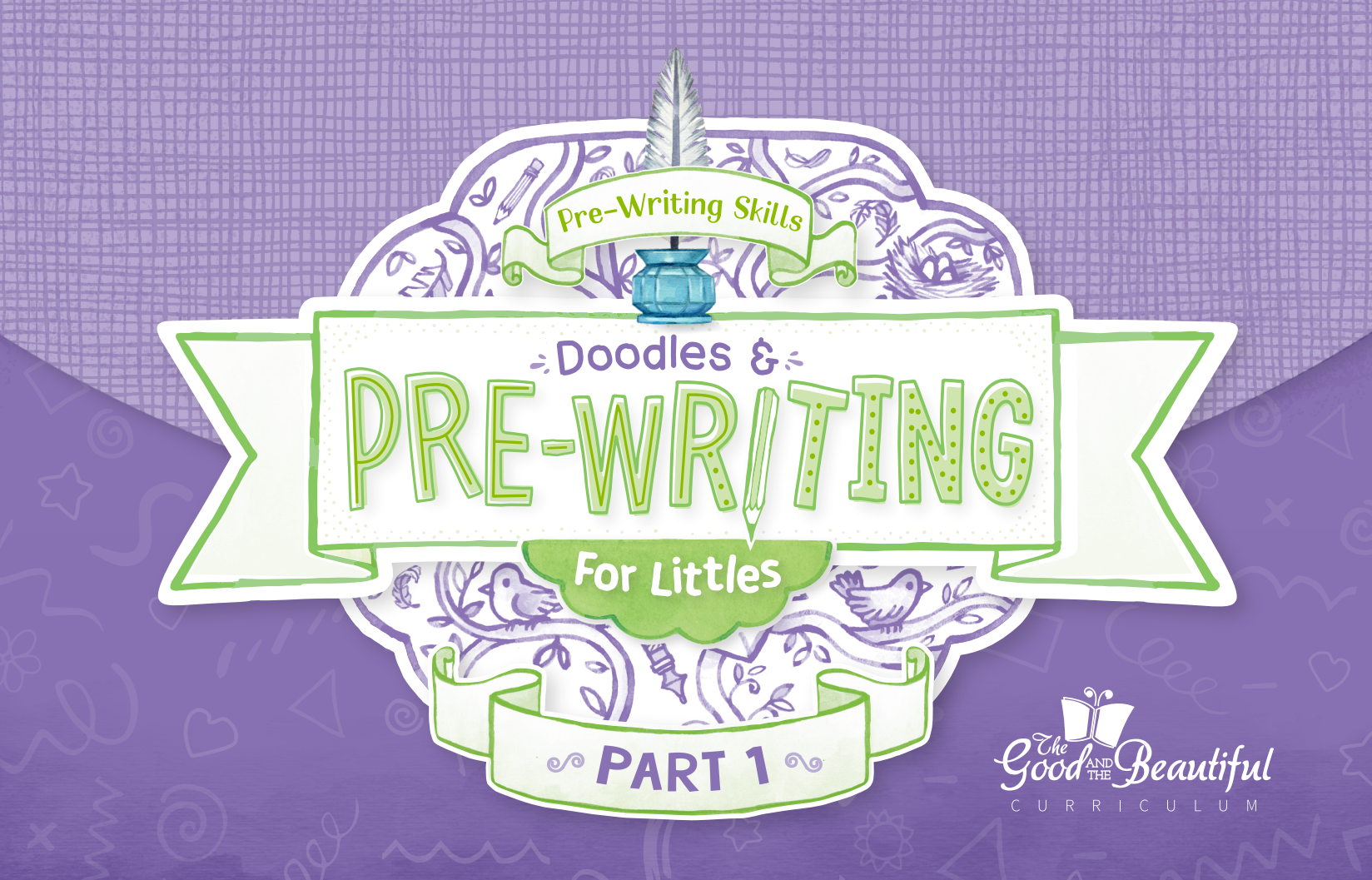

Pre-Writing Skills
Doodles &
PRE-WRITING
For Littles
PART 1
The Good AND THE Beautiful
CURRICULUM

About This Course

The images, artwork, and words used in this course are all designed to connect children to the good and the beautiful: family, faith, high moral character, and the wonders and beauty of nature and human life.

Doodles & Pre-Writing for Littles: Part 1 is designed for most children between the ages of 2½ and 5 years old who are ready to develop the dexterity and coordination of small muscles as well as the mental focus needed to write.

COURSE ORGANIZATION

This level focuses on the strokes and forms used to create letters and common shapes and is designed to help small children develop the fine motor skills necessary for writing. This workbook includes 100 sheets, which is 3–4 sheets per week for a normal school year. The course is divided into three sections:

1. Skill: continuous motions. Forms: curves, loops, waves, and spirals. Shapes: circle, oval, ellipse, quatrefoil, and curved triangle.

2. Skill: changing directions. Forms: straight lines, angles, and zigzags. Shapes: triangle, square, rhombus, parallelogram, trapezoid, pentagon, and hexagon.

3. Skill: combining different forms and shapes from sections one and two to create letters or more complex shapes, such as hearts and stars, and finding shapes in nature.

COLORING AND NATURE

Each sheet in this course provides an opportunity for the child to color, improving both coloring and motor skills. The doodles, forms, and shapes the child practices are all connected to nature or other common objects in a child's world.

DOING HANDWRITING WITH LITTLES

The course is designed to be simple enough that a child could work on it without assistance. However, there are optional extension activities, such as questions about the objects on the page, that can be done if parents would like to work further with the child. Some children will want to spend a lot of time on each page, while others will fly through. To help the child get more use and skill development from this course, encourage him or her to trace over each shape or form twice. Using a variety of colors and mediums (such as crayons, colored pencils, or markers) will make this more enjoyable. After the child has completed the whole course, you can allow the child to cut along the dotted lines to practice using scissors. Pages with large patterns will work best. Upon completion some children will be ready to move on to *Doodles & Pre-Writing for Littles: Part 2*, while others may benefit from repeating this course.

PENCIL GRIP

Correct pencil grip is essential. To view videos about correct pencil grip, download the Good and Beautiful Homeschool app by scanning the QR code below or visit goodandbeautiful.com/apps. Then go to Games, Music, and Extras > Extras. Make sure to correct the child's pencil grip gently and patiently when he or she is writing or drawing.



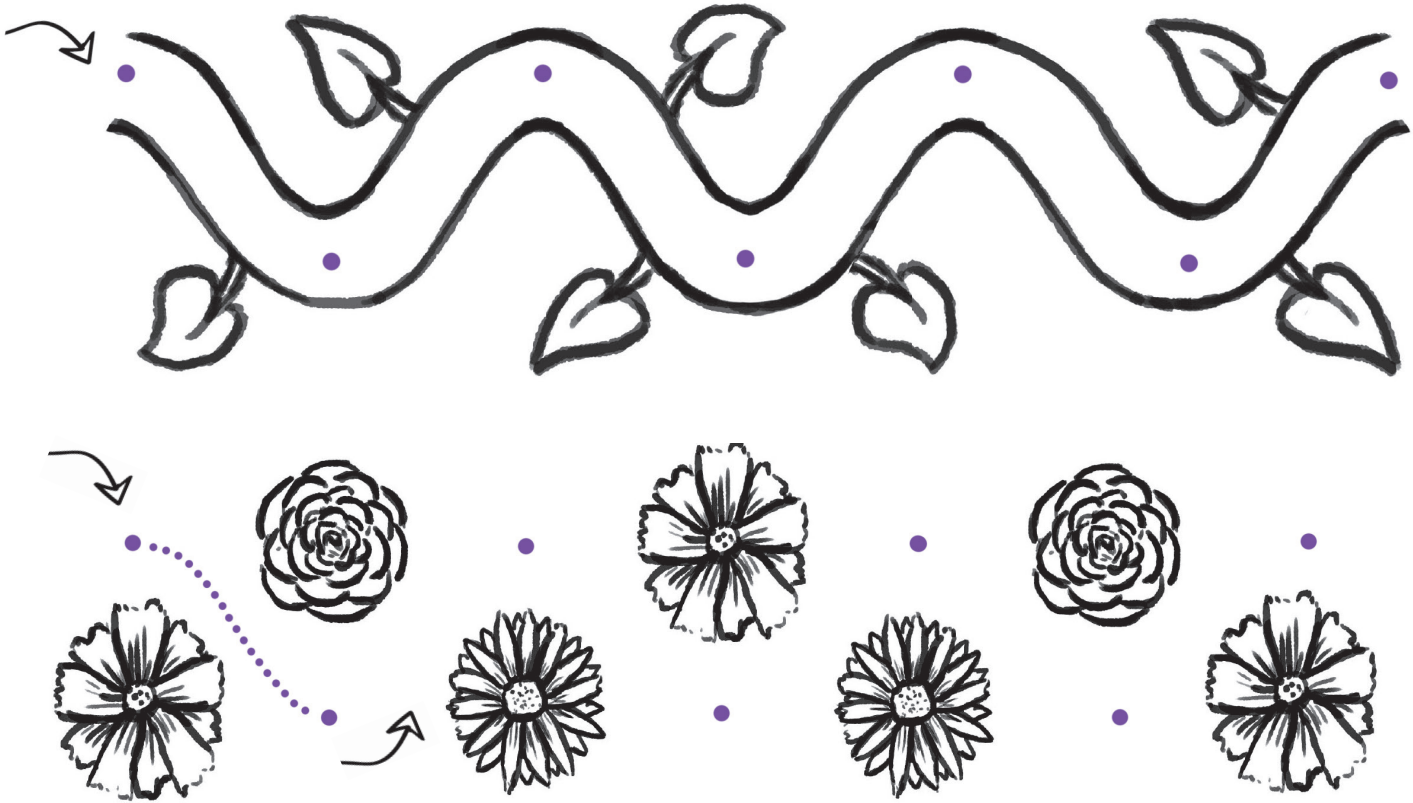
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SECTION ONE

Continuous Motions

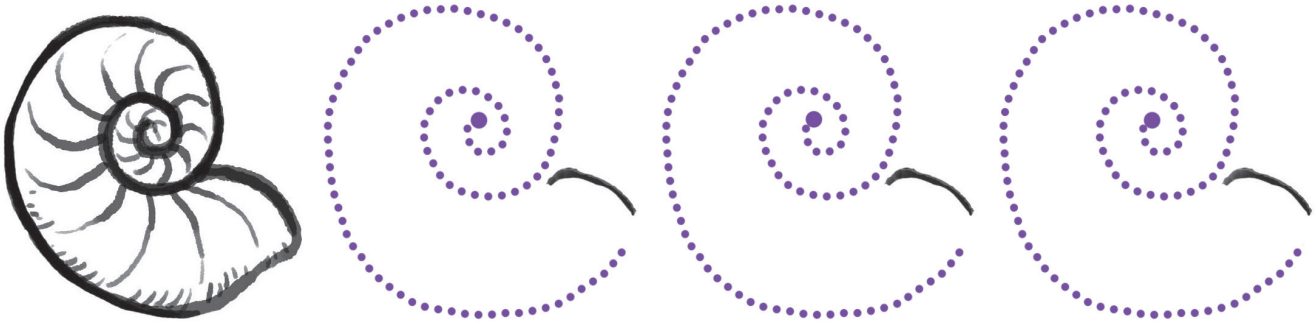
Curves, Loops, Waves, and Spirals

Practice the rhyme “April showers bring May flowers” as you draw lines connecting the dots.

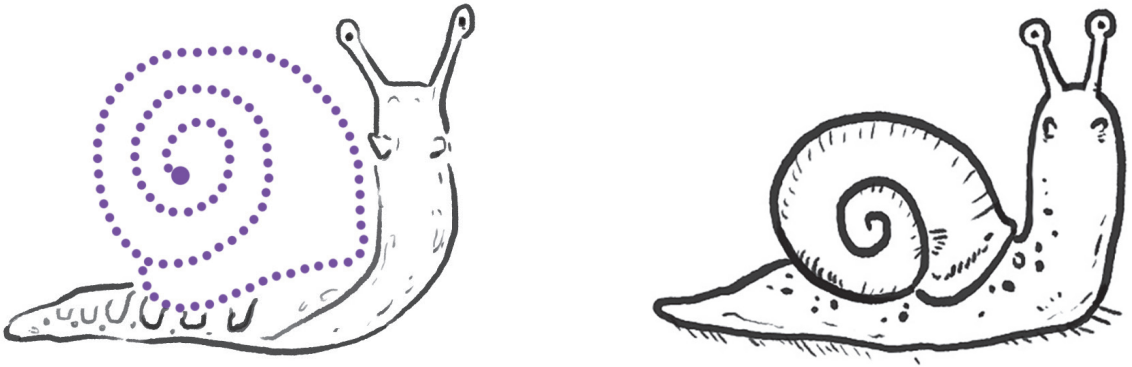


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Trace each spiral, starting on the dot.

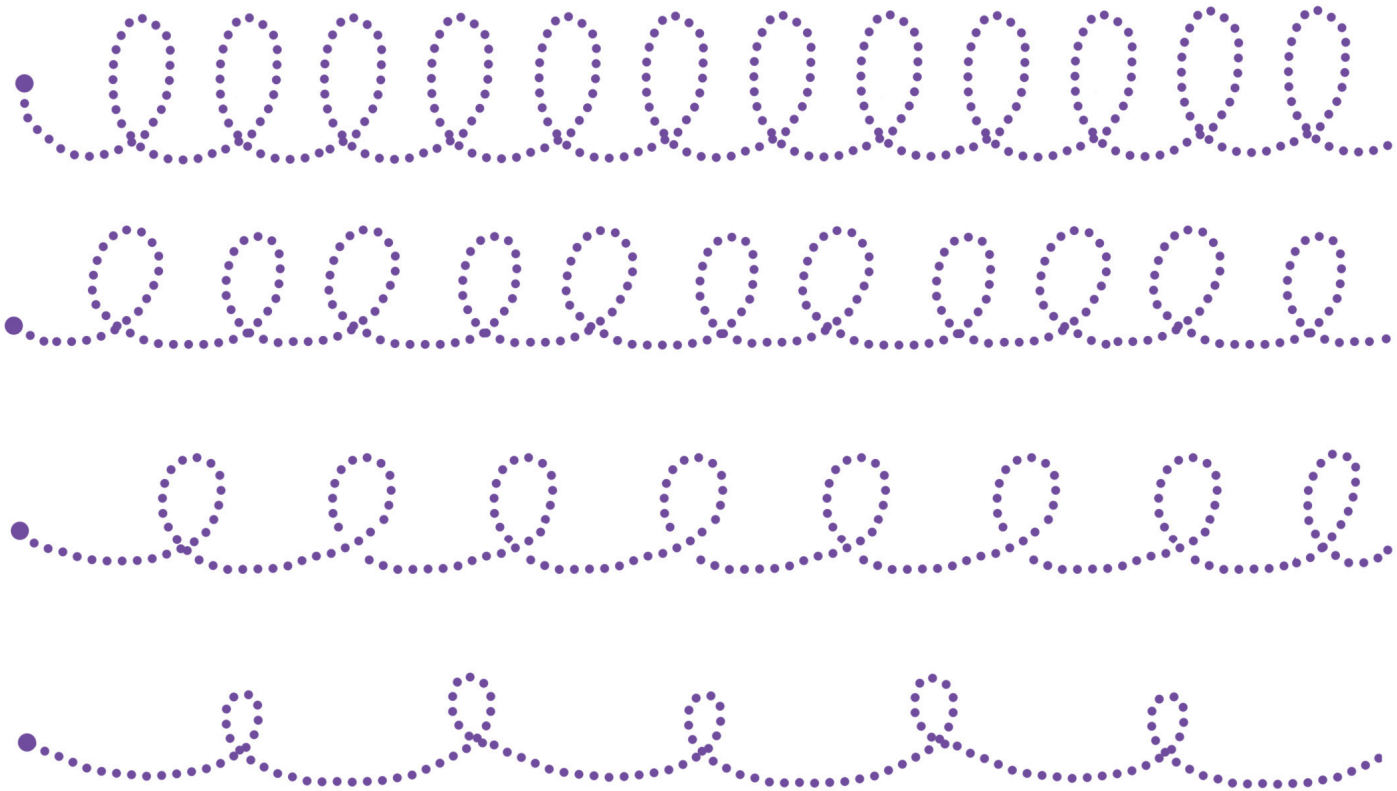


Trace the snail, starting on the dot, and then color both snails.



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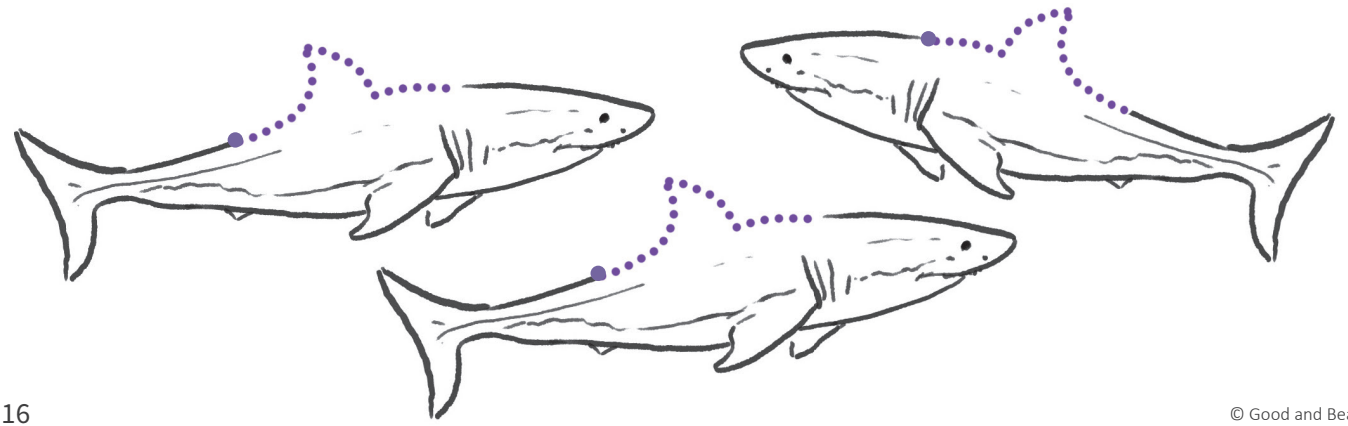
Trace each curly line, starting on the dot.



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Trace the waves and shark fins, and then color the picture. How many sharks do you see?





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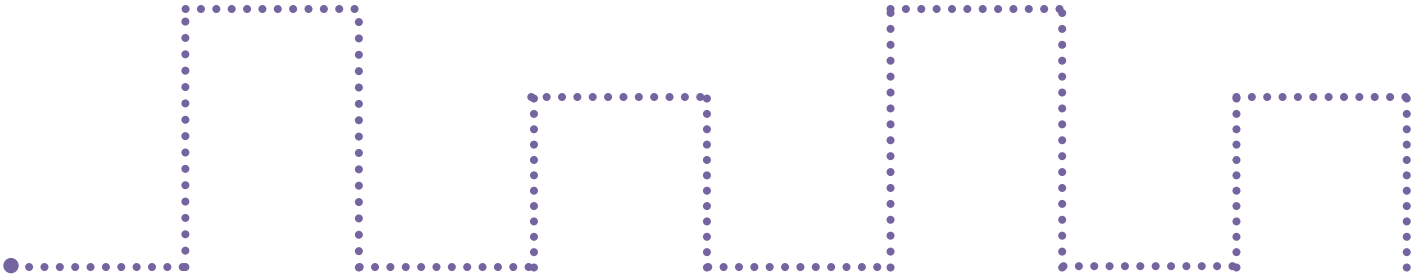
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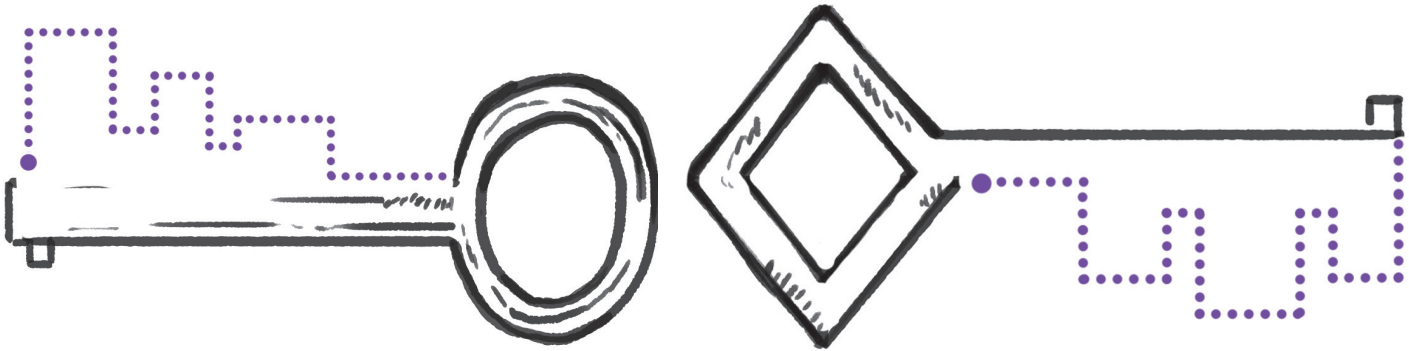
Changing Directions

Straight Lines, Angles, and Zigzags

Trace each line, starting on the dot.



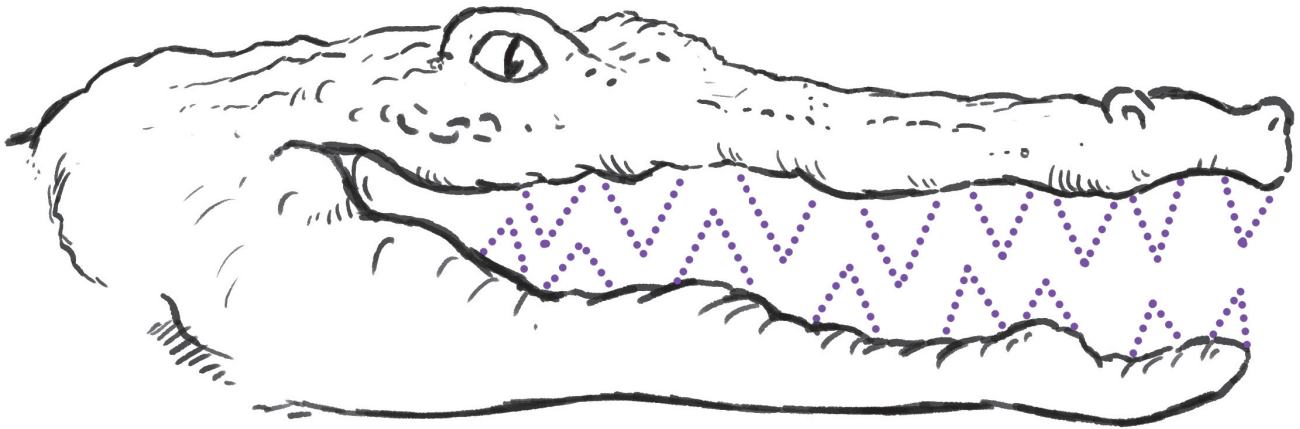
Trace the lines and color the keys. What do you use keys for at your house?



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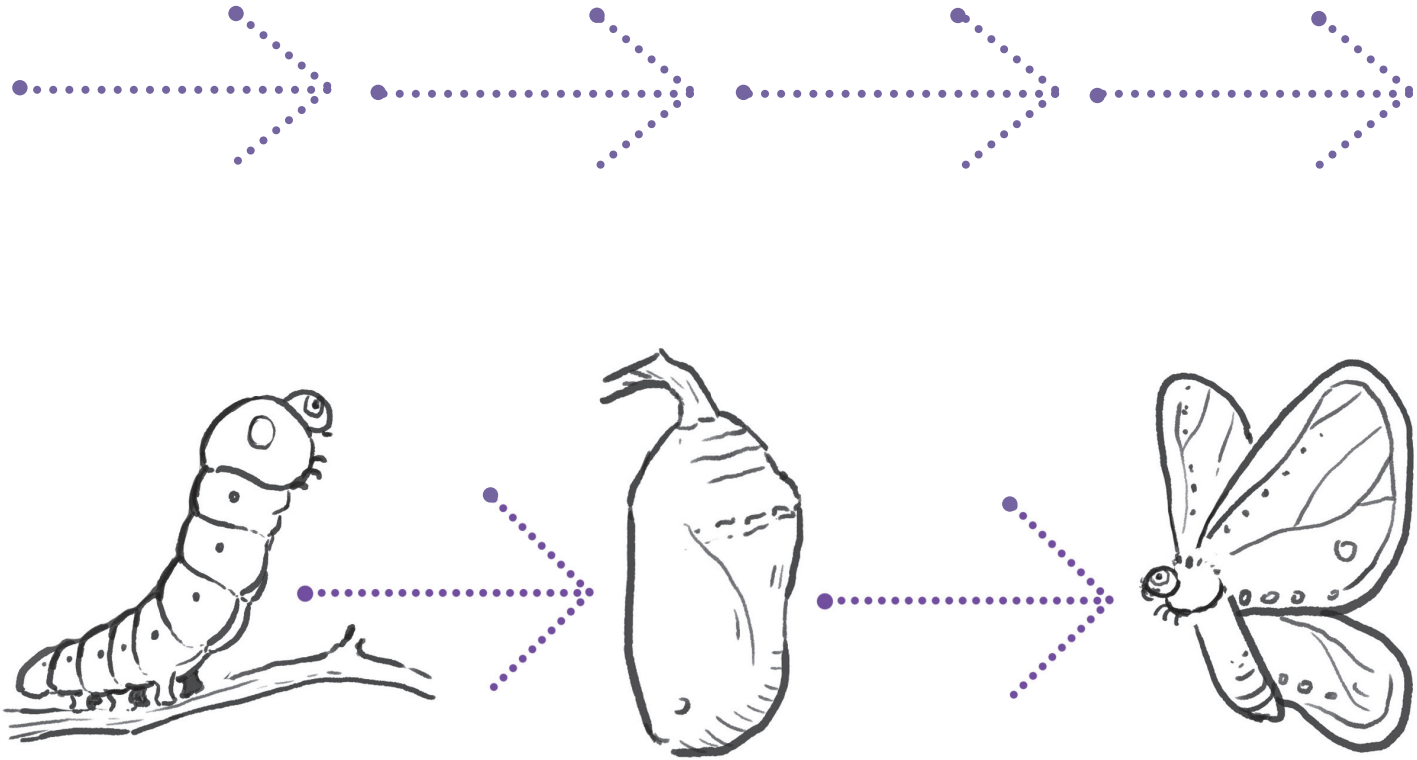
Trace each line, starting on the dot.

Trace the lines and color the picture. Would an alligator make a good pet?



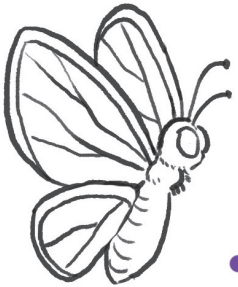
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Trace the arrows. Then color the images. What happens while the caterpillar is inside the cocoon?



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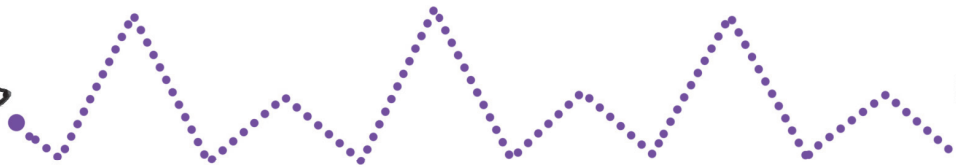
Follow the paths to help the animals find their food, and then color the pictures.





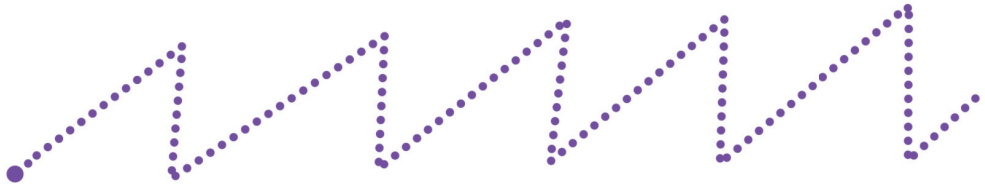














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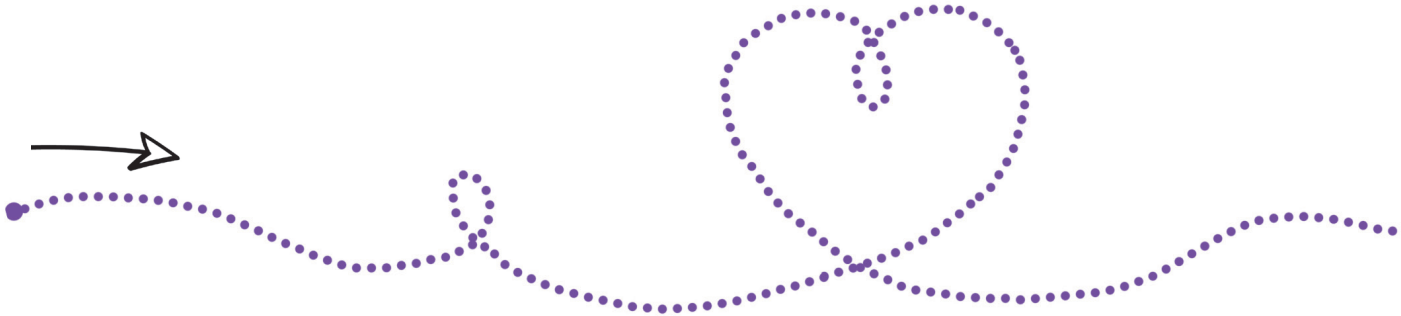
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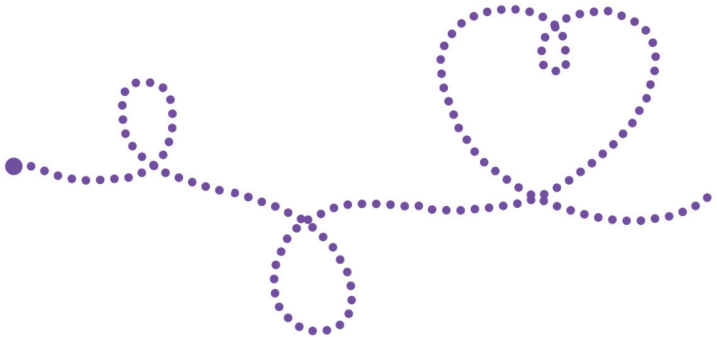
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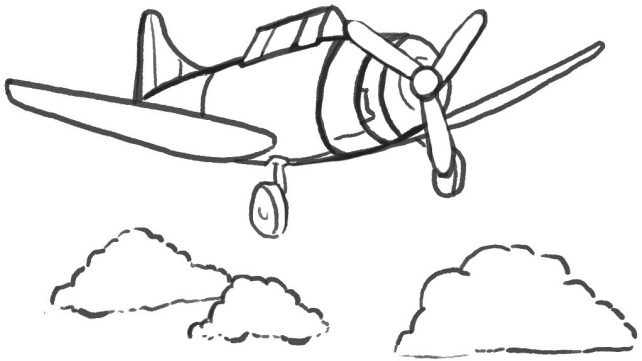
Combining Shapes

Hearts, Stars, and Letters

Trace the lines. A heart is a symbol for love. Who is someone you love?

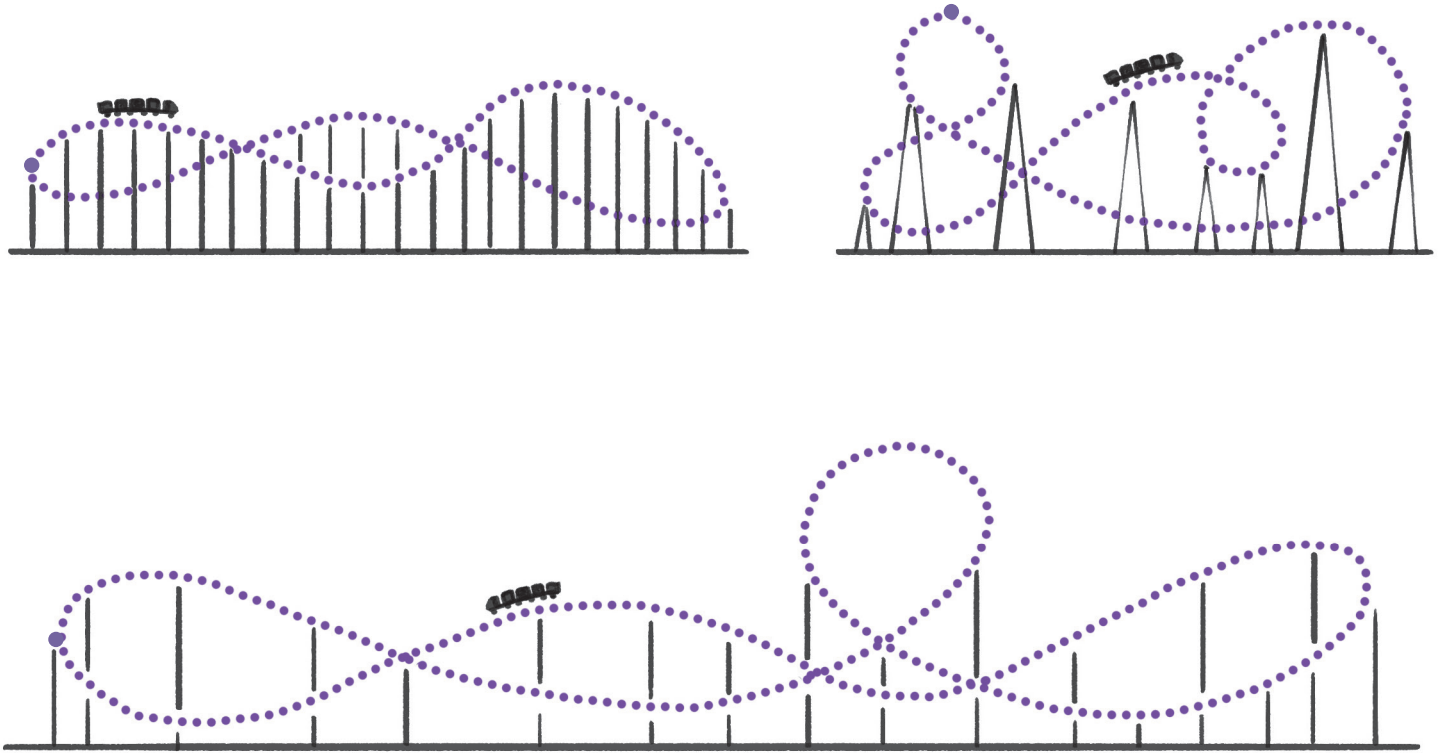






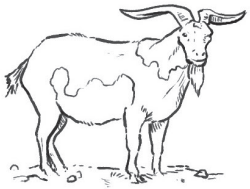
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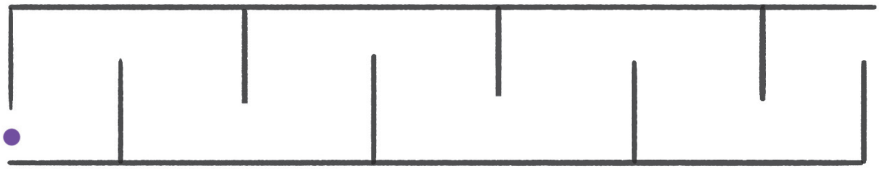
Trace the lines of the tracks for the roller coasters. Which one would you want to ride?



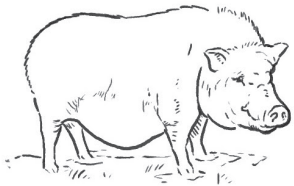
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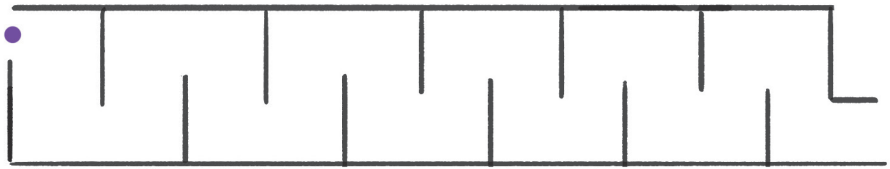
Draw a path between the lines to get the animals to their food. Try not to draw on the black lines.



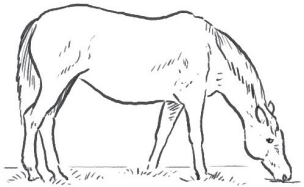


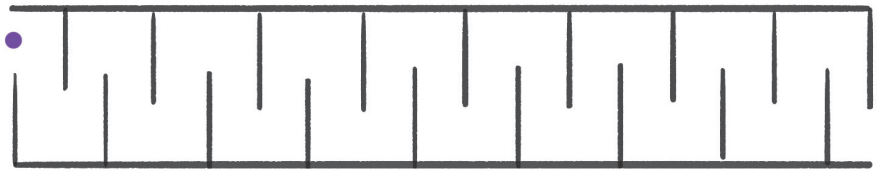








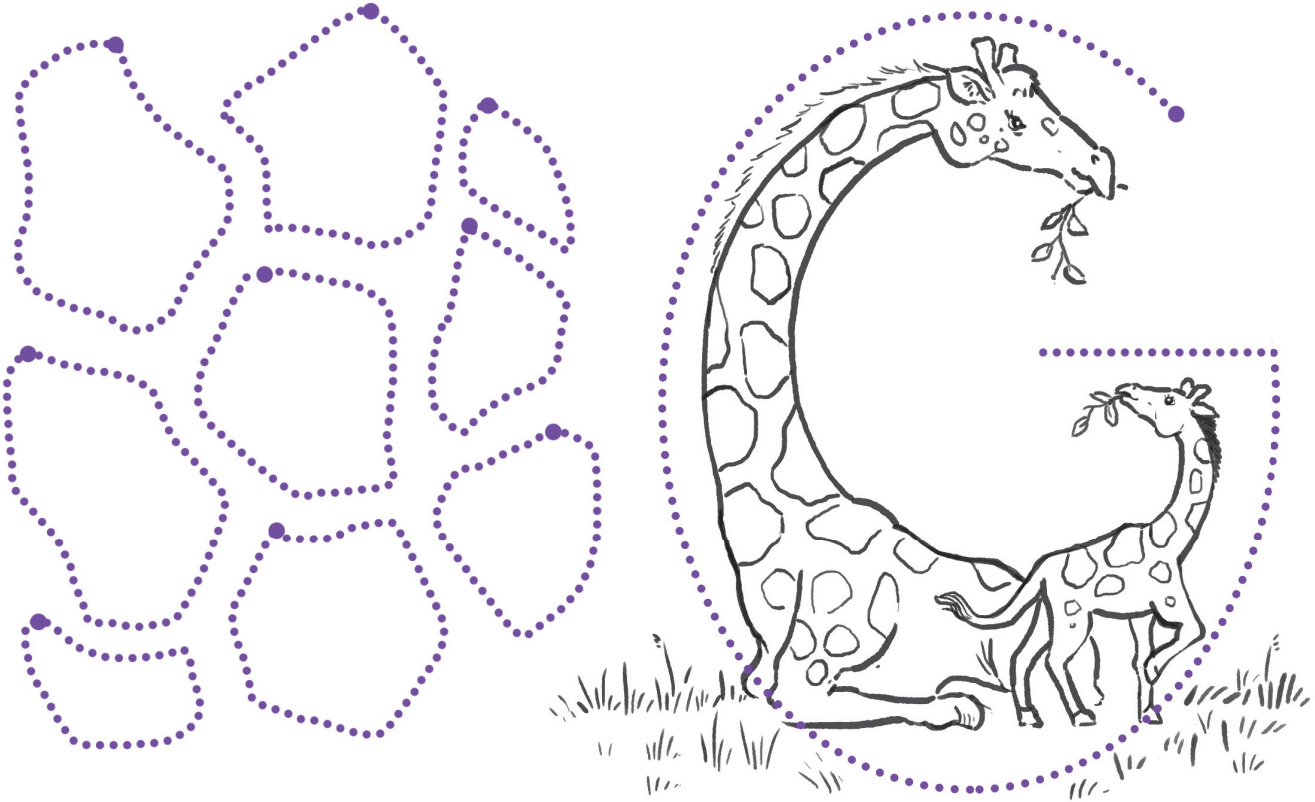






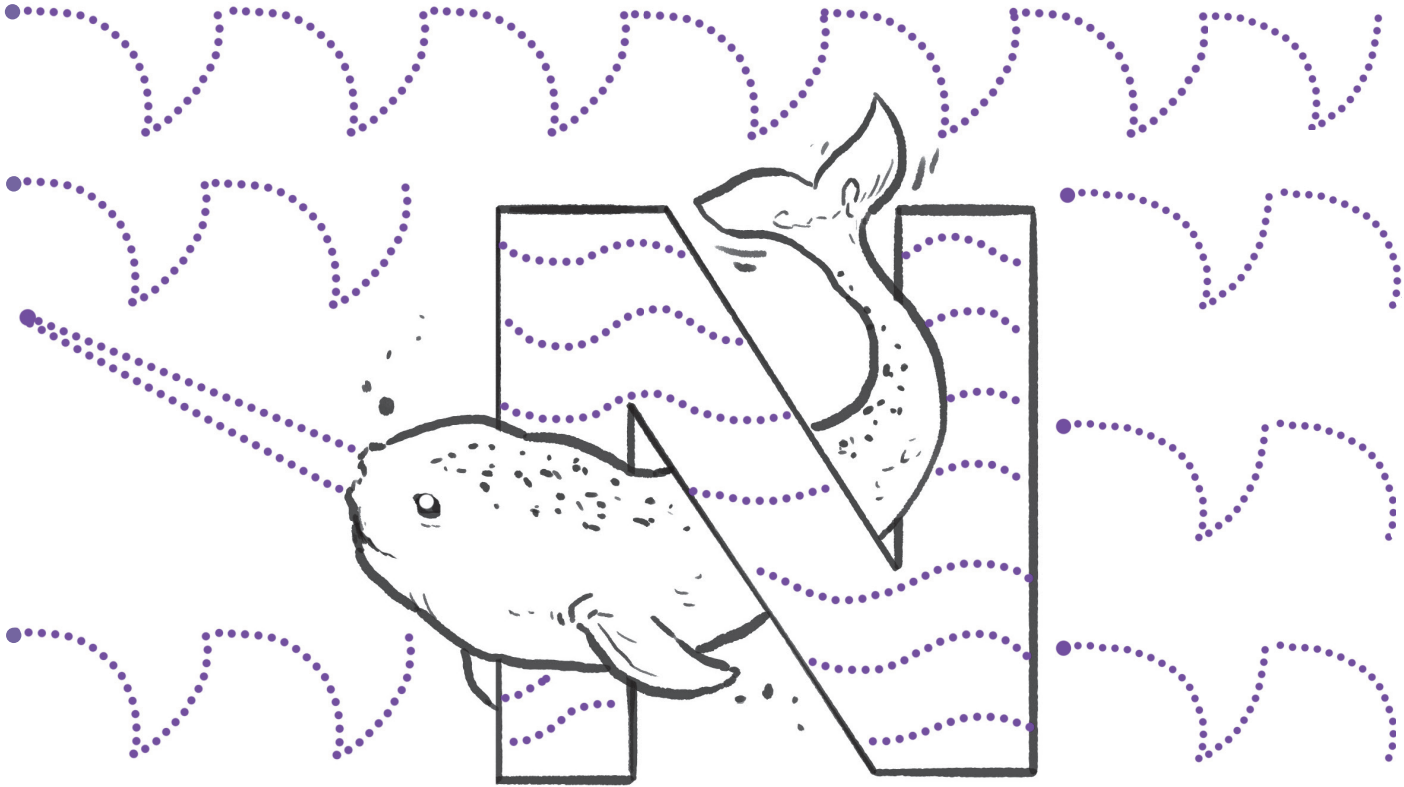
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Trace the lines and color the image. How many legs does a giraffe have?



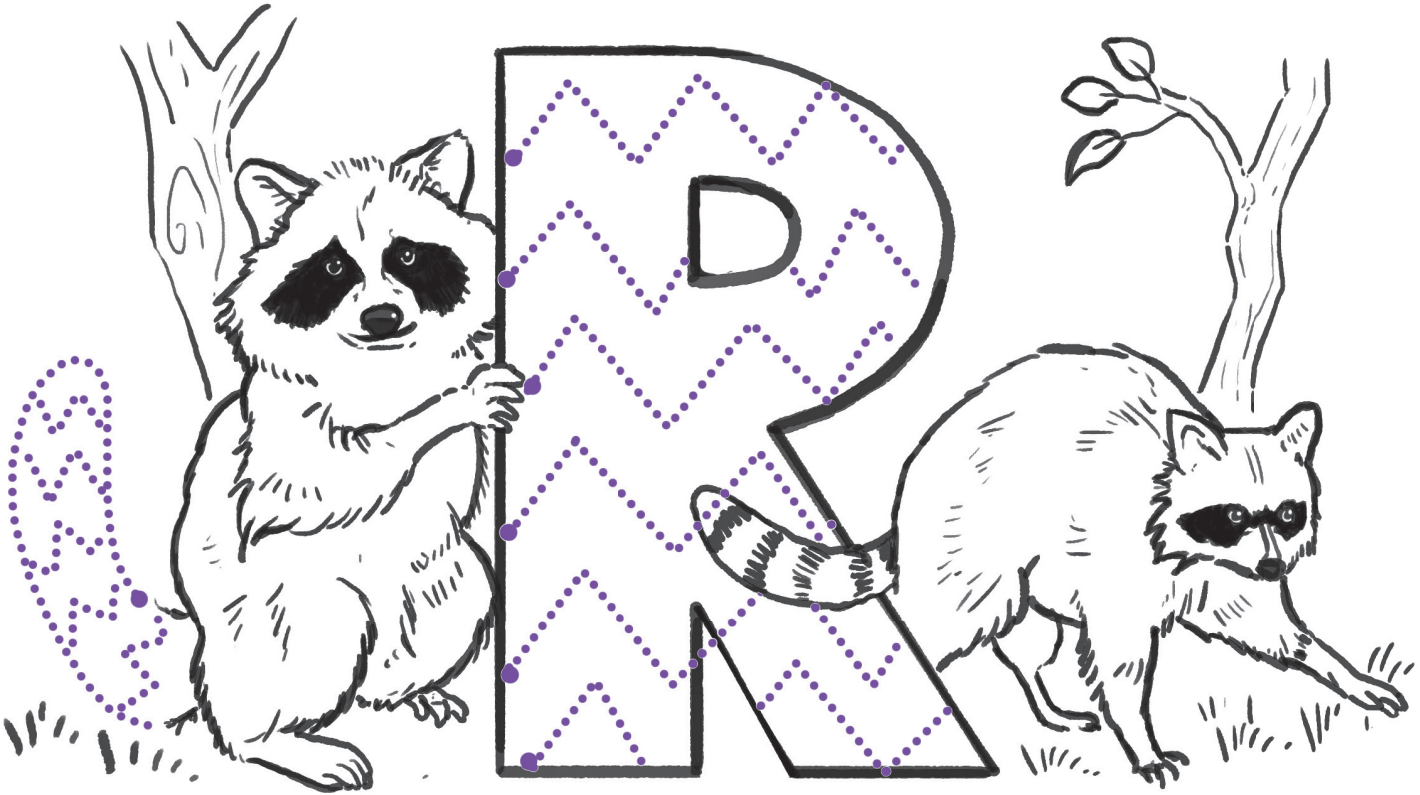
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Trace the lines and color the image. The narwhal is a kind of whale that lives in the Arctic Ocean.



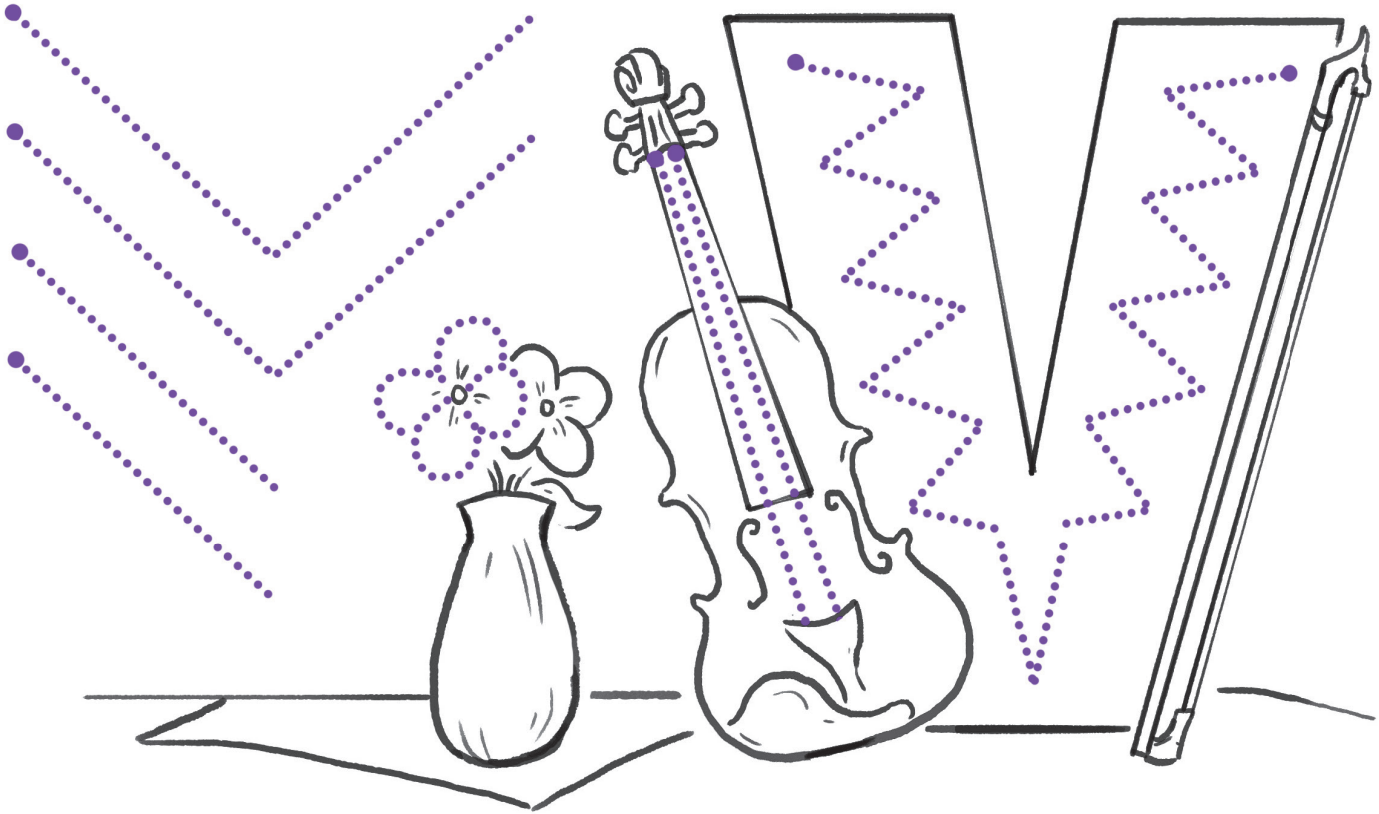
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Trace the lines and color the image. Raccoons are noctural animals that hunt at night. Can you think of another animal that is awake mostly at night?



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Trace the lines and color the image. A real violin has four strings and is played using a bow made of horse hair.



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