

Winter Patterns and Ideas

Use the mittens and boots to create a border pattern for the bulletin board or a file folder matching game. Write questions, math facts, or letters on mittens glued to the inside of the folder. Write answers on separate mittens, and have students match the correct answer to each question.

Use the polar bear, snowman, or penguin pattern to decorate a winter bulletin board or have students create stuffed paper sculptures. Make a number matching game by gluing real buttons on the snowman and writing a numeral on each top hat. Use the egg pattern to create a penguin rookery, and write penguin facts on each egg. Use the snowflake to make a Winter Shape Book or to create a Blizzard Word Bank either on the board or hanging from the ceiling with fishing line. Decorate your room with icicles or use them as flashcards in the Math Center or as sequencing cards in the Language Arts Center.



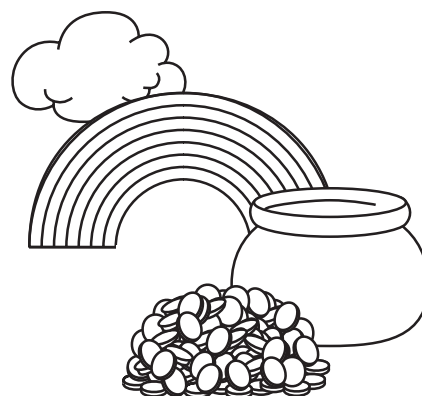
Turn the menorahs into a number matching game. Write a number on each menorah and have the children arrange the appropriate number of candles on it. The dreidel can be stapled or laced and stuffed. The dreidel and Star of David patterns can also be used as lacing cards, shape books, bingo or tic-tac-toe cards.

Santa and the elves can be paper dolls or puppets. Create a word bank on gift patterns piled in the sleigh. Display student writing on enlarged packages around the tree or sleigh. Write spelling words on the ornaments and arrange them in alphabetical order on the Christmas tree for an interactive bulletin board. Use the stocking pattern as a shape book or as a journal cover. Run the gingerbread man on brown cardstock and lace with white yarn. Decorate the wreath with ornaments, holly, gingerbread men, and candy canes. Reduce or enlarge patterns to fit.

Use the mkeka (placemat) for a real classroom feast or as part of your Kwanzaa bulletin board. Use the potato pattern as well as apples, oranges, bananas, and grapes to create a Kwanzaa Word Bank. The kikombe (cup) pattern can be used to create a big book about Kwanzaa. Use the pattern of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. as a puppet, a story prompt, or an art project. Color the rainbow with a variety of skin tone colors and display on the bulletin board. Display student writing on clouds around the rainbow.

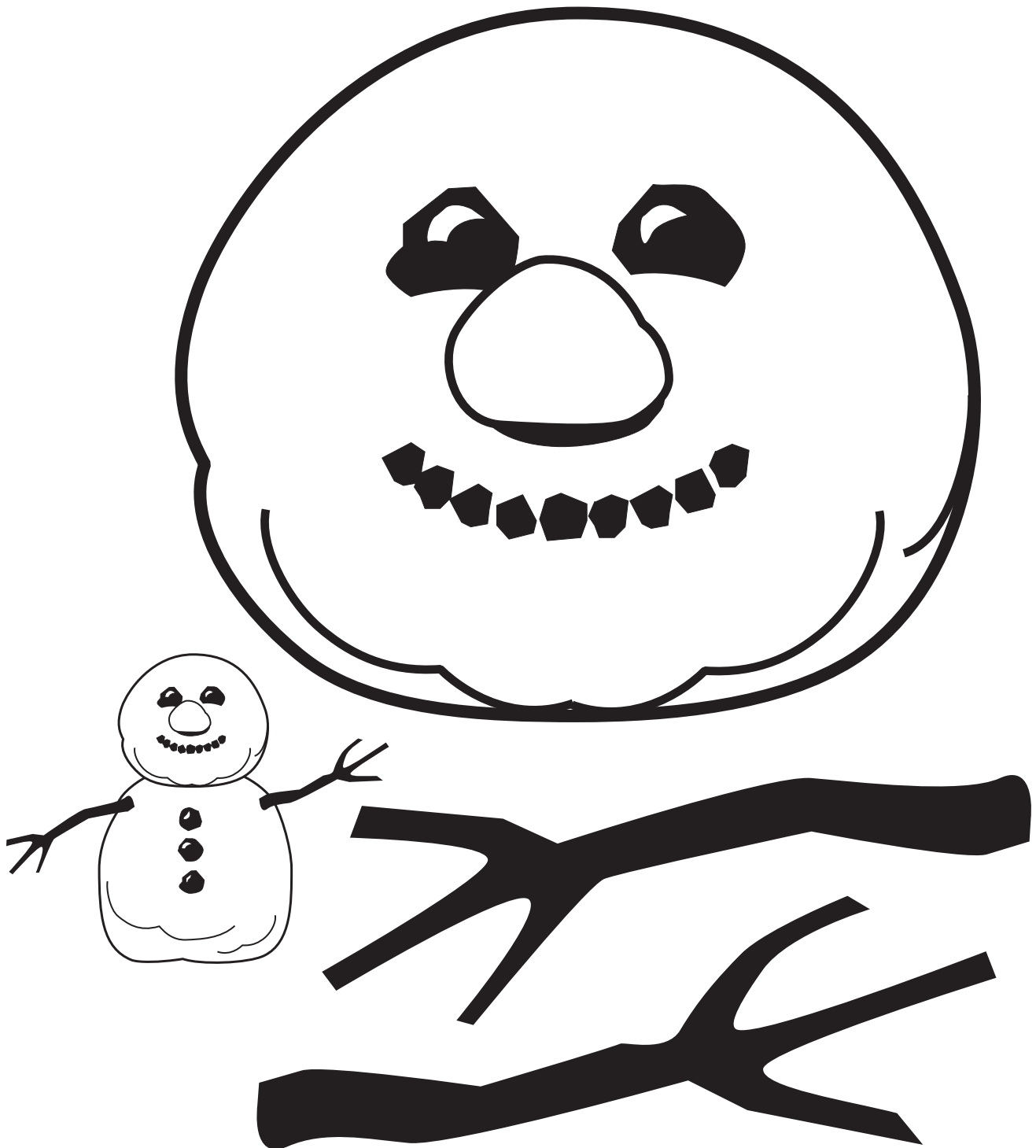
The valentine heart pattern can be used as a bingo card, lacing card, shape book, or for a sorting or patterning game. Use the mailbox for a word bank with hearts of different colors spilling out of it. Arrange the groundhog, flashlight, and shadow patterns on the board to explain how shadows are made. Make a file folder matching game with groundhogs and black circles for groundhog holes. Use Lincoln's log cabin for a shape book about Lincoln or a word bank for president words. Color and cut the cherry tree and decorate with cinnamon candies. Write a rule such as "Tell the truth." on the hatchet.

Write words on gold coins to make a St. Patrick's Day Word Bank or make a number matching game by writing a numeral on each pot and placing the appropriate number of coins on it. Use the shamrock pattern as a lacing card or a shape book. Have students create leprechaun faces on paper plates and attach the ears and yarn for hair, or make head bands, sized to fit around students' heads, and glue on the pointed ears.

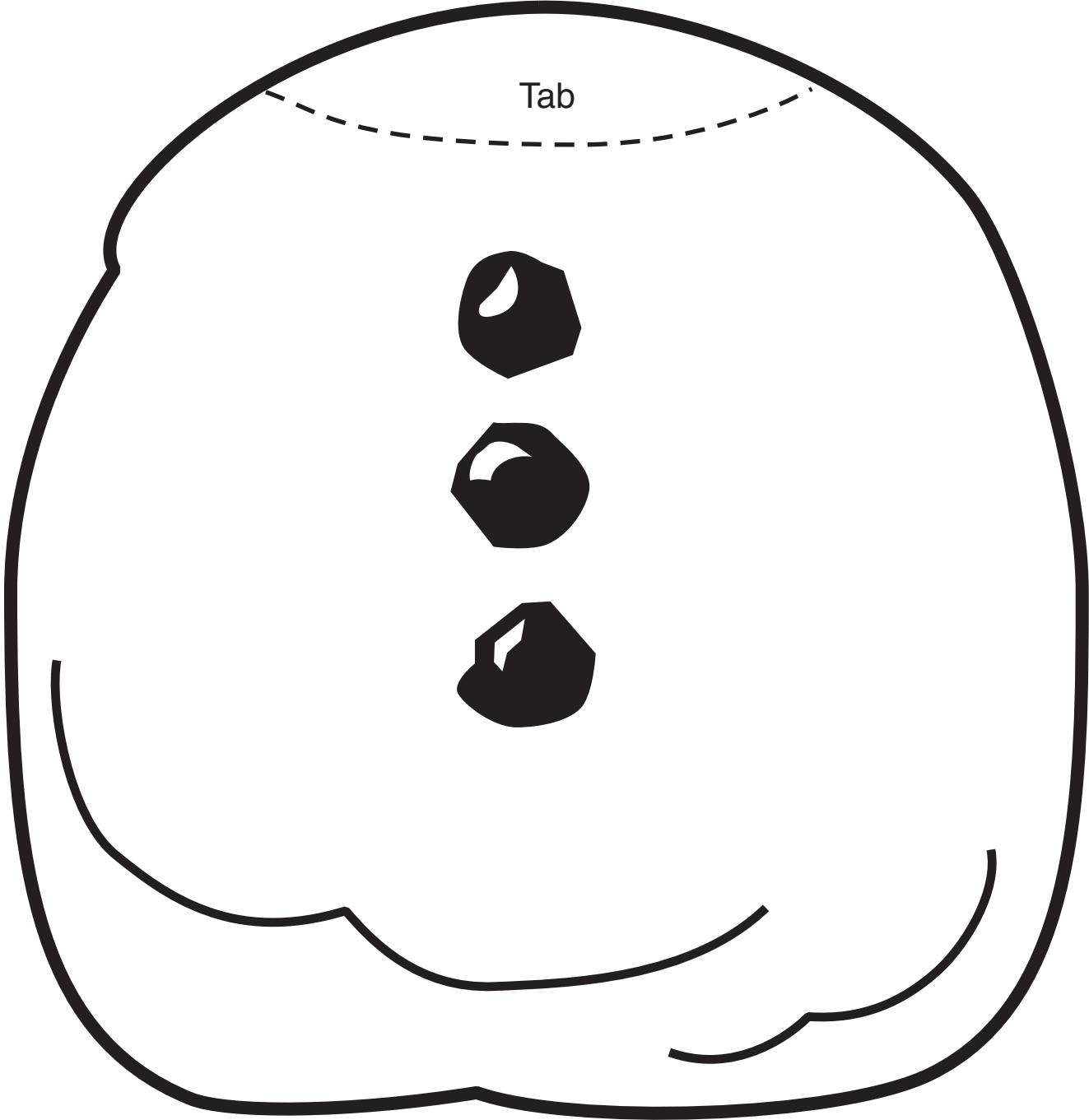


Snowman

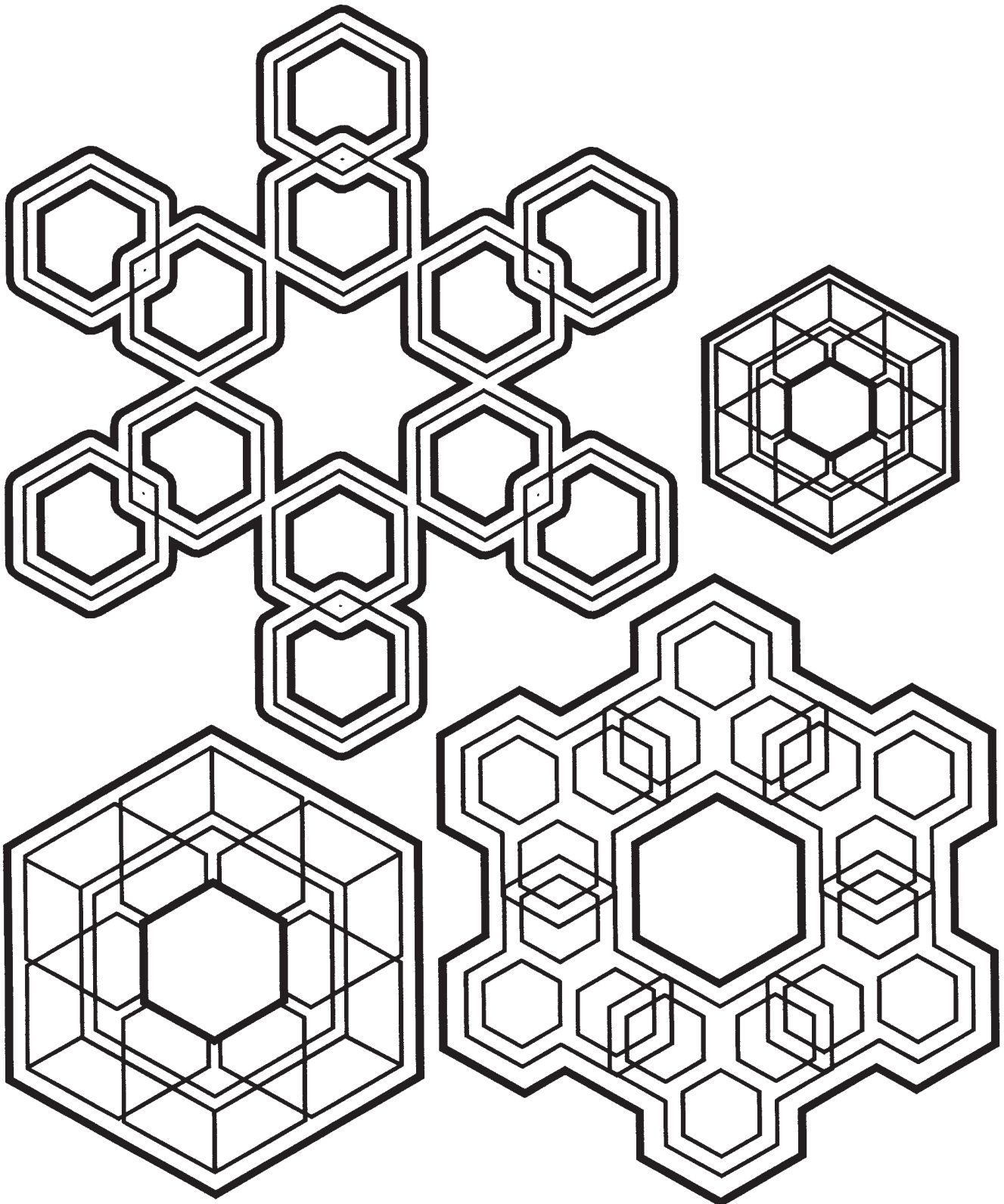
Use pages 68–69. Try the snow cap on page 63 to decorate your snowman. You may also wish to use mittens (page 64) and boots (page 63) to dress your snowman. Attach the snowman head to the tab. Place branch arms where appropriate.



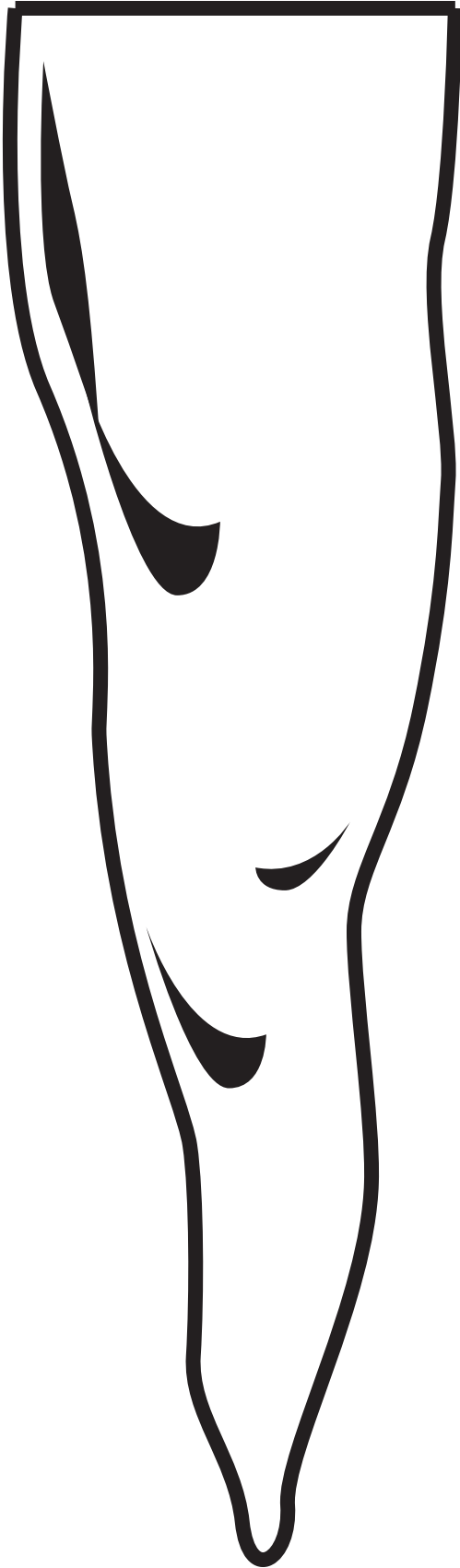
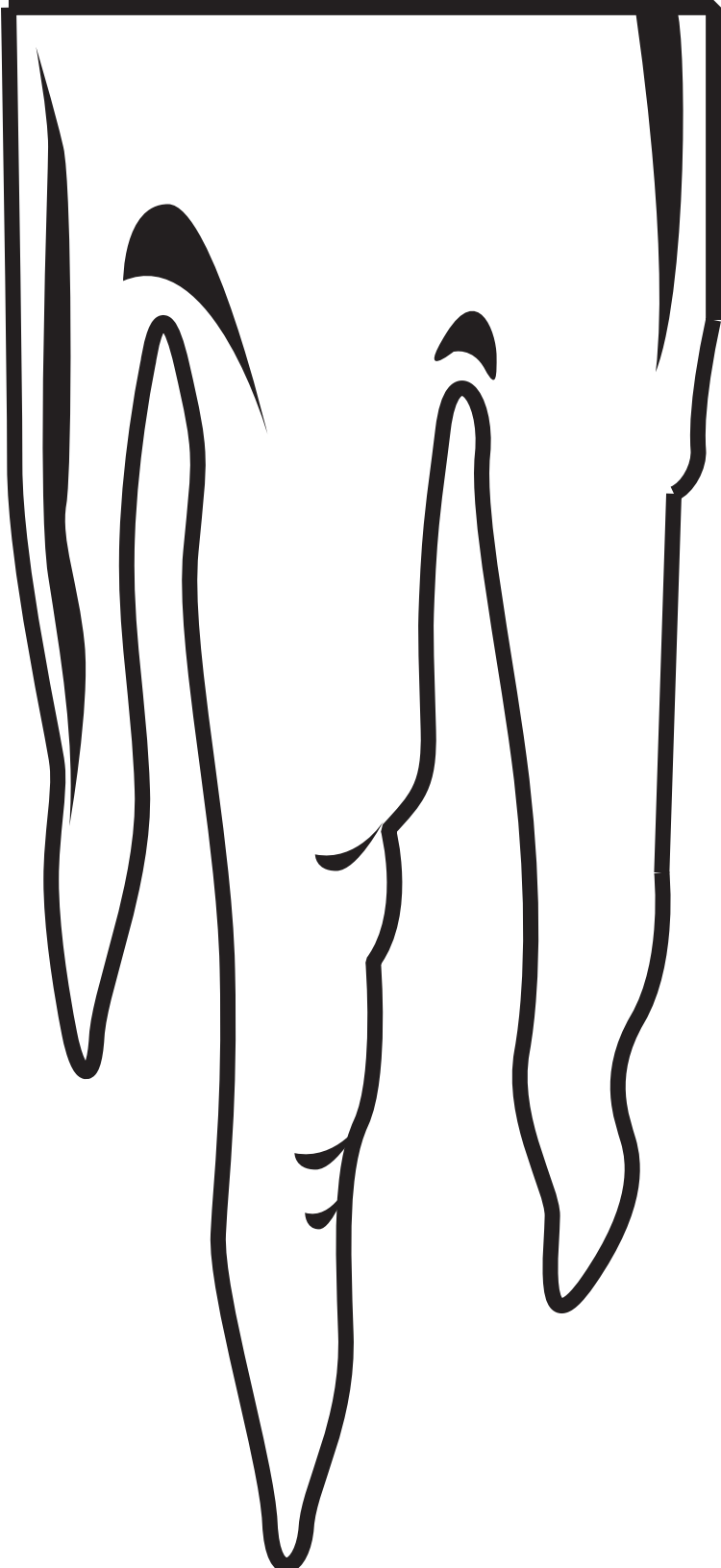
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Snowflakes

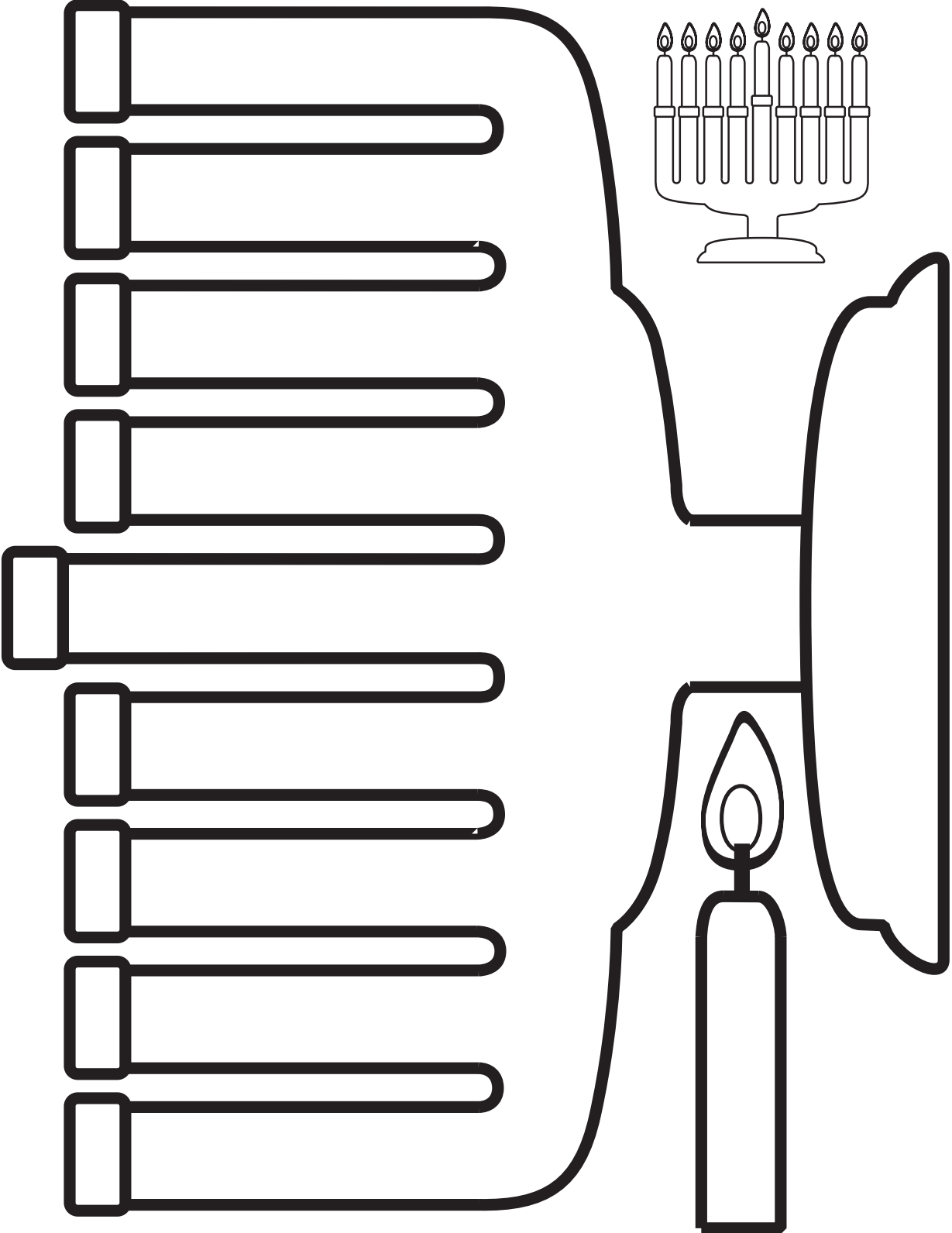


Icicles



Menorah

Duplicate candle shown or make your own with strips of construction paper or wrapping paper.



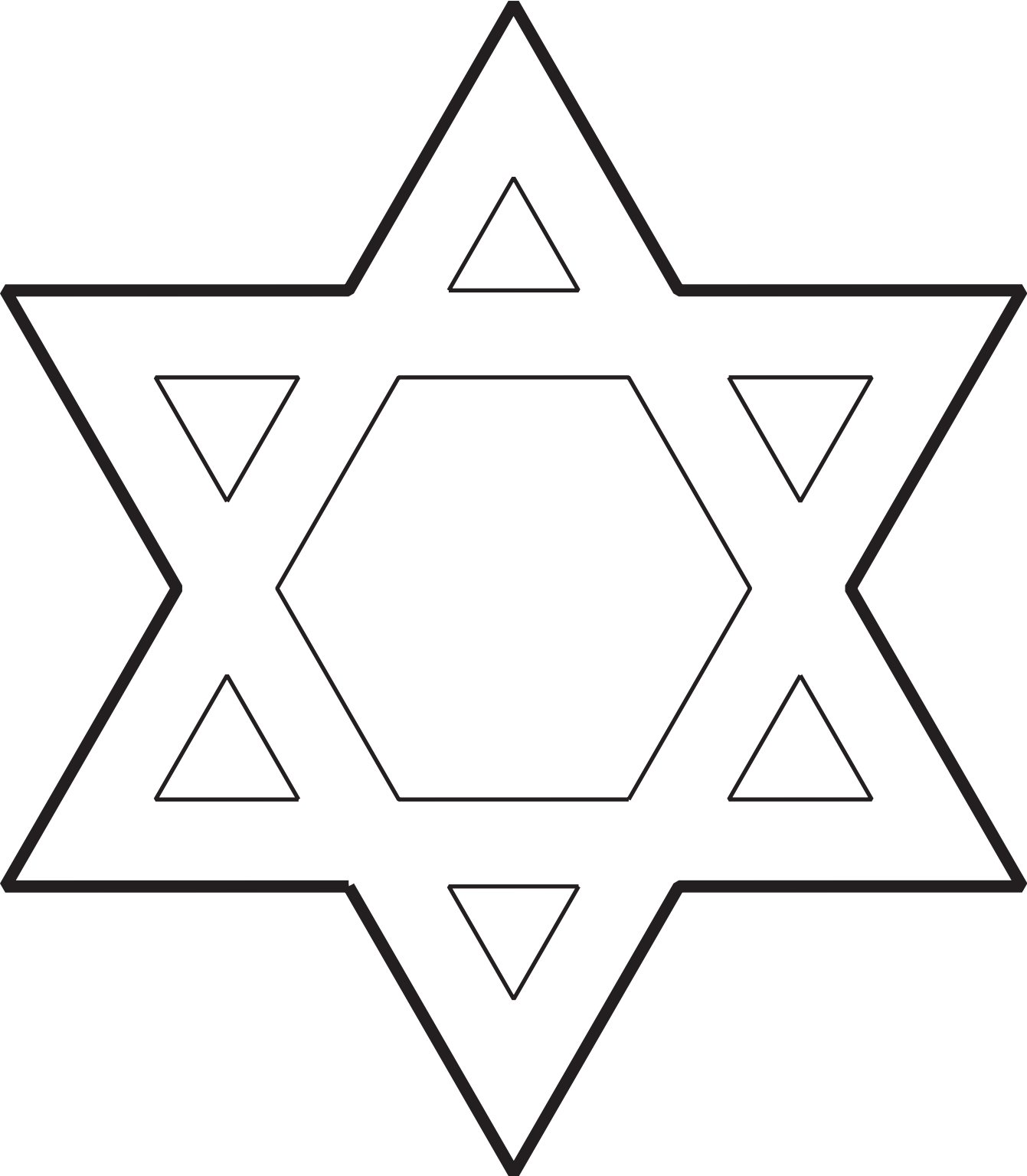
Dreidel



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Star of David

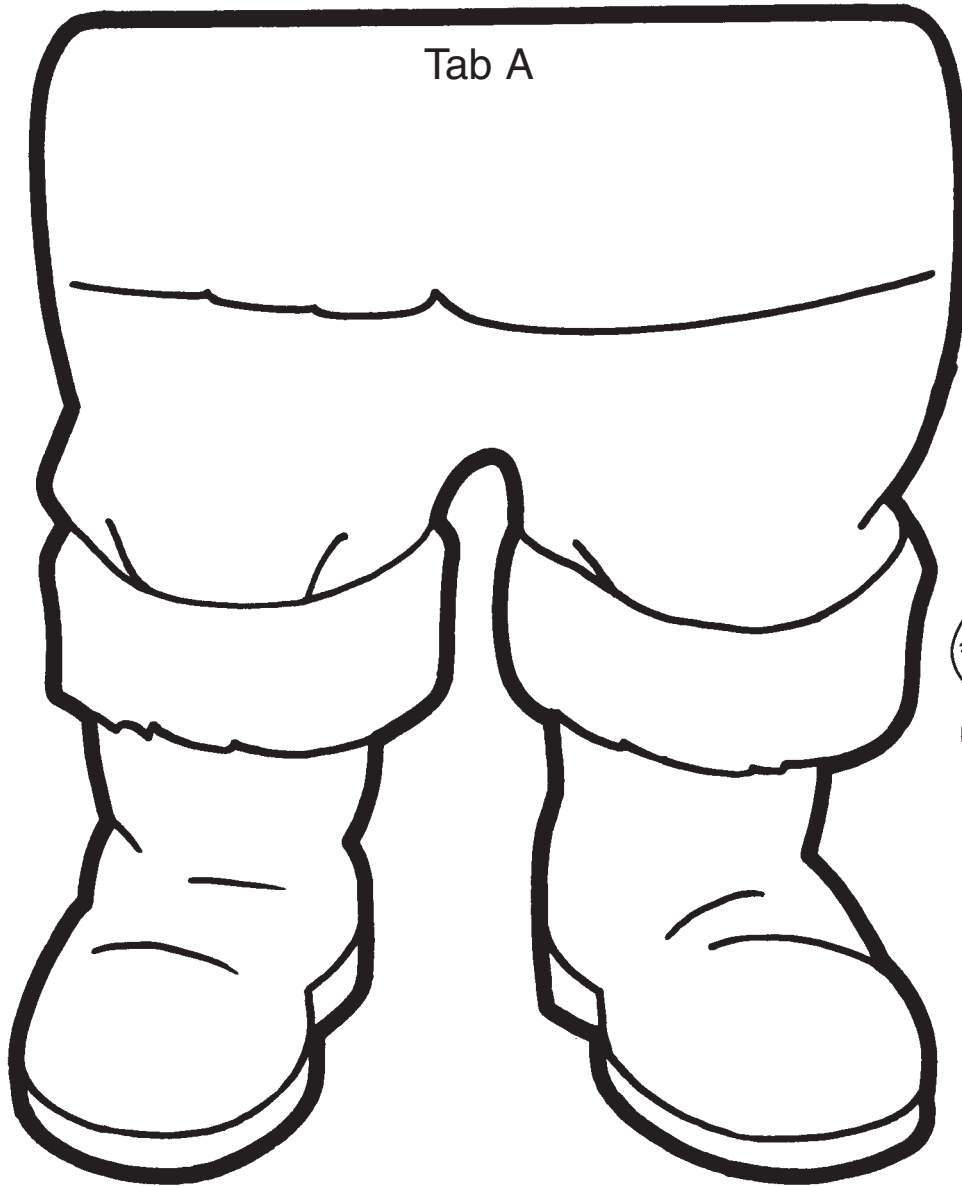


Santa Claus

Use pages 79–81. Overlap torso on pants at Tab A. Place bag of gifts below left mitten.



Santa Claus (cont.)



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