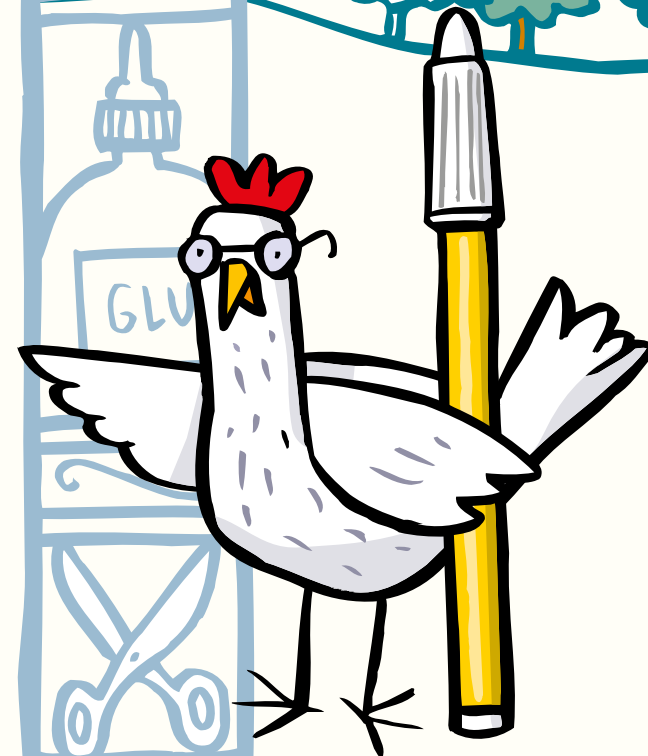
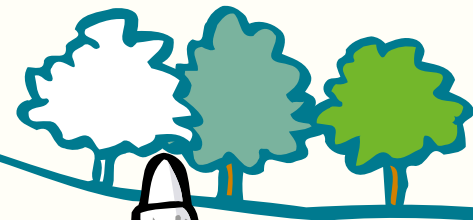


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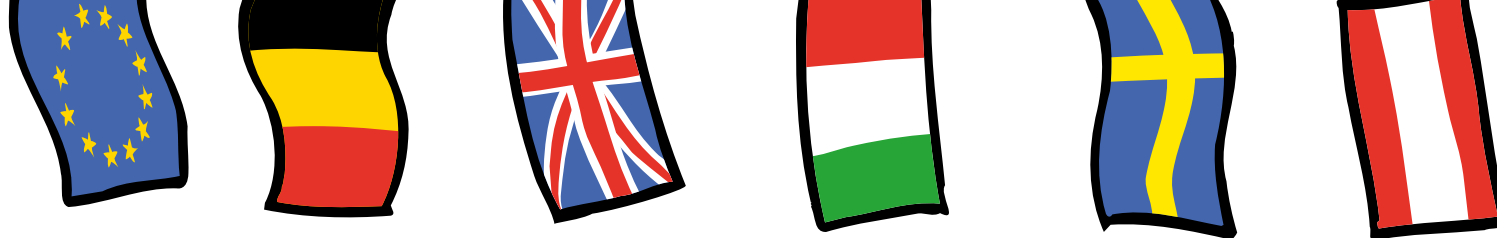


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BELGIUM

(BELGIQUE – BELGIË)

Manneken Pis means 'little man pee' in Flemish. This tiny bronze fountain statue is a symbol of Brussels, the capital of Belgium. People from Brussels like to dress him in different costumes for special events and festivities and thousands of passers-by take selfies with him every year.



Dress the Manneken Pis with the costume you like the best from the cut-outs page.



BULGARIA

(БЪЛГАРИЯ)

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These joyful ladies in their colourful dresses are singers in a female choir. One of the singers is wearing a **martenitsa**.

At the beginning of spring people give this adornment to their loved ones to wish them happiness and good health. Tradition says that the *martenitsa* should be worn until you see a stork, a swallow or a budding tree.



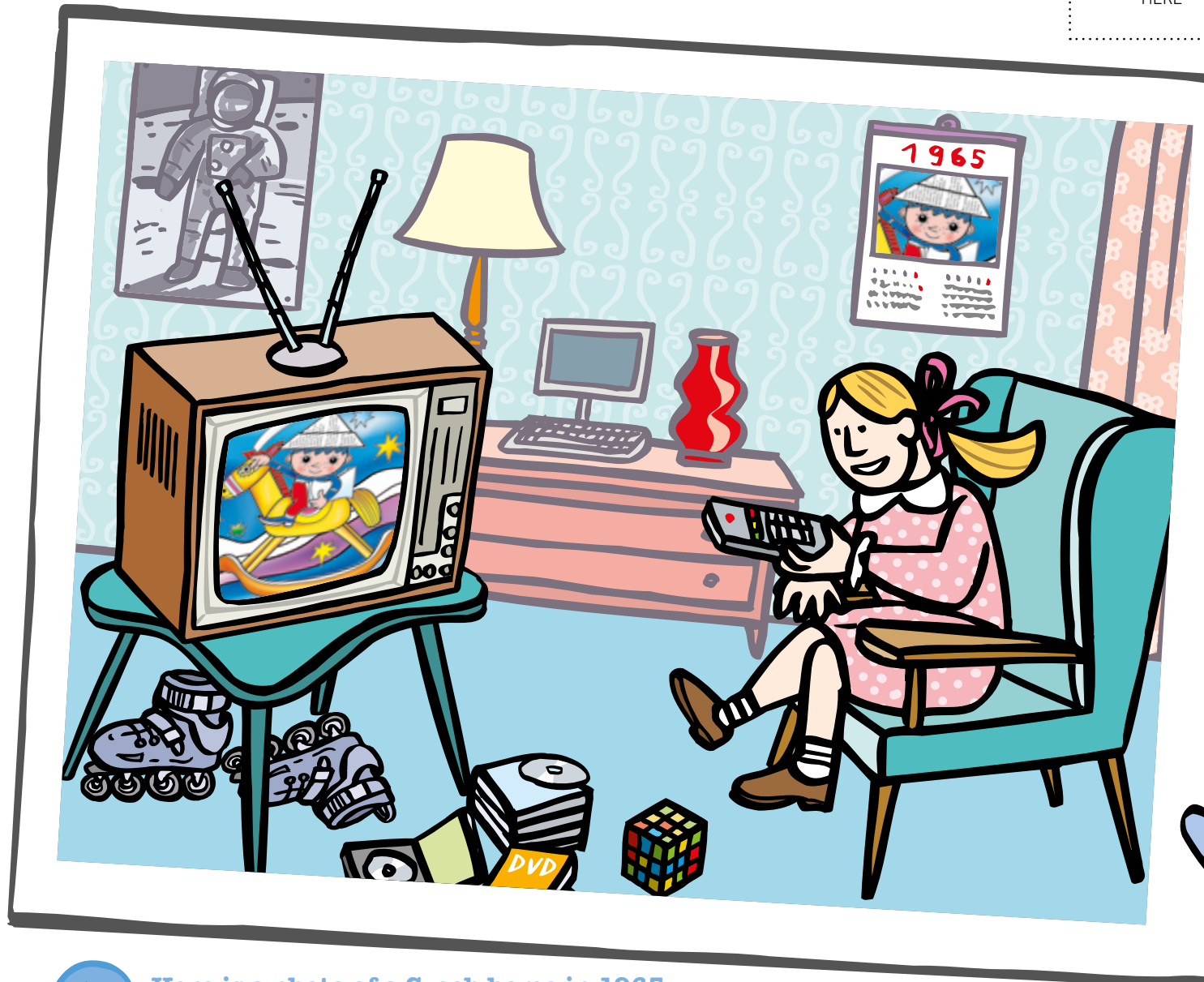
Colour in the ladies' dresses!

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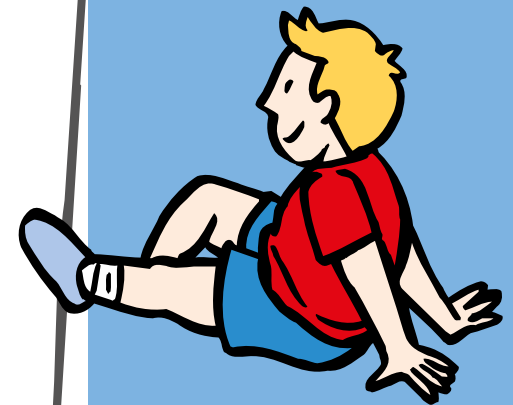
CZECH REPUBLIC

(ČESKÁ REPUBLIKA)

There's no Czech boy or girl that doesn't know the little **Večerníček!** He has been on TV greeting children with his "**Dobrý večer!**" (good evening) for more than 50 years now. He presents a short cartoon section that all children look forward to.



Here is a photo of a Czech home in 1965.
Find the seven objects that don't belong there!

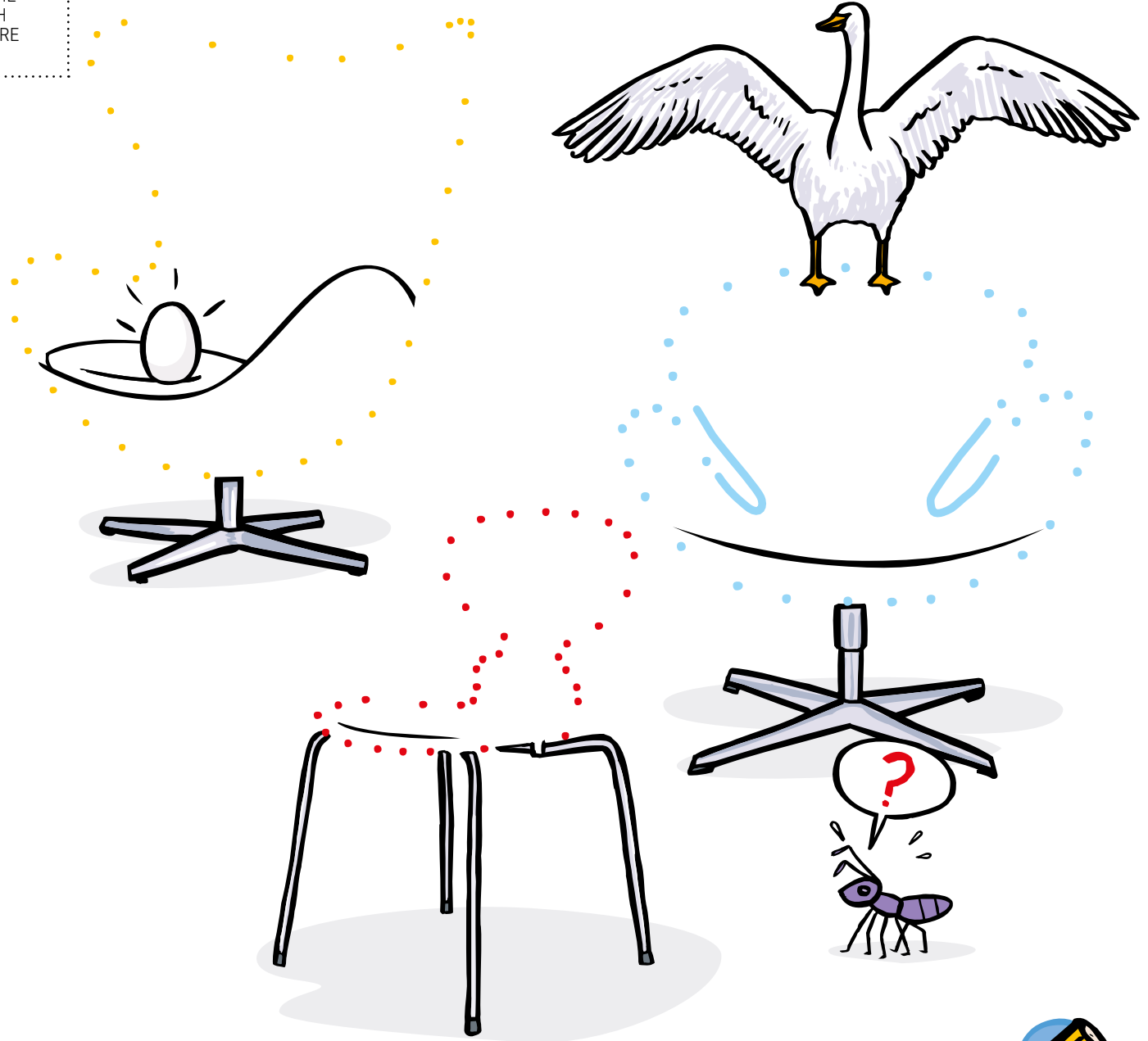
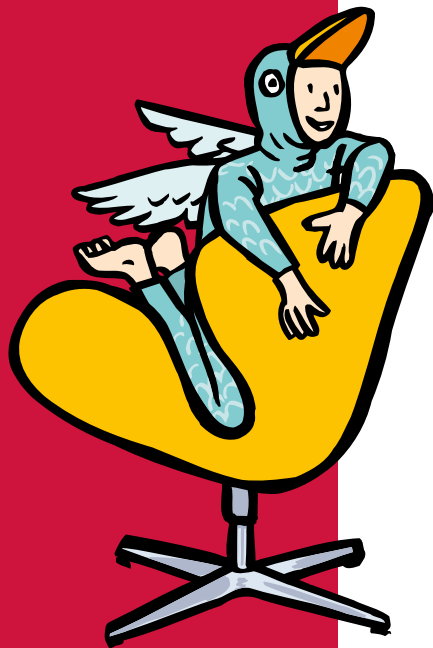


DENMARK

(DANMARK)

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Modern design is part of Danish national identity and daily life. The chairs you will discover here have strange names such as **egg**, **ant** or **swan**. They look like the things they are named after, don't they? They were created by the great Danish designer **Arne Jacobsen** in the 1950s and even now they look very modern! These chairs might spark your imagination! That's what design is all about!



Join the dots to find the shapes of these chairs and colour them in!



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GERMANY

(DEUTSCHLAND)

The **Grimm Brothers**, born in Hanau in central Germany, wrote many children's stories such as Cinderella, Snow White, Hansel and Gretel and many others. They were inspired by old German fairy tales from years ago.

The picture is from the story of **Hansel and Gretel**: two siblings discover a cottage built of gingerbread and cakes with sugar window panes. Little do they know the house belongs to a wicked witch!



Colour in the witch's house!

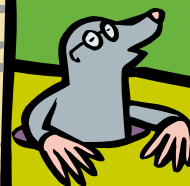
ESTONIA

(EESTI)

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You don't need toys to have fun! Estonians had a brilliant idea to clean up illegally-dumped rubbish in forests, lakes, seashores and rivers. They made a fun campaign and created a groovy vibe around it. They called the movement **'Teeme ära!'** (Let's do it!) and got a huge number of people involved: more than 50 000 in 2008. The idea travelled around the world and by 2015, 12 million volunteers in 112 countries had helped to clean up parks, forests, playgrounds and neighbourhoods.

* 'Tere' means
'hello' in
Estonian



Spot the items that don't belong in the forest.



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IRELAND

(ÉIRE)

Everybody knows Irish people love music! Their musical tradition is alive and vibrant; you can even hear its influence in popular music today. This band is playing some traditional instruments, which are decorated with Celtic patterns.



Colour in the Celtic patterns on the bodhrán and the landscape.

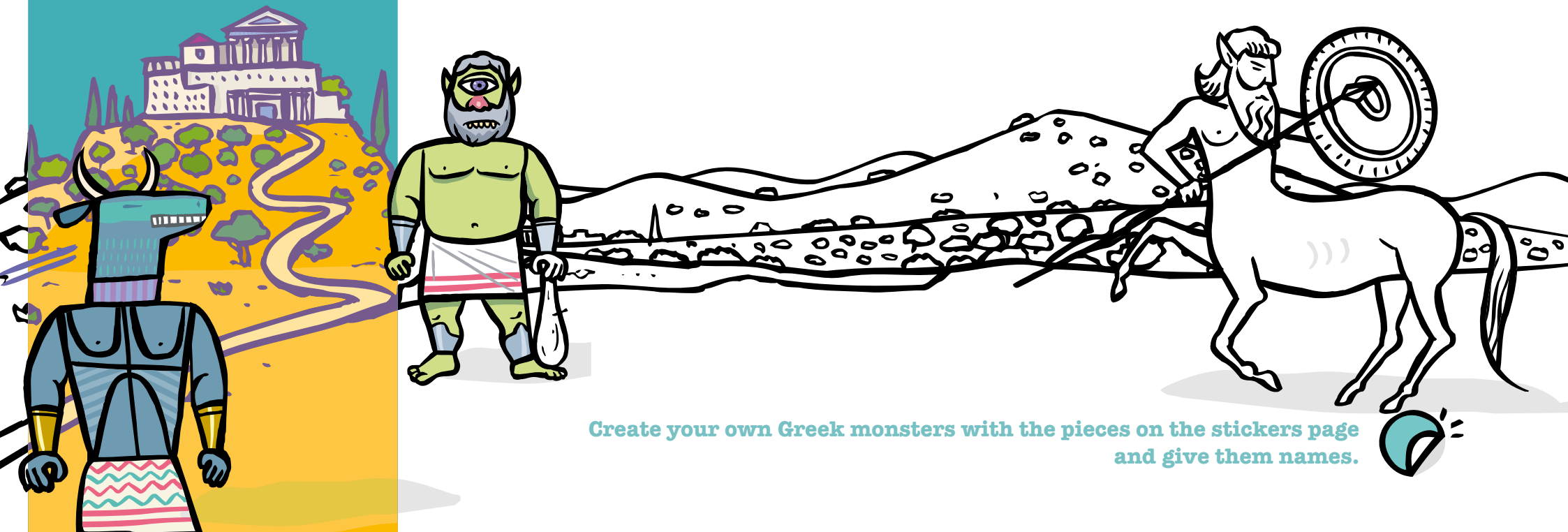


GREECE

(ΕΛΛΑΔΑ)

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In Greek mythology there are gods, goddesses and lots of fascinating monsters! Some are strange human and animal combinations such as the **Centaur**, half man and half horse, the **Minotaur**, a man with a bull's head, and the **Cyclops**, a giant with only one eye. Sometimes **sirens** appear with a fish's tail and at other times they have the body of a bird, like the one you see here.



Create your own Greek monsters with the pieces on the stickers page
and give them names.

FRANCE

(FRANCE)

French people are proud of their cuisine, great chefs, chocolatiers and especially of their pastry! The **croissant** is one of their favourite foods for breakfast. Although the specialities in the picture are typically French, they are called '**viennoiseries**' (things from Vienna) because they were actually introduced in Paris by a Viennese baker in the 19th century. As you can see, each pastry's name is inspired by its shape.

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 Croissant
Crescent



 Escargot
Snail



 Palmier
Palm tree



Design your own French pastry and invent a name for it.





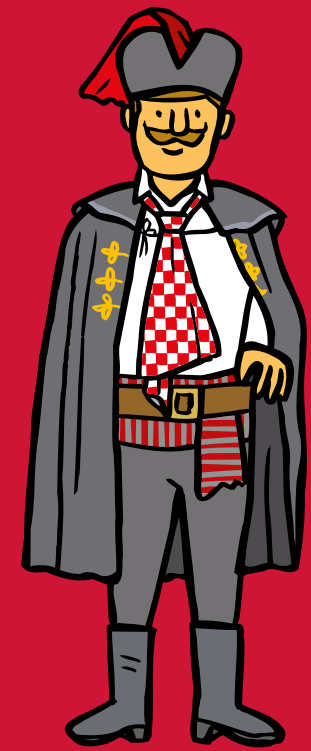
Draw a pattern on the soldiers' cravats and colour it in!

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CROATIA

(HRVATSKA)

Have you ever wondered why men wear ties? The '**cravat**' (it sounds a bit like 'Croat', doesn't it?) was worn by brave Croatian soldiers to tie round the top of their jackets. This scarf was named after them. Its use spread throughout Europe in the 17th century.



ITALY

(ITALIA)

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First you roll out the dough and spread the *pomodoro* (tomato) on top and then you add your favourite toppings. You've got it! **Pizza**, the great Italian invention that everybody loves!



Draw and colour the ingredients to create your favourite pizza!



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CYPRUS

(ΚΥΠΡΟΣ)

According to the ancient Greek legend, **Aphrodite**, goddess of beauty, was born in Cyprus. Her skin was said to be 'whiter than ivory, her hair as golden as the setting sun and her eyes were as blue as the summer sky'.



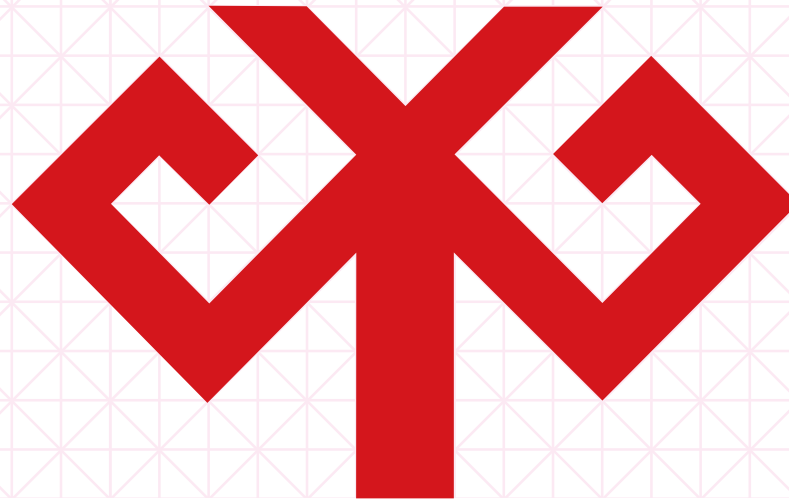
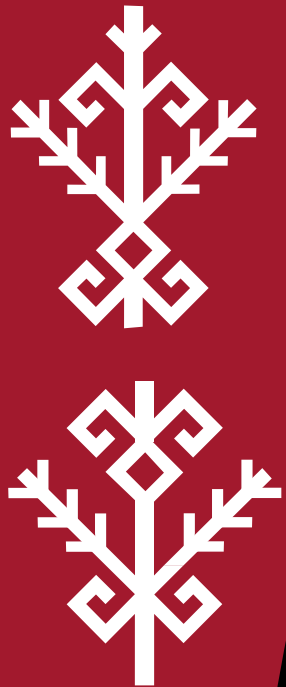
Colour in the goddess following the description.

LATVIA

(LATVIJA)

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LATVIAN
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Behind the nice geometrical designs in traditional Latvian crafts there is a world of symbols that takes us back to ancient gods and mythology. The symbol on the boy's jumper and hat is '**Auseklis**', a sky god representing the morning star or Venus. The two examples of '**Austras tree**' (tree of life) below symbolise growth and unity between Earth and heaven.



Use the grid to create your own tree of life.



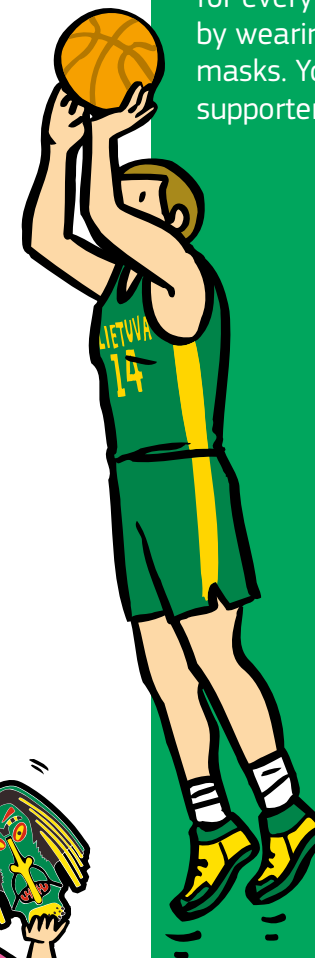


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LITHUANIA

(LIETUVA)

Do you know what basketball and devils have in common? This question is a piece of cake for Lithuanians. Basketball is their national sport and the fans prepare themselves very carefully for every important match by wearing frightening devil masks. You will spot Lithuanian supporters immediately!



Colour in the devil's mask following the colour indicated by the outline.



LUXEMBOURG

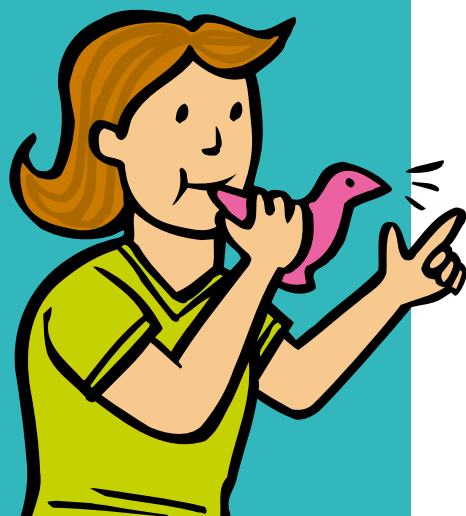
(LËTZEBUERG)


On Easter Monday morning throughout the old town of Luxembourg one can hear the nightingales' and cuckoos' song. The townspeople are celebrating **Émaïshen**, a clay bird whistle festival known in Luxembourg as 'Peckvillercher'.

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Find the two pairs of identical Peckvillercher whistles.





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HUNGARY

(MAGYARORSZÁG)

Hungary is the home of the **pulis**, these lovely dogs with dreadlocks! The puli, also known as the Hungarian puli and the Hungarian water dog, is still used in its homeland to herd sheep. Hungarian shepherds take great pride in the puli and its abilities; there's a saying among Hungarian shepherds: 'He's not a dog, he's a puli.'



Draw the other members of this Puli family.

MALTA

(MALTA)

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MALTESE
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The Maltese Islands' clear blue Mediterranean waters and the combination of sheer cliffs, caves, shelves and sandy and rocky sea beds have provided a home to a large variety of sea life, making it ideal for scuba diving.



Find some of the inhabitants of these waters on the stickers page.



HOW TO DRAW A BICYCLE in 4 STEPS

① Draw an 'M' like this



② Add 2 circles as wheels and a bar



③ Add 2 more circles for the chain to go round



④ Add more details



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NETHERLANDS (NEDERLAND)

Young and old, rich and poor, everyone rides a bike in the Netherlands! At some schools 90 % of the pupils and teachers cycle to class. There is a network of cycle paths to make the ride safe and enjoyable and there are huge bike parking facilities everywhere.



Draw more bikes to fill the parking spaces!

AUSTRIA

(ÖSTERREICH)

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This is **Papageno**, one of the most loved characters of **The Magic Flute**, an opera by the Austrian composer **Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart**. Papageno is a bird-man who joins Prince Tamino on his adventures. He is a funny and kind character who is desperate to find love, build a family and have many children. In the end he is rewarded for his good nature and he meets his Papagena — she is just as he imagined!



Colour in Papageno's feathered costume and design a costume for Papagena.



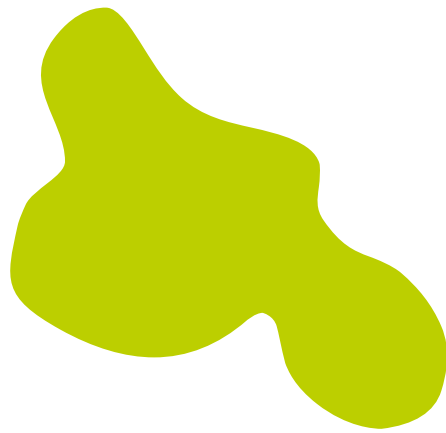
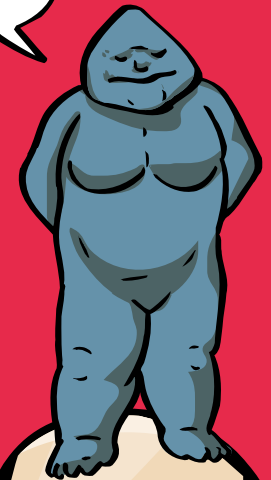
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POLAND

(POLSKA)

Wrocław's krasnale (dwarfs) are part of the local landscape and have made friends with the citizens. They live secretly in the streets and narrow alleys, hiding from passers-by. If you look carefully, you will spot them with their long beards and their little hats carrying out all types of activities.

I am Papa
Krasnal!



MOTOCYKLISTA
CHOPPER-DWARF



GOŁĘBNIK
PIGEON KEEPER



CHRAPEK
SNORER



BĄBELEK CHLAPUŚ
BUBBLE SPILLER



BOTANIK
BOTANIST



POŻARKI
FIREMEN



Find the dwarfs on the stickers page.

PORTUGAL

(PORTUGAL)

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The '**sardinha**' is the absolute star of the June festivities in Lisbon. Locals and visitors feast on freshly-grilled sardines and enjoy the lively festivities around the city! Each year there is an international contest to choose the most original drawing of a sardine. The winners get to see their artwork on show in Lisbon's streets, shop windows, trams and street dances!



Do you want to design your own original 'sardinha'?



ROMANIA

(ROMÂNIA)

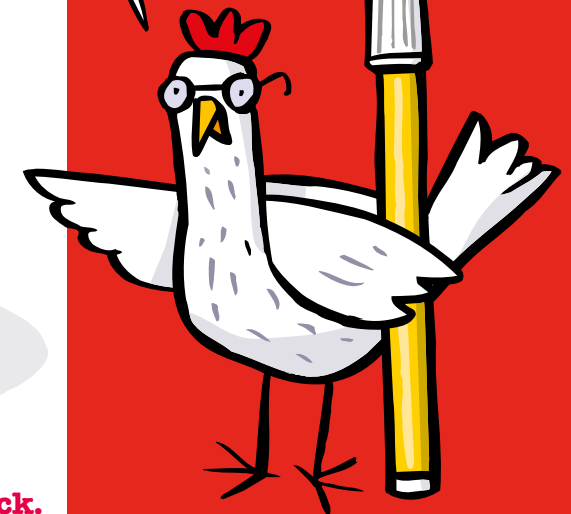
People from all over the world decorate Easter eggs, but in Romania's northern region of **Bukovina**, this tradition has evolved into an art form. Women of this region exquisitely hand-paint the eggs with traditional designs in red, black and yellow, using beeswax and natural dyes.

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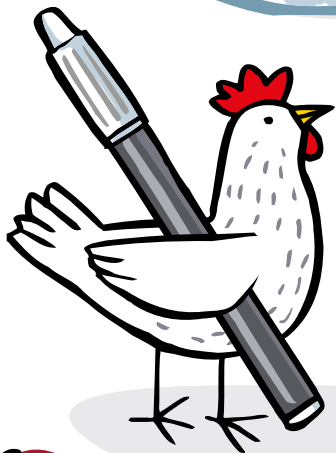
CLUCK. CLUCK
CLUCK. RED!



CLUCK. CLUCK
CLUCK. YELLOW!



CLUCK. CLUCK
CLUCK. BLACK!



Colour the Easter eggs following the indicated colour code, in yellow, red and black.

SLOVENIA

(SLOVENIJA)

Just where the Alps meet the Adriatic, Slovenia is home to some rare animals. In its forests live brown bears that have almost disappeared elsewhere; and in the waters of its dark underground caves lives the **proteus** or '**human fish**'— once thought to be 'a baby dragon' — one of the weirdest animals in Europe.

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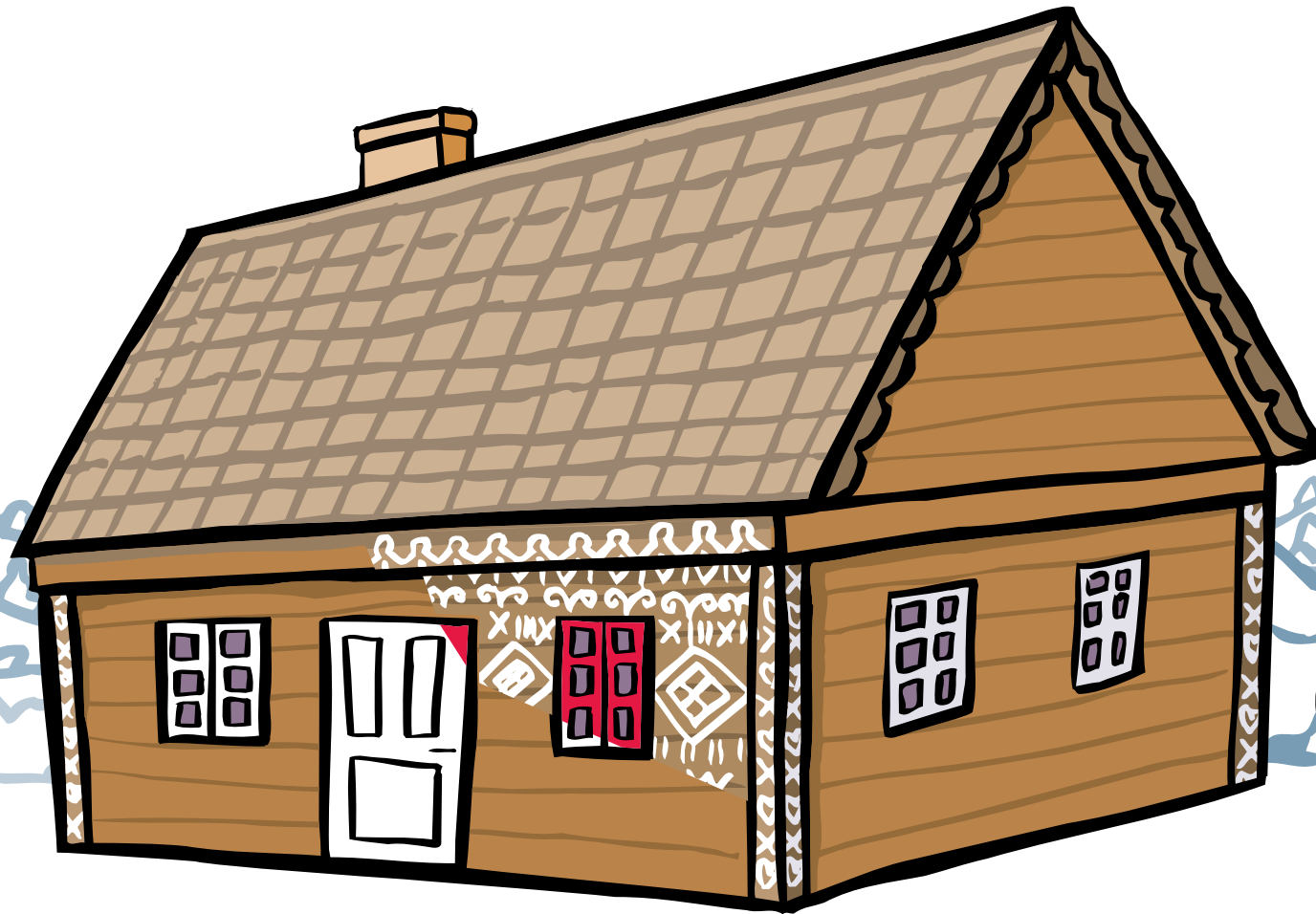
Find the route for the proteus to the centre of the cave.

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SLOVAKIA

(SLOVENSKO)

The log houses in the village of **Čičmany**, in Slovakia, are beautifully decorated with white geometrical patterns painted with lime. They embroider the same motifs on their clothes, shoes, tools, etc.



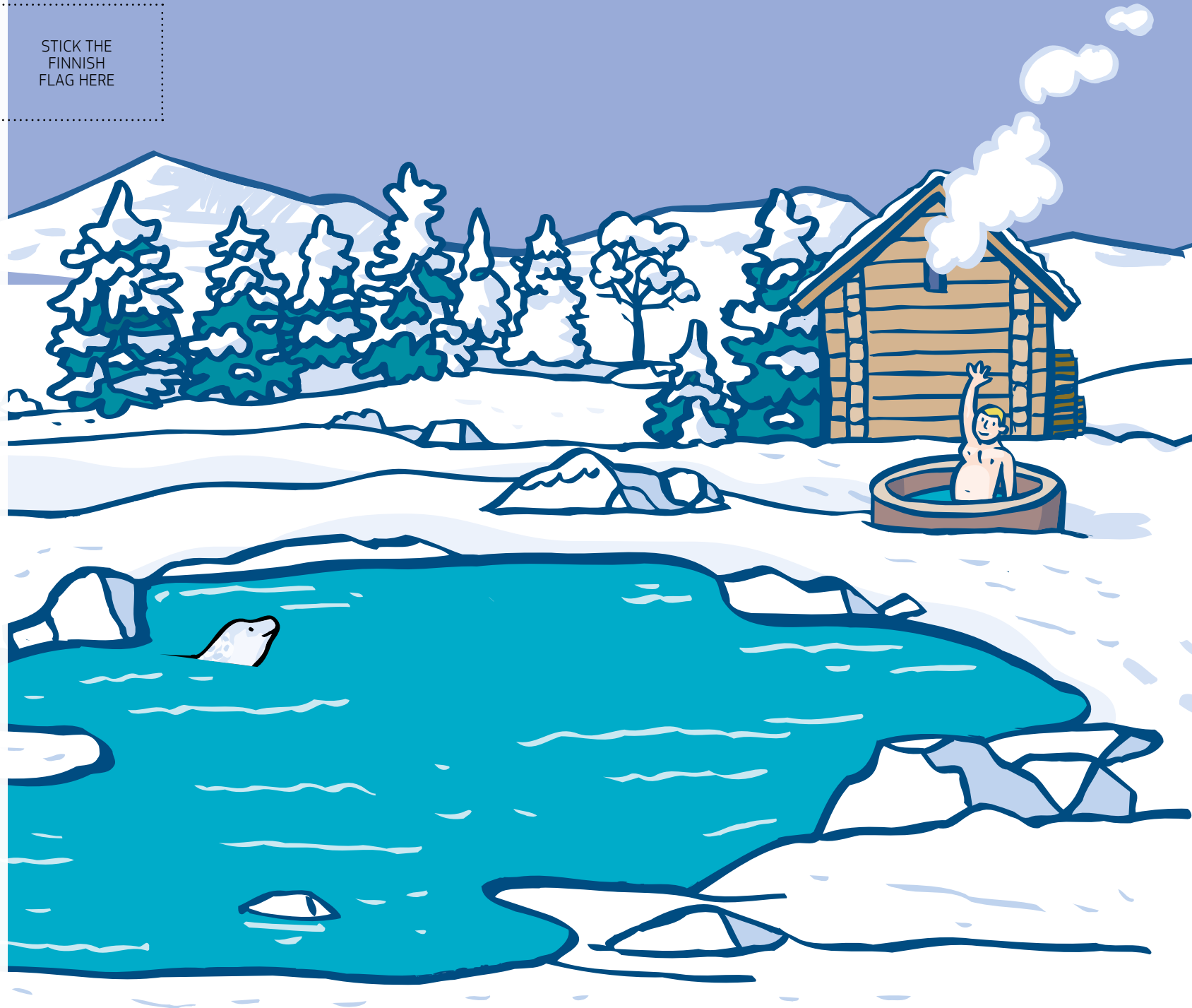
Cut and paste the pieces to help this lady finish decorating her house.

FINLAND

(SUOMI)

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FINNISH
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Finland and Sweden, to the far north of our continent, are countries of vast green forests, beautiful islands, windswept arctic fells and countless blue lakes. The pristine and picturesque landscapes of Finland provide habitat for many wild animals, like the ringed **Saimaa seal**, the only seal on the planet that has adapted to live in fresh water.

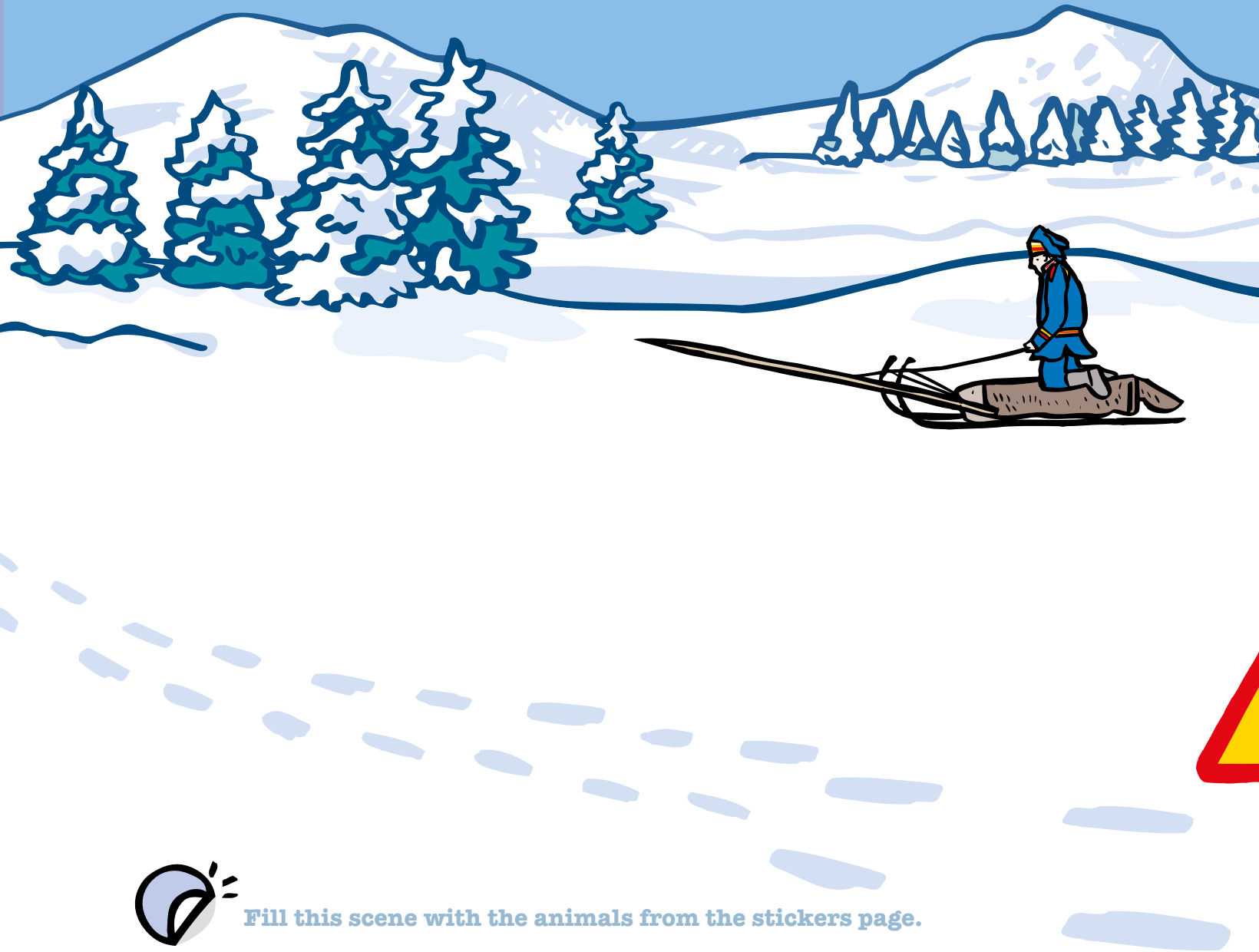


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SWEDEN

(SVERIGE)

Like its Nordic neighbour, Sweden is a beautiful country for lovers of wild nature. Swedes particularly take pride in the **moose** as an important national symbol of the Swedish landscape. But be careful not to get in the way of a moose, it may be dangerous for you ... and for the moose!

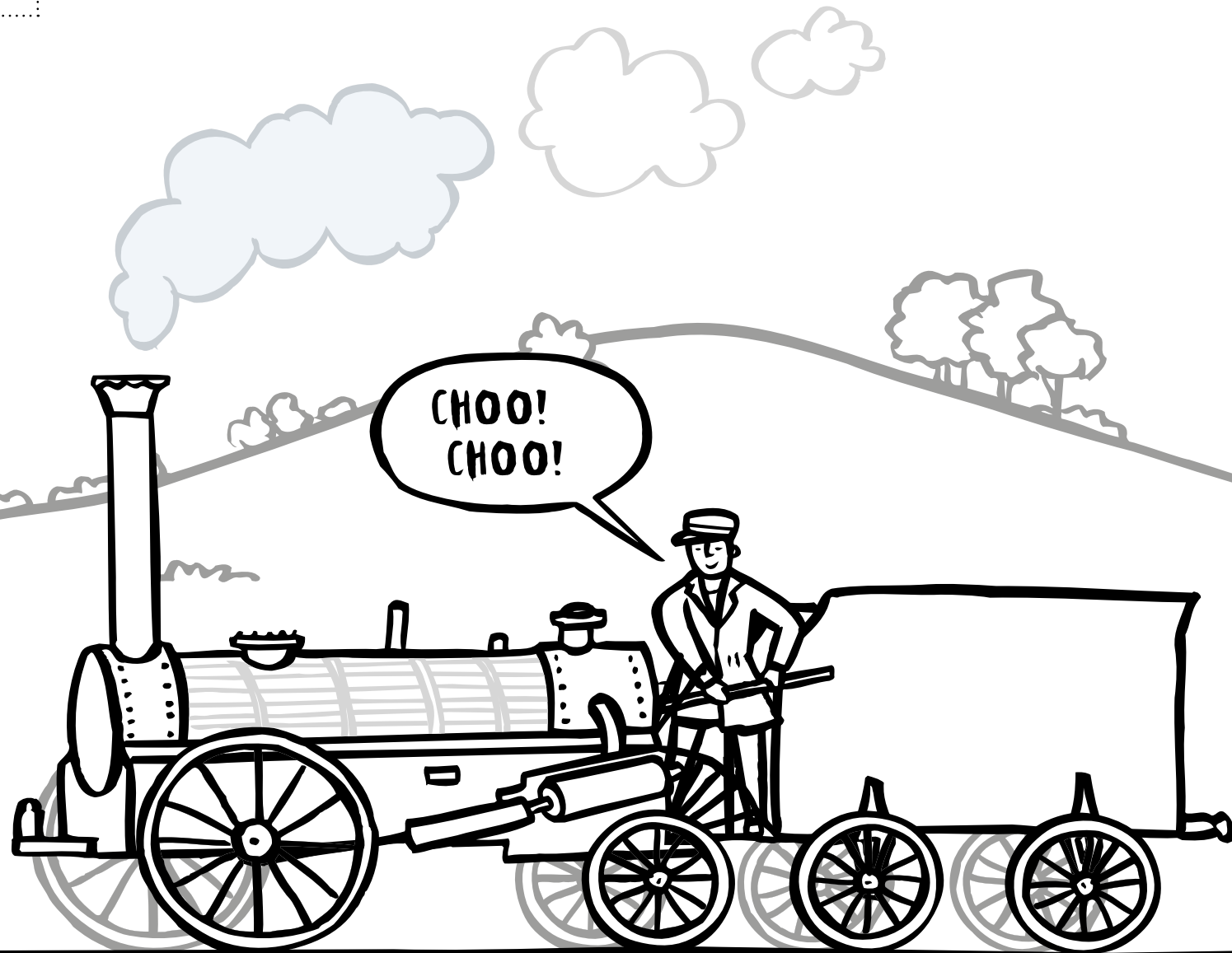
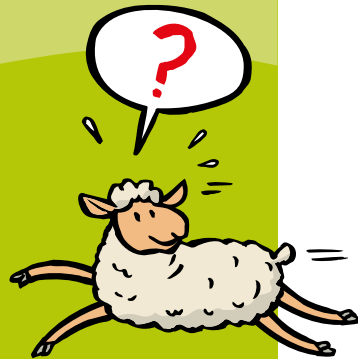


Fill this scene with the animals from the stickers page.

UNITED KINGDOM

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BRITISH
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The world's first public railway to use steam locomotives was officially opened in the United Kingdom on 27 September 1825. Its first line connected collieries near Shildon with Stockton-on-Tees and Darlington, just 25 miles. Only 10 years later this wonderful invention connected places and transported people and goods thousands of miles all over the world.

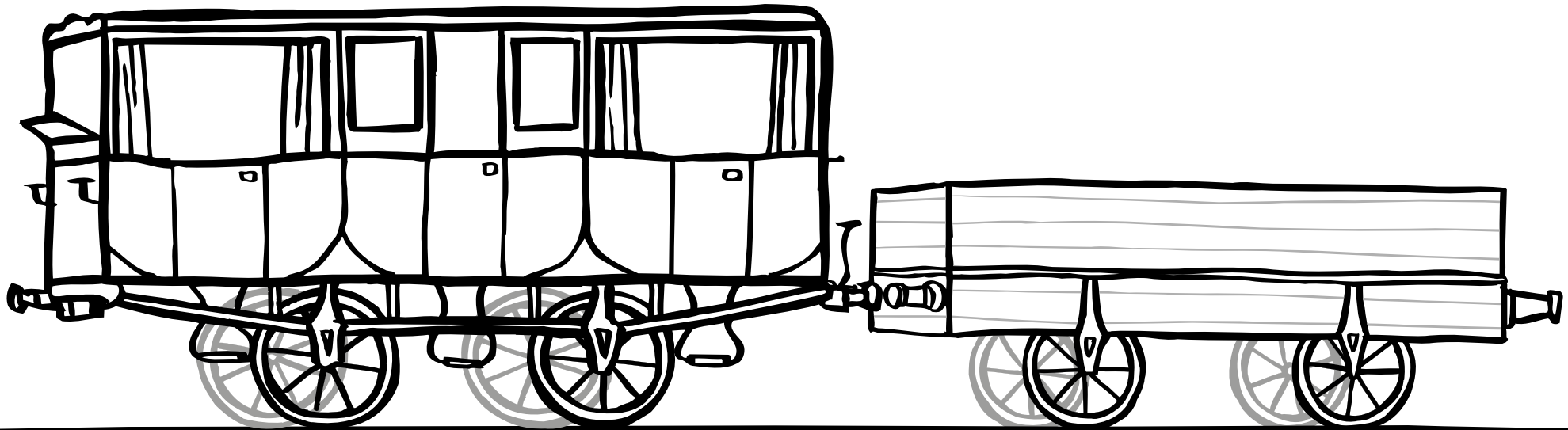
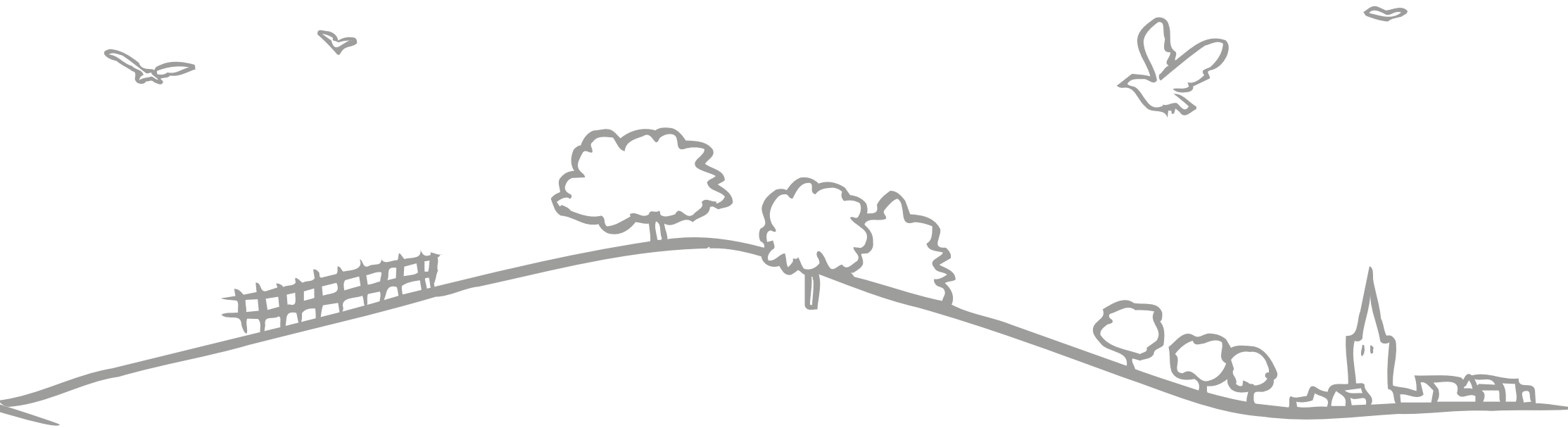


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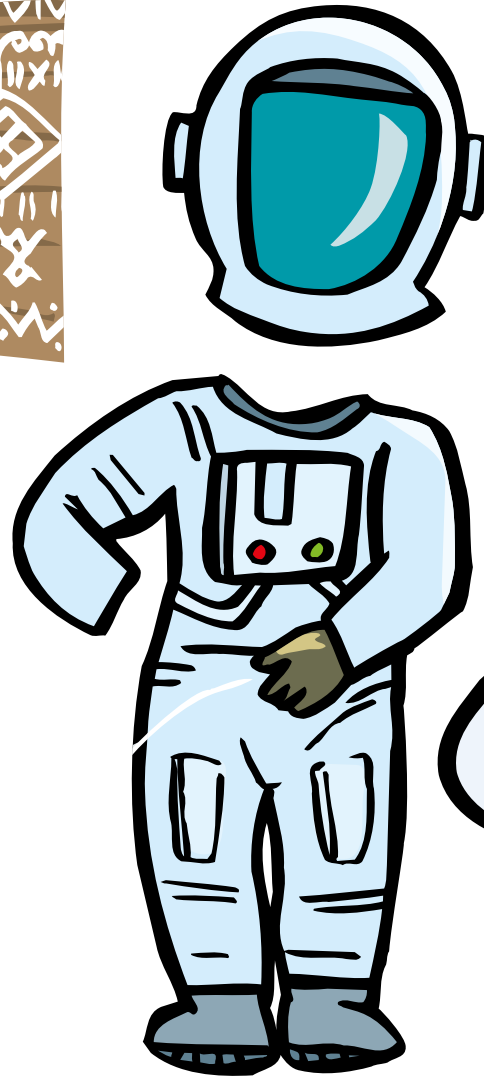
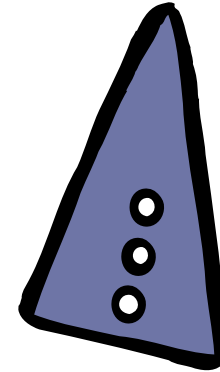
Draw goods and passengers in the carriages.



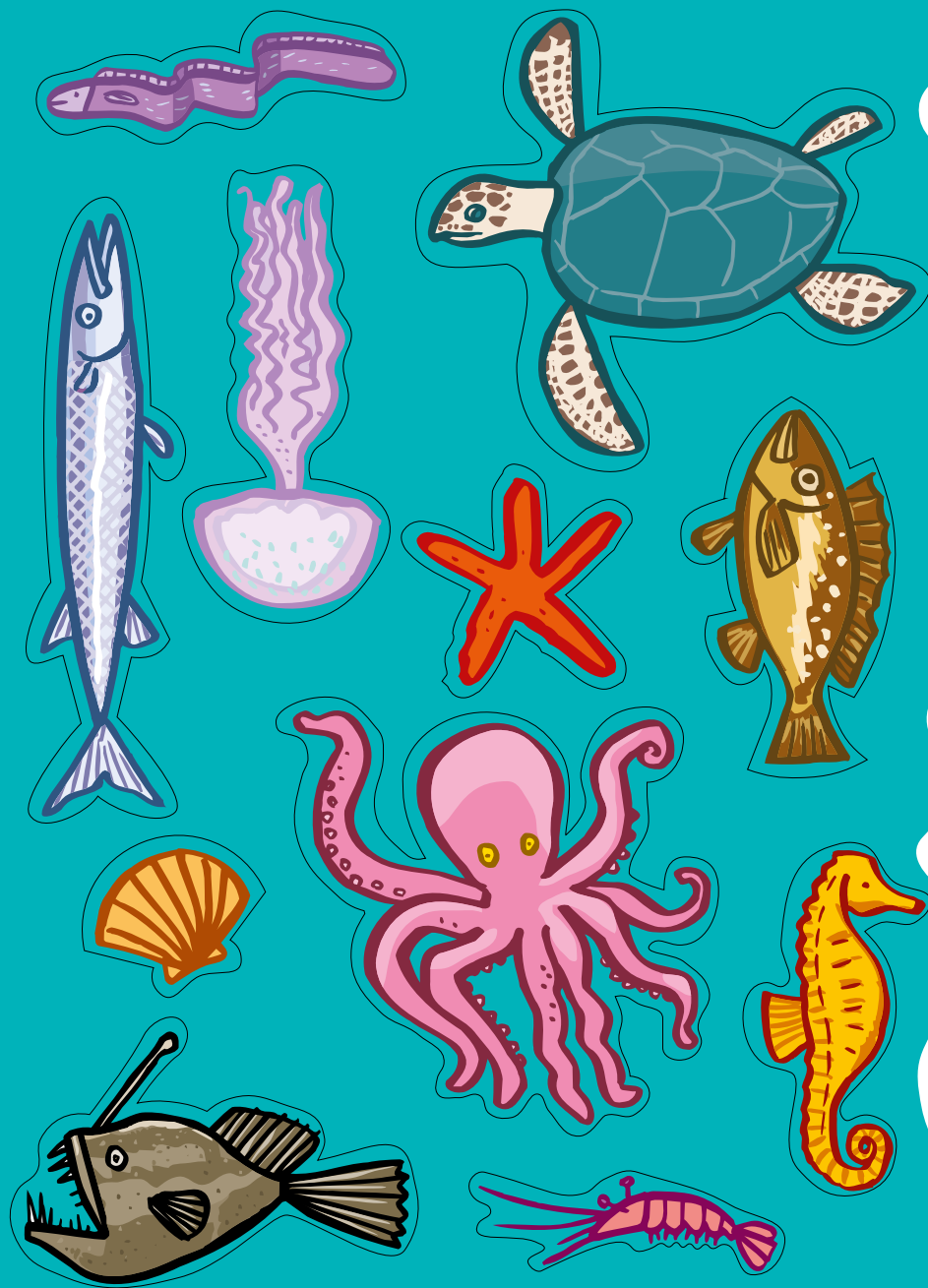
PASSENGER CARRIAGE

GOODS CARRIAGE

Cut and paste to dress
the Manneken Pis
of Belgium.



Cut and paste to finish
the wooden house of the
Slovakian lady.



Stick these creatures in the Maltese sea.



Stick the pieces in to create of your own Greek monsters.

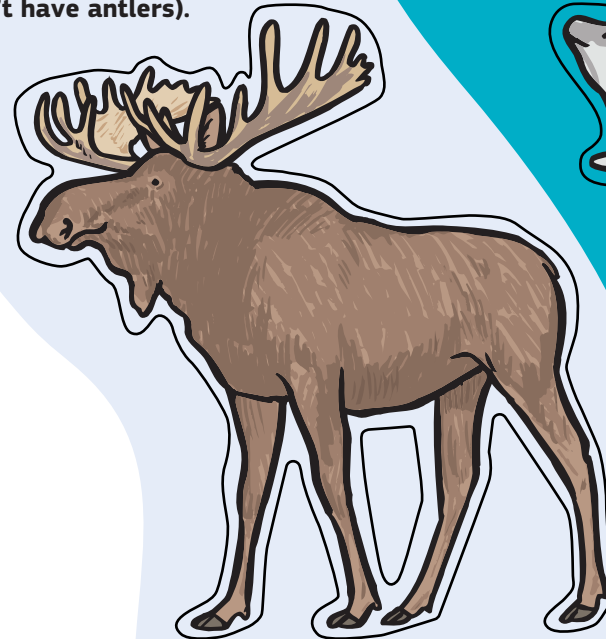


Match these stickers to the Wrocław dwarfs (Poland).

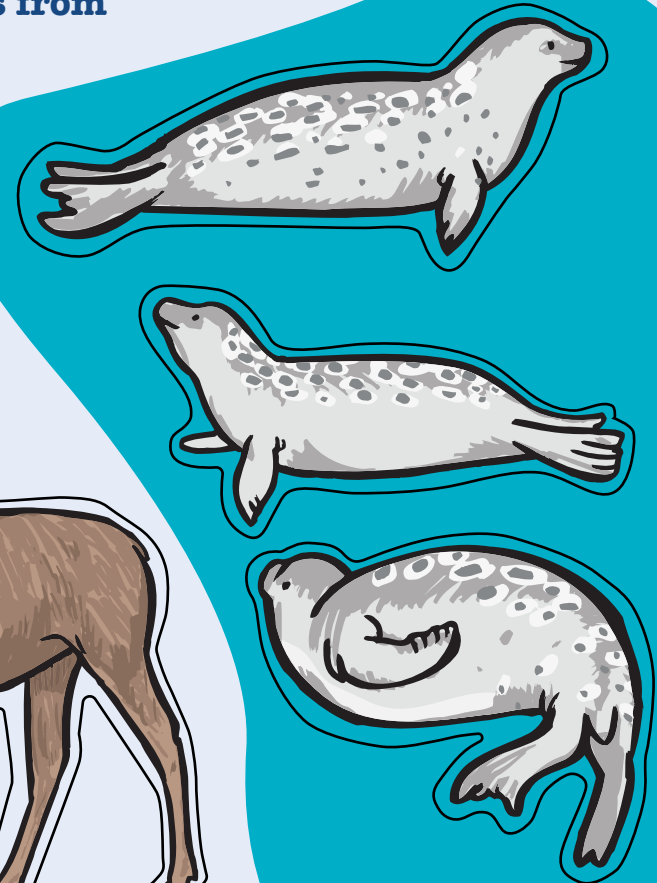


Stick in these animals from Finland and Sweden.

ELK is the largest species in the deer family. It's a wild animal. This is a male (females don't have antlers).



REINDEER is a smaller kind of deer. In Lapland, they are domesticated by men and raised in herds. They also pull pulks (sledges) (like Santa Claus' flying reindeer).



SAIMAA RINGED SEALS live only in the lake of Saimaa, in Finland.



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