

Artventure Outreach Newsletter

January 2021 edition

The entire Artventure team wishes you a very happy and healthy New Year for 2021!

Artventure Studio is Closed Due to the New National Lockdown

We had to make the very difficult decision of postponing the reopening of the studio after the Christmas break. We will monitor the situation very carefully and keep you informed. We will do our best to reopen as soon as we feel it is safe for our participants and staff to return.

Distance Program

We try to offer all of our participants some kind of art related activities during the time the studio is closed.

We will have two new themes during 2021: 'Japan' and 'Fruits and Vegetables'. We are looking forward to many great adventures exploring these. We believe Japan's remarkable culture, manga art, landmarks, and the cherry blossom will be inspiring for many of you. We will hopefully do a lot of gardening and explore fruits and vegetables together this year.

We offer Zoom sessions twice a week to our participants:

- Art session every Tuesday at 11pm and
- Chat session every Friday at 11pm

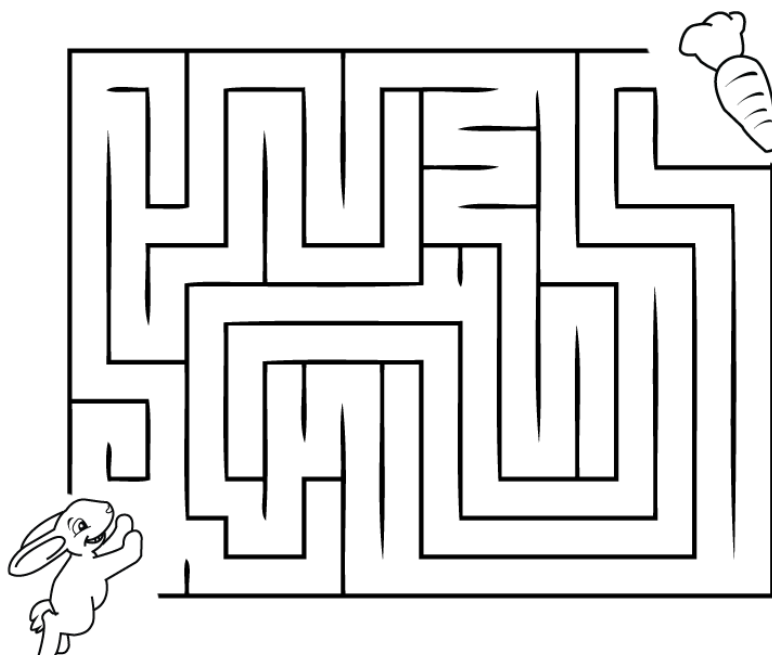
Let us know if you want to join our Zoom sessions and we will send you the access information. We always publish the access information in our Closed Facebook group, too.

The weekly art project will also be published in the Facebook Group. Please join us if you wish to participate. We will keep on sending you activity packs through Royal Mail every month with arts and crafts activities and puzzles.

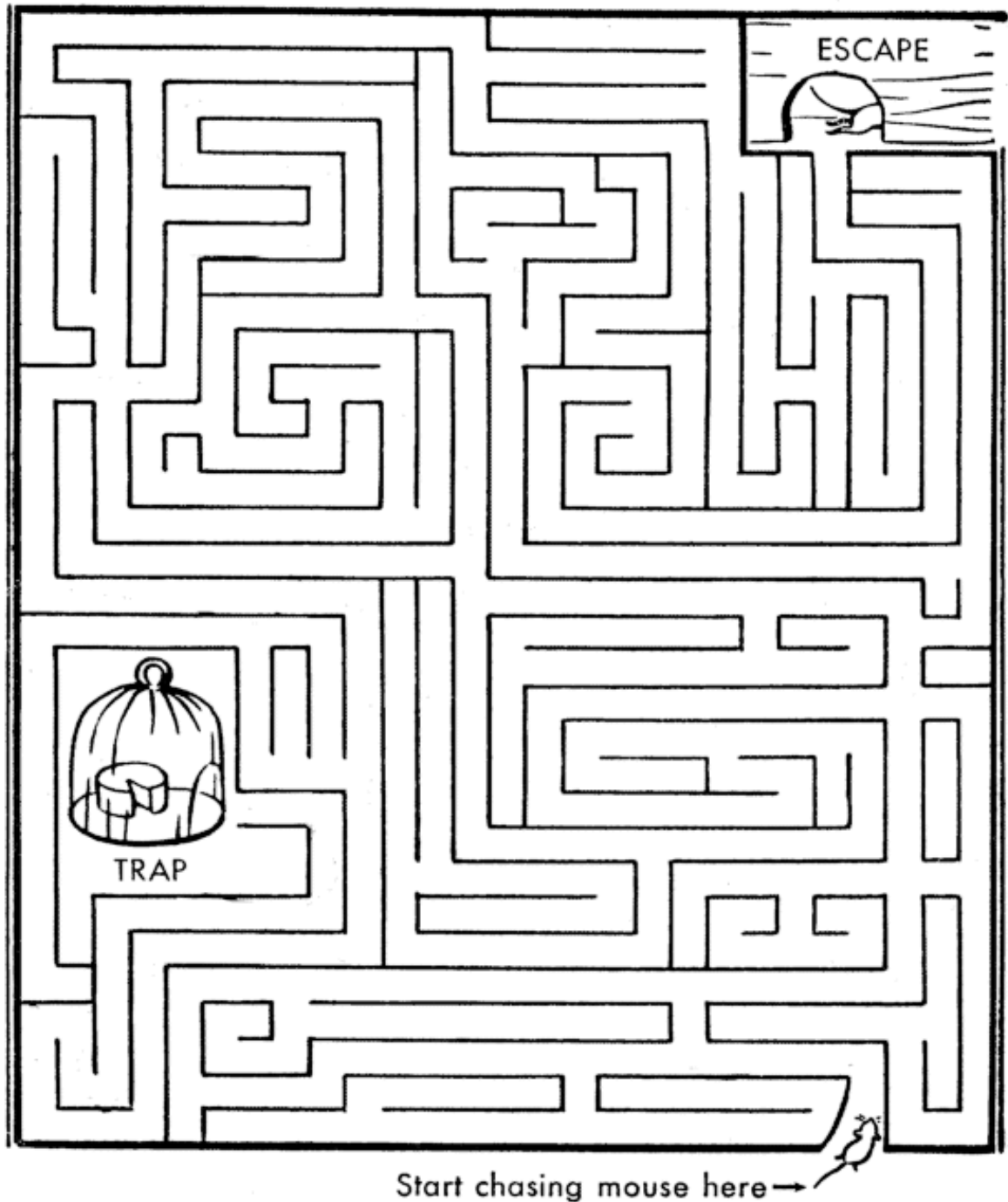
Please send us photos of any work you complete to manager@art-venture.co.uk. Contact us if you have any questions or requests.

Stay safe and take good care of yourselves!

Can you lead the bunny to the carrot?



THE MOUSE-TRAP MAZE

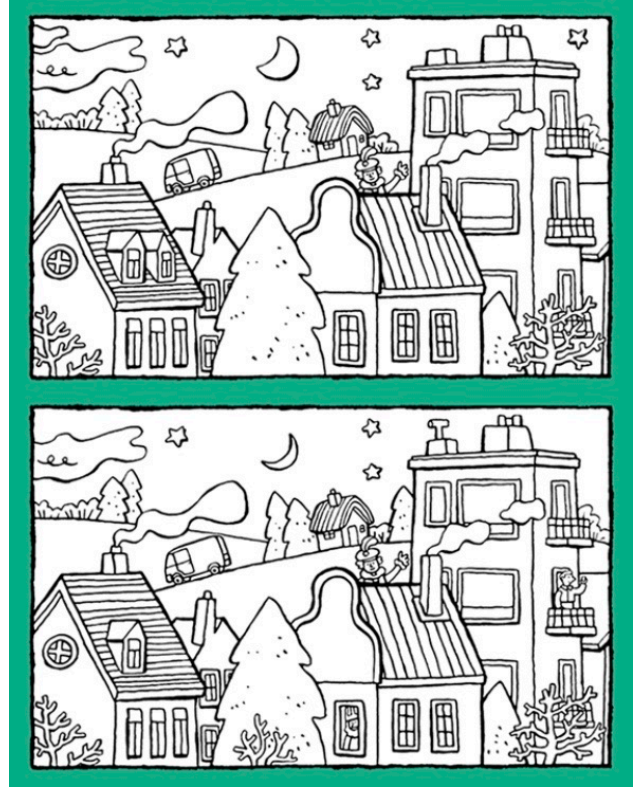
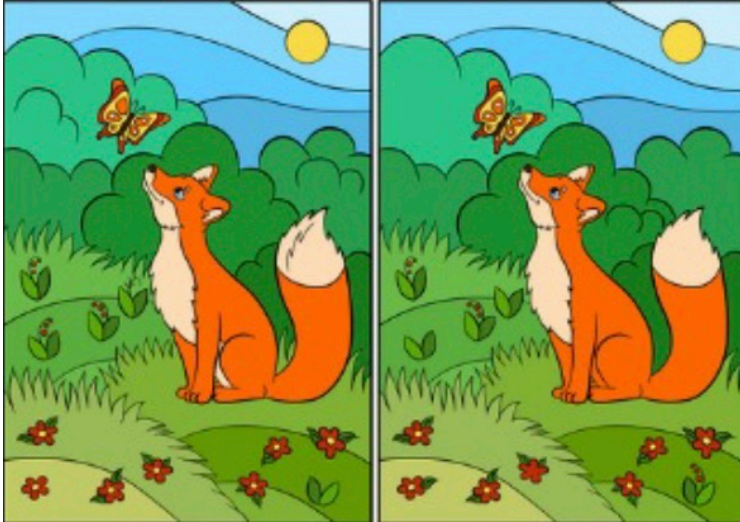


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With a crayon or pencil follow between the lines, beginning at the starting point. Do not cross any lines. Try to take the path that will bring the mouse to your trap. Be very careful or the mouse will escape.

Can you spot the differences between these pictures?

Let me know how many you found. You can also colour in the black and white pictures.



Have fun!

Please send me your coloured pictures via e-mail or post it on the closed Facebook group.

We invite you to make fun pom poms!

We included a set of cardboard discs in the envelope, but you can easily make your own in different sizes.



Using these few easy steps make your cardboard pom pom making discs:

1. Cut out two large circular disc – using a glass or tin as a template
2. Draw a smaller circle in the centre – using a coin as a template. The distance between the inner and outer circle will determine how big your pom pom will be. Make sure this smaller circle isn't too big. If it is too big it will be harder to tie off at the end.
3. Cut slit from the outer circle to the smaller one and cut out the smaller one too.
4. Cut a second slit -so you have an opening to your cardboard ring. This will make it MUCH easier to wrap your yarn pom pom. Repeat for second disc the same size.
5. Put both cardboard discs together. This is your basic pom pom maker using cardboard discs!

How to use cardboard to make a pom pom:

1. Start wrapping your yarn. The THICKER you wrap your yarn the fluffier will be your pom pom.
2. Once you are happy with the amount of yarn used to make your pom pom. Start cutting the yarn, by pushing your scissors between the two discs. Yes it can be fiddly and a good pair of scissors makes all the difference.
3. Make sure your short pieces of yarn do not “fall out” of the central hole.
4. Carefully wrap a long piece of yarn between the two cardboard discs and around your pom pom. Tie off as tightly as possible. Repeat (just to make it extra secure).
5. Pull your pom pom out and done!

You have made your first yarn pom pom with cardboard discs! Well done! As you can see you don't really need a pom pom cardboard template – as you can easily create your own. Experiment with circle sizes to make different sized pom poms.



A few advanced ideas:



