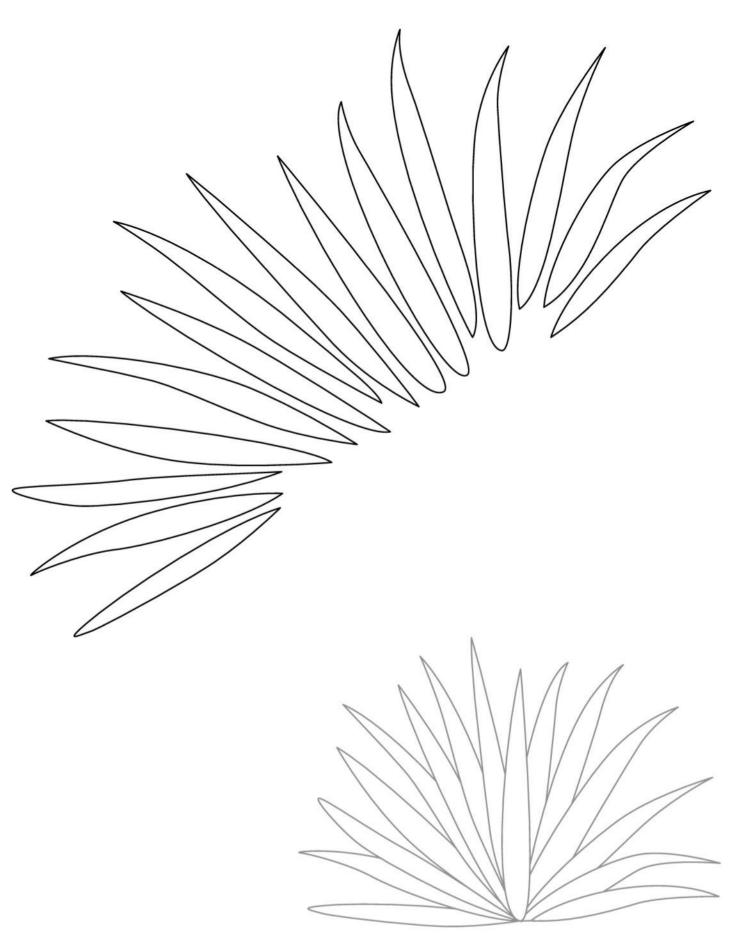


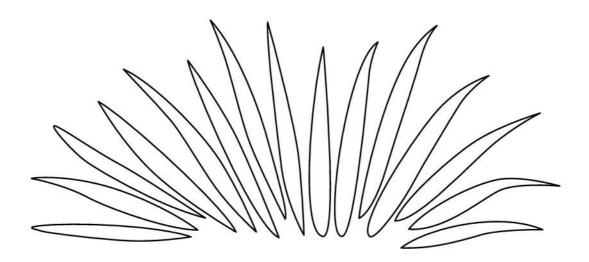


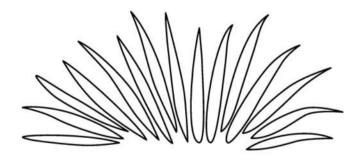


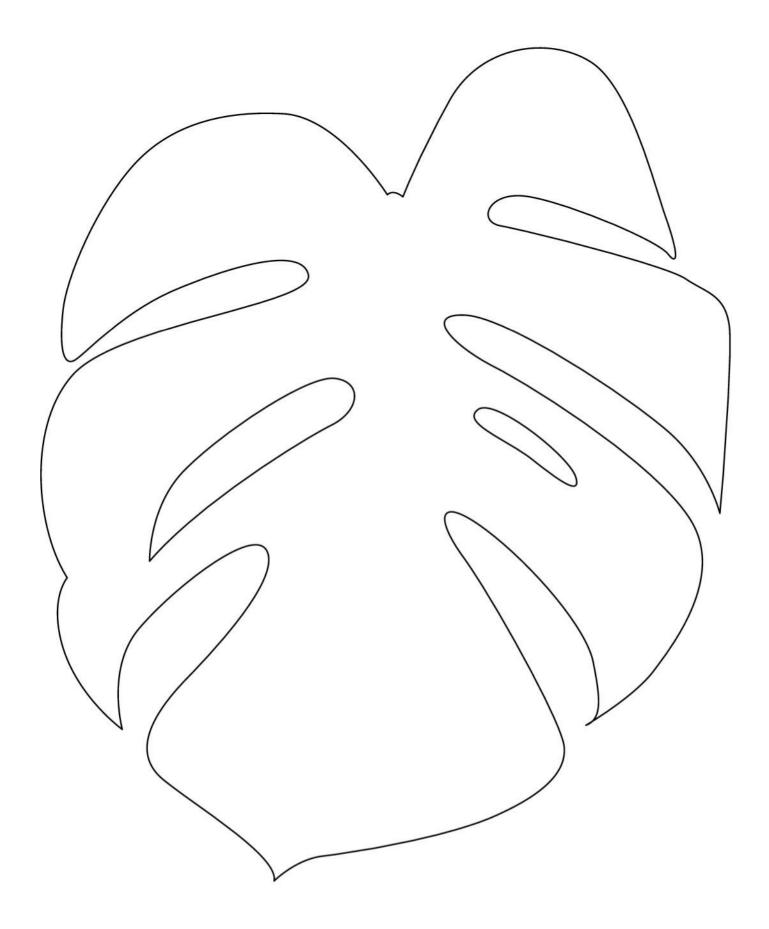


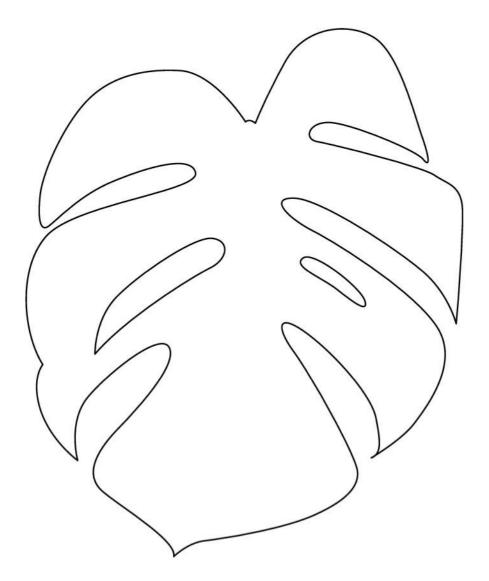


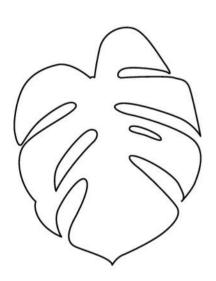


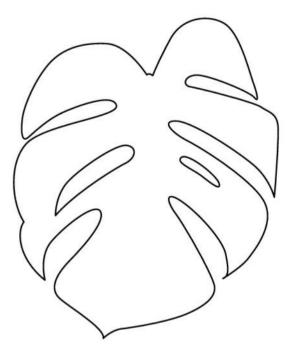


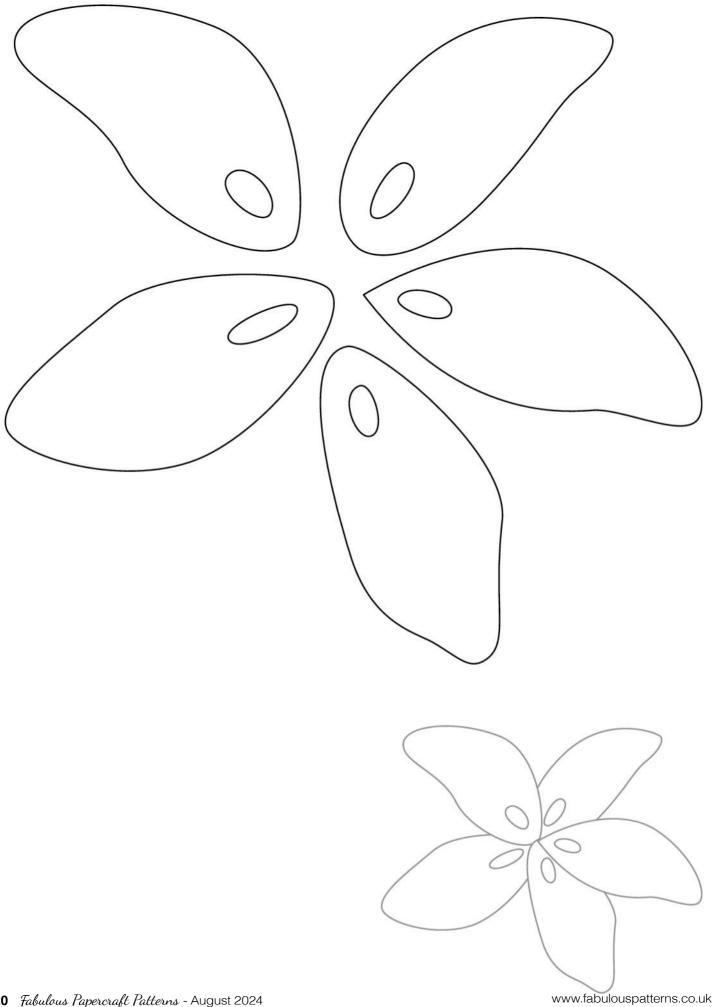


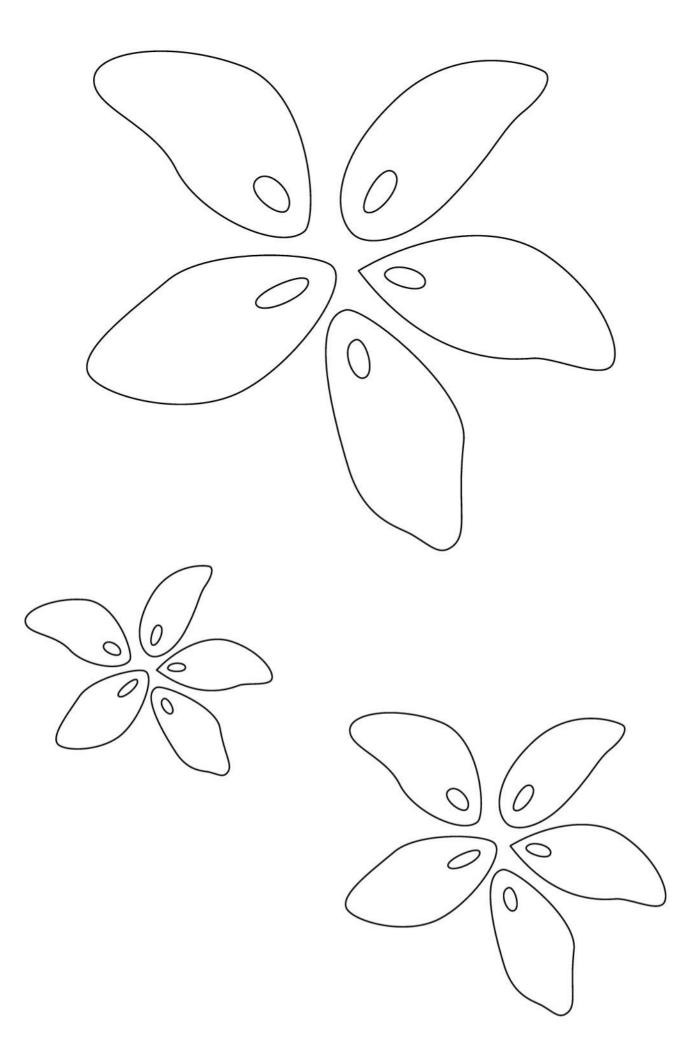


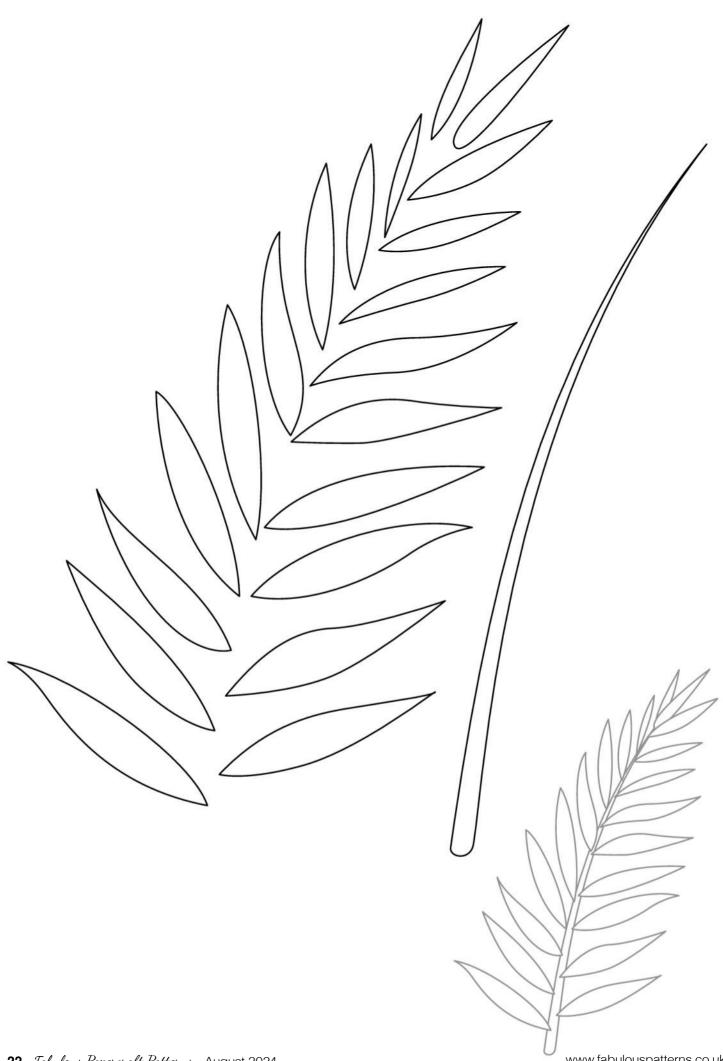


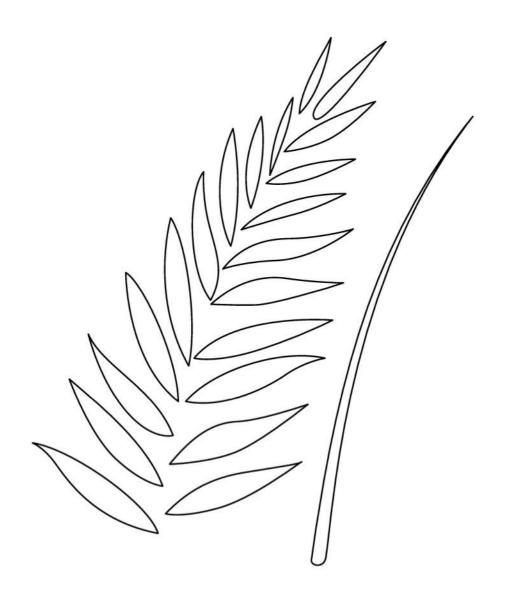






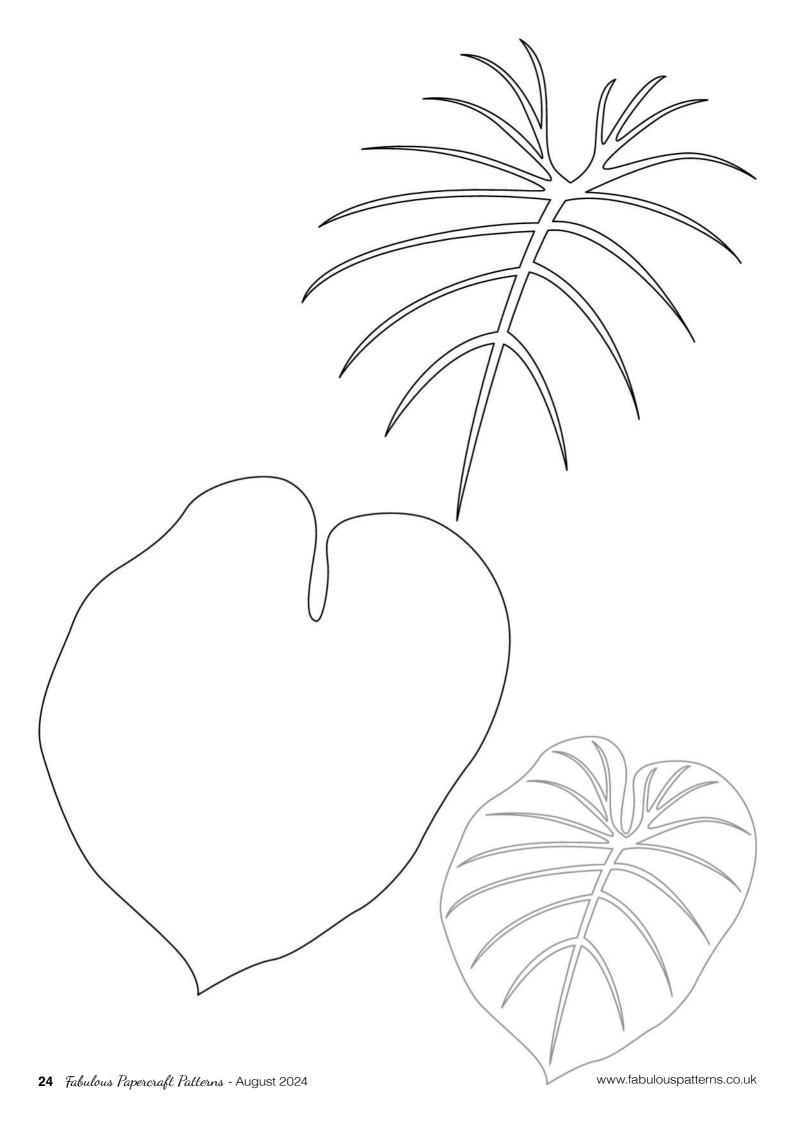


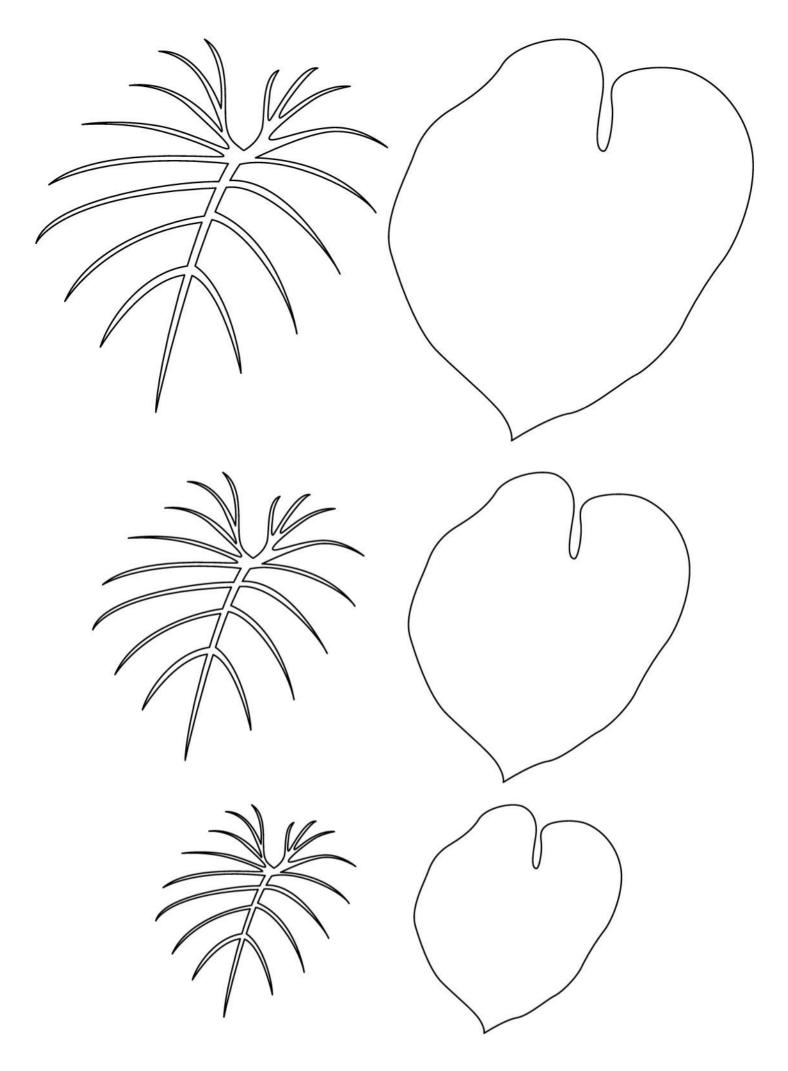


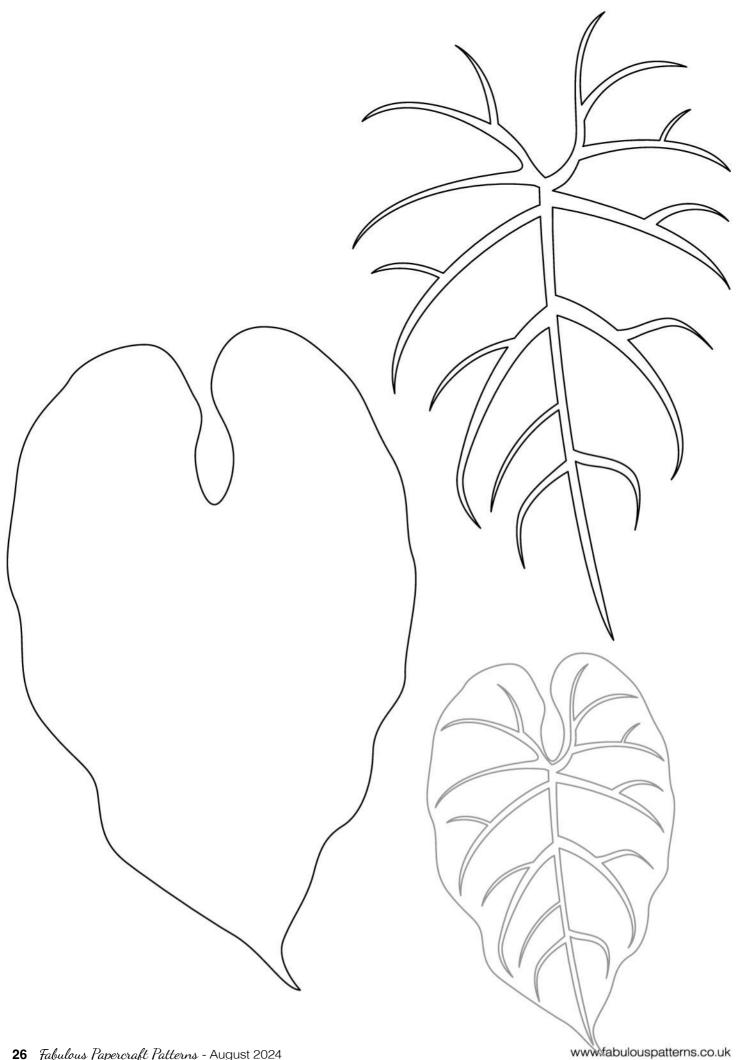


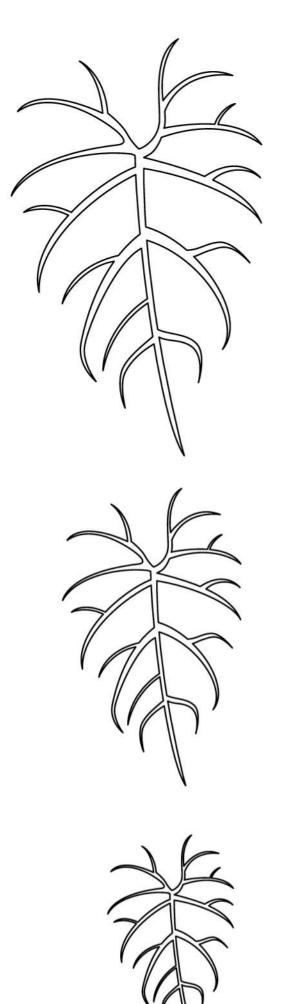


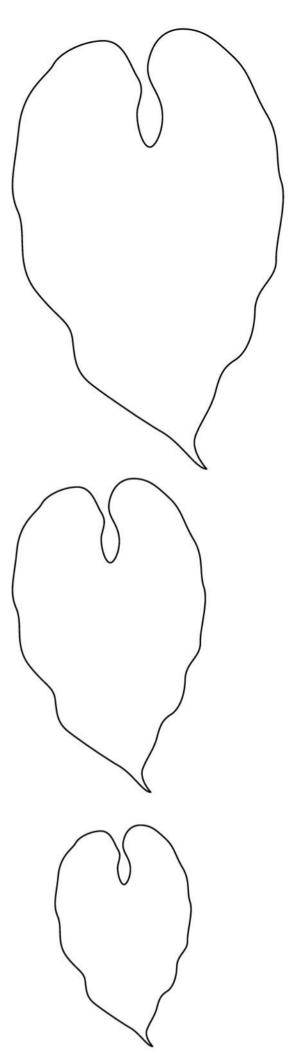


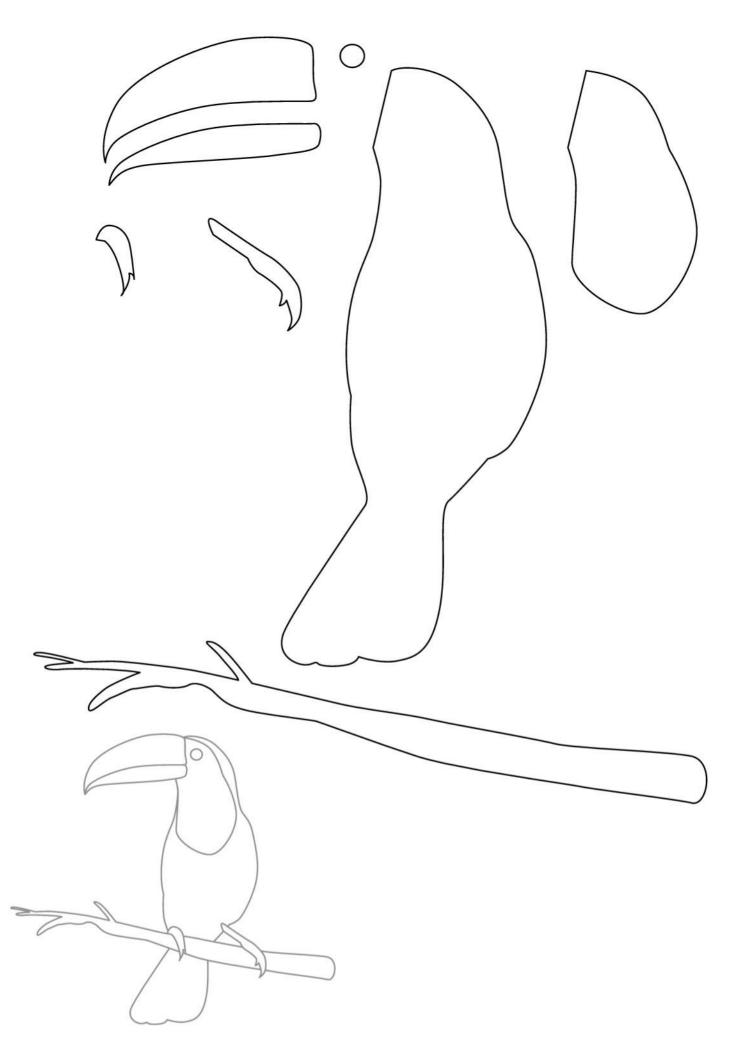


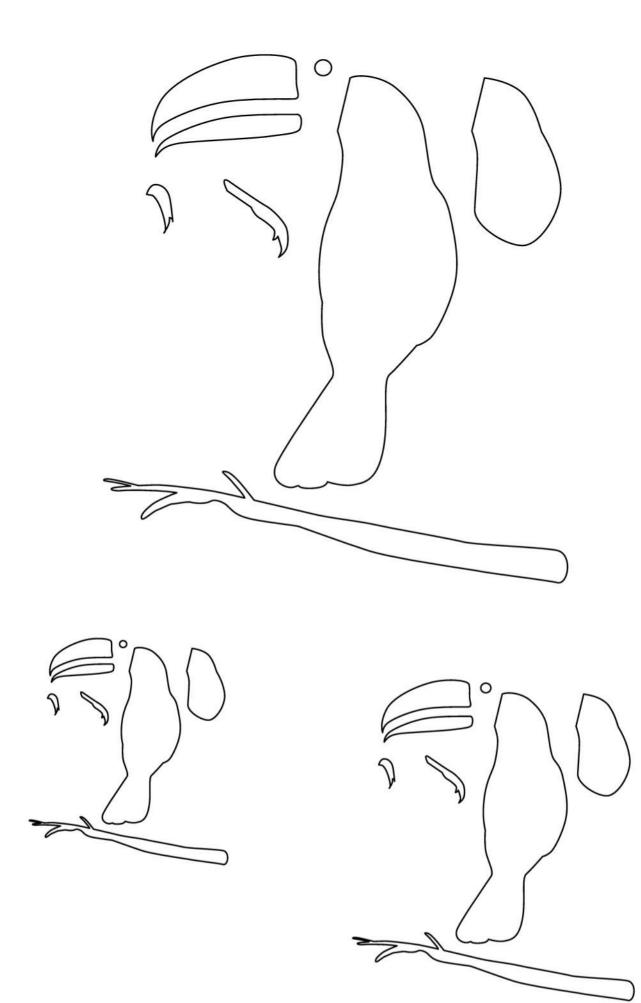


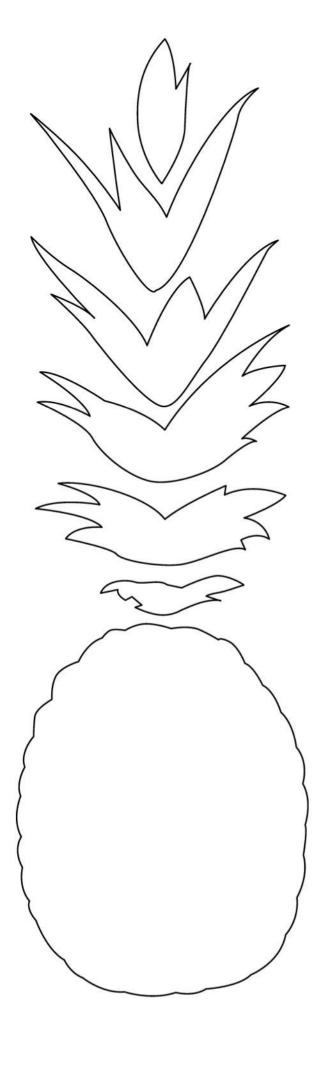


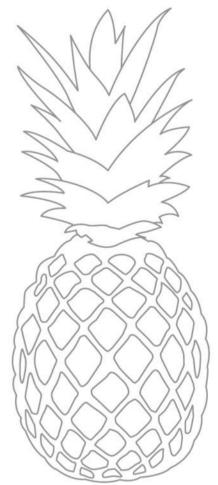


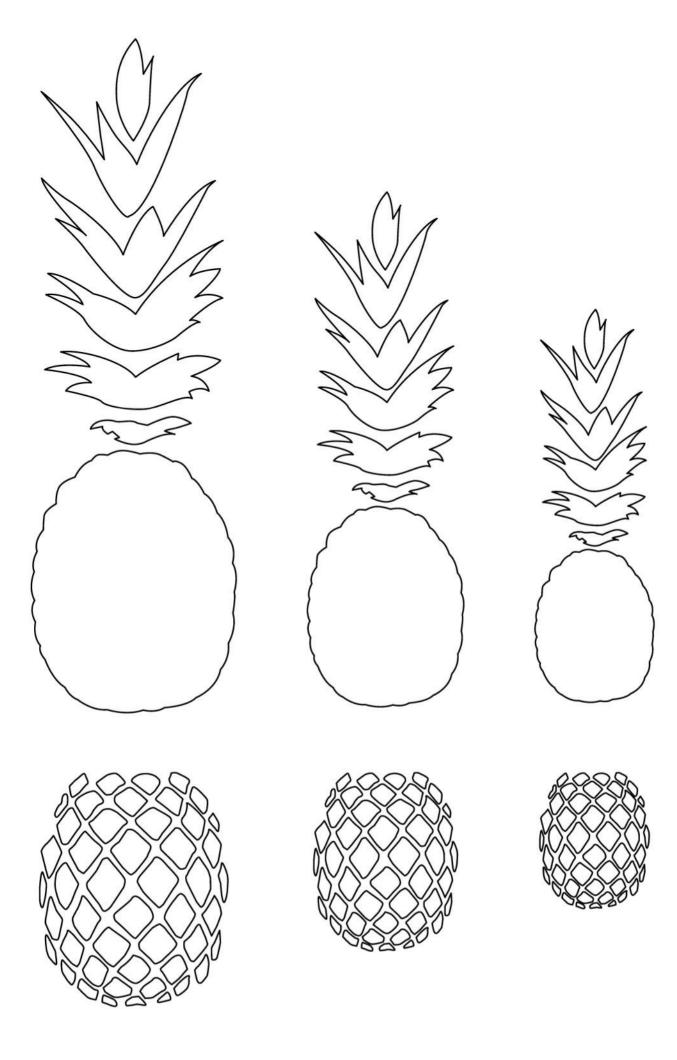


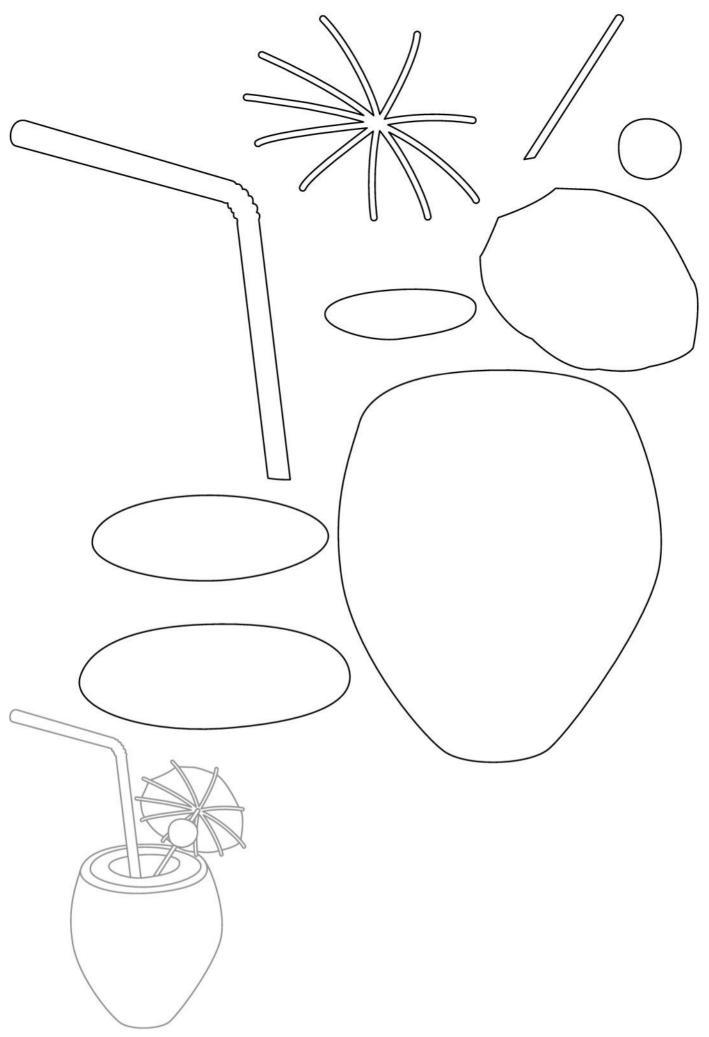


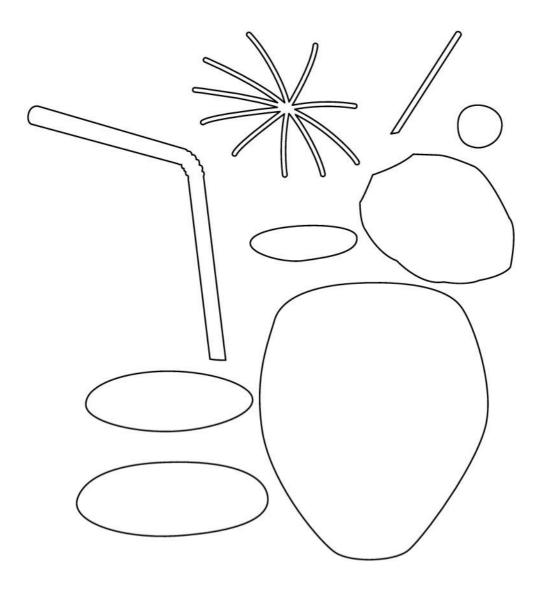


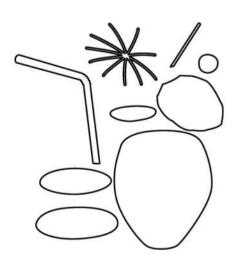


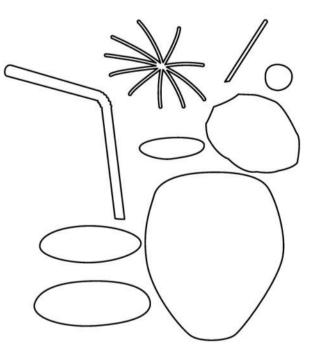


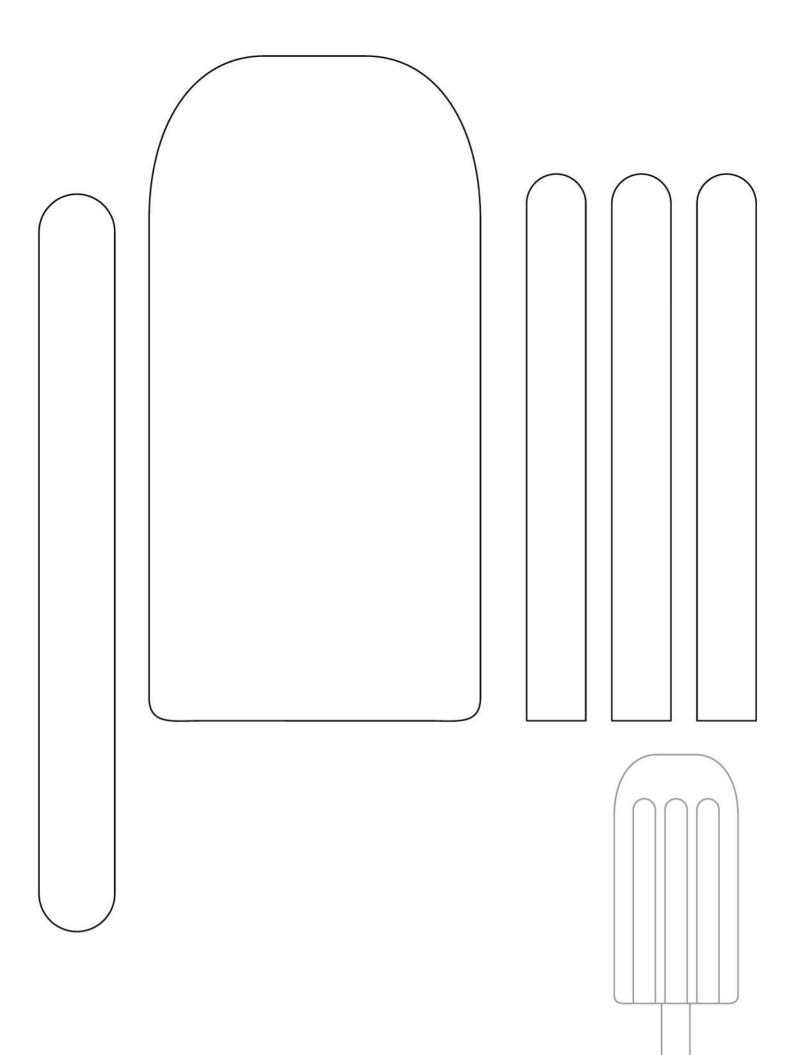


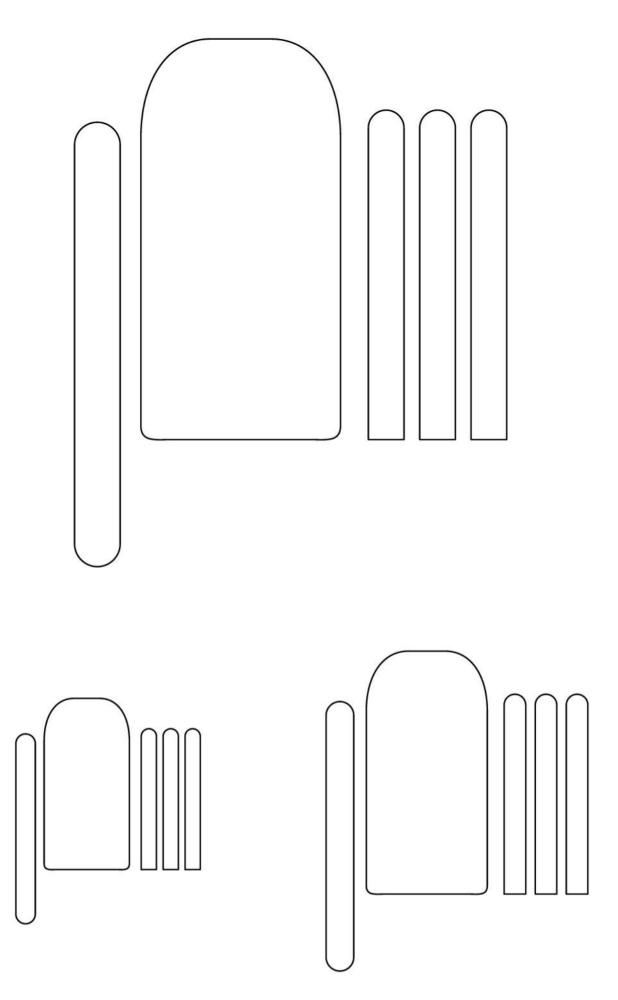


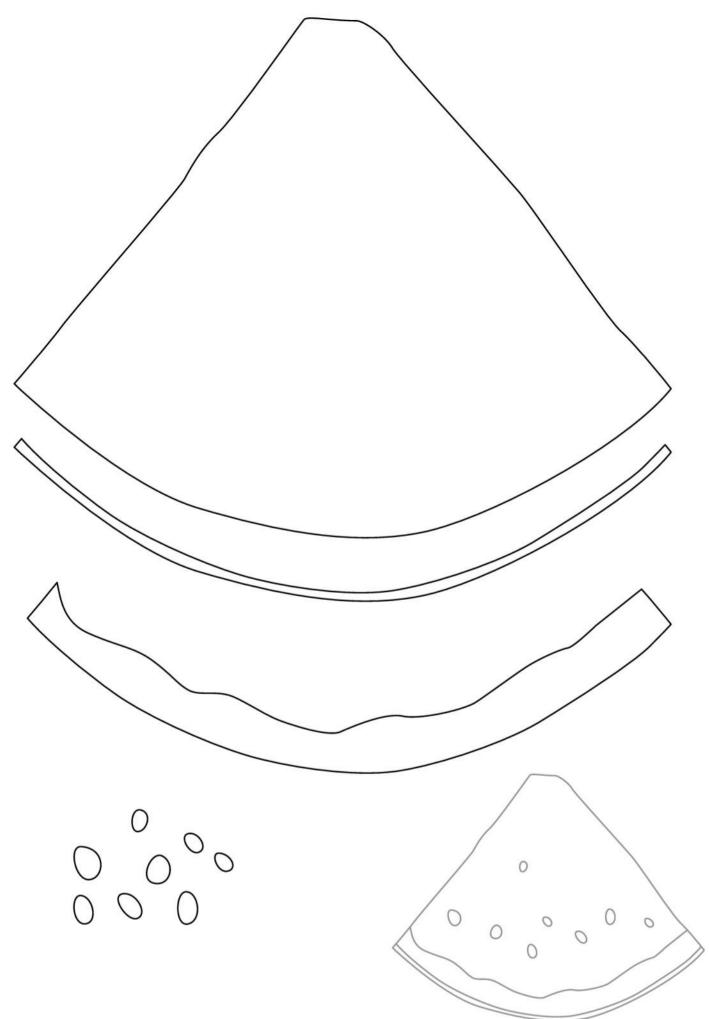






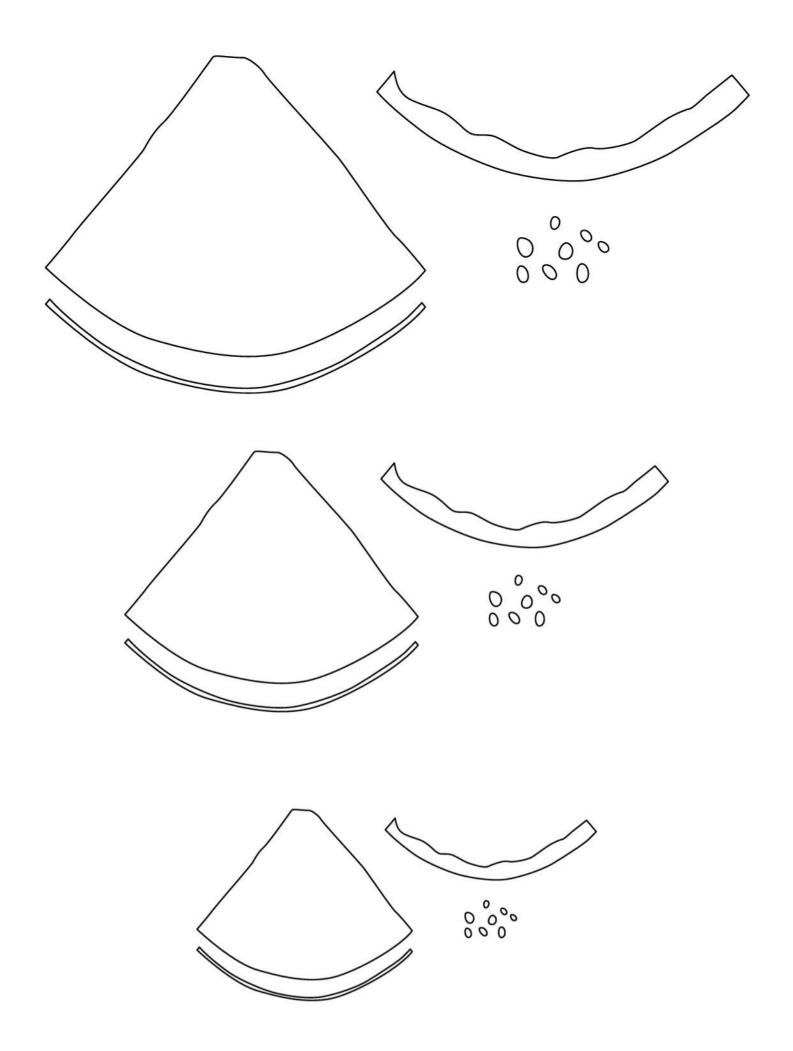


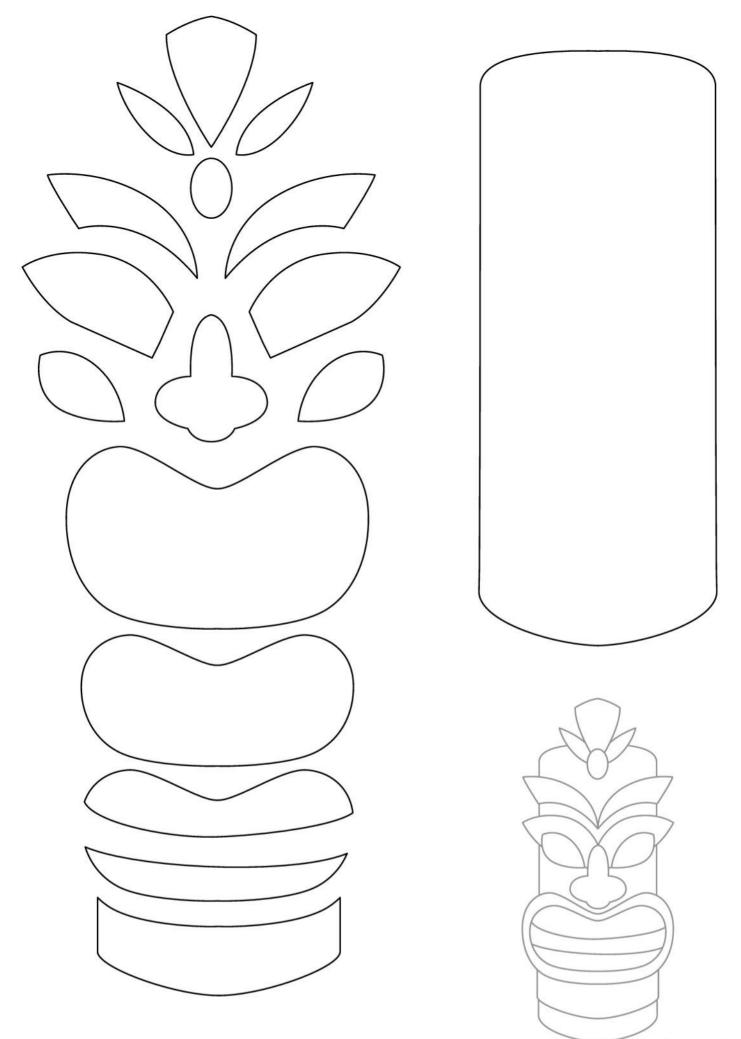


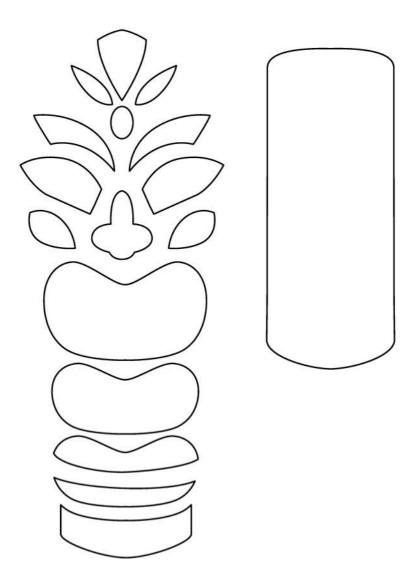


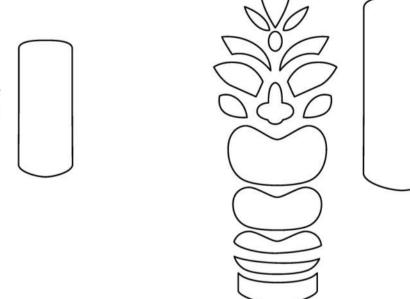
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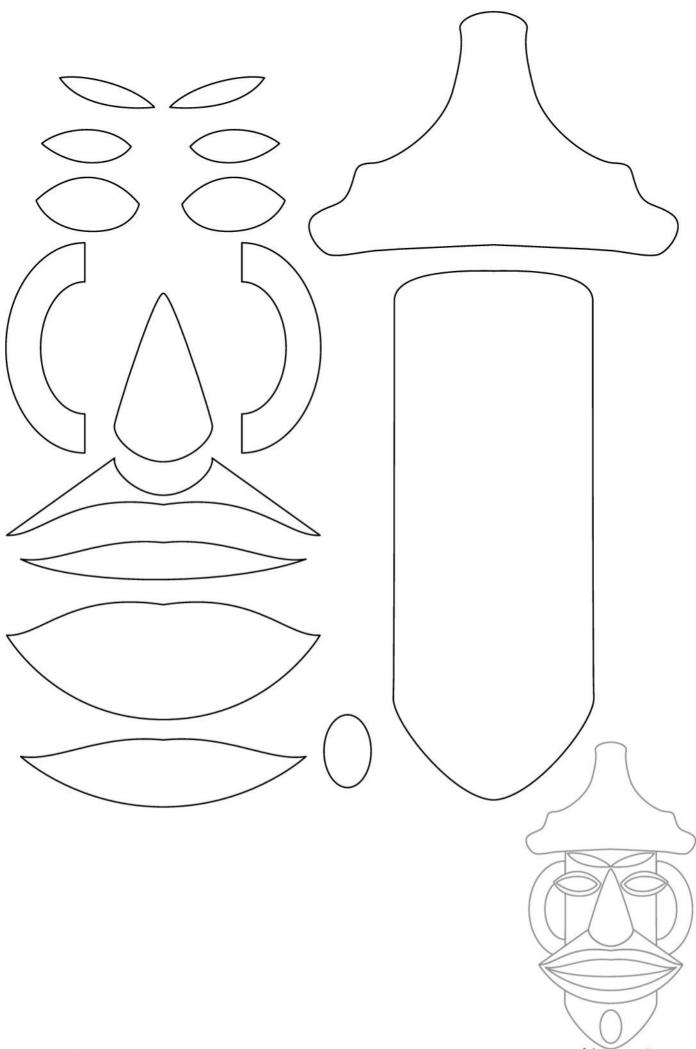


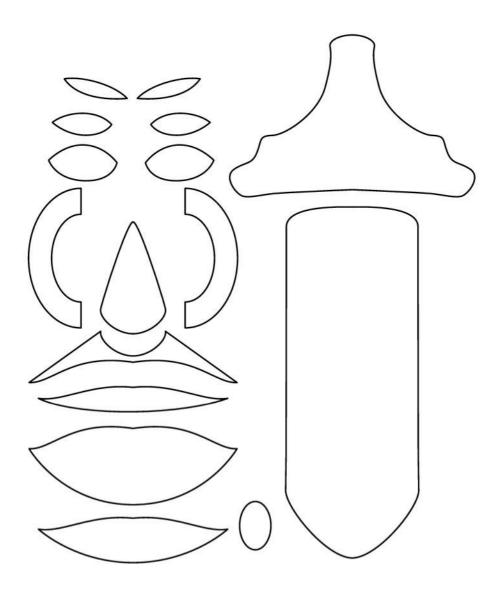


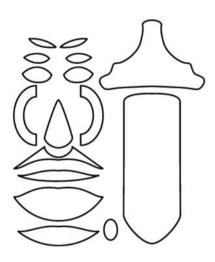


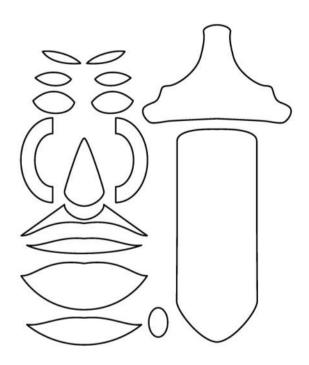


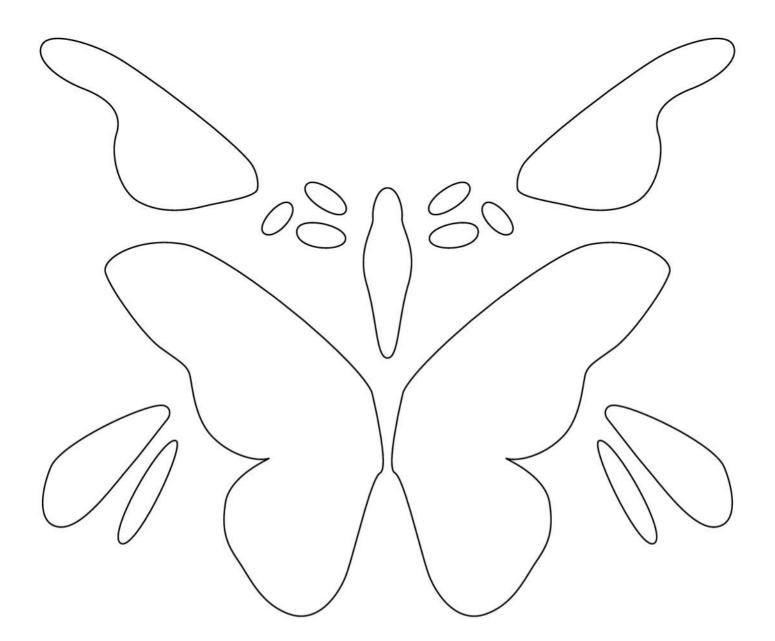


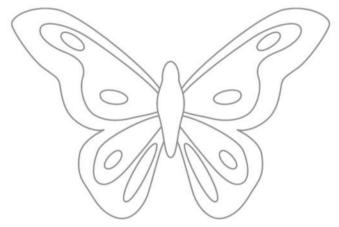


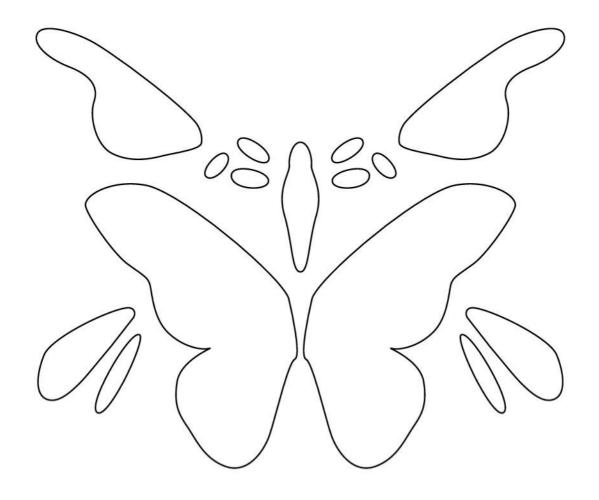


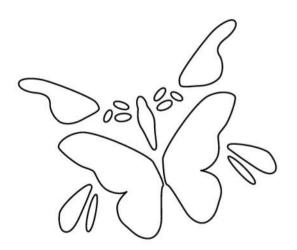


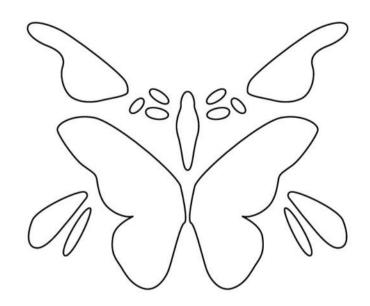






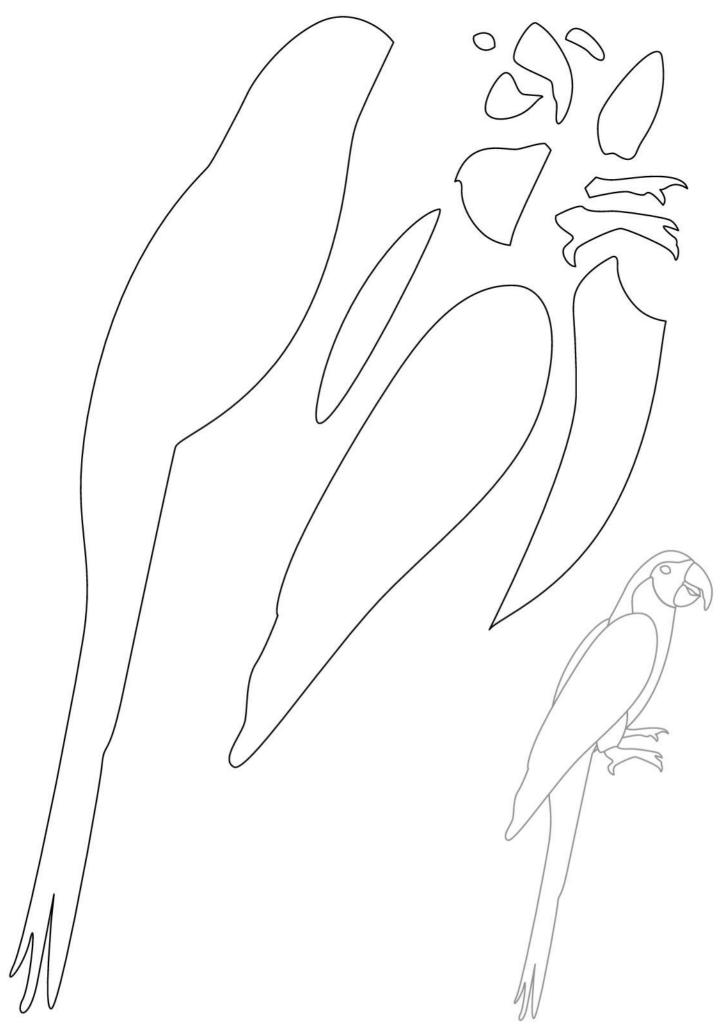




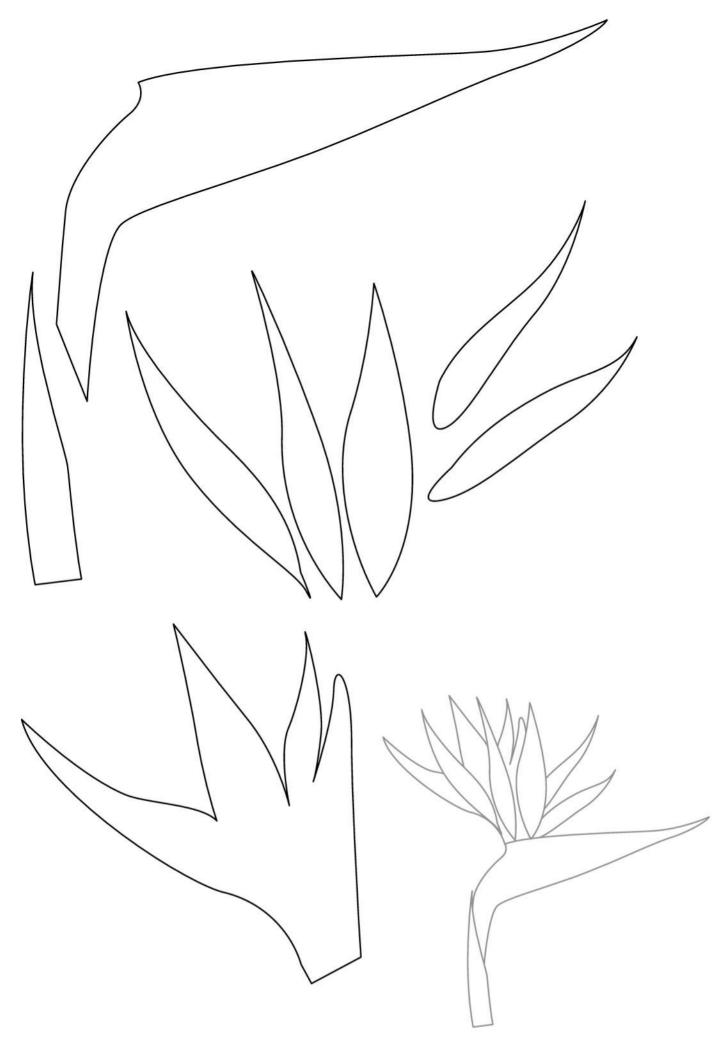




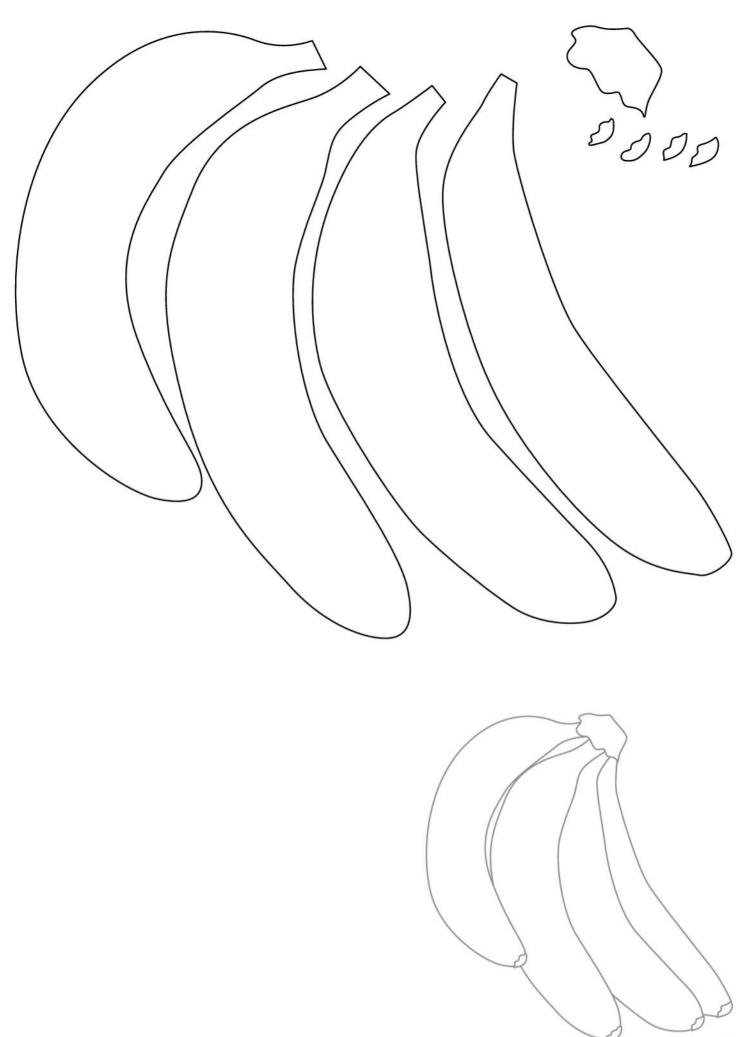


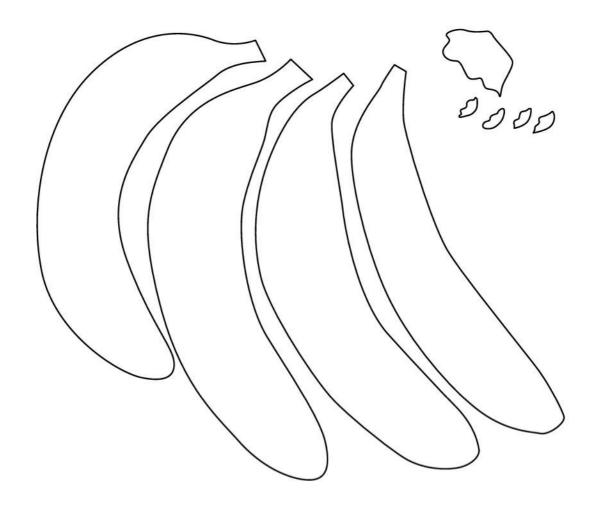


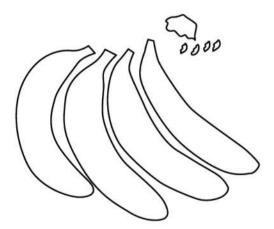


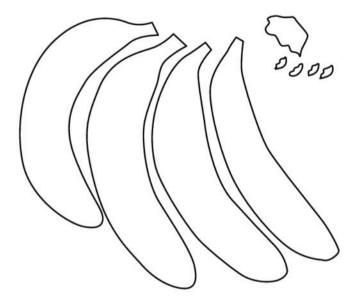


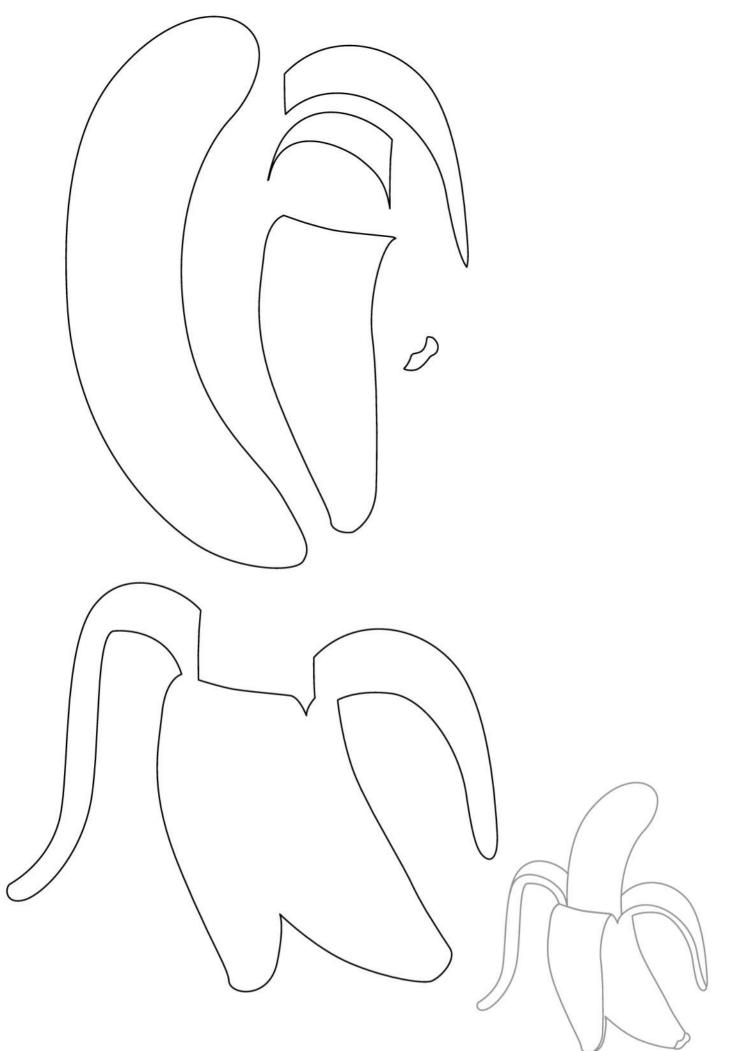


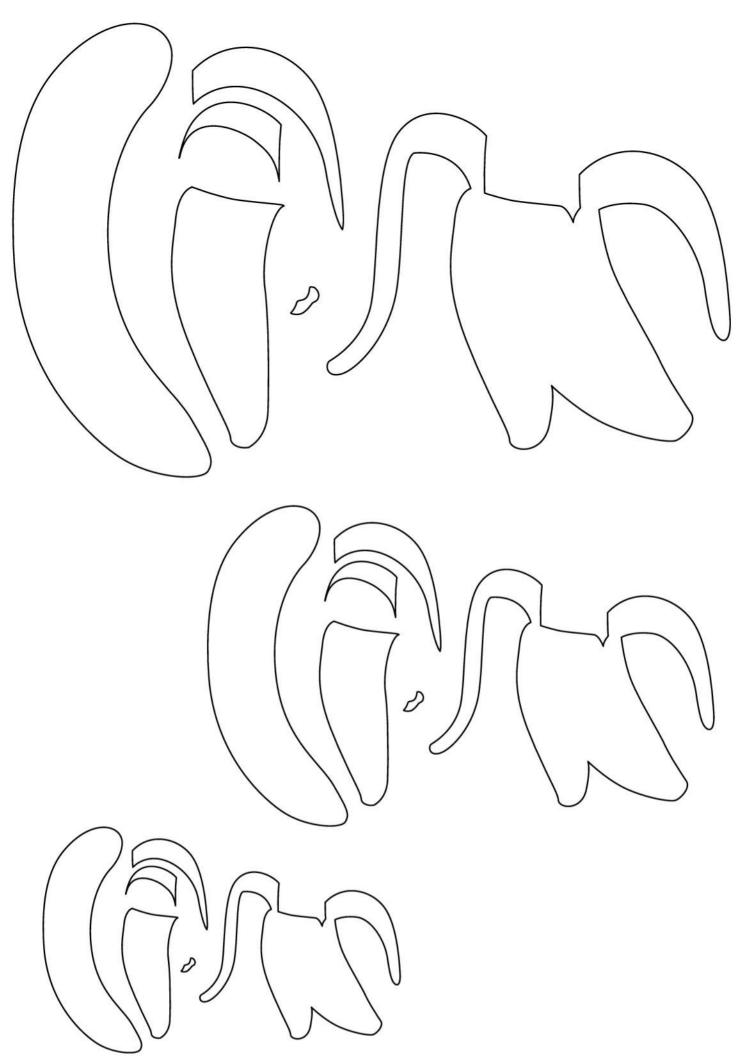


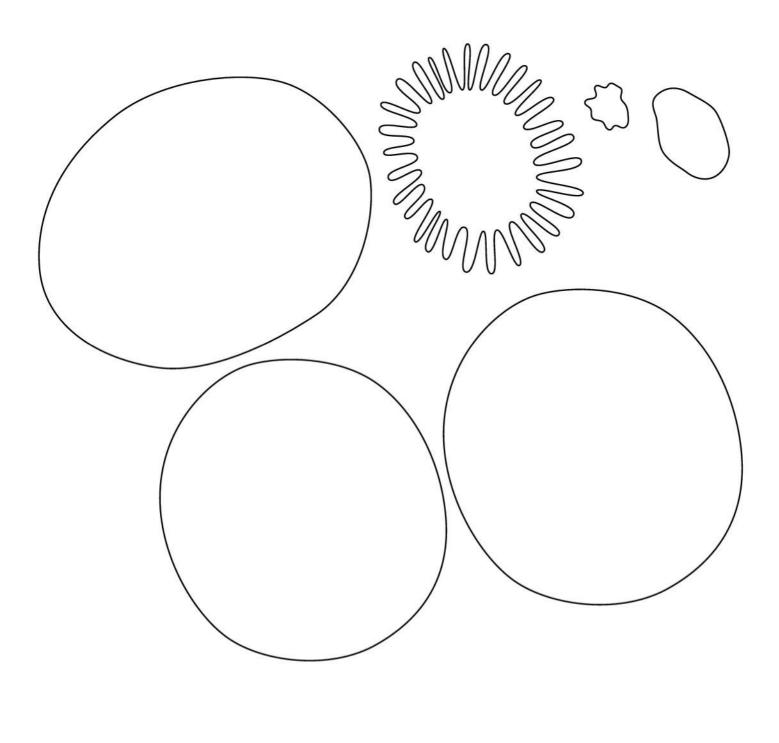


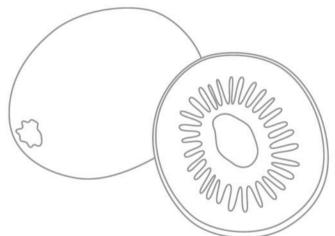


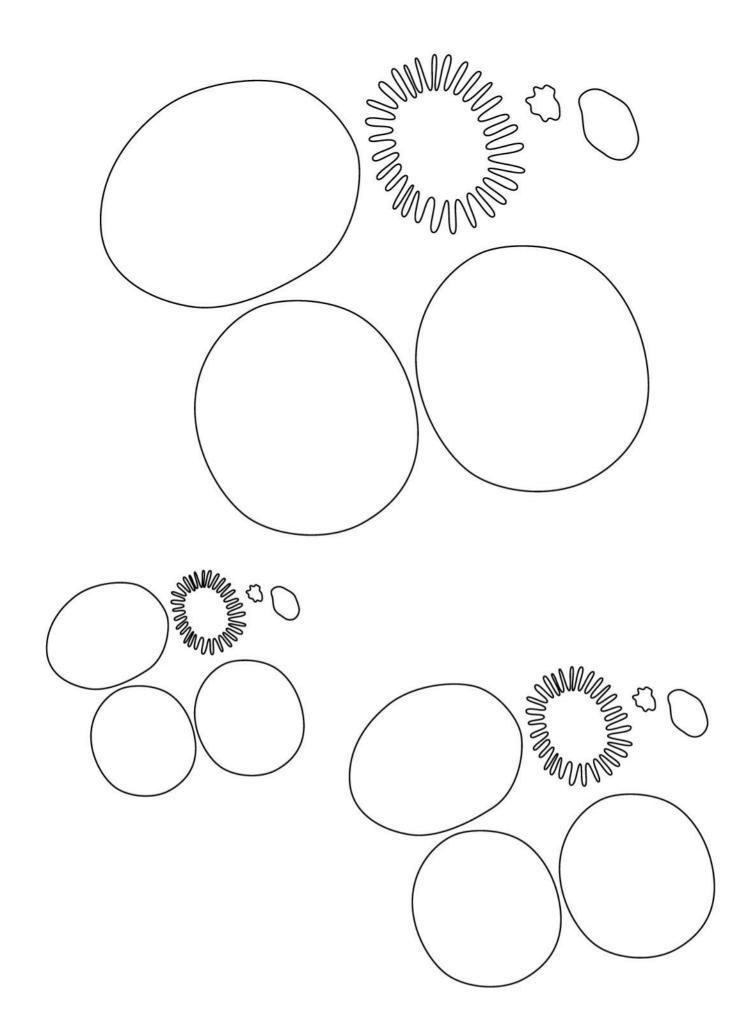


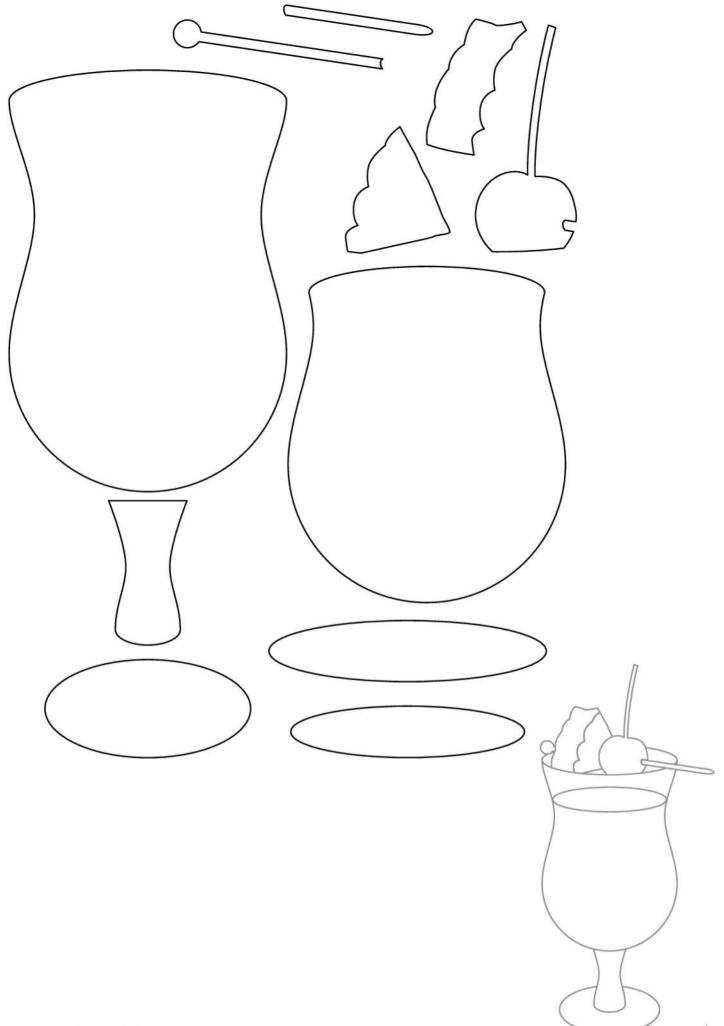










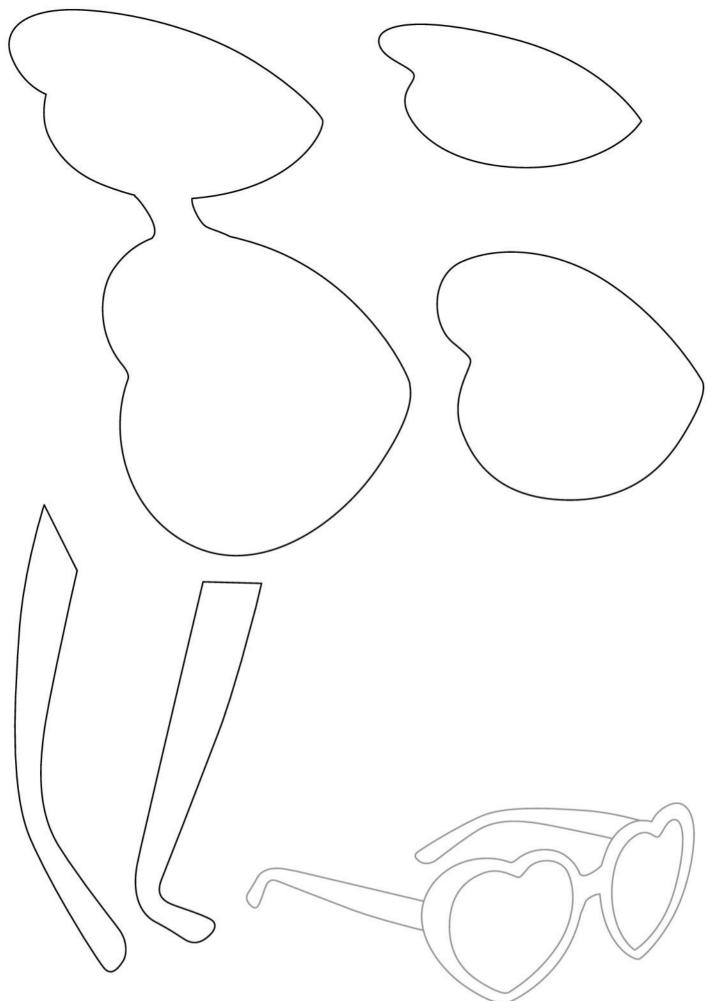


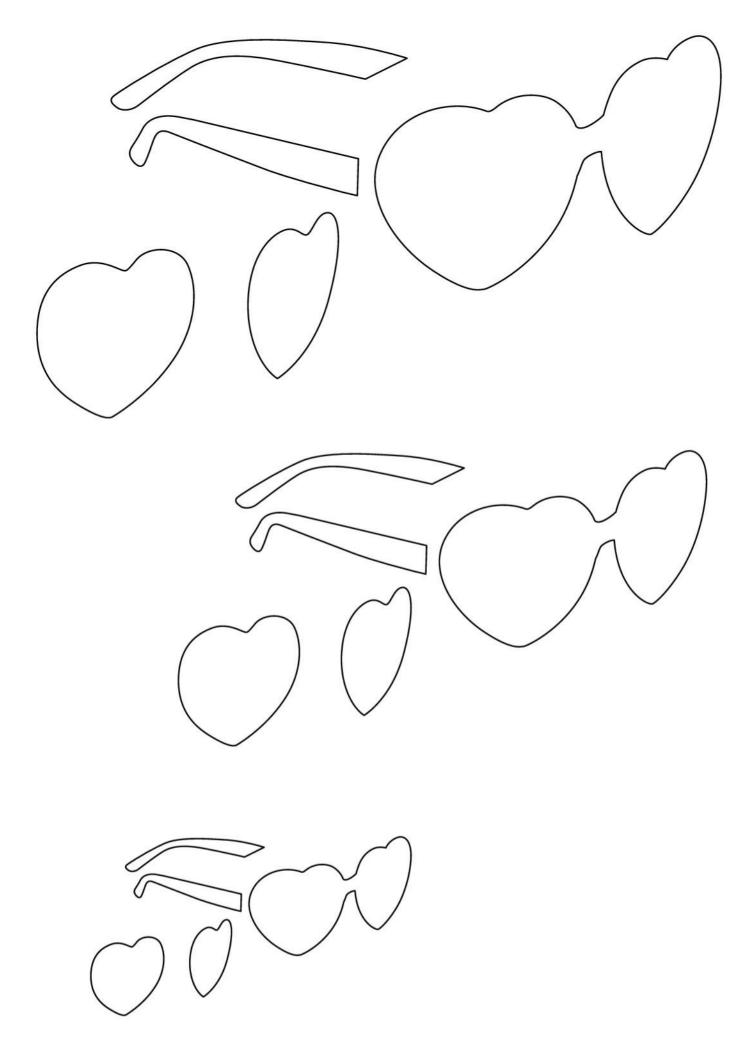
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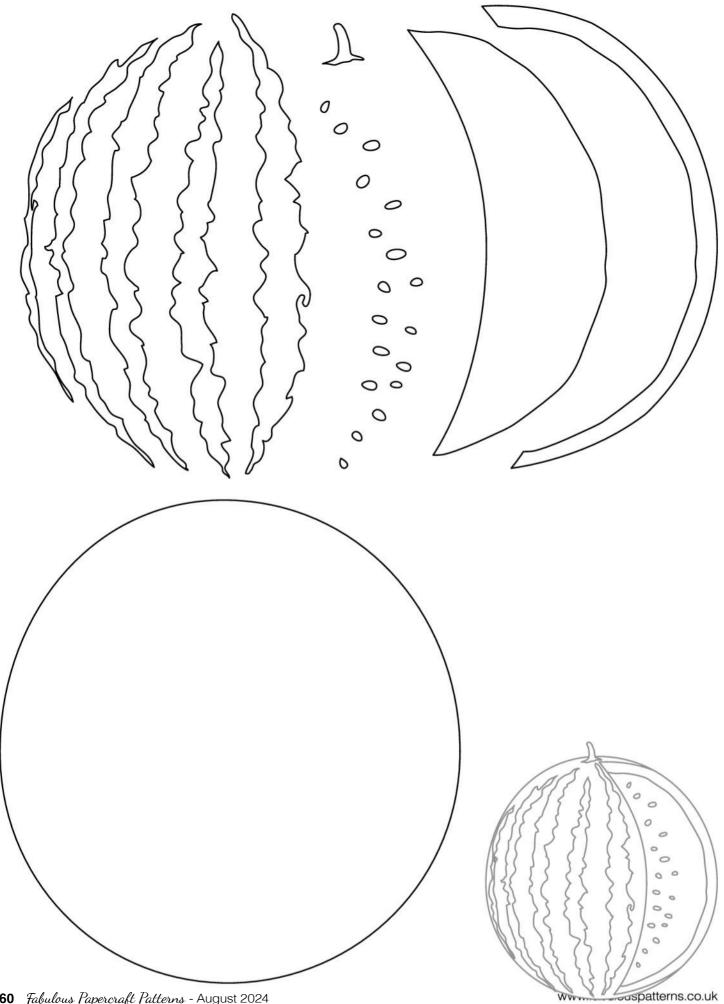


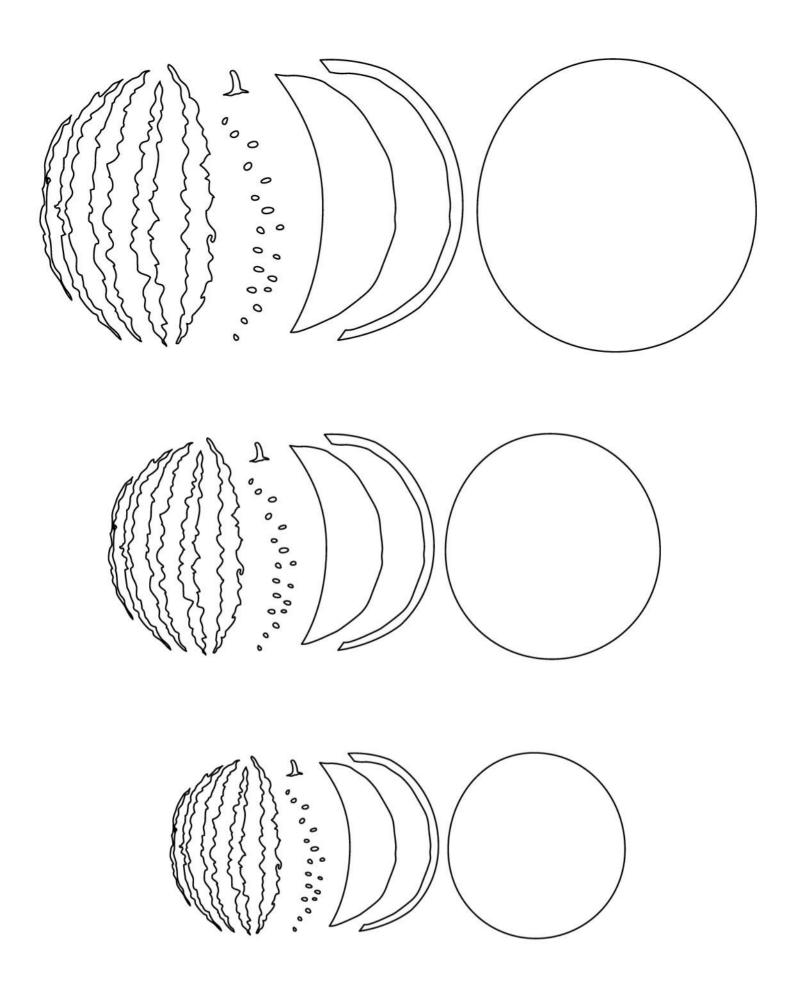


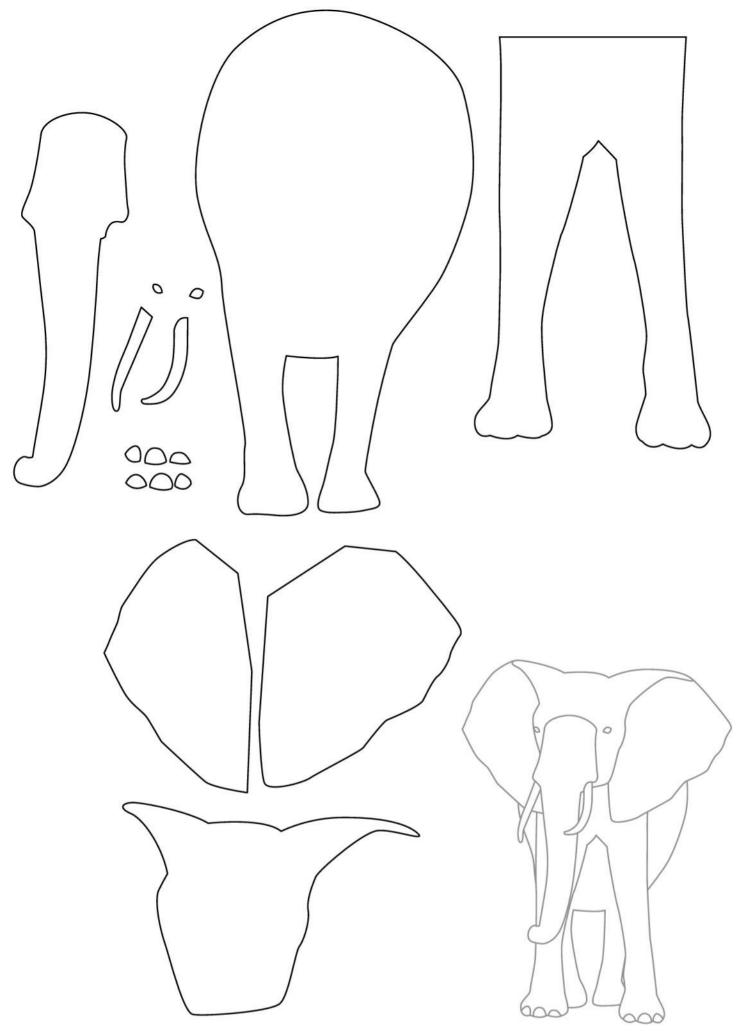


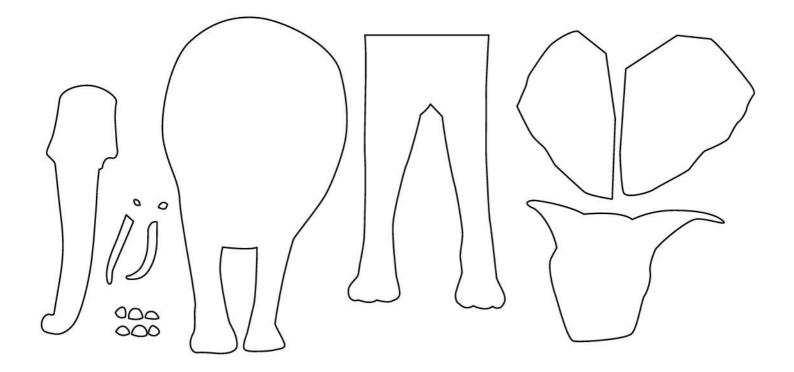


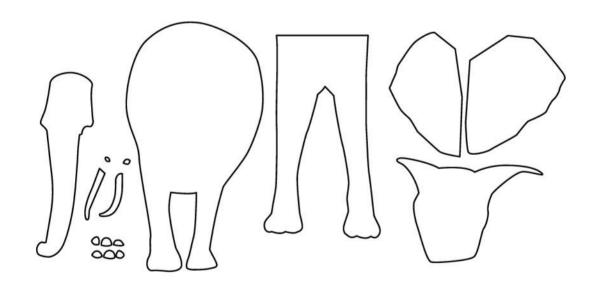


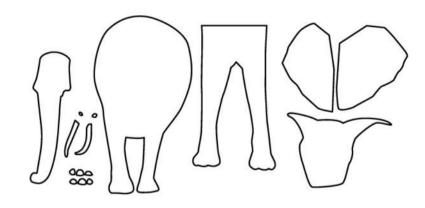




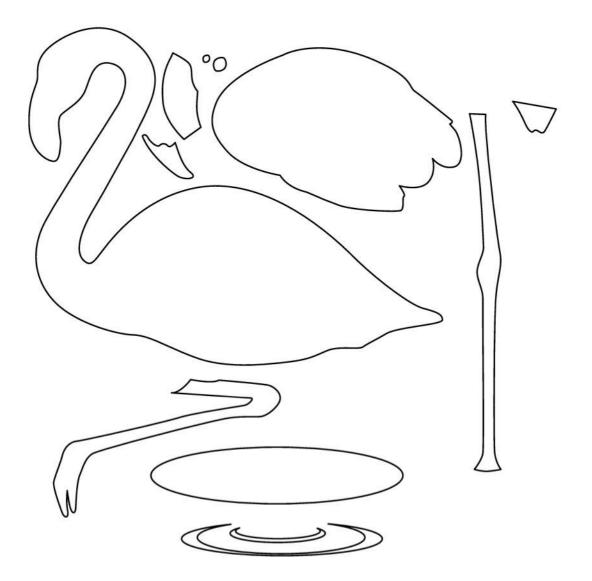


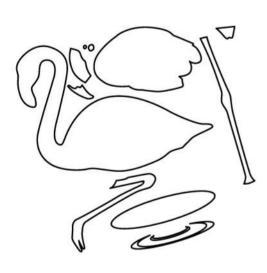


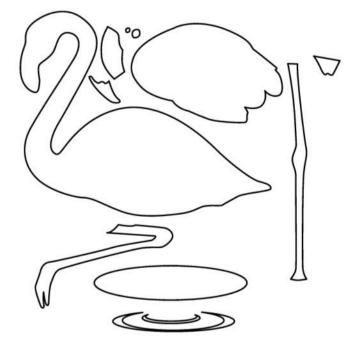




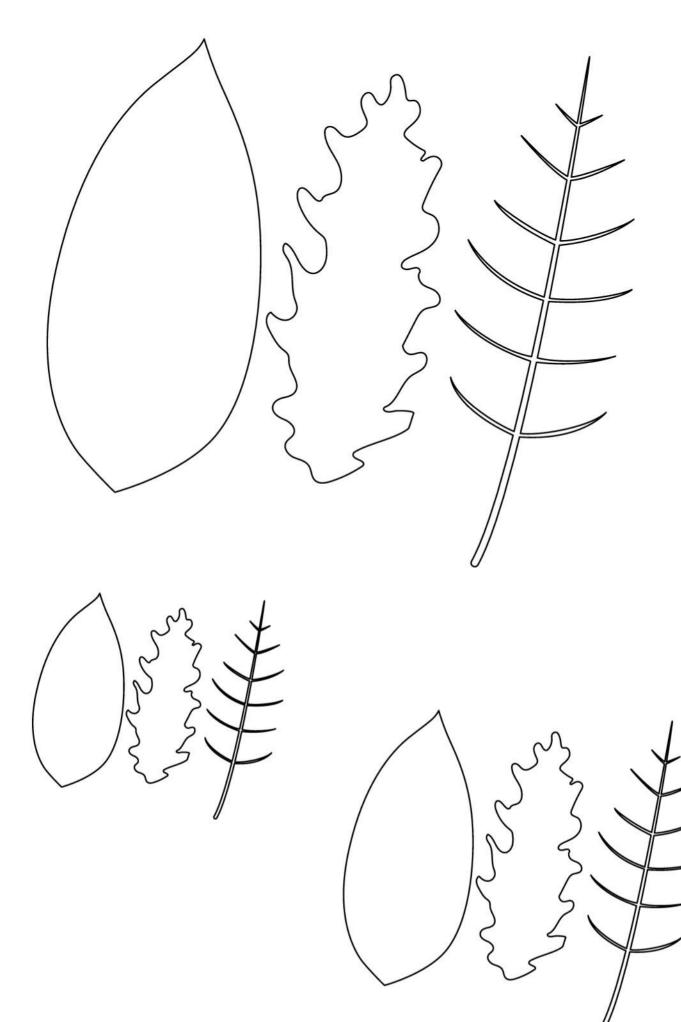


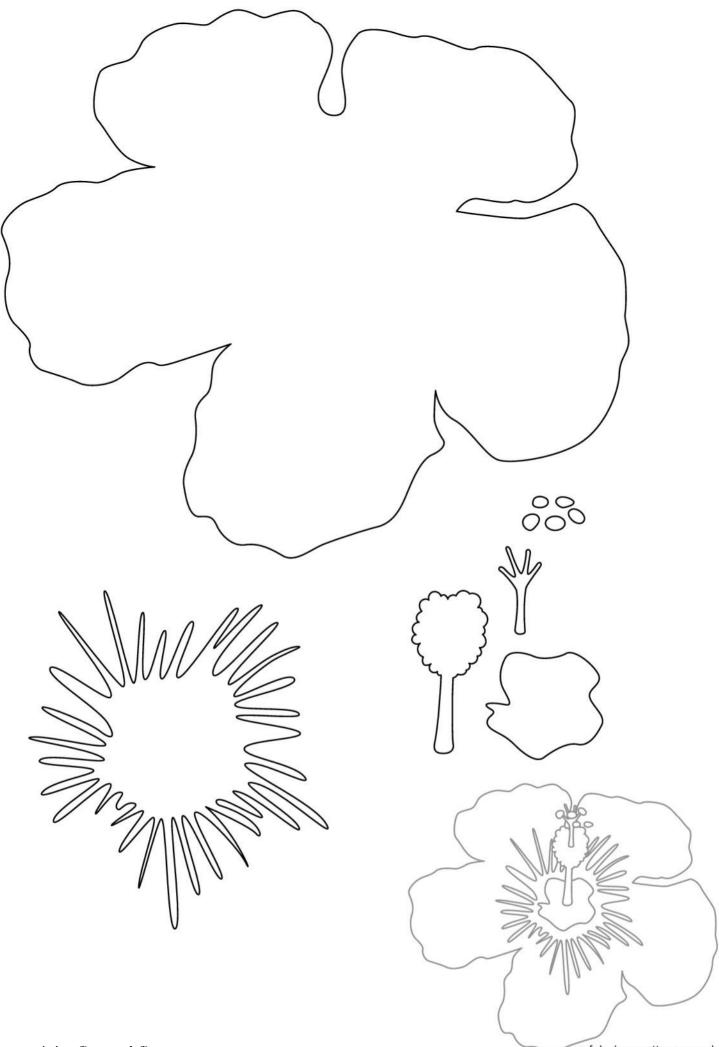


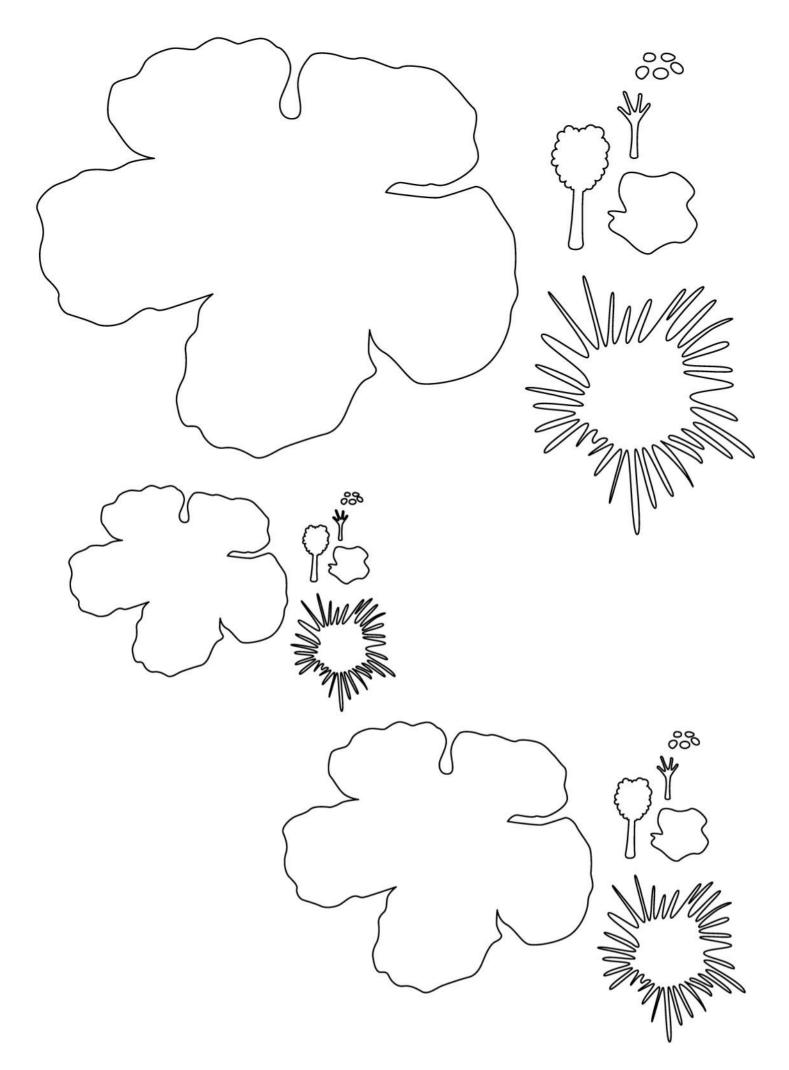


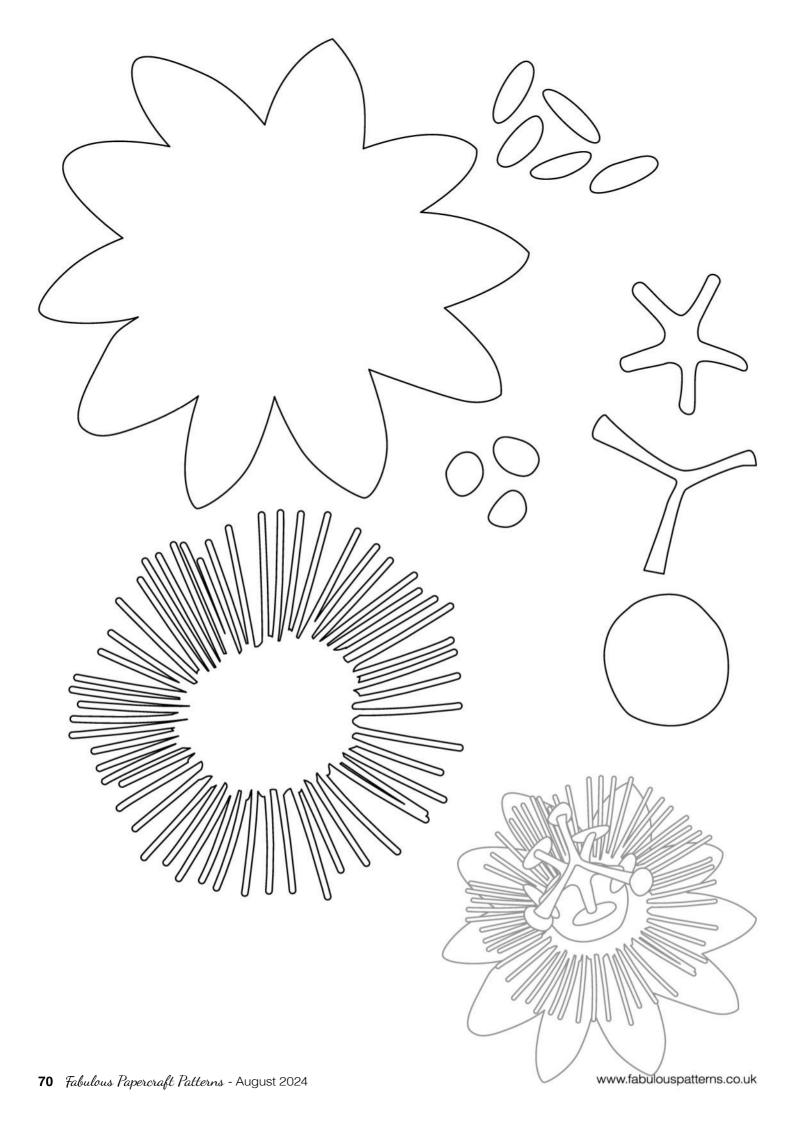


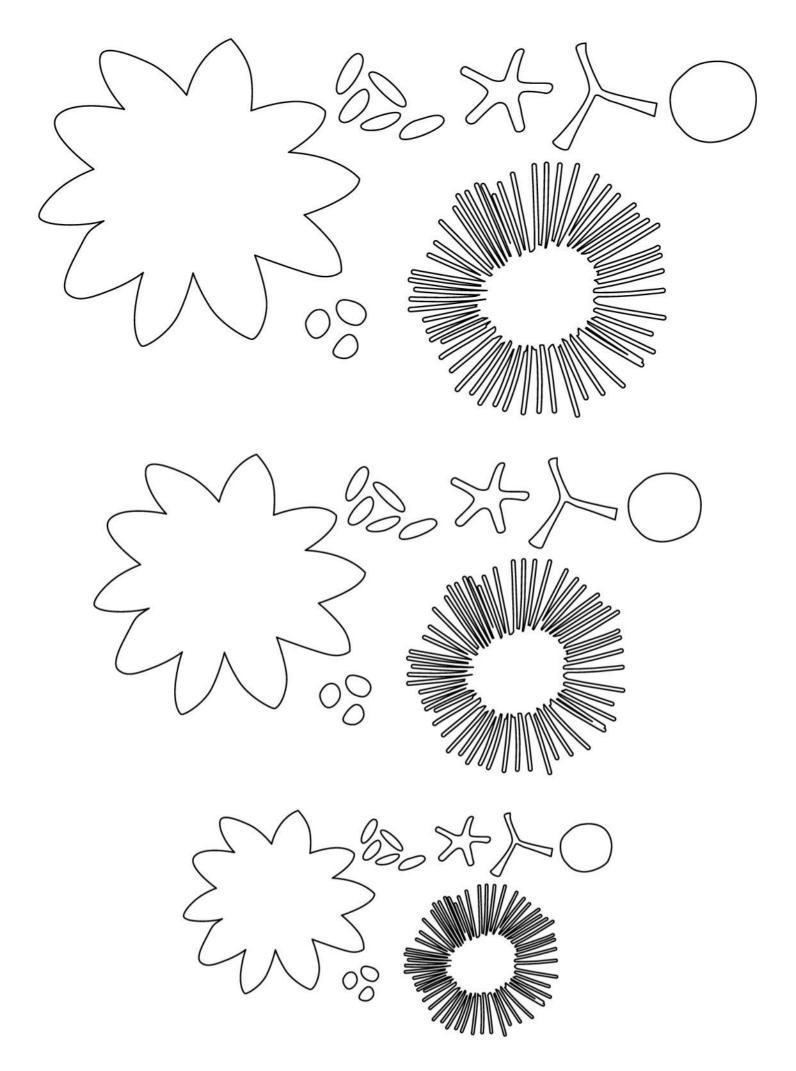


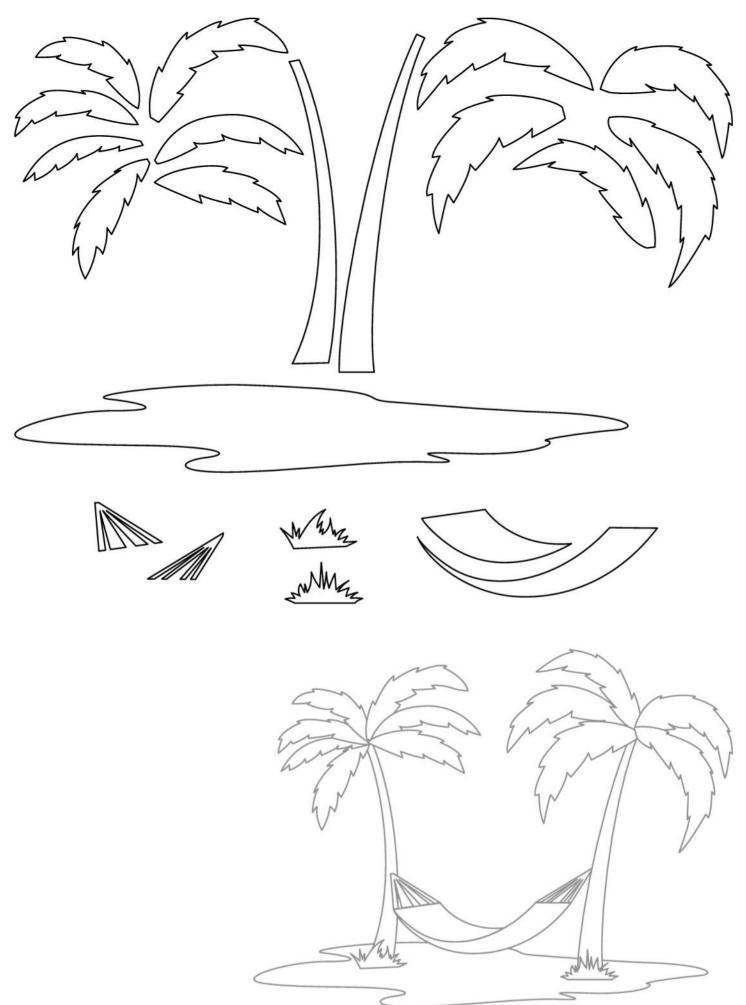


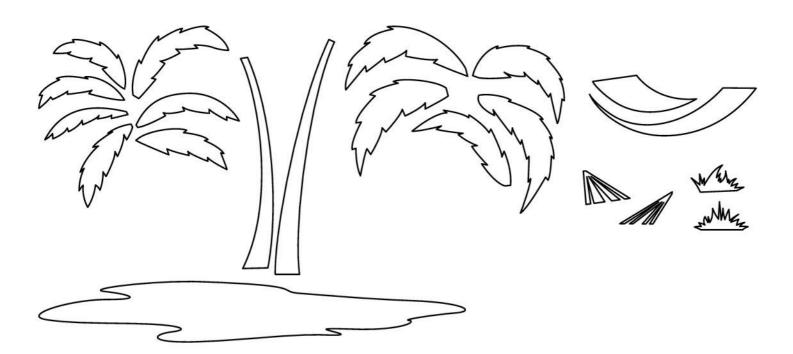


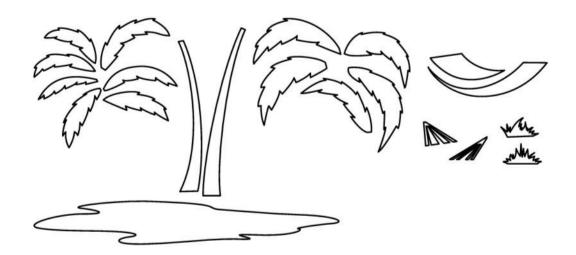




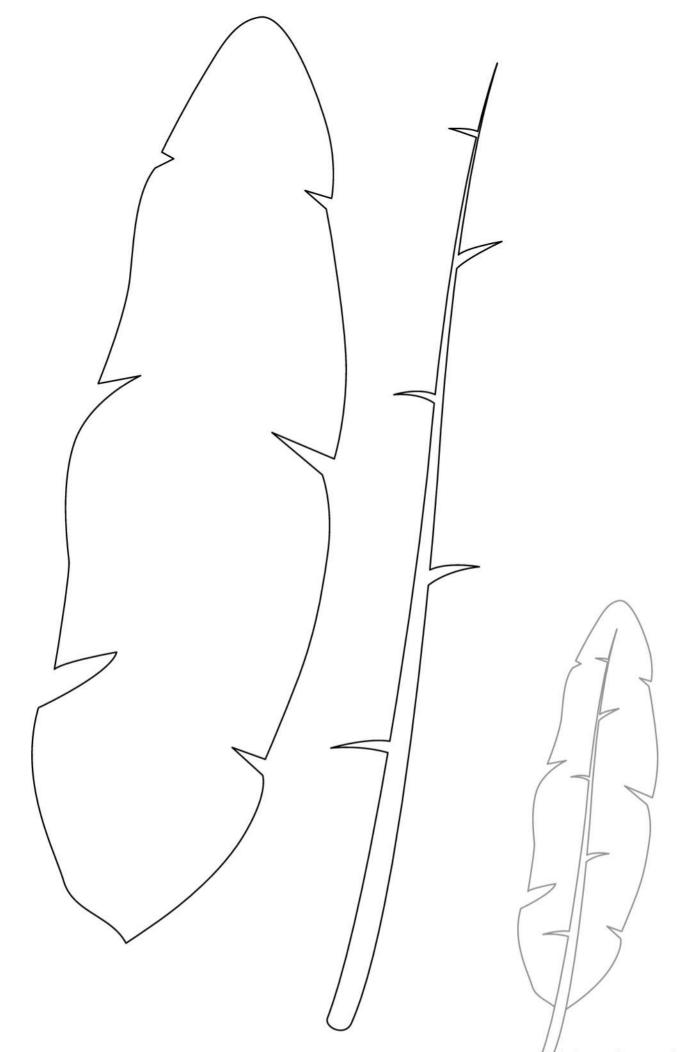




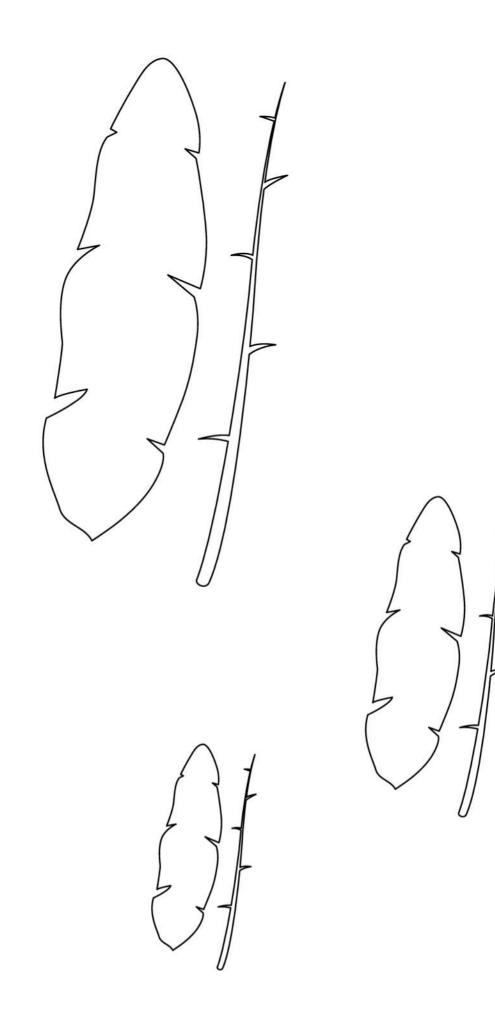


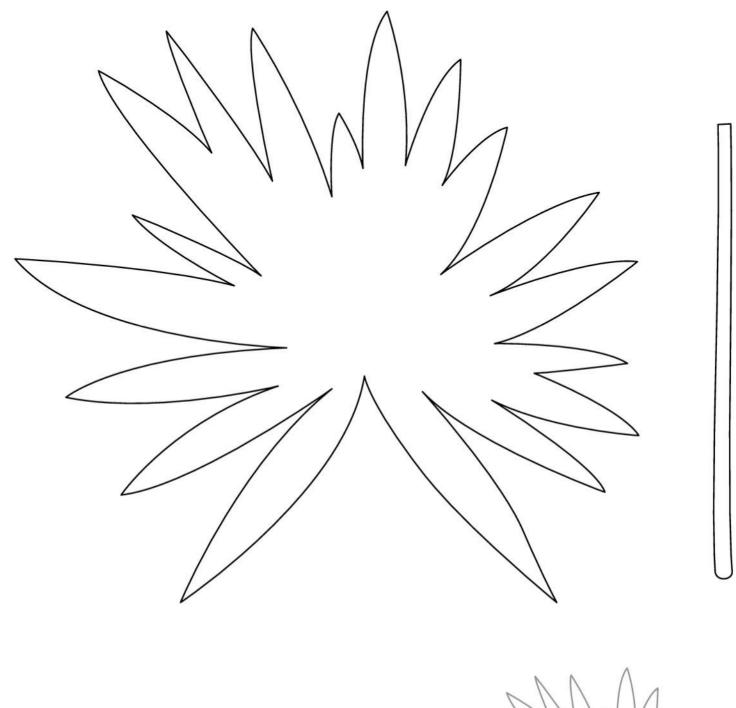


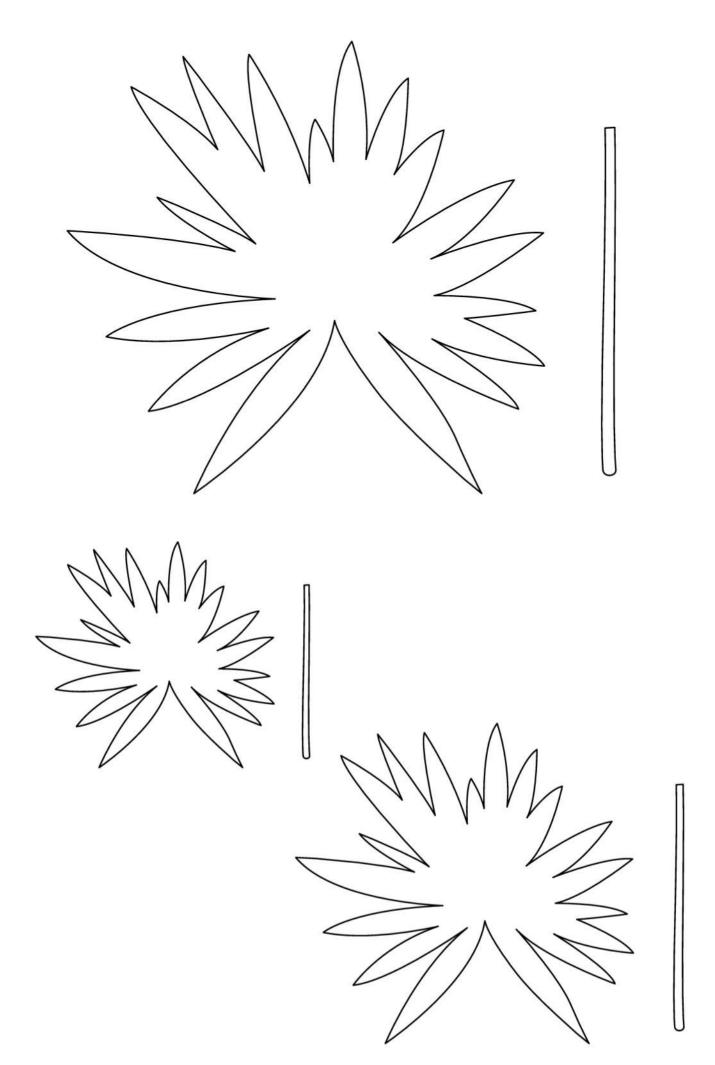




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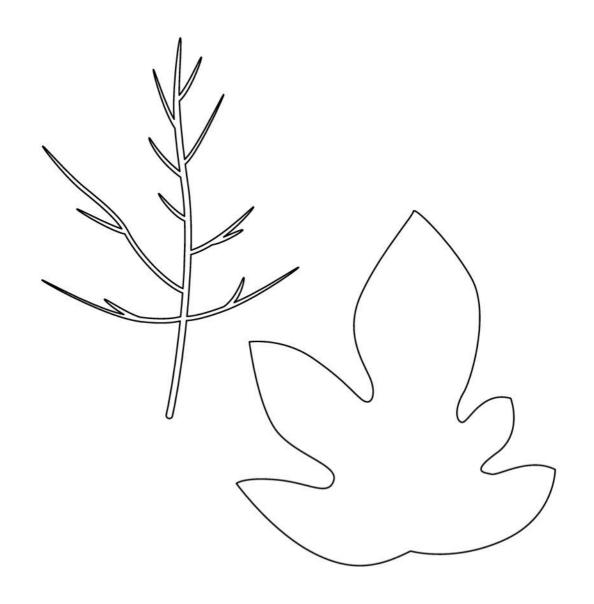






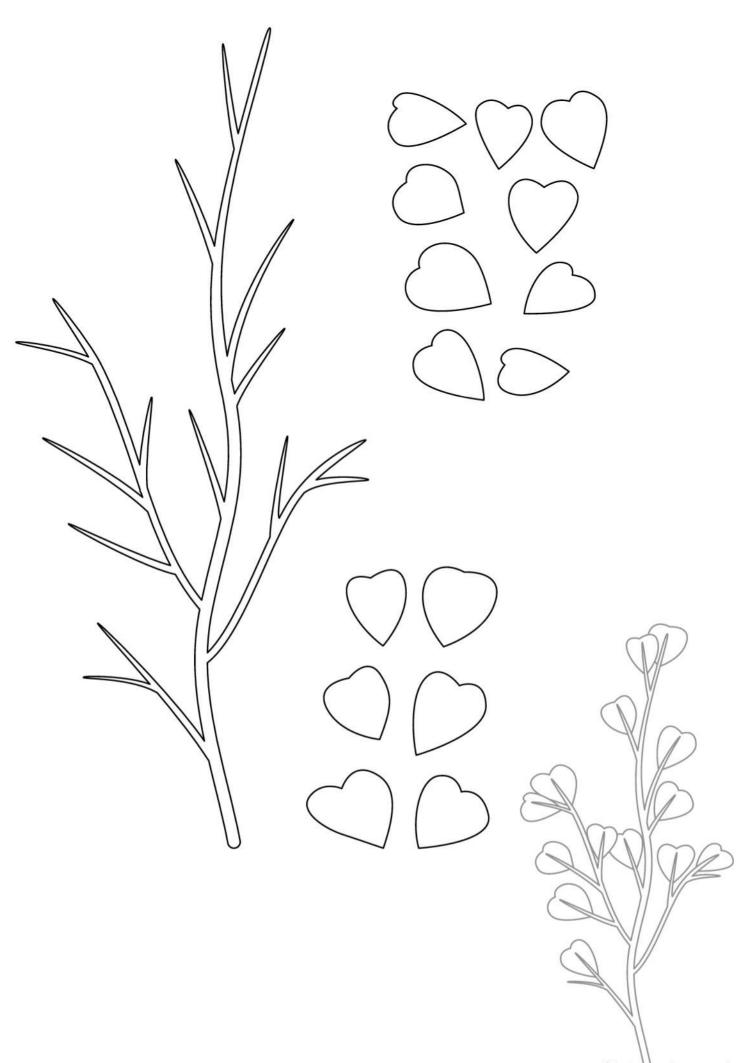


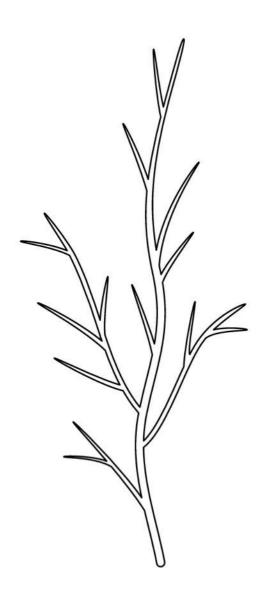
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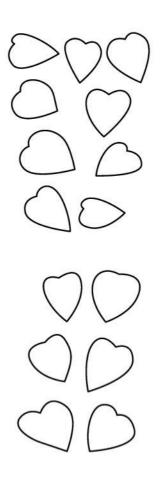




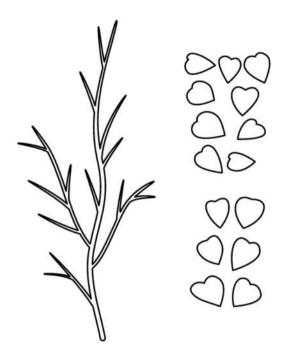








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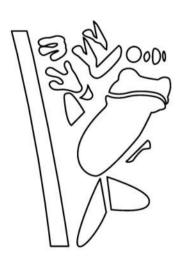


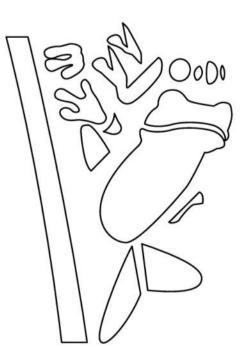


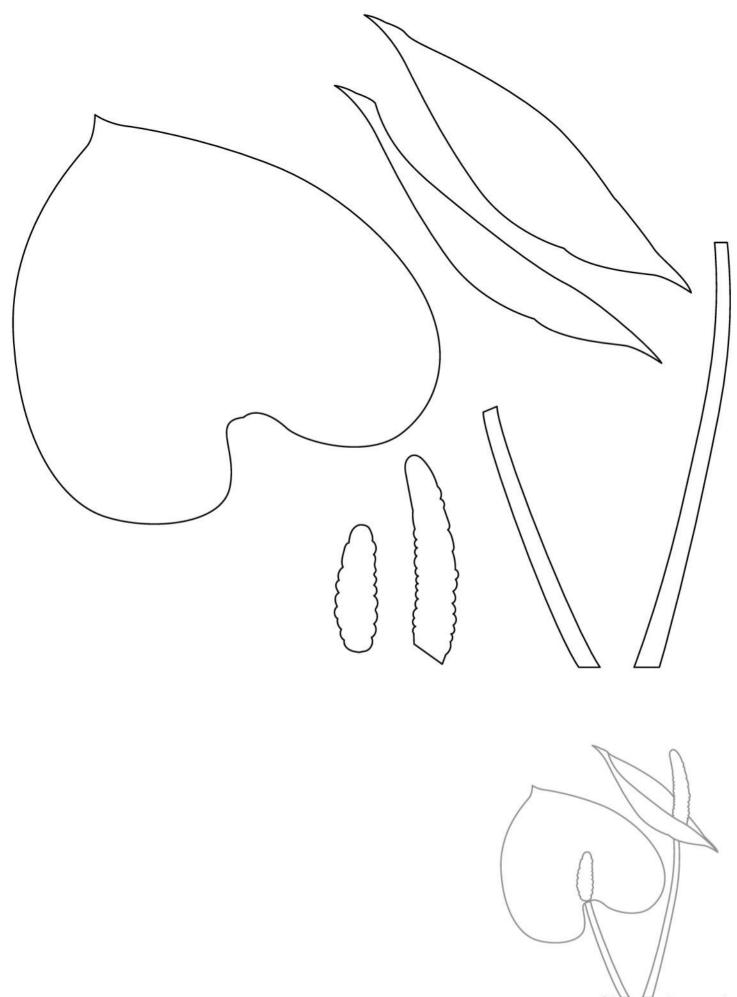




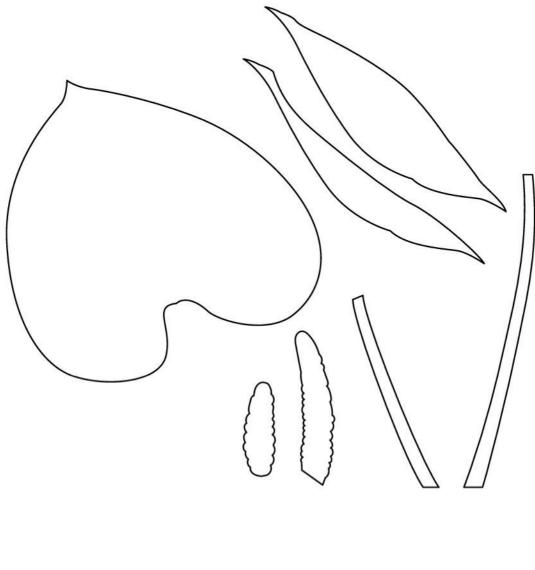


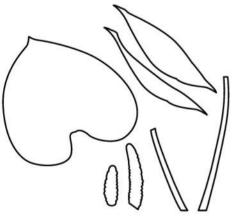


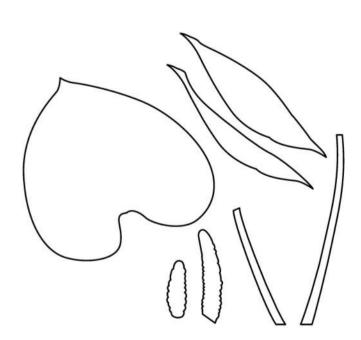




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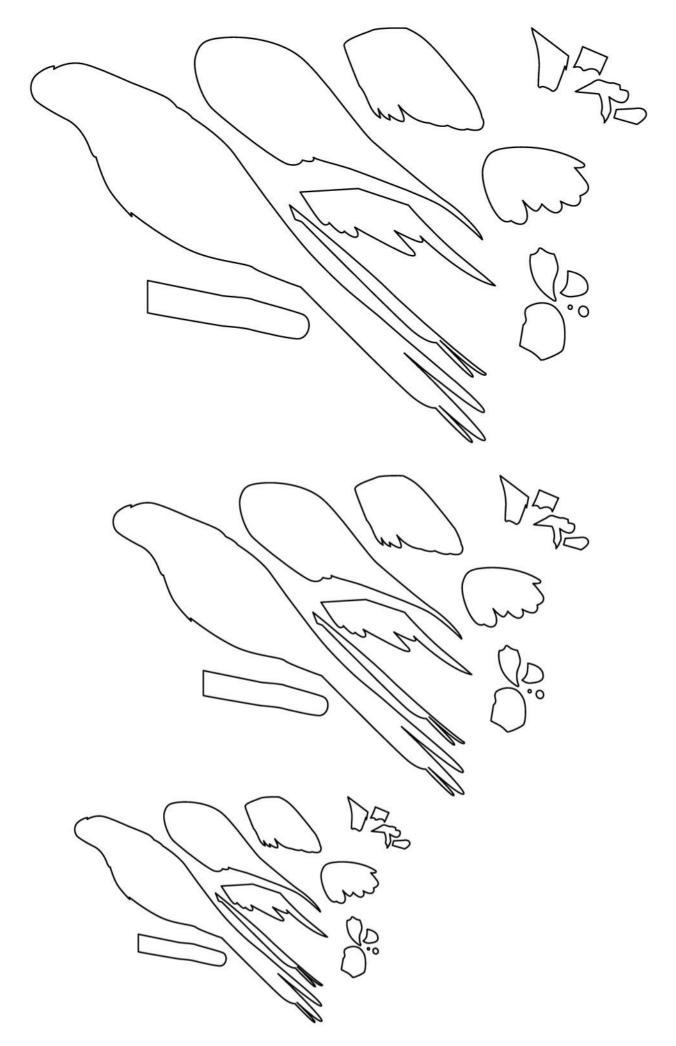




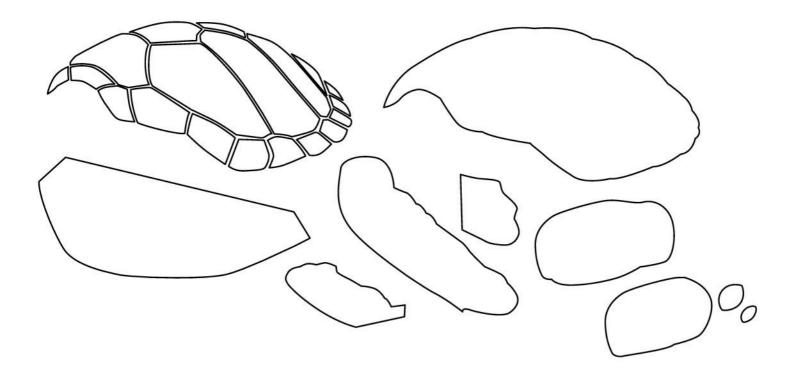


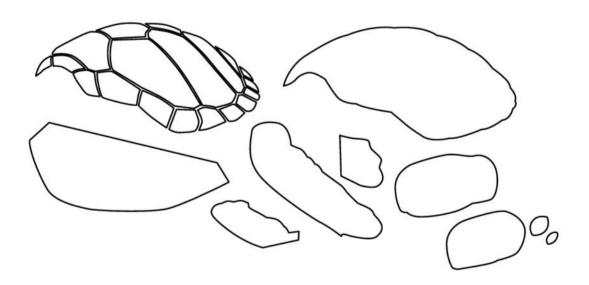


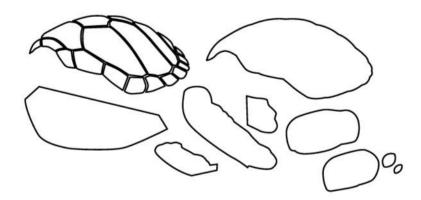
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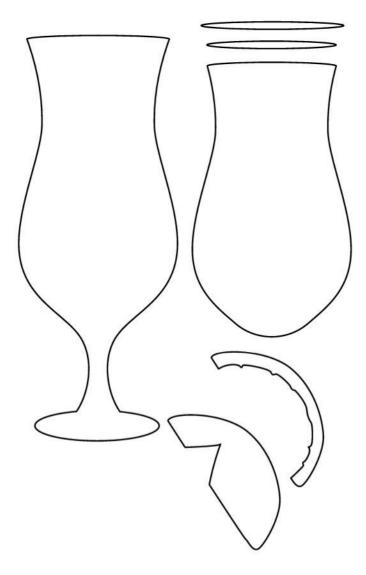






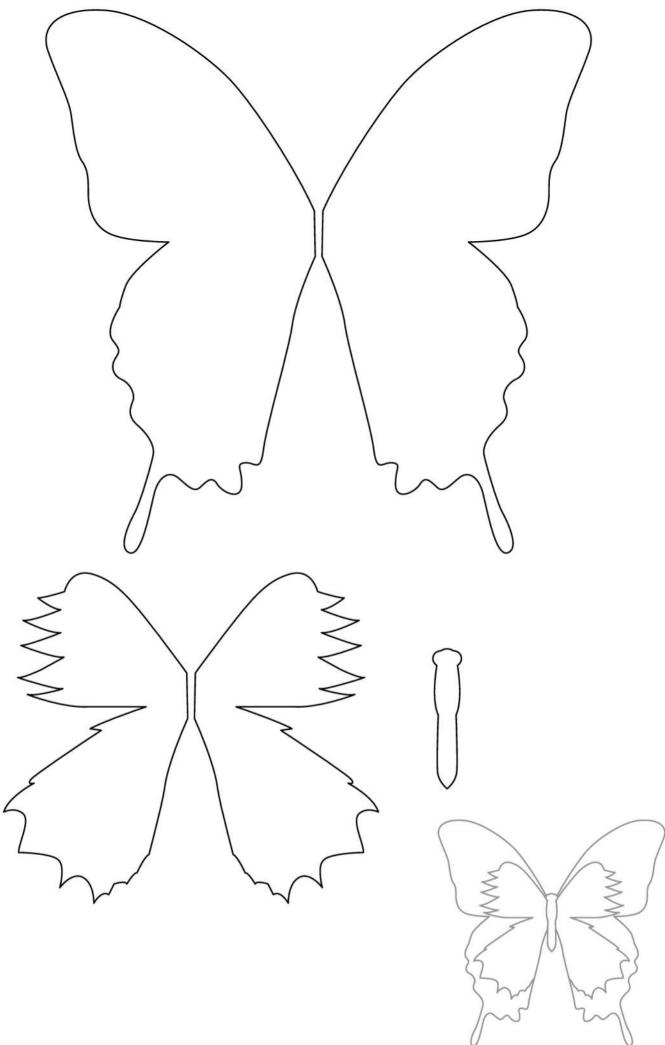


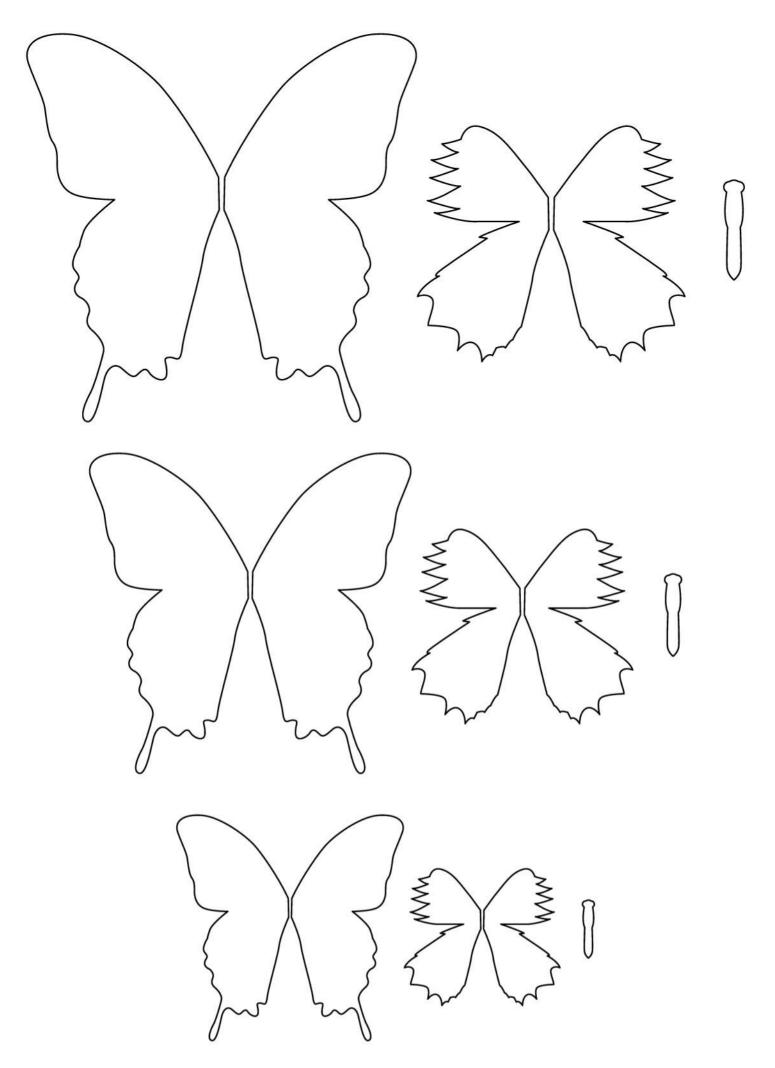


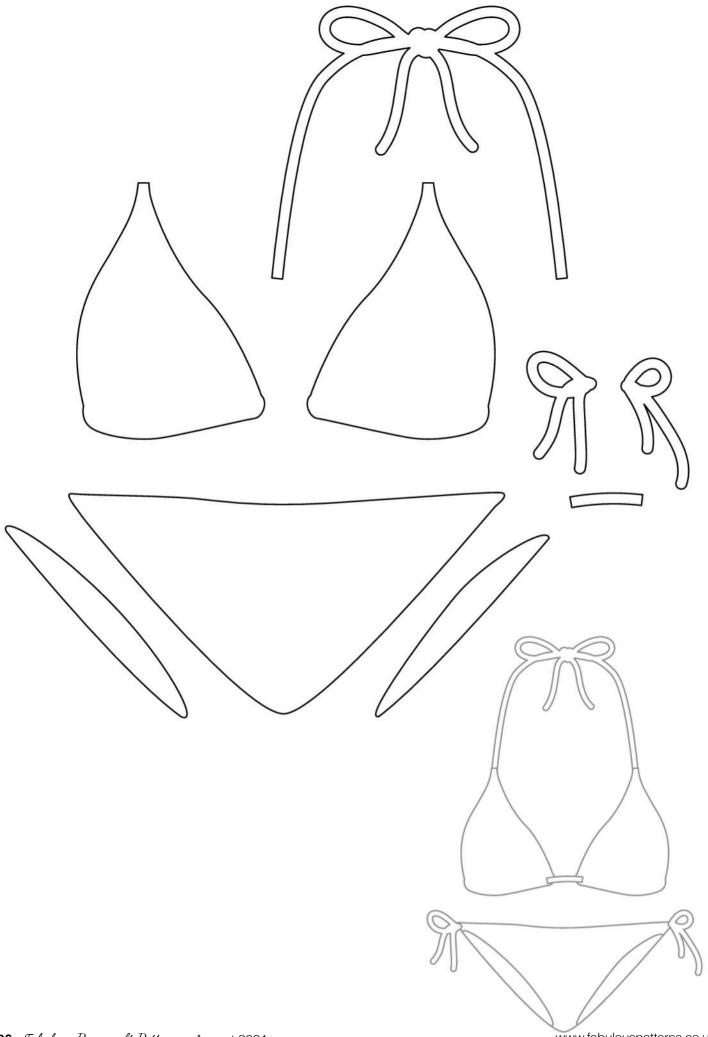








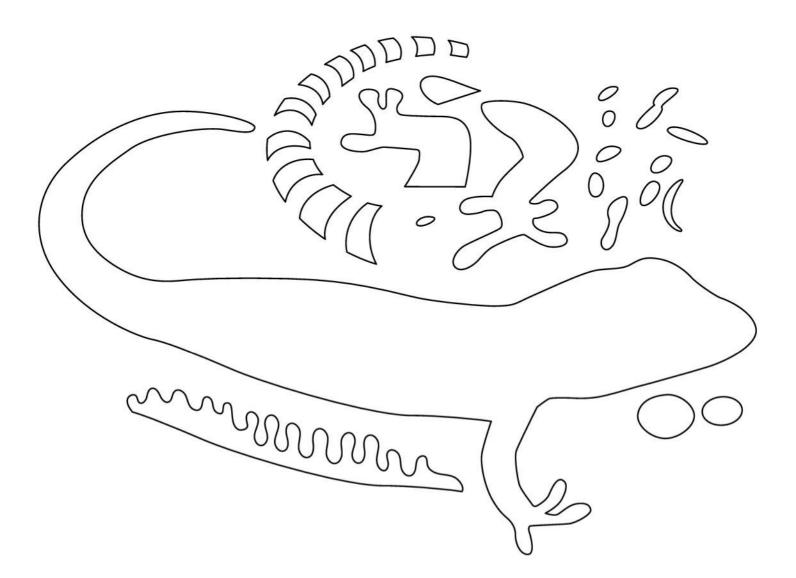


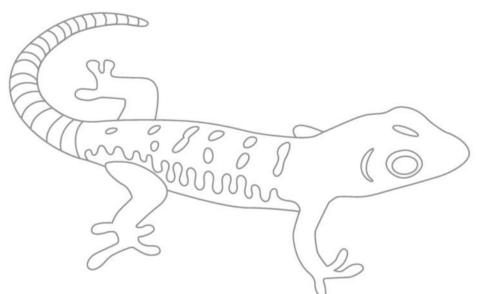




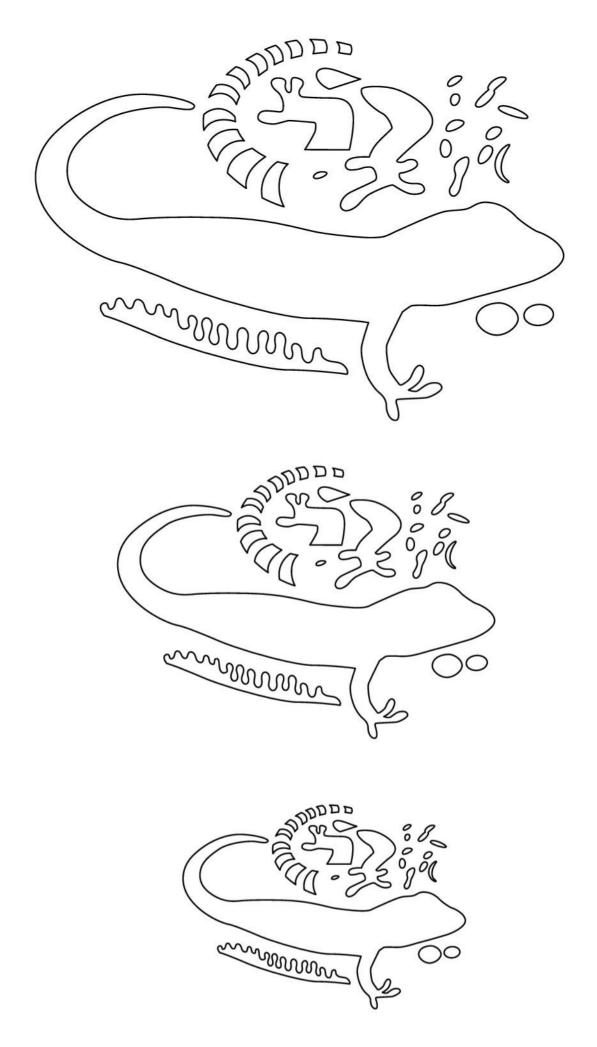


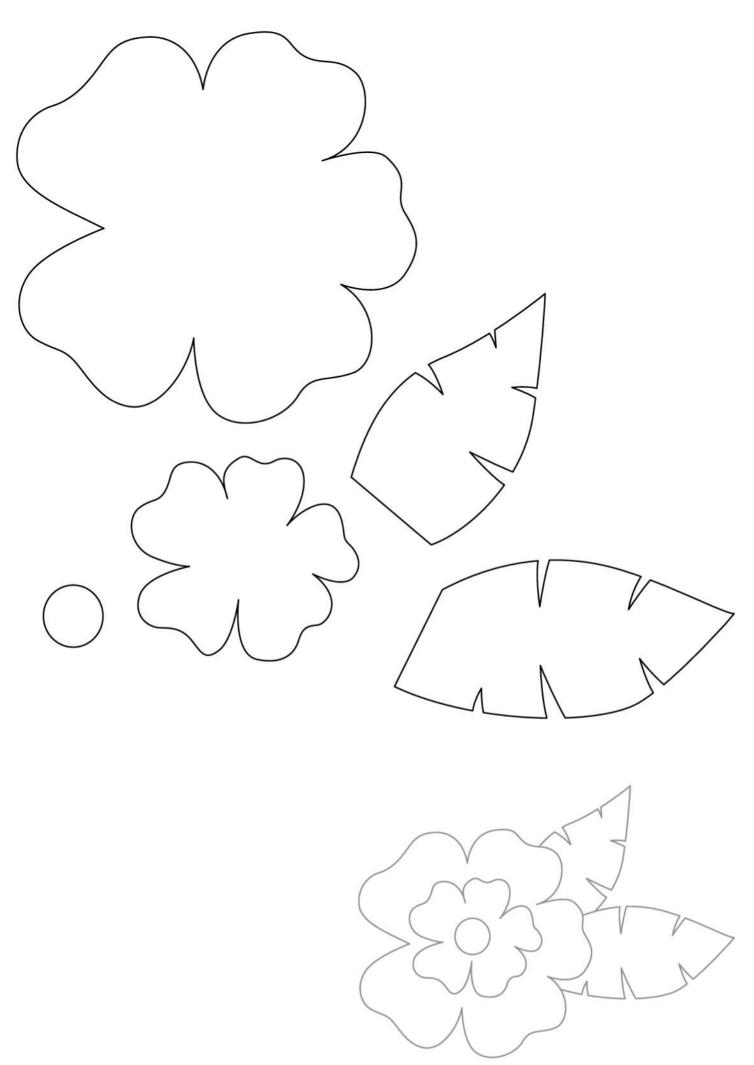




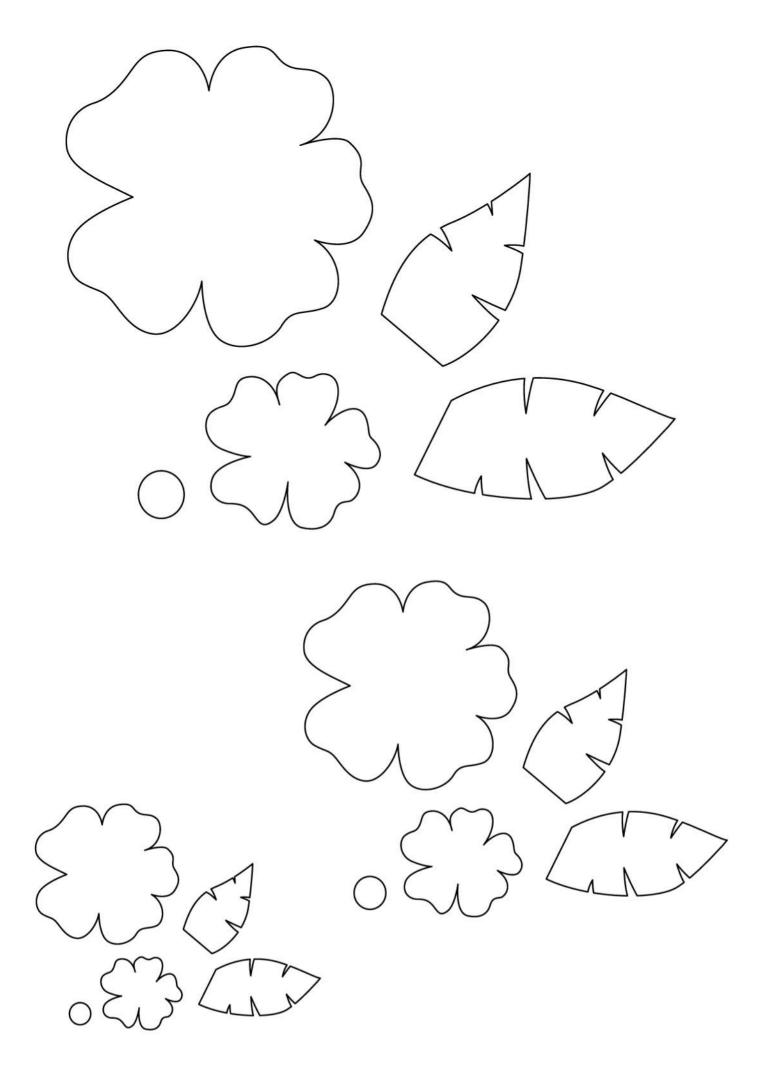


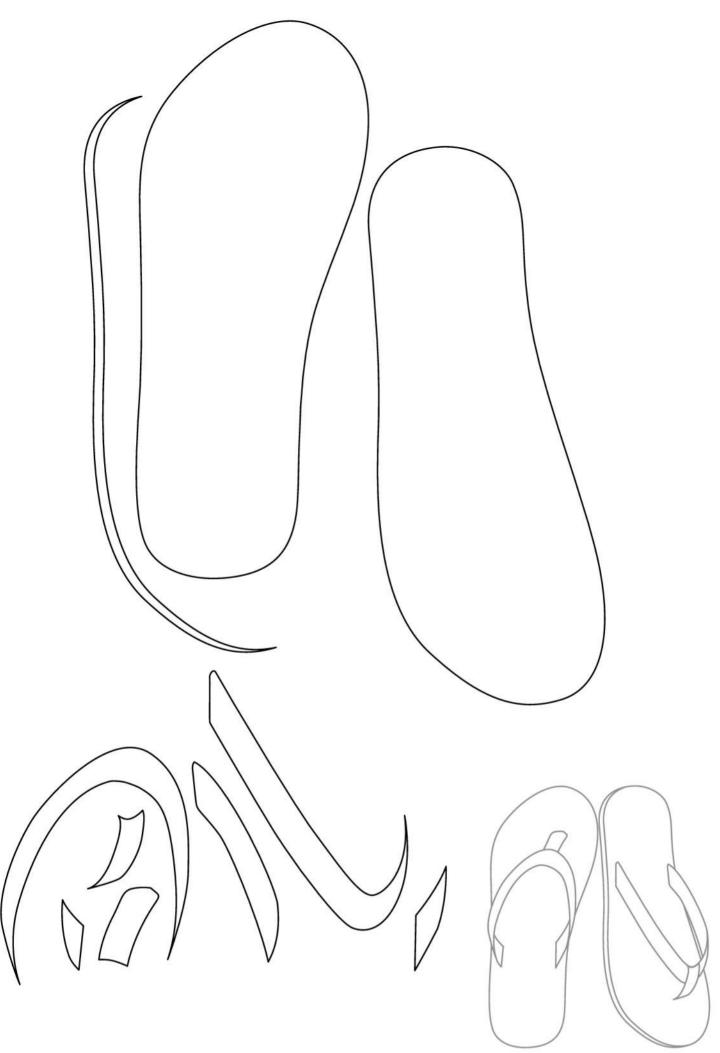
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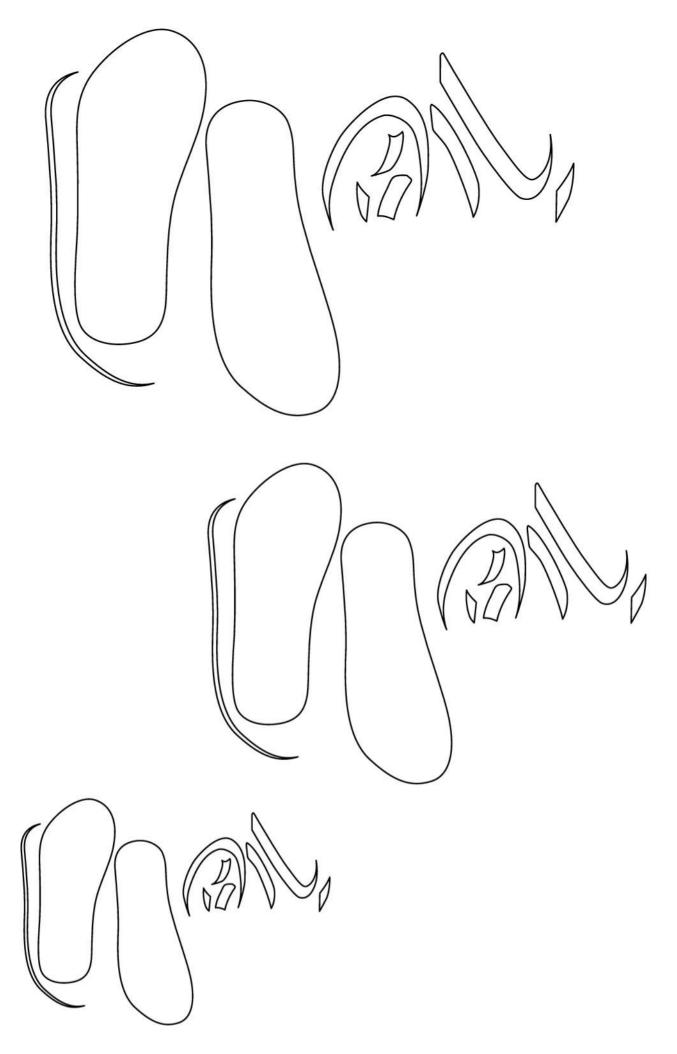


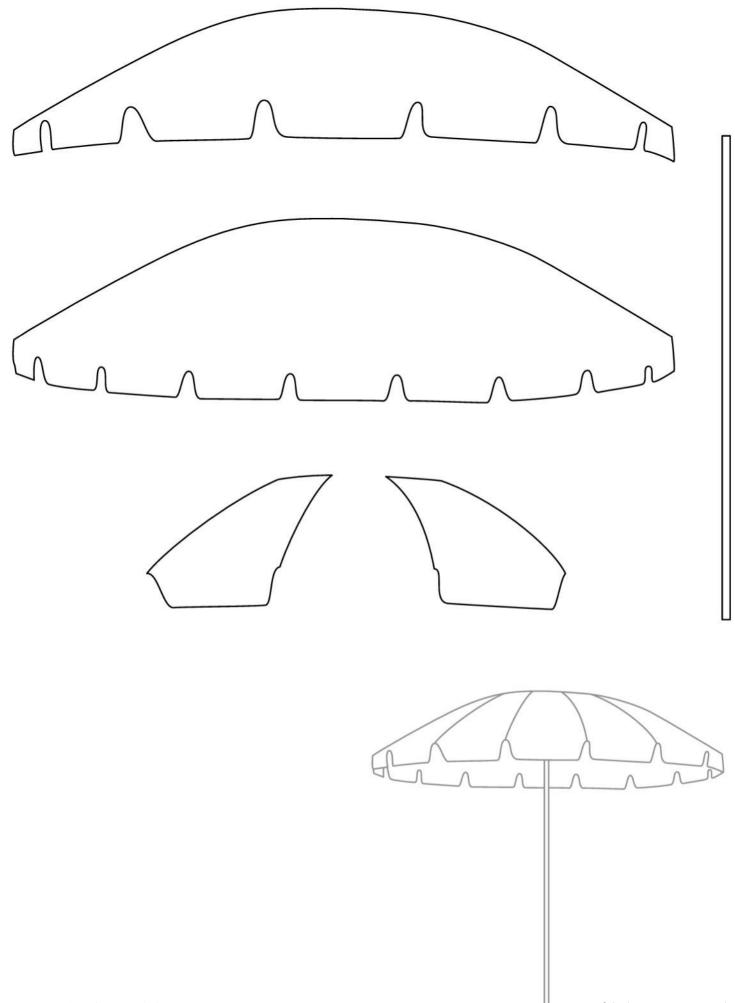


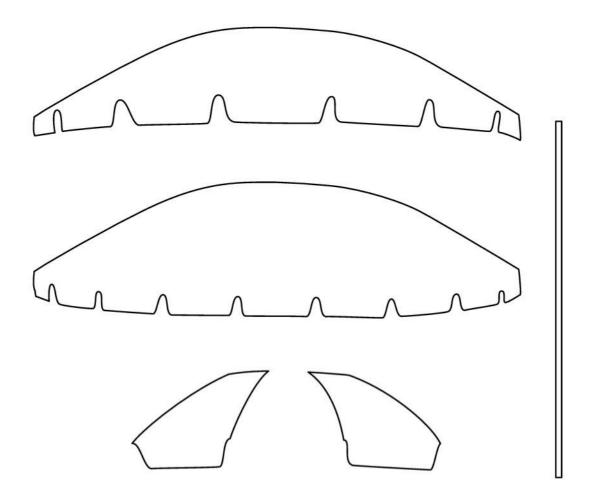
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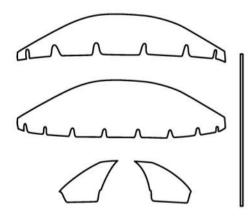


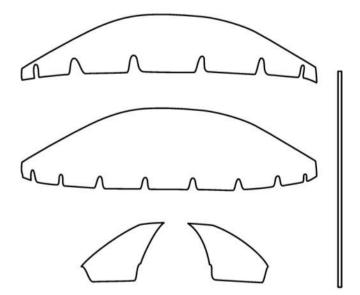


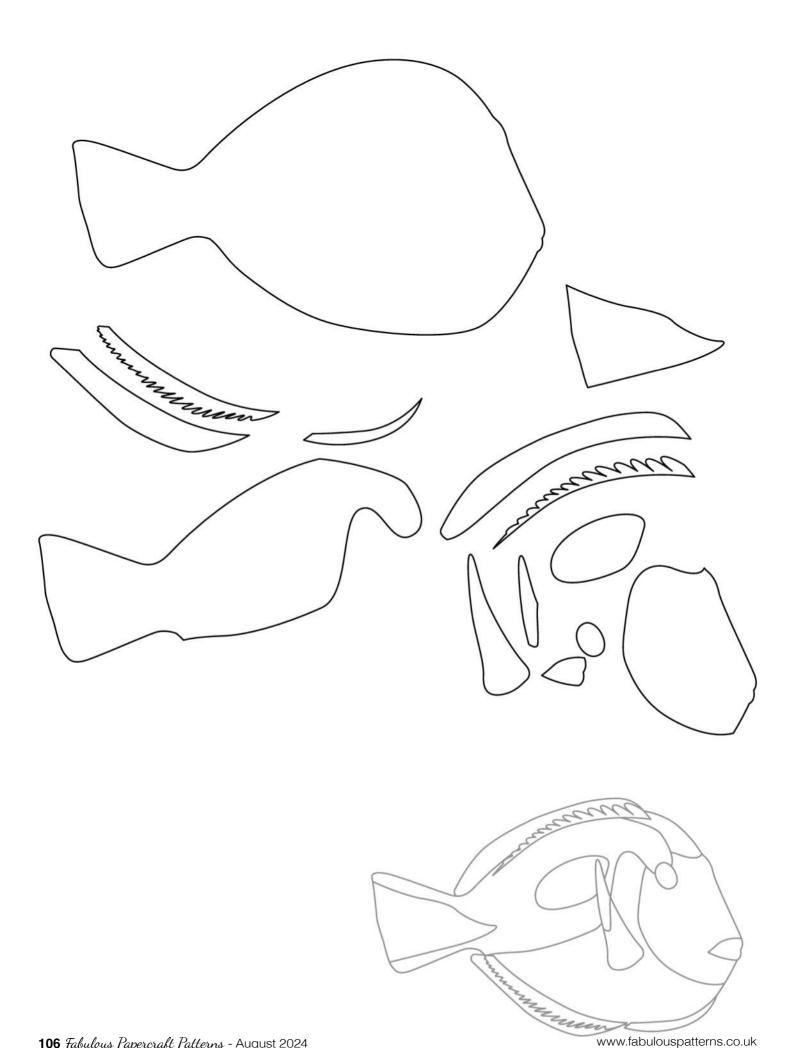




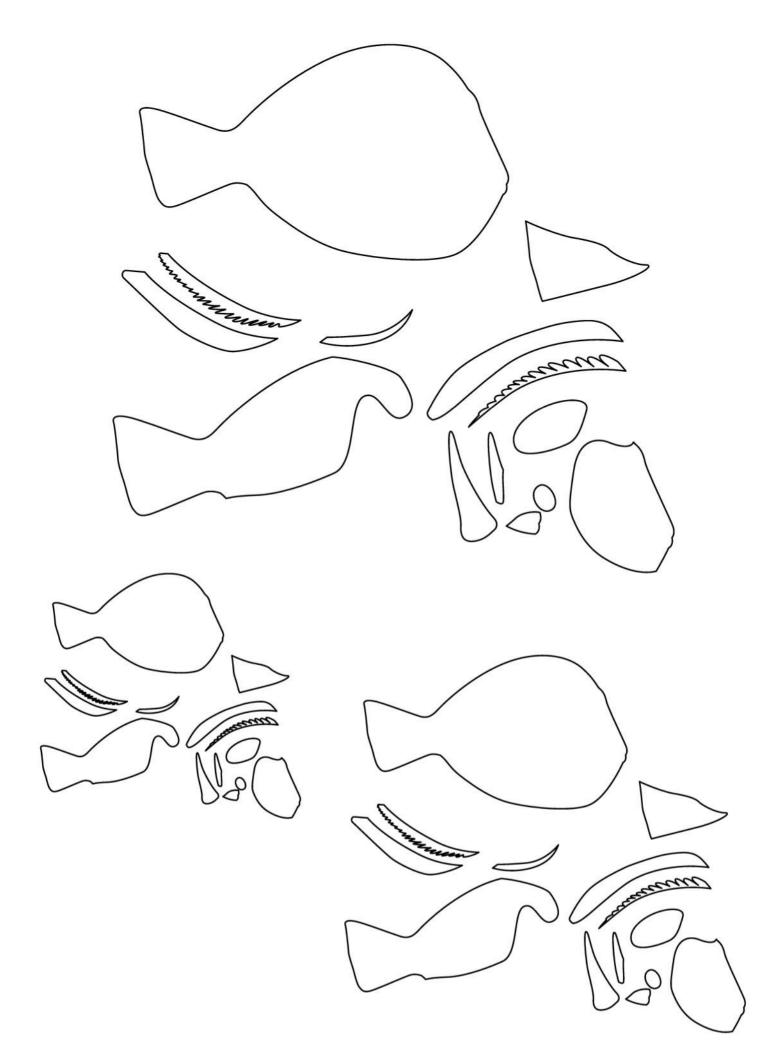


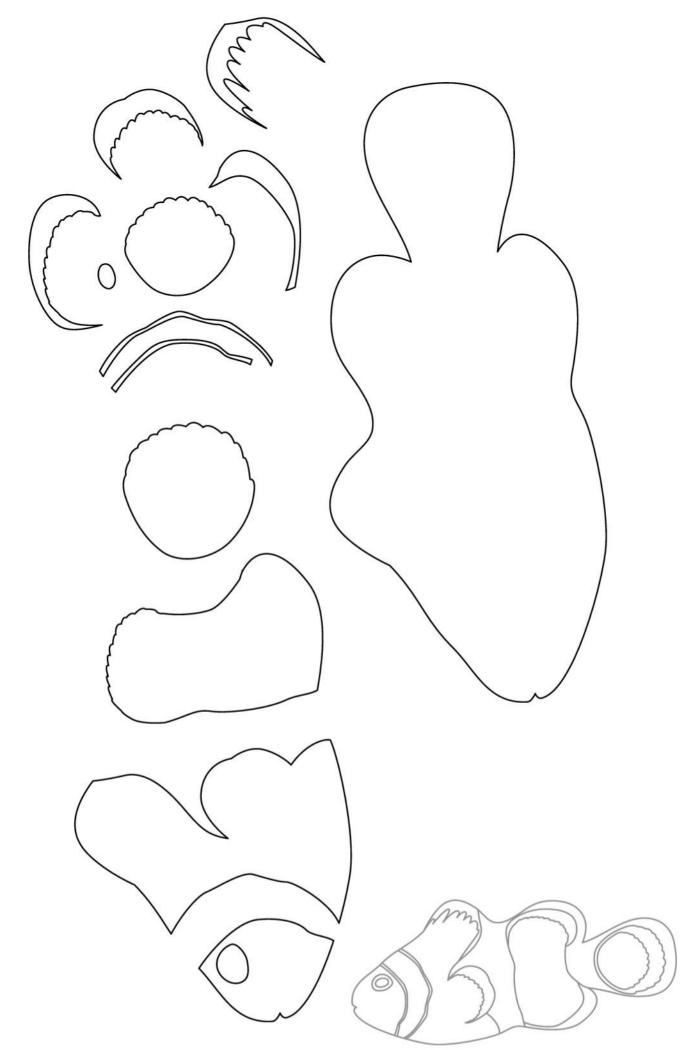




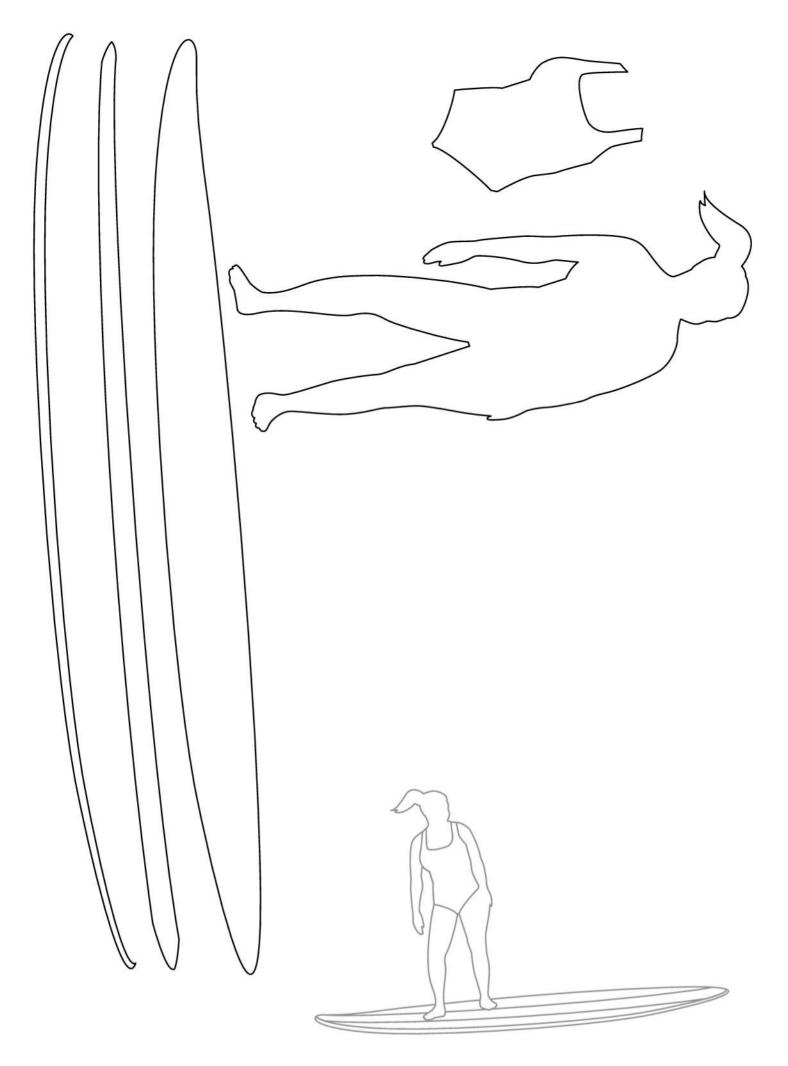


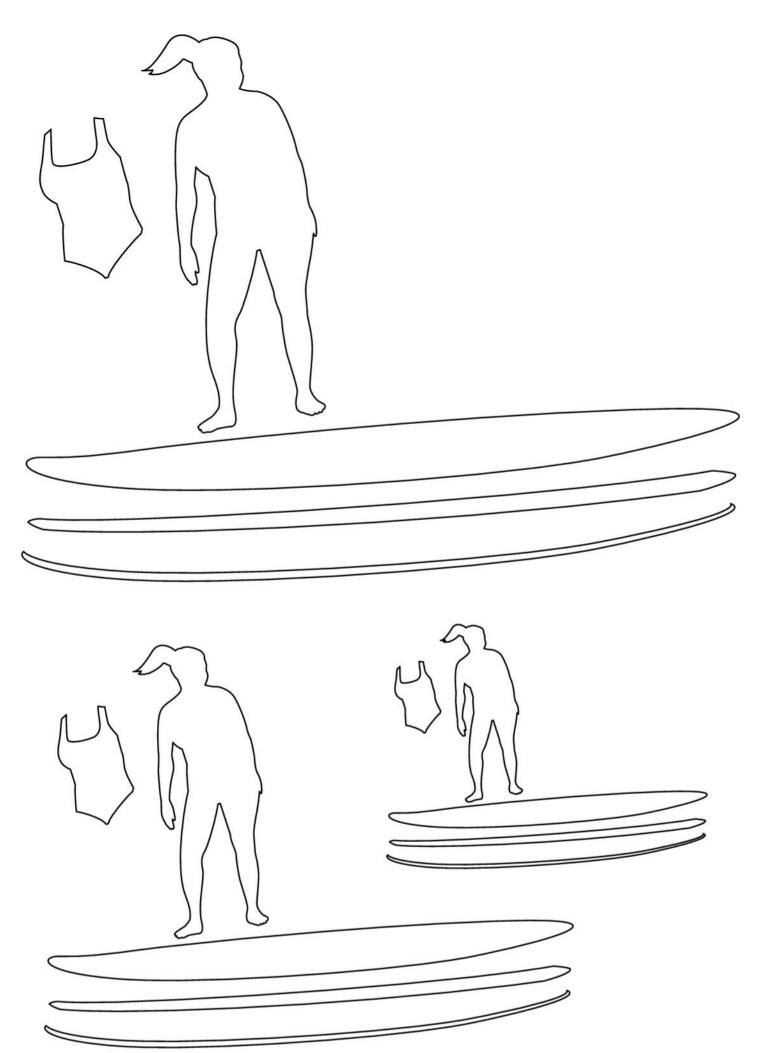
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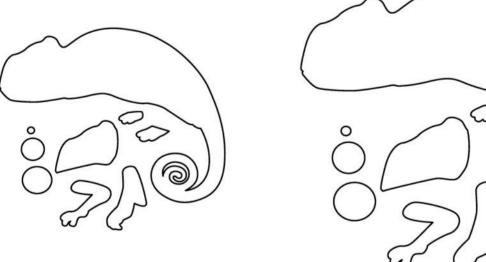








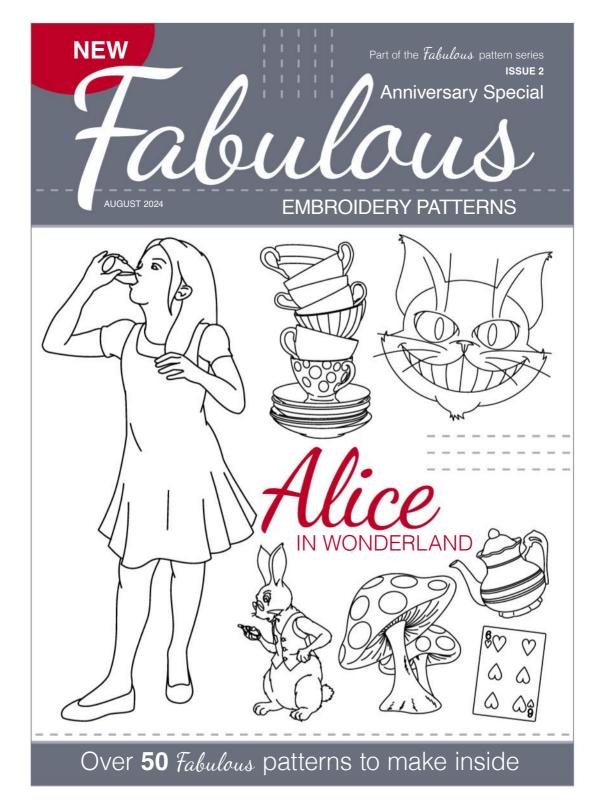






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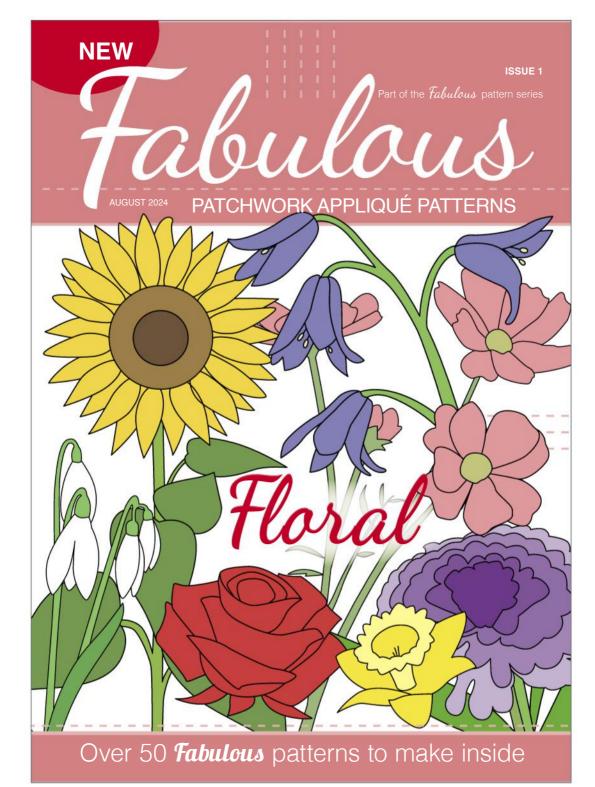


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