



# Hiveclass

Library Programming Guide



## Welcome to our Hive!

These programs and activities are offered to you as our way of showing that Hiveclass can be a resource for librarians just as much as kids. Each activity featured in this document is designed with school-aged children between 6-12 in mind. We understand that some libraries may be limited in space or crafting materials so each program can be adjusted and tweaked to fit the needs of your specific library. We built Hiveclass with direct input from a librarian who understands how difficult programming can be — especially when you want to try something new. It's our hope that this guide will be useful to you and help make your job a little bit easier.

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# Active Programs

# Balloon Volleyball

*Get hearts pumping with this active program that strengthens hand-eye coordination, spatial awareness, and teamwork!*

## Materials Needed

- Large balloon(s)
- Rope, ribbon, or anything to divide the room/play area

## Instructions

Break your kids up into teams (if you have a lot of kids, multiple smaller groups might be more manageable) and decide which team will serve first. The goal is to keep the balloon in the air as long as possible – if it hits the ground, the opposing team gets a point!

### Quick Tip!

Increase the chaos and difficulty by adding balloons as the game progresses!

# Tabletop Foosball

*Strengthen teamwork and hone hand-eye coordination with this easy-to-make foosball table.*

## Materials Needed

- Regular-sized clothespin (10 per box)
- Wooden dowels or sticks (4 per box)
- Ping-Pong ball
- X-Acto knife or scissors
- Shoebox (or other box of similar size)
- Markers, paint, construction paper, glue to decorate

## Instructions

1. Break kids into teams to decorate their table using whatever materials on hand.
2. ADULTS ONLY: When the kids are finished use an X-Acto knife to make 4 holes on the long sides of the box to insert the wooden dowels/skewers through. On the short sides of the box cut out two openings to use as "goals".
3. Attach the clothespins to the dowels so that they're offset from each other.
4. Drop the ball into the middle of the table and have fun!

# Tabletop Soccer

*This activity craft will reinforce collaborative skills and force kids to think strategically while trying to score on their opponent.*

## Materials Needed

- Straws (1 for each player)
- Pom-pom ball
- Long, shallow box
- Construction paper and glue to decorate

## Instructions

Use a long and shallow cardboard box (pizza boxes work great if you have them) to create your soccer pitch. Have the kids decorate the box with construction paper to resemble a field. Create goals on either end of the pitch by cutting out a section of the box to make a hole or drawing one directly on.

When the kids are ready to play, arm each of them with a plastic straw and drop a pom-pom ball into the middle of the field. The players can only move the "ball" by blowing it around with their straw!

**Quick Tip!**

This activity is great for 1-vs-1 or 2-vs-2!

# Paper Plate Tennis

*Hand-eye coordination gets a work out in this program that's great for all ages and skill levels.*

## Materials Needed

- Paper plates
- Jumbo popsicle sticks
- Balloon
- Duct tape
- Markers, paint, crayon - anything to decorate your plate!

## Instructions

Have the kids use markers to decorate their paper plate; use duct tape to attach a jumbo popsicle stick to the back for a handle. Set two kids up at opposite ends of a long table (use tape or ribbon to create a "net" in the middle of the table) and have them hit the balloon back and forth! Older kids may have more fun with a points system.

### Quick Tip!

Create a challenge for older kids by cutting the paper plate to a smaller size.

# Dance Party

*Get your kids moving and working on their cardiovascular fitness by playing songs with a catchy beat and easy-to-follow instructions in the lyrics.*

## Song Suggestions

- "Cha Cha Slide" by DJ Casper
- "Cupid Shuffle" by Cupid
- "The Locomotion" by Little Eva
- "The Twist" by Chubby Checker
- "The Hustle" by Van McCoy & the Soul City Symphony
- "Gangnam Style" by PSY
- "Bar Bar Bar" by Crayon Pop

## Instructions

Dance parties are a great and inexpensive way to combine exercise and fun for kids of all ages. So, dance away!

### Quick Tip!

Older kids who may be more self-conscious about dancing in public might benefit more from instructional songs like Cha Cha Slide or Cupid Shuffle that they can follow along with easily.

# Keepie Uppie

*This juggling exercise is a fun activity that targets coordination, stamina, agility, and more!*

## Materials Needed

- Any medium sized ball with some bounce to it
- Plenty of open space

## Instructions

Keep the ball in the air without using your hands! Have the kids use all parts of their body to dribble a ball as many times as they can before it hits the ground.

**Quick Tip!**

For a challenge to the older kids, try a hacky sack!



**Activities  
&  
Crafts**

# Papier-mâché Sports Balls

*Papier-mâché is a great STEAM activity that just feels like fun! While kids are getting their hands dirty they're also working on motor skills, creativity, cooperation, teamwork, and more.*

## Materials Needed

- Recycled paper, cut into strips
- Elmer's Glue (or All-Purpose flour if available)
- Water
- Large Balloons

## Instructions

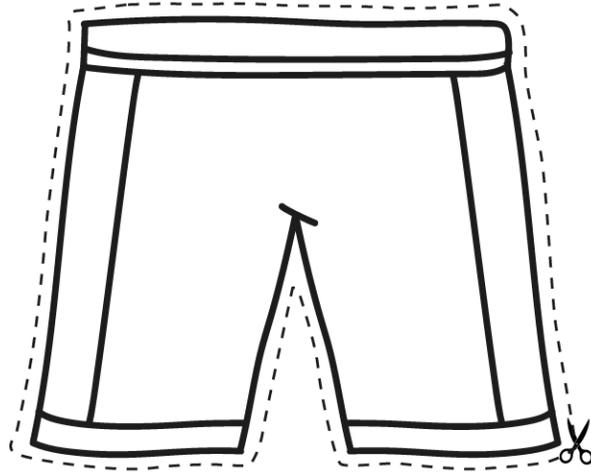
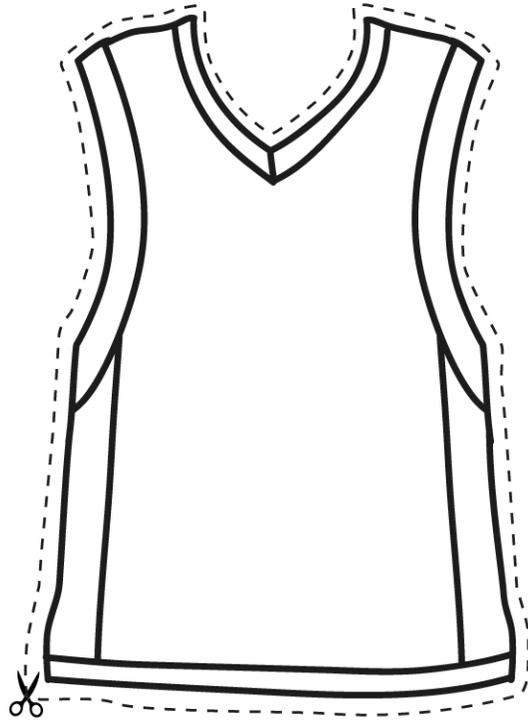
Use large balloons as a base to create a ball shape that the kids will lay their paper strips over. Create your paste by combining 2 parts Elmer's glue and 1 part water and use recycled paper (old newspapers, pages from weeded books that can't be donated, etc) to build the ball structure.

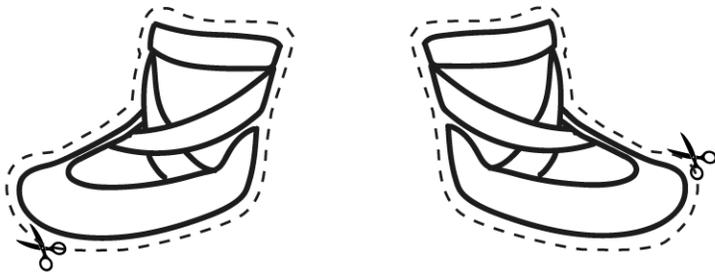
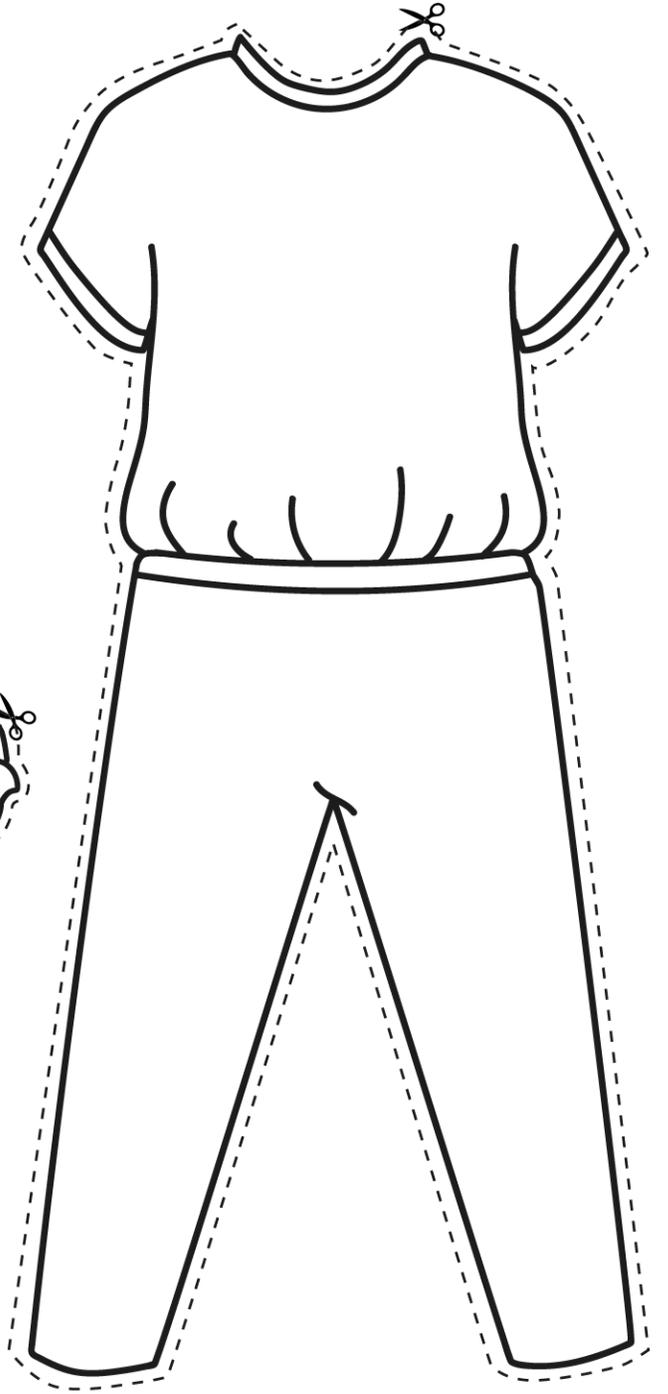
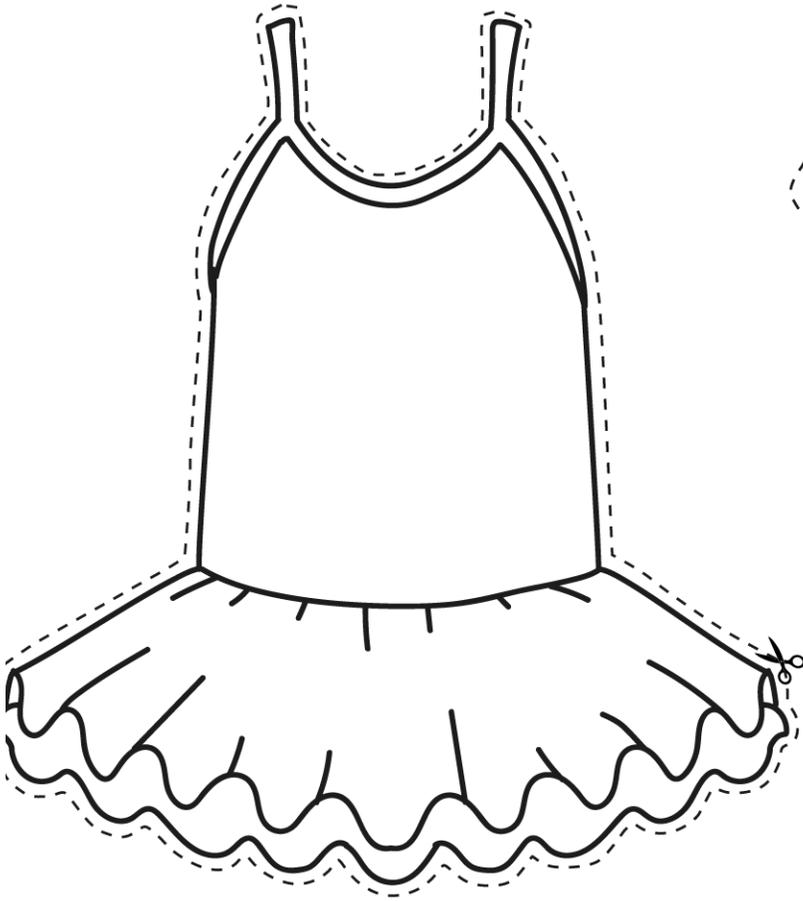
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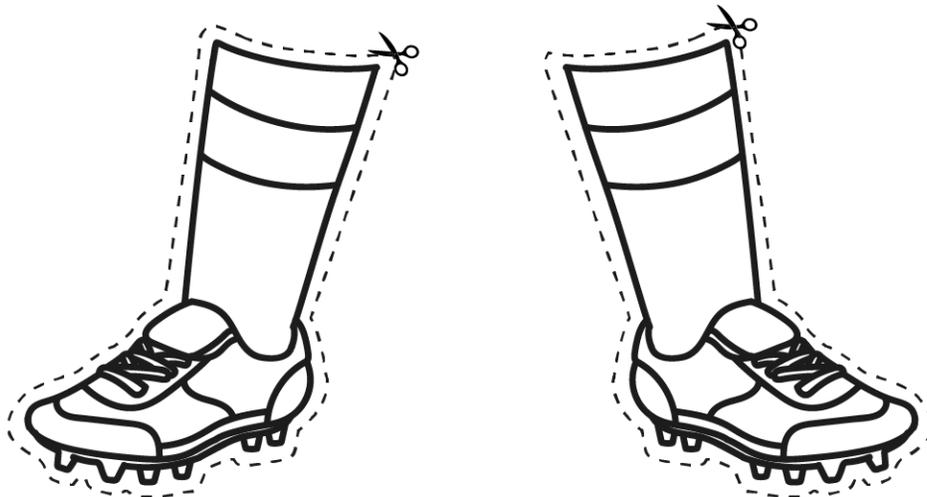
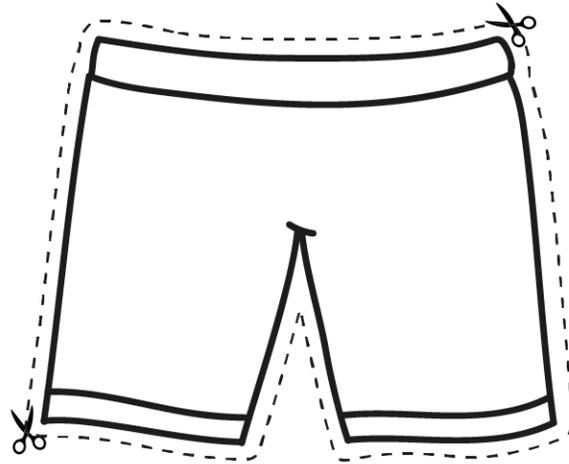
Make this a 2 day program to give the papier-mâché enough time to dry before painting. Also - this craft is great for Earth Day when the focus is on recycling and conservationism!

# Design Your Own Uniform

*Use the blank uniforms provided on the next pages as an easy indoor or take-home activity for your kids.*

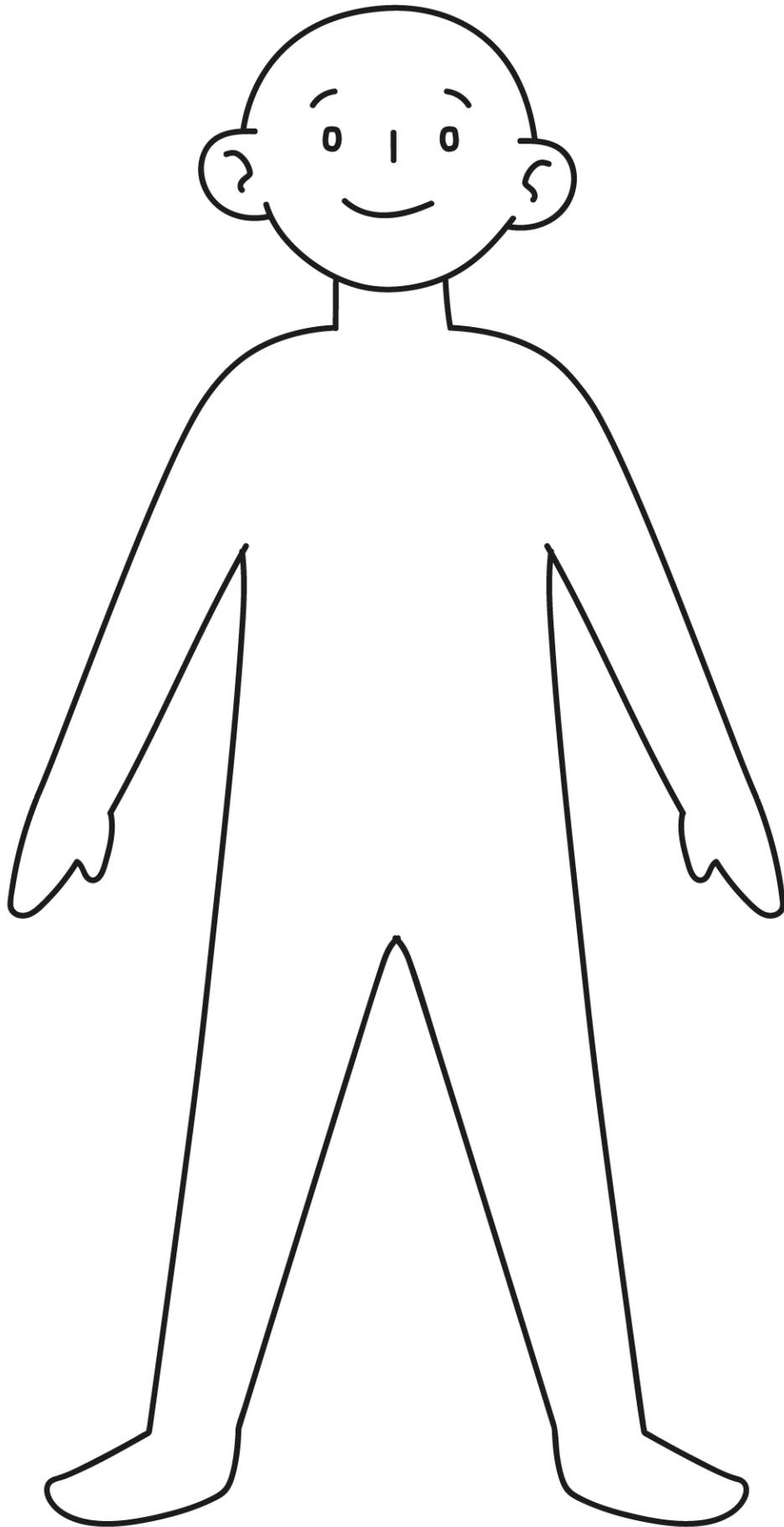


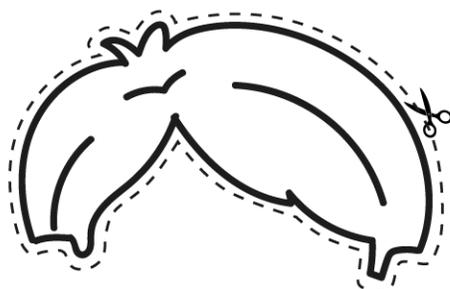
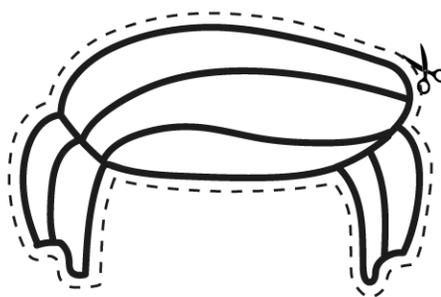
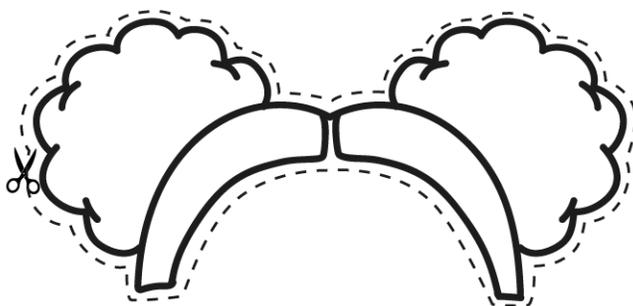
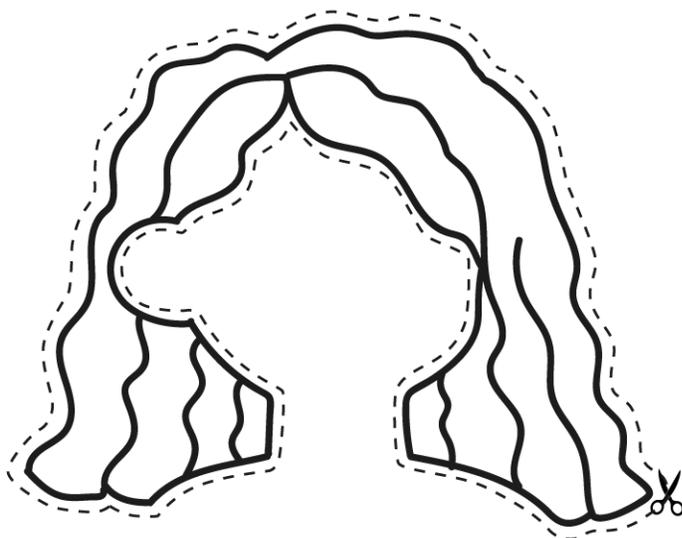
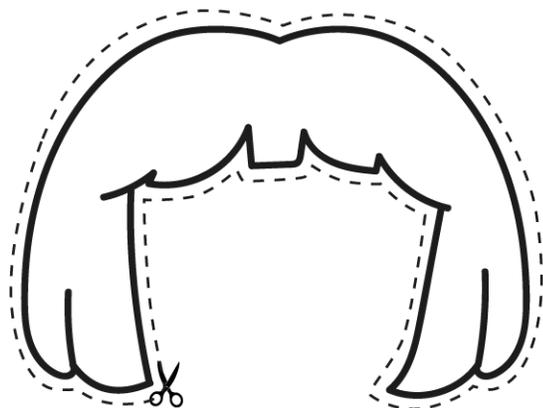




# Paper Players

*Use the paper doll template provided on the next page as an easy indoor or take-home activity for your kids.*





# Sportsball Suncatchers

*This craft builds fine motor skills while also brightening up any room it's a part of!*

## Materials Needed

- Tissue Paper
- Contact Paper
- Scissors
- Black construction paper (optional)
- Black permanent marker (optional)
- Elmer's Glue (optional)
- String or ribbon to hang

## Instructions

Lay cut or torn pieces of tissue paper (in the color of whichever sport ball you want to make) on the sticky side of a sheet of contact paper. When your child is satisfied with their design, lay another piece of contact paper overtop to seal in the bits of tissue paper. Cut the ball out and use your string or ribbon to create a hanging loop.

### Quick Tip!

Kick it up a notch by using black construction paper to create a frame around the outside of the ball after you cut it out. A black permanent marker is a great way to define lines on a ball if the tissue paper design isn't clear enough!

# Word Search

*Use the word searches provided on the next pages as an easy indoor or take-home activity for your kids.*

# Tennis Search

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BACKSPIN  
 FAULT  
 MATCH POINT  
 VOLLEY  
 DEUCE  
 SMASH  
 OVERHEAD  
 RACKET  
 GROUNDSTROKE  
 DOUBLES  
 CROSS COURT  
 BACKHAND  
 LOVE

# Volleyball Search

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FOREARM PASS  
 BACKCOURT  
 FLOATER  
 FREE BALL  
 SPIKE  
 MINTONETTE  
 ROOF  
 JOUST  
 JUMP SERVE  
 SETTER  
 ASSIST  
 BUMP

# Field Hockey Search

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BULLY  
GOAL CAGE  
SCOOP  
TOMAHAWK  
STRIKER  
GREEN CARD  
FLICK  
TACKLE  
DEFENDER

# Basketball Search

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FREE THROW  
BOUNCE PASS  
COURT  
GUARD  
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# Soccer Search

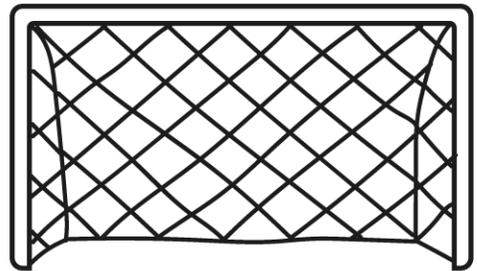
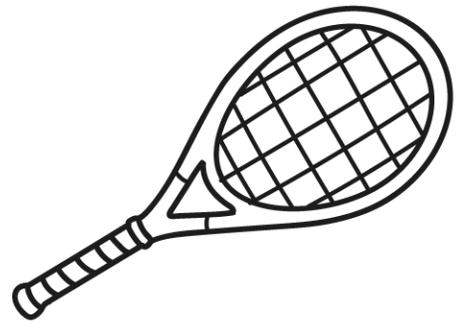
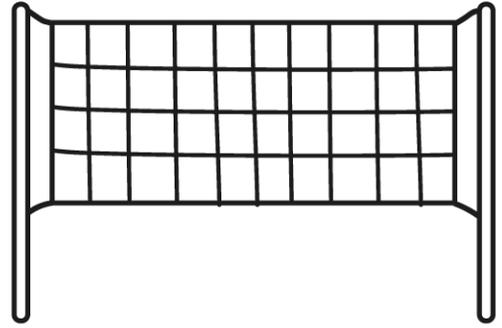
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- SHOOTOUT
- THROW IN
- GOALKEEPER
- FREE KICK
- DIVE
- OFFSIDE
- PITCH
- FORWARD
- HAT TRICK
- HEADER
- RED CARD
- LEAGUE
- WORLD CUP
- PENALTY
- ASSIST

# Matching Game

*Use the matching game printable provided on the next page as an easy indoor or take-home activity for your kids.*

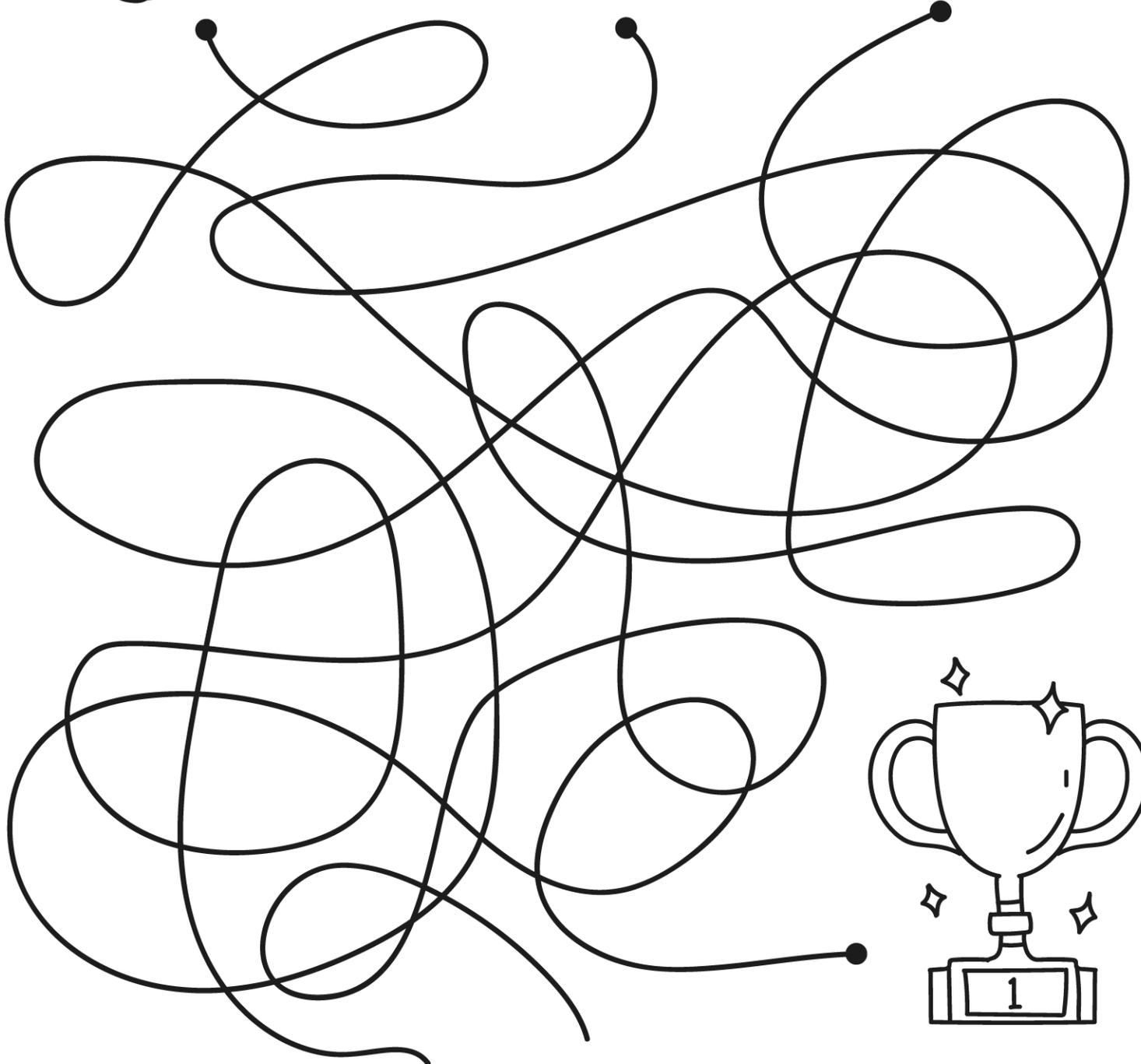
*This activity is great for younger kids who may find it more challenging!*



# Silly Sports Maze

*Use the maze provided on the next page as an easy indoor or take-home activity for your kids.*

*This activity is great for school aged children who may need some help with strengthening their fine motor skills or older kids who need to work on their patience!*





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journey to get kids active!

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