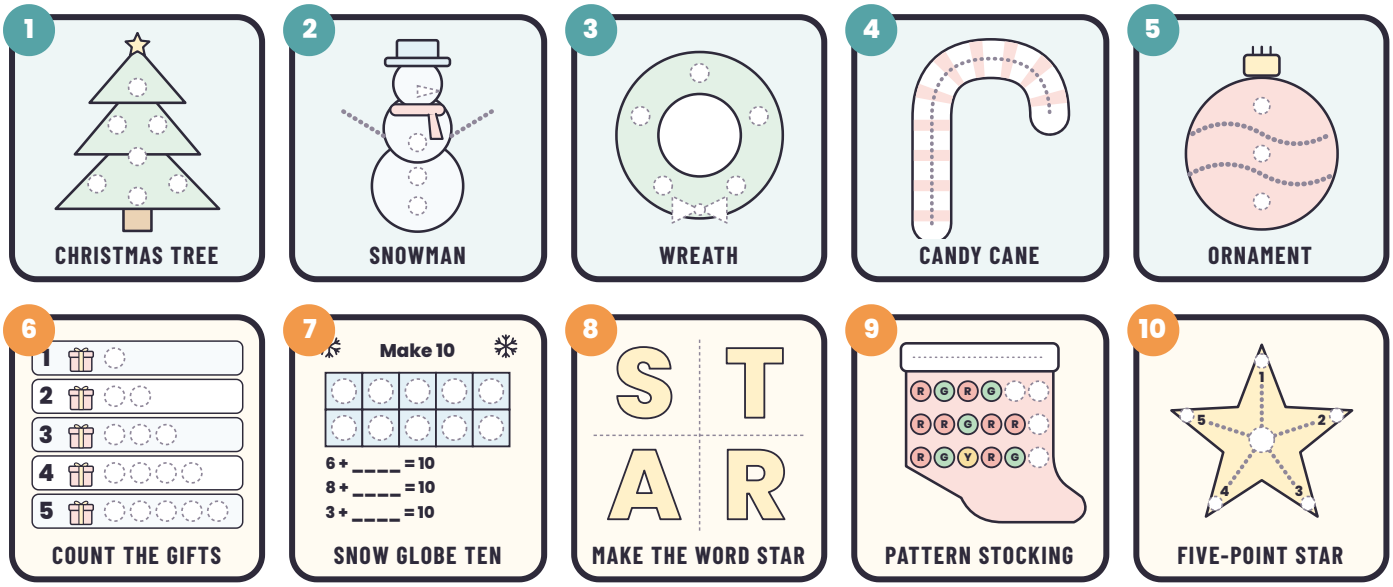
FREE PRINTABLE · AGES 2 TO 5 · 10 MATS

# Christmas Playdough Mats

Ten big Christmas outlines to press, roll and count on, one mat on each page. Mats 1 to 5 are for ages 2 to 3, mats 6 to 10 are for ages 4 to 5.




MATS 1 TO 5 · AGES 2 TO 3 MATS 6 TO 10 · AGES 4 TO 5

**1 Print and protect**
Print one mat at a time on A4. Slide it into a dry-erase pocket, laminate it, or tape it to a baking tray so the dough stays clean.

**2 Start with the dough**
Any playdough works. Offer 2 or 3 colors at a time, red, green and white are enough for every mat.

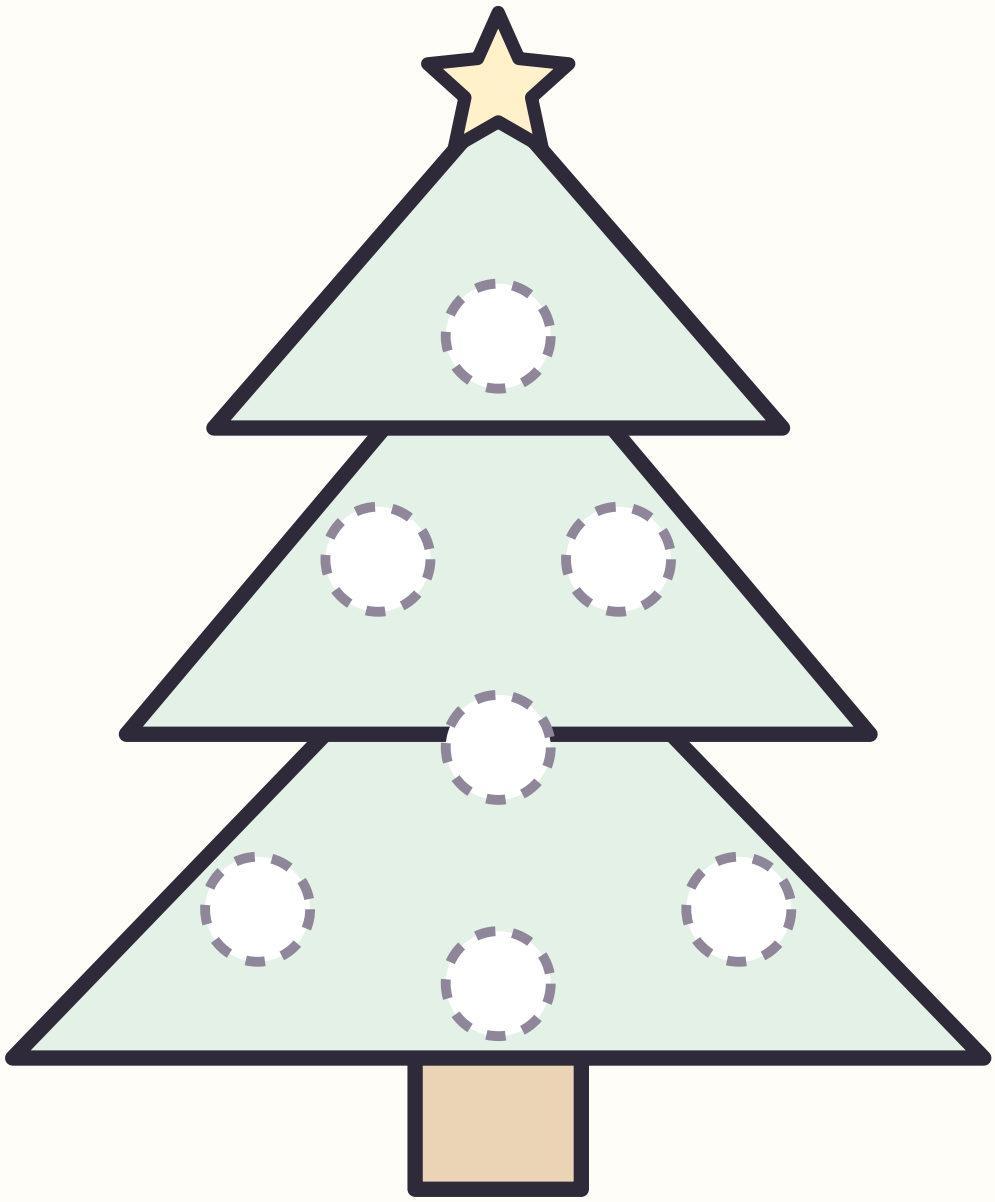
**3 No dough today?**
Use stickers, dot markers, torn paper, or a crayon to trace the shapes and fill the dashed circles instead.

**4 Black and white is fine**
The outlines are thick and the tints are light, so a black-and-white print works and uses less ink.

**Safety:** stay with your child the whole time. Playdough is not food, so keep it out of mouths. Small dough pieces, beads, buttons and other add-ons are a choking risk for children under 3, so for under 3s use big pieces only and let a grown-up roll the small ones. If your child has food allergies, read the label on your dough before you start.

# Christmas Tree

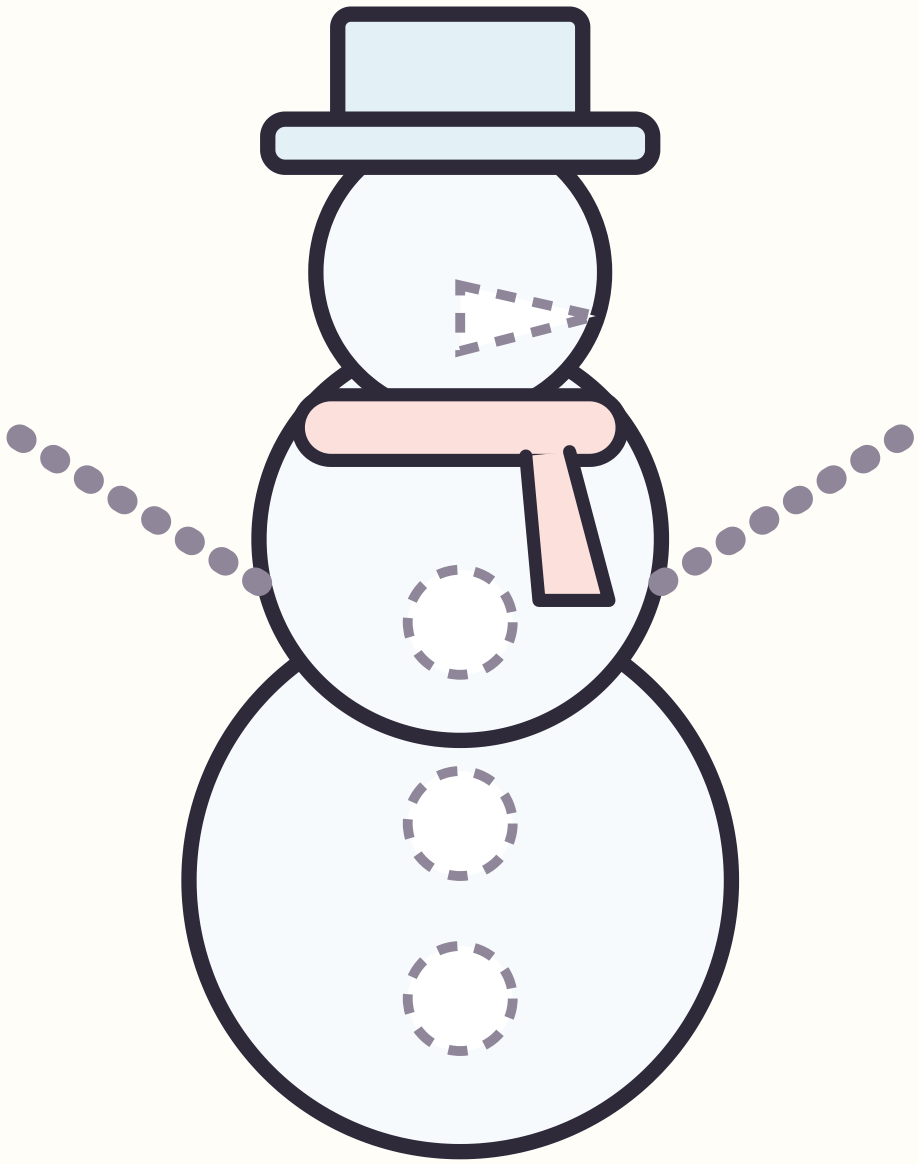
Press dough flat to fill the tree, then roll 7 balls and press one on each dashed circle.



1. Squish a ball of green dough flat and press it all over the tree.
2. Roll 7 round balls. Press each one flat on a dashed circle.
3. Count out loud as you press: 1, 2, 3 up to 7.

# Snowman

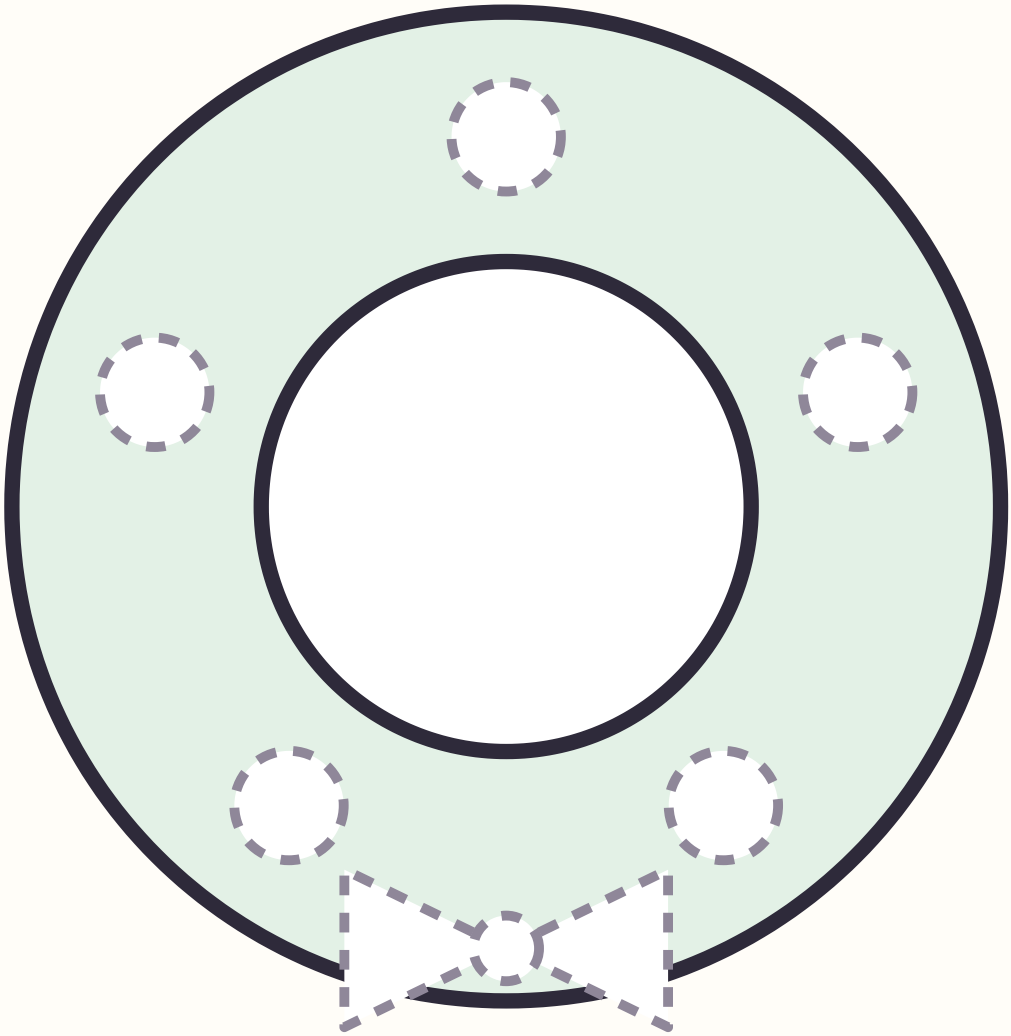
Roll a big, a medium and a small ball and press them flat into the three circles. Add 3 buttons.



1. Roll one big, one medium and one small white ball.
2. Press each flat into its circle: big at the bottom, small on top.
3. Add 3 dough buttons, a carrot nose and 2 thin snake arms along the dotted lines.

# Wreath

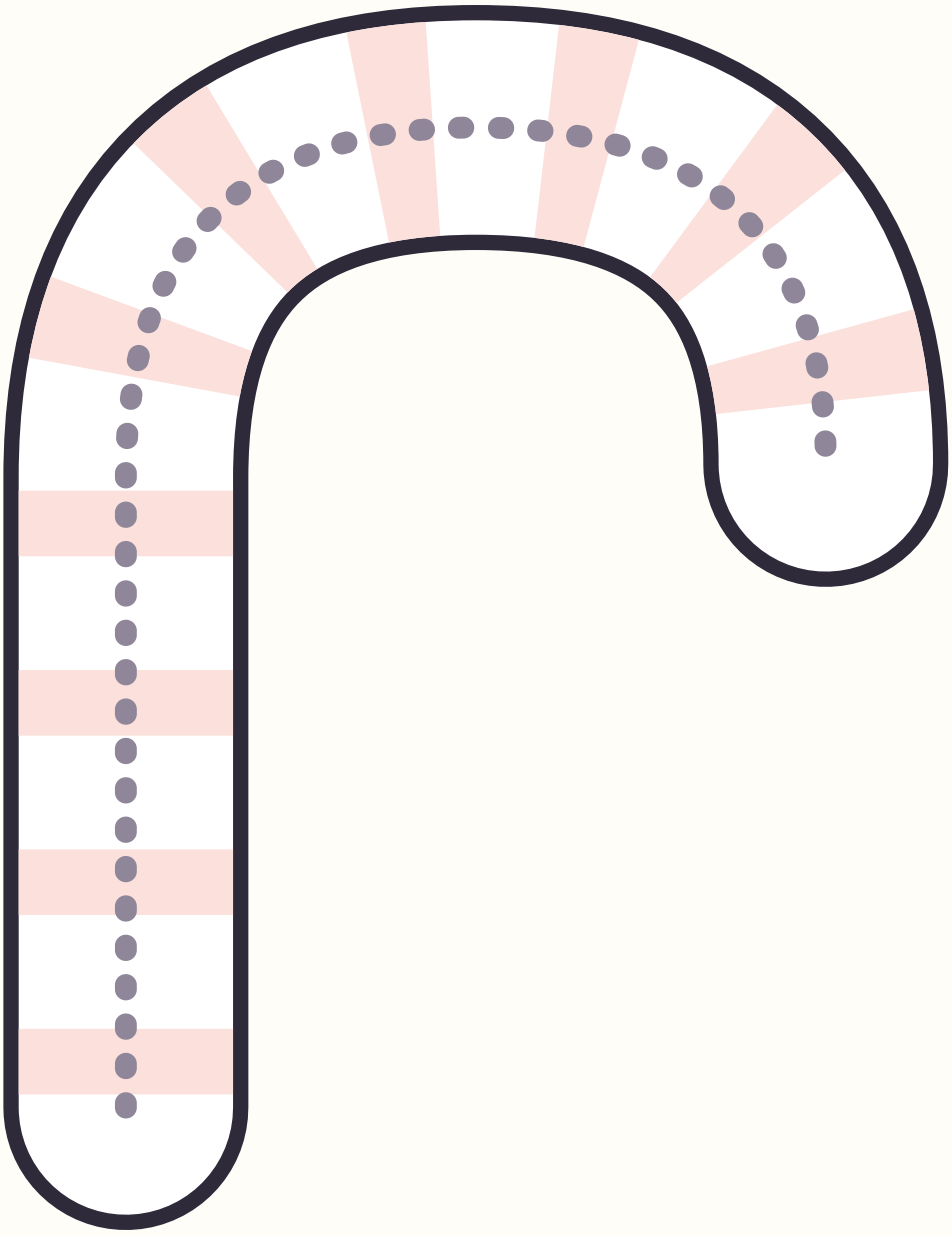
Roll a long snake and lay it around the ring. Press 5 berries and add a bow.



1. Roll a long snake of green dough as long as your hand.
2. Lay it round the ring and press it down gently.
3. Roll 5 red berries for the dashed circles, then make a bow.

# Candy Cane

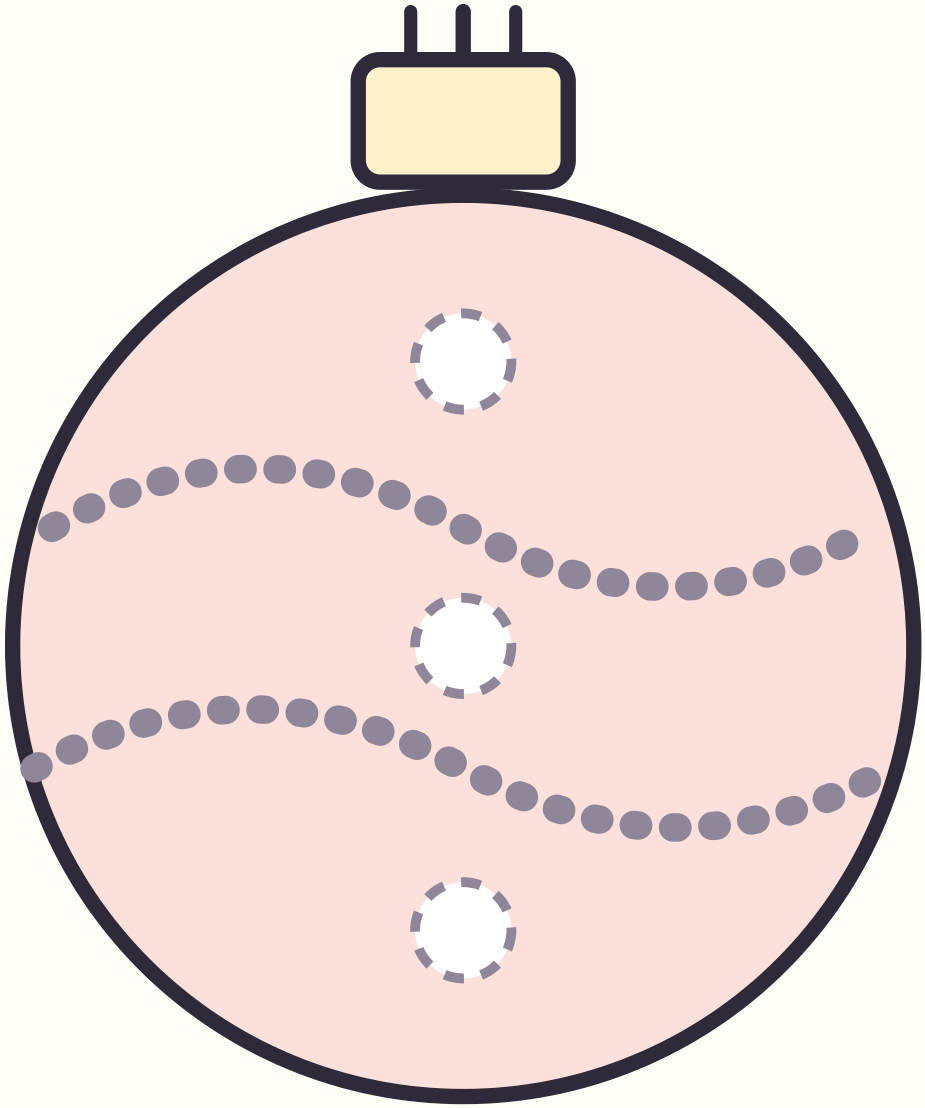
Roll one long fat snake, lay it along the cane and curve the hook. Add thin red stripes.



1. Roll one long, fat snake of white dough.
2. Lay it along the dotted line and bend the top into a hook.
3. Roll thin red snakes, cut or pinch them short and press them across for stripes.

# Ornament

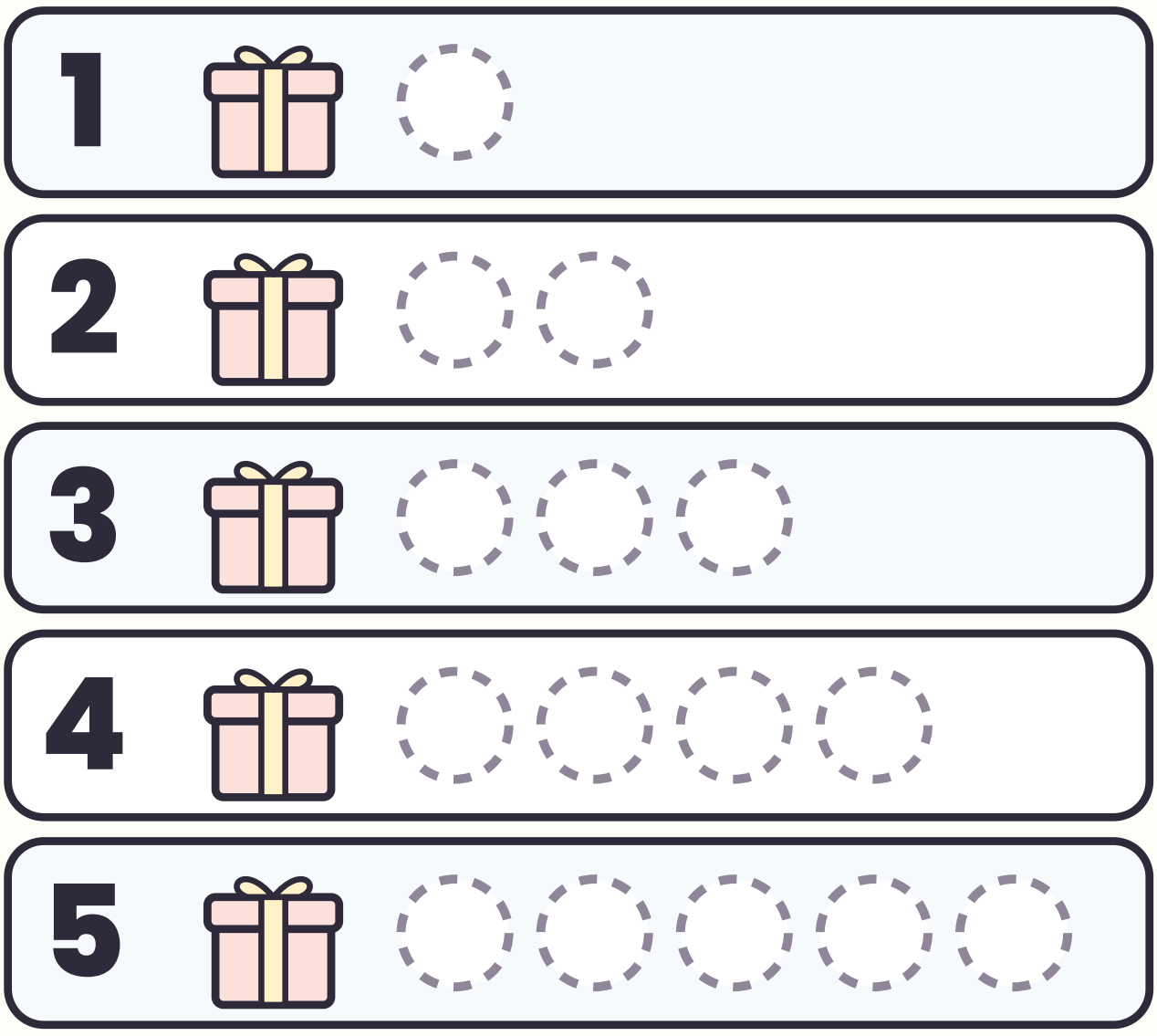
Squish a big ball flat to fill the ornament, then roll two long thin snakes for the wavy bands.



1. Squish a big ball of red dough flat to fill the ornament.
2. Roll two long, thin snakes and lay them along the wavy lines.
3. Press 3 round gold dots down the middle.

# Count the Gifts

Read the number, then roll that many balls and press one on each dashed circle.

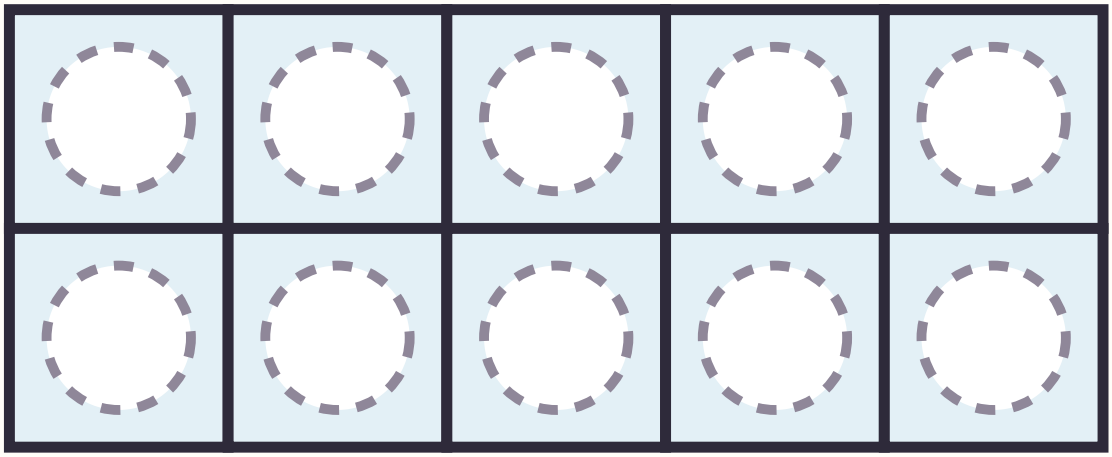



1. Point to the number and say it out loud.
2. Roll that many dough balls, one for each dashed circle.
3. Touch each ball and count again. Does the last number match?

# Snow Globe Ten

Fill 10 circles with dough balls. Fill some first, then count how many more make 10.

## Make 10



6 + ____ = 10

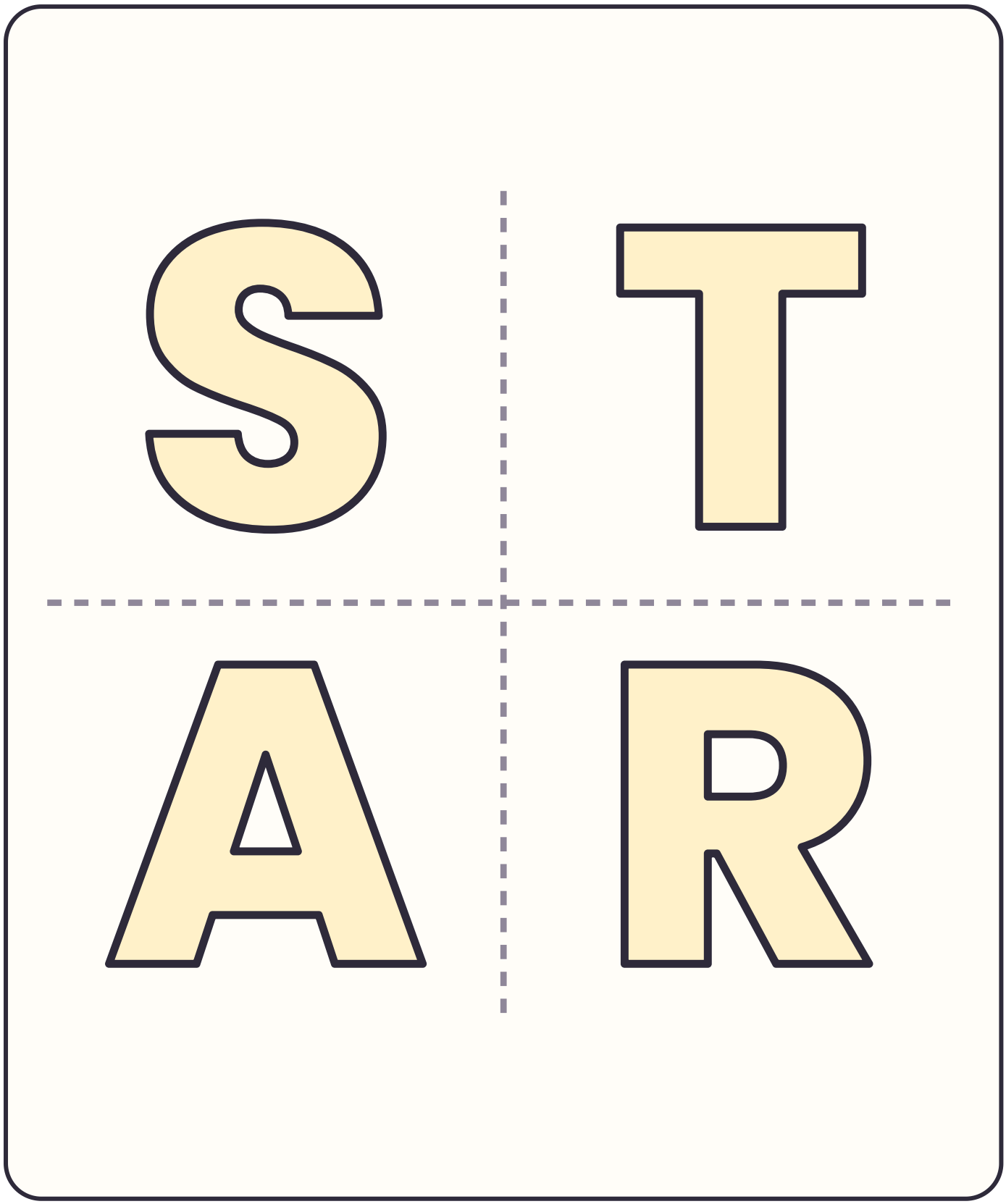
8 + ____ = 10

3 + ____ = 10

1. Roll 6 dough balls and fill 6 circles. Count the empty ones.
2. Roll that many more. Now all 10 circles are full.
3. Try 8 balls, then 3 balls. How many more each time?

# Make the Word STAR

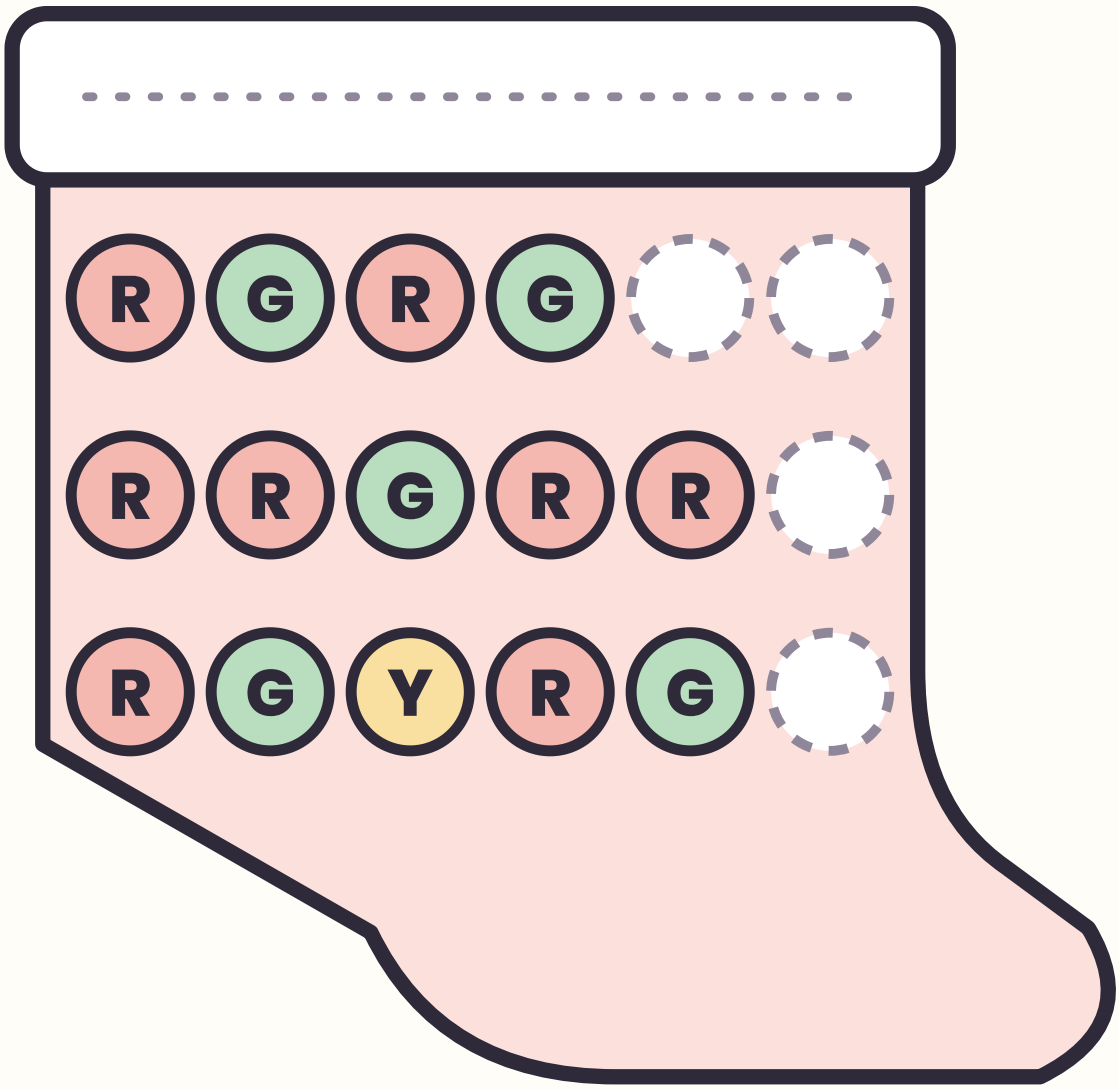
Roll a snake and press it along each letter. Say the sound of each one as you finish it.




1. Roll a snake of dough and lay it along the first stroke of the S.
2. Pinch off the extra and move on to T, A and R.
3. Say the word STAR. Which letter comes first? Which comes last?

# Pattern Stocking

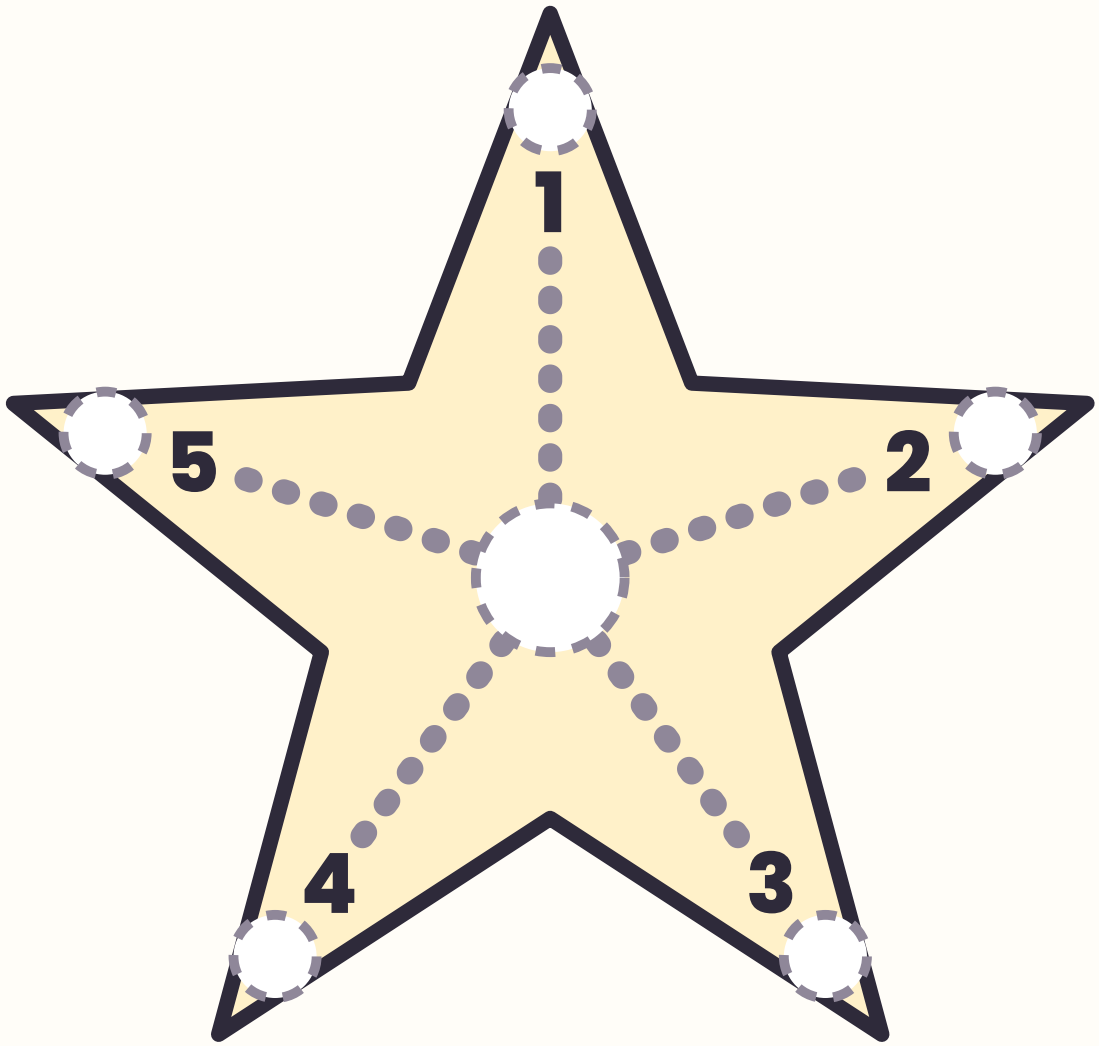
Roll red, green and gold balls. Copy each row, then finish the pattern in the dashed circles.




1. Row 1: red, green, red, green. Roll balls to copy it, then finish the 2 empty circles.
2. Row 2: red, red, green, red, red. What color is the last one?
3. Row 3: red, green, gold, red, green. What comes next?

# Five-Point Star

Roll 5 snakes. Lay one from the middle to each point, counting 1 to 5.




1. Press a small ball of dough in the middle circle.
2. Roll 5 snakes. Lay each one from the middle toward a numbered point.
3. Press a tiny ball on each tip, counting 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.

FOR GROWN-UPS · DONE WITH THE MATS?

# A Christmas Activity for Every Day

Playdough mats fill about 10 minutes. The paid Christmas Activity Pack has a printable page for the rest of December, ages 3 to 8.

## A 24-day activity countdown

A color-in countdown tree chart plus 24 activity cards, one for each day from December 1 to Christmas Eve. Each card lists what you need and a tweak for little ones or big kids.

## Games for parties and playdates

6 different Christmas bingo boards with 24 picture caller cards, an I Spy Christmas counting page and an indoor scavenger hunt with 16 picture prompts.

## Quiet afternoons

2 word searches (easy and harder, with an answer key), 6 big, bold coloring pages, a letter to Santa, a wish list drawing page and 12 kindness cards.

**Keep the mats**

Print the same mat again for a sibling or tomorrow. A mat in a dry-erase pocket wipes clean and can be used again and again.

**See the Christmas Activity Pack at puddlesandplay.com**