

Before you begin...

You will need:

- a pencil
- an eraser
- a pencil sharpener
- a ruler for drawing straight edges
- lots of paper (recycle and re-use)
- colored pencils for finished drawings
- a folder for saving work
- · a comfortable place to draw
- · good light

Now let's begin...!

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Important Drawing Tips:

Draw lightly (SKETCH!) at first, so you can erase extra lines.

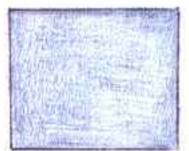
- 2 Practice, practice, practice.
- 3 Have fun drawing knights, castles and dragons!



Basic Shapes

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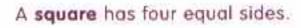
The drawings in this book start with three basic shapes. Learn these shapes and practice drawing them.



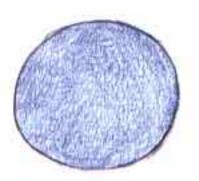


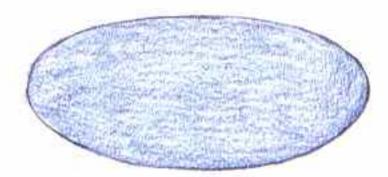






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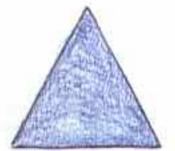


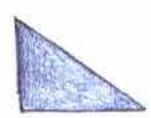


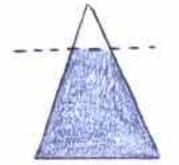


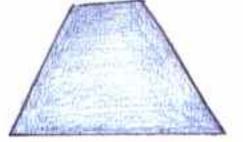
A circle is perfectly round.

An oval is a squashed circle.





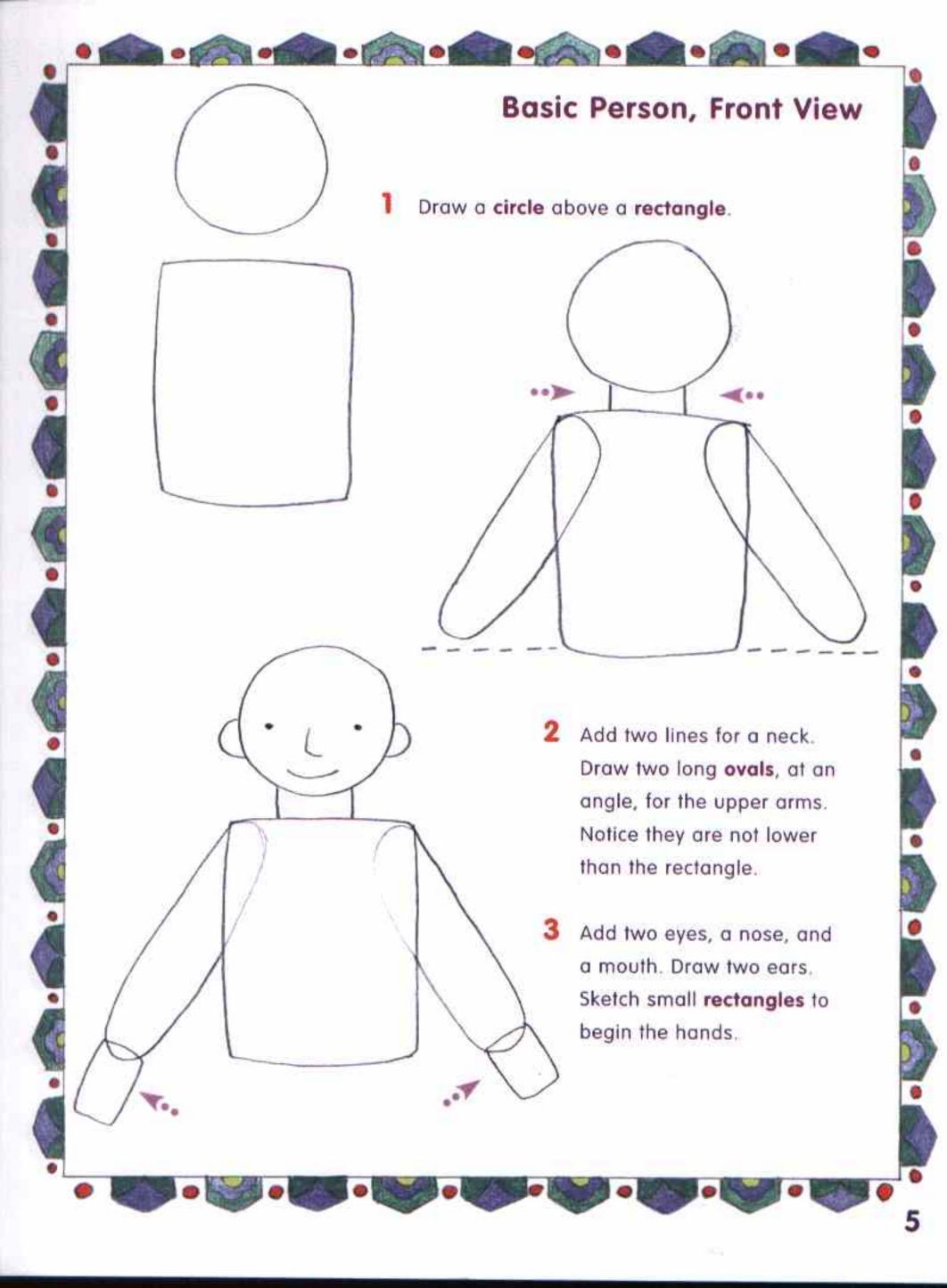




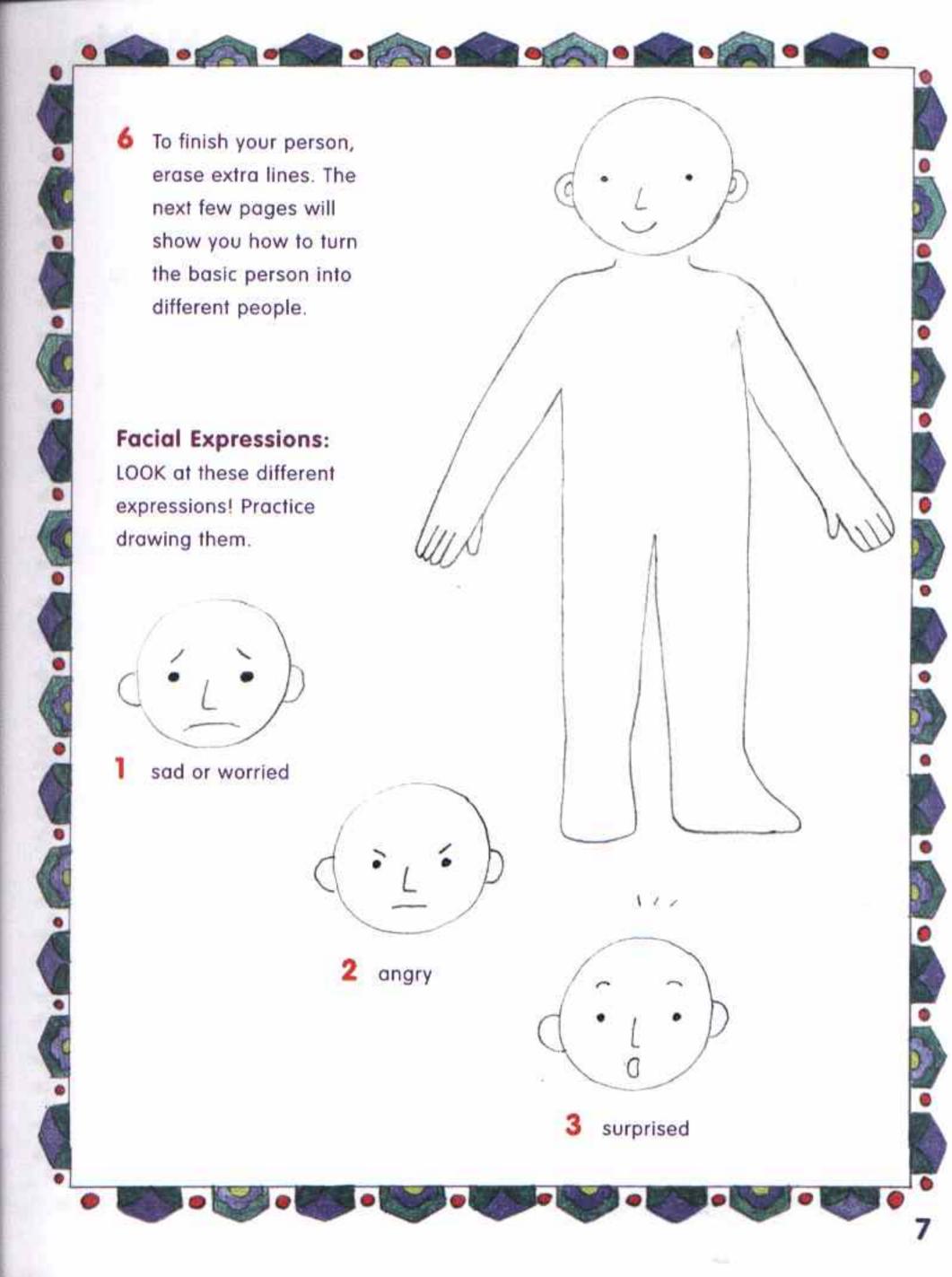
A triangle has three points and three sides.

A trapezoid is a triangle with one point cut off.

The more you practice drawing these shapes, the easier it will be. Remember: Draw lightly!

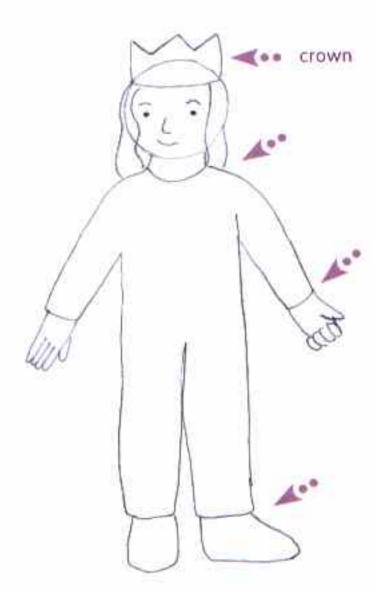






The King

Start with your basic person, front view (see pages 5-7). Draw one hand in a holding position (see page 20).



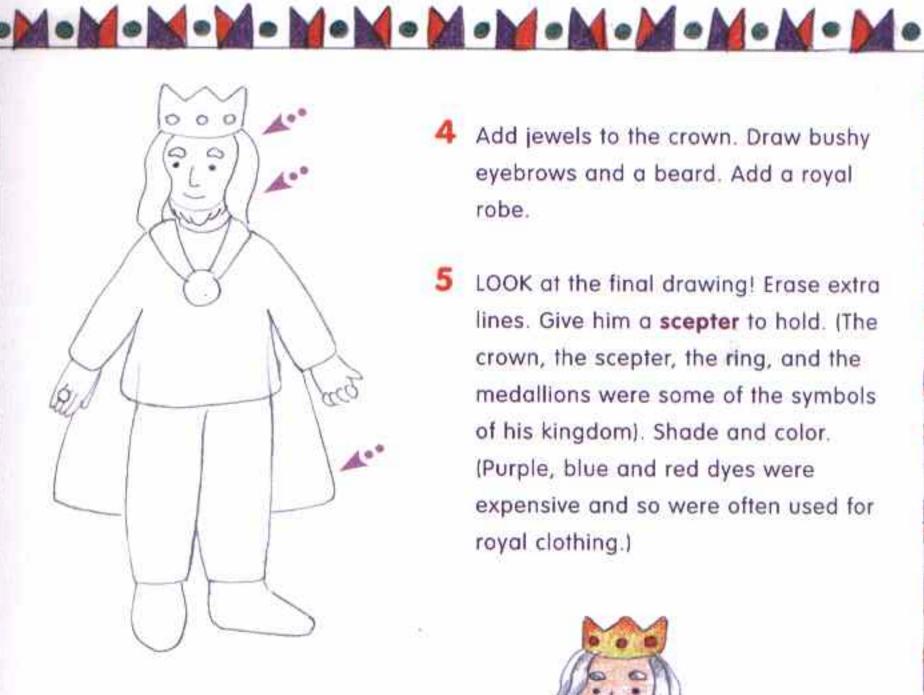
MoMoMoMoMoMoMoMoMoMoMoMoMoMoMoMo

2 Draw a crown. Add long hair. Draw clothing lines at the neck, feet and hands.



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3 Draw the medallion he is wearing around his neck. Add a ring on one finger.



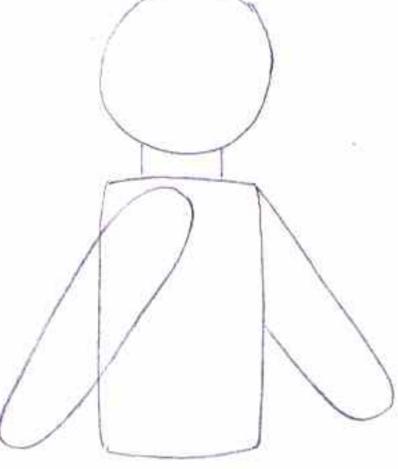
- Add jewels to the crown. Draw bushy eyebrows and a beard. Add a royal robe.
- LOOK at the final drawing! Erase extra lines. Give him a scepter to hold. (The crown, the scepter, the ring, and the medallions were some of the symbols of his kingdom). Shade and color. (Purple, blue and red dyes were expensive and so were often used for royal clothing.)

During the Middle Ages (500 A.D to 1500 A.D.), Europe was divided into many small nations constantly at war. A king owned all the land in his kingdom. He gave some of his land to barons who then swore loyalty to the king. The barons helped the king fight the kings of other nations. Sometimes the king had to keep his own barons from fighting with each other. It was not easy to be a king during the Middle Ages.

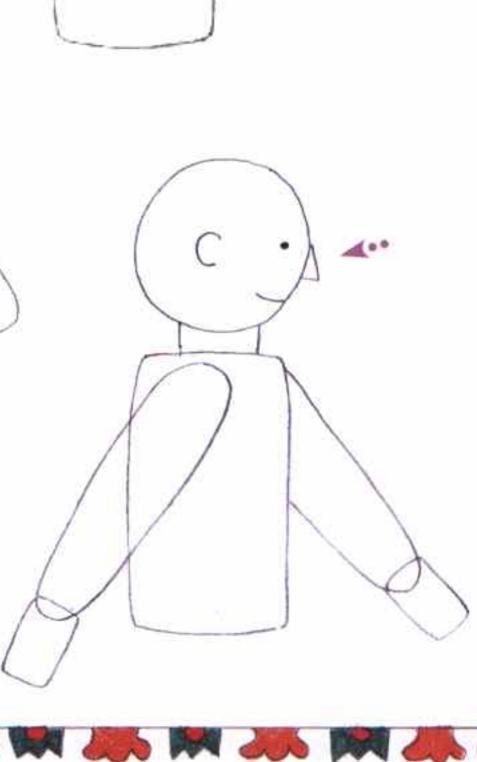


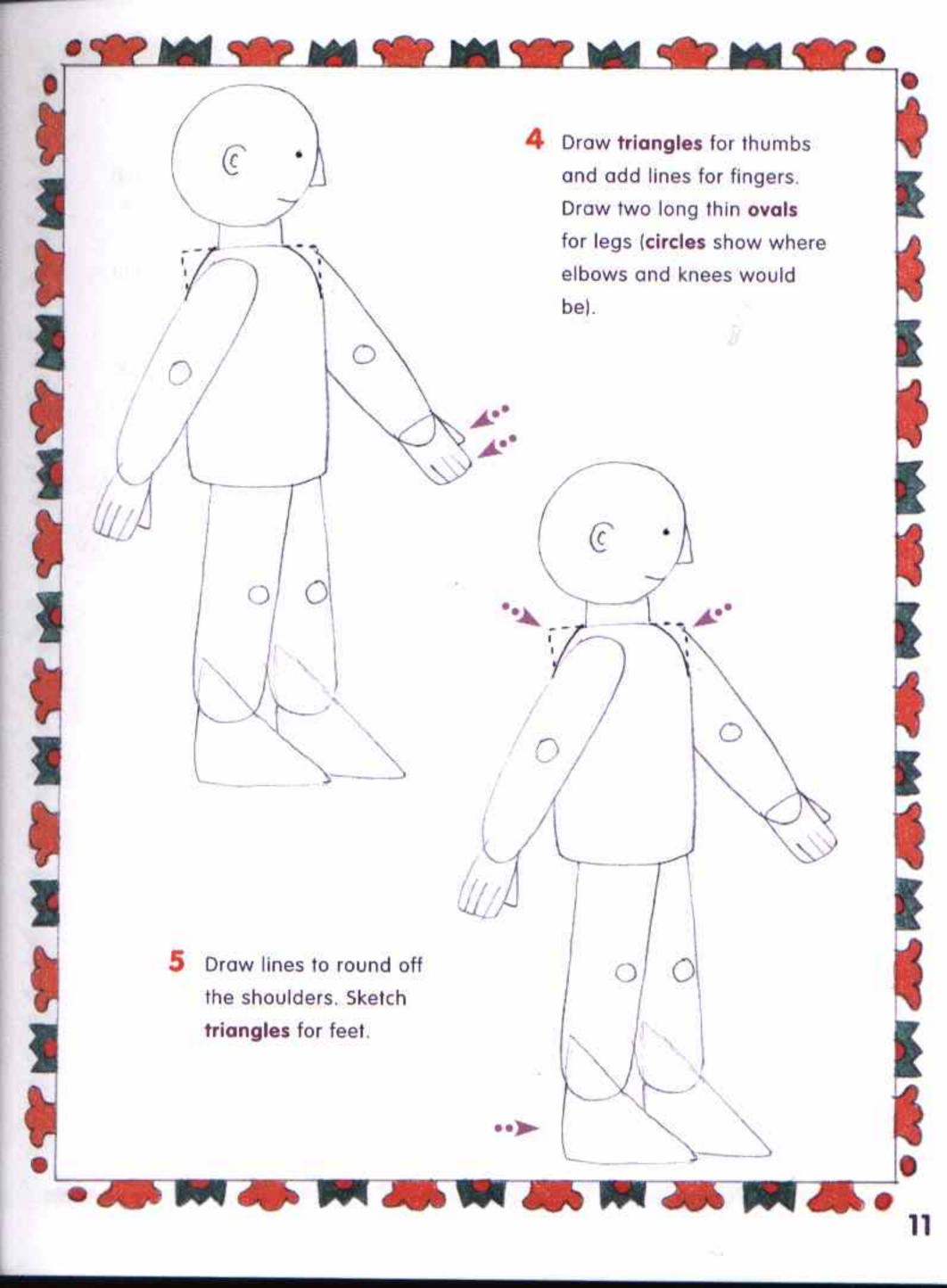
Basic Person, Side View

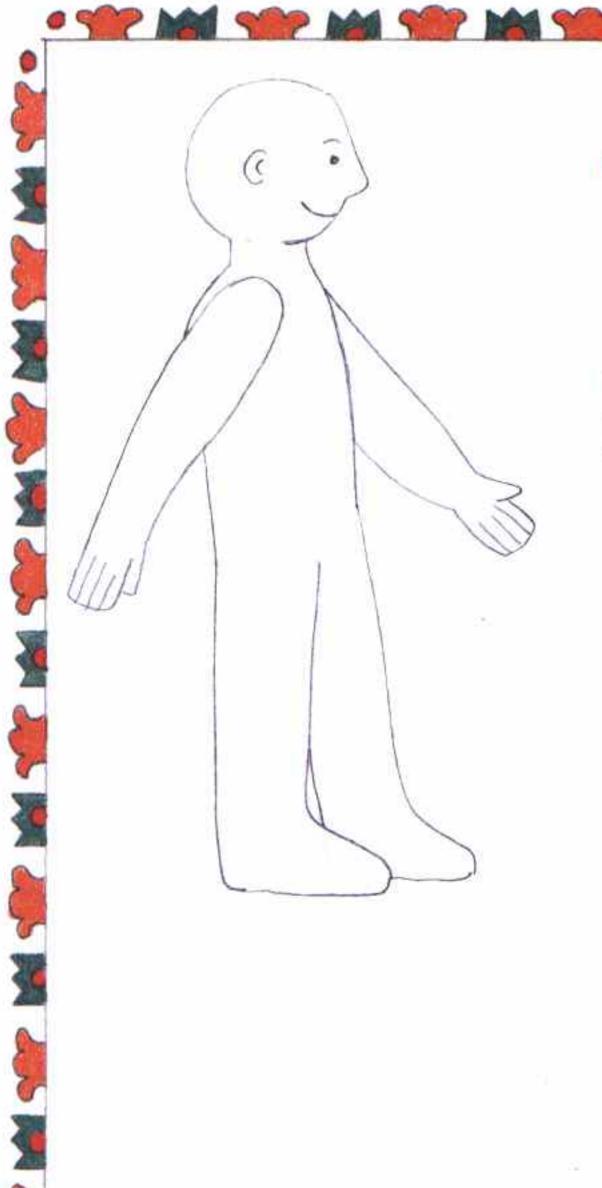
- 1 Draw a circle above a rectangle.
- 2 Add two lines for the neck. Draw two long, thin ovals for the arms. Notice the angle.



3 Draw a **triangle** for the nose. Add an eye, a mouth, and an ear. Draw two **rectangles** to begin the hands.





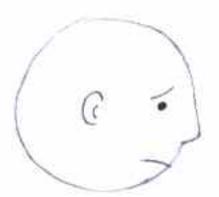


6 LOOK at the final drawing! Erase extra lines. You are now ready to turn the basic person into different people.

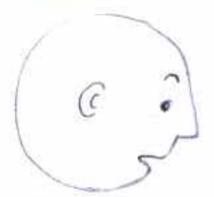
Facial Expressions: LOOK at these different expressions! Practice drawing them.



1 angry



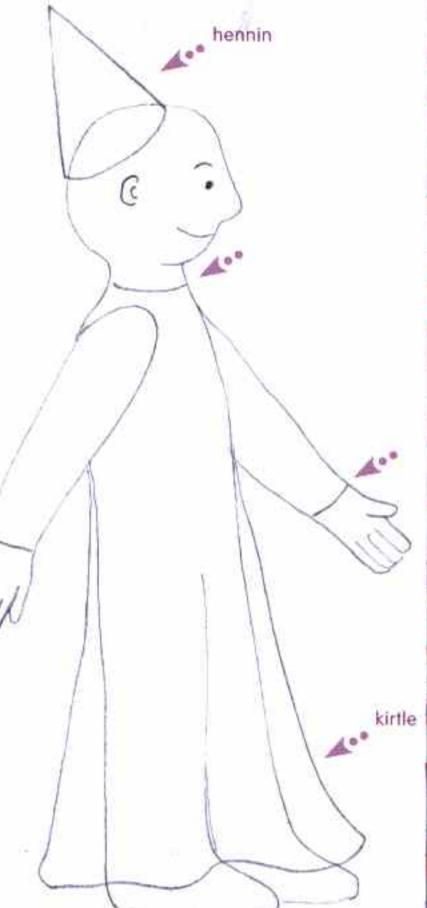
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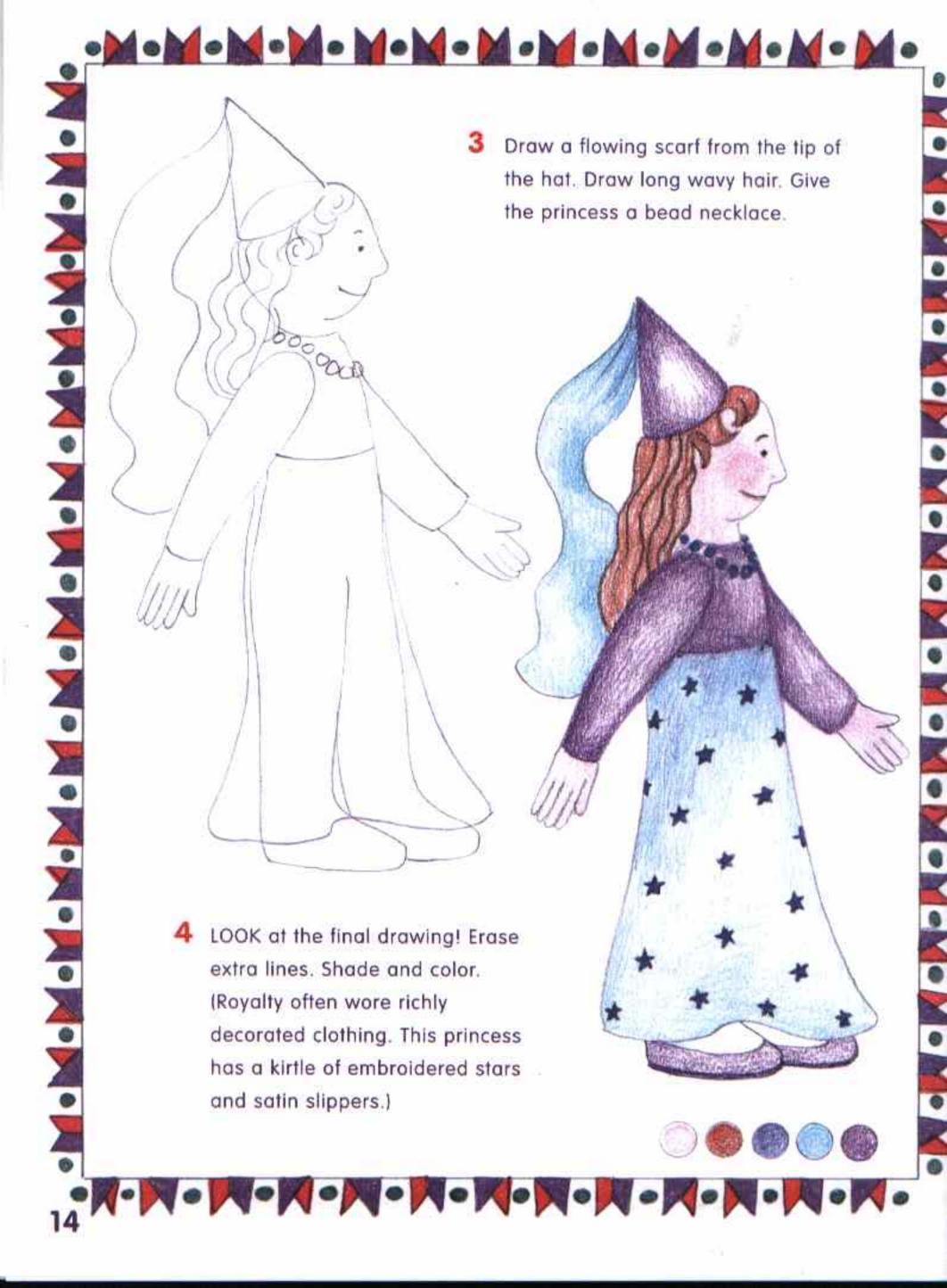


3 surprised

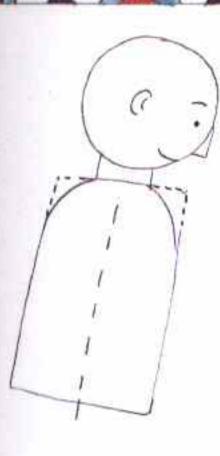
-M-M-M-M-M-M-M-M-M-M-MoMoMoMoMoMoMoMoMoMoMoMoMoMoMoMoMo **A Princess** A princess is the daughter of a king and queen. During the Middle Ages, she was expected to learn how to manage a large household, use herbs for medicines, embroider, dance and play a musical instrument. She had to be a gracious hostess as well.

- Start with your basic person, side view (see pages 10-12).
- Draw a triangular hat called a hennin (HEN in). Add clothing lines at the neck and wrists. Draw a long, flowing dress called a kirtle (KIR till).

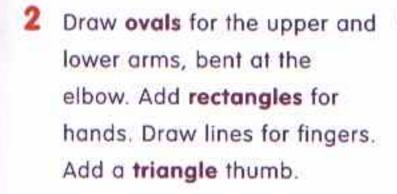




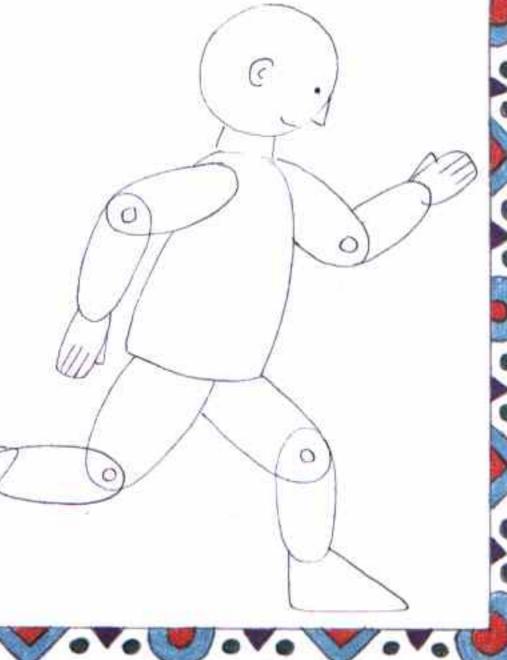
Basic Person, Running

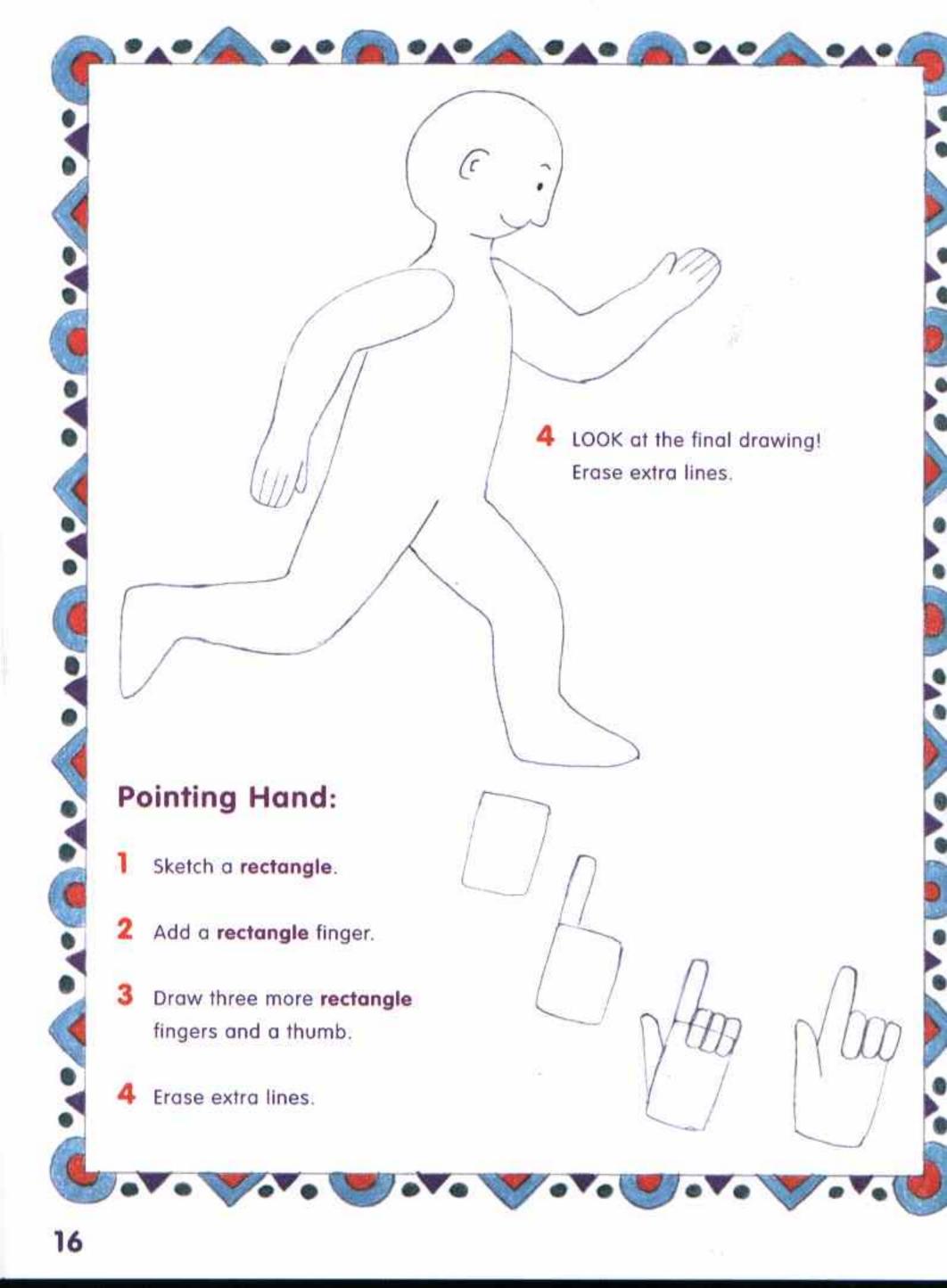


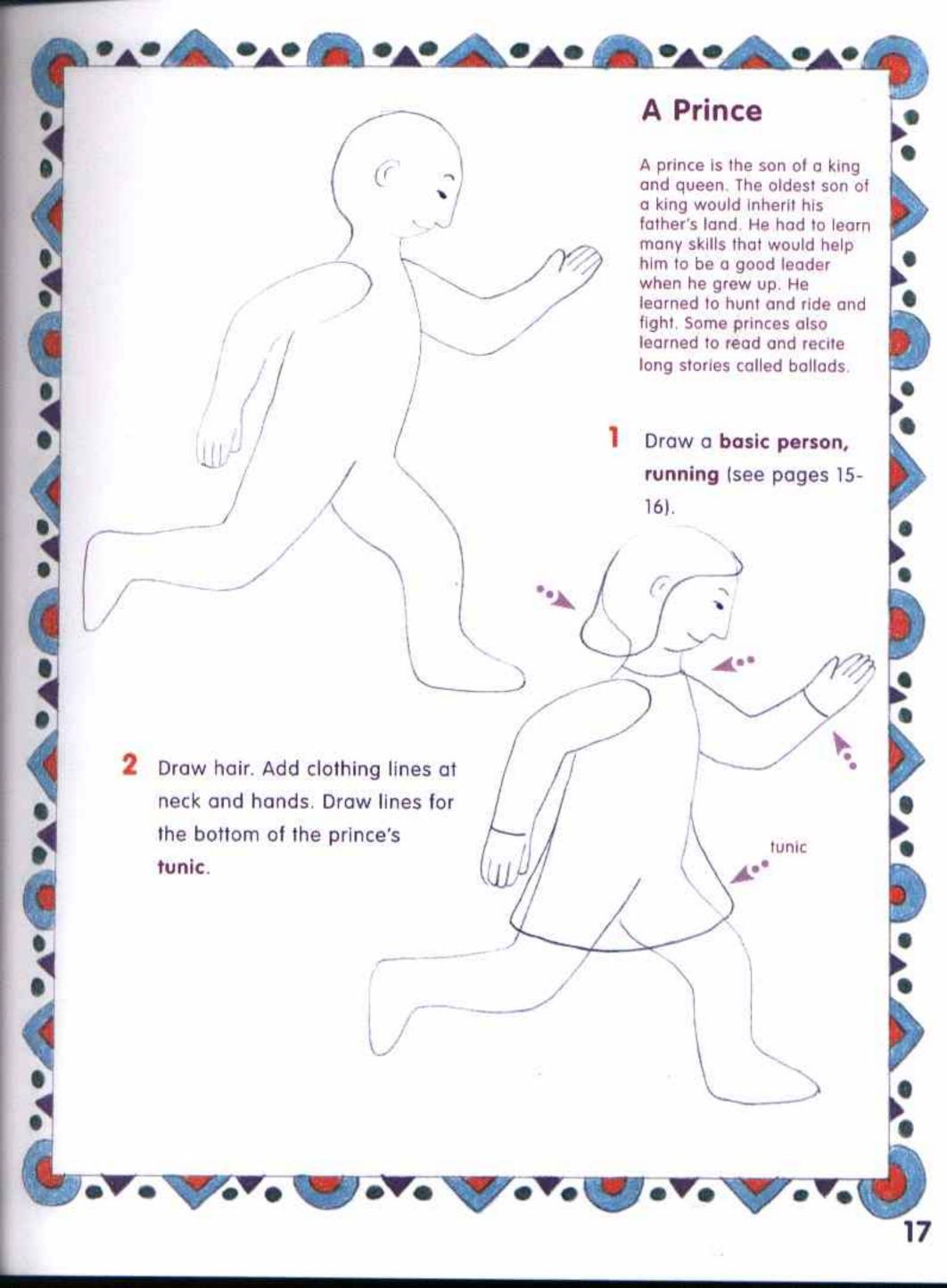
Draw a circle for the head and a tilted rectangle for the upper body. Add neck lines. Draw the face, ear, and triangle nose. Add lines to round the shoulders.

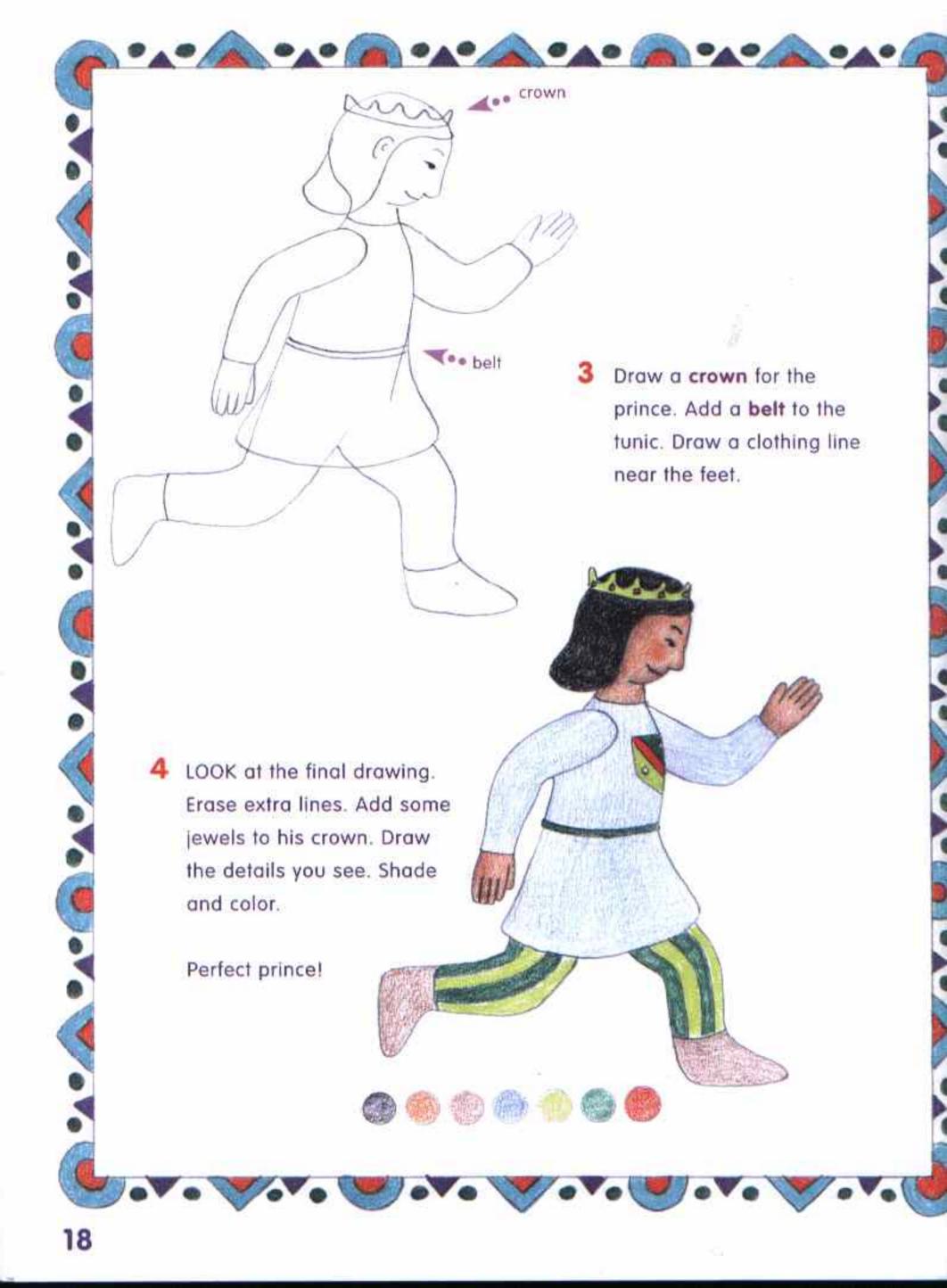


3 Draw upper legs and ovals for lower legs, bent at the knees. Add triangle feet.



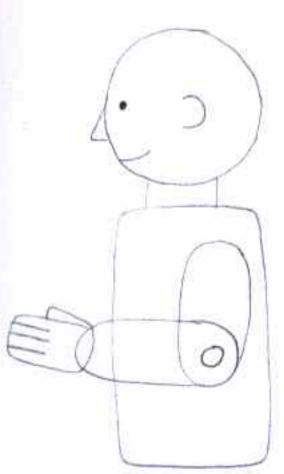




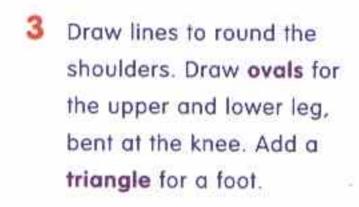


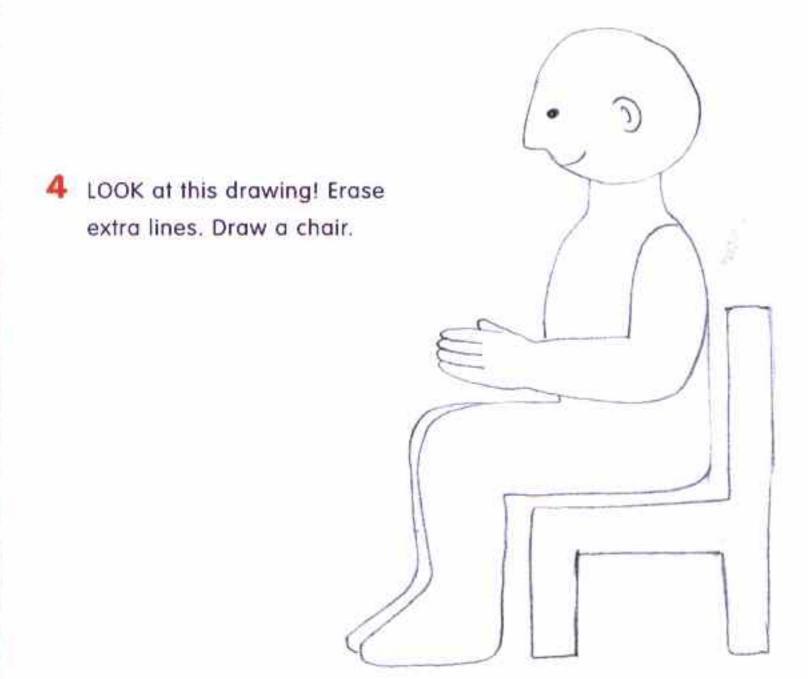
Basic Person, Sitting

Draw a circle for the head and a rectangle for the upper body. Add a triangle nose. Draw the eye, ear, and mouth. Add two lines for the neck.



2 Draw long thin ovals for the upper and lower arms, bending at the elbow. Add a rectangle for the hand. Draw a thumb and lines for fingers.



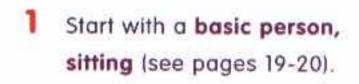


Hand Holding Something:

- 1 Start with a rectangle.
- 2 Add four small ovals for fingers.
- 3 Draw a thumb.
- 4 Erase extra lines. Draw a handle for the hand to hold.



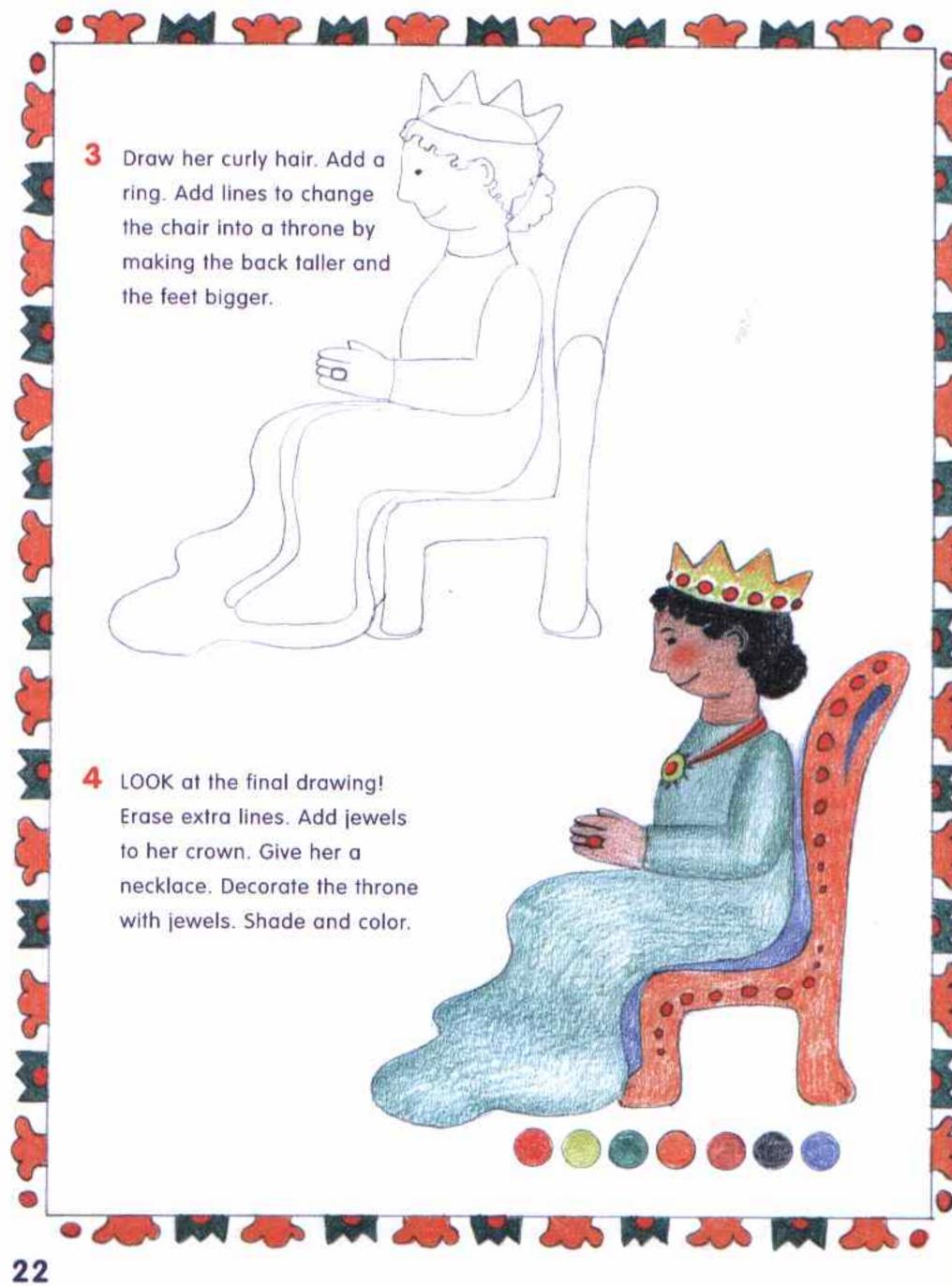
The Queen



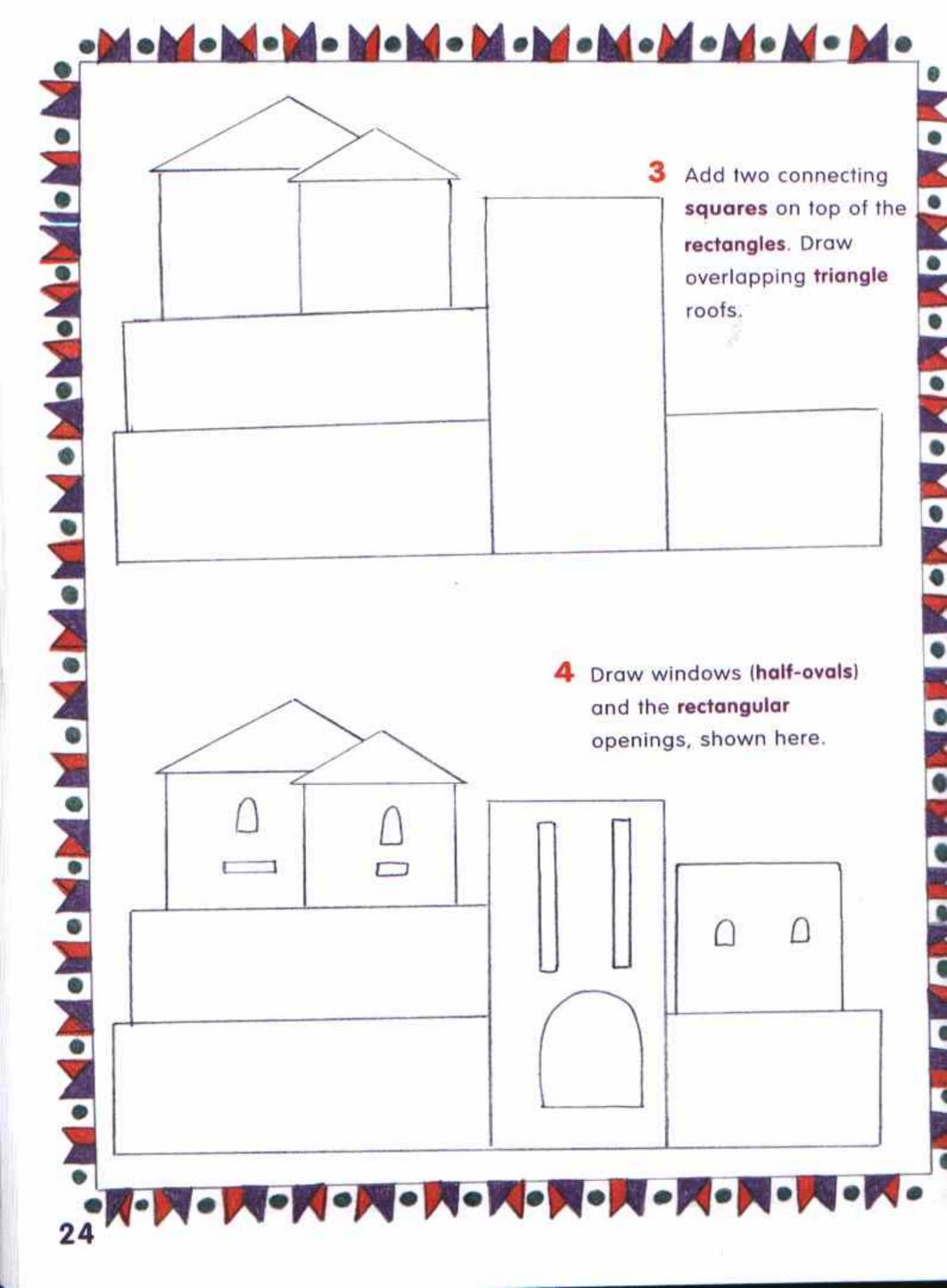
2 Draw a crown. Add clothing lines at the neck and hand. Draw a long flowing skirt.

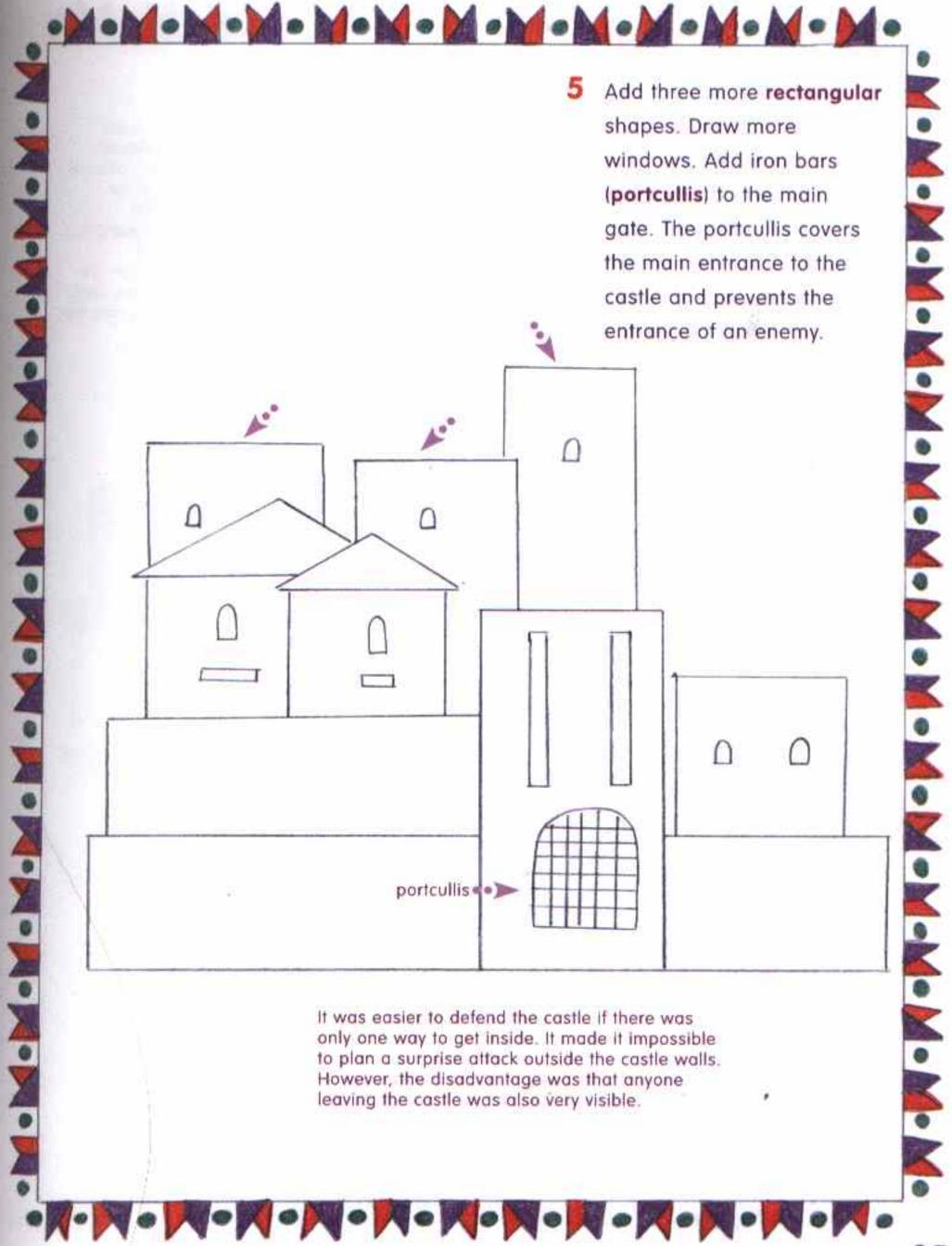
The queen was the wife of the king and the lady of the castle. She wore richly embroidered clothes and jewels to show the wealth of the kingdom. She was accomplished at sewing, music, and dancing. Her jobs included housekeeping and healing. She also helped teach her children so that they could become good kings and queens when they grew up. If the king was away on hunting trips or fighting battles, the queen was in charge of the kingdom.

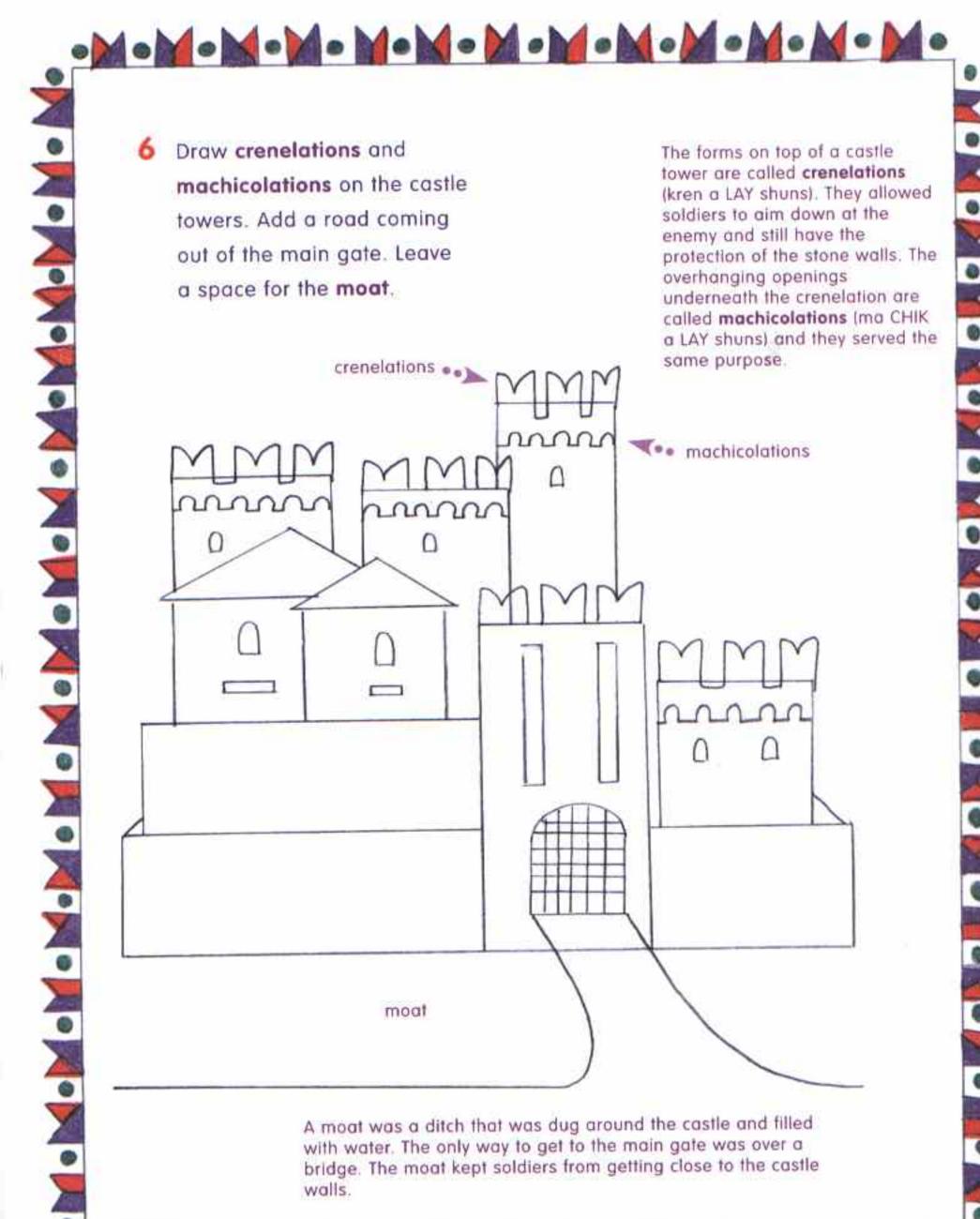




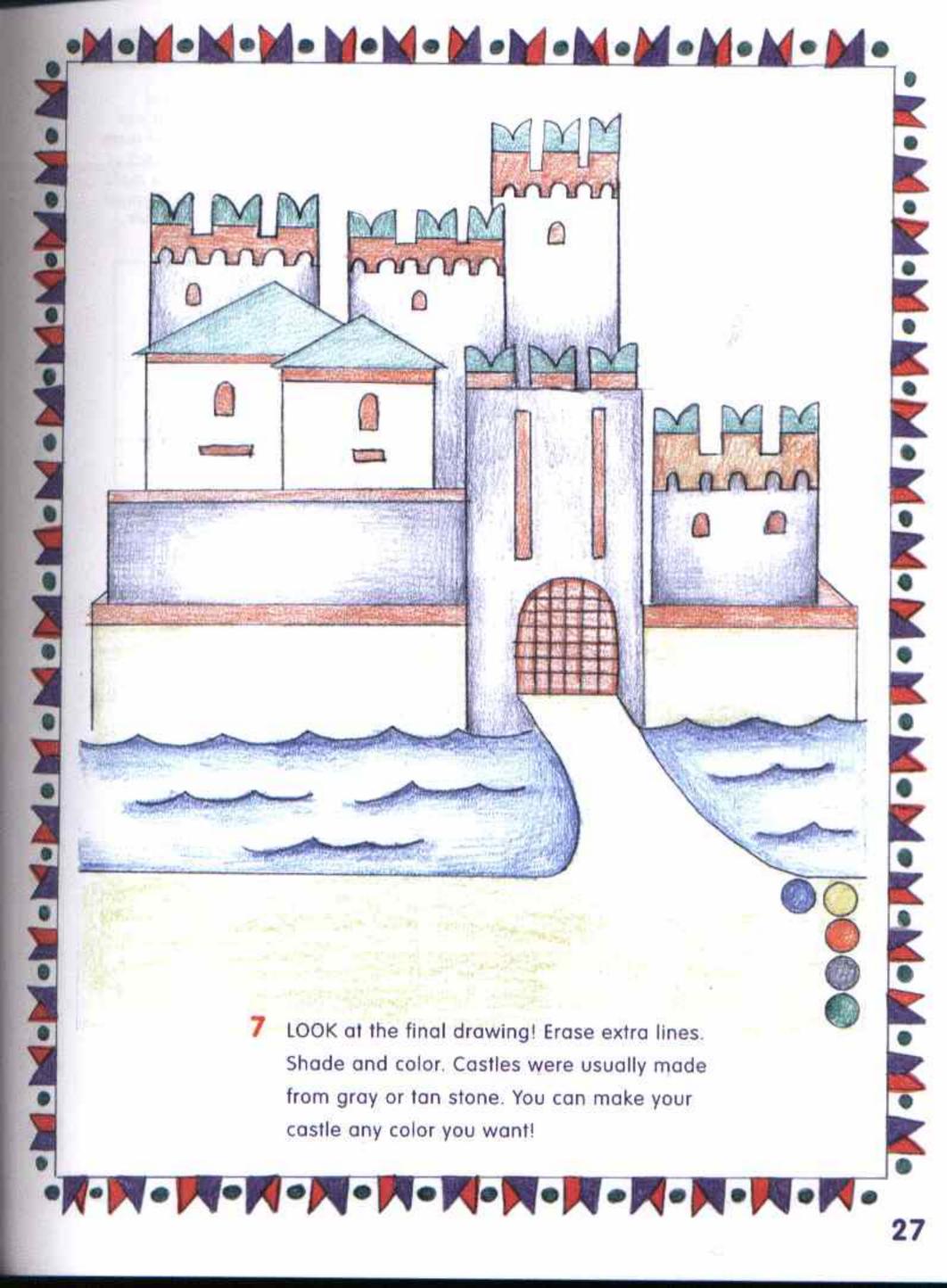
OMOMOMOMOMOMOMOMOMOMO Castle One OMONOMONOMONOMONOMONOMONOMONO Stone castles in Europe date from the 11th century. The name castle comes from the Latin word for fort or stronghold. Some were luxurious and fancy to show off the wealth of the king, but some were as bare and cold as a cave. Draw two connecting rectangles. You may want to use a ruler to keep your lines straight. Add two connecting rectangles on the left side. Notice, the lower rectangle is slightly wider.







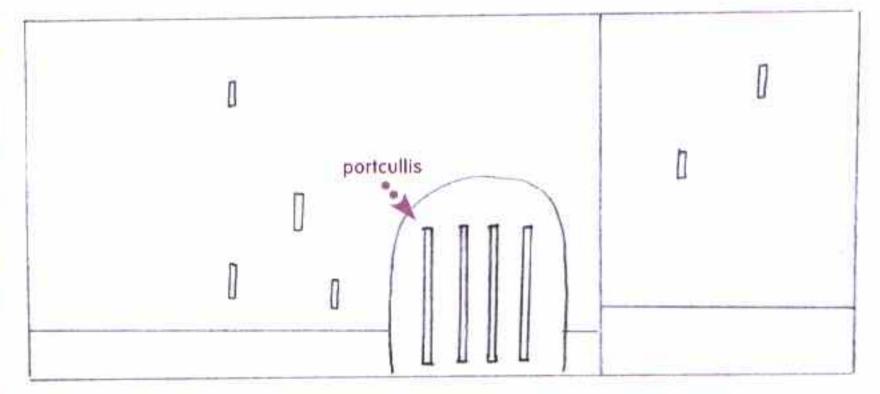
bridge. The moat kept soldiers from getting close to the castle walls.



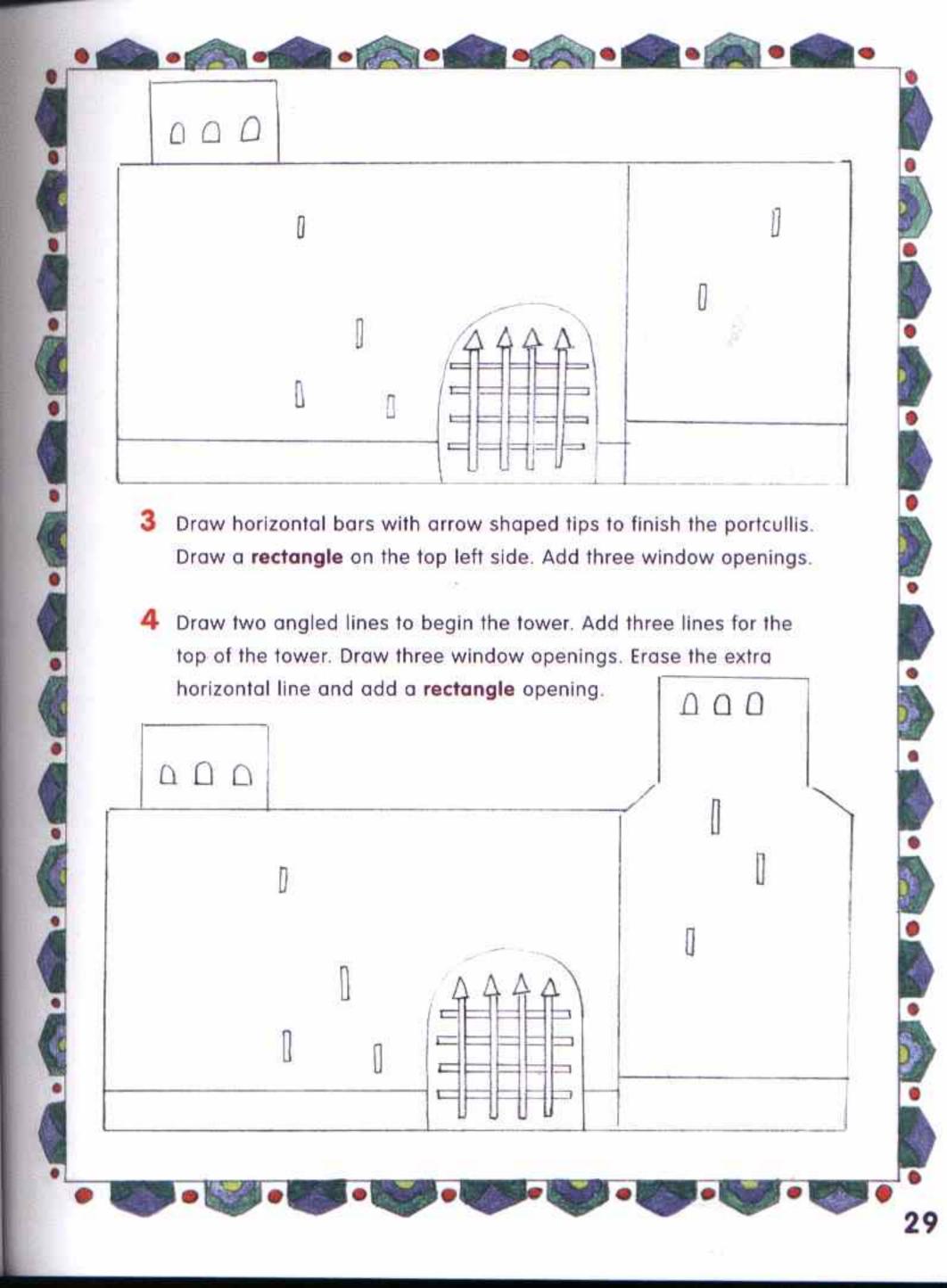
Castle Two

Castles were built on foundations of natural rock. When a ditch or moat was dug, the rock was used to build the castle walls which were often eight feet thick or more. The roofs of the towers were made of sheets of lead because it was fireproof. Sometimes as many as 3,000 workers were employed to build the castle.

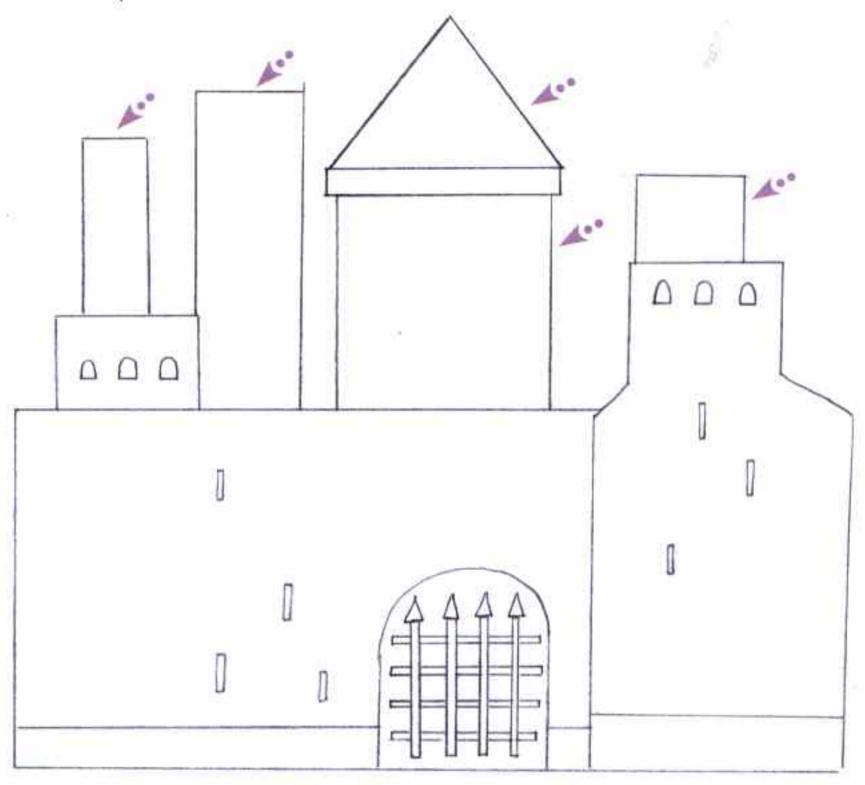
Start with a rectangle.
Draw a dividing line on the right side.



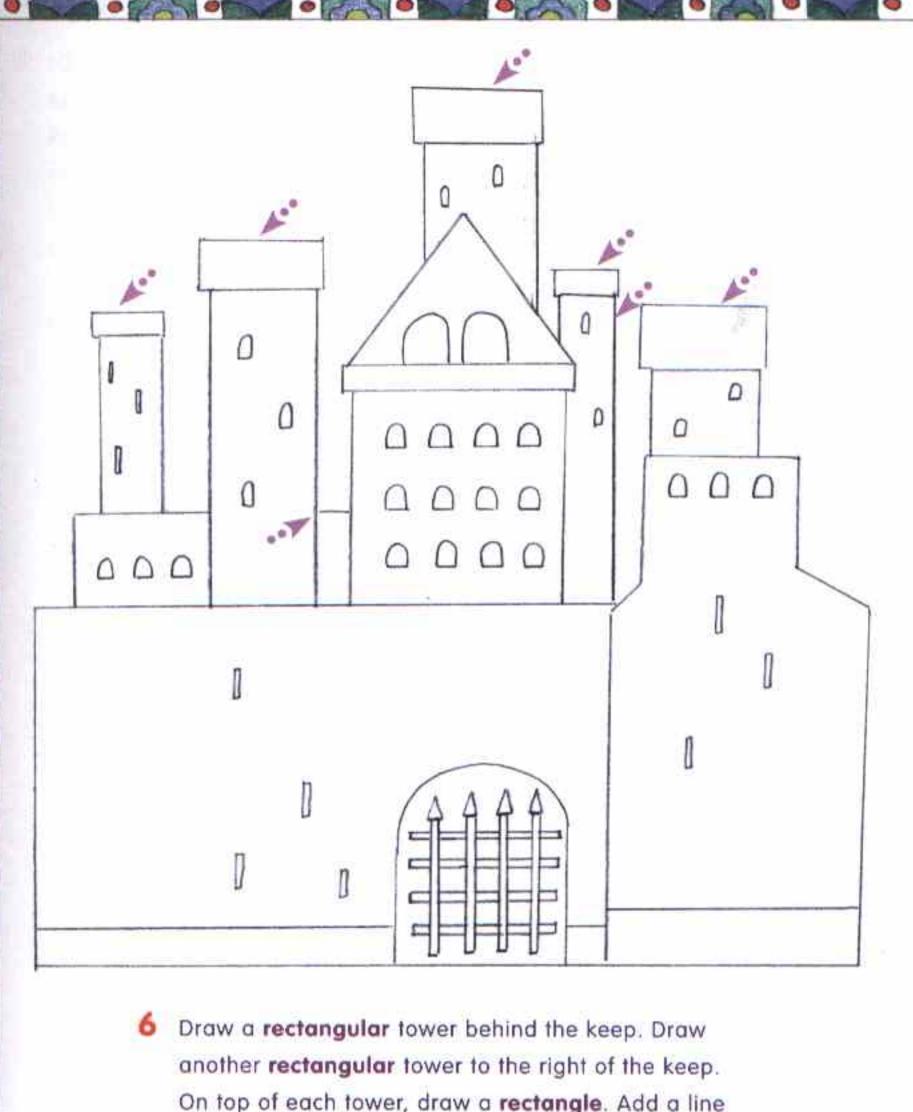
2 Add a half-oval for the main gate. Draw vertical bars to begin the portcullis. Add several, small rectangular openings. Draw a line to show the foundation stone.



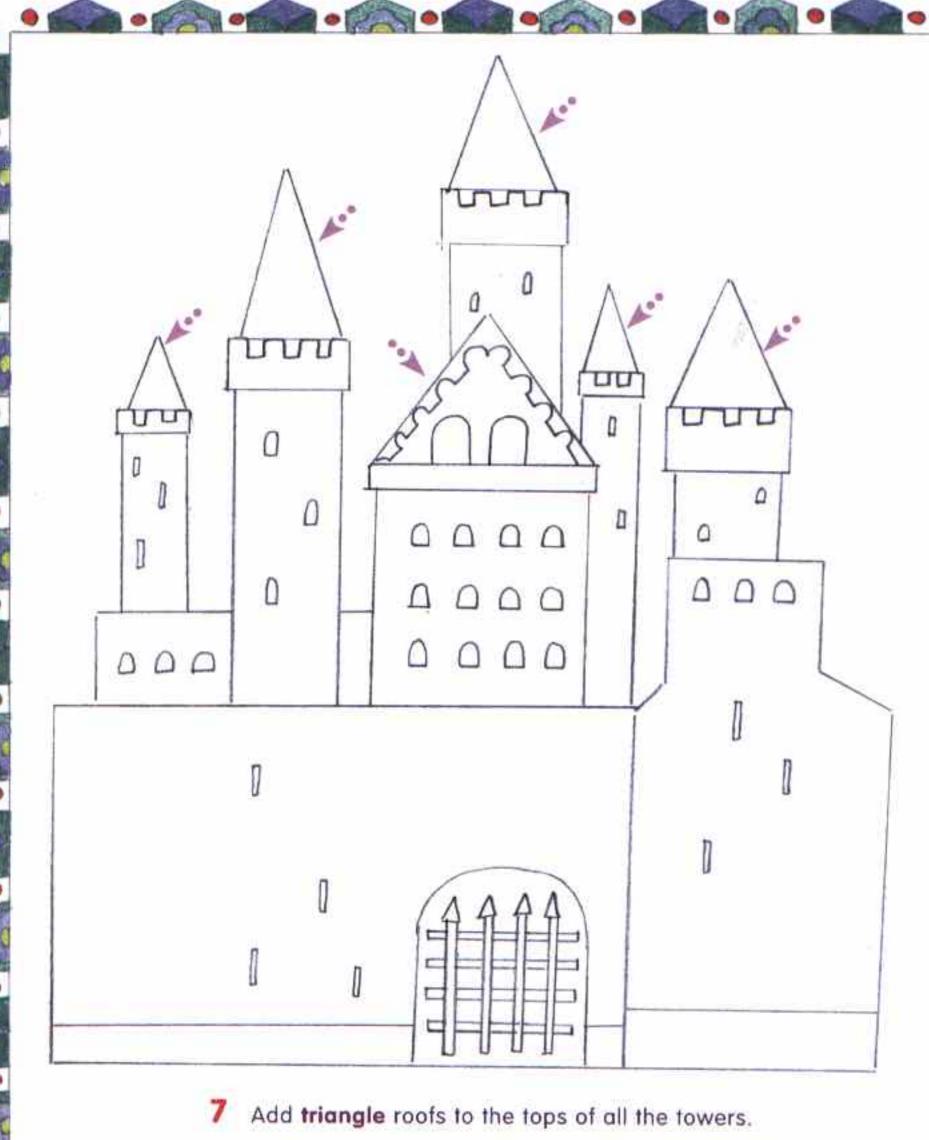
5 Draw three tall rectangles starting on the left. Add a triangle roof to the one above the gate. Draw a square on top of the tower.



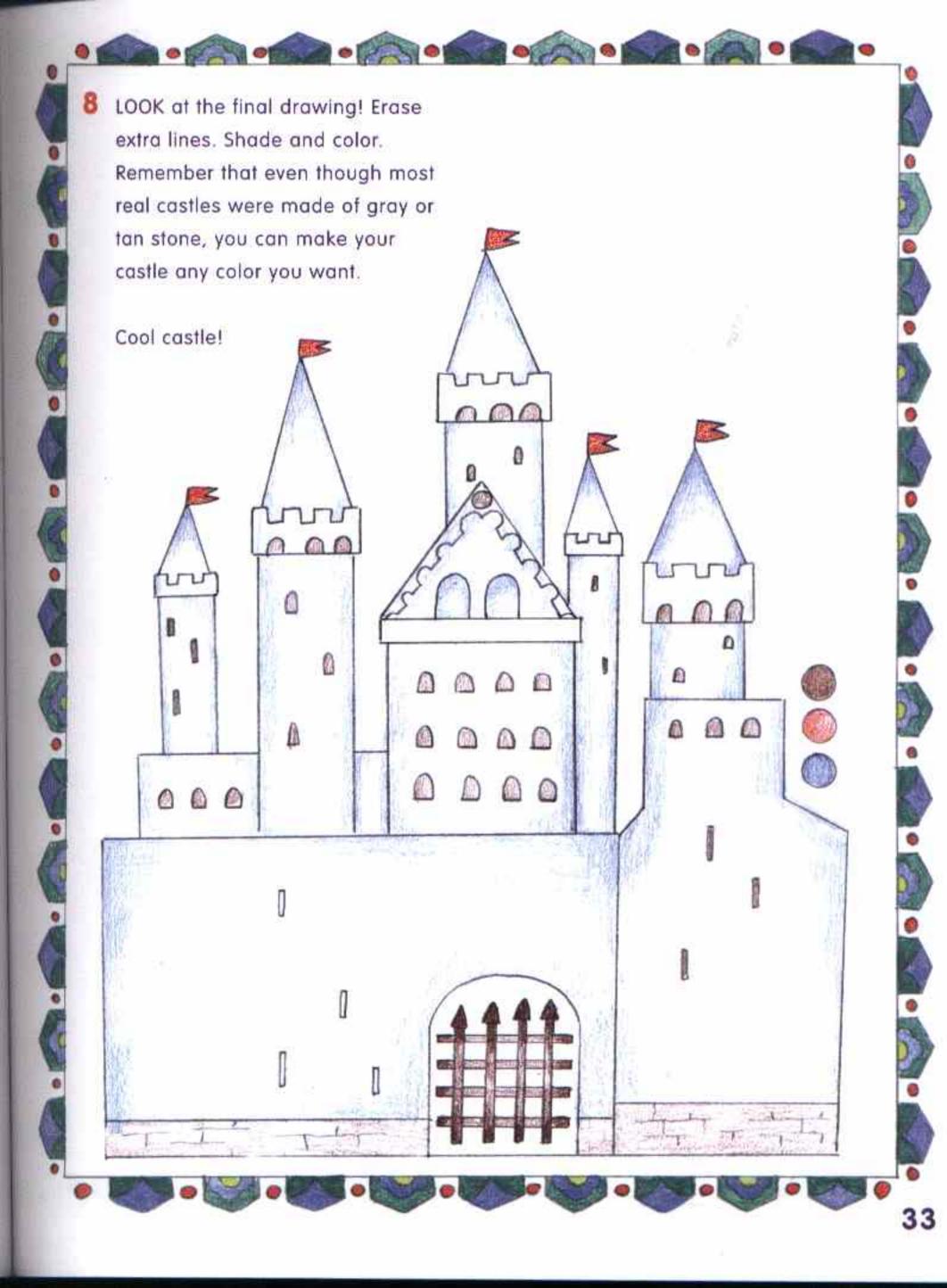
The place in the middle of the castle, where people lived, was called the "keep." It was higher than the surrounding walls. Inside, it was often decorated with richly colored weavings called 'tapestries' and beautifully carved stone.



On top of each tower, draw a rectangle. Add a line between the second tower and the keep. Draw all the windows and openings you see.

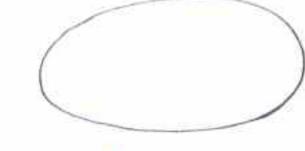


7 Add triangle roofs to the tops of all the towers.
Draw crenelations (see page 26) just beneath the triangle roofs. Add stone carving to the triangle roof of the middle tower—the keep.

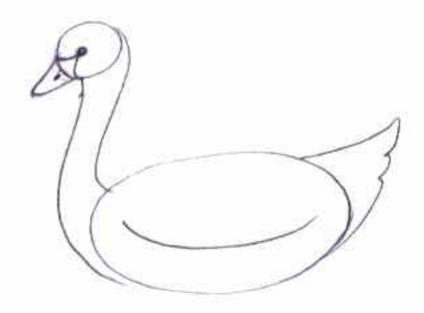


Swan

Make a swan to swim in your castle moat!



- Sketch a circle for the head and an oval for the body.
- 2 Connect the circle and the oval with curving neck lines. Add tail feathers.
- 3 Draw an eye and a beak. Add a wing line.
- 4 Erase extra lines. Shade and color your swan.



Heraldry



During the Middle Ages, most people could not read. A man in a full suit of armor was not easy to identify. So each family designed a unique shield or crest. A man would wear it on the coat that covered his armor and this became his coat of arms. Heraldry is the study of coats of arms and family histories. These are some of the designs that were used in heraldry. Can you design one for yourself or your family?



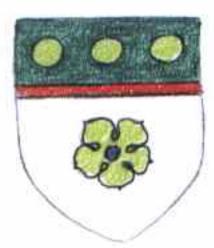
Diagonal Stripes



Chevron Stripe



Checks



Flowers and Dots (rondels)



Chevron and Leaf



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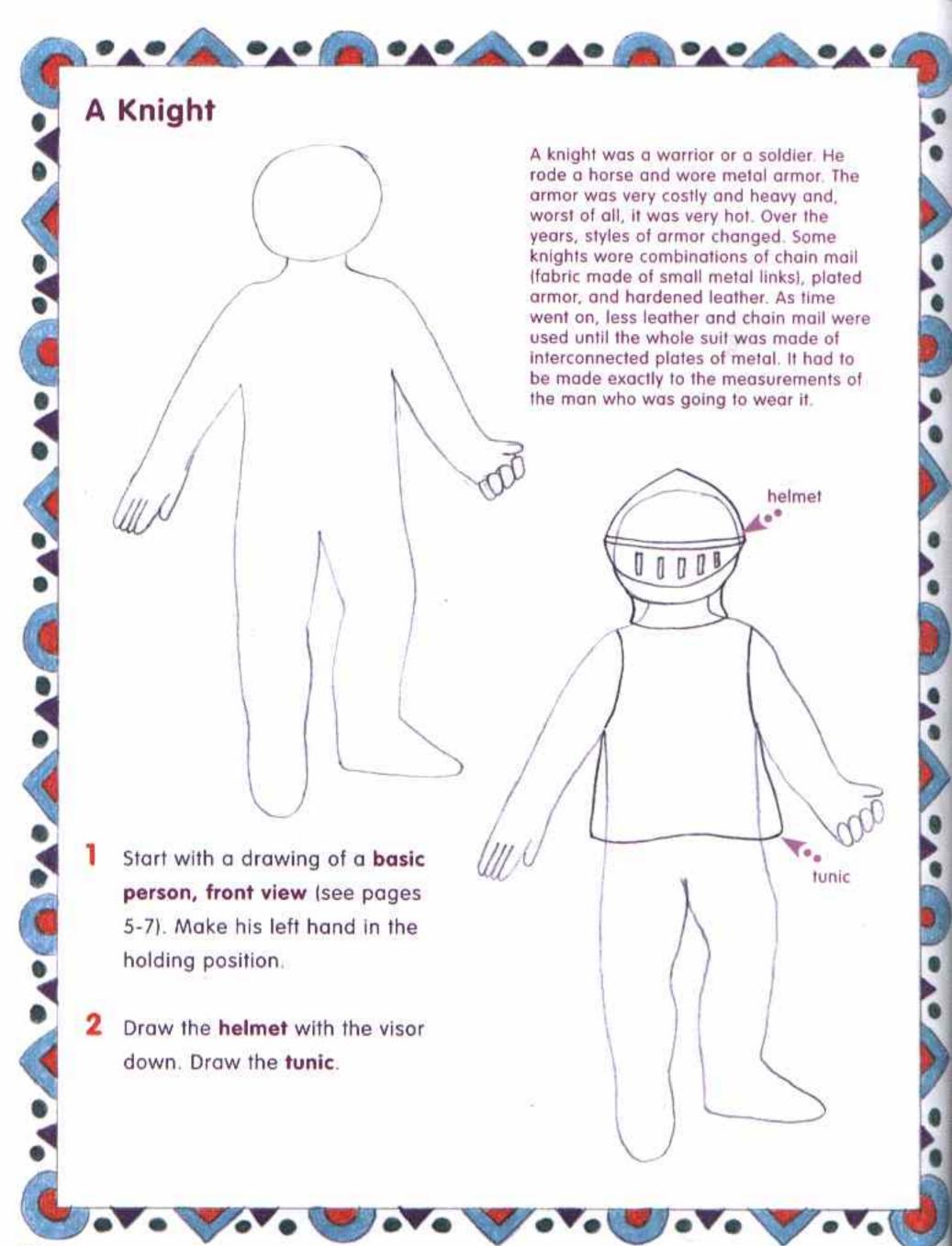


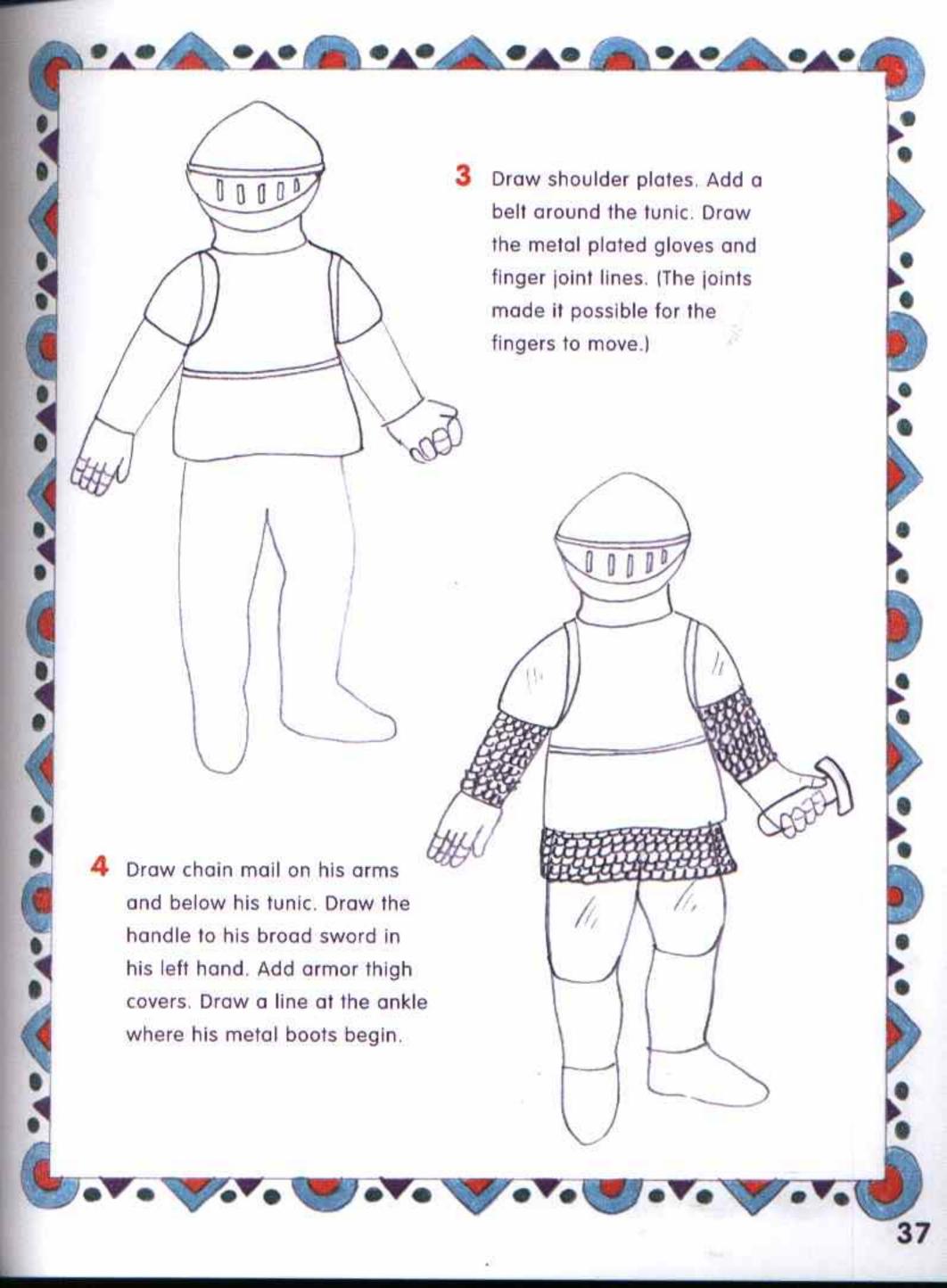
Diagonal Stripe and Crowns

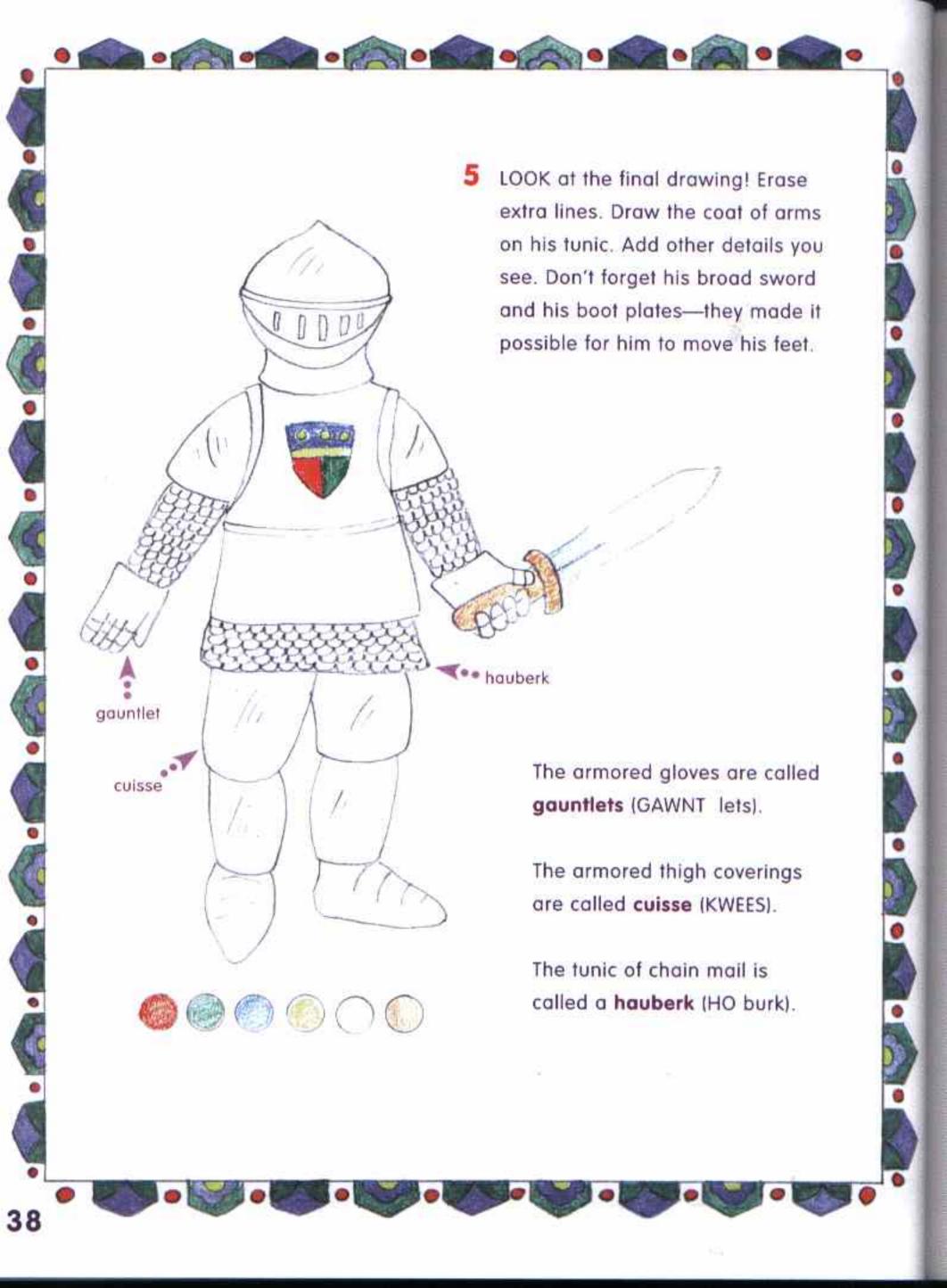


Dragon

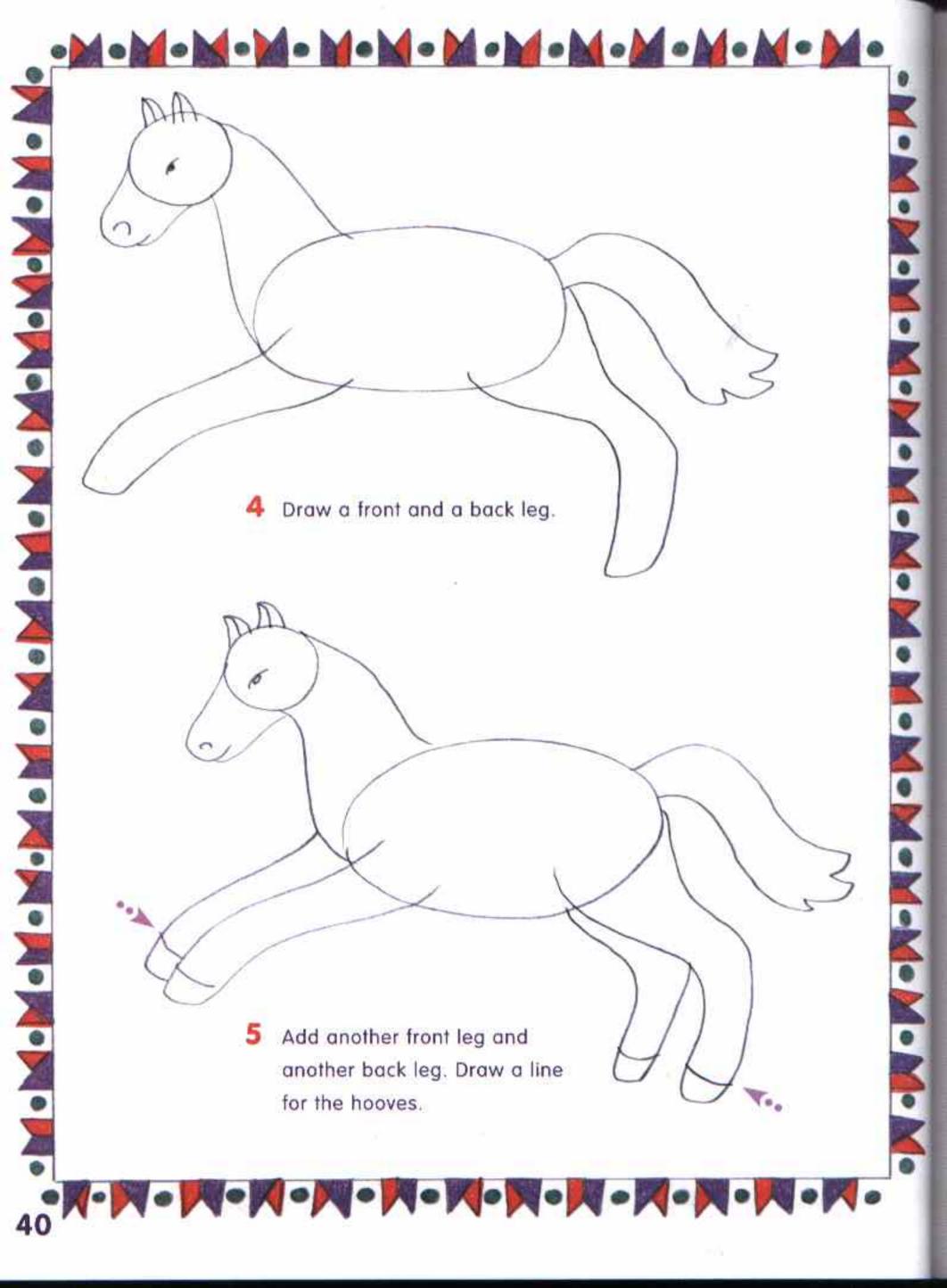


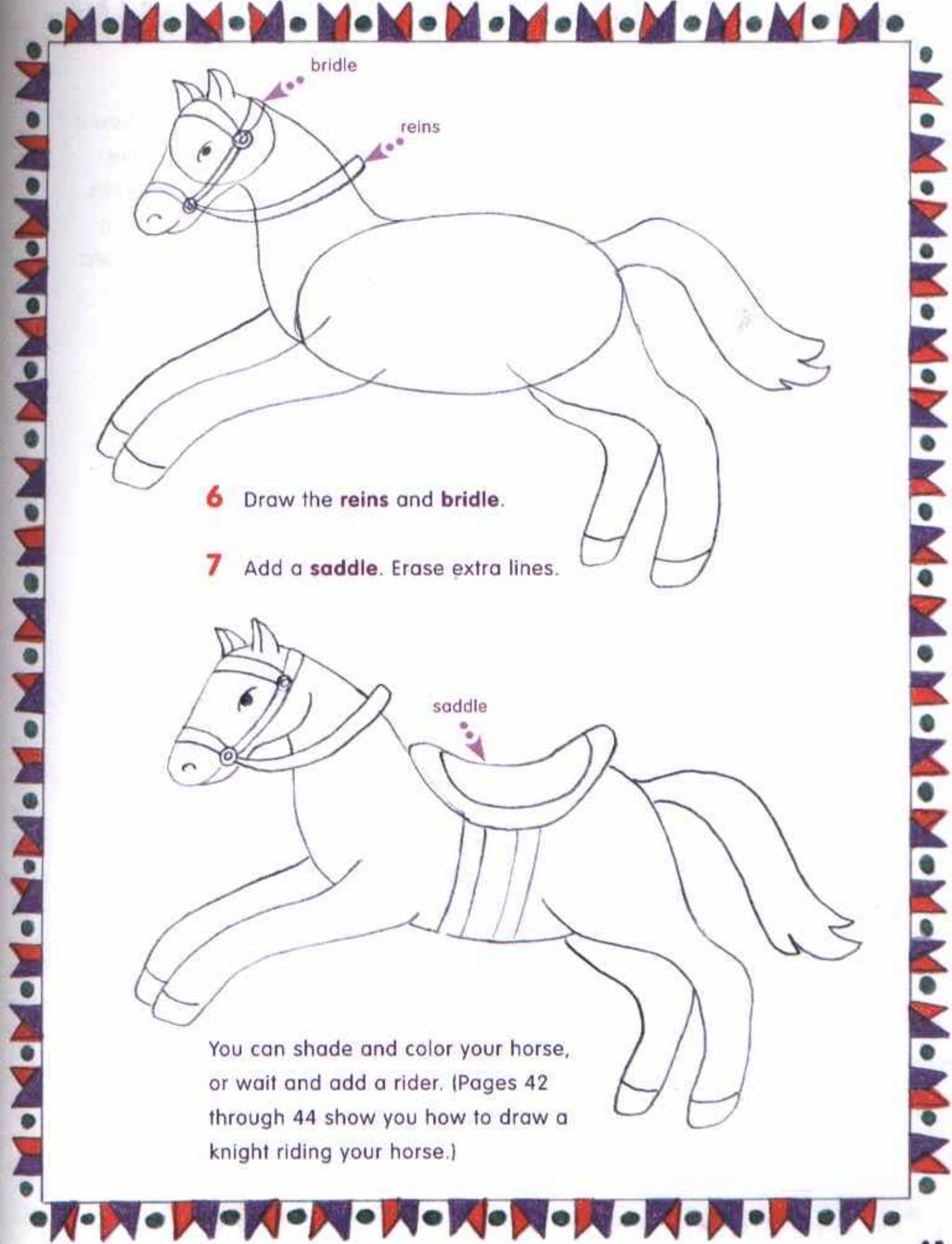


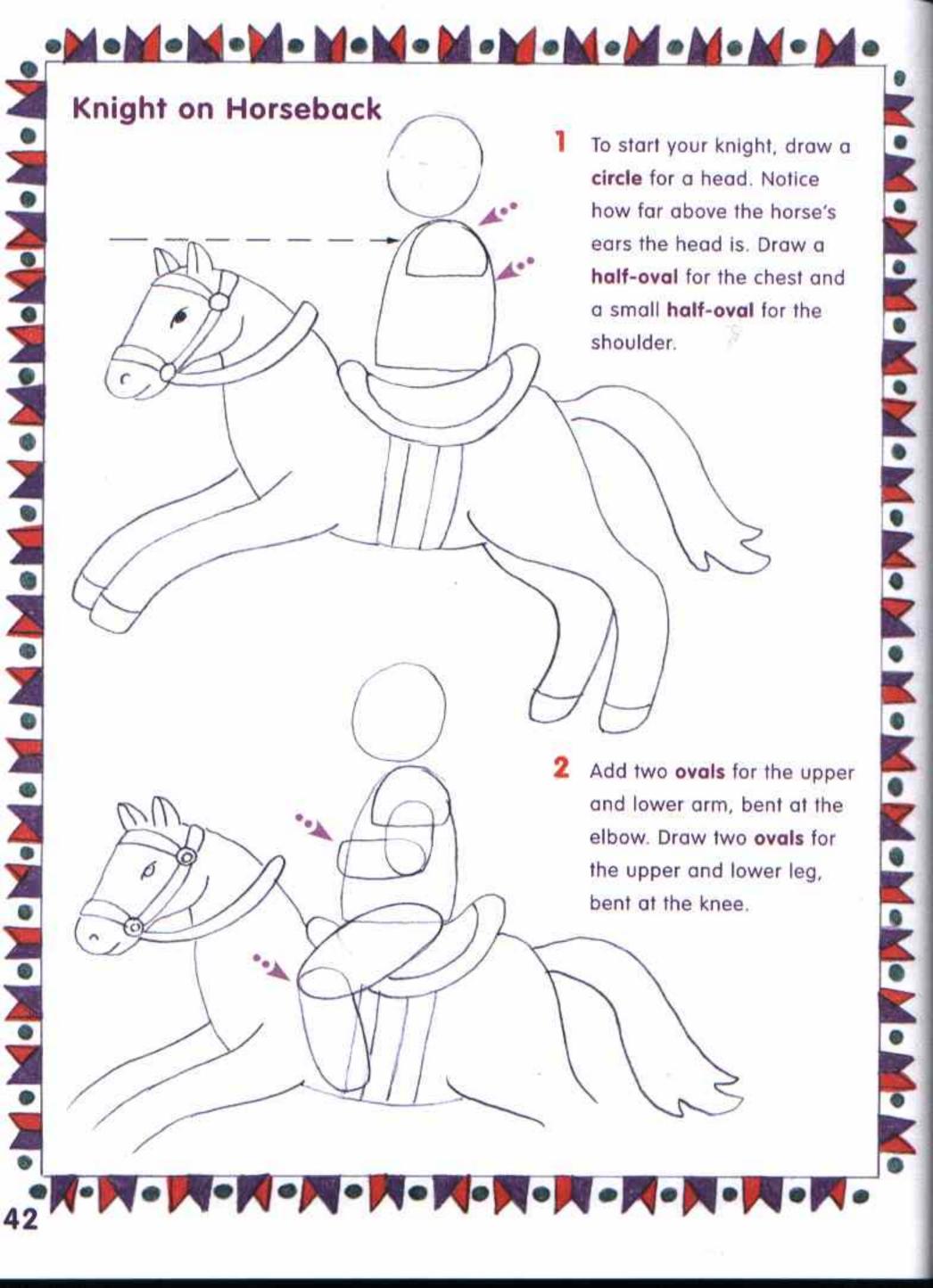


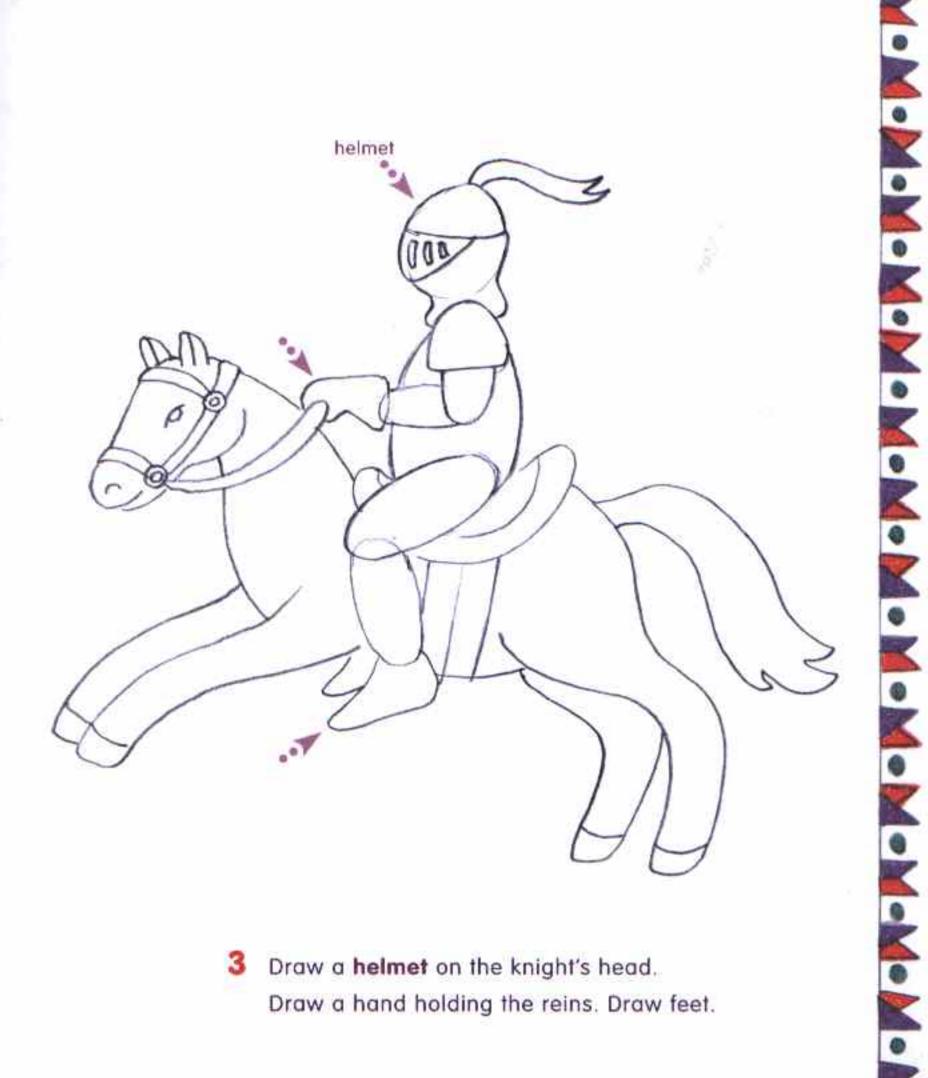


Horse OMONONONONONONONONONONONONONONONO SoMoMoMoMoMoMoMoMoMoMoMoMoMoMo A knight's horse had to be big and sturdy to carry a man and all his armor into battle. Sometimes the horse also were coat of arms and specially made armor. A well trained, valiant horse was an asset to a knight and highly valued. Sketch a small circle for the horse's head. Sketch a big oval for the body. Draw curved lines for the neck. Add the nose and mouth. Draw two ears, an eye, and a nostril. Draw the flowing tail.





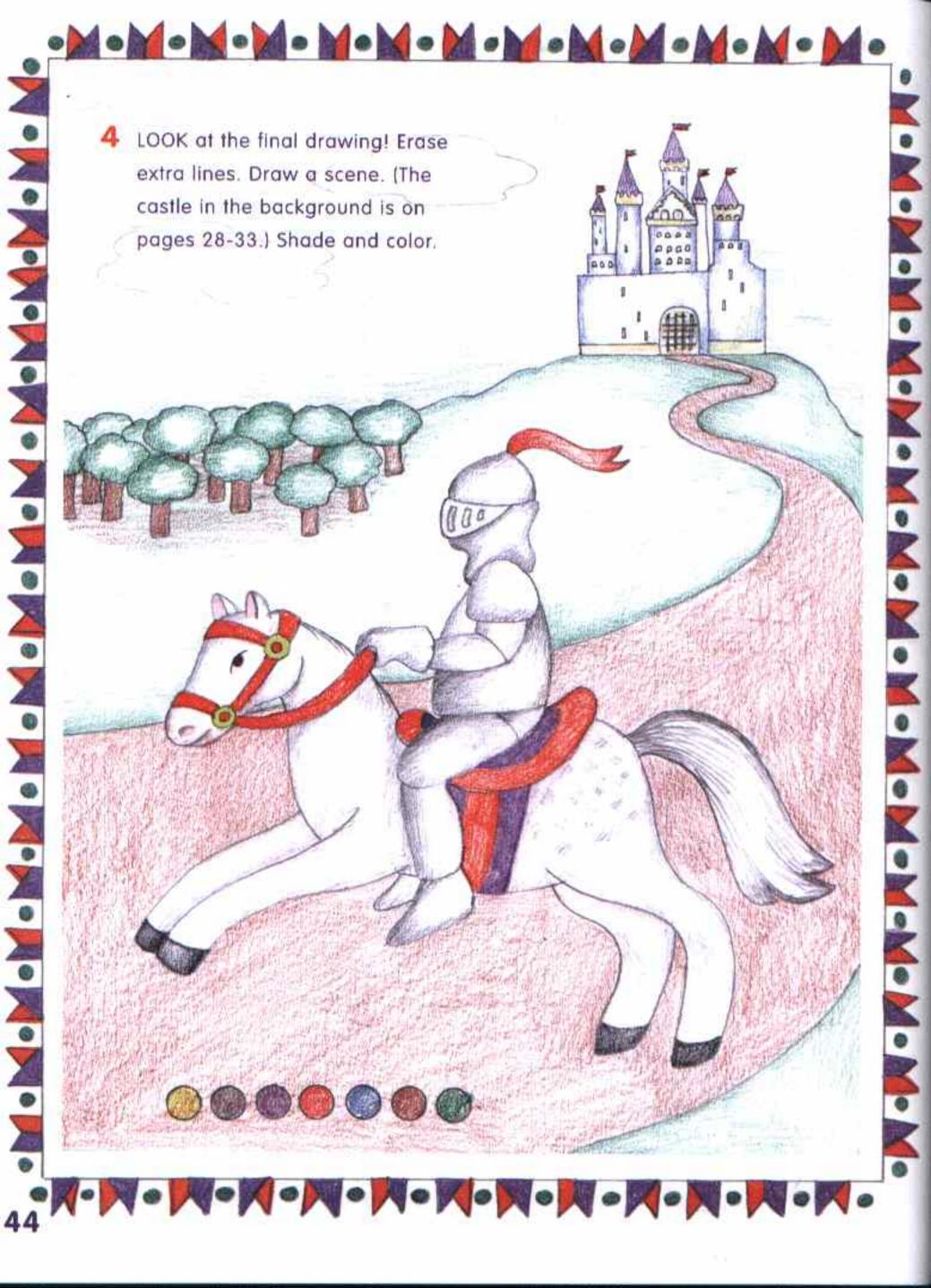




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Draw a helmet on the knight's head. Draw a hand holding the reins. Draw feet.

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Standing Dragon

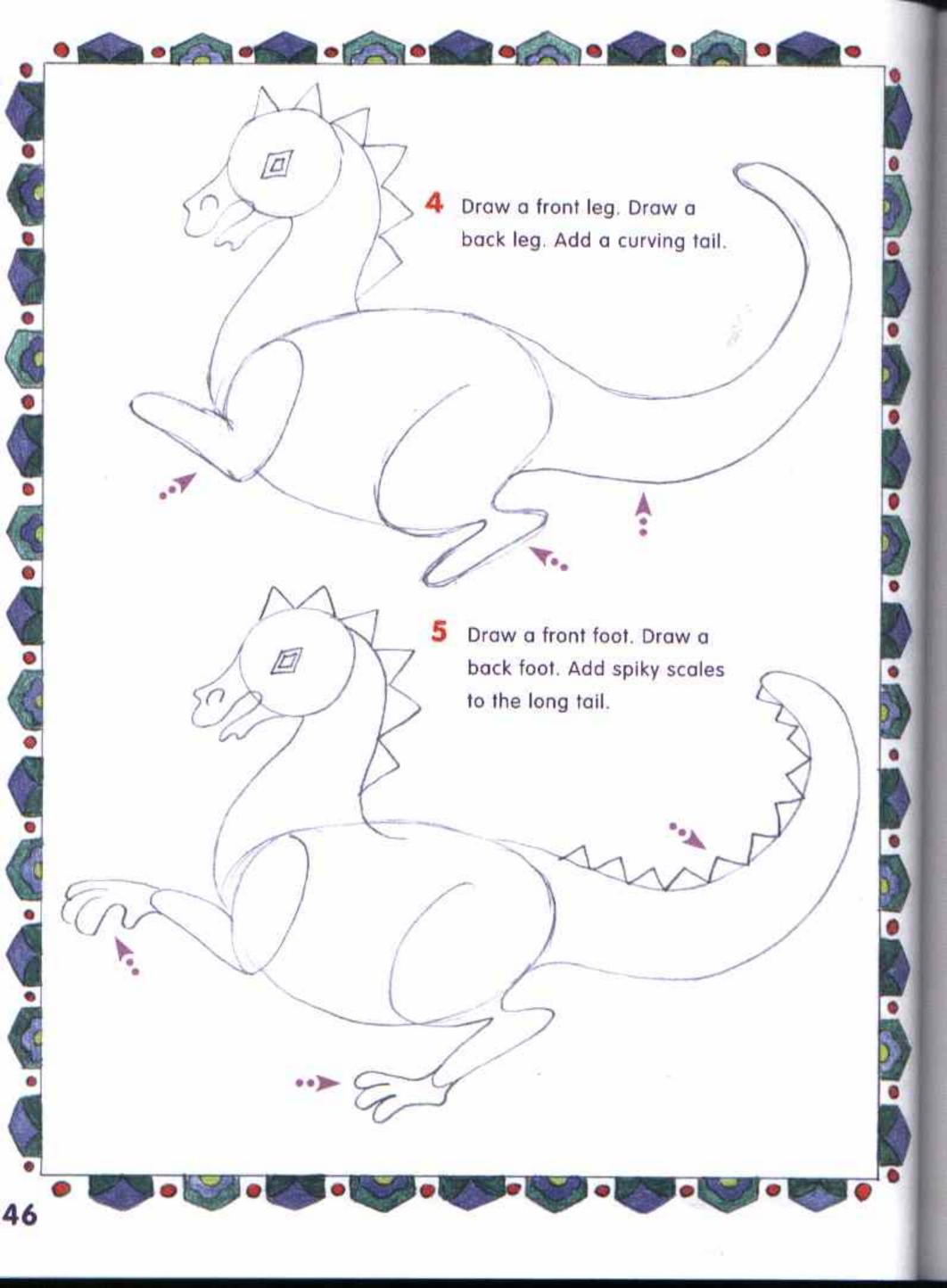
Sketch a small circle for the dragon's head. Sketch a large oval for its body.

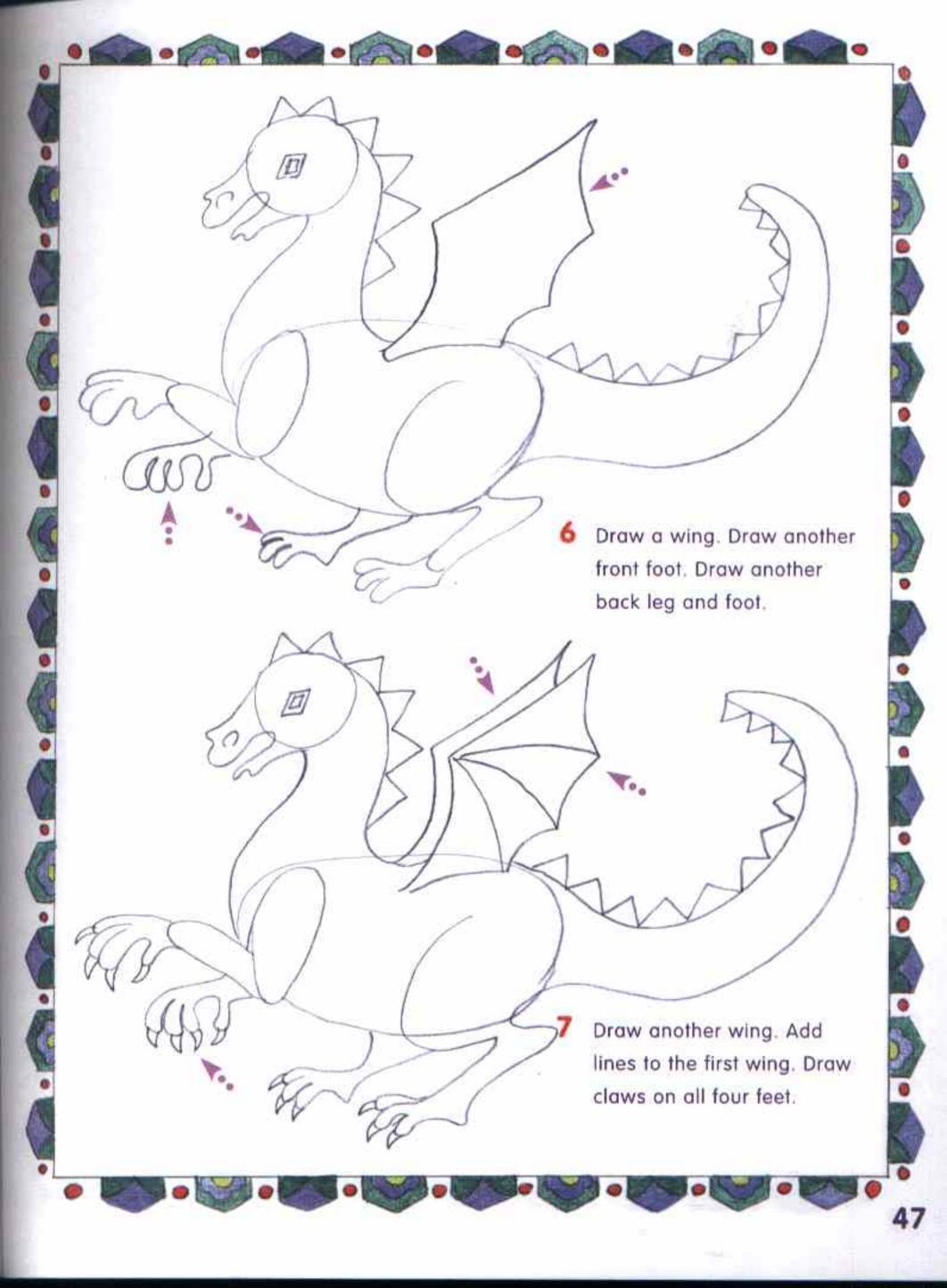
2 Add curving neck lines. Draw a nose and mouth.

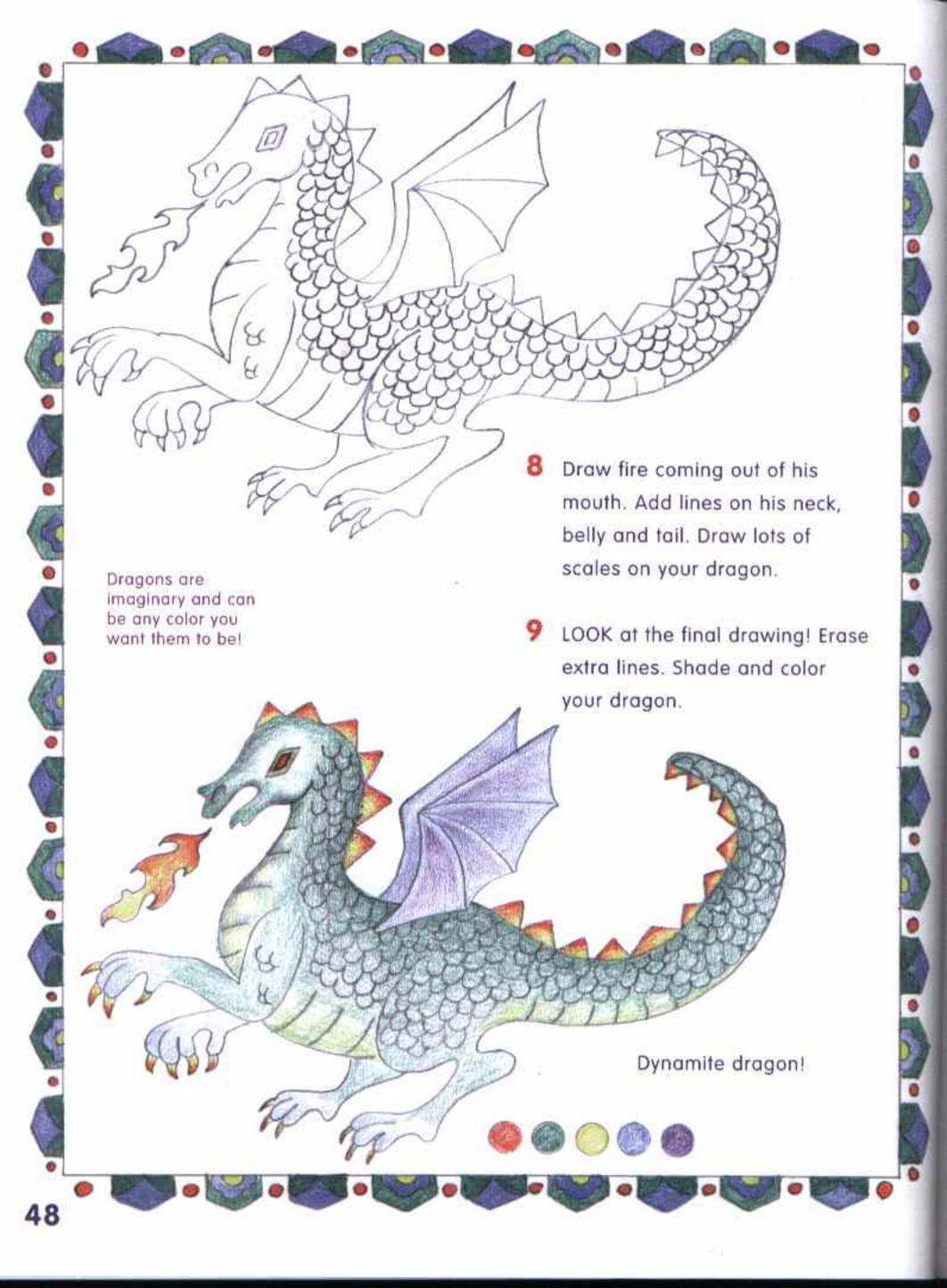
3 Draw spiky scales down his neck.
Draw a diamond shaped eye.
Add a nostril.



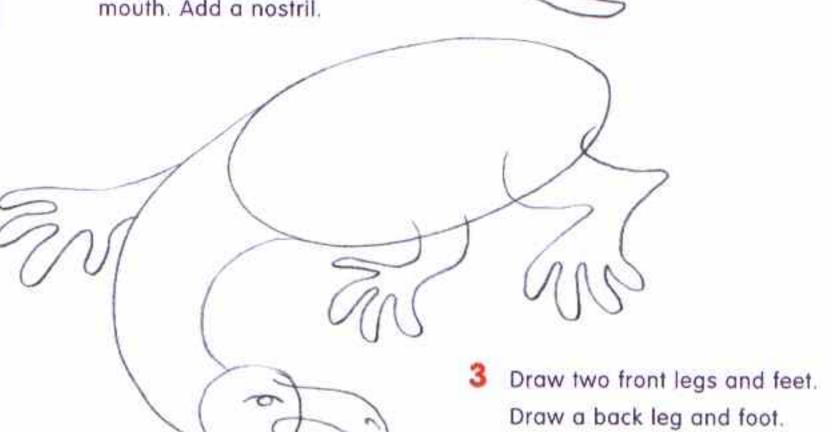
The people of the Middle Ages believed many things that we do not. They believed that the Earth was flat and that the sun revolved around the Earth. They believed in the existence of the huge, fire-breathing reptiles called dragons. Many stories were told of brave knights who battled dragons to save villages, castles, or princesses.

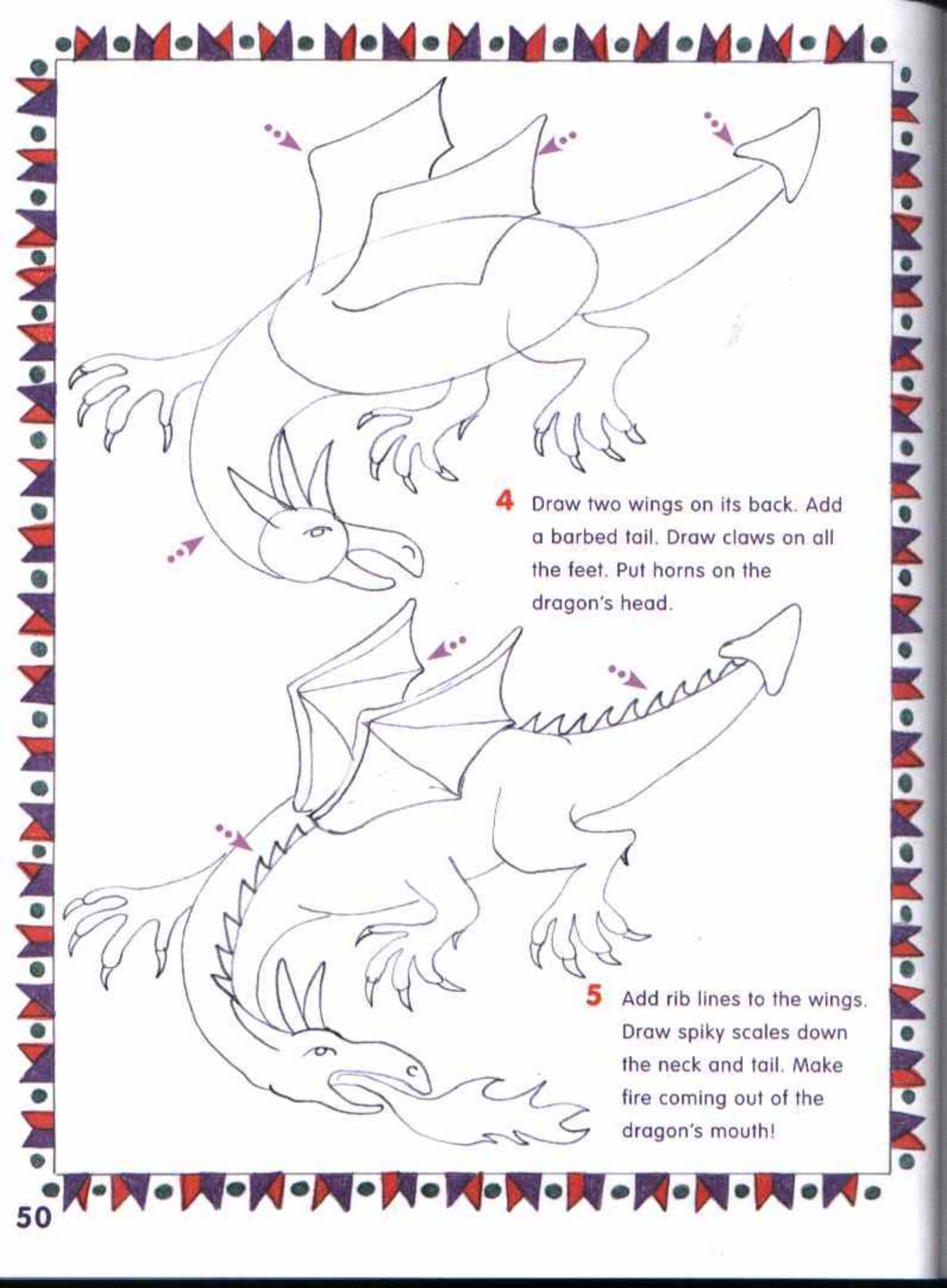


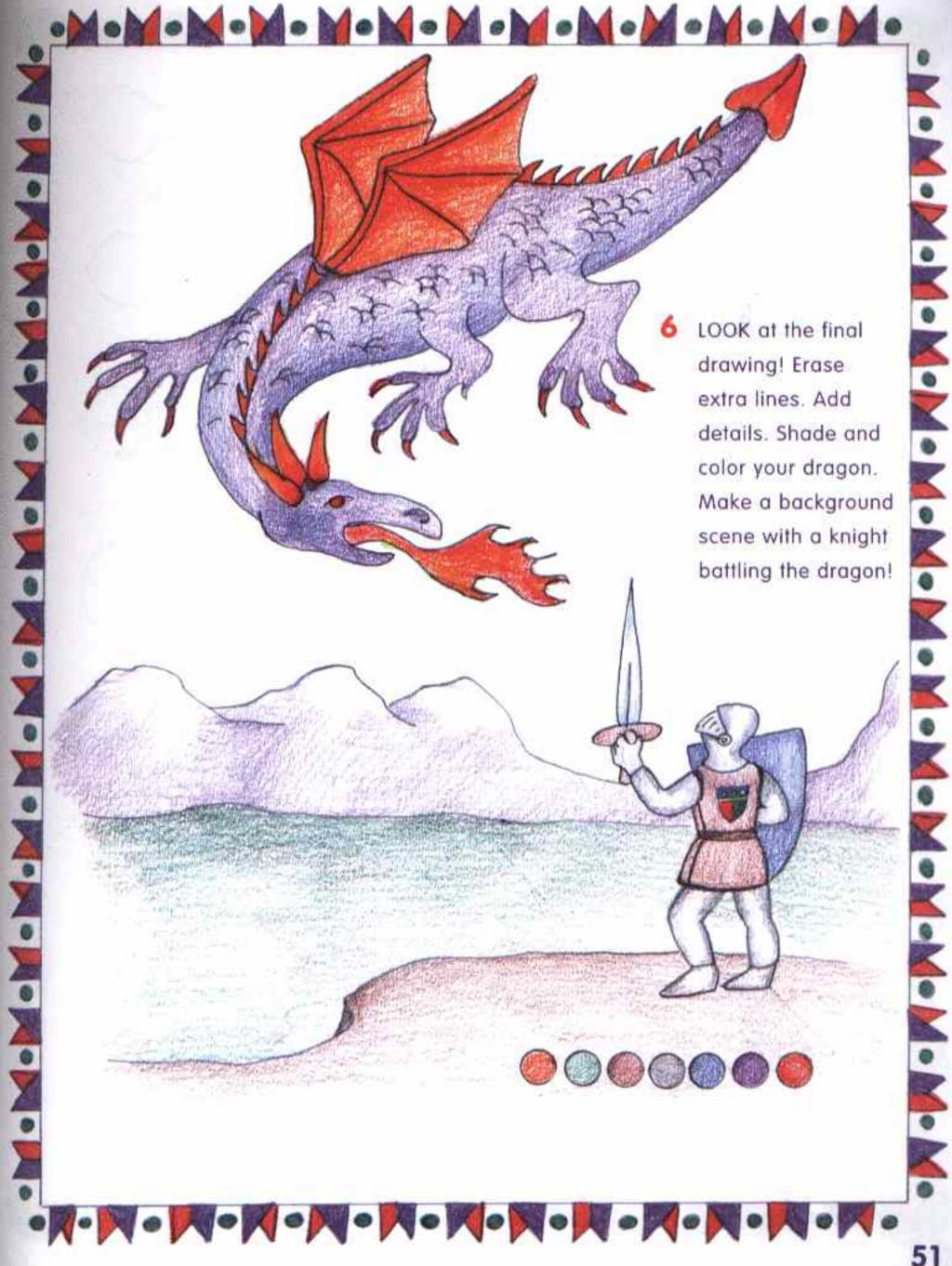




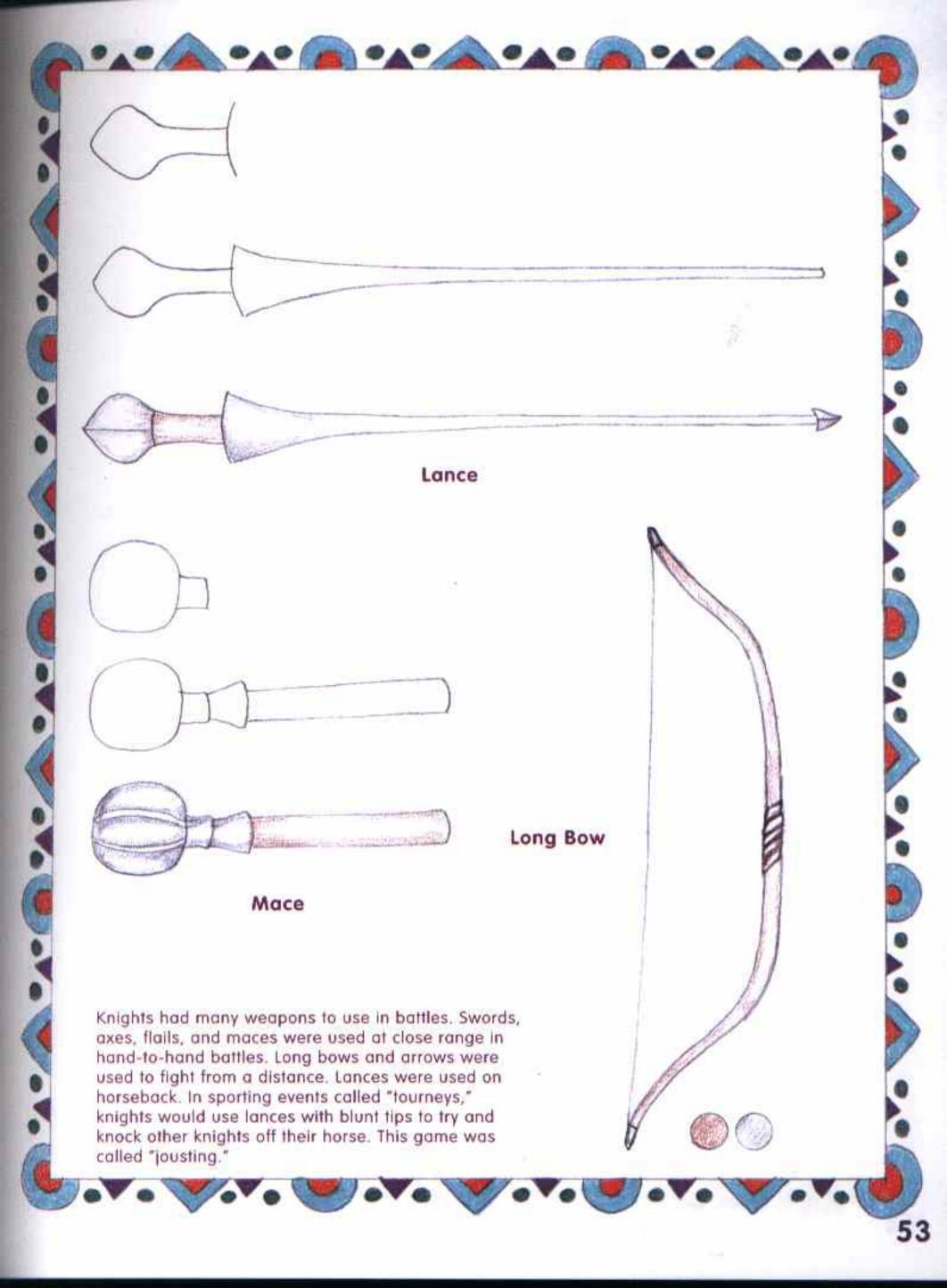
MOMOMOMOMOMOMOMOMOMOMO MoMoMoMoMoMoMoMoMoMoMoMoMoMoMoMoMo Flying Dragon Sketch a small circle for the head, and a big oval for the body. Notice the positions of the oval and the circle. Draw curving neck lines. Add an eye. Draw a big beak face with an open mouth. Add a nostril.





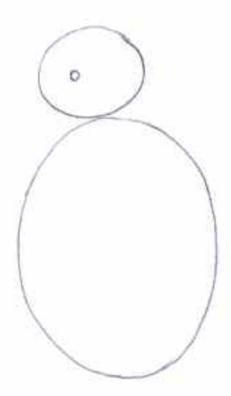


Weapons Sword **Battle Axe** Arrow Flail



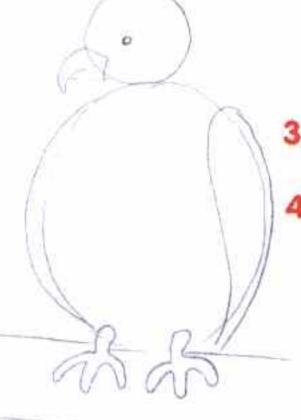
Falconry

Sketch a circle and an oval. Add an eye.





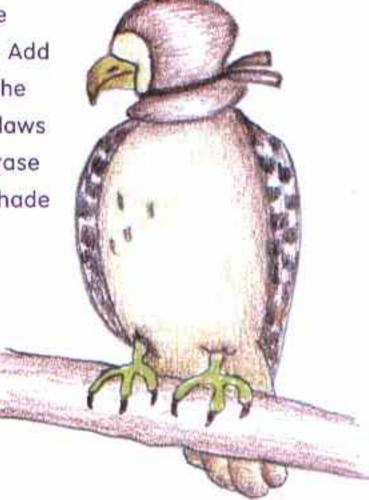
2 Draw a beak and two folded wings.



3 Add feet and a branch.

LOOK at the final drawing! Draw a hood over the hawk's head. Add markings to the wings. Add claws to the feet. Erase extra lines. Shade and color.

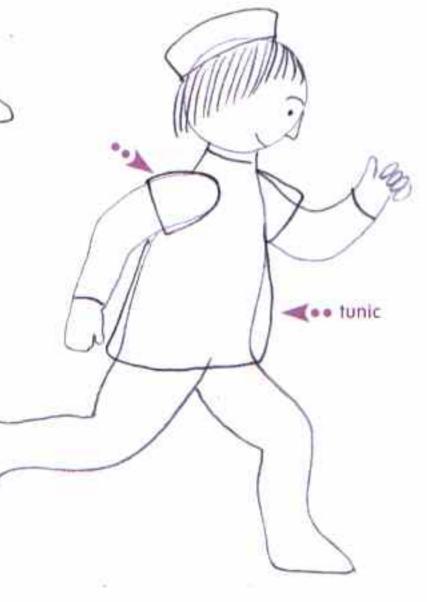
A falconer was an expert in training birds to hunt. Falcons, hawks, and other birds of prey were specially trained. The hood on the bird's head was part of the training—it kept the bird calm. Ladies and knights would keep their favorite hawk or falcon with them and let the birds sit on the backs of their chairs during dinner.

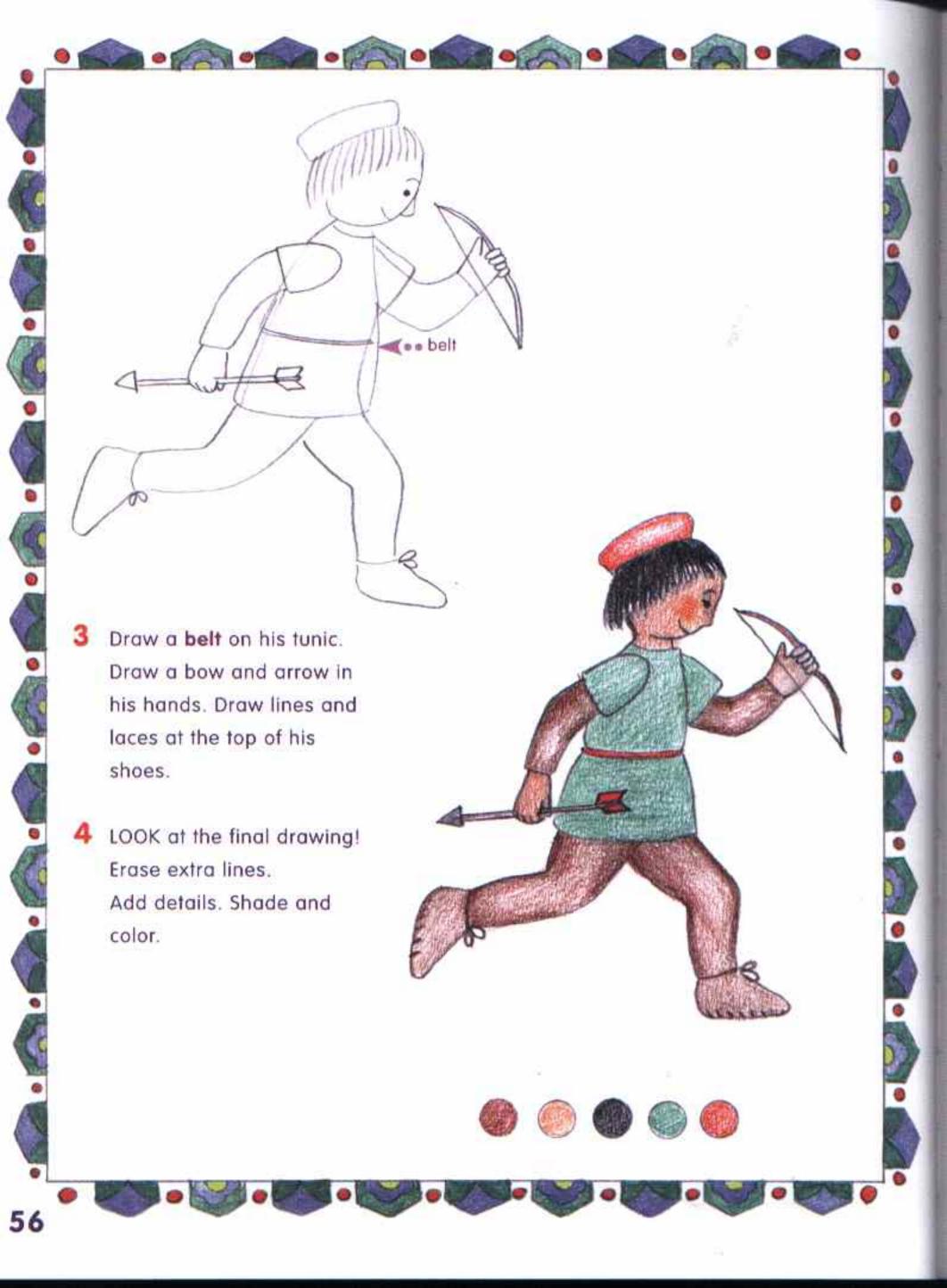


A Page

At the age of seven, a knight's son was sent away to another castle to begin his training for knighthood. He was called a "page" and he had many duties. At mealtime, he carved meats and served the lords and ladies of the castles. He had to learn manners and how to behave respectfully. He practiced fighting skills with wooden swords. He mastered riding horses and shooting bows and arrows.

- Start with a basic person running (see pages 15-16).
- 2 Draw a hat and hair. Add clothing lines at the neck and hands. Draw his tunic with short sleeves.

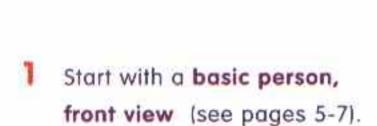




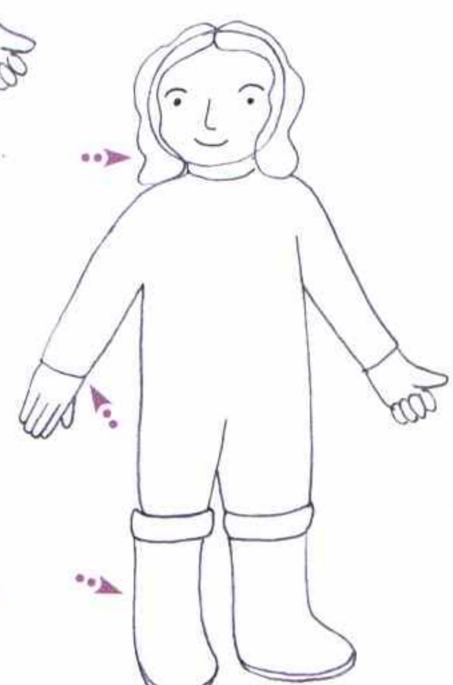
A Squire

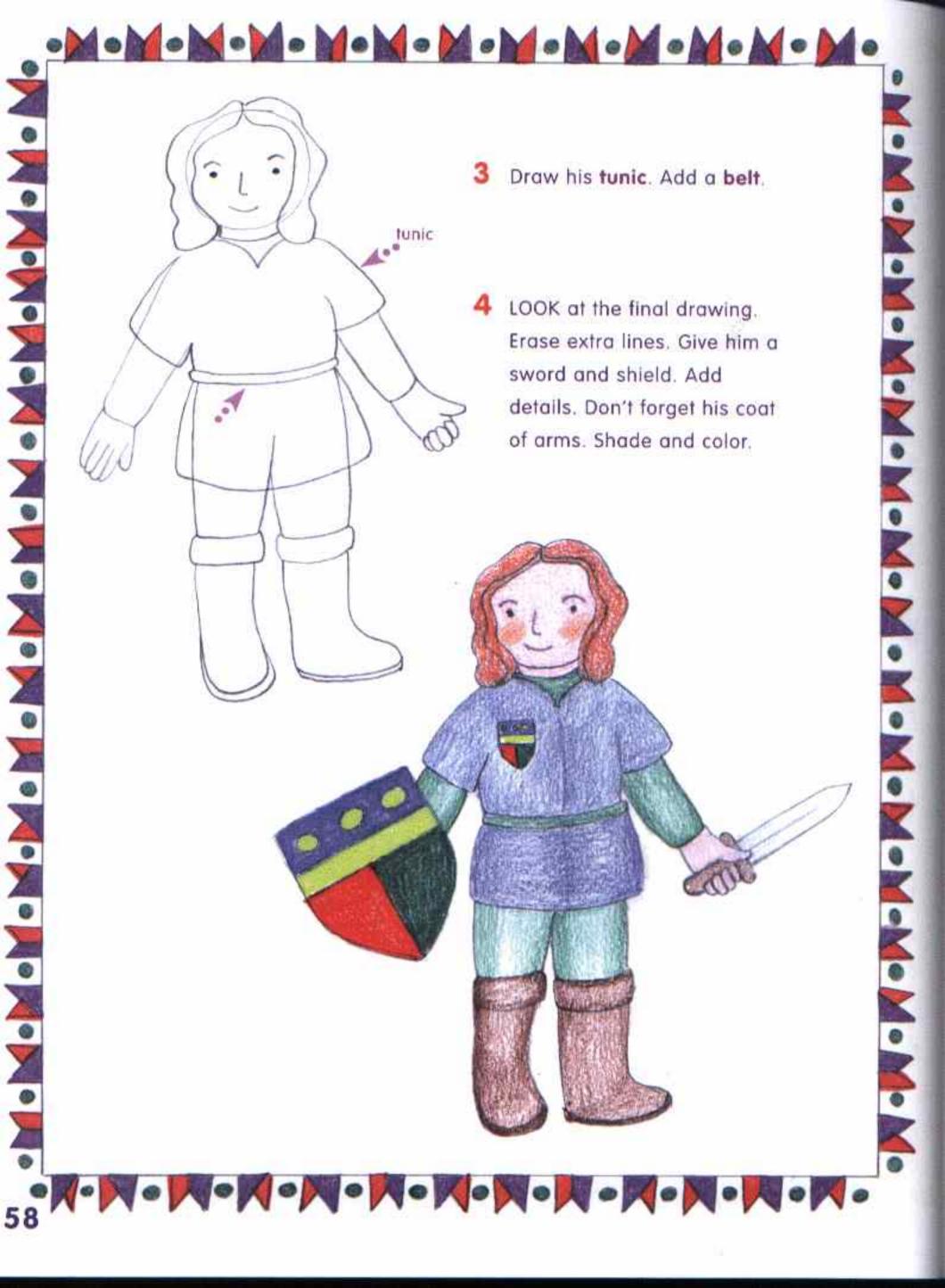
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When a page turned fourteen, he became a squire. He was the personal servant of a knight and traveled with him. He had many duties including cleaning and caring for the knight's armor. He had to learn to wear heavy armor and he had training in fighting skills. When he was eighteen years old, he could become a knight in a ceremony called "dubbing."



2 Draw hair lines. Add clothing lines at the neck and wrists. Draw the squire's big boots.

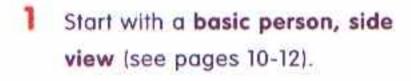






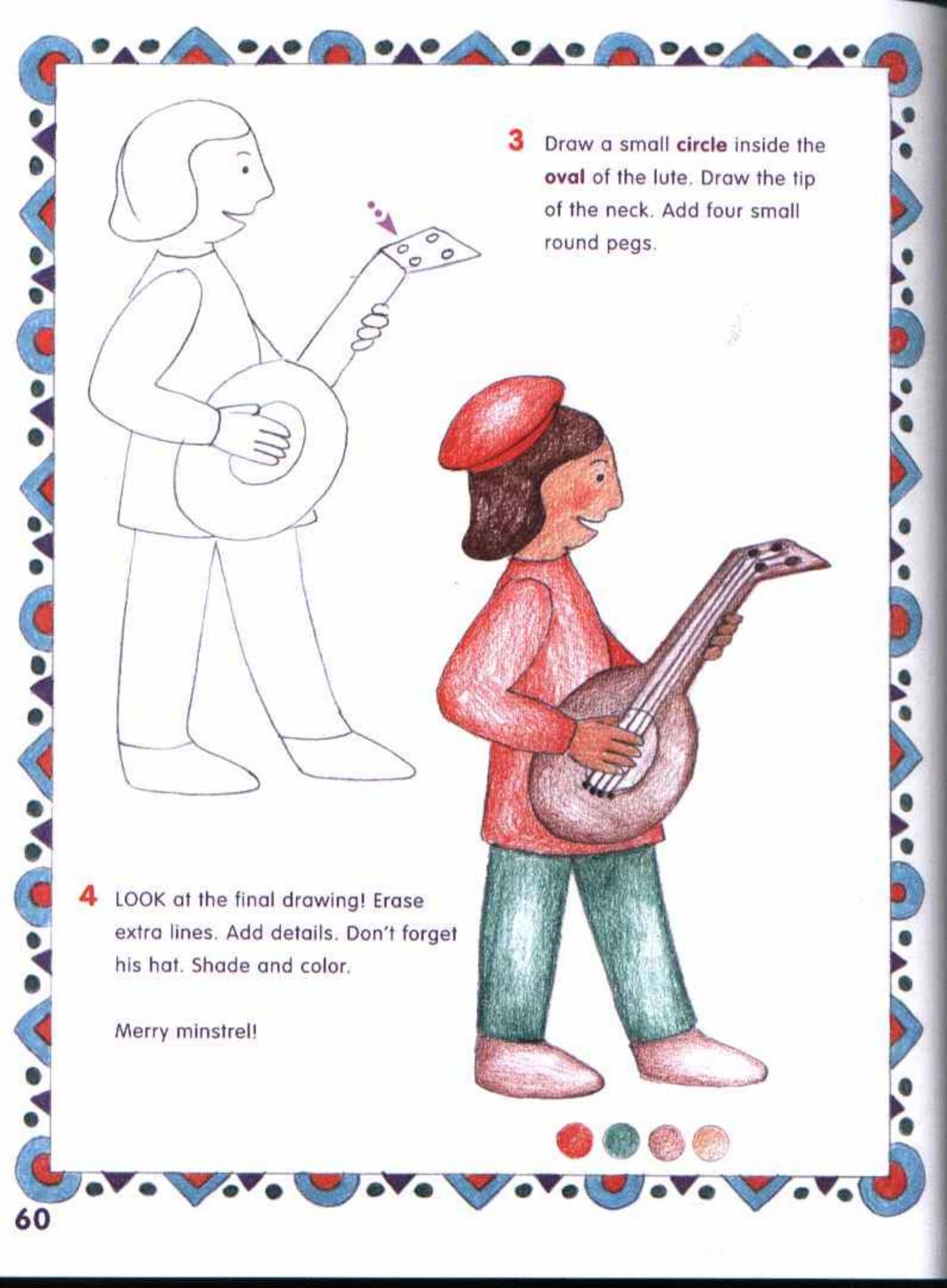
A Minstrel

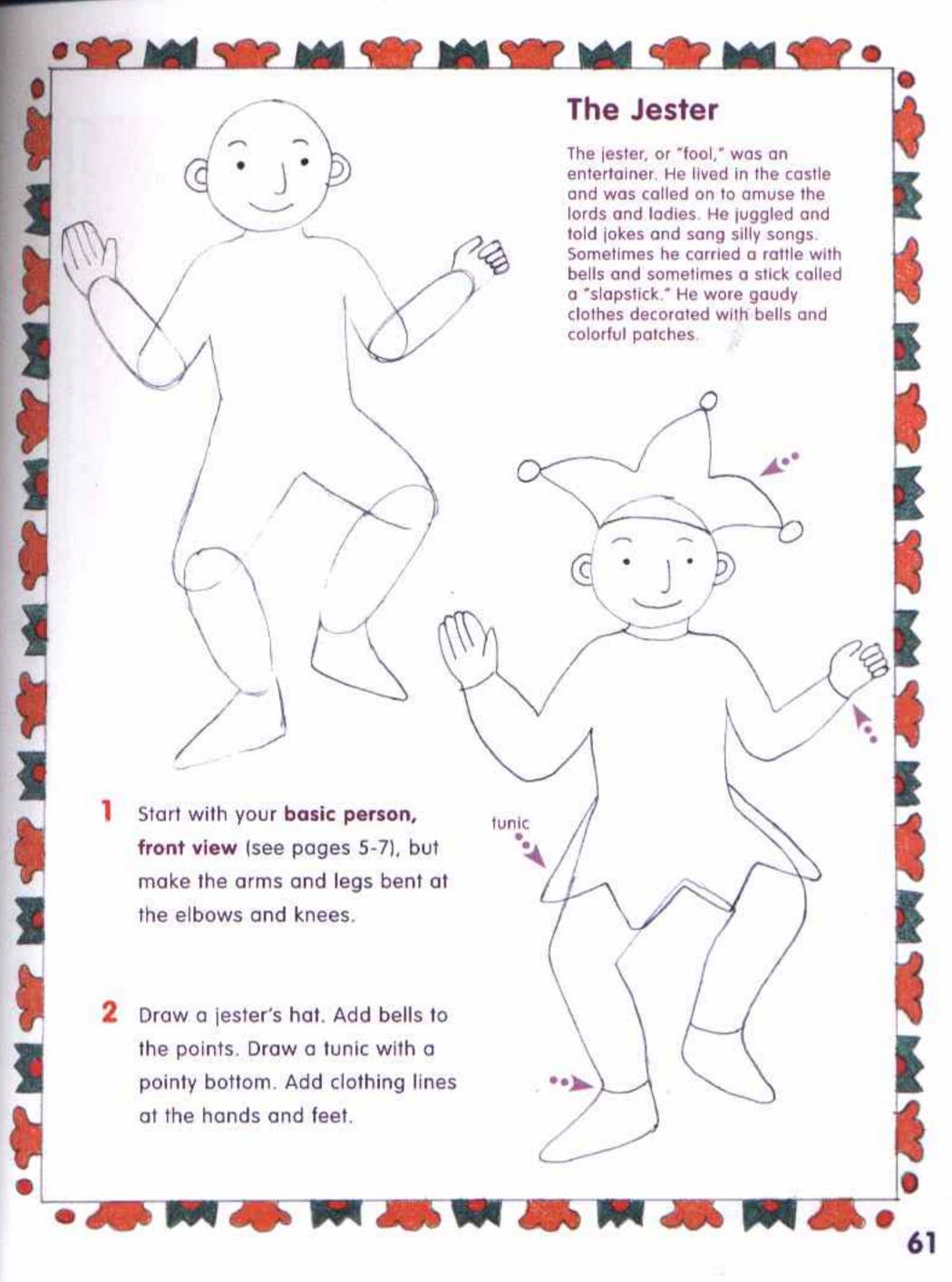
A minstrel was a traveling musician. He told stories and sang songs called ballads. Since most people in the Middle Ages could not read, this was a way they could hear stories and poems. Minstrels played many instruments including lutes, pipes, drums, and harps.

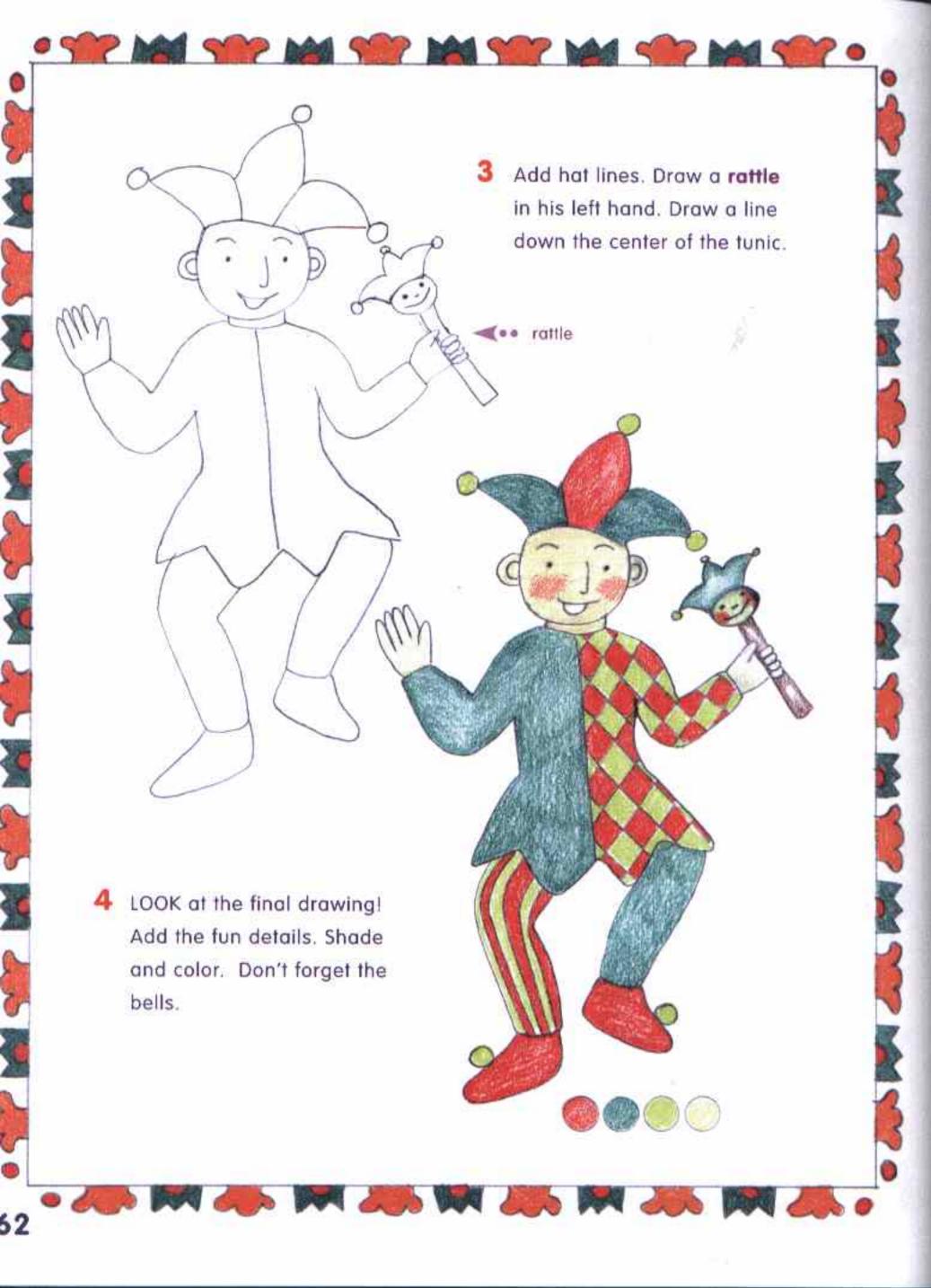


2 Draw an oval and a rectangle to begin the minstrel's lute.











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Art Instruction / Drawing

1-2-3 Draw Knights, Castles, and Dragons

Starting with simple shapes, young artists can create knights on horseback, dramatic dragons, castles and their inhabitants.

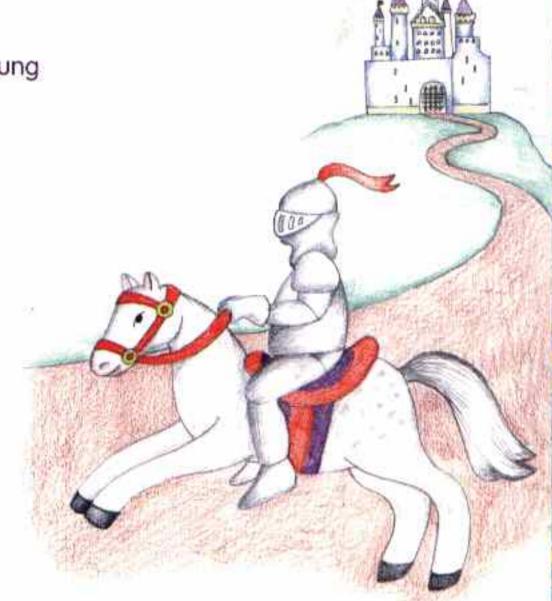
For added fun, final drawings include color.

Grab a pencil and let's get started!



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