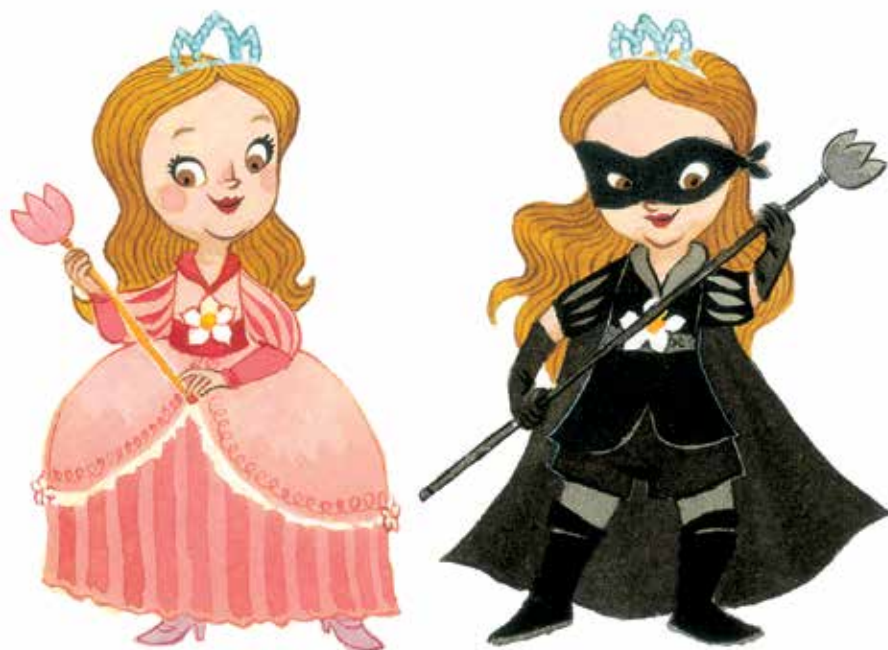


THE Princess [✿]IN BLACK

✿ Event Kit ✿



Inside this kit, you'll find all the things you need to host a ***Princess in Black*** party, including an invitation, event ideas, and activity sheets. We'd love to see your photos from the day! To share, simply use the hashtag [#princessinblack](#).

Enjoy your party! And don't forget — princesses DO wear black!



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*Princess Magnolia cordially invites
you to a party!*

Date:

Time:

Location:

Please wear your favorite princess or superhero attire!



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Party Planning

A great party has friends, food, and fun decorations! Deck out your Princess in Black-themed shindig with nods to Princess Magnolia *and* the Princess in Black. Blow up bunches of pink and black balloons, hang up pink and black streamers, and use pink and black plates for food. Using blank labels, let your guests create and decorate name tags with glitter, markers, crayons, or colored pencils.

Glitter-Stone Rings

Princess Magnolia wears a glitter-stone ring, which is secretly a monster alarm. *Brring! Brring!* Whenever the monster alarm goes off, she has to sneak away to keep the goats from being eaten. Supply enough Ring Pops for each party guest to have their own glitter-stone ring. You never know when the next monster attack will come!

Read-Aloud

The Princess in Black series is filled with tons of superhero action and silly royal antics. Plan a read-aloud of your favorite Princess in Black stories! Have guests take turns reading out loud, then use the following discussion questions to start a conversation.





Discussion Questions

1. Why does Princess Magnolia need to keep her superhero identity a secret?
What do you think would happen if someone discovered her secret?
2. How do you think Monster Land first appeared?
3. What kind of training do you think the Princess in Black needs so she can defend her kingdom from monsters?
4. What are some similarities between the way Princess Magnolia and the Princess in Black behave? What are some differences?
5. Do you agree with the idea that most princesses don't wear black? Why?



Superhero Identity

Princess Magnolia may seem like a prim and perfect princess, but she's secretly the Princess in Black. And fighting monsters is the perfect job for the Princess in Black!

Have everyone at the party create their own superhero identities. What would your superhero names be? What would your superhero powers be? What would your disguises look like? Do you have archenemies? Faithful sidekicks?

Draw yourself as a superhero below. Then have everyone hang up their pictures to share with the rest of the party.

My superhero name is _____.

Make Your Own Monster

Monsters come in all shapes and sizes. Create your own, just like illustrator LeUyen Pham does!

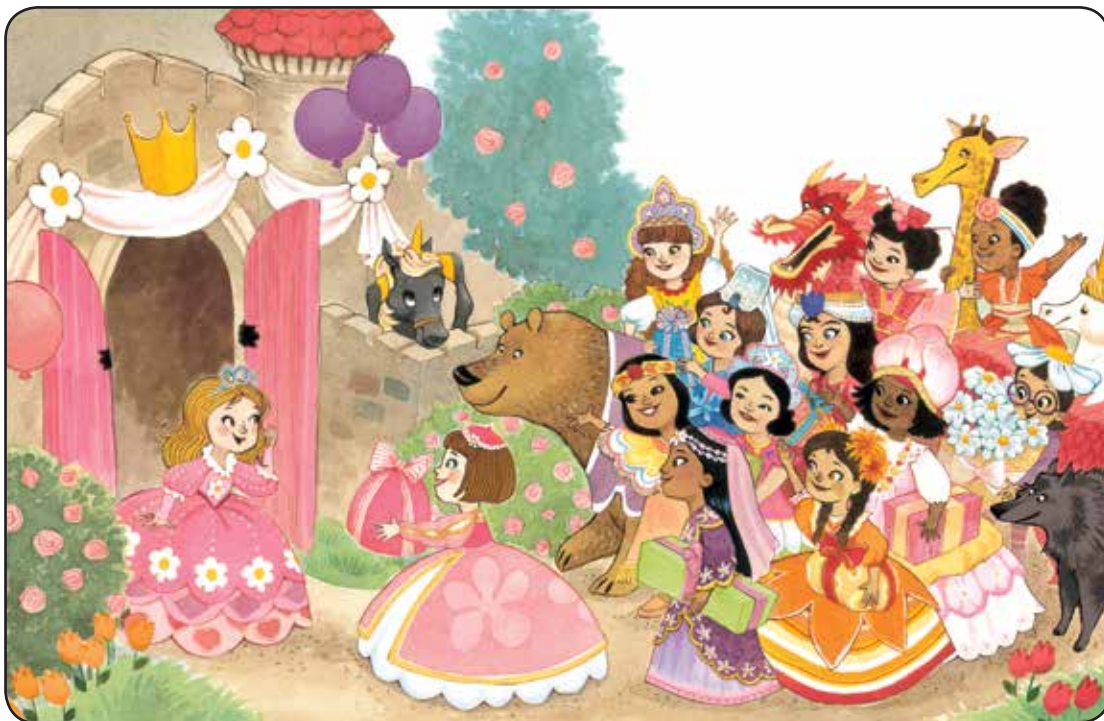
1. Close your eyes and draw a wiggly shape on your paper.
2. Open your eyes and start to add eyes, noses, and mouths to your monster. Put them in unlikely places — eyes on the bottom half of the body or mouths on top of the head (or heads).
Use your imagination!
3. Add arms, legs, and tails to your monster. It can be any which way you like — imagine tails coming out of the front instead of the back, or arms instead of legs.
4. Color your creation in and voilà — your own, unique monster!

Dot to Dot



Spot the Differences

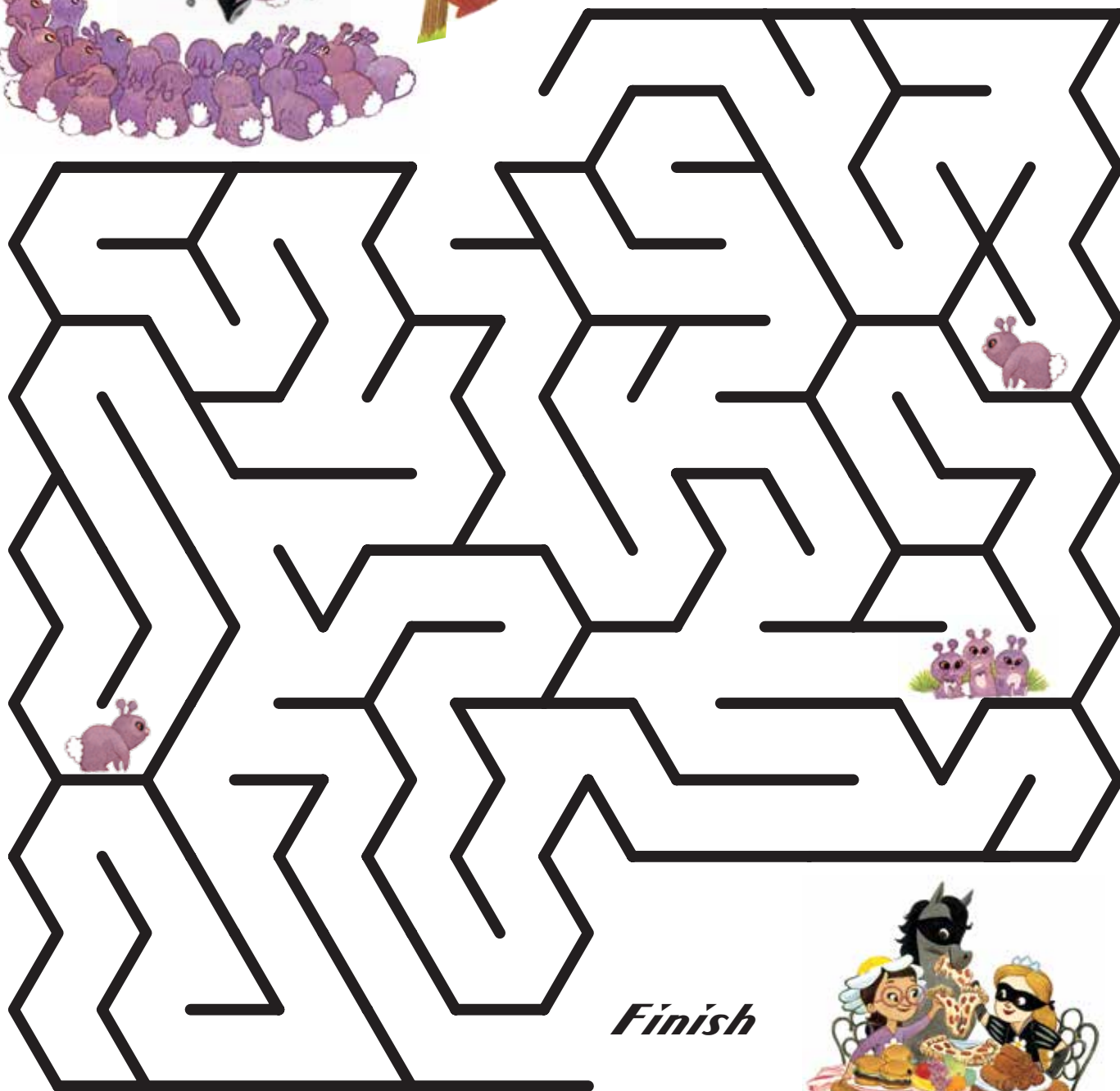
Twelve sparkly princesses arrive at the castle for Princess Magnolia's birthday party.
Circle the ten things that are different in these two scenes.



Answers: In scene two: 1. Only one balloon to the left of the door. 2. The tulips on the left are orange. 3. The balloons to the right of the door are purple. 4. The tree has flowers in it. 5. The princess in purple is holding a green package. 6. The dragon below the dragon has a purple flower on her headband. 8. No pine tree on the right. 9. The tree has flowers in it. 10. There are tulips on the lower right.

Maze

The hungry bunny horde is out of control! Help the Princess in Black escape to her castle before the bunny horde overwhelms her!



Finish



Pin the Horn on Frimplepants

Princess Magnolia can quickly change from her superhero identity, the Princess in Black, but what about Blackie? Even superhero horses need help keeping their identities secret! Help the Princess in Black's trusty steed transform into the regal Frimplepants by pinning his horn to his head.

You will need:

- ✿ scissors
- ✿ masking tape or a similar temporary adhesive
- ✿ a blindfold

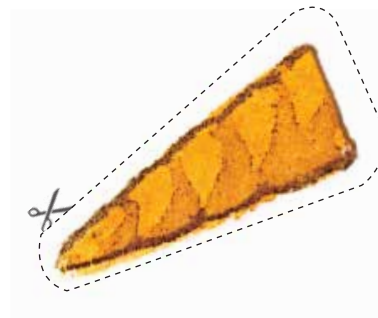
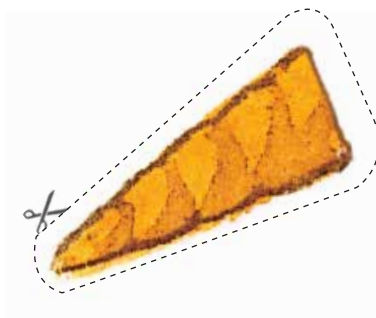
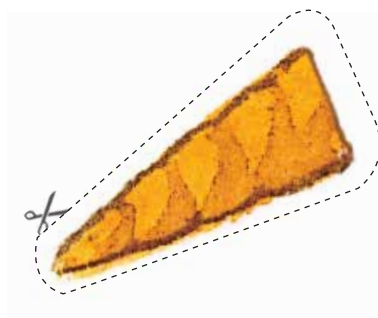
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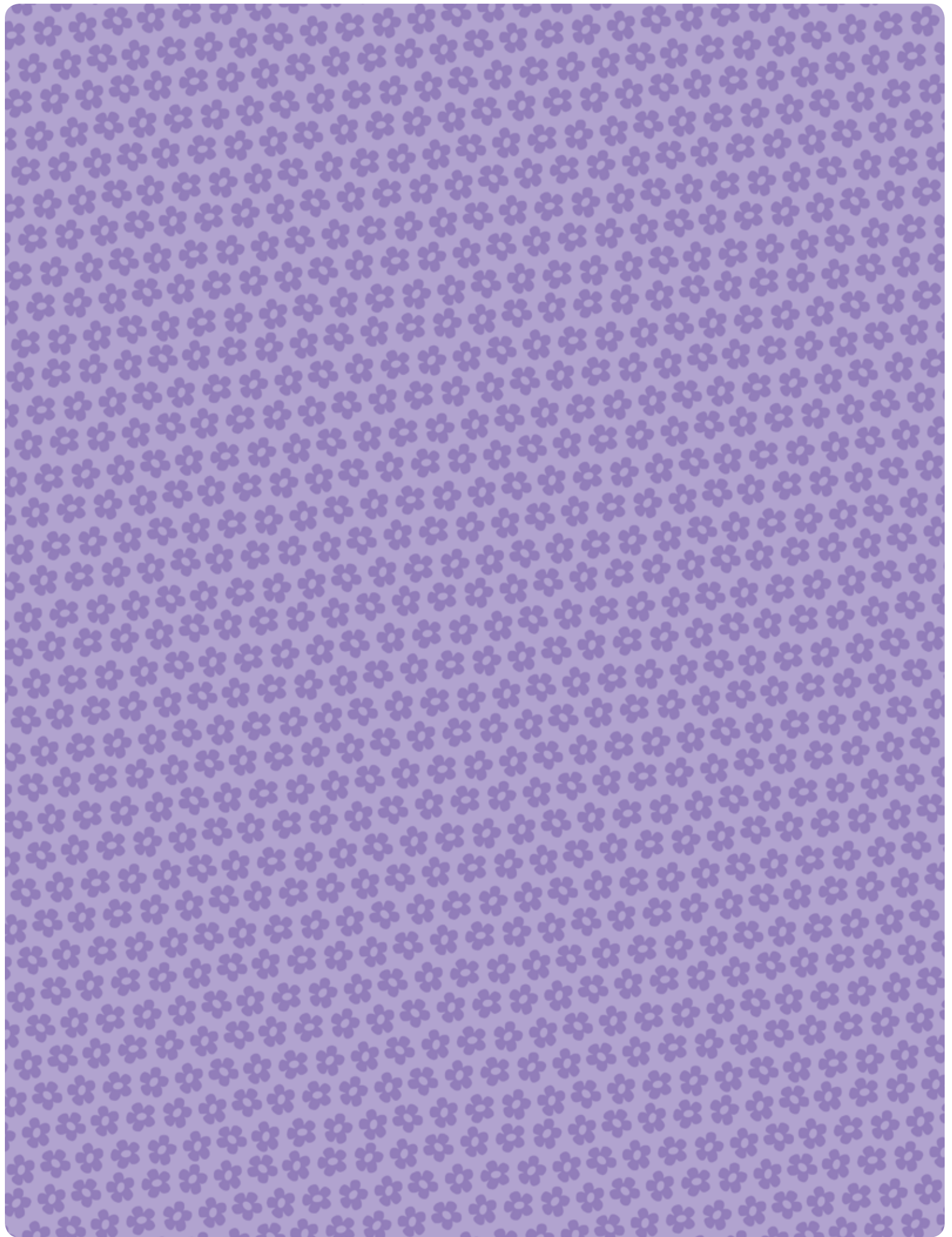
1. Cut out the horns on the next page and put masking tape or a similar temporary adhesive on the back so they can be used multiple times.
2. Attach the picture of Frimplepants to a wall at eye level with the guests.
3. Place the blindfold on a guest and give them one of the horns. Then spin them around three times and point them toward the picture of Frimplepants.
4. The blindfolded guest should attempt to place the horn on Frimplepants's head.
5. Whoever gets the closest to pinning the horn on Frimplepants's head wins!





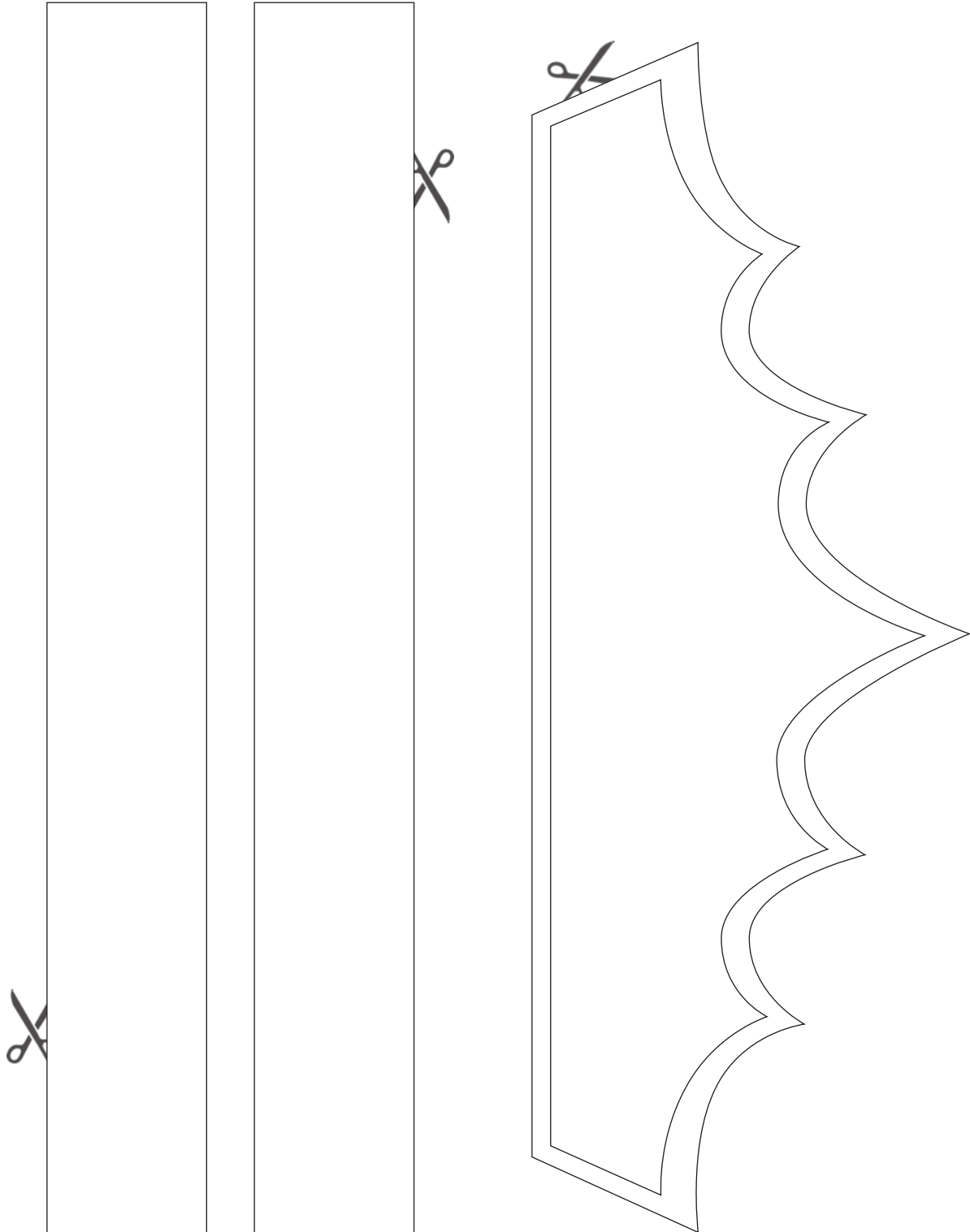
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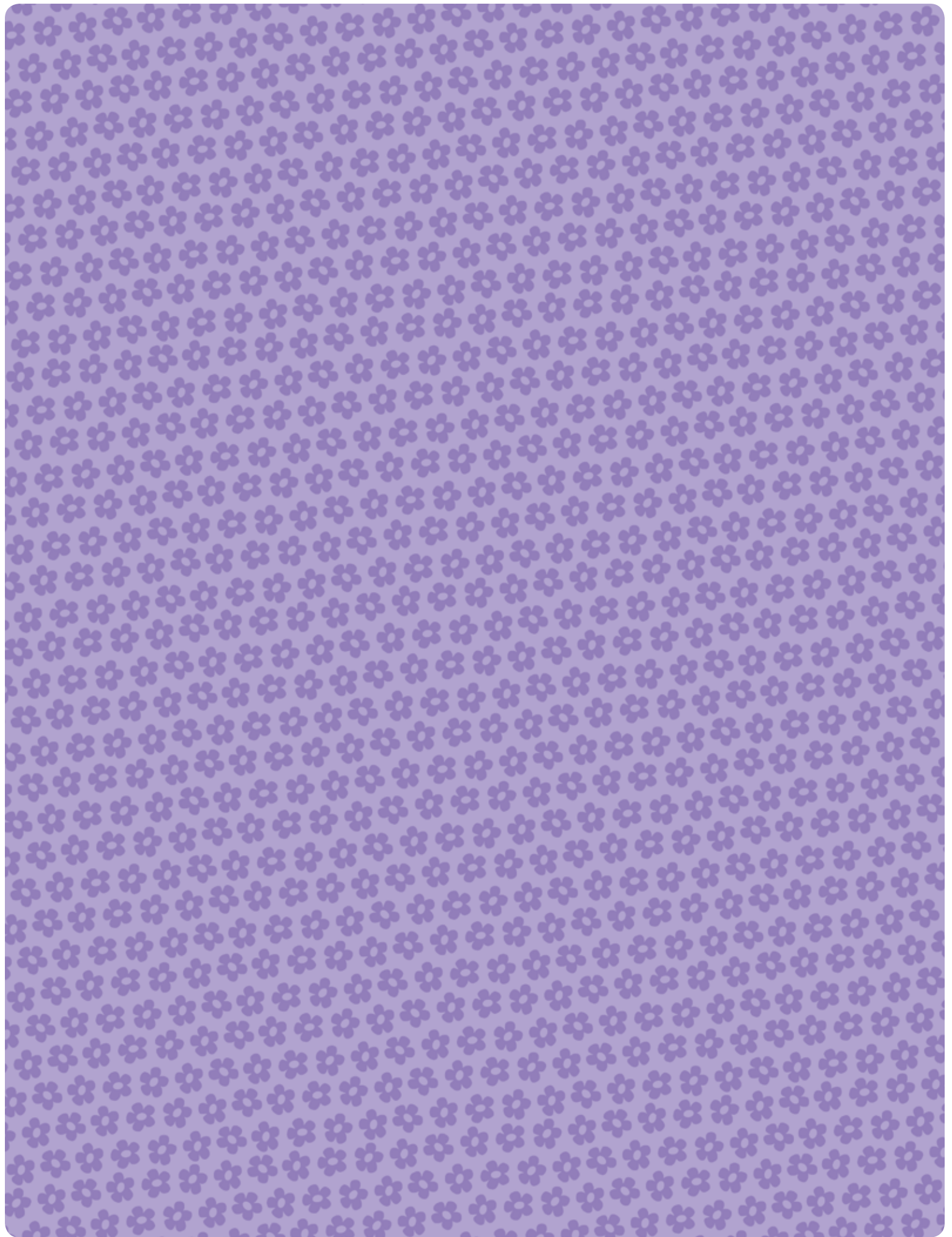




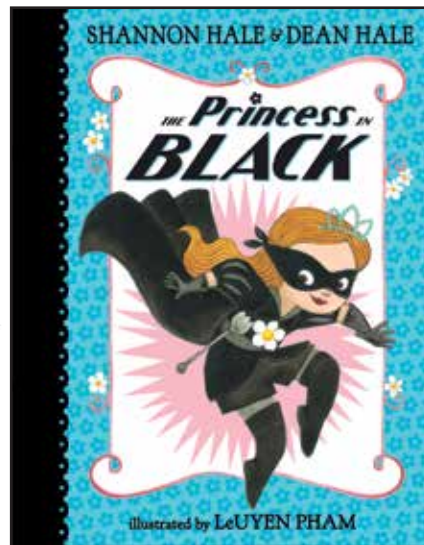
Make Your Own Tiara

Make enough copies of the tiara pattern for each party guest. Cut additional paper strips to complete the tiara, then tape the ends of the strips together so they form a loop that fits around the head.





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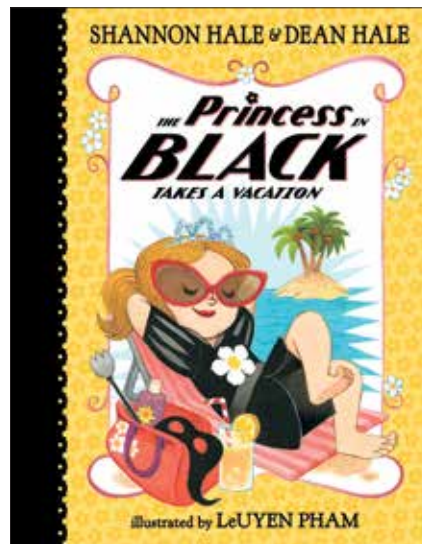
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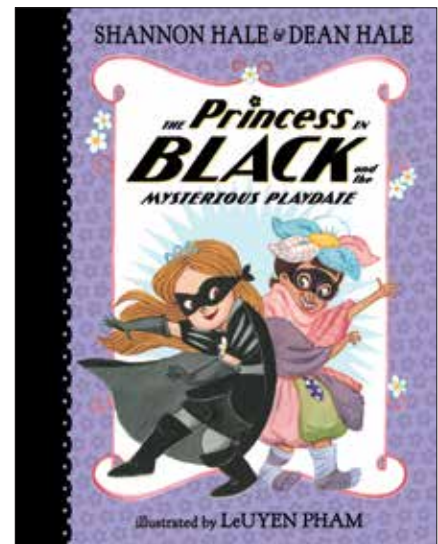
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