



**COMMUNITY  
ACTIVITY PACK**

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## **WELCOME LETTER FROM Cllr Jacqui Dyer MBE**



Dear Residents,

Despite the restrictions of the Covid-19 pandemic, last year thousands of residents came together to celebrate and commemorate Windrush Day. This annual celebration remembers and honours the arrival of the HMT Empire Windrush, its passengers and descendants who have made a huge contribution to Lambeth and the UK's cultural, social, and economic life over the decades. Lambeth is proud to be home to the Windrush generation and their legacy.

Lambeth is the key location for Windrush Day celebrations and the council, alongside community organisations, schools, businesses, and so many more, have developed a cultural programme of events to celebrate this occasion. The Windrush Day programme is a celebratory, educational, and joyful tribute, with tens of thousands of Lambeth residents and Lambeth schools taking part and hundreds of thousands more reached online through social media.

The theme for Lambeth's cross-borough Windrush celebrations 2022 is We Are Here. This theme invites us to learn about the history, stories, and experiences of the Windrush generation and their descendants, ensuring their legacy is recognised and celebrated across Lambeth. This will include a broad spectrum of events over 17th – 26th June, with Windrush Day on 22nd June forming the pinnacle of the week. Details of the exciting programme can be found here on the Lambeth website.

I hope that everyone will be able to get involved and join us again, all throughout the borough and beyond, to explore and celebrate the Windrush generation at this time of immense social change and as we look towards the significant 75th anniversary of the arrival of the HMT Empire Windrush in 2023.

Cllr Jacqui Dyer MBE  
Deputy Leader of the Council (Inclusive Economy and Equalities)  
Lambeth

Find out more: [www.lambeth.gov.uk/windrushday](http://www.lambeth.gov.uk/windrushday)

# THE WINDRUSH STORY

Between 1948 and 1971, West Indian migrants travelled to the UK to advance their socio-economic opportunities for themselves and their families remaining in the Caribbean. This group of people, known as The Windrush Generation, responded to an invitation from English officials to begin a month-long journey to England, the 'Motherland'.

Here, they have contributed to the rebuilding of England after World War 2, immensely impacting British culture and shaping the diverse society that we live in today. With many Caribbean migrants settling in Lambeth, it soon became their home and has remained the biggest community for their generation and their descendants.

Windrush Day on the 22nd June is a national commemoration of the first arrival of the 1027 passengers on board the HM Windrush. Windrush Festival 2022 in Lambeth will be a whole community celebration that will serve as a meaningful, educational and joyful tribute to the immense contribution to British life by the Windrush Generation and their descendants.

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Lambeth's Windrush celebrations will acknowledge and amplify the presence of the Windrush generation and their descendants within Lambeth, highlighting the contribution they continue to make to our community.

A proud and joyous reclamation of Black Britishness, We Are Here re-asserts what it means to belong, with Windrush stories taking centre stage in Lambeth's buildings, streets, and landmark institutions.

Whilst many aspects of Caribbean culture have been absorbed into mainstream British society, We Are Here challenges us to dig deeper into the rich and nuanced histories the Windrush generation brought with them, making visible their legacy in Lambeth's cultural fabric and our shared local DNA.

Find out more here: [www.lambeth.gov.uk/windrushday](http://www.lambeth.gov.uk/windrushday)

## SING THE WINDRUSH SONG AT 10.27am

This year, once again, we are asking everyone - residents, schools, businesses and shops - to raise their voices and join us in song to make a collective sound of solidarity - at 10.27am - to mark the 1027 passengers that arrived on the Empire Windrush.

Raise your voice and be heard in a tribute to the people of Windrush! Last year, a unique version of Desmond Dekker's song 'You Can Get It If You Really Want It' was created - this year we will be once again raising our voices and singing along in solidarity. So at 10:27am on Windrush Day, Wednesday the 22nd June 2022, join in with the rest of Lambeth and sing along!

**Sing, play and dance  
from your doorstep, window,  
wherever you are!**

Let's fill our homes, streets and estates with a burst of music - play it loud on your phones, speakers.

You'll find the lyrics to the song to sing along to, and the music score if you want to play along, on the next pages.

### **Where can you find the Windrush song?**

Tune in from 10:20am to [www.colourfulradio.com](http://www.colourfulradio.com) or 'colourful' on DAB radio for the official countdown and broadcast. Or

The song is available via YouTube – [Listen here](#).

**Follow us [@WindrushLambeth](#) and share your 10.27am Windrush moments with us. Don't forget to tag [@WindrushLambeth](#)!**

**Tune in at 10.27am to  
Colourful Radio and join in  
the sing along**



**Sing at 10.27am 22 June 2022**

**You can get it if you really want**

**By Jimmy Cliff**

*Intro*

*Chorus*

You can get it if you really want  
You can get it if you really want  
You can get it if you really want  
But you must try, try and try  
Try and try, you'll succeed at last

*Verse*

Rome was not built in a day  
Opposition will come your way  
But the hotter the battle you see  
It's the sweeter the victory, now

*Chorus*

You can get it if you really want  
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**TUNE IN AT 10.27AM TO  
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# CHORDS SHEET

## YOU CAN GET IT IF YOU REALLY WANT

By Jimmy Cliff

### Intro

C C C C (stop)

### Chorus

You can get it if you really want F  
C F  
You can get it if you really want F  
C F  
You can get it if you really want  
C G  
But you must try, try and try  
F G (stop)  
Try and try, you'll succeed at last

### Re-intro

C F C F  
Look here

### Verse

C G F  
Rome was not built in a day  
C G F  
Opposition will come your way  
E F  
But the hotter the battle you see  
G  
It's the sweeter the victory, now

### Chorus

You can get it if you really want F  
C F  
You can get it if you really want F  
C F  
You can get it if you really want  
C G  
But you must try, try and try  
F G (stop)  
Try and try, you'll succeed at last

### Re-intro

C F C F

# DECORATE YOUR WINDOWS & STREETS

We want to make Windrush Day 2022 an extraordinary collective event for the community. In this activity pack you have everything you need for you, your class, family and friends, to pay your respects to the people of Windrush by decorating your windows and doorsteps in time for June 22.

We would like to see Windrush 2022 pictures all over Lambeth – in every window of your house if you want – on your front door!

The new emblem for Windrush 2022 activity pack has been designed by young artist Seonaid Gowdie.

## Let's all get ready!

- Print off the templates onto white paper.
- Or draw your own version using the template as inspiration. Or if you prefer print off the coloured poster and display in your home.
- Colour in the poster and bunting with your family and friends.
- Use your favourite colours.
- Use the spaces to write messages of love and thanks to share with your neighbours.
- Decorate your windows and doorway.
- Share your images on Instagram and Facebook and decorate our streets.

## Share your windows!

Display your support and solidarity for Windrush and be the first to post your Windrush Windows - just tag @WindrushLambeth

Find out more: [www.lambeth.gov.uk/windrushday](http://www.lambeth.gov.uk/windrushday)  
Follow [@WindrushLambeth](https://www.instagram.com/WindrushLambeth)



## ARTIST SPOTLIGHT

**Seonaid Gowdie**

**Website:**

[seonaidgowdiedesign.co.uk](http://seonaidgowdiedesign.co.uk)

**Socials:**

@seonaid\_creates



Seonaid Gowdie is an artist and designer based in South London. She graduated from the University of the Arts London with a degree in Theatre Design. Seonaid mainly works in acrylic and oil paint and her work ranges from abstract floral images to faceless portraits. Her main skill set lies in painting and model making however she also explores the digital mediums of digital drawing, photo editing and video editing.

Seonaid remarked "The emblem I've designed depicts six different faces all put together to make one face. I took inspiration from the words collective, spirit, future and respect and decided to create something which represents unity within a community. The Windrush generation were commonly told to 'go back home' despite the fact they had a right to be here. I was born and raised in London. I'm a British citizen but sometimes I don't feel British enough. When I'm with my Jamaican family I feel more British and when I'm around British people I feel more Jamaican. It sometimes feels like I'm a part of two cultures but not completely included in either. Regardless of this disparity I am here in Britain as a British citizen. The emblem shows that regardless of the colour of someone's skin, whether they were born here or immigrated, we are here."

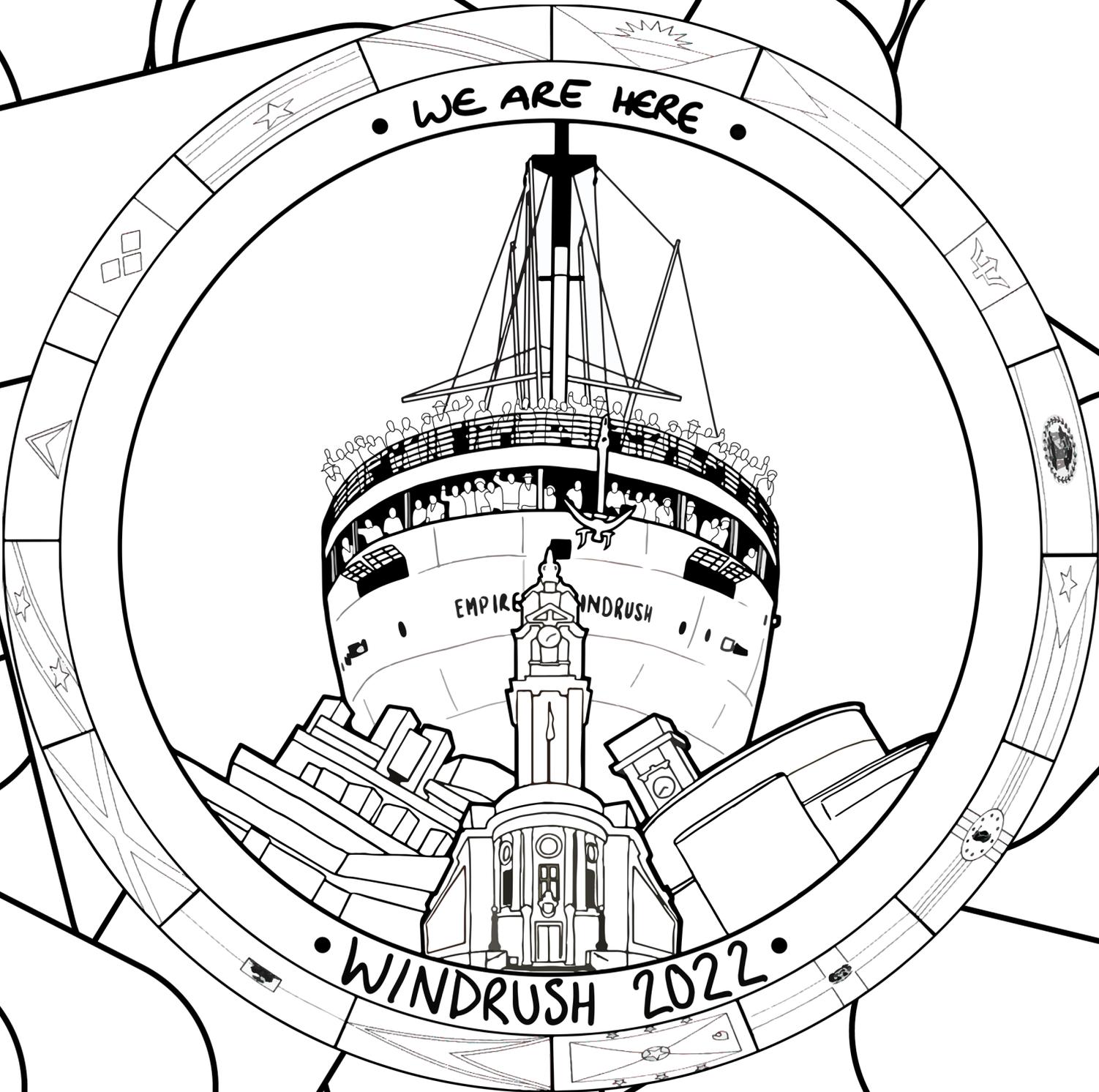
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• WINDRUSH 2022 •



• WE ARE HERE •



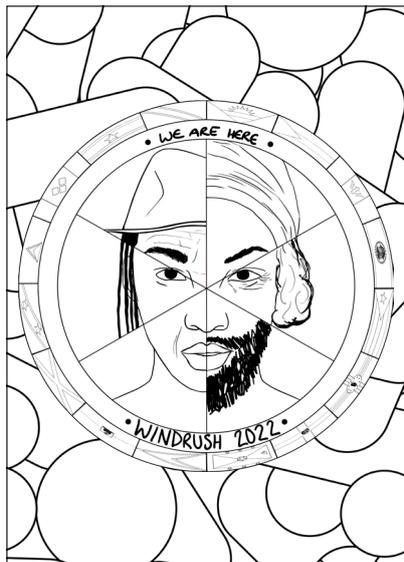
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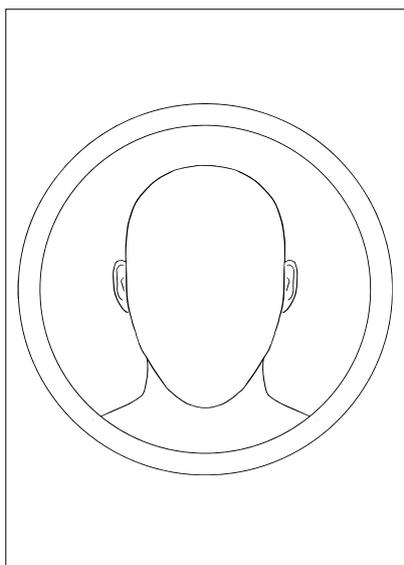
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# EMBLEM ACTIVITY TEMPLATE GUIDE



## I AM HERE POSTER

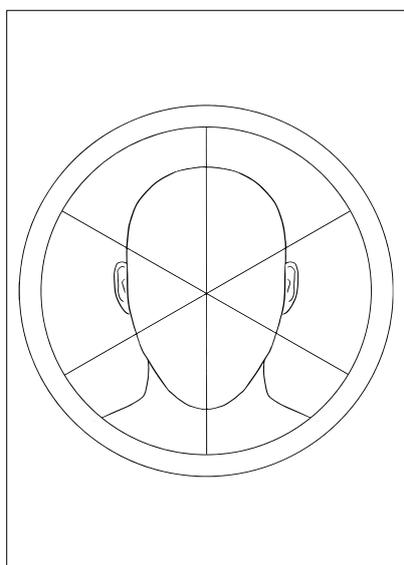
- Print off the A4 poster and colour in with pencil, paints - whatever materials you prefer
- Hang your motifs for all to see!



## I AM HERE - see yourself in the emblem!

We would like to see YOU represented in our Windrush 'I Am Here' motif.

- Use our empty motif to draw yourself, this can be coloured in, painted, collaged - whatever materials you prefer.
- Take it one step further and have your friends and family reflected in the emblem.
- Hang your motifs for all to see!



## WE ARE HERE - see your home in the emblem

We would like to see YOUR familial history represented in our Windrush 'I Am Here' motif.

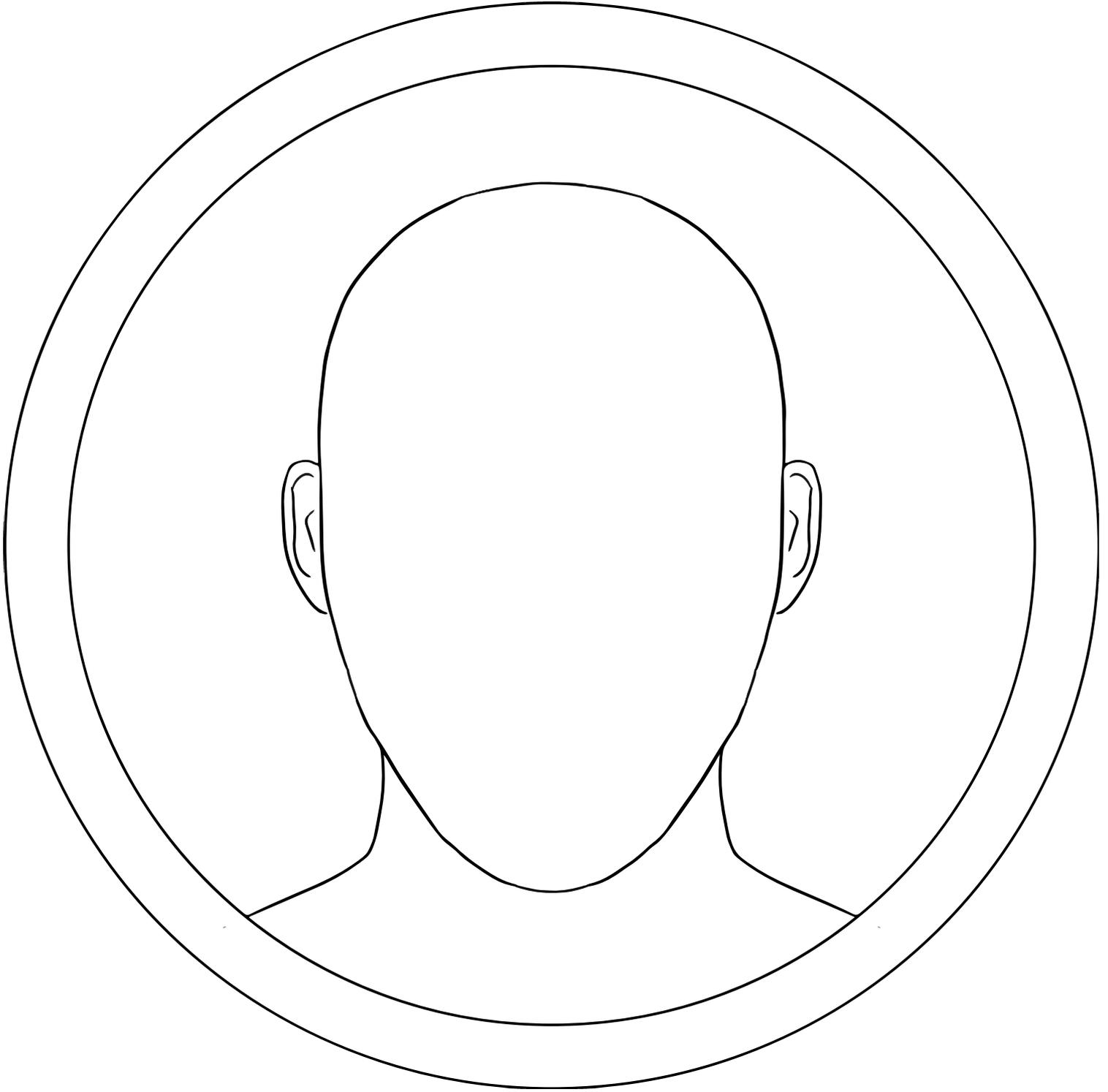
- Use our empty motif to draw yourself and your family background or community, this can be coloured in, painted, collaged - whatever materials you prefer.
- Include your friends, family (or objects or words if suitable)- people that make up your experience of here, your home
- Hang your motifs for all to see!



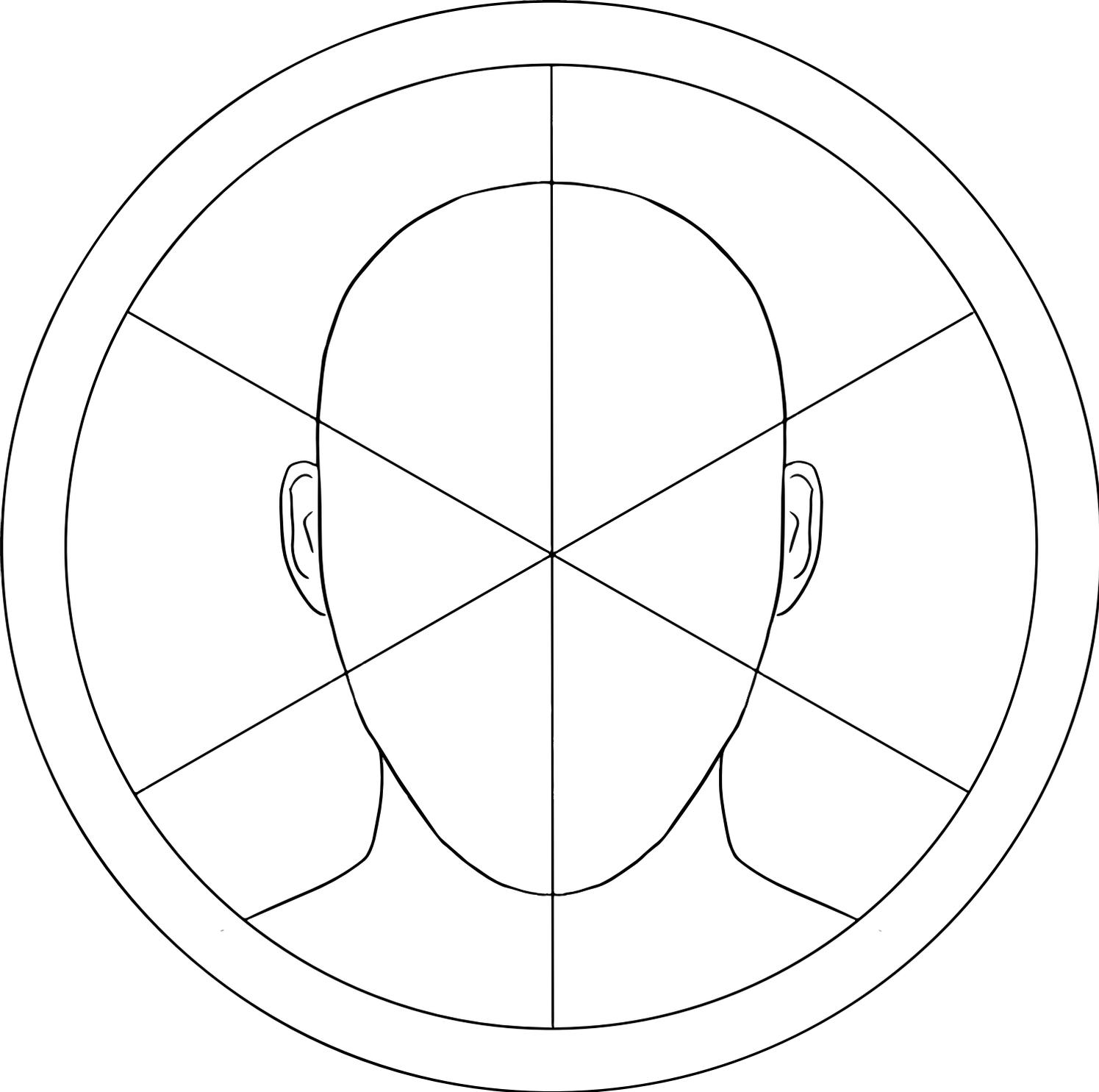
• WE ARE HERE •

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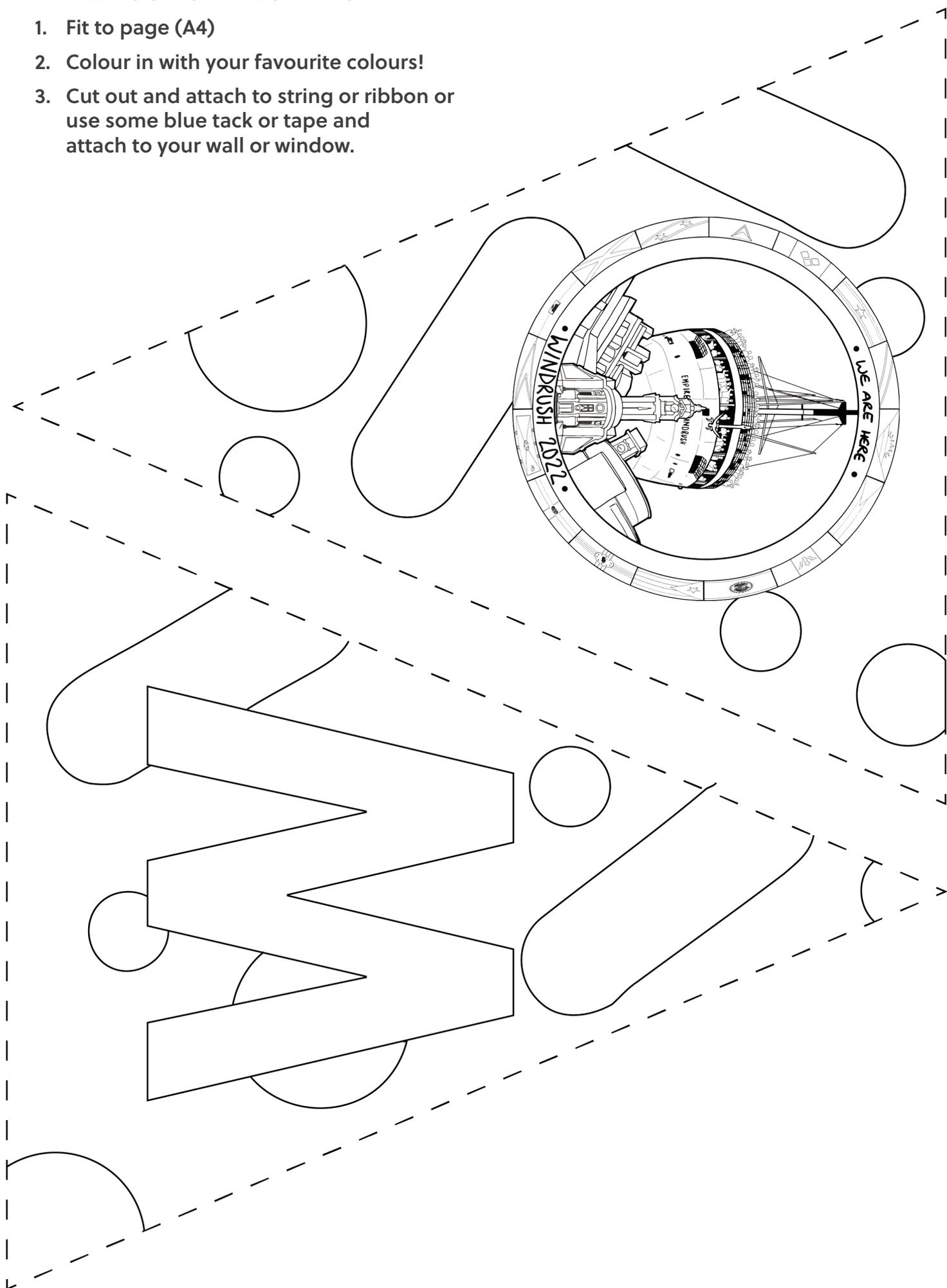


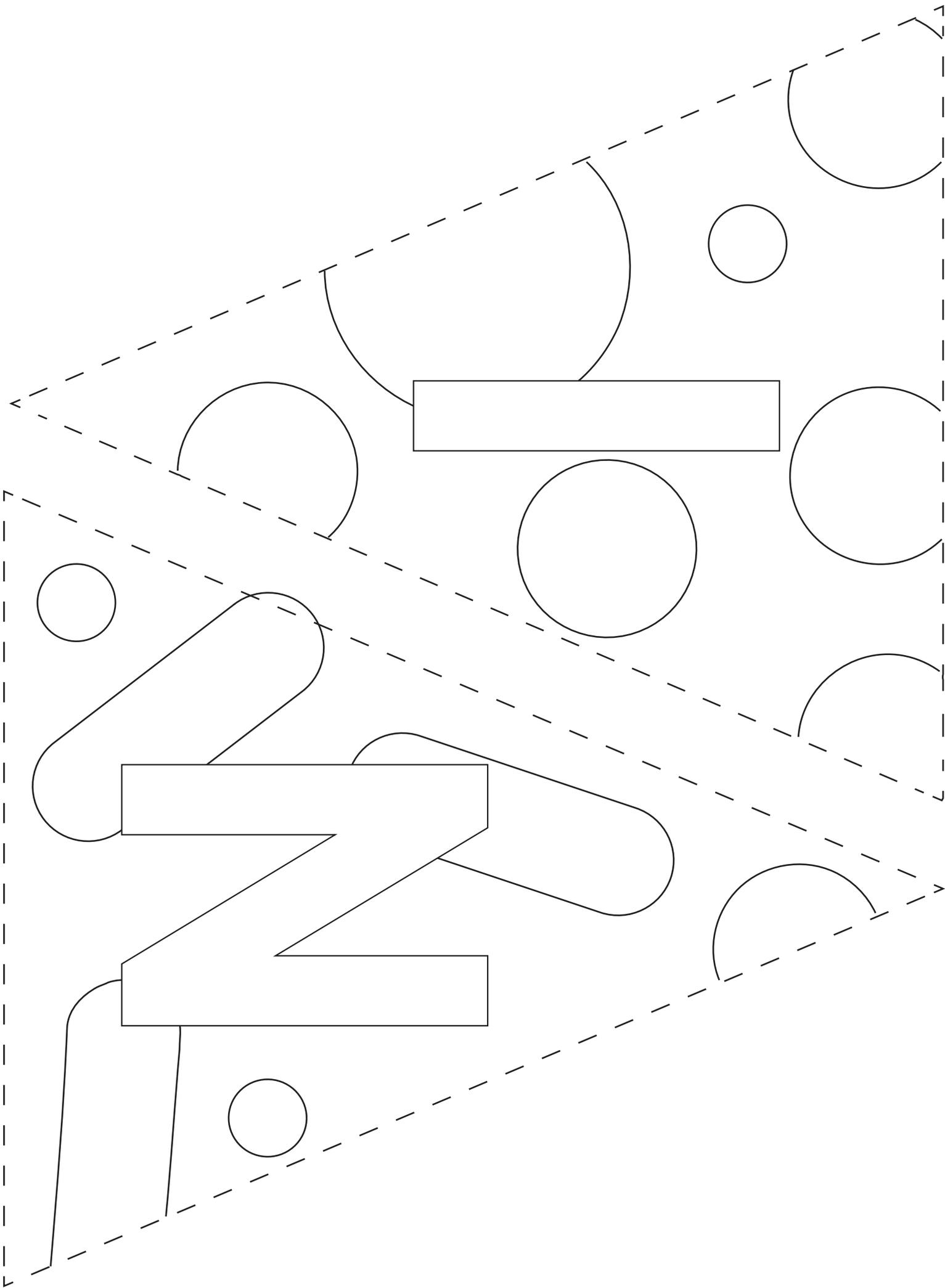
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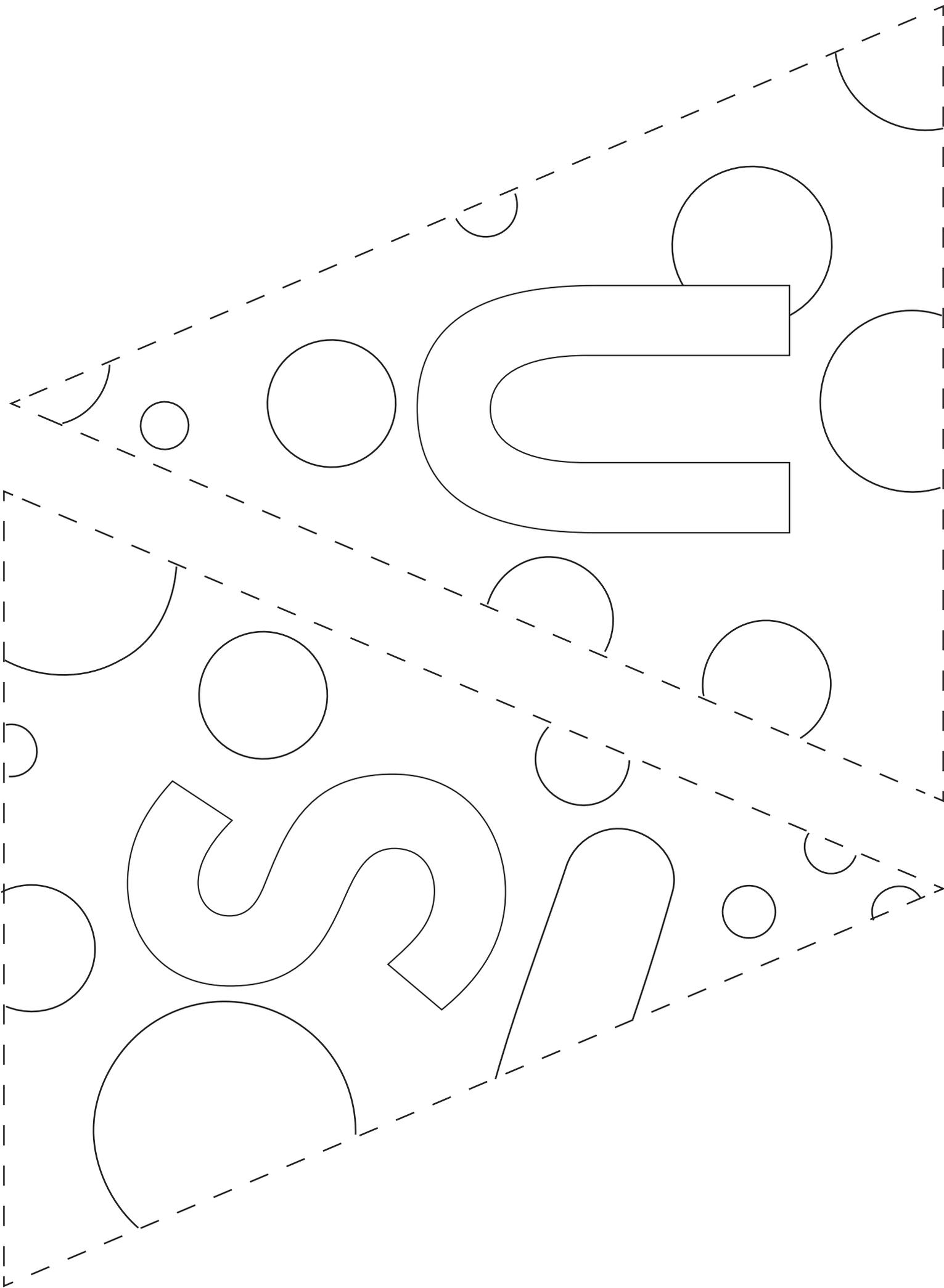
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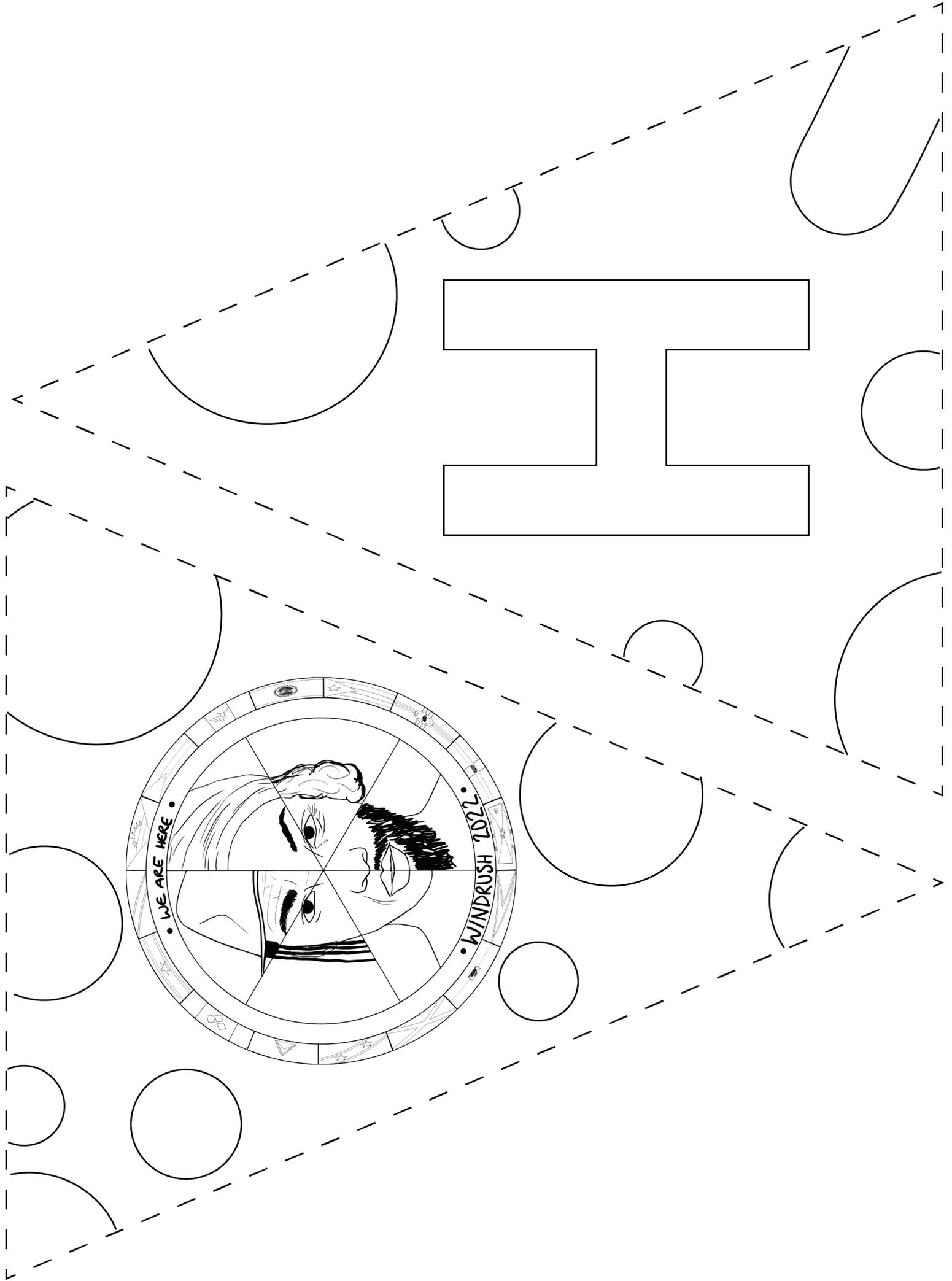
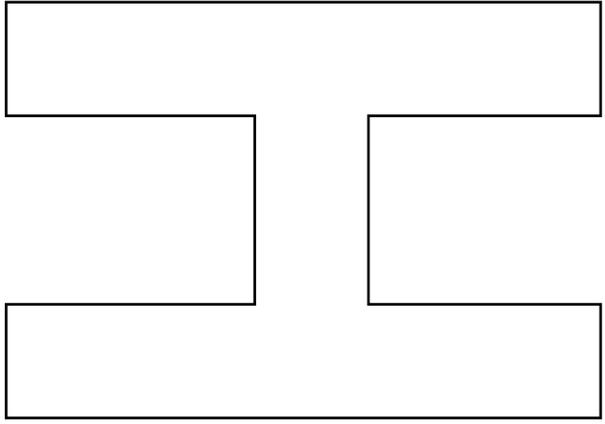
1. Fit to page (A4)
2. Colour in with your favourite colours!
3. Cut out and attach to string or ribbon or use some blue tack or tape and attach to your wall or window.

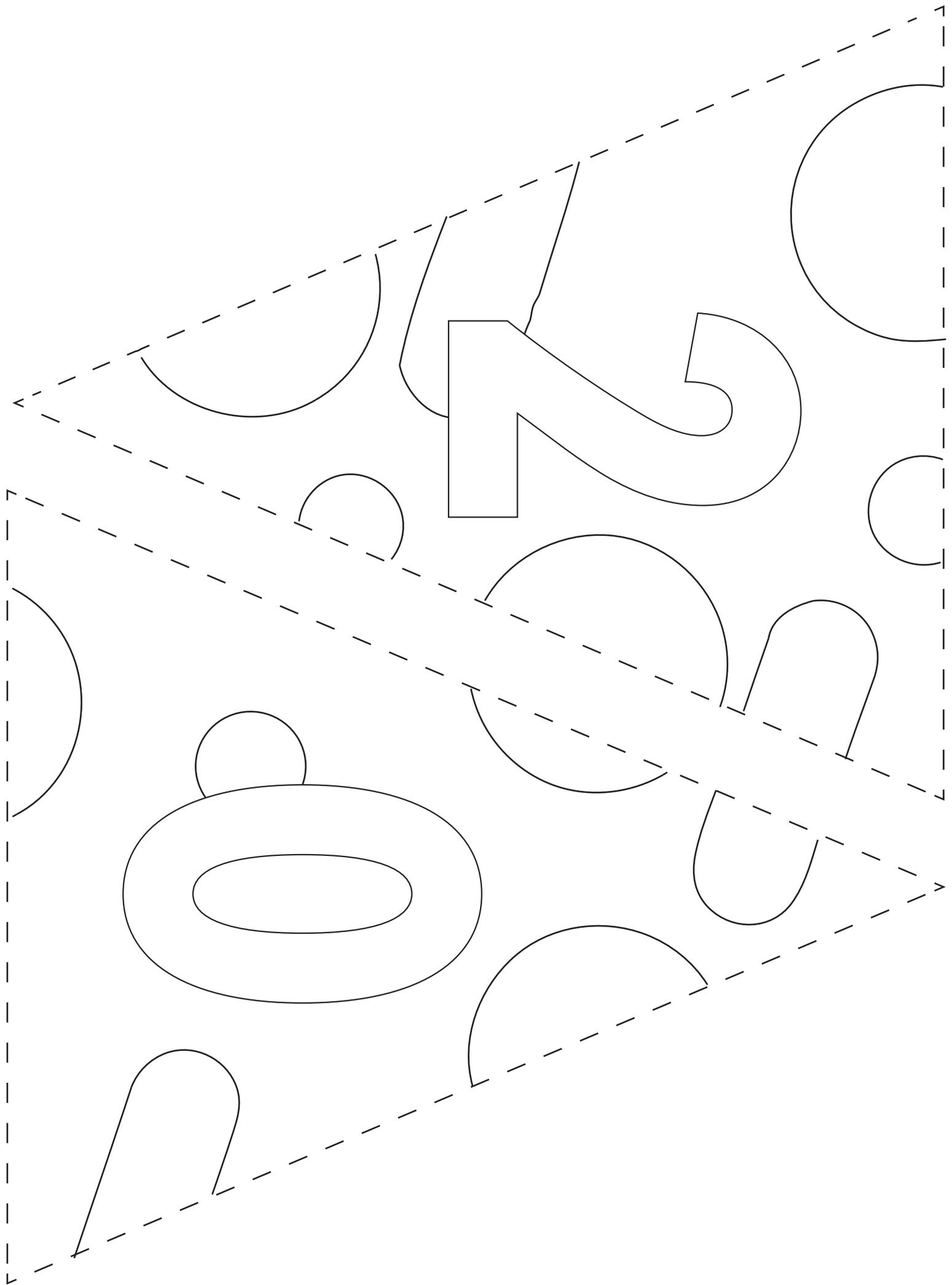


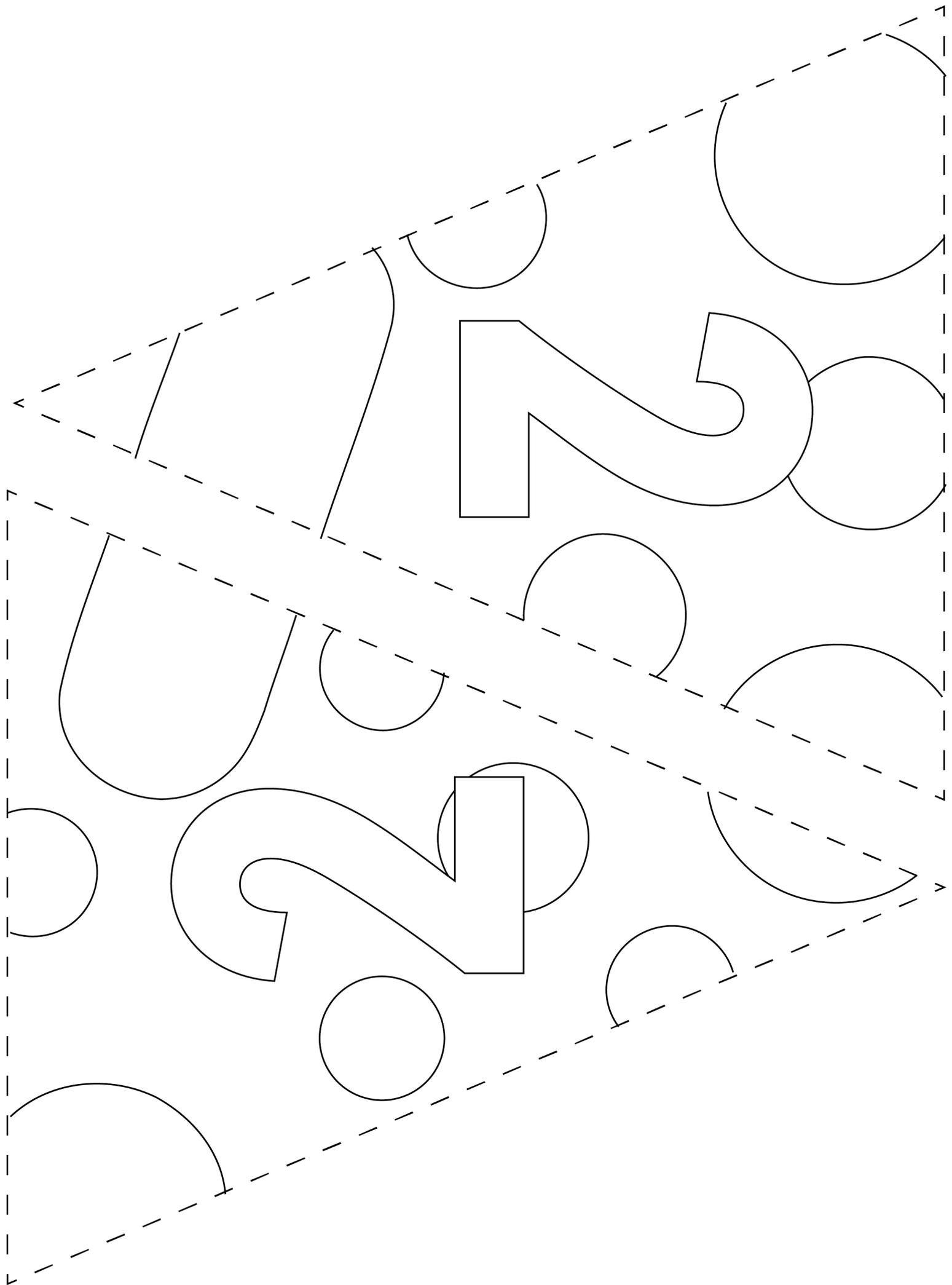












## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Lambeth Council have worked in partnership with The Brixton Project to develop the Lambeth Windrush 2022 engagement programme of which this Community Pack is part of.

The Brixton Project work to connect business, citizens and creative networks to bring the positive power of creativity to the heart of local communities.

Seonaid Gowdie is a local artist and designer from Brixton.

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Our thanks to Colourful Radio for their support – tune in on Windrush Day to: [www.colourfulradio.com](http://www.colourfulradio.com)

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