

Make your own shadow puppets for Bedtime Ballet

Materials you will need:

- White paper
- Pencil
- Thick board paper, any color
- Brass paper fasteners
- Straws or rods (around 15 inches long)
- Tape or glue gun
- Screen and light

Step 1

Use the provided templates of the animal you want to make a puppet of on plain white paper. You can also draw your own template!

If you want your puppet to move you probably want to have two parts to it: the head, and then the body. You don't want more than three (You don't want more joints than a single puppeteer can manipulate). Cut the template out.

Step 2

Trace the template onto a thick board. Cut the shape out.

Step 3

Poke holes in the template where the hole marks are and stick a wire or brass paper fastener through first the head or limbs, then the body.

Step 4

Using a glue gun or tape, affix a stick or an extra long straw or rod to the back of the puppet. Attach one rod to each part that moves. For example, use one rod for the body and then one rod for the head.

Step 5

Prepare a surface for reflecting the shadows, such as a wall, screen or the side of a tent, free of pictures or wall hangings.

Step 6

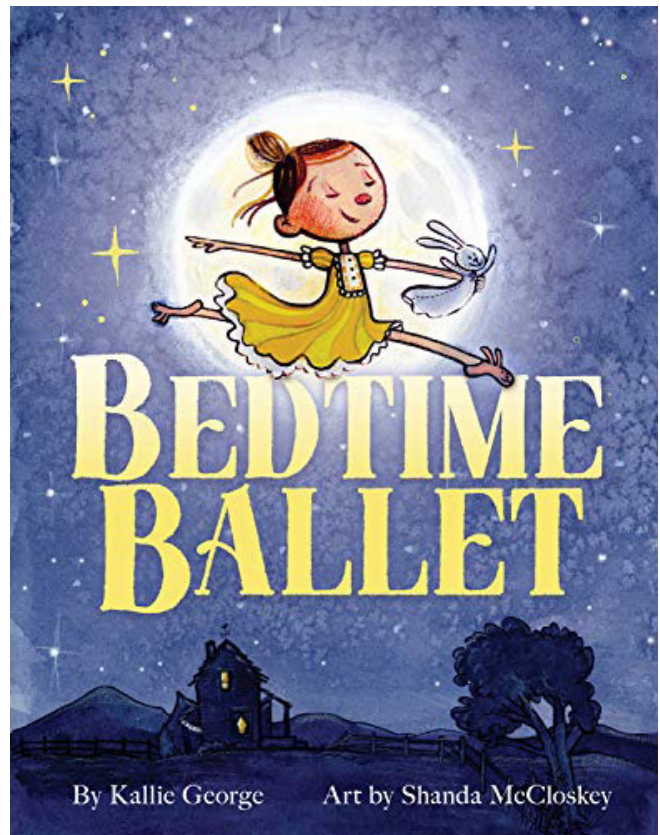
Choose a light source like a flashlight, lamp, or lantern. Even a projector makes an excellent screen.

Step 7

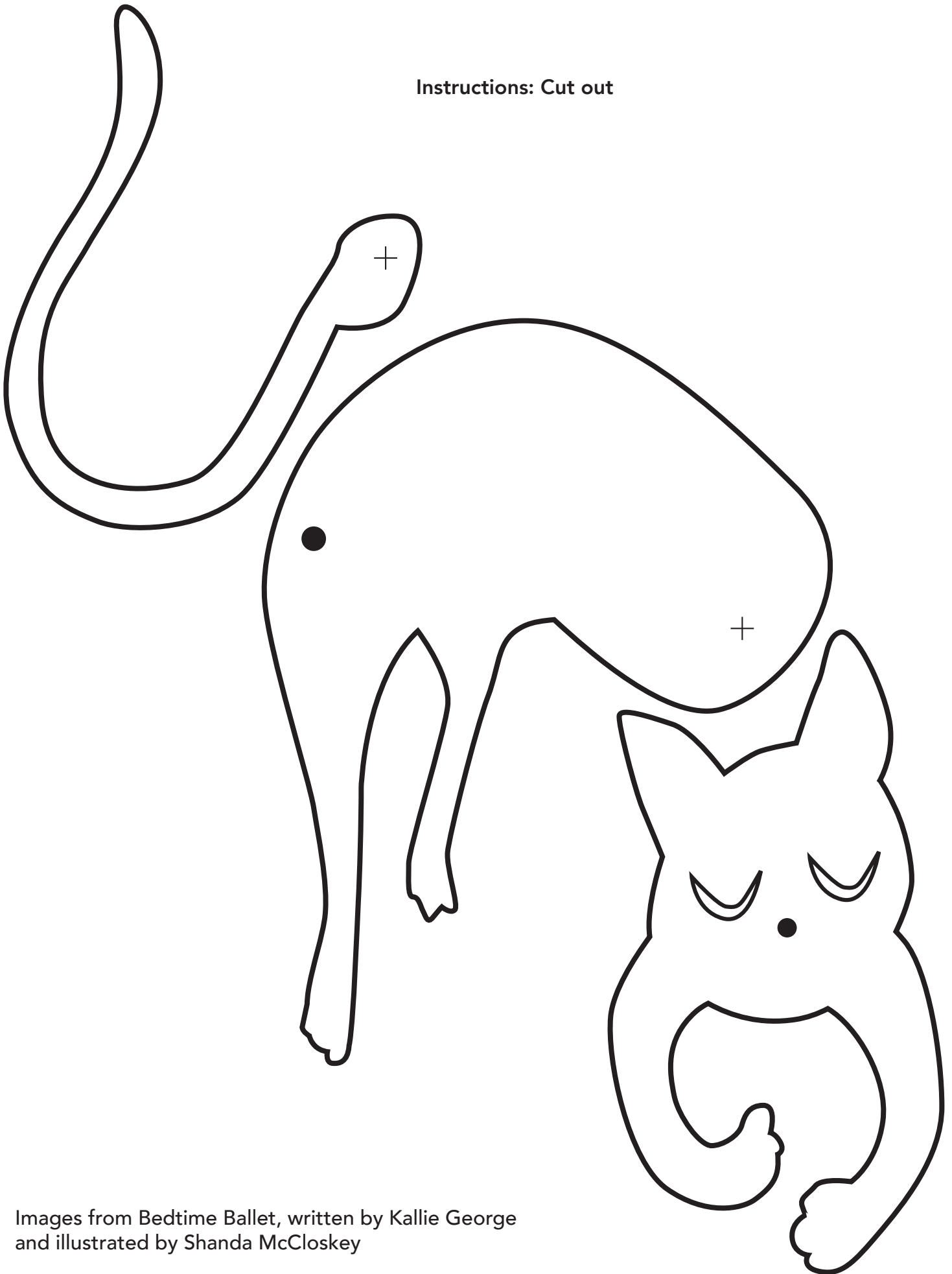
Construct the performance area. Make sure you include an area for the puppeteers to maneuver the puppets between the light source and the shadow surface.

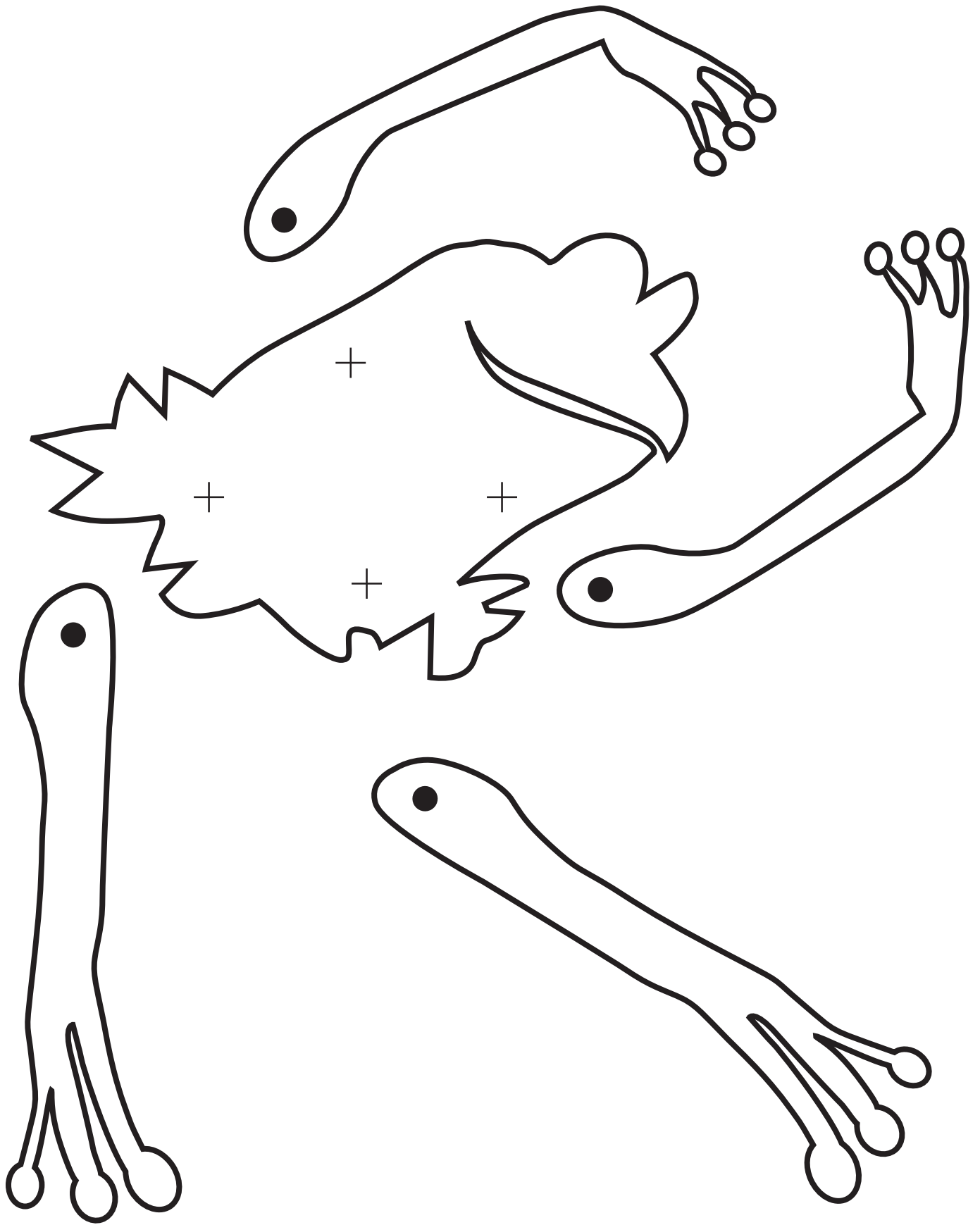
Step 8

Perform!

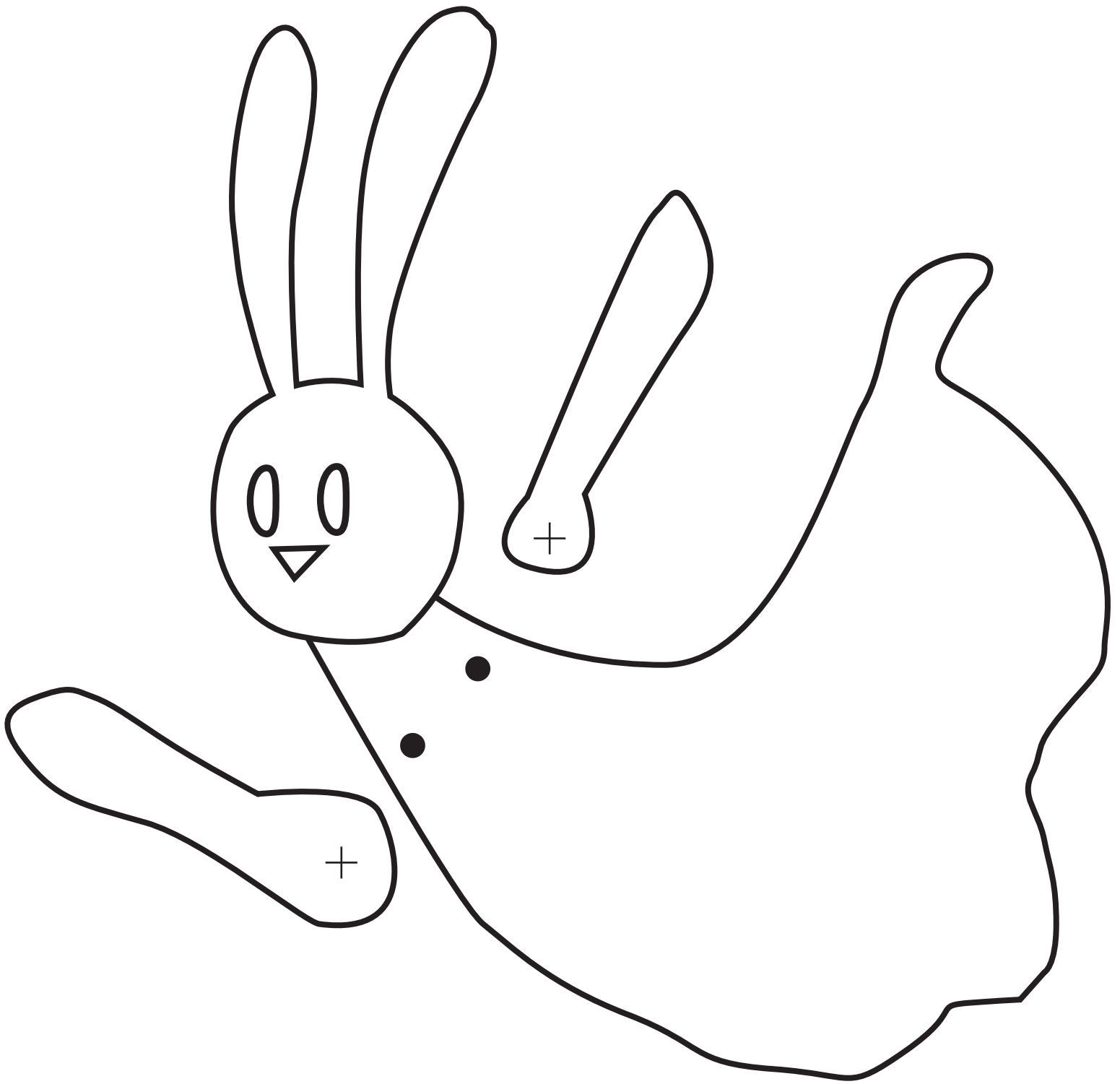


Instructions: Cut out





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