

Shape Activities

In addition to a color copy, I have made a black and white copy of the flash cards and bingo cards for those of you who would rather not use as much printer ink. I would suggest laminating them (at Kinkos, etc.) or covering them with Rubbermaid's clear contact paper (comes in a roll usually found where you find containers in house wares) so that they last longer.

Directions:

Shape Flash Cards- Print and cut out flash cards. Cardstock makes the cards last longer. You can find cardstock in the office supplies department usually next to the copy paper. Go over these shapes with your child

Shape Memory Game- Copy and cut out two sets of the flash cards (until your child gets really good at this game just use the four basic shapes-square, circle, triangle and rectangle). Lay all the cards face down on a table. Take turns with your child choosing two cards to turn over. If the two shapes match that person gets to keep the match. Continue playing until all cards are matched. The person with the most matches is the winner.

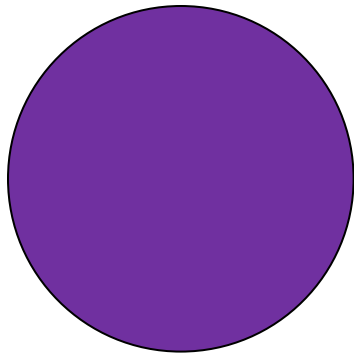
Shape Bingo- Print out the bingo cards and the shape flash cards. Put the flash cards in the middle of the table face down. Give each player a bingo card and counters (pennies make a good bingo counters). Take a shape card off the pile and hold it up so your child can see it and name it. Have your child look on their card for that shape. If they have it they cover it with a counter. The first one to cover a horizontal row of shapes is the winner.

Variation: *Monkey in the Middle:* The winner covers the four shapes in the middle first. *Four Corners:* The winner covers the four corners first. *Blackout:* The winner covers the entire board first.

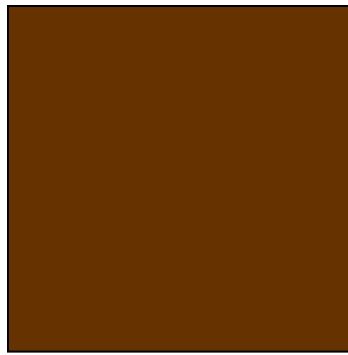
Shape Tracing Cards- Copy Large shapes onto cardstock. For shapes that hold up better copy and trace onto poster board, recycle old cardboard, the cardboard backs of writing tablets or cleaned foam meat trays (the kind your hamburger meat comes in). Cut the shapes out. Give your child the cut out shapes, paper and a crayon, pencil or marker. Let them trace around the shapes and even cut them out.

Shape Lacing Cards- Follow the directions for making tracing cards (craft foam found in craft departments also make a great material for lacing cards). Take a hole punch and punch holes about a ½ inch from the edge all around the shape. Purchase large *eye plastic needles* (they can be found in sewing departments) and yarn. If you don't have needles then take a 3 inch piece of pipe cleaner, fold it in half and twist the two sides together leaving a small hold where the pipe cleaner bends. This will be the eye of your pipe cleaner needle. Thread the needle with enough yarn to sew around the card and have them "sew" around the card.

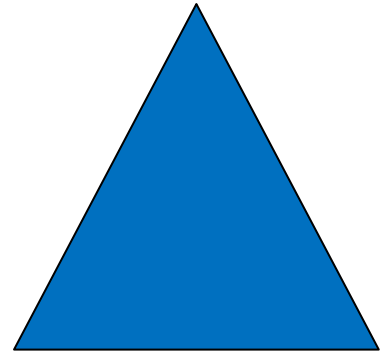
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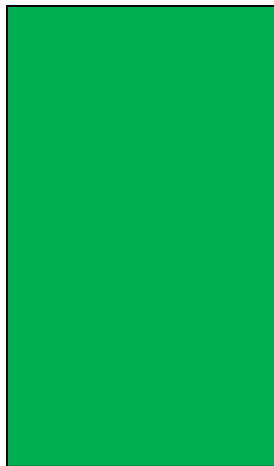
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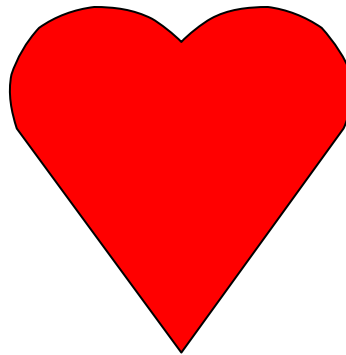
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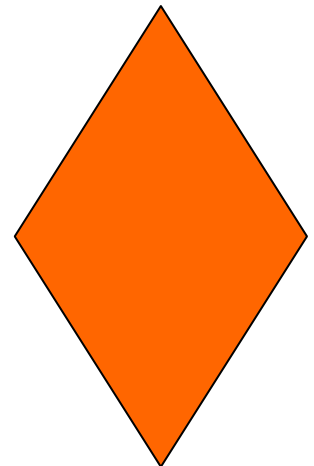
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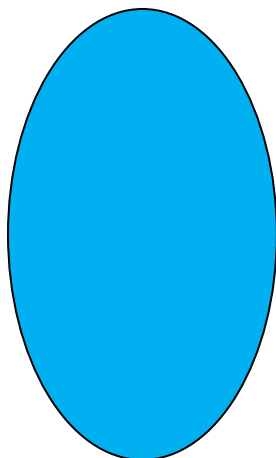
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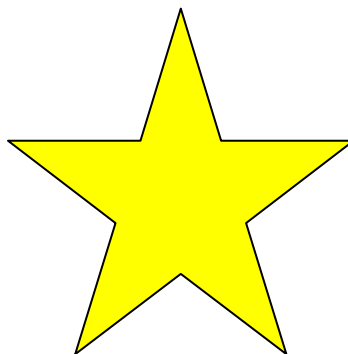
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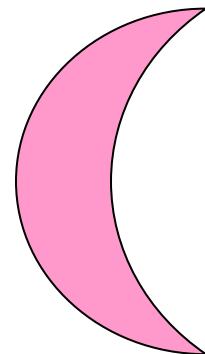
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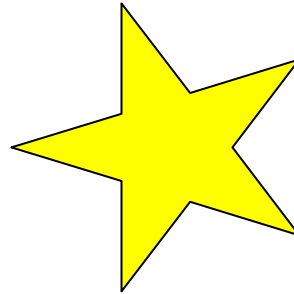
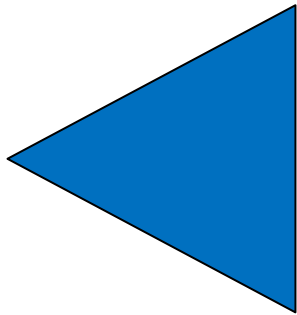
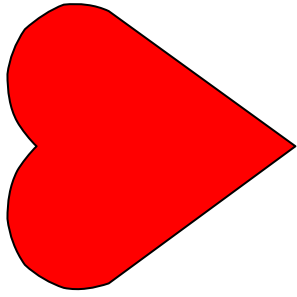
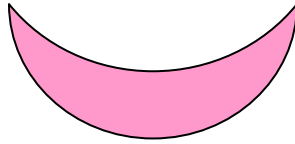
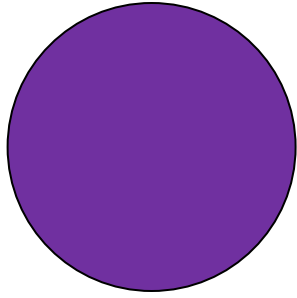
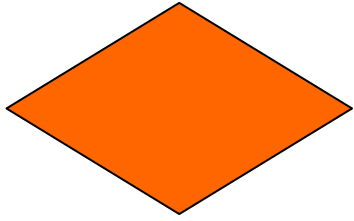


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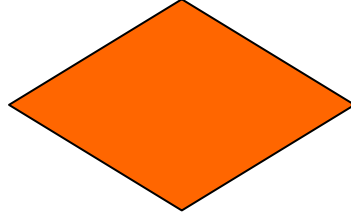
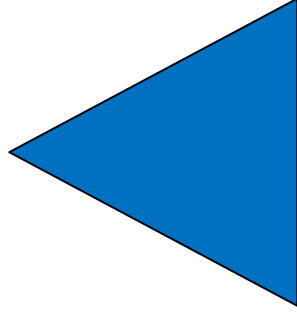
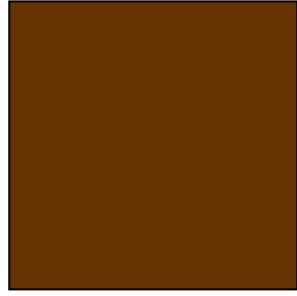
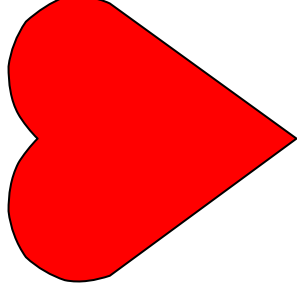
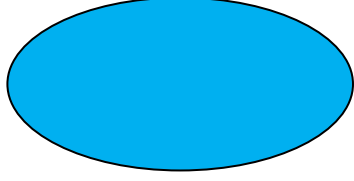
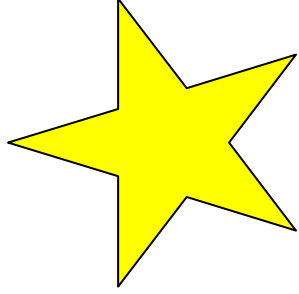
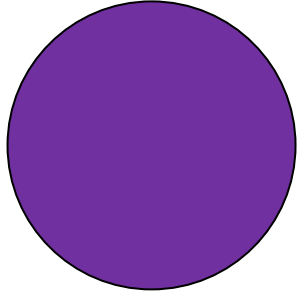


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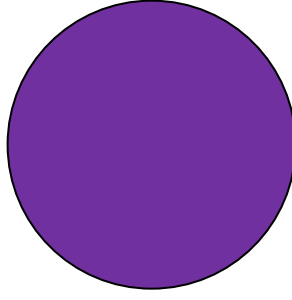
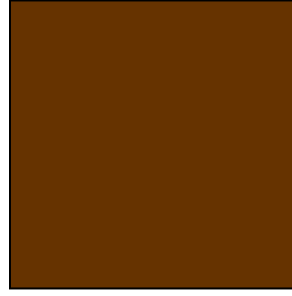
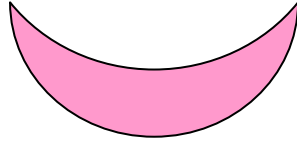
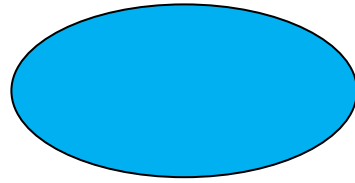
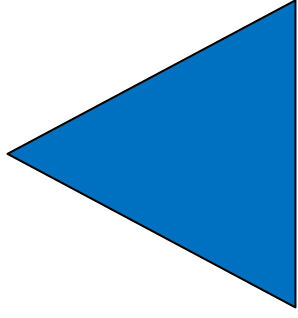
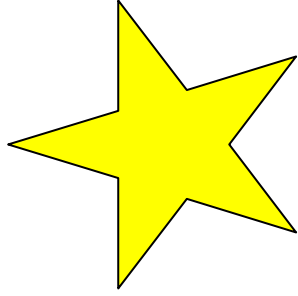
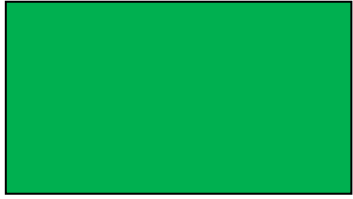
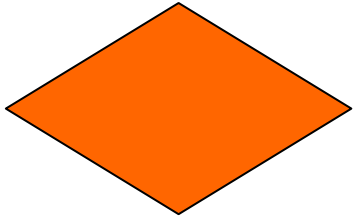
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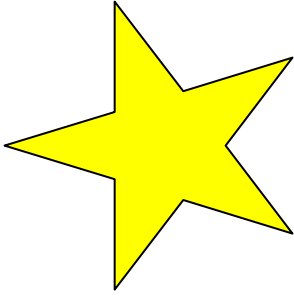
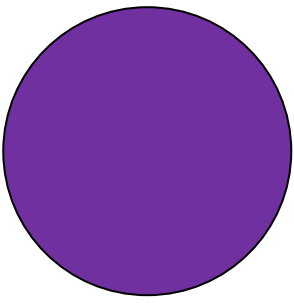
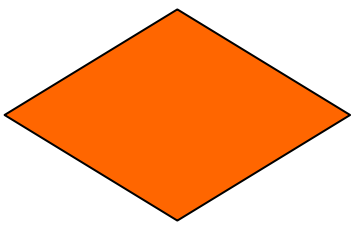
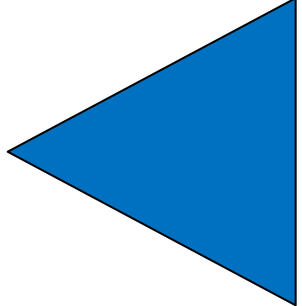
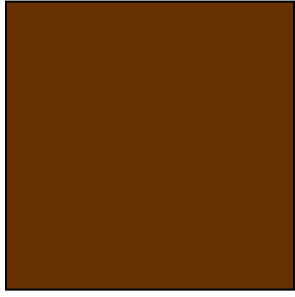
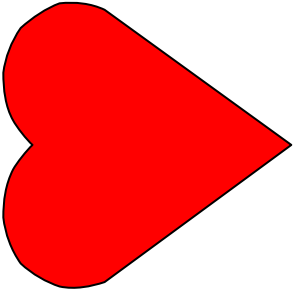
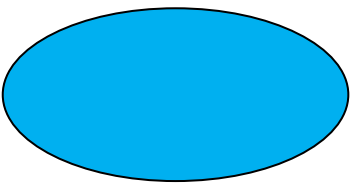
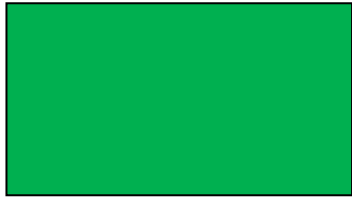
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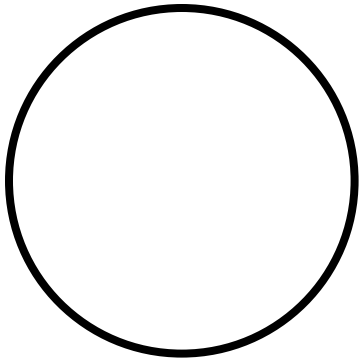


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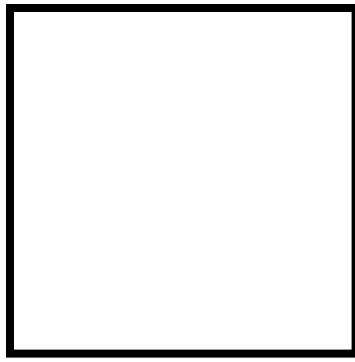


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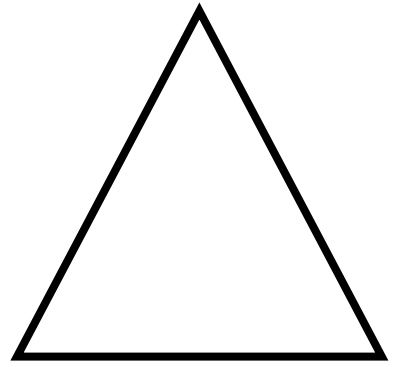




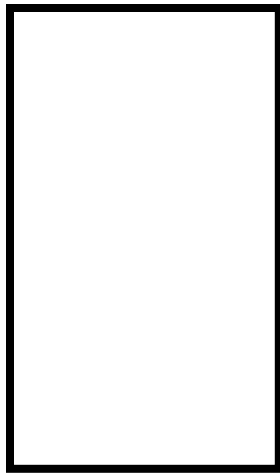
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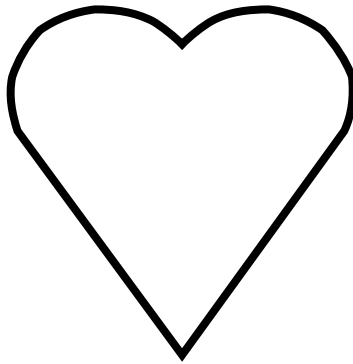
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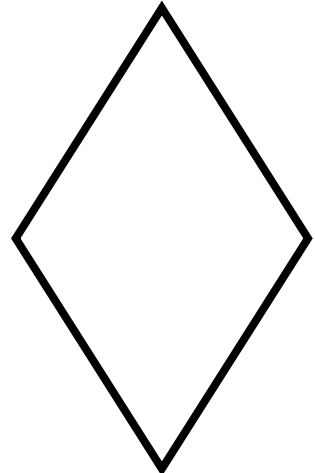
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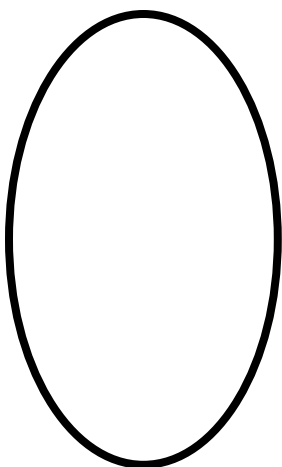
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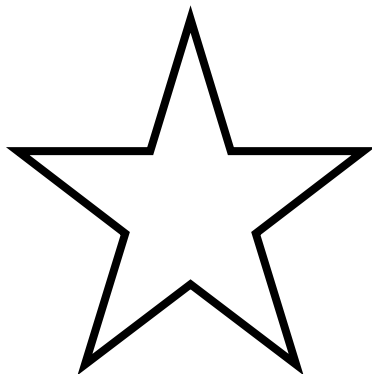
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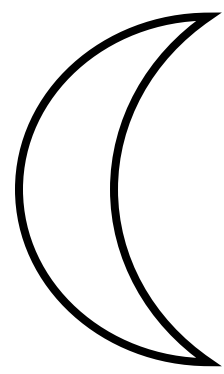
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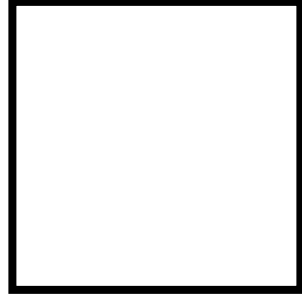
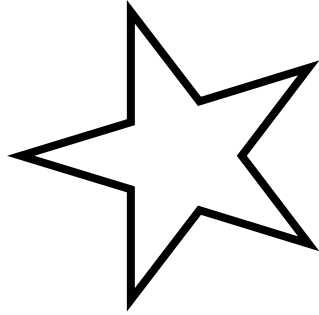
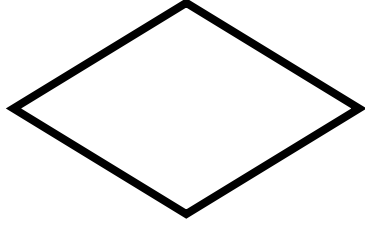
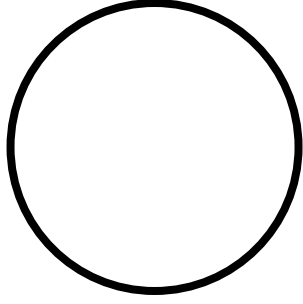
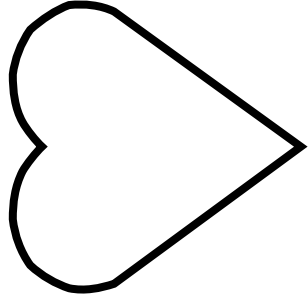
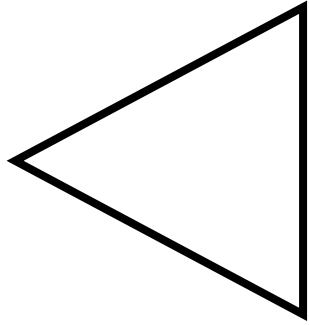


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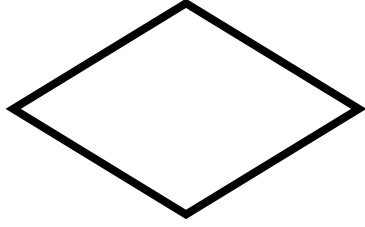
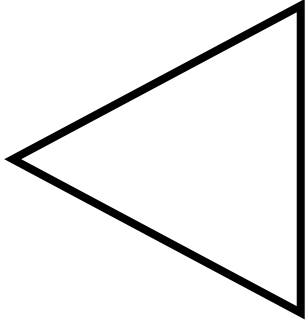
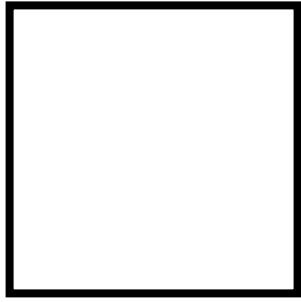
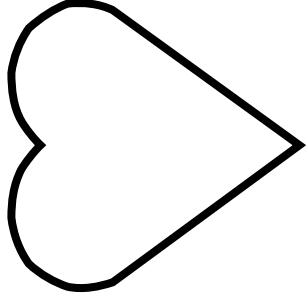
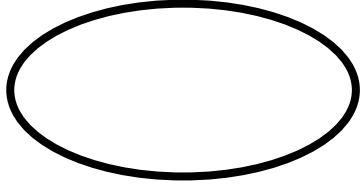
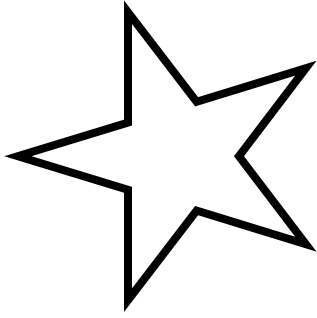
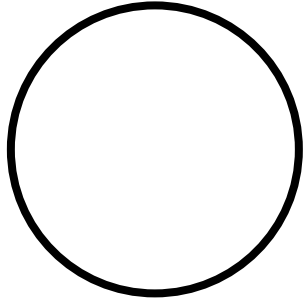


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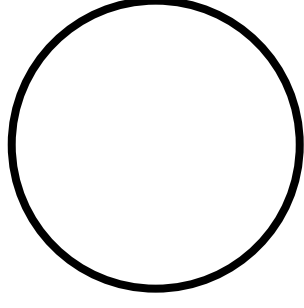
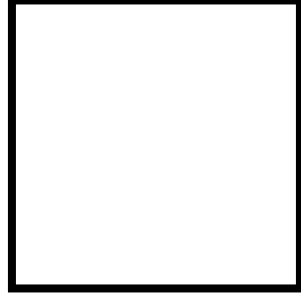
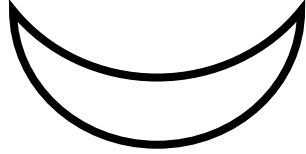
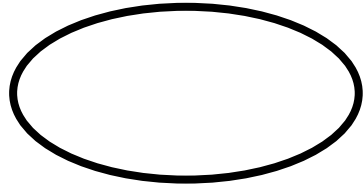
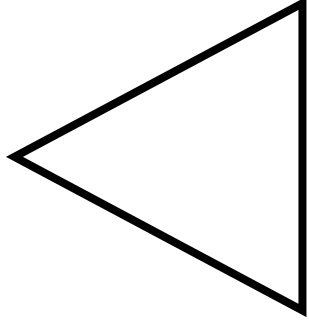
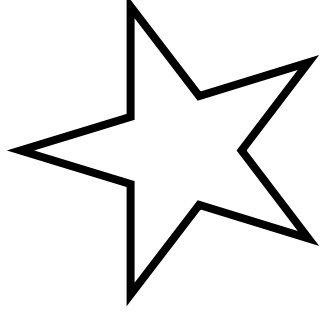
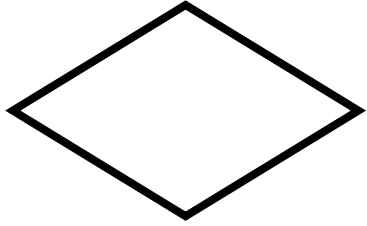
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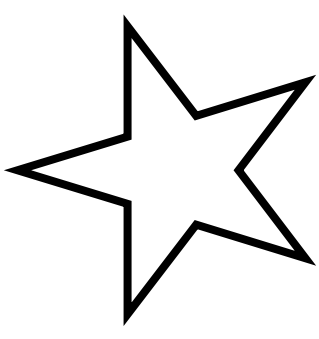
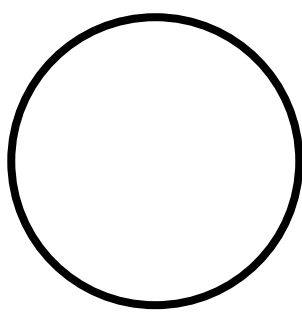
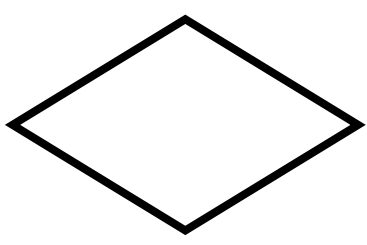
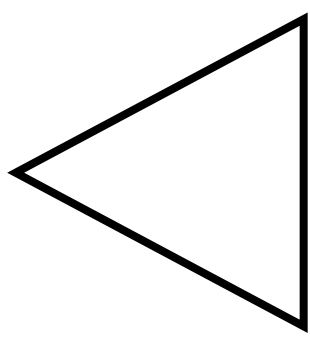
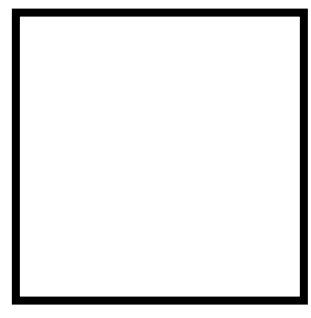
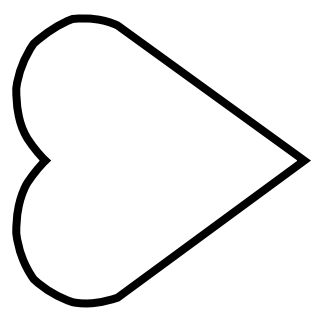
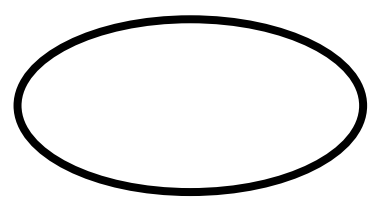
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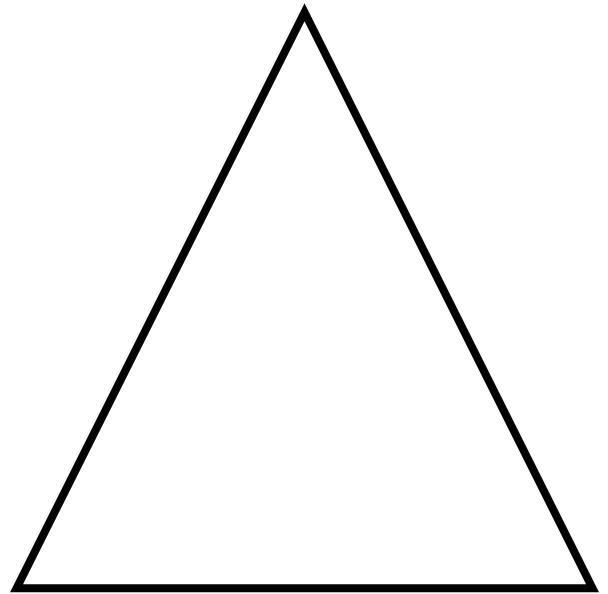
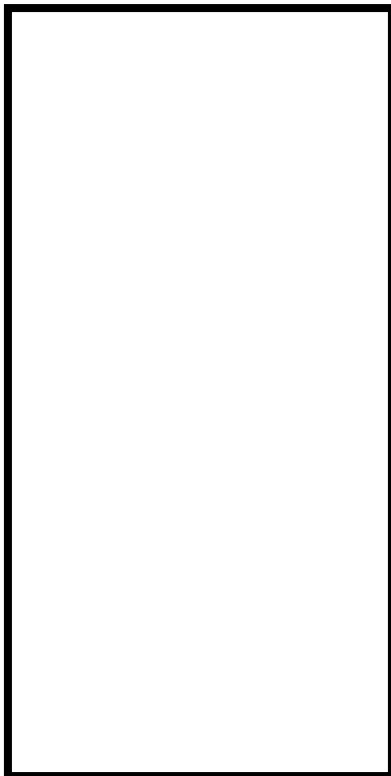
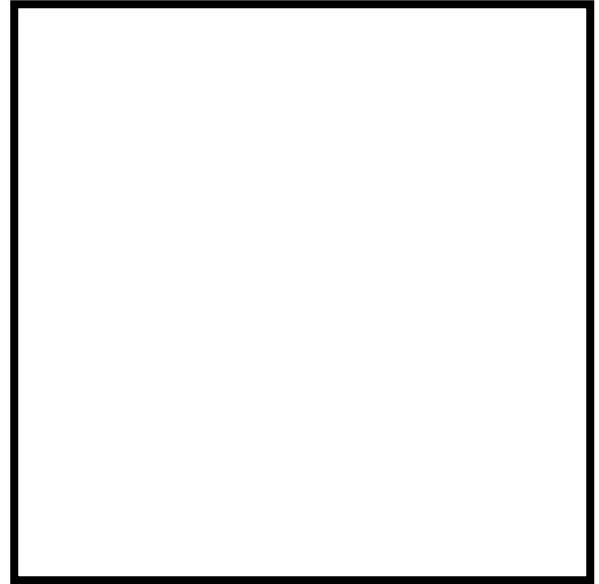
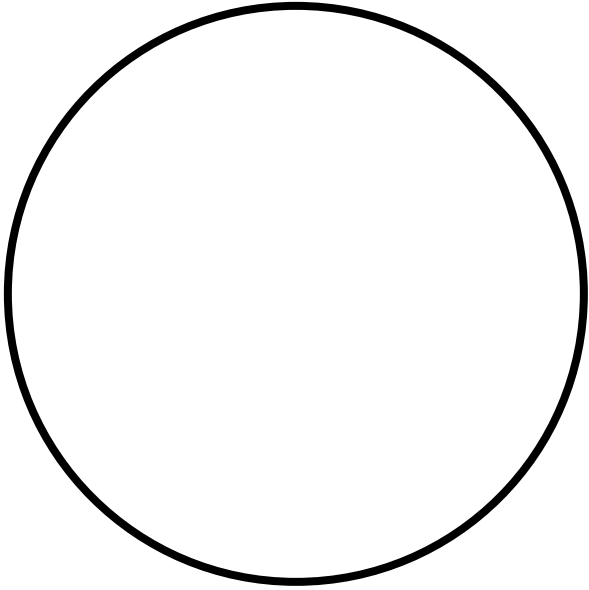
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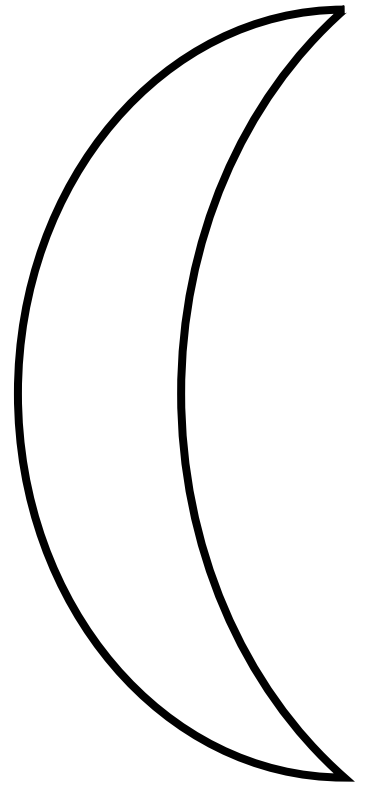
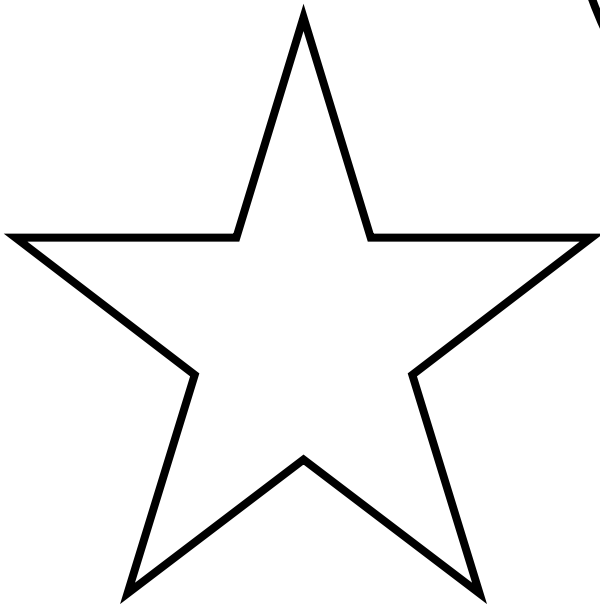
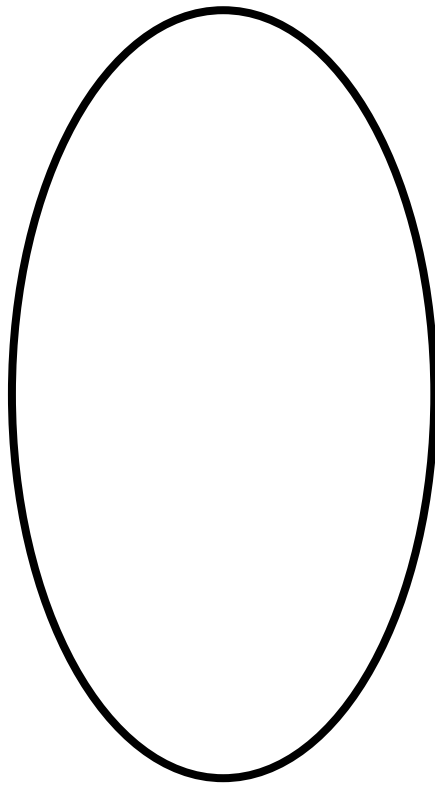
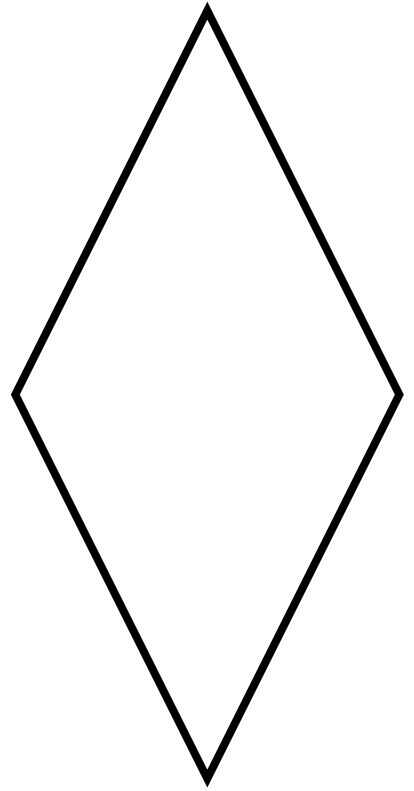
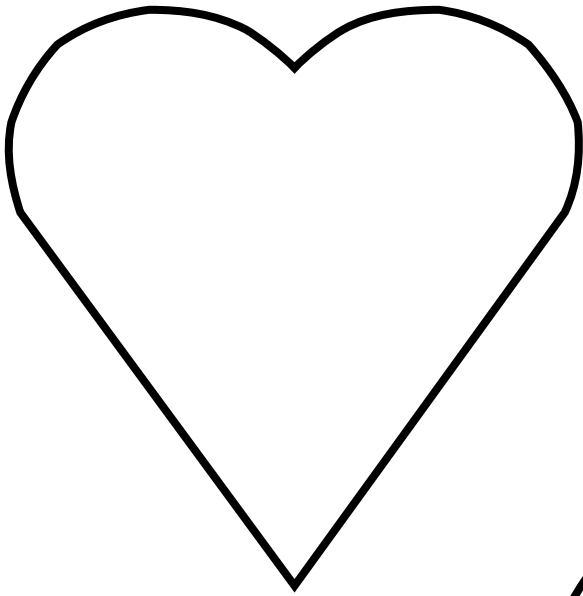


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Shape Tracing Cards





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