

Make Your Own Fabric Alphabet

a letter recognition activity for preschoolers



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Children learn best when their hands are engaged in the process. This easy-to-make set of soft, colorful letters will provide hours of kid-friendly, educational fun!



1. Gather Materials

- Colorful fabric scraps. Use a variety of colors and prints for the best (and cutest!) results
- Solid-colored fabric for letter backs.
- Cotton quilt batting
- Alphabet letter templates (pages 3-9)
- Thread
- Scissors or utility knife for cutting paper
- Pins
- Sewing machine
- Fabric scissors or rotary cutter
- Pencil or disappearing marking pen
- Pinking shears

2. Create the Letters

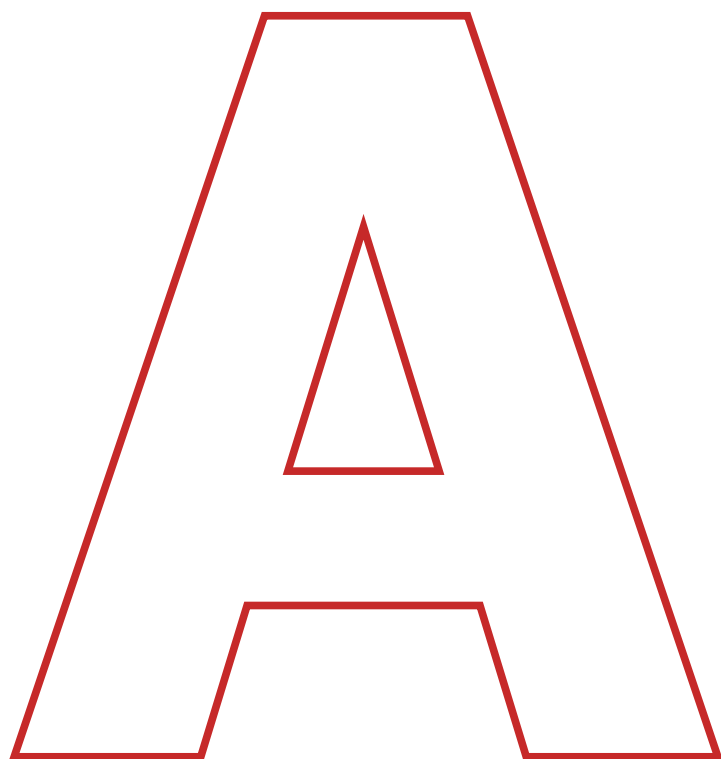
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- Print out the alphabet letter templates on pages 3-9 and cut out each letter with scissors or a utility knife.
- Cut print fabric, solid-color fabric, and two layers of quilt batting into 26 five-inch squares. Squares should be large enough to accommodate the letter template plus a little extra cutting room around each letter.
- Trace each letter onto one square of print fabric using pencil or a disappearing marking pen. Pin all layers together with print fabric on top, two layers of batting in the middle, and solid fabric on the bottom.
- With a sewing machine, sew layers together with a wide stitch along the traced line.
- Cut around each letter with pinking shears, about 1/4-inch from the stitching. Cut out center holes (as in letters A, B, D, etc.) with small fabric scissors.
- Repeat the previous three steps with each letter of the alphabet. If you used a disappearing marking pen, remove the marks with a damp cloth (or follow the instructions for your pen).

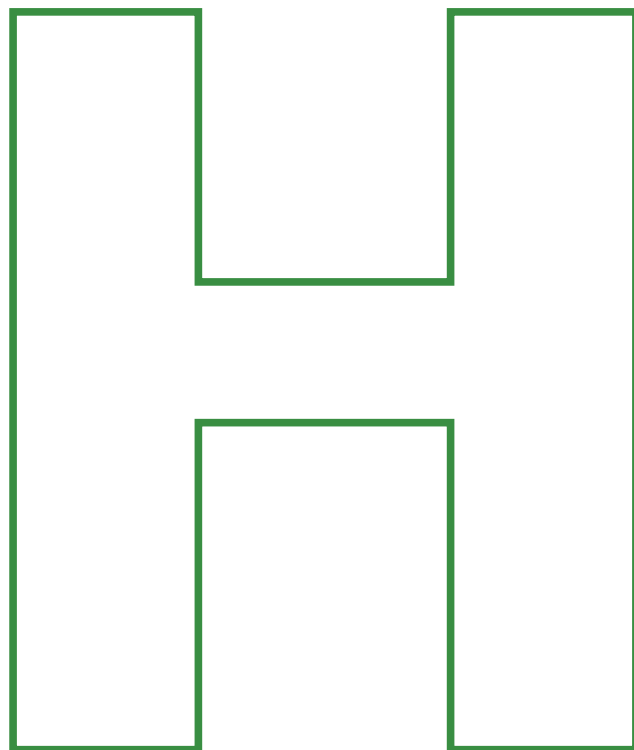
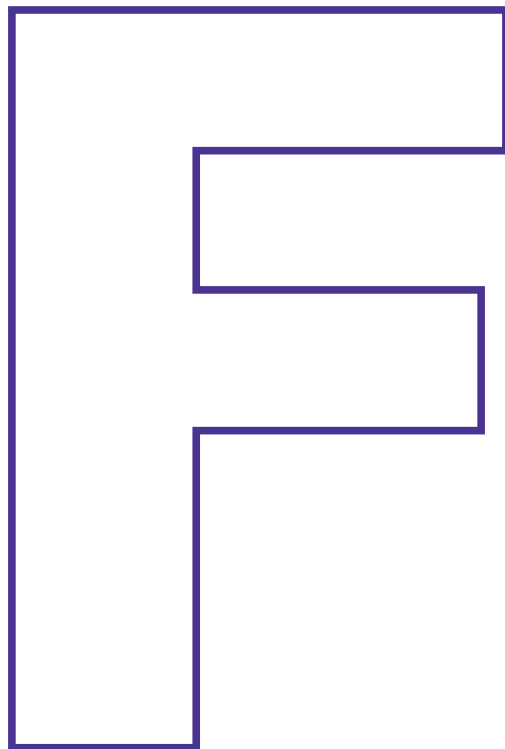
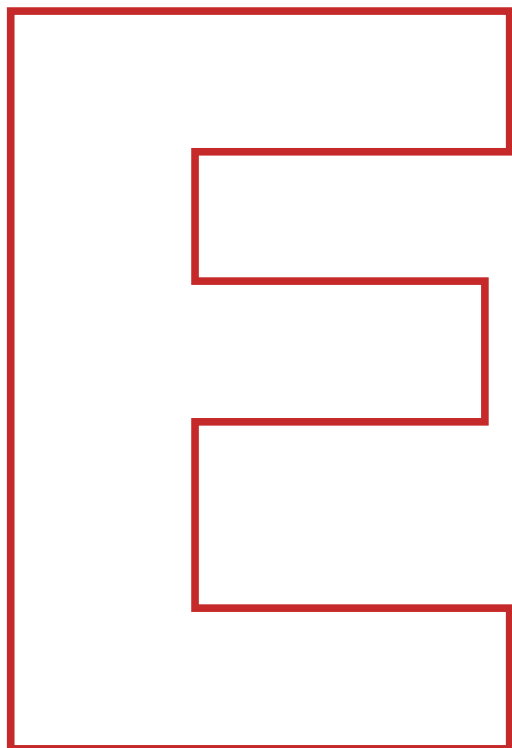
3. Explore the Alphabet

- Show your child how to use the pointer finger of his dominant hand to trace the shape of each letter. Encourage proper letter formation.
- Encourage your child to feel the shape of a letter while his eyes are closed. See if he can determine which letter it is.
- As your child feels the letter, ask him to say the sound the letter makes. You can also name a few words that begin with that letter, emphasizing the initial sound.
- Arrange multiple letters to spell simple words or your child's name.

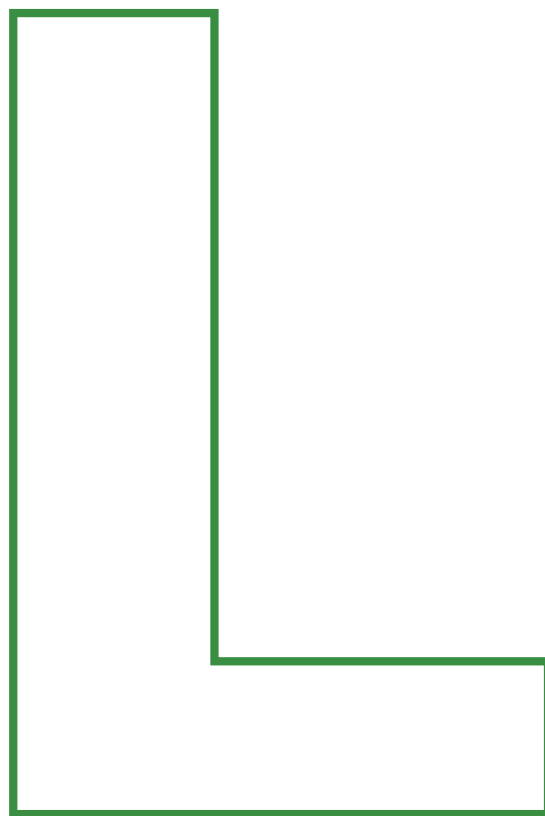
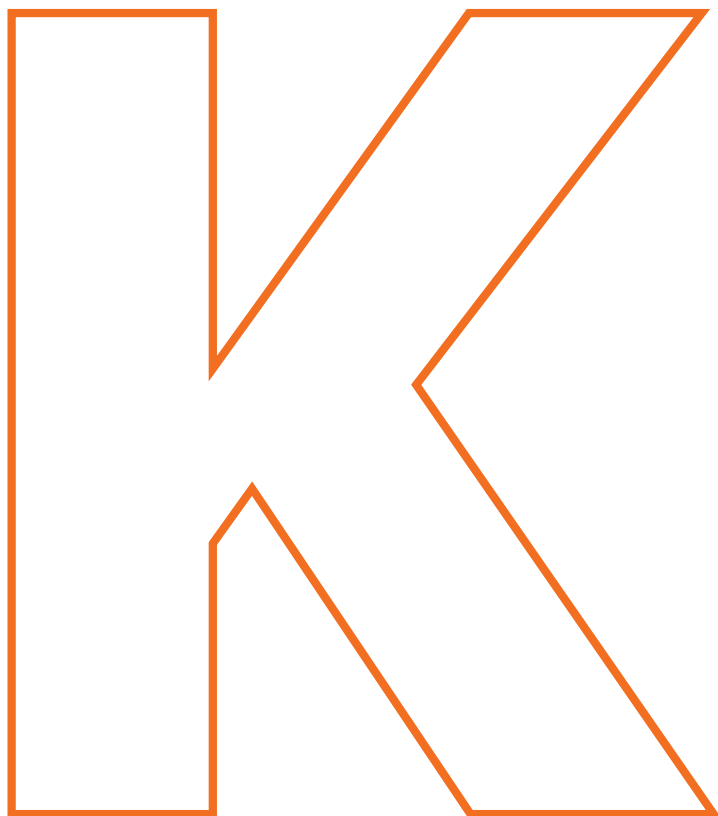
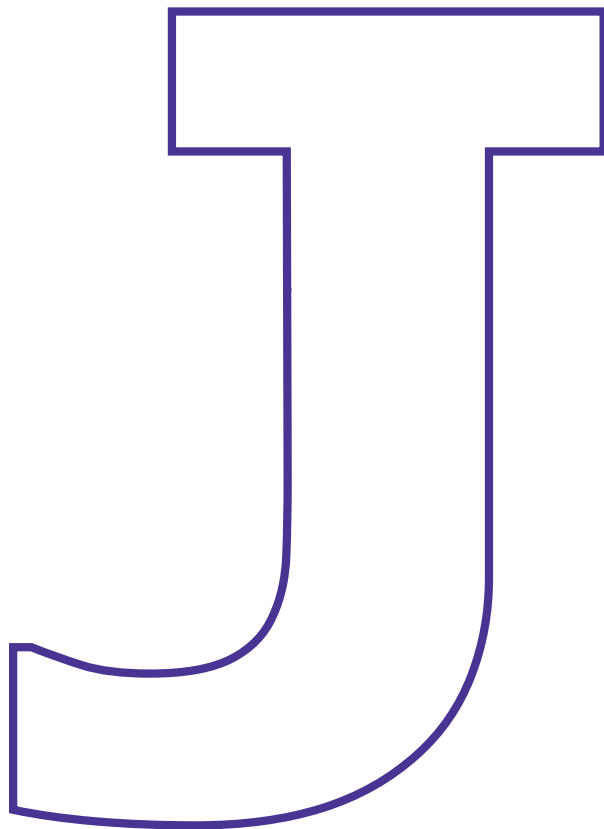
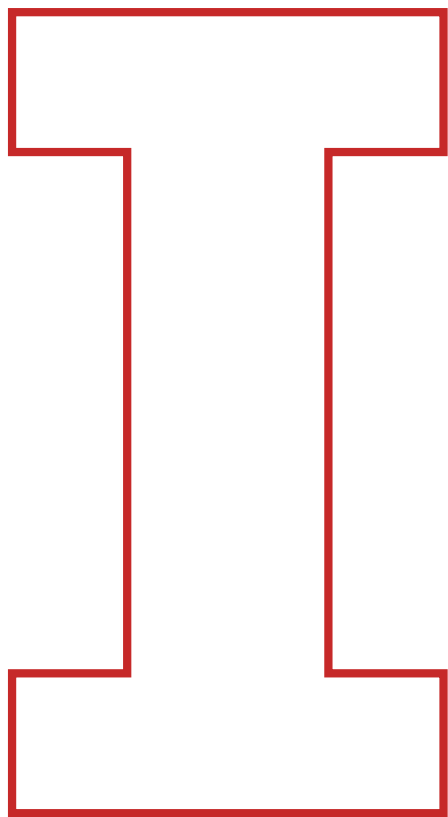
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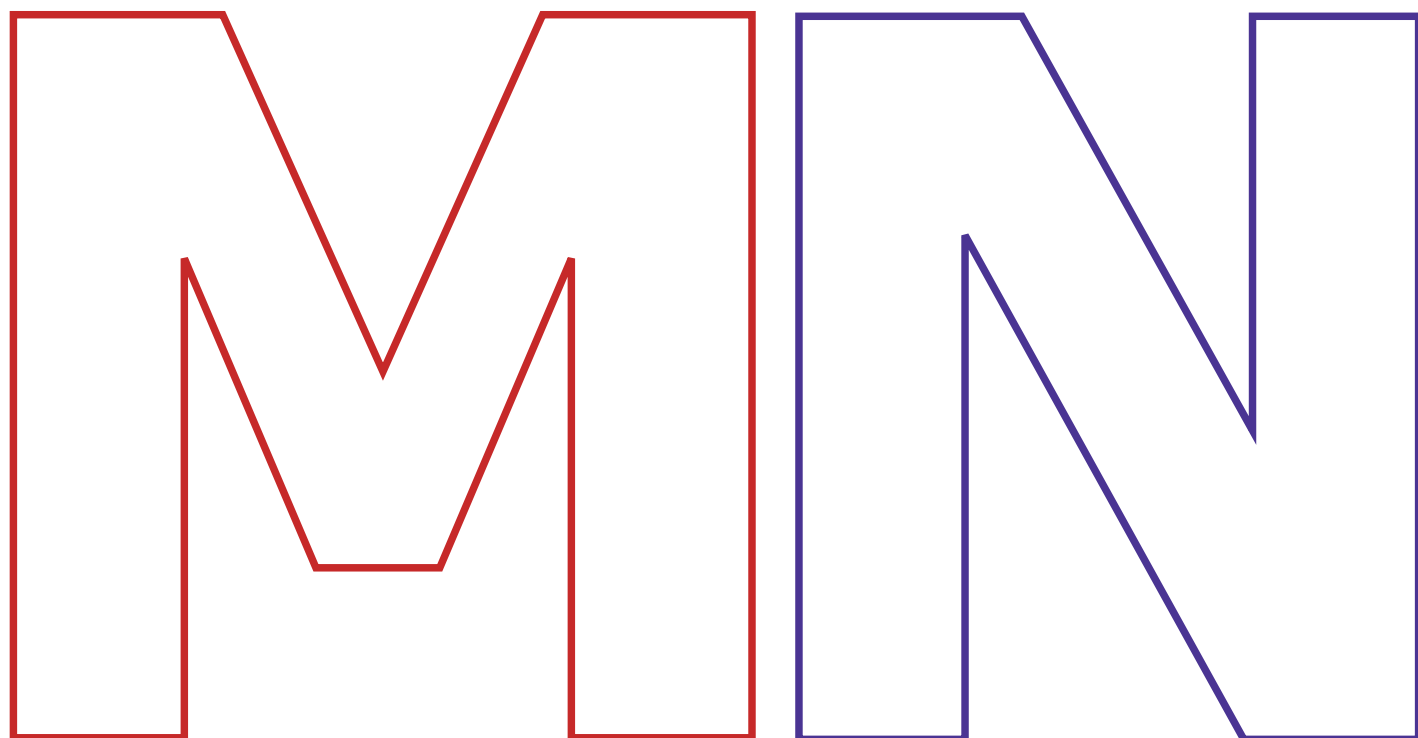
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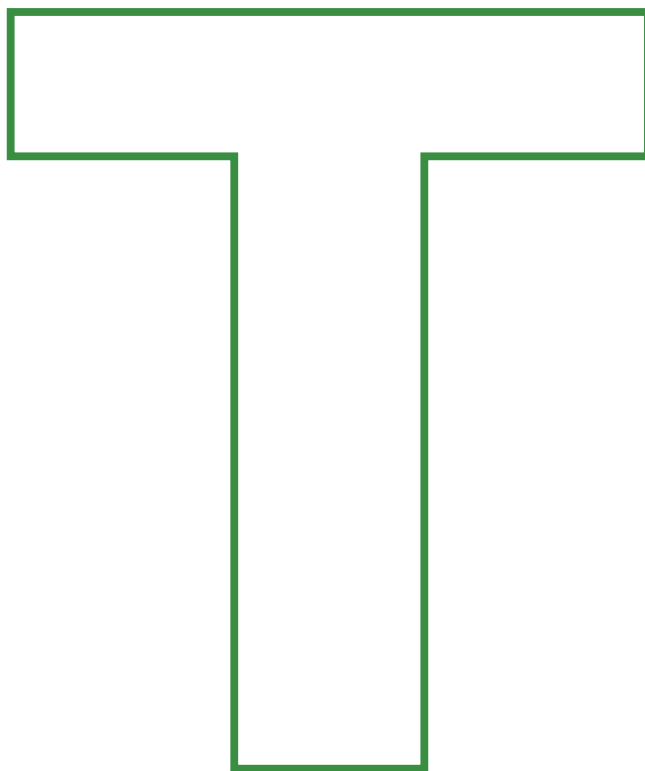
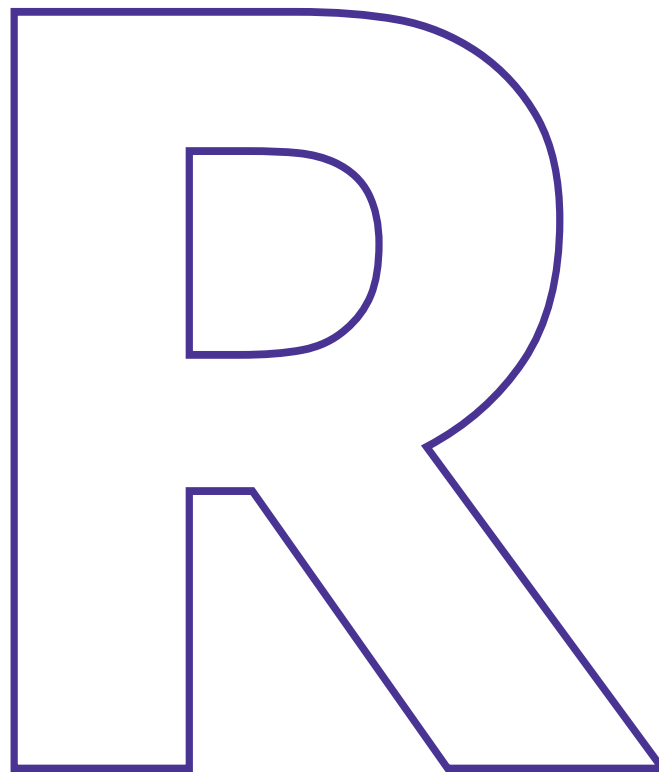
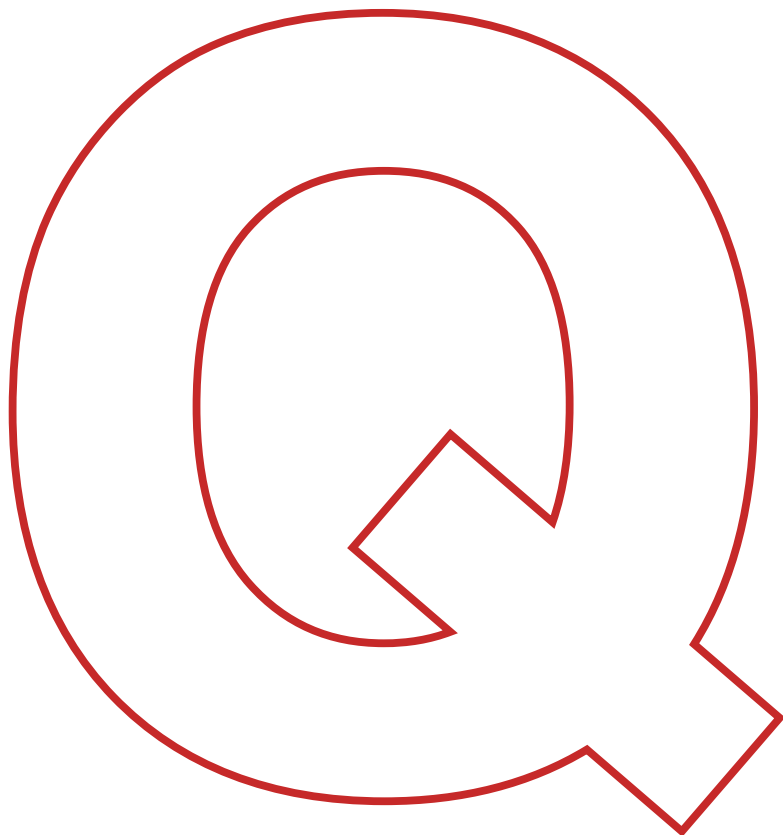
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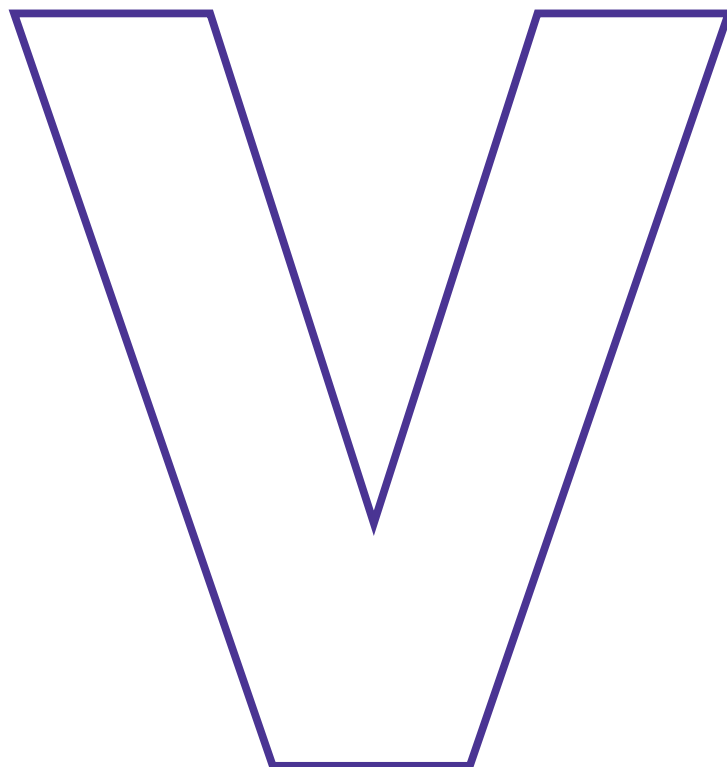
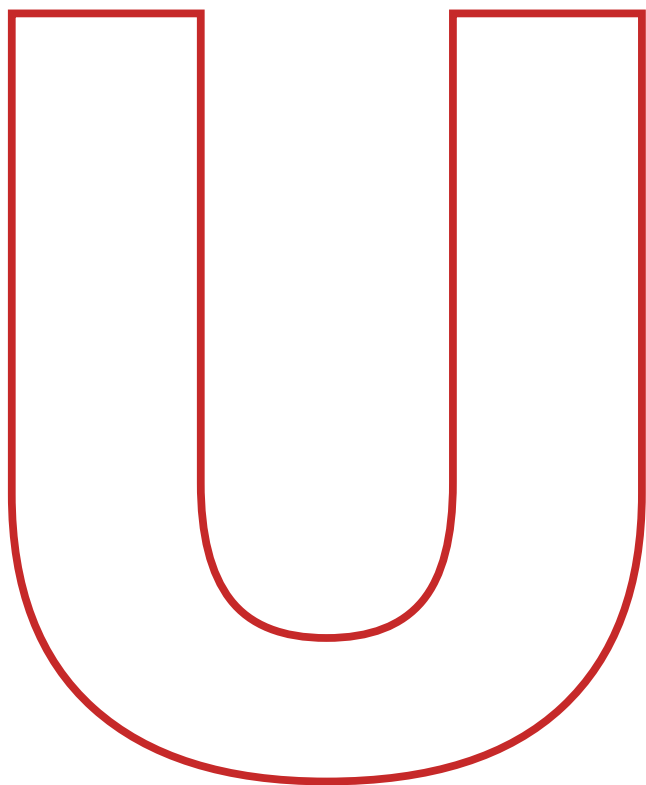
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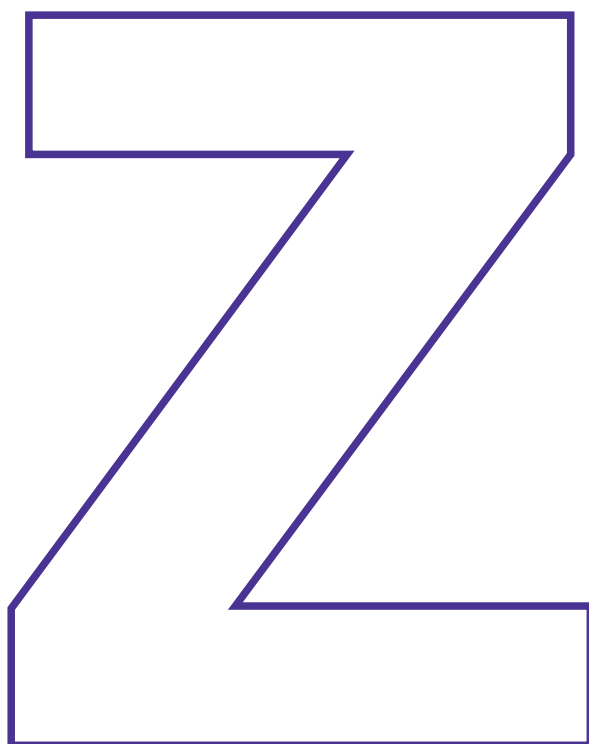
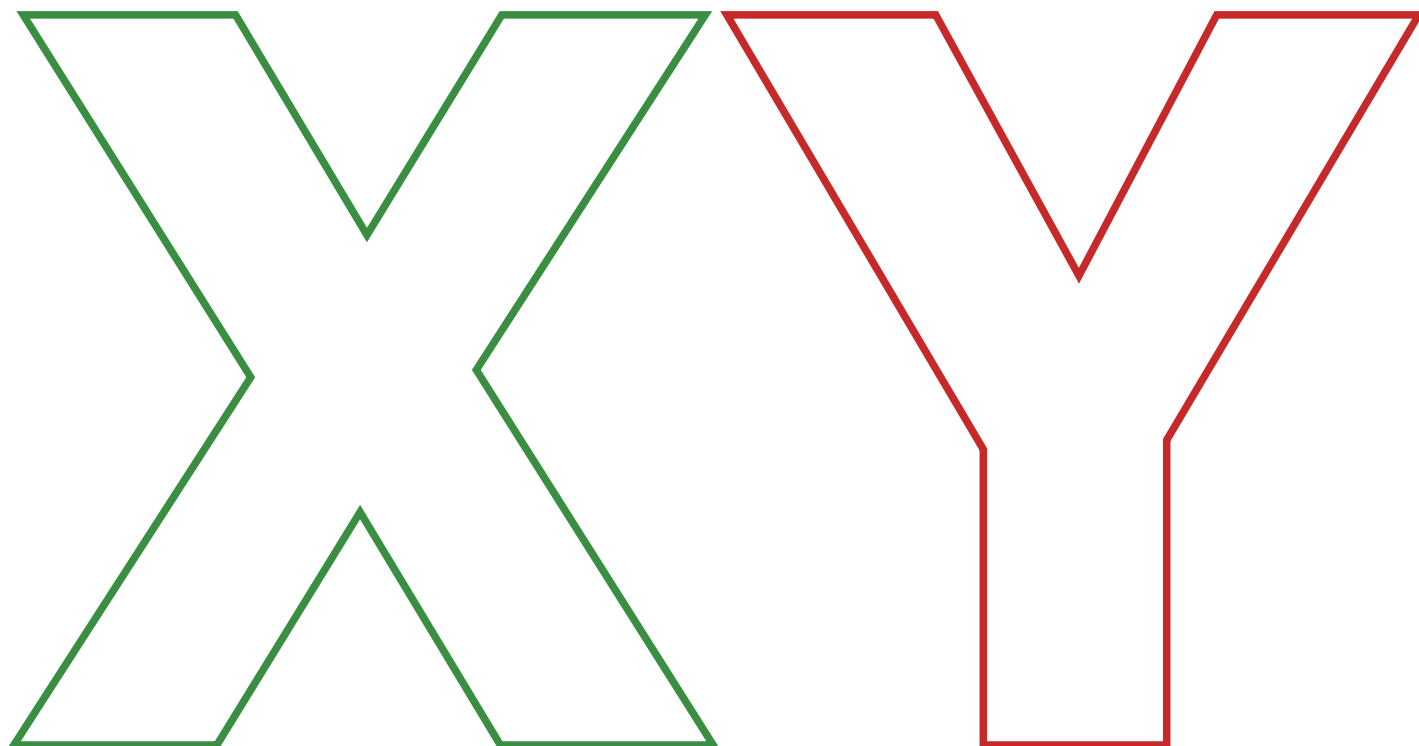
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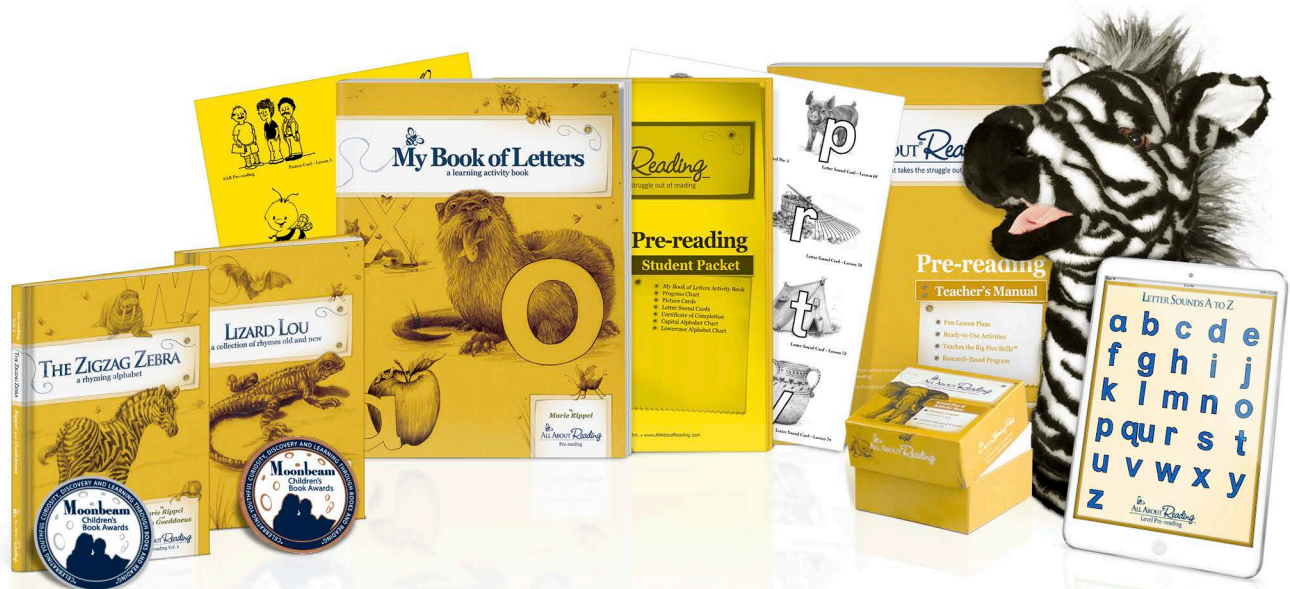
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