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Hello! NEoN outreach team has put together this new creative pack for parents, children and families to create animated artworks together at home.

NEoN is an arts charity that explores all things digital, from video games to virtual reality art! This pack has been inspired by previous NEoN workshops and past technologies, exploring historical methods and techniques to bring your imagination to life. The pages of this pack are removable, just slip them out using the treasury tags to get creating.

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We are here to support your creative journey so please get in touch for remote advice or inspiration online. We would love to see what you create at home. Please follow and tag us on Instagram, Twitter or Facebook where we will be sharing your wonderful creations over the next few weeks! If you prefer you can also send us an e-mail.

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Sketch-a-Story

Storyboards are a method used in animation to map out stories and ideas. These are drawn in boxes, where each box is a snapshot of the story being told, like pressing pause on a film or watching a movie in slow motion. This idea comes from comic book artists where they use comic strips to tell stories or jokes. Did you know the first ever comic book was called The Adventures of Obadiah Oldbuck, created in 1837, that's about 200 years ago!

What you will need

*Pencil or pen
Sketch-a-story template
Optional- colouring pencils*

Before you start

First of all you need to think about your story

Who is the main character?

How about a superhero or maybe your favourite animal. It could even be something from your imagination, it doesn't have to be real!

Where is the story set?

Think about if the events are taking place inside or outside, it could be at the supermarket or maybe on the moon! What kind of thing would you see there?

What is going to happen in your story?

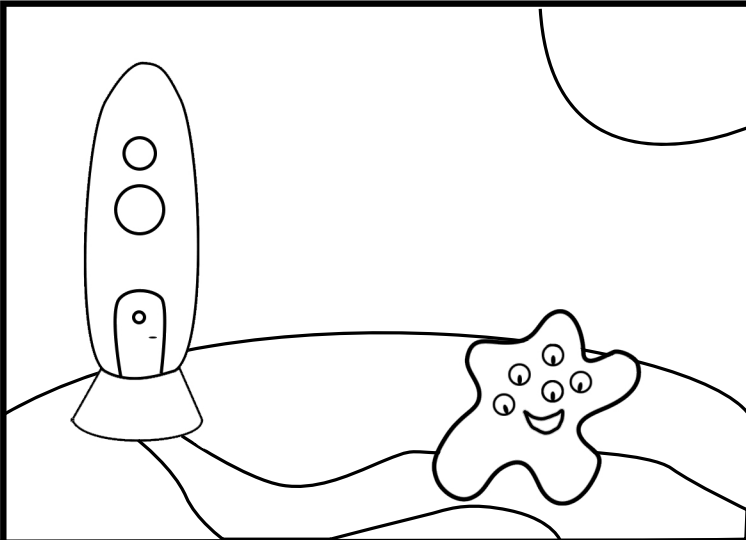
This is the events or things that take place in your story. Think about what you want to happen at the beginning, in the middle and at the end?

To help you get started fill in the blanks

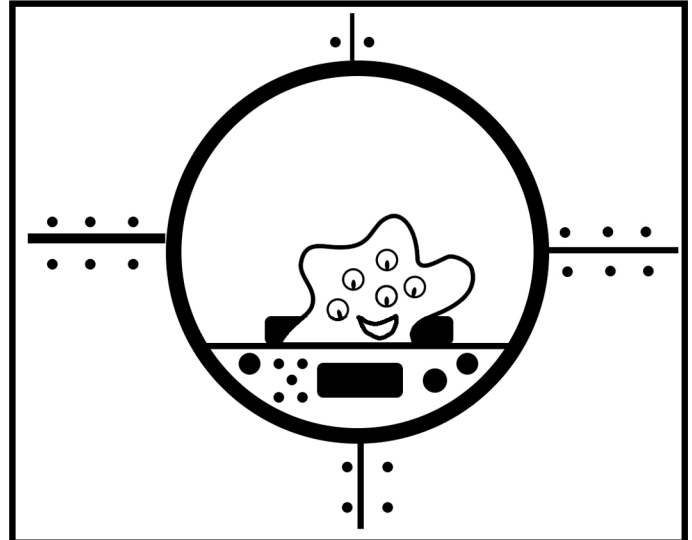
*In my story the main character is called.....
They look like..... My story is set at the
..... There is ahere.
My story starts with.....
Then in the middle
At the end of my story*

Here's an example

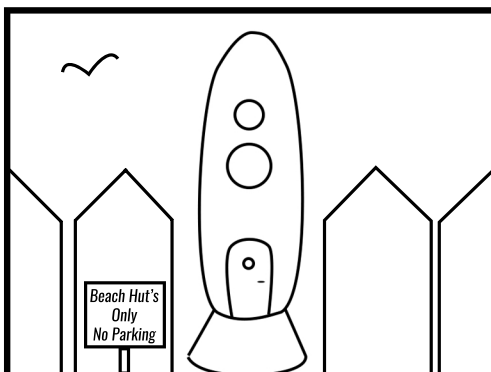
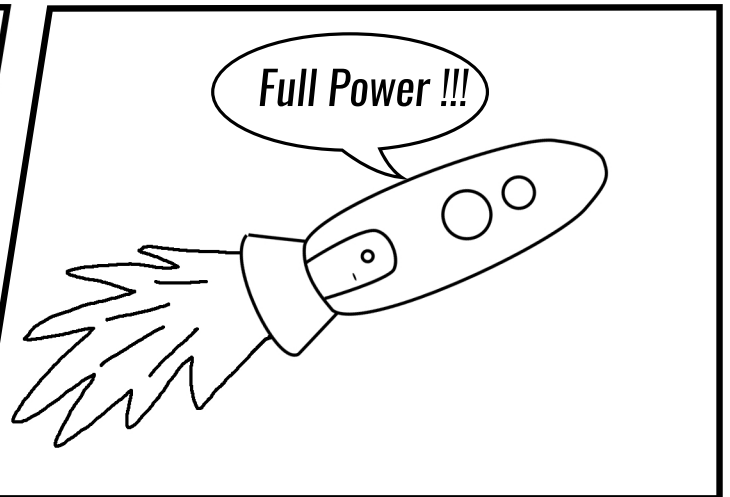
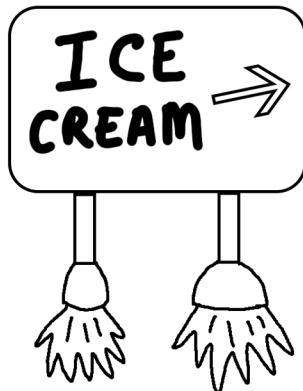
In my story the main character is called Zamder. They look like an alien from a planet far, far away. My story is set in outer space and then on Earth. There is a big spaceship and some ice-cream. My story starts with Zamder going for a drive in a space ship. Then in the middle Zamder sees a billboard for ice-cream and wants to know what it tastes like. At the end of my Story Zamder has parked the spaceship at beach and eats a giant ice-cream!



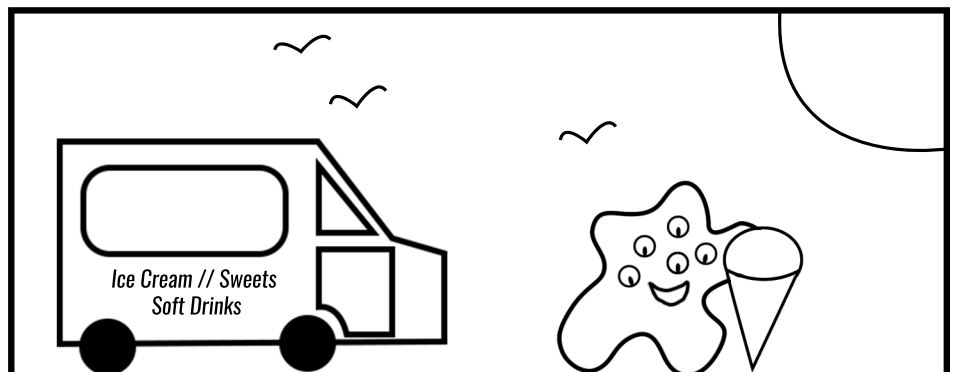
"Can't wait to test out my new spaceship"



"Blast off!"



"This looks like a good spot"



"Wow!! This Ice Cream tastes great! "

Now it's your turn! Use the next few pages to sketch-a-story!

If you want to make more Sketch-a-Story artworks, use some blank paper to draw out your boxes and you can make some more! If you want to be really creative experiment with coloured paper to change the background or try drawing different shapes like circles or triangles to make up your story boards!

HELPFUL HINT

Take one of the template pages and put a blank sheet of paper on top. Place both sheets on a window and trace the sketch-a-story boxes!

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Moving Bodies

Puppetry is a very ancient form of theatre, dating from around the 5th century BC. That's around 1500 years ago! Puppets are models which can be made to move using strings, sticks or even your hands. By adding movement, sounds and stories puppets became a popular form of storytelling and childrens toys.

What you will need

Pencil or pen

Scissors

Paper fasteners

*Optional decorative materials
such as glitter, sequins & coloured paper*

Before you start

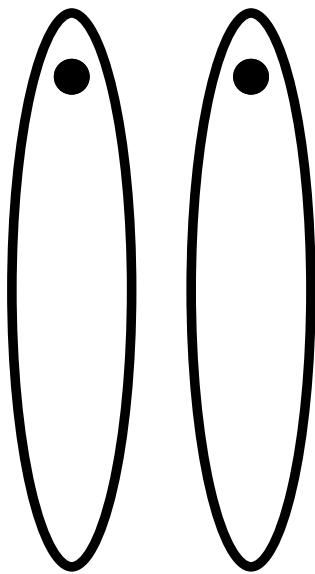
Think about what kind of moving body you would like to make. You can use the template provided to create a puppet person or you can draw your own character to make. This could be an animal, an alien or even someone you know!

- 1. On the template draw in the features of your puppet person. Draw in their face, hair, and clothes! You can also add some decorations at this point.*
- 2. Then carefully cut around the outside of each piece of your puppet.*

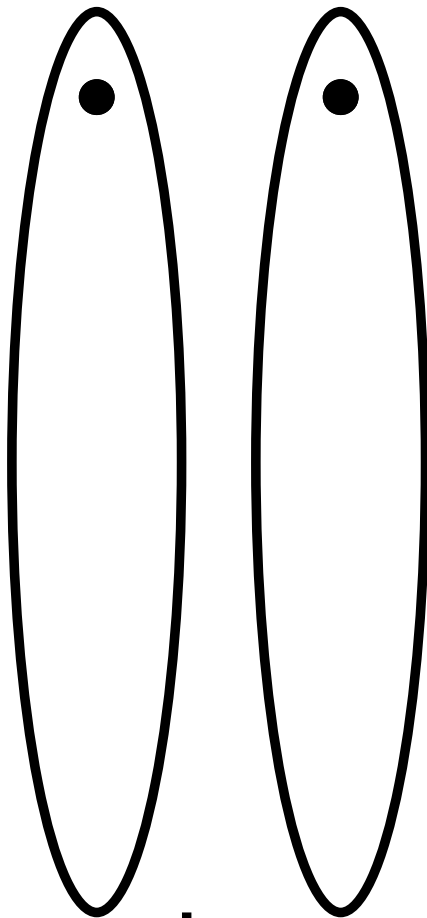
Now get some help from an adult!

- 3. Use the paper fasteners to push a hole through each of the pieces and fasten in place to assemble your puppet. You could also use your scissors to cut a hole then use your string or elastic to attach your pieces.*
- 4. Once you have finished your puppet, have fun experimenting with how it moves. Can you make it walk, dance or wave?*

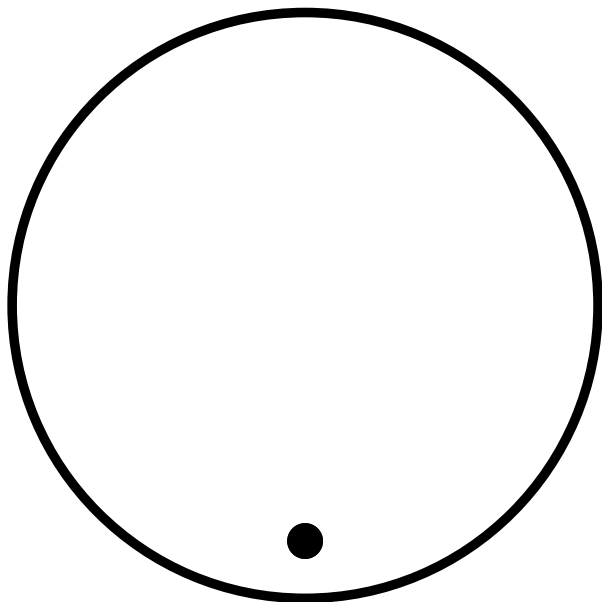
Moving Bodies template



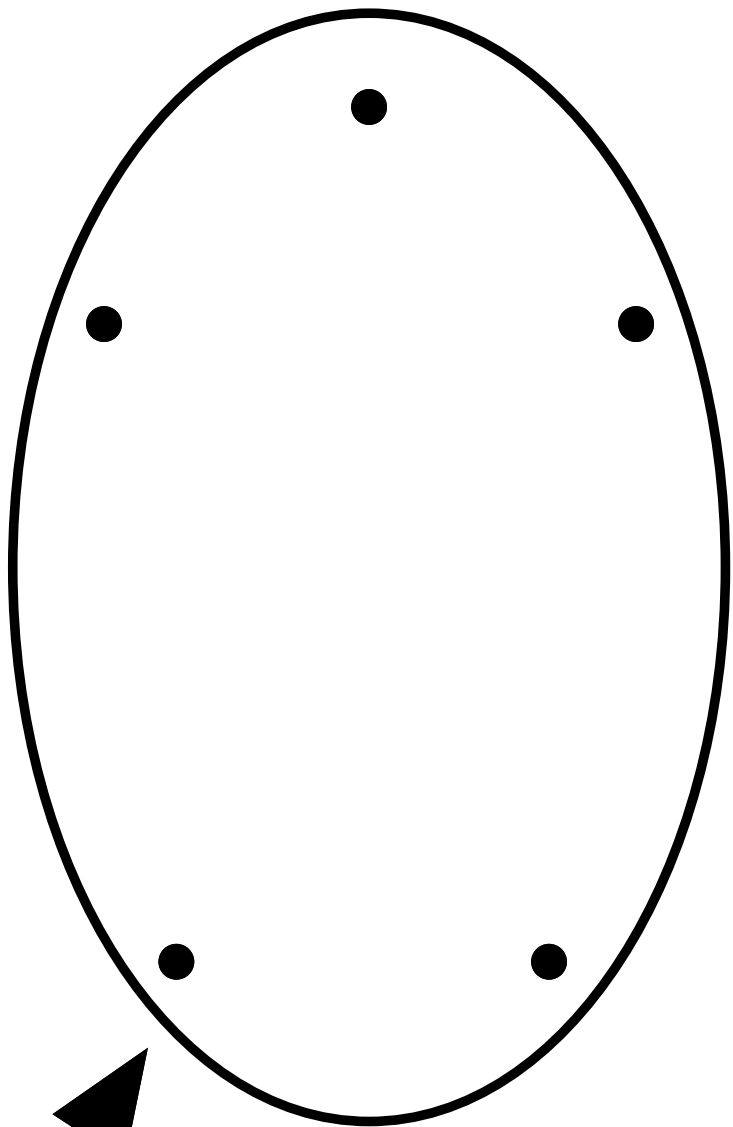
Arms



Legs

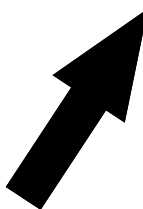


Head



Body

*Put your paper fasteners
through the black dots*



Why not try drawing your own Moving Bodies templates?

Use some blank paper or card to draw you puppets body but remember to draw each body part separately so that they are able to move!

HELPFUL HINT

Try drawing a sketch of your Moving Bodies character. Then think about what parts you want to move and draw your template!

***Does your Moving Bodies puppet walk, dance or wave?
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Flipimation

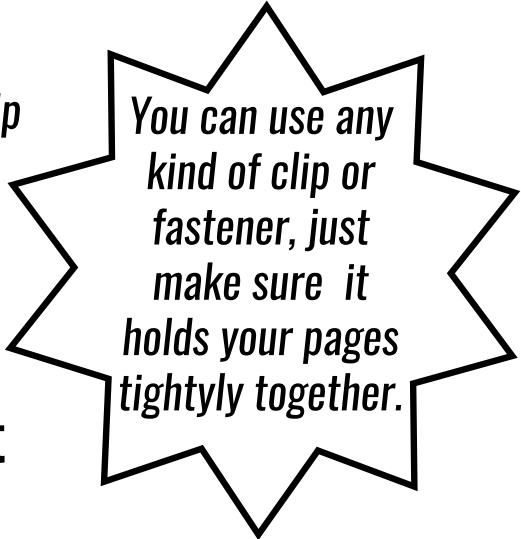
A flipbook is a small book, where a series of pictures are drawn, each with very simple changes so when you turn the pages quickly the pictures magically starts to move! The first flipbook was made in Germany in 1868, that is 27 years before the first ever cinema! Flipbooks inspired the creation of moving animation, stop motion films and more recently inspired the creation of GIFs!

What you will need

Pencil or pen

Scissors

Clothes peg or strong clip



You can use any kind of clip or fastener, just make sure it holds your pages tightly together.

Before you start

First of all you need to create your flipbook!

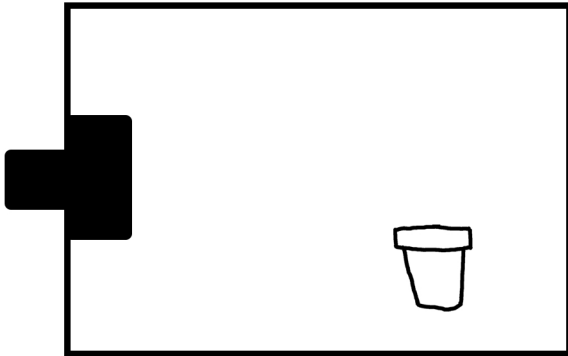
- 1. Cut along the dotted lines of the templates to get your flipbook pages the right size. You will need to cut up 4 of the template pages per flipbook.*
- 2. Take your pages and stack them neatly into a pile. Try to keep your pages straight as it makes it easier to flip.*
- 3. On the short edge, take your clothes peg to clip all your pages together.*

Now you have put together your blank flipbook, let's get drawing!

Start to think about what you would like to draw, it's important to keep your drawings simple. Think about shapes or objects that move. What about stick people, a balloon blowing in the wind or even a fish swimming in the sea!

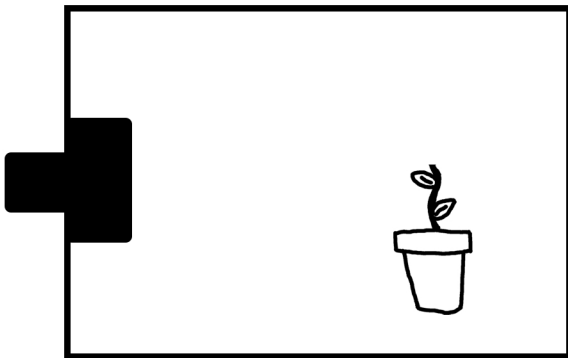
Flipimation Guide

Let's make a flipimation of this flower growing.

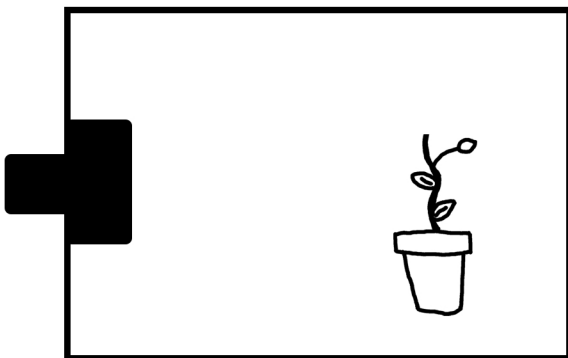


You start at the very last page of your flipbook, on this page draw your first picture. Here we start with an empty plant pot.

Remember to keep your drawing simple.

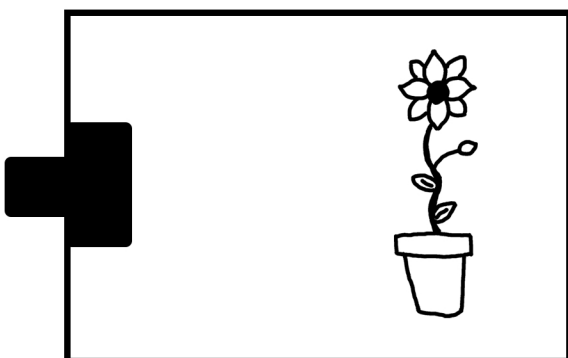


Next, turn to the previous page. You should be able to see your first drawing through the page. Trace your drawing onto this page but add more detail or move your drawing slightly. This is what makes it look like your drawing moves.

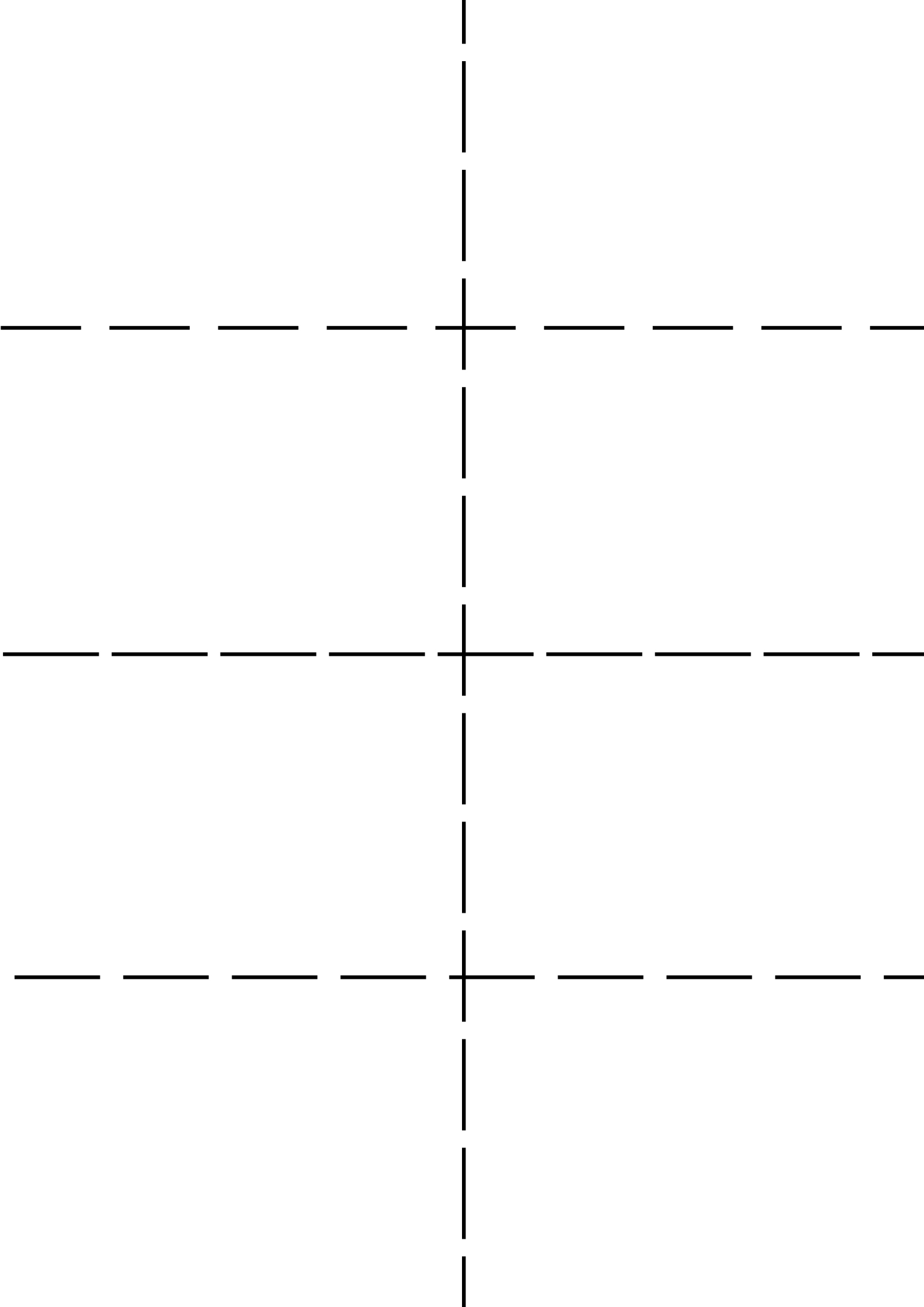


Make a drawing on each page and remember to only make small changes or movements to each picture.

See how the plant is starting to grow?



The more drawings you make the smoother your flipimation will be. Once you have filled your whole flipbook you are ready to flip! Hold your flipbook in your hand and with your other thumb flick through the pages to see your drawings comes to life!



If you love making your pictures move and dance, use blank sheets of paper the same size to make some more!

A really quick way to make your flipbook is to use post-it notes, as they are all the same size!

The more practice you get the more complicated your drawings will become!

Need some inspiration or want some advice on your projects? NEoN are here to help and advise!

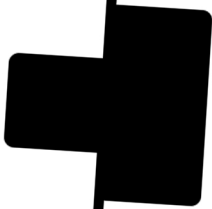
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Why not check out a more modern take on flipbooks? GIFS are made in a similar way by flashing through a series of images. Find some cool examples on NEoN's Giphy channel <https://giphy.com/channel/NEoNdigitalartsfestival>

Shadow Shapes

Shadow play or shadow puppetry is an ancient form of story telling. Hands, bodies or cut out shapes are held in front of a torch or lightsource to cast their shadow. This has been used for hundreds of years as a form of theatre entertainment and is still used today in stage shows like The Lion King!

What you will need

*Pencil or pen
Scissors
Torch or bright light
Blank surface like a wall or curtain*

Before you start

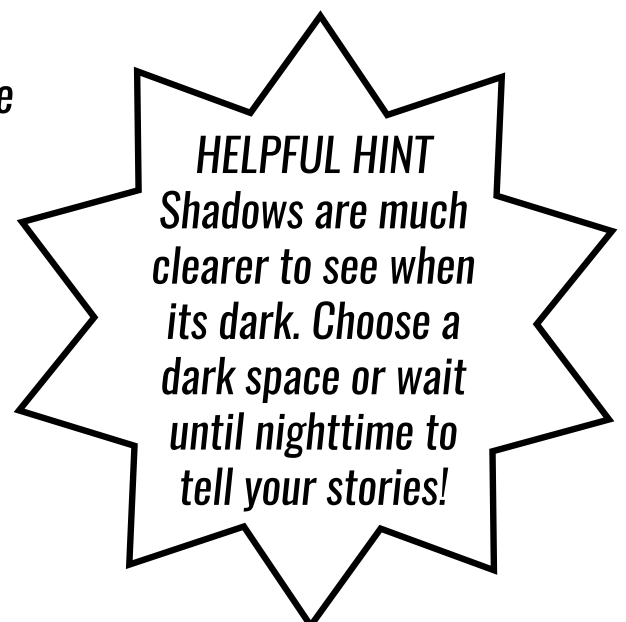
To make your shadow shapes, simply cut around the templates provided. Try drawing some shapes of your own, cut around the outline to make your own shadow shapes and personalise your story.

Once you have all of your shapes cut out it is time to make some shadows!

Find a space where there is a blank surface like a wall and position your light so it shines onto the wall.

Hold up your shadow shapes in front of the light and a shadow will appear on the wall.

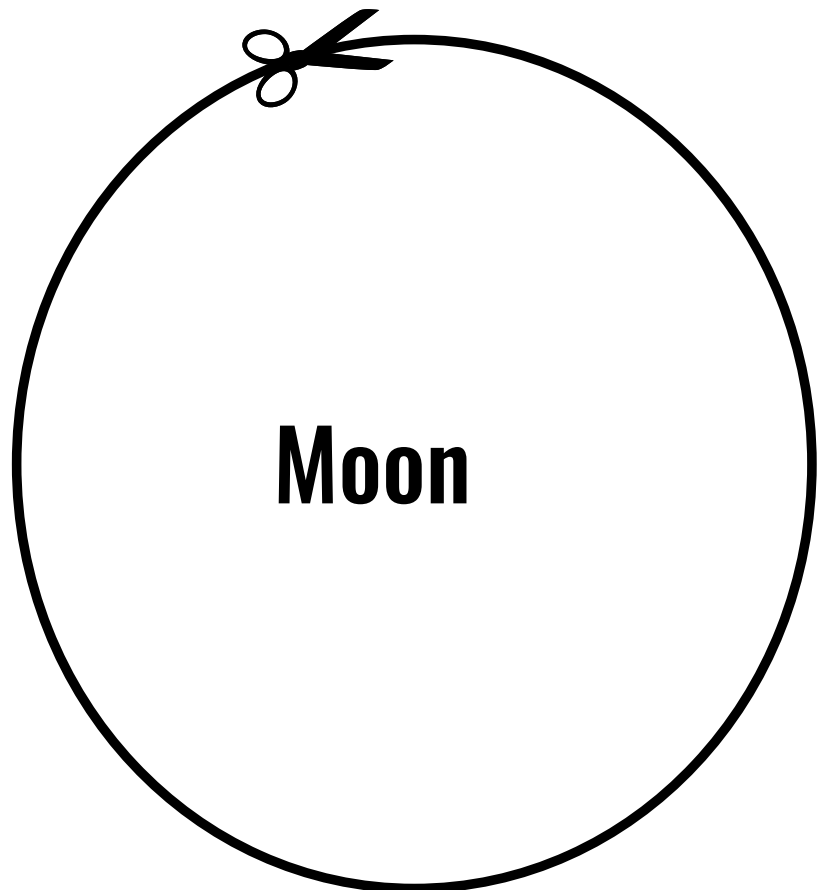
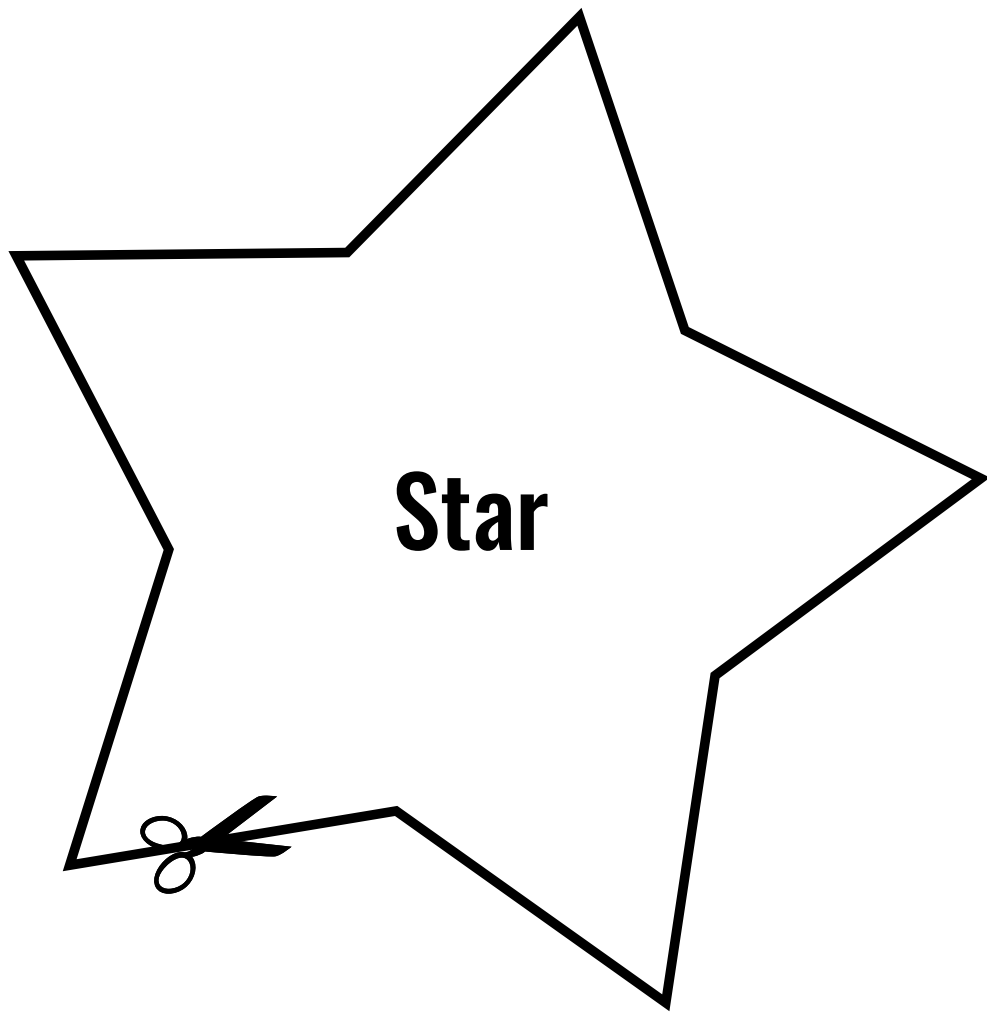
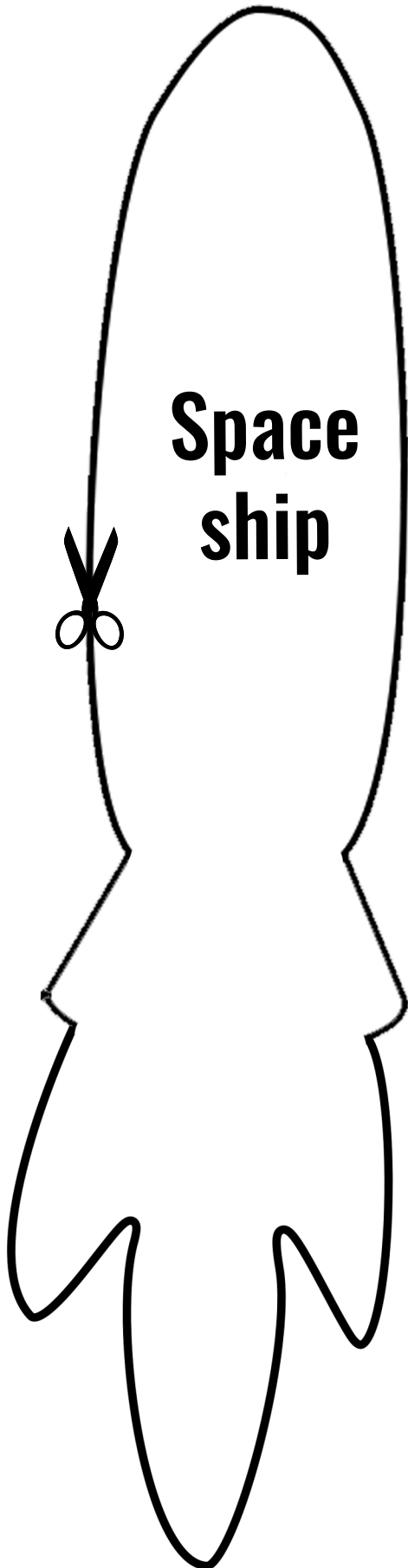
Experiment combining shapes to create different scenes or try moving your shadow shapes to show motion and actions!



HELPFUL HINT


Shadows are much clearer to see when its dark. Choose a dark space or wait until nighttime to tell your stories!

Cut out some of these space themed shadow shapes



Why not use your shadow shapes to tell a story or put on a performance?

Set up your space with some seats and invite your family to watch!



***Add some drama to your performance! Give your story a title and set the scene with an intro.
Try adding some music to make it extra special!***

What shadow shapes did you make?

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Connection Cards

Connection cards are NEoN's take on a good old fashioned postcard. It is a simple way to send a message to someone you care about. Technology has given us more ways to get in touch with our friends and family, like text, e-mail and instant messaging but sometimes a hand written note feels more personal and a lovely surprise for the person you send it to!

What you will need

Pencil or pen

Connection Card Template

Scissors

Optional- colouring pencils

Before you start

Let's think about your card

Who are you sending it to?

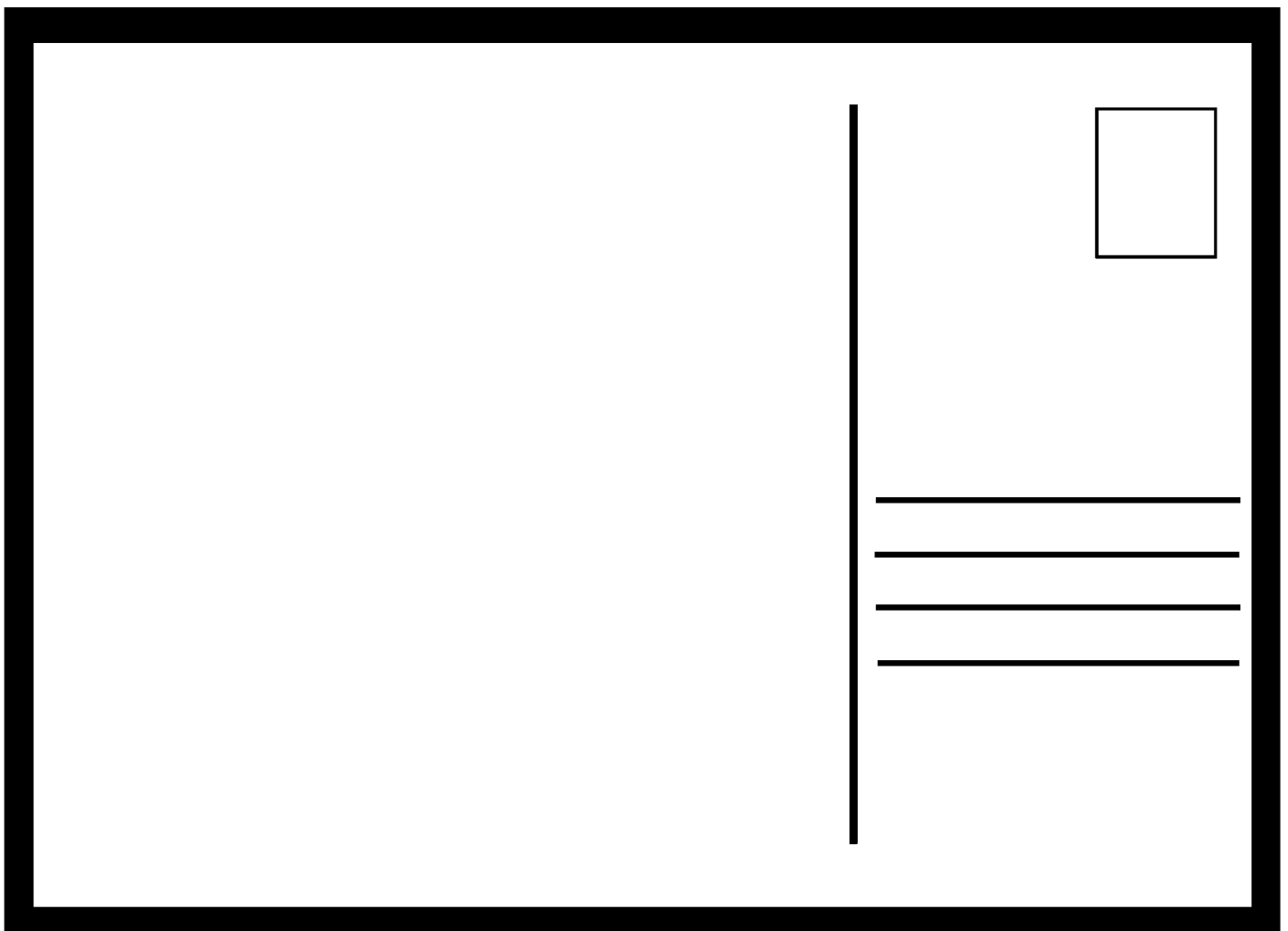
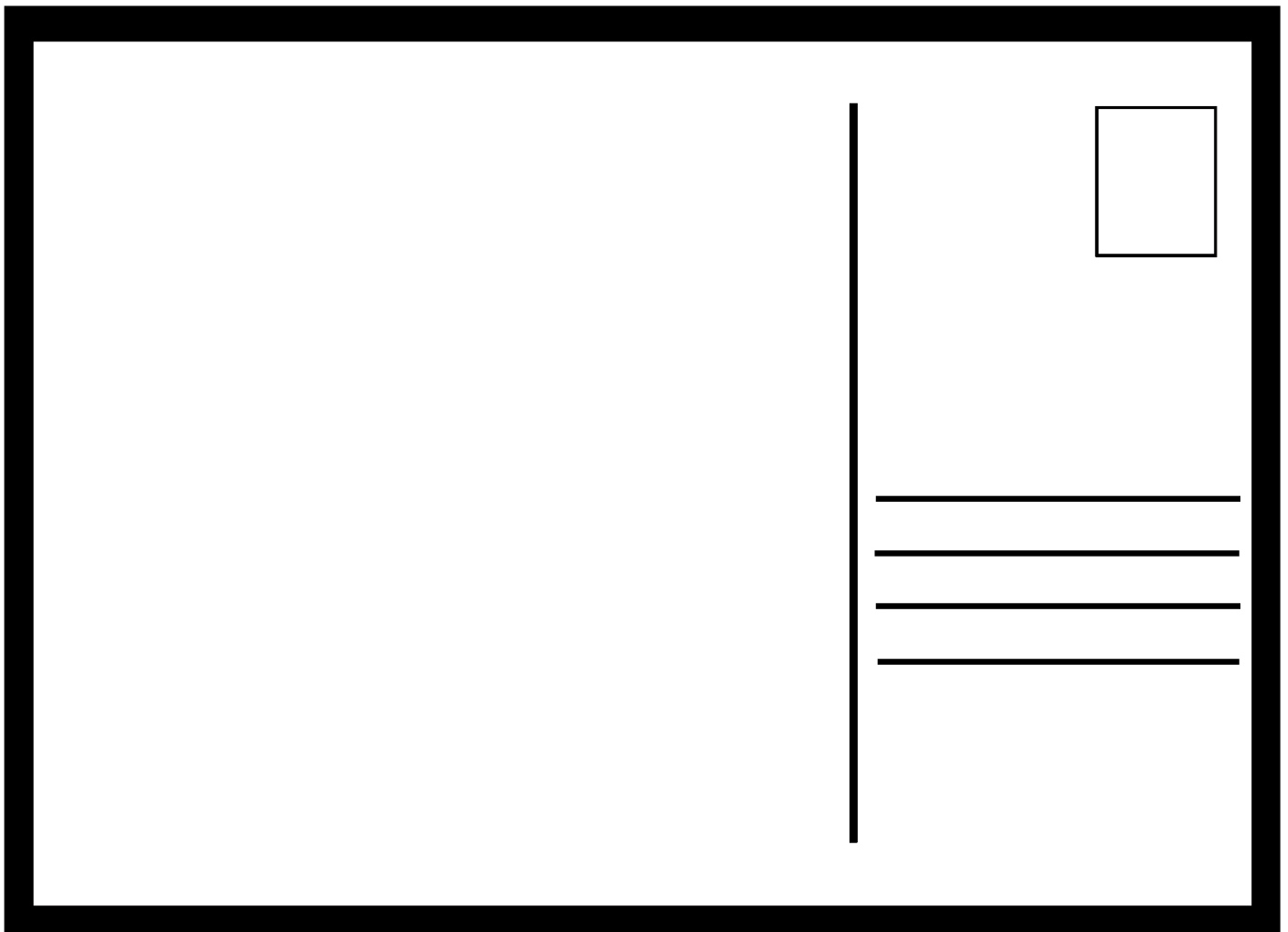
Think about the person you want to send your card to. What do they like? Do they have a favourite colour you might want to use?

What do you want to draw ?

Think about a picture or scene that you would like to draw. Need some inspiration? Try looking out of a window, what can you see? Or get some of your favourite things and group them together, this is called a still life.

What do you want to say?

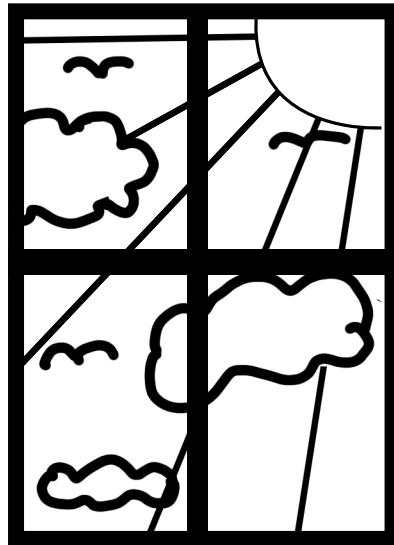
Think about a message to write on your card. It could be something short like 'thinking about you' or you could write something longer. You could ask questions or maybe tell them one of your stories!



Cut along the thick black lines of the templates above

*First you ned to
cut out your card
from the
template and flip
it over!*

*On the blank side draw your picture or
design. You can be as creative as you
like, so be brave and go wild!*



The view from my window



*If you want
to post your
card you
ned to put a
stamp here*

Write your message here

*This is where you write
the Address of where
you are sending your
card.*



*Here at NEoN we would love to see
your connection cards!*

*Why don't you send one to us by
tagging us on Instagram, Twitter or
Facebook. Alternatively you can
also send us an e-mail?*

*We can't wait to see your lovely
connection cards!*

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CREATE:MOVE:CONNECT

Thank you for taking part in Create:Move:Connect!

We hope that this project pack has allowed you to get creative, make art move and use stories to connect with friends, family and loved ones.

NEoN plans to celebrate and share the artworks made by everyone at home on our social media channels and our website. If you would like to have your wonderful artworks celebrated, get in touch by tagging us on Instagram, Twitter and Facebook or by sending us an e-mail!

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