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Elf Encounter Journal



Babbling Vagabonds

Present

The Elf Encounter Journal



This wonderful booklet accompanies our family Christmas experience
'Elf Encounter' presented in partnership with Derby LIVE
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Dear Elf Encounterer,

Let's share some Christmas magic together.

Babbling Vagabonds warmly invite you to get creative this festive season.

This journal will help you on your journey to discover and learn all about being a Christmas wonder maker.

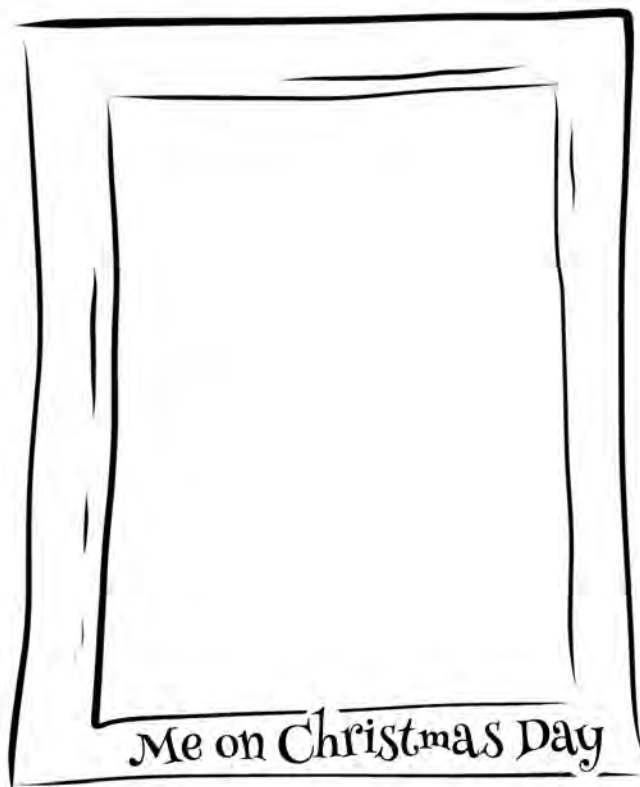
You too can be like a Christmas Elf and keep a record of your festive magic.

Good luck and remember to share the Christmas cheer.

Yours warmly,

Father Christmas

All About Me.
Draw and write on this page...



Me on Christmas Day

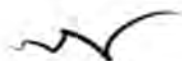
Best thing
about
Christmas

Favourite Christmas Food

My Christmas wish

Elf Magnifier Machine.

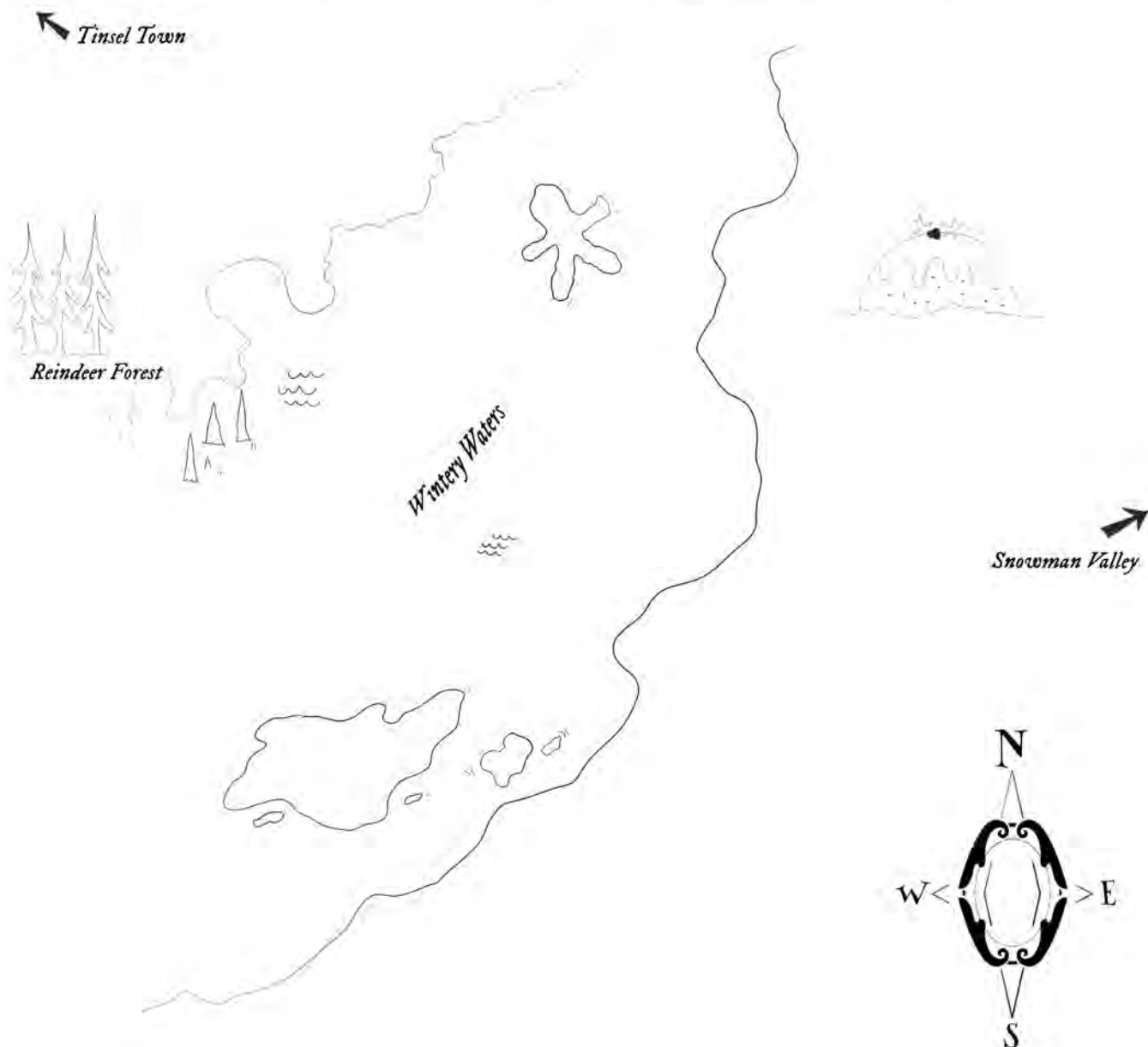
You are lucky to have seen the Elf Encounter and witness the Elf Magnifying Machine at work. Stick your photograph or draw a picture from memory in the frame below.



Map of Christmas Land

Draw on all the places you might find in Christmas Land.

Where is Gingerbread Island and Christmas Pudding Mountain?



Outdoor Christmas walk.

Remember bringing the Christmas magic alive is important.

Fill out the lists below...

Christmas sounds you
can hear

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Christmas smells you can detect

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Christmassy colours

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

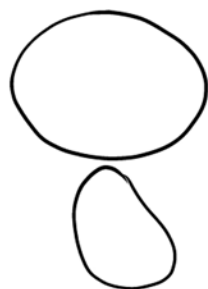
Things that make it feel like Christmas

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.

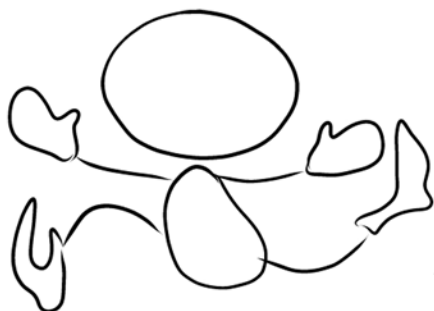
Christmassy Creatures

- 1.
- 2.

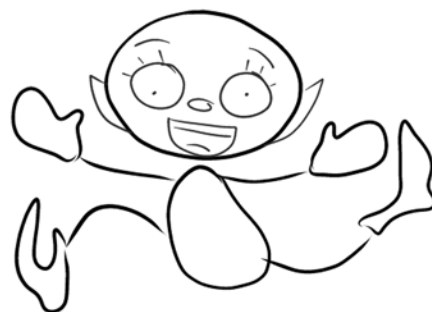
How to draw an Elf...



1. Start with head and body



2. Add arms, hands and legs



3. Add eyes, mouth, nose and ears



4 Give your elf hair and a hat



5. Add any extra details.
Now just colour them in

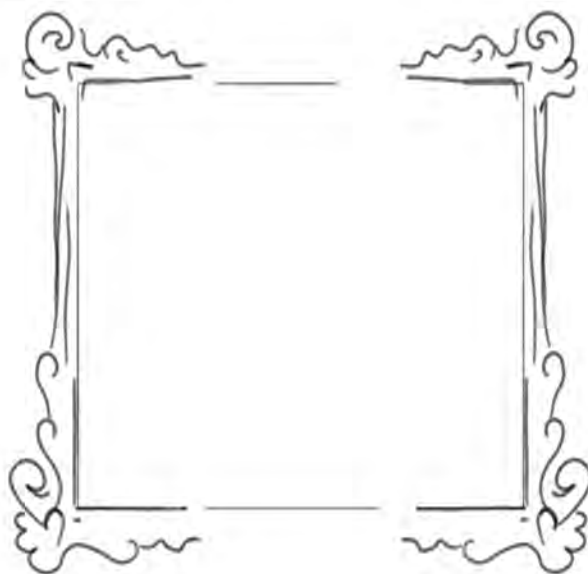
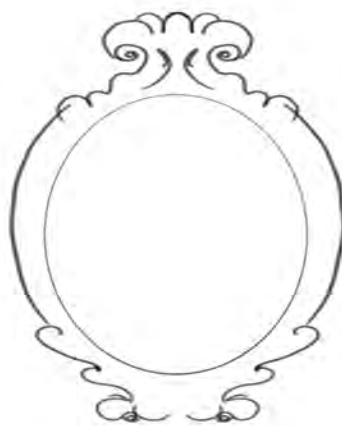
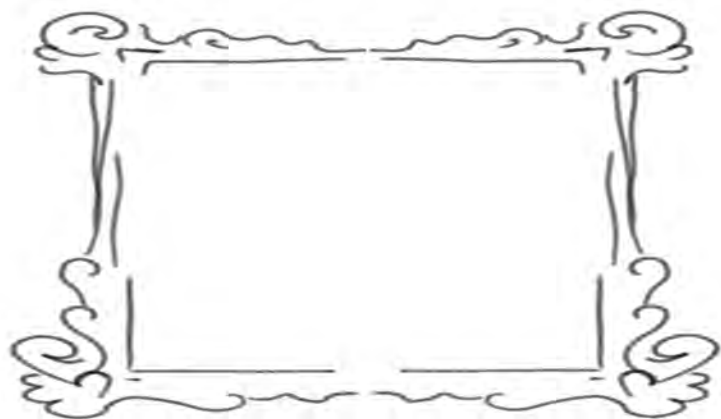
Practice drawing your Elves here...

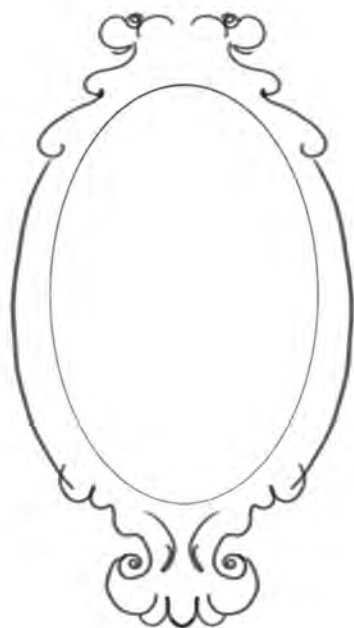
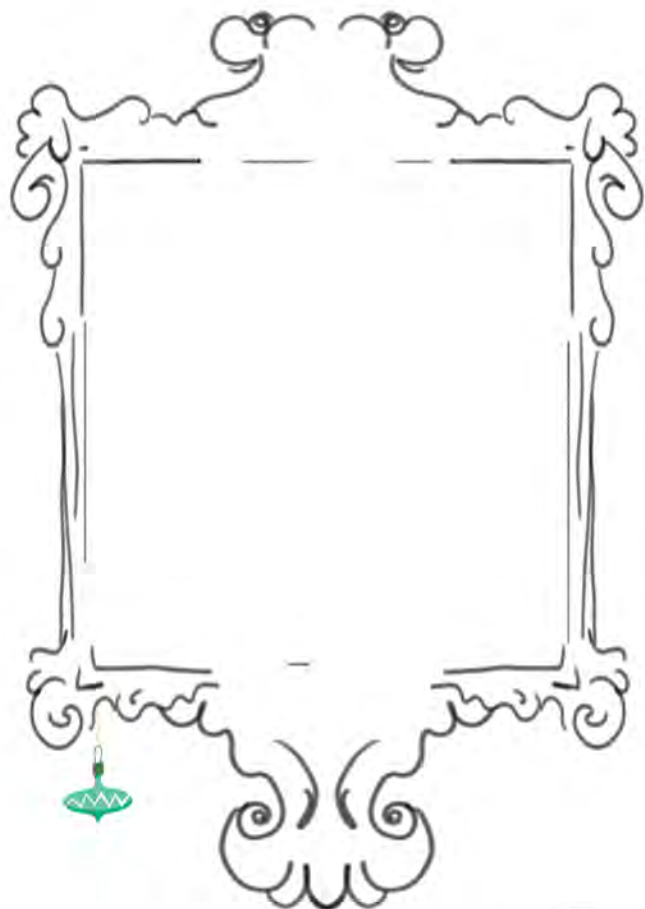
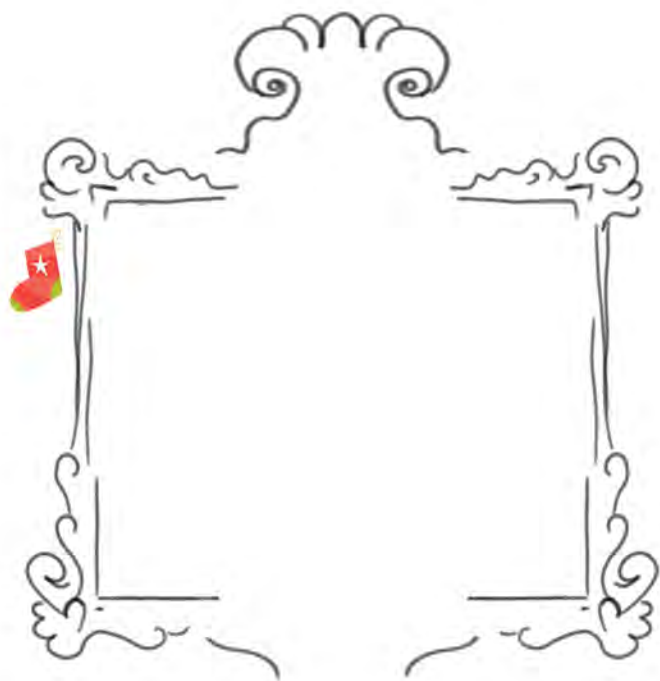
Can you give them a name? What's special about them?

What's their Christmas job?

Who helps Father Christmas?

Draw all his helpers and give them a name...





Making up a really good Christmas story!

Every Elf likes to hear a good story to spread Christmas cheer.

This is how to do it...

Start with a place

Where does the story start?

Characters

What are they doing to get ready for Christmas?

Threat/ Problem

What or who arrives and causes trouble.
What Christmas mayhem do they bring?
(The Baddie)

Our Hero

A character who can solve the problem?
Doesn't have to be a human.
What are they good at?
What scares them?

Useful Stuff

Objects, sometimes magical, sometimes useless, but the Hero takes these objects on their quest.

Journey

The Hero needs to travel to face the baddie or rescue Christmas?
Where do they go?
What lands do they pass through on their way?

Trials or Tests

What challenges could test our Hero? What obstacles do they face and how do they overcome them?
Are there opportunities to use the Useful Stuff?

Face to Face

The Hero finally meets up with the baddie/ threat/ problem.
What goes wrong?

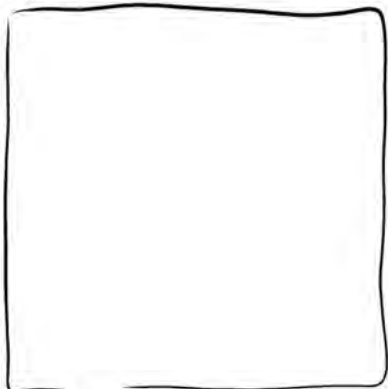
Outcome

How does it end? What has the hero done to save Christmas?
How do we get to 'happily ever after'?

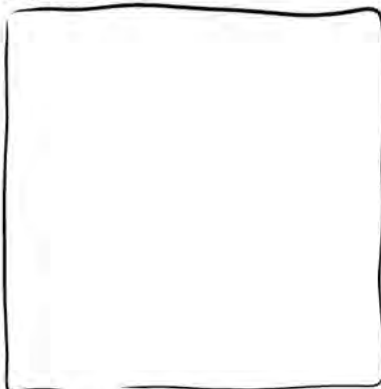
Make a brand new story.

Fill out the boxes below using pictures and words.

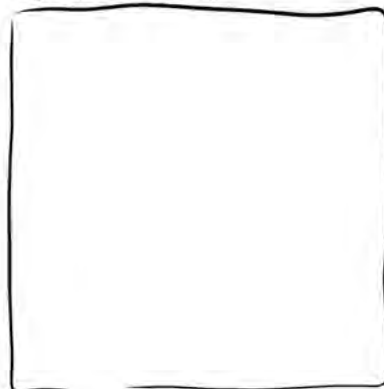
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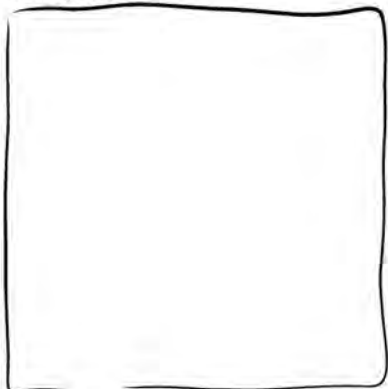
Characters



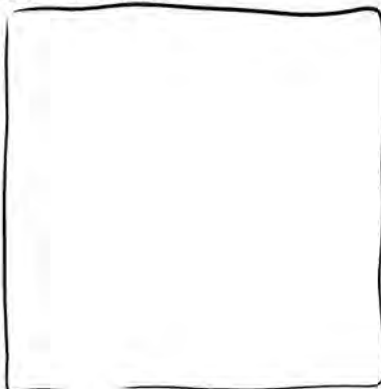
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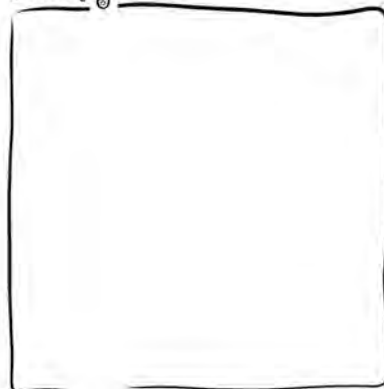
Our Hero



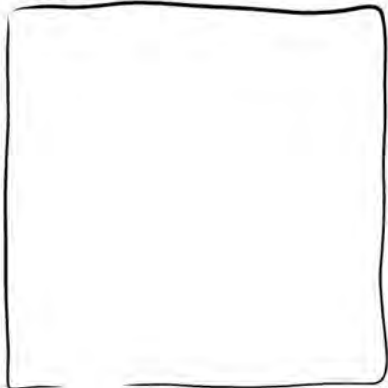
Useful Stuff



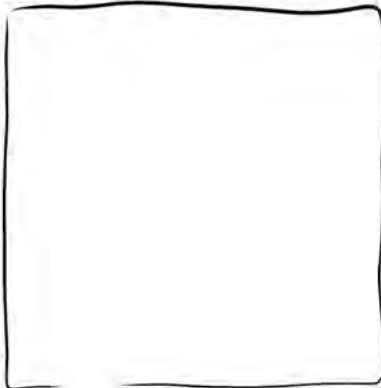
Journey



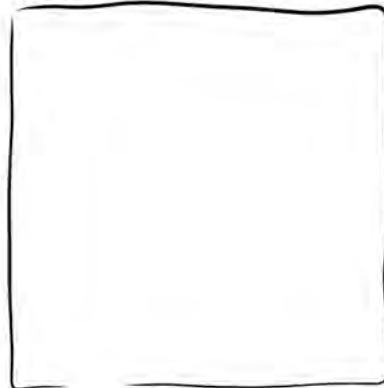
Trial/ Test



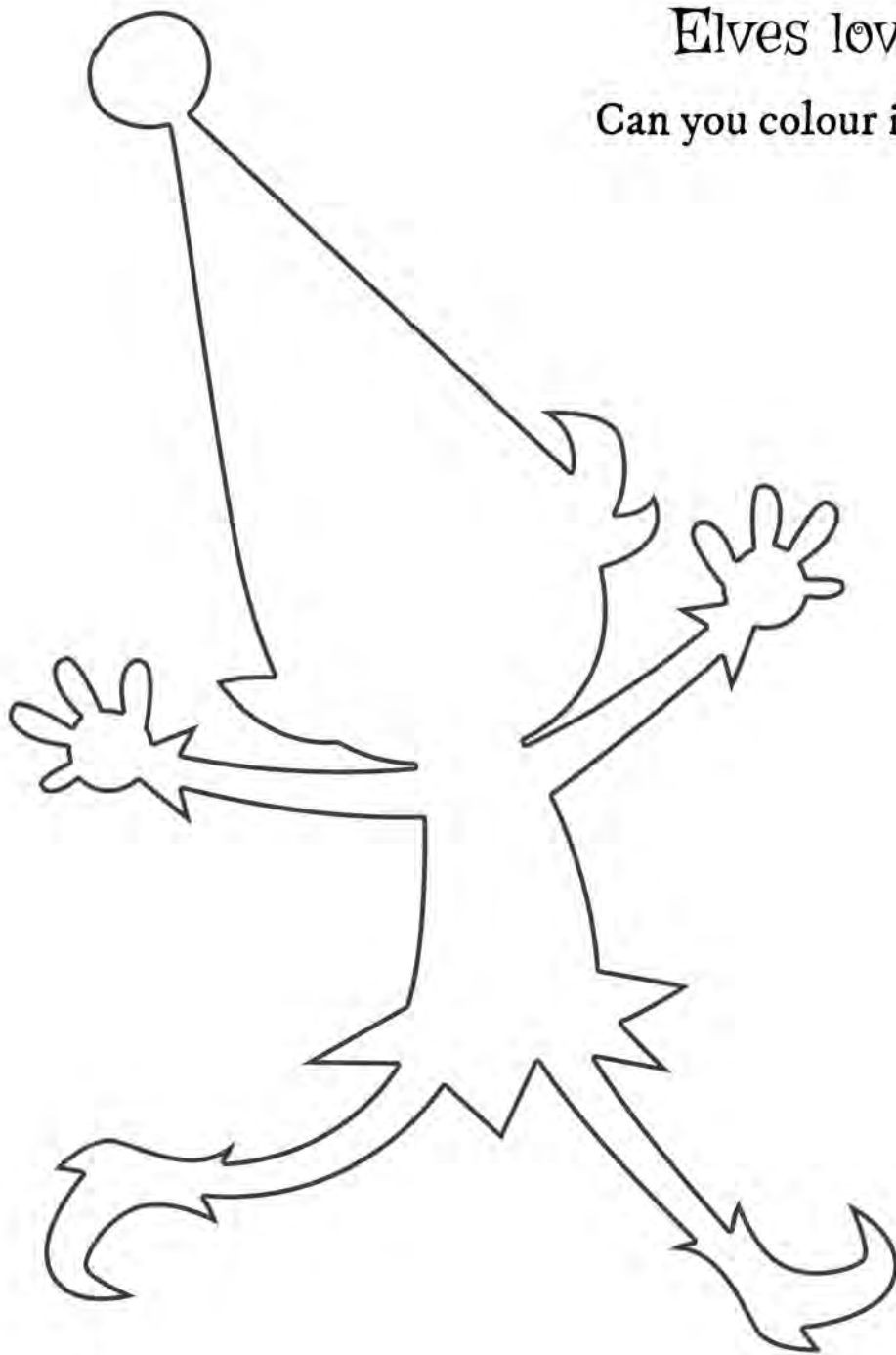
Face to Face



Outcome



Elves love colouring in.
Can you colour in the picture below?



And this one too?



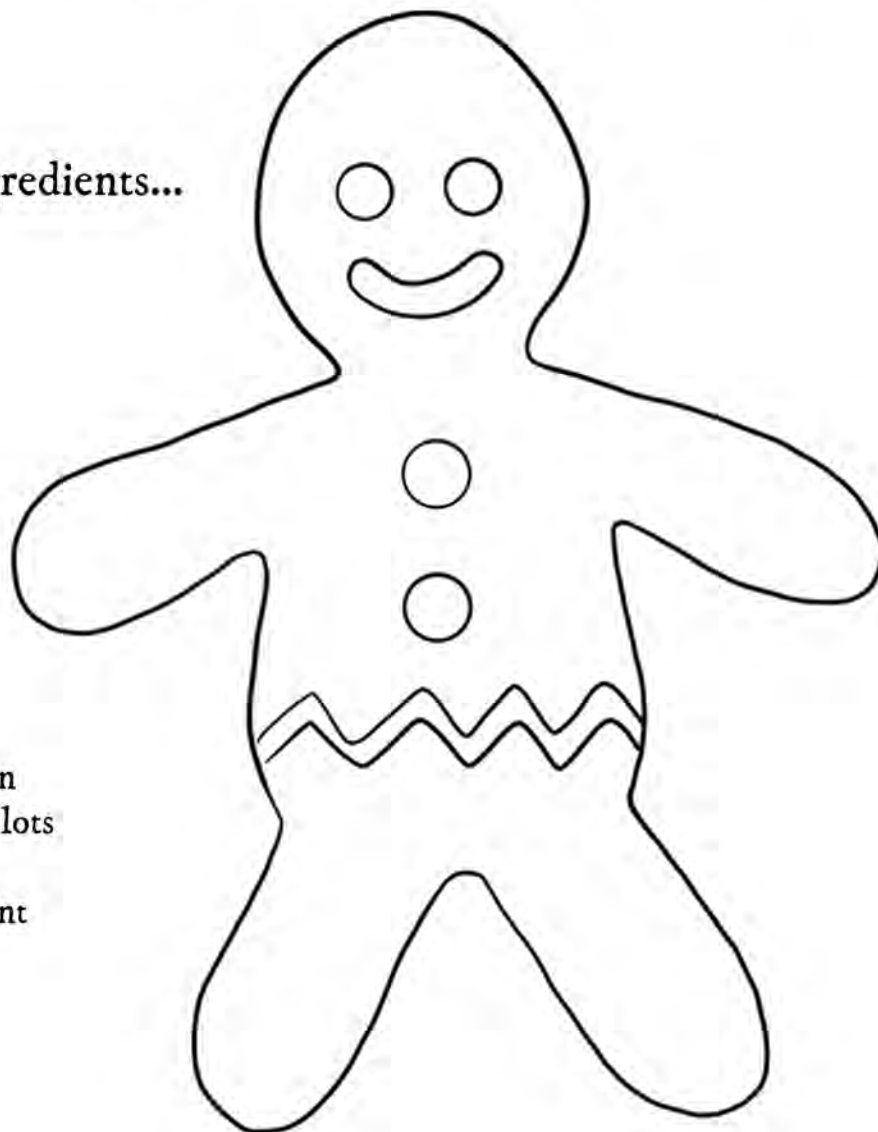
Make a Gingerbread man.

Every Elf loves Gingerbread, except for Old Bernard who once ate so much he was ill.

What you need, the ingredients...

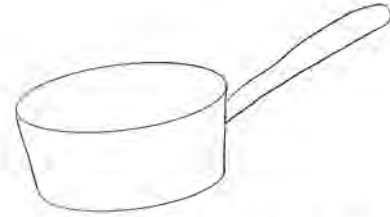
175g soft brown sugar
85g golden syrup
100g butter
350g plain flour
1 tsp bicarbonate of soda
1 tbsp ground ginger
1 tsp ground cinnamon
1 egg, beaten

Icing and sweets for decoration
(it's up to you, some elves like lots
of icing, some prefer it plain.
You are the same, so experiment
and try everything).



Instructions...

1. Melt sugar, golden syrup and butter in a pan then leave to cool for 10 mins.
(Parent, or guardian needed as this is hot and could burn).

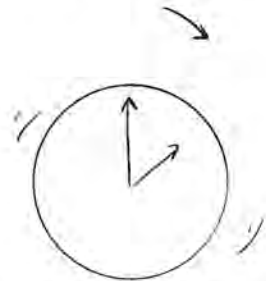


2. Tip all the dry ingredients into a bowl and mix. Add the beaten egg and cooled warm syrup.
Once it's all mixed up, knead it like an elf massaging Father Christmas' smelly feet. Now cool the dough in the Elf Ice Room (or a fridge is perfect) for 30 minutes.

3. Take the dough out the fridge and bring it back to room temperature. Heat the oven to 200C/ 180C fan/ gas 6.

4. Get a fat reindeer to sit on the dough to flatten, or roll out with a rolling pin until about 5mm thick. Using a cookie cutter cut out your biscuits. Make your own shapes if you haven't got any cutter

5. Put your biscuits onto baking parchment, then onto baking trays and get a grown up helper to put them in the hot oven and wait for 10 - 12 mins or until golden brown. (Just long enough to tidy up and wrap 45 presents).



6. Carefully remove the trays from the oven with oven gloves and leave for 5 mins then put them onto a wire rack to cool. Once they are cold, you can decorate. If you are adding icing get creative or leave plain. You choose.

Please remember to share, they are too yummy to keep to yourself.

Christmas word search?

Find the hidden words...

w	c	t	t	k	p	e	q	u	i	v	s
y	e	h	l	s	h	g	i	e	l	s	g
z	t	u	r	k	e	y	x	o	k	t	e
i	t	k	u	i	x	l	g	p	y	o	l
s	n	w	q	y	s	n	s	p	b	c	b
a	e	l	f	y	i	t	g	k	o	k	u
j	s	q	y	d	u	i	m	l	w	i	a
t	e	l	d	s	m	n	b	a	b	n	b
m	r	u	r	a	t	s	h	p	s	g	d
i	p	e	r	j	z	e	w	l	d	h	j
n	e	j	e	q	w	l	i	g	h	t	s
t	f	s	n	o	w	m	a	n	l	m	c

Present
Stocking
Tree
Pudding
Bow

Elf
Christmas
Tinsel
Bauble
Sleigh

Turkey
Snowman
Lights
Star

Do you want to build a Snowman?

You will need a dice, pens and paper.

How to play

Youngest rolls first.

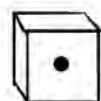
Roll your dice, each number is a part of the snowman.

When you roll the number draw that part of the snowman onto your paper.

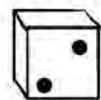
So if you roll a 3, draw a hat.

Keep going until you have a whole snowman.

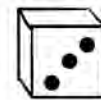
Who can build their snowman first!



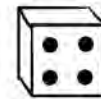
1 = head



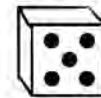
2 = body



3 = hat



4 = arms



5 = buttons



6 = eyes, smile and carrot nose



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