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WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- Plain or colored poster board (cut into smaller squares)
- Scissors (including a pair with decorative-edge blades)
- Assorted art supplies, such as a glue stick, cardstock, markers, and washi tape

WHAT TO DO

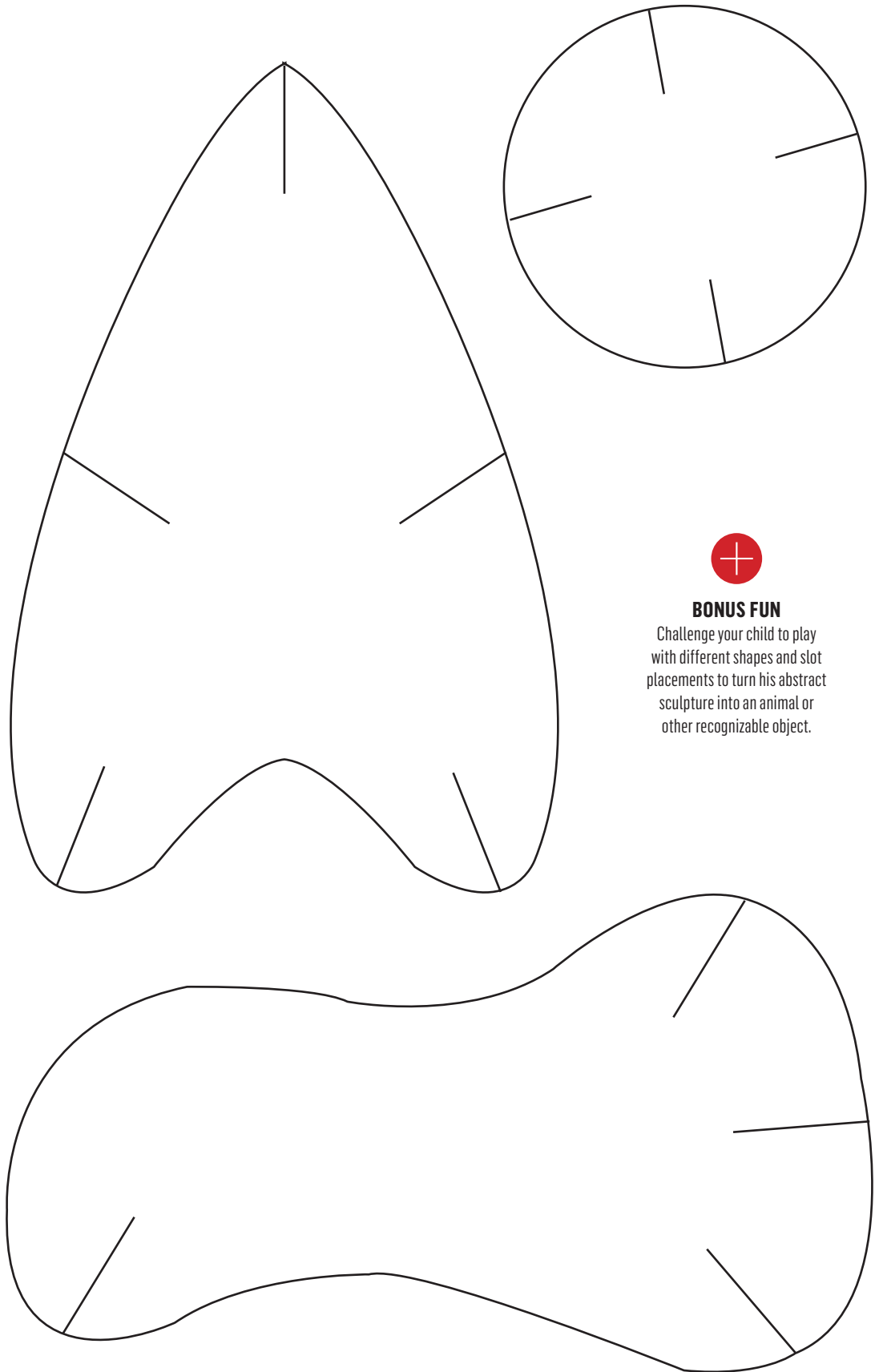
1. Have your child decorate the poster-board squares by gluing on cardstock or creating patterns with the art supplies.

2. Help him cut the pieces into smaller organic shapes. To make the ones we used, trace these templates and cut them out. Be sure at least two shapes are half-circles—they'll help form a base.

3. To create the slots, make two small cuts very close together, then discard the tiny strip of paper in between; add a few slots per shape.

4. Once your child has five or more shapes, he should create a base: He can slide two half-circles together at the slots to form an X, or slot together two to three pieces, rotating them until they stand on their own (at least three points should touch the work surface).

5. From there, he can continue to add more pieces by sliding them together at the slots until he's satisfied with the result.



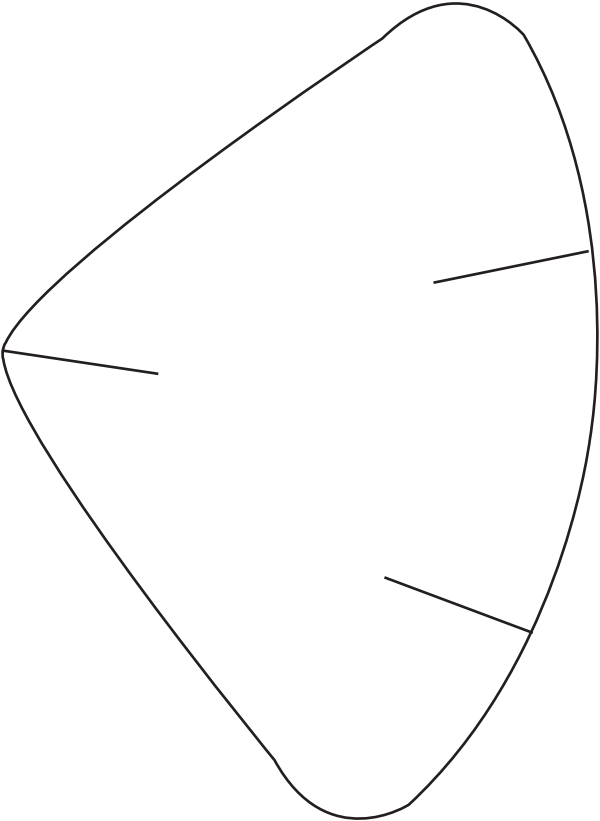
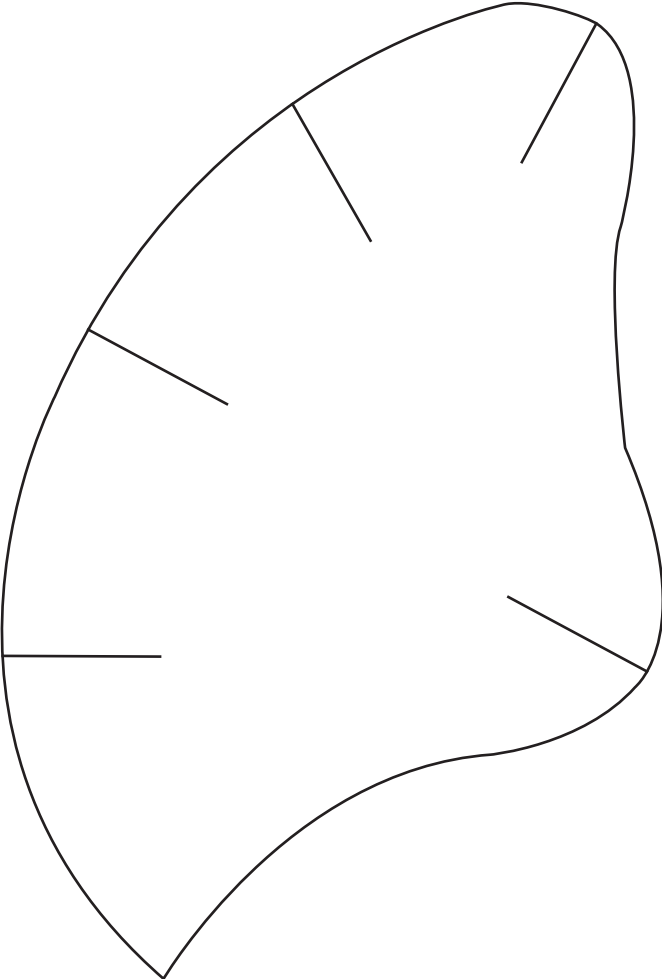
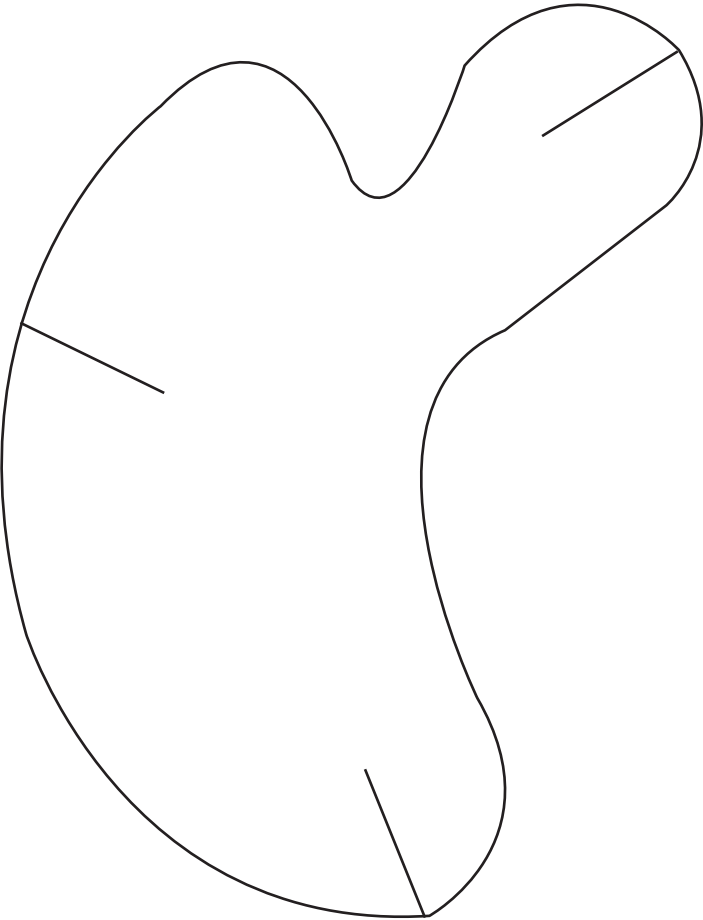
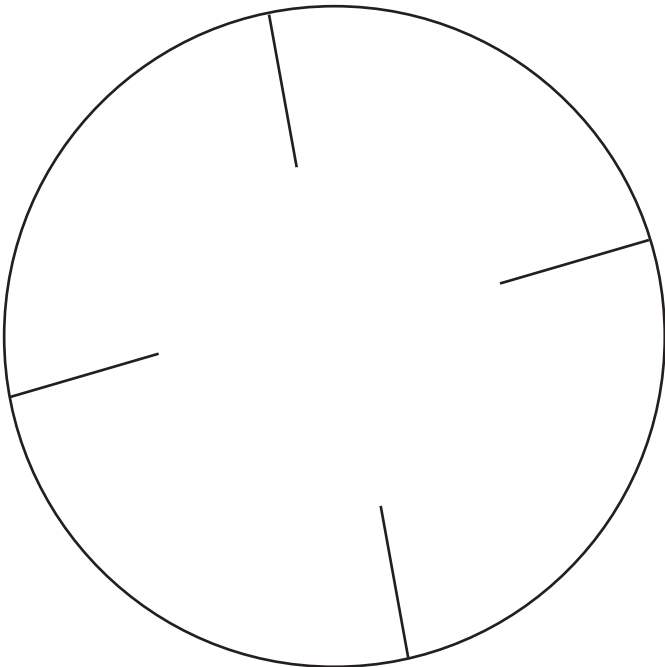
BONUS FUN

Challenge your child to play with different shapes and slot placements to turn his abstract sculpture into an animal or other recognizable object.

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