

Mystery Drawings

Lines and shapes
are the tools to use

Listen and draw
to follow the
clues!

A drawing / listening
activity that reinforces:

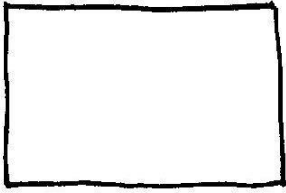
- math/shapes
- listening /engagement
- vocabulary
- creativity /expression

Teachers:

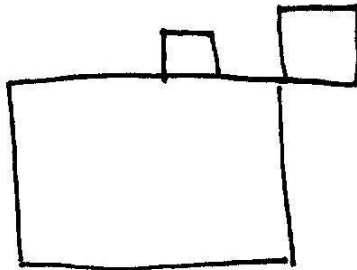
- give students pencils + paper
- draw clues, one at a time, while students draw along with you
- ask for guesses along the way
- personalize drawings with unique details when mysteries are solved

Mystery Drawing

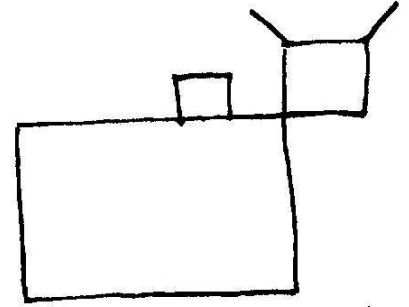
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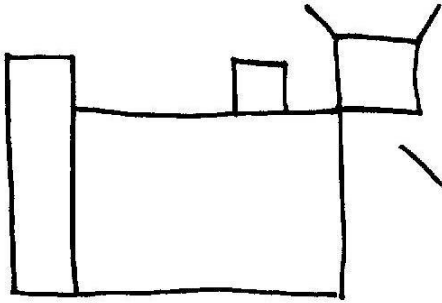
1. draw a horizontal rectangle in the center



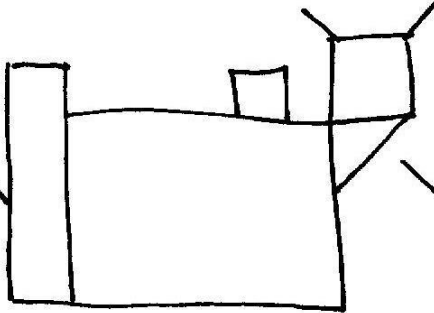
2. add 2 squares on the top



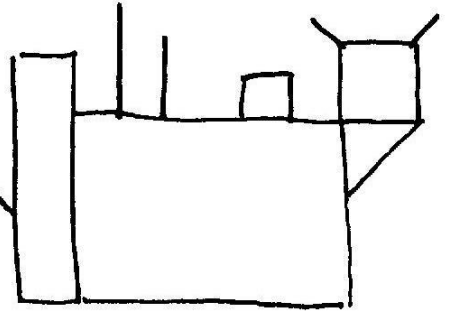
3. add 2 diagonal lines on top



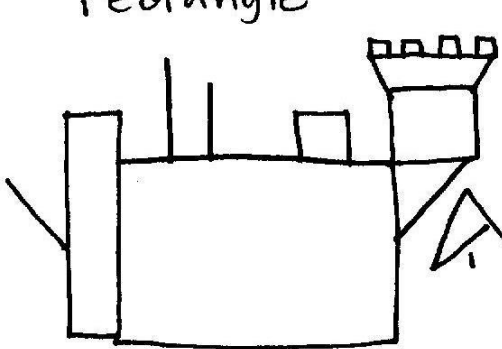
4. add a vertical rectangle



5. add 2 more diagonal lines



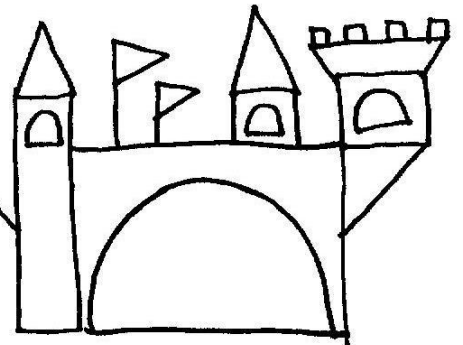
6. add 2 vertical lines on top



7. add a horizontal line and several small squares on top



8. add 5 triangles



9. add several Semicircles

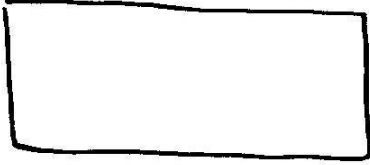


A castle ... you solved the mystery! Now, personalize your drawing with unique details. Add more architecture, a setting, characters, textures, patterns, colors, animals, weather have fun and imagine!

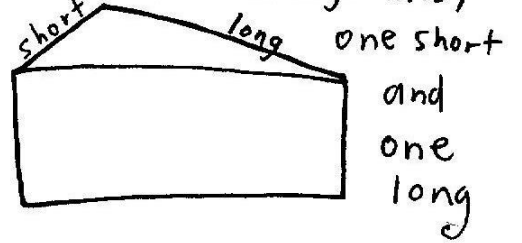
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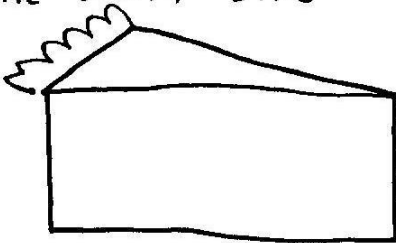
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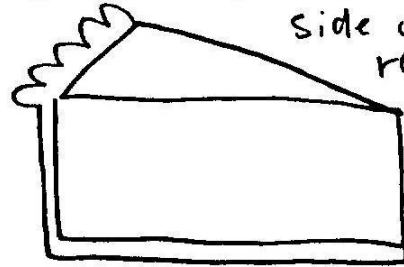
2. add two diagonals, one short and one long



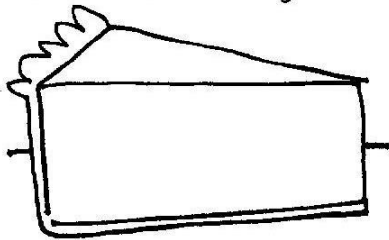
3. add a bumpy line on the short side



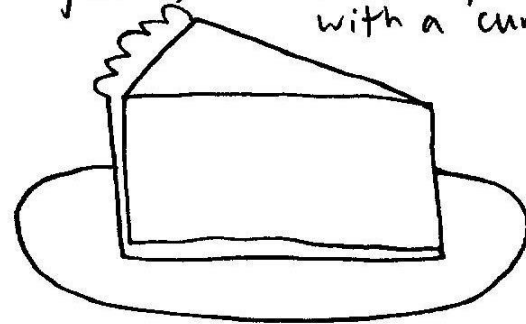
4. add another straight line on the left and lower side of the rectangle



5. Find the middle of the left and right sides

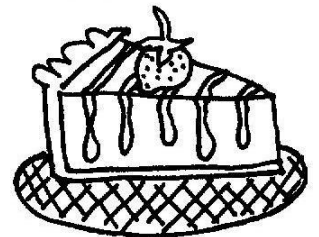
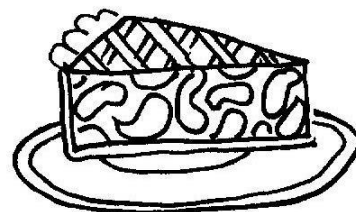
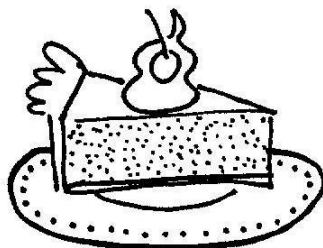
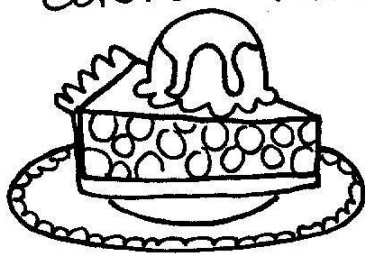


6. Make a plate by joining the middle points with a curve



A slice of pie ... now time to personalize!

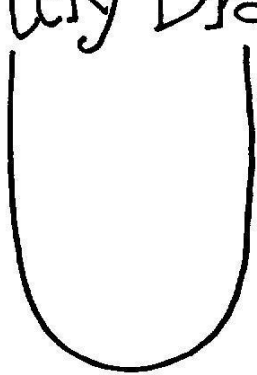
Add ice cream, toppings, fruits, sauces, textures, colors - maybe a whole set like artist Wayne Thiebaud.



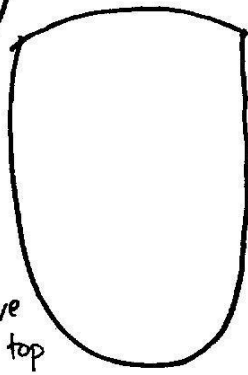
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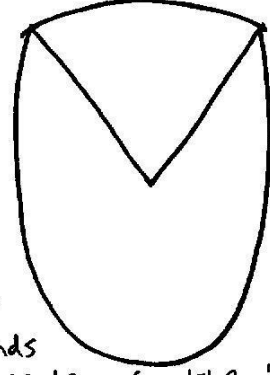
1.
Draw
a "U"



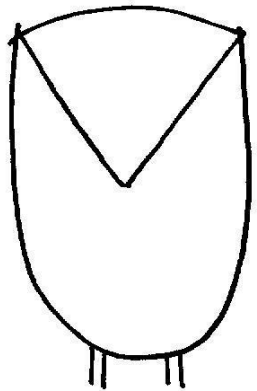
2.
Add
a curve
at the top



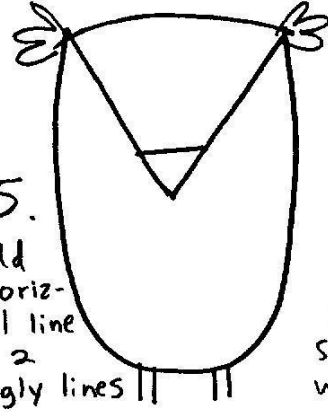
3.
Draw
a "V"
that ends
in the center of the "U"



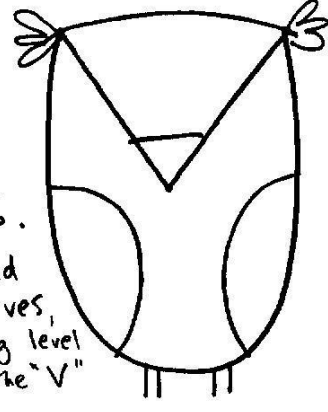
4.
Add 4
vertical
lines



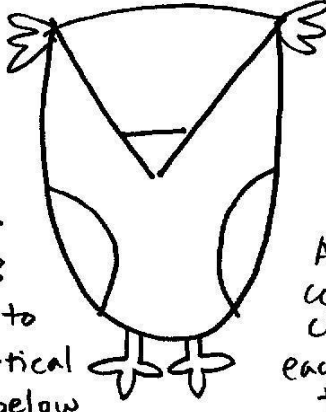
5.
Add
a hori-
zontal line
and 2
wiggly lines



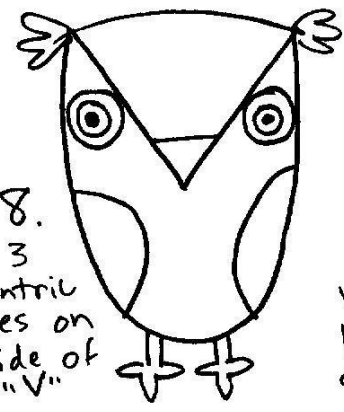
6.
Add
2 curves,
starting level
with the "V"



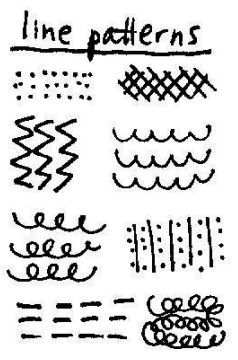
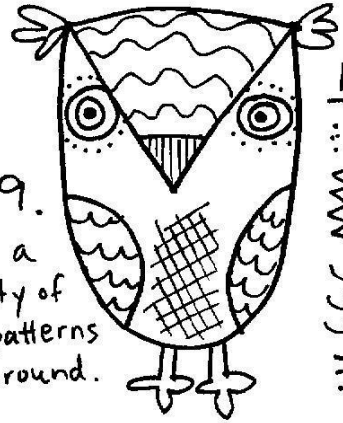
7.
Add 3
bumps to
the vertical
lines below



8.
Add 3
concentric
circles on
each side of
the "V"



9.
Add a
variety of
line patterns
all around.

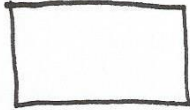
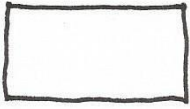


Mystery solved...
a Night Owl!
Personalize your owl
with details like a
setting, other animals,
textures, and color.

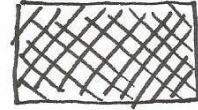
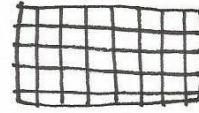
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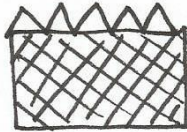
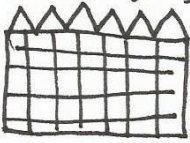
1. Draw 2 horizontal rectangles



2. Add intersecting lines - vertical, horizontal, and diagonal

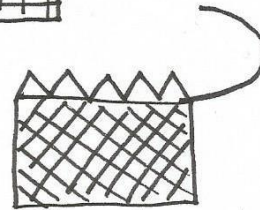
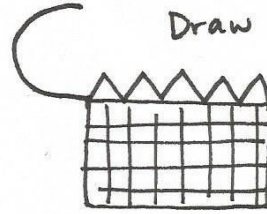


3. Add a zigzag to the tops

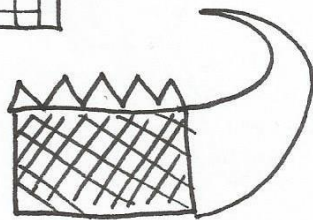
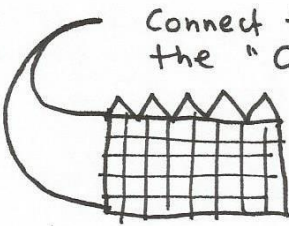


4.

Draw a curve, like a "C" on the top corners - bottom one is opposite

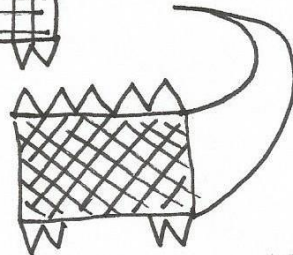
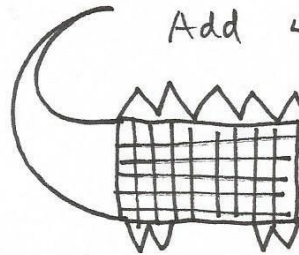


5. Connect the top of the "C" to the bottom of the rectangles

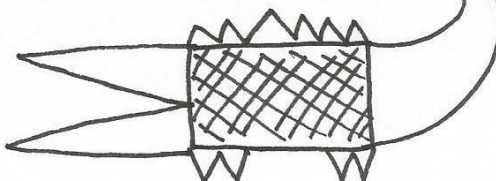
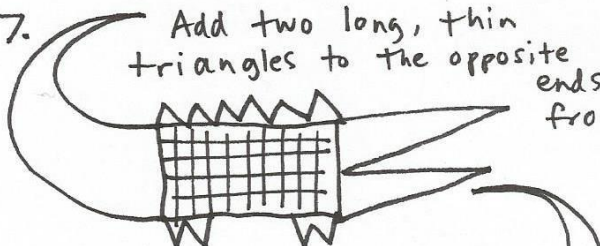


6.

Add 4 "W" lines to the bottom of the rectangles

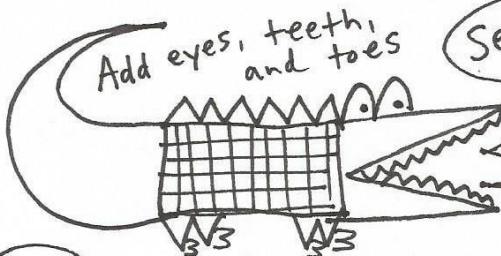


7. Add two long, thin triangles to the opposite ends from tail



8.

Add eyes, teeth, and toes



After while crocodile!

See You Later Alligator!

Mystery Drawing solved: Later Gators!

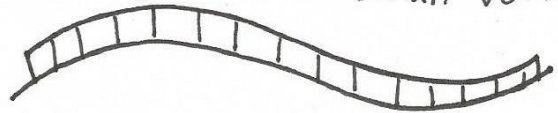
Add speech bubbles and a setting

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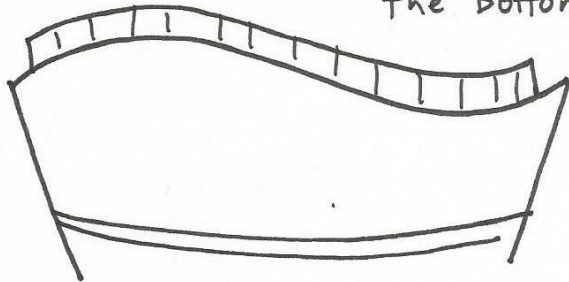
1. Draw a curved horizontal line



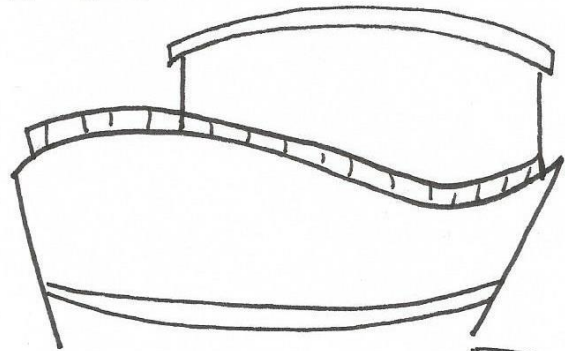
2. Add another on top and join with small verticals



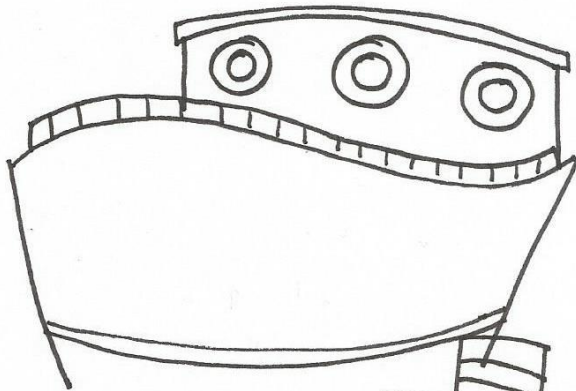
3. Add 2 diagonal lines on the ends, and 2 slight curves near the bottom



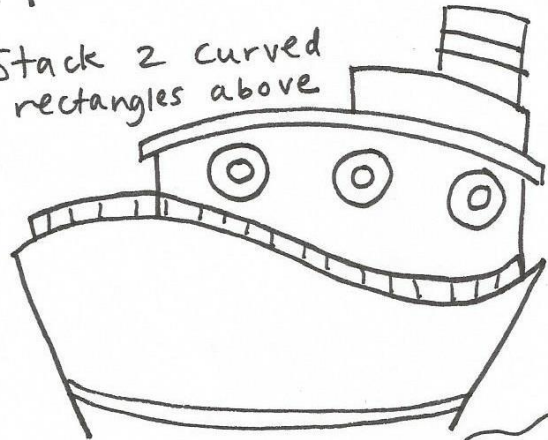
4. Add 2 vertical lines above and 2 slight upward curves



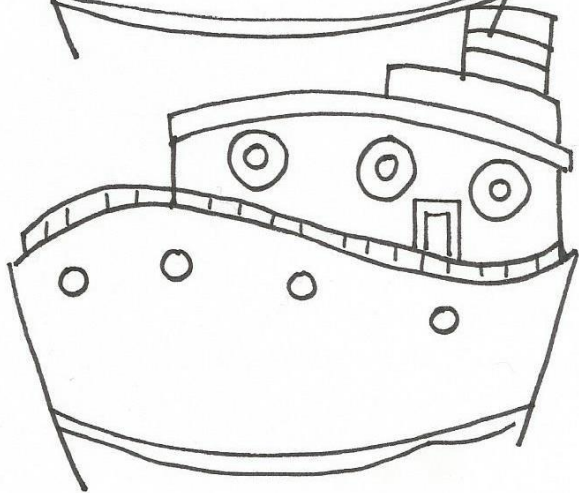
5. Add several concentric circles



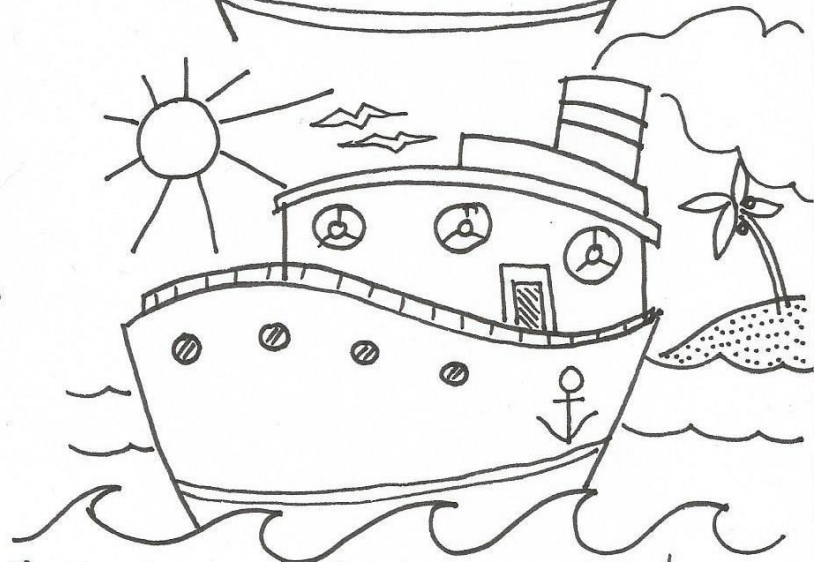
6. Stack 2 curved rectangles above



7. Add more circles below and a rectangle



8. Mystery solved - a ship! Make it your own with background shapes



Mystery Drawing How-to's

For Teachers:

- Build excitement - "Today we are going to solve a mystery... with art!"
- Pass out pencil and paper only to start.
- Draw clues large on a whiteboard while using the directions and vocabulary. Pause between clues and rotate the room to check for understanding and offer assistance.
- Ask for guesses as you go along - if someone solves the mystery before all clues are given, congratulate the student and continue to the last clue.
- Use the examples to encourage students who struggle with adding details or backgrounds.

For Students:

- WATCH and LISTEN to the clues - pay attention to where things belong on the page.
- Draw lightly to make erasing easy.
- Raise your hand if you need a clue repeated.
- The clues are for the basic drawing - when the mystery is solved, use your own ideas and imagination to personalize your art with details and background.
- Use tracing pens and colorful materials to complete your art, and don't forget to add your artist signature! Have Fun!