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# Hanukkah Activity Pack

Free classroom pack for ages 5 to 9 | 31 pages | 9 activities

Reader, word mat, display, craft, colouring, puzzles and answer keys



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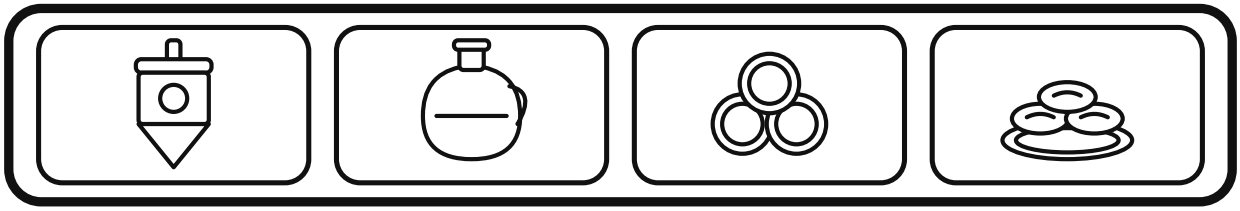
One page a day for the week: read the mini-book together on day 1 and answer the questions, put the word mat on the tables for writing, colour a bunting flag each and hang the banner, make the dreidels and play, then finish with the colouring, the word search and the colour-by-code sum. Answer keys are in the pack; pull them out before you photocopy.

Hanukkah 2026 begins at sundown on Friday 4 December and lasts eight nights, to Saturday 12 December.

Printing: print at 100% (actual size). The reader's mini-book is one sheet that folds into 8 little pages; the steps are on its web page. The word mat pages are landscape. Each page has a QR code that opens its own page, where it can also be coloured online or printed again on its own.

# What is Hanukkah?

**Read the book, then answer the questions.**



**Words:** festival | menorah | shamash | latkes | dreidel

1. **How many nights does Hanukkah last?**

2. **What does the word Hanukkah mean?**

3. **How many candles does a Hanukkah menorah hold?**

4. **Name one food people eat at Hanukkah.**

5. **Why do you think people eat foods cooked in oil at Hanukkah?**

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# What is Hanukkah?



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## Words to know

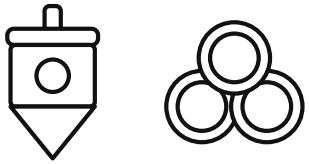
**festival**
a special time to celebrate

**menorah**
a candle holder with nine branches

**shamash**
the helper candle that lights the others

**latkes**
crispy potato pancakes

**dreidel**
a spinning top with four sides

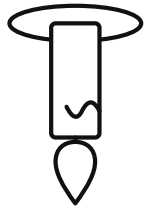


Children play a spinning top game called dreidel. Some play for chocolate coins called gelt. Many families give small gifts and spend time together.

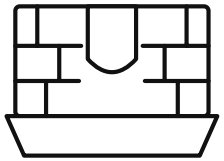


Many people eat foods cooked in oil. Latkes are crispy potato pancakes. Jam doughnuts are a treat too. Families sing songs and share a meal.

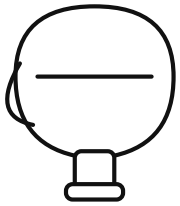
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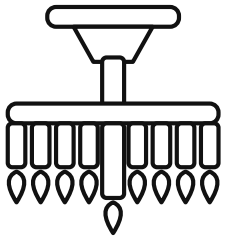
Hanukkah is a Jewish festival. It is also called the Festival of Lights. It lasts for eight nights. It comes in November or December each year.



Long ago, a group of Jewish people called the Maccabees won back their Temple in Jerusalem. The word Hanukkah means dedication. The festival remembers the day the Temple was made ready again.



A story says they found only one little jar of oil, enough for one day. But the lamp stayed lit for eight days. That is why Hanukkah lasts for eight nights.

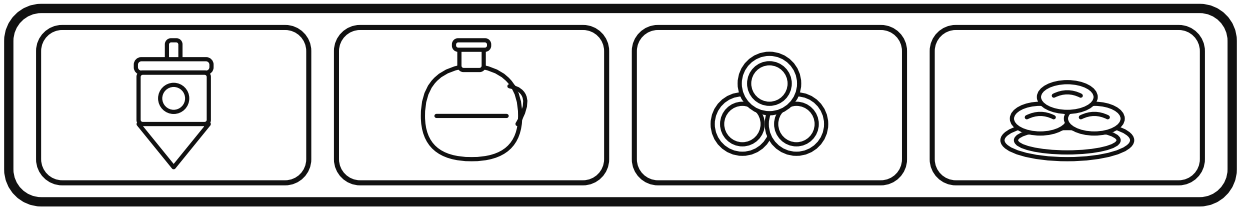


Families light a menorah. It holds nine candles. One candle is the helper, called the shamash. It lights the others. One candle is lit on the first night, and one more is added each night.

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# Answers

## Answer key: What is Hanukkah?



Words: festival | menorah | shamash | latkes | dreidel

1. How many nights does Hanukkah last?

   Eight nights

2. What does the word Hanukkah mean?

   Dedication

3. How many candles does a Hanukkah menorah hold?

   Nine: eight and the shamash

4. Name one food people eat at Hanukkah.

   Latkes or jam doughnuts

5. Why do you think people eat foods cooked in oil at Hanukkah?

   Possible answer: to remember the little jar of oil that lasted eight days



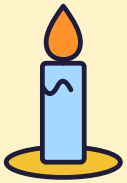
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# Hanukkah Word Mat

Look, say, write.



menorah



candle



flame



dreidel



Star of David



gelt

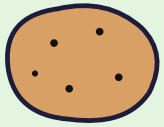


doughnut

US: donut



latkes



potato



oil



present



song

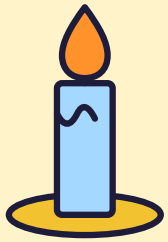
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# Hanukkah Word Cards

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menorah



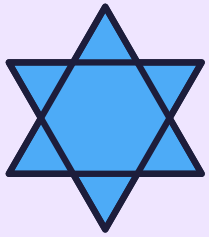
candle



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Star of David

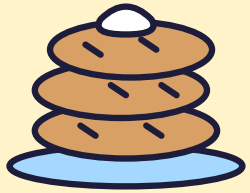


gelt



doughnut

US: donut

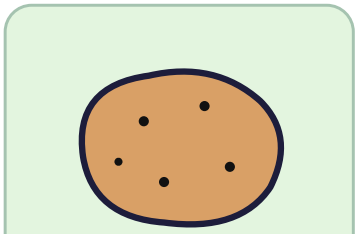


latkes

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potato



oil

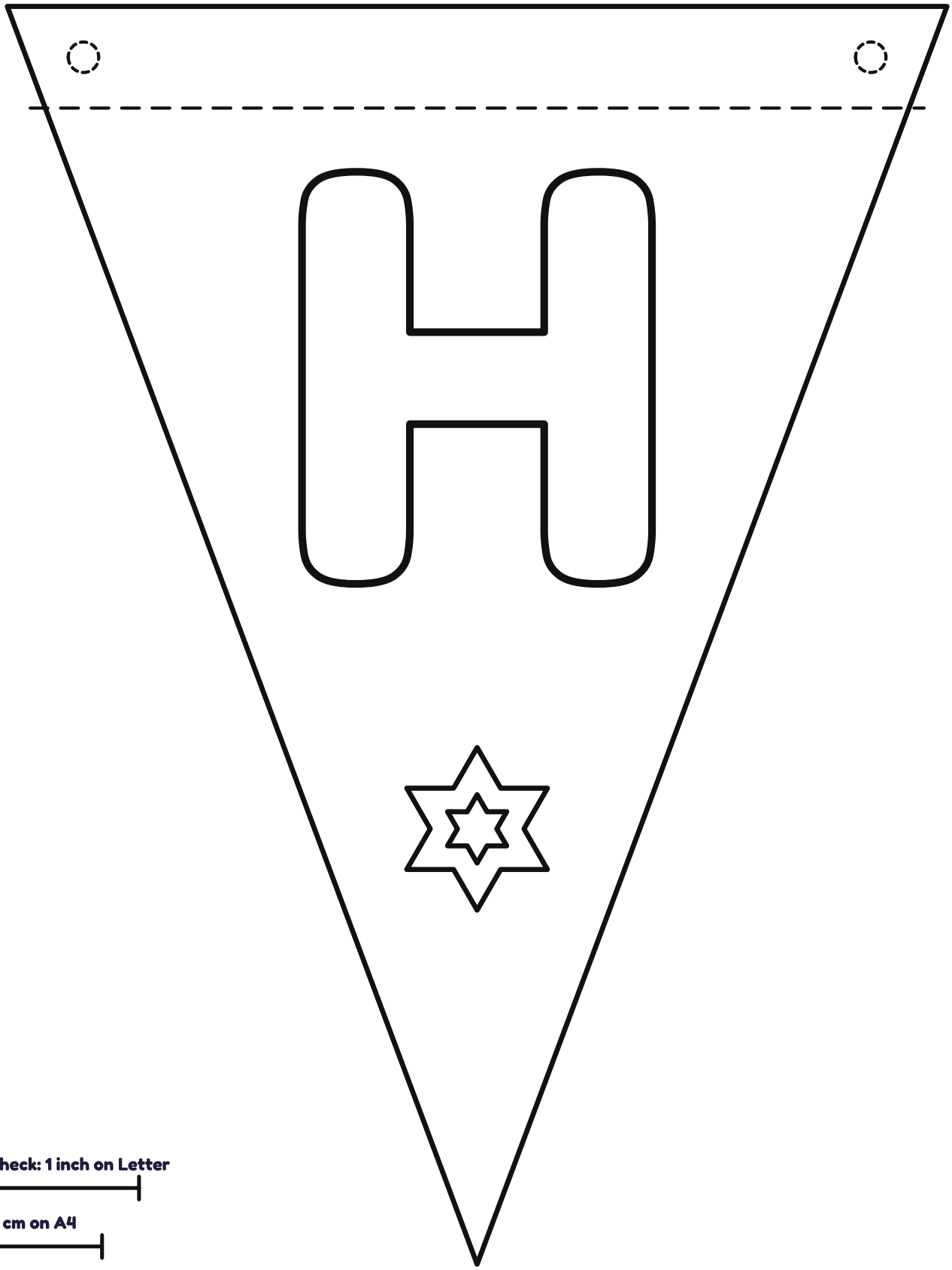


present



song

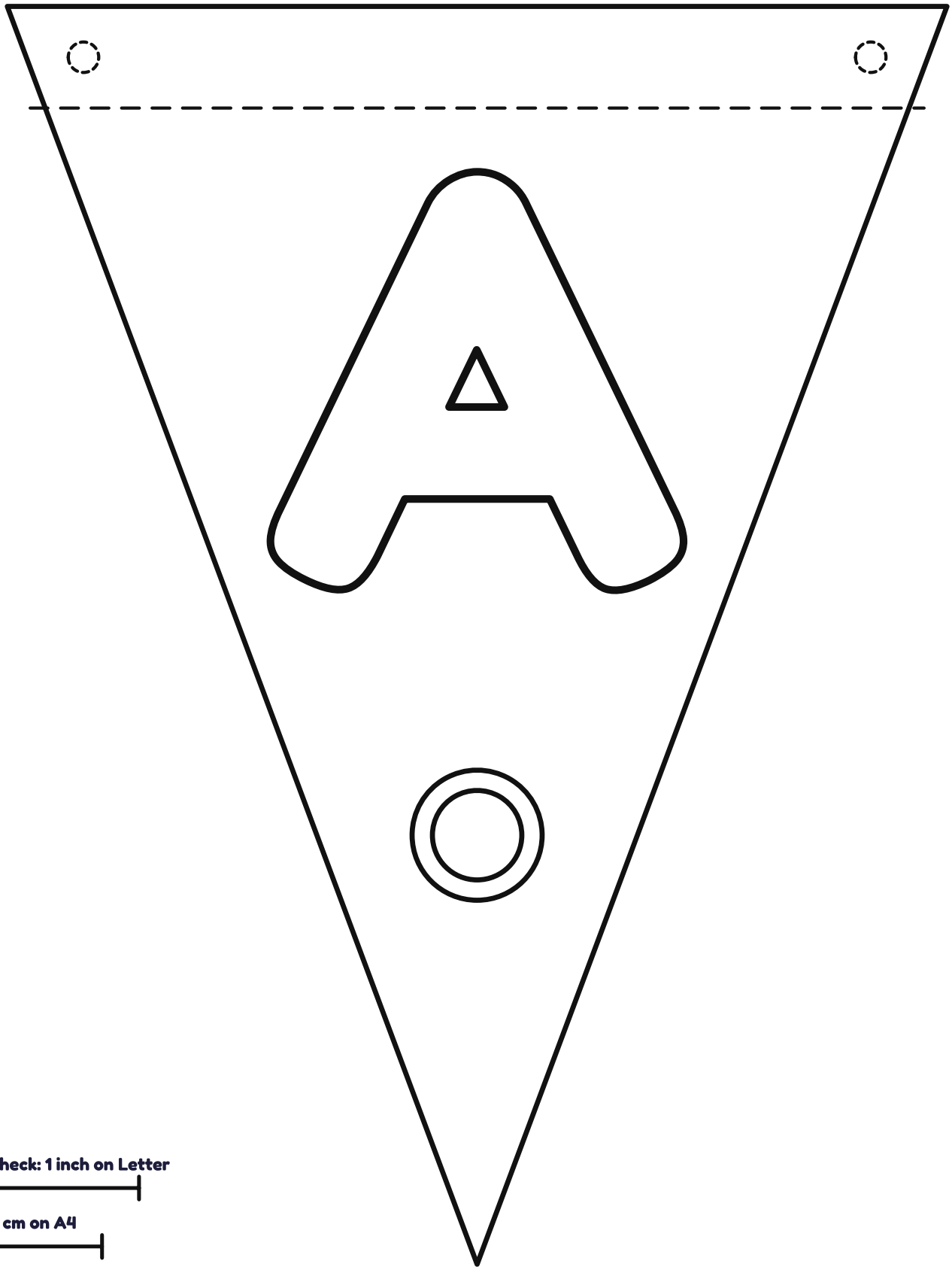
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2 cm on A4

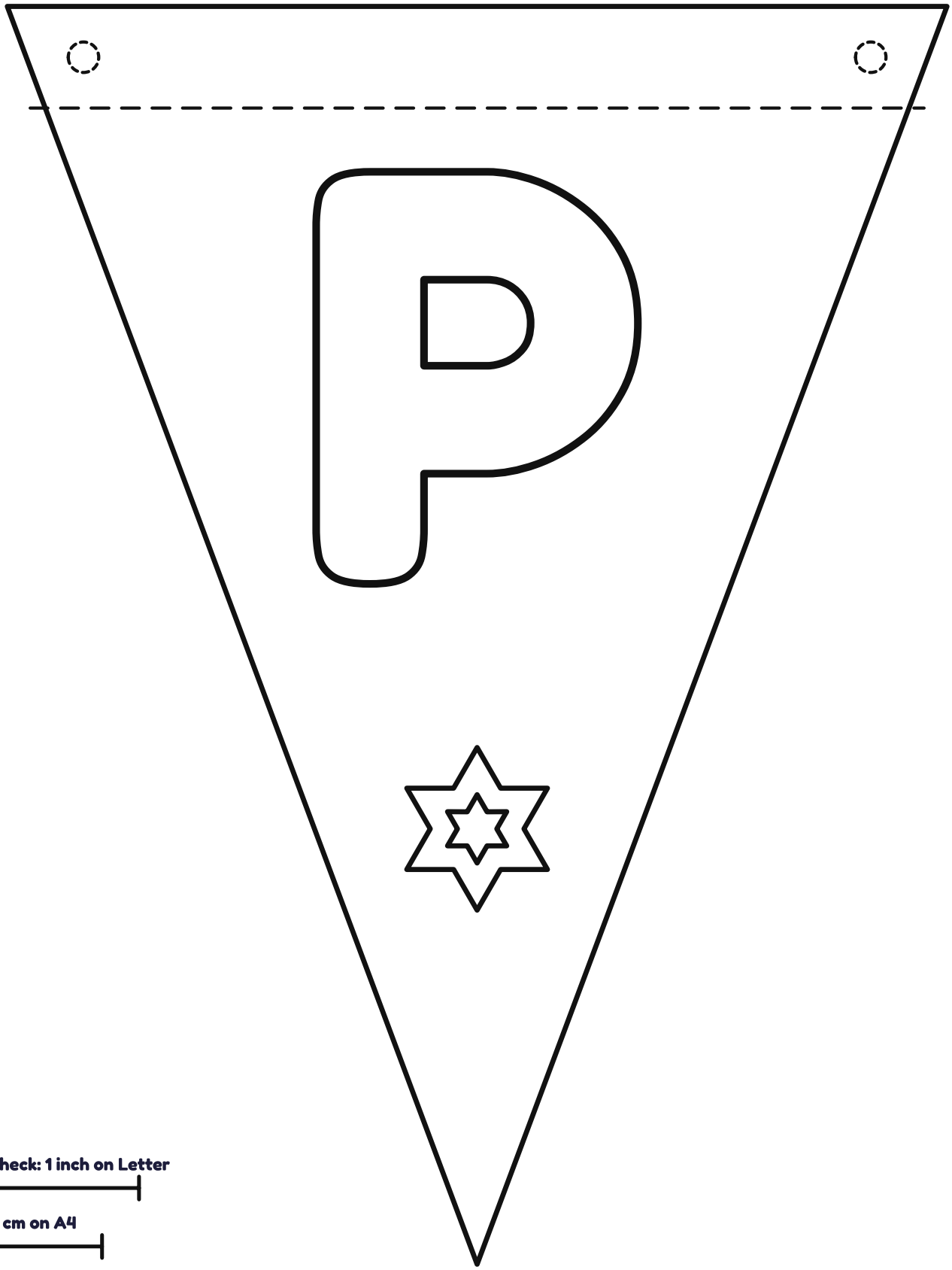
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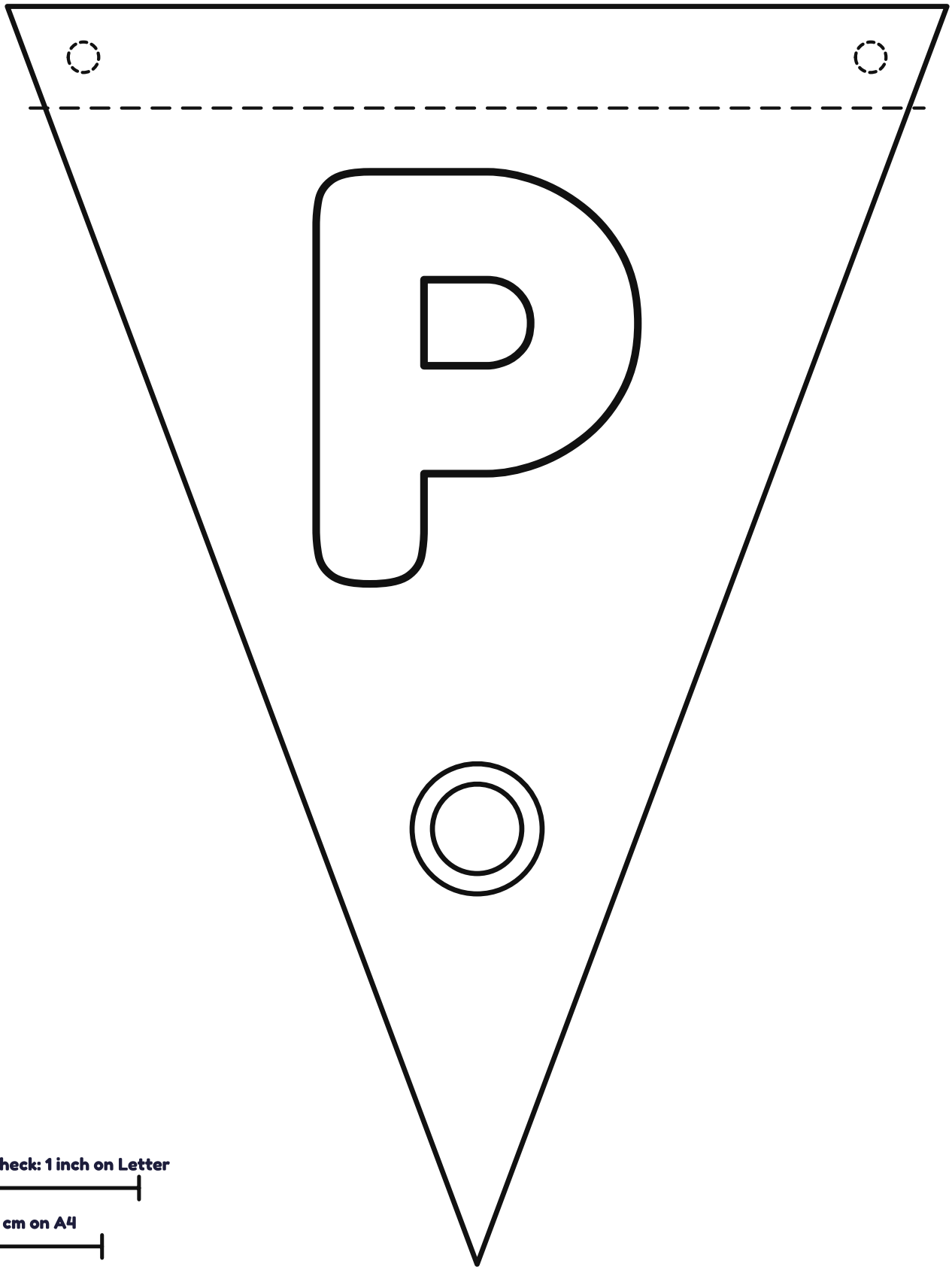
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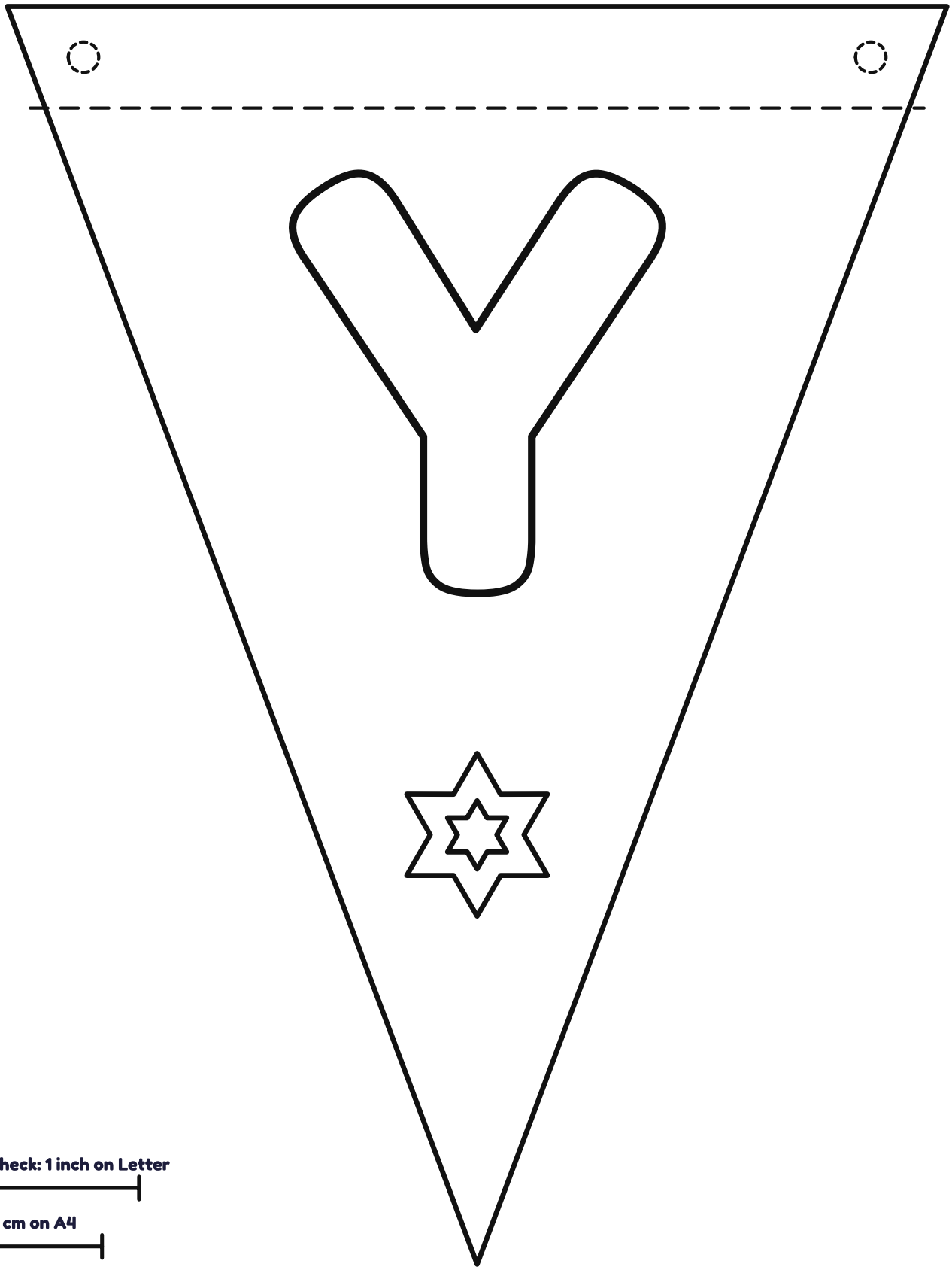
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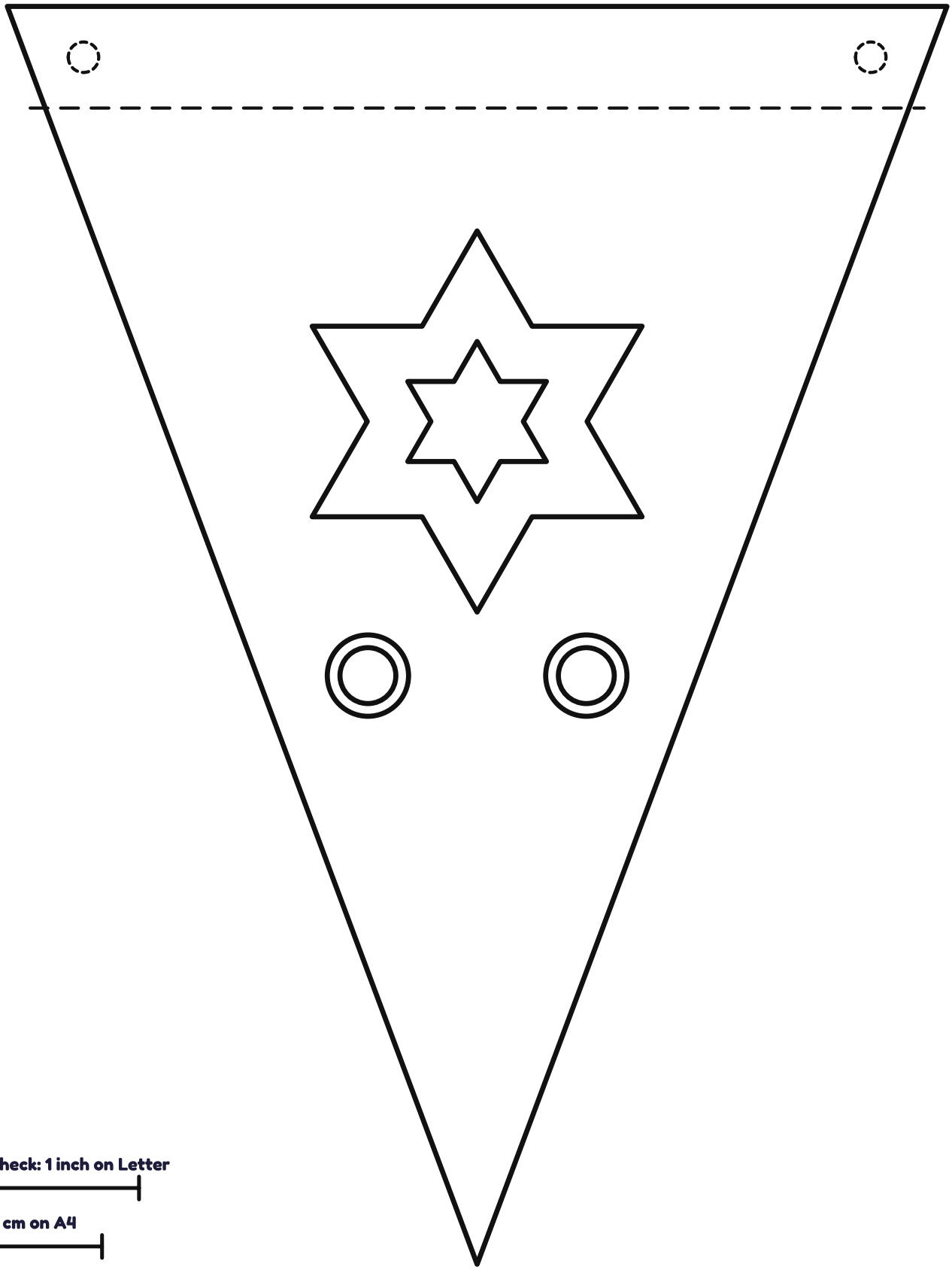
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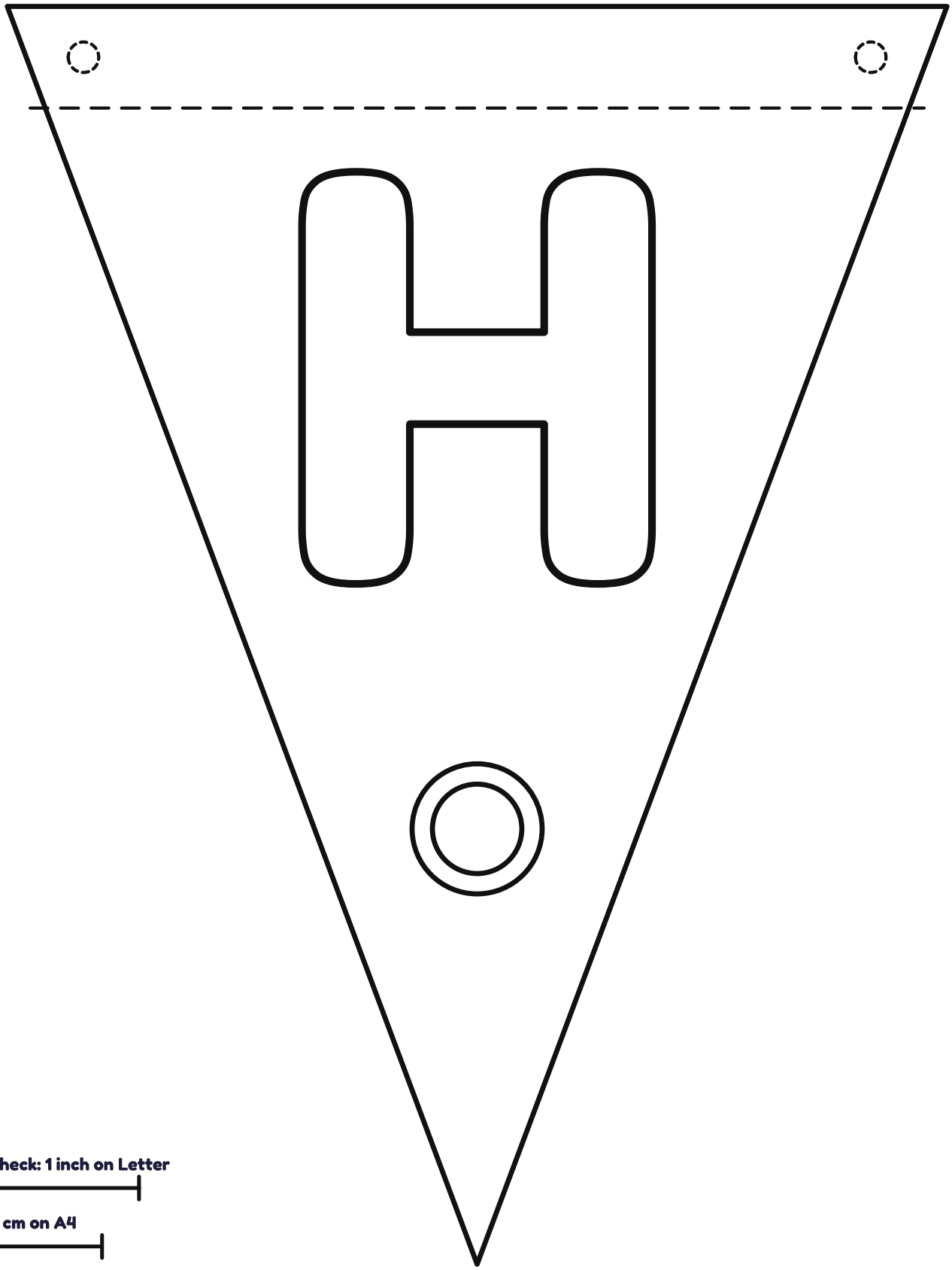
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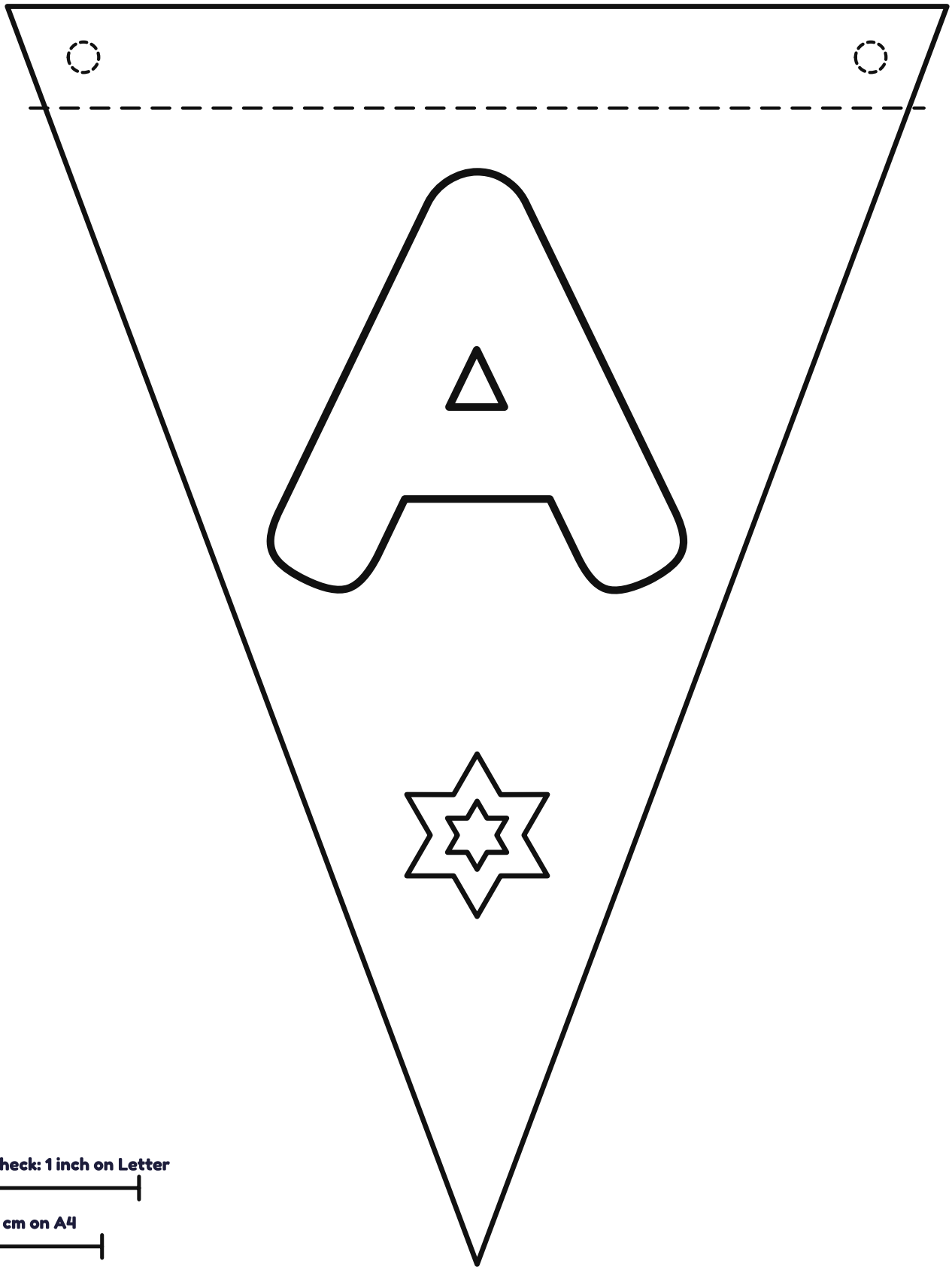
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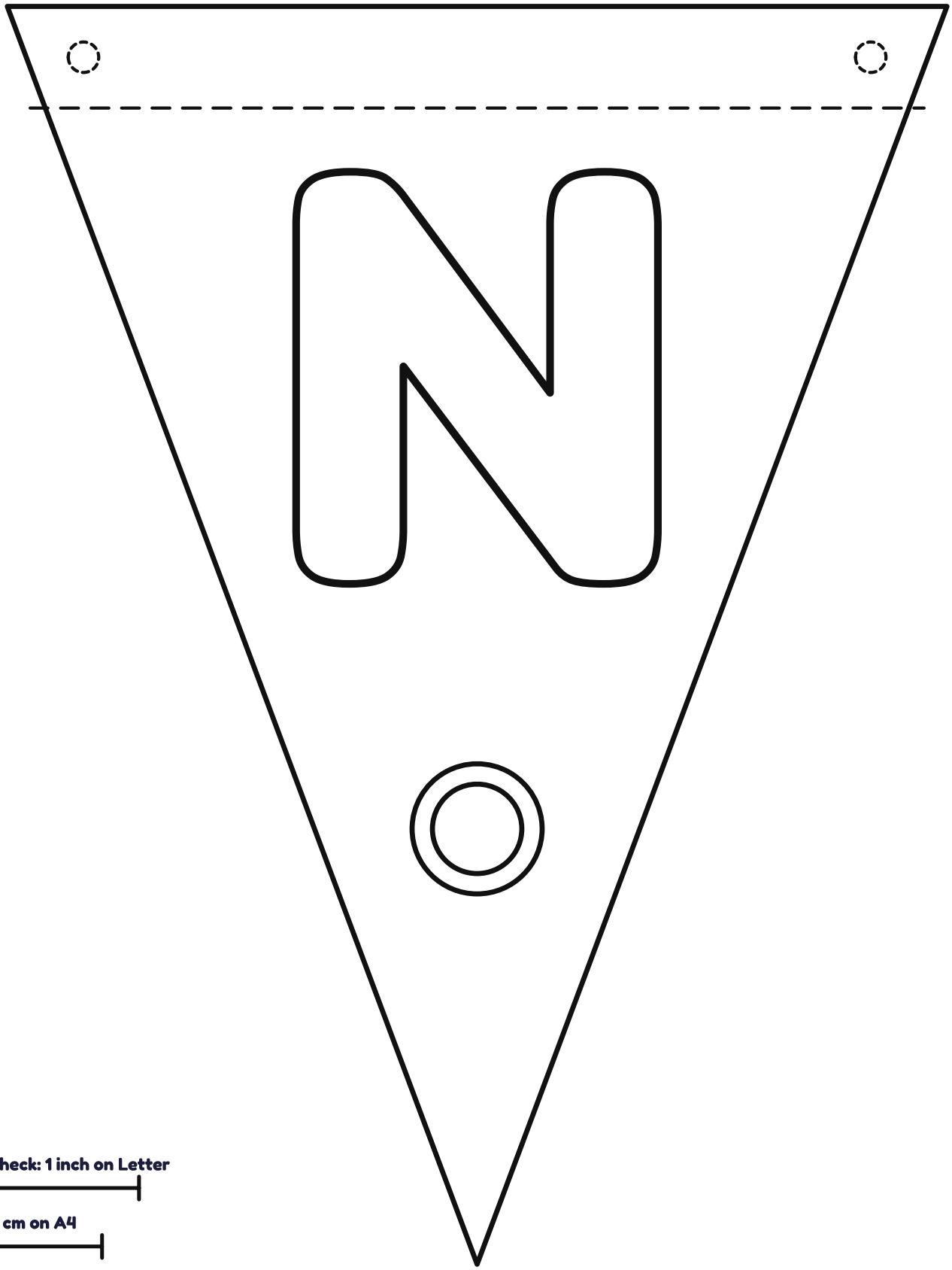
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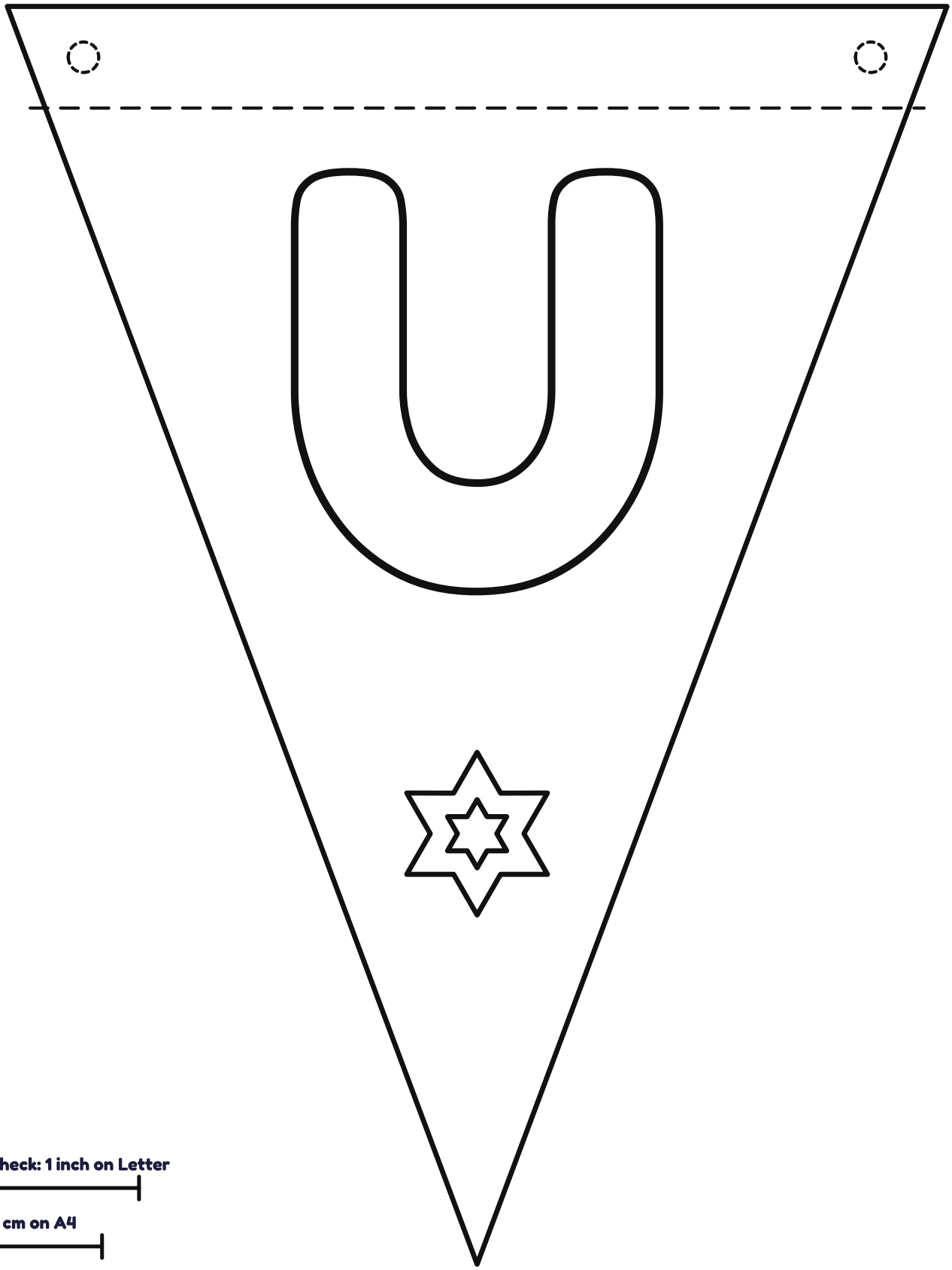
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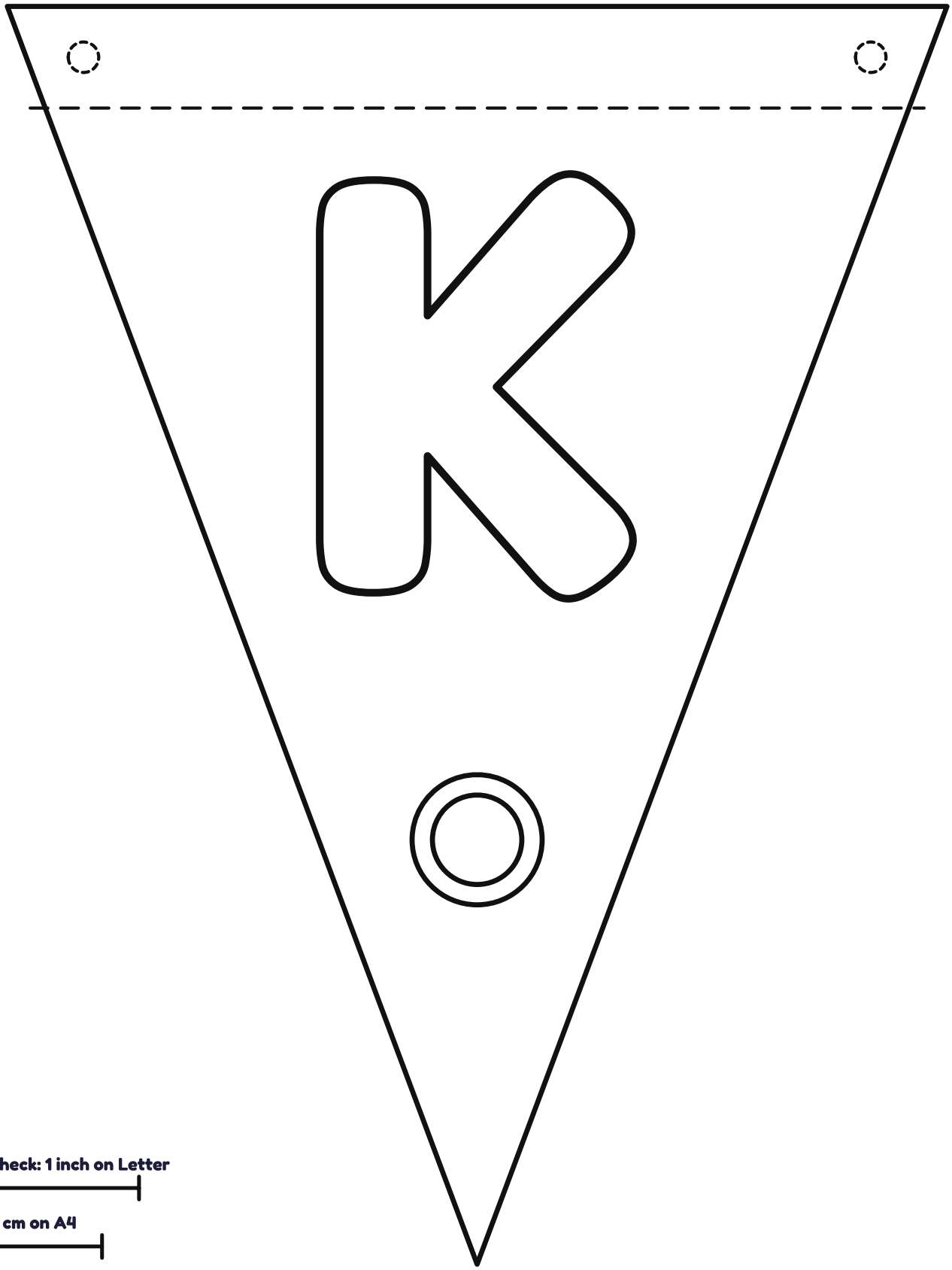
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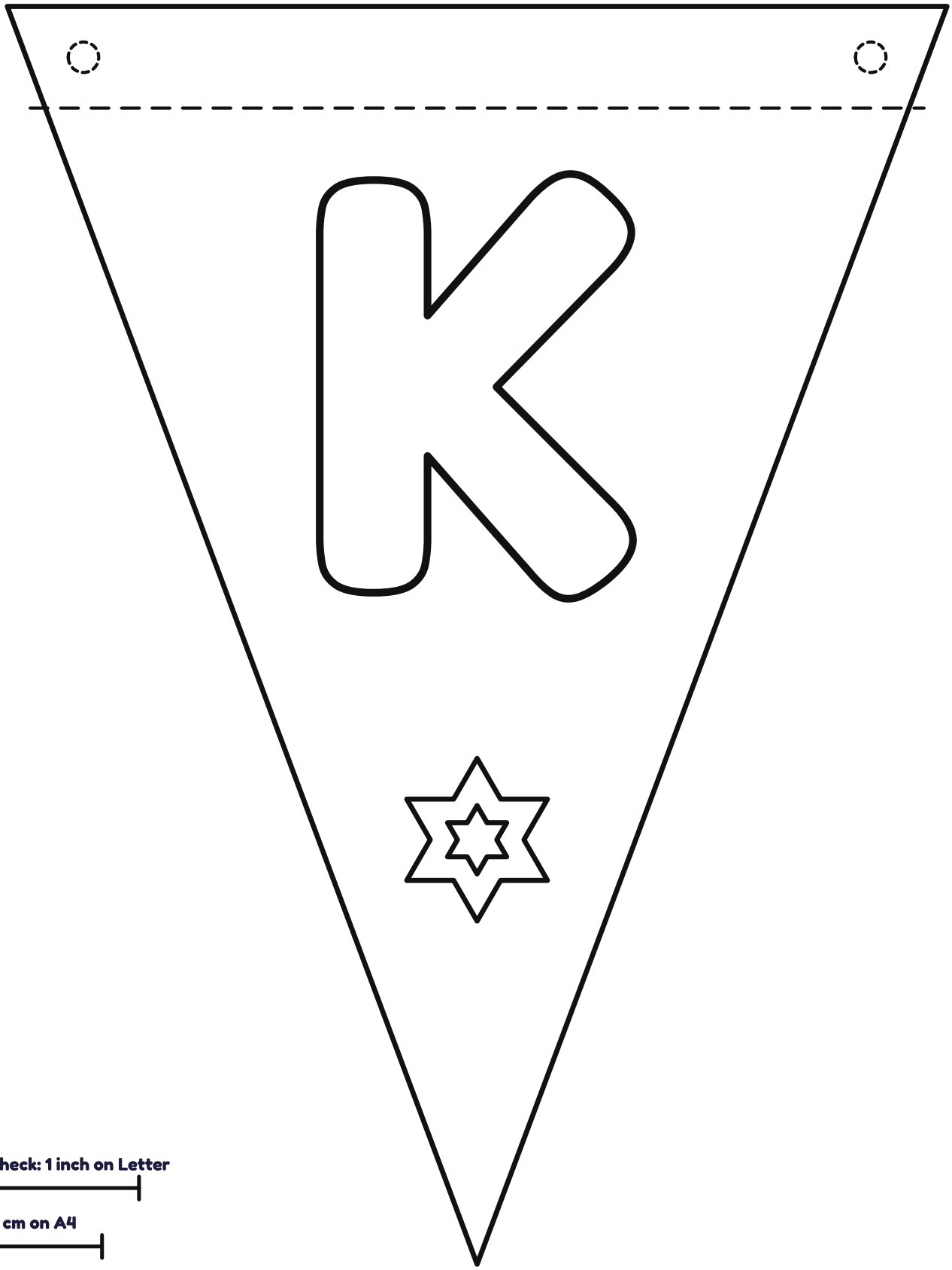
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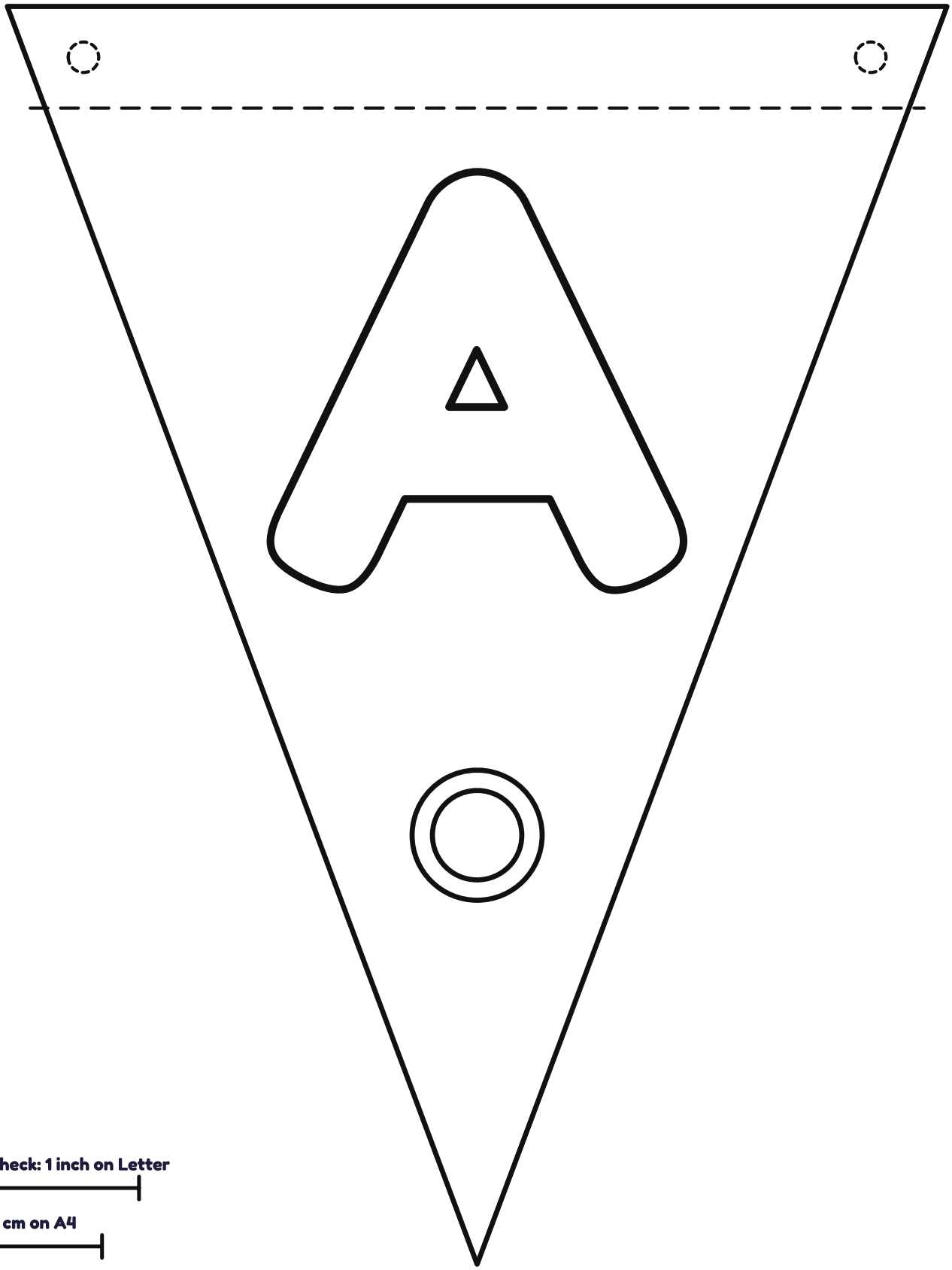
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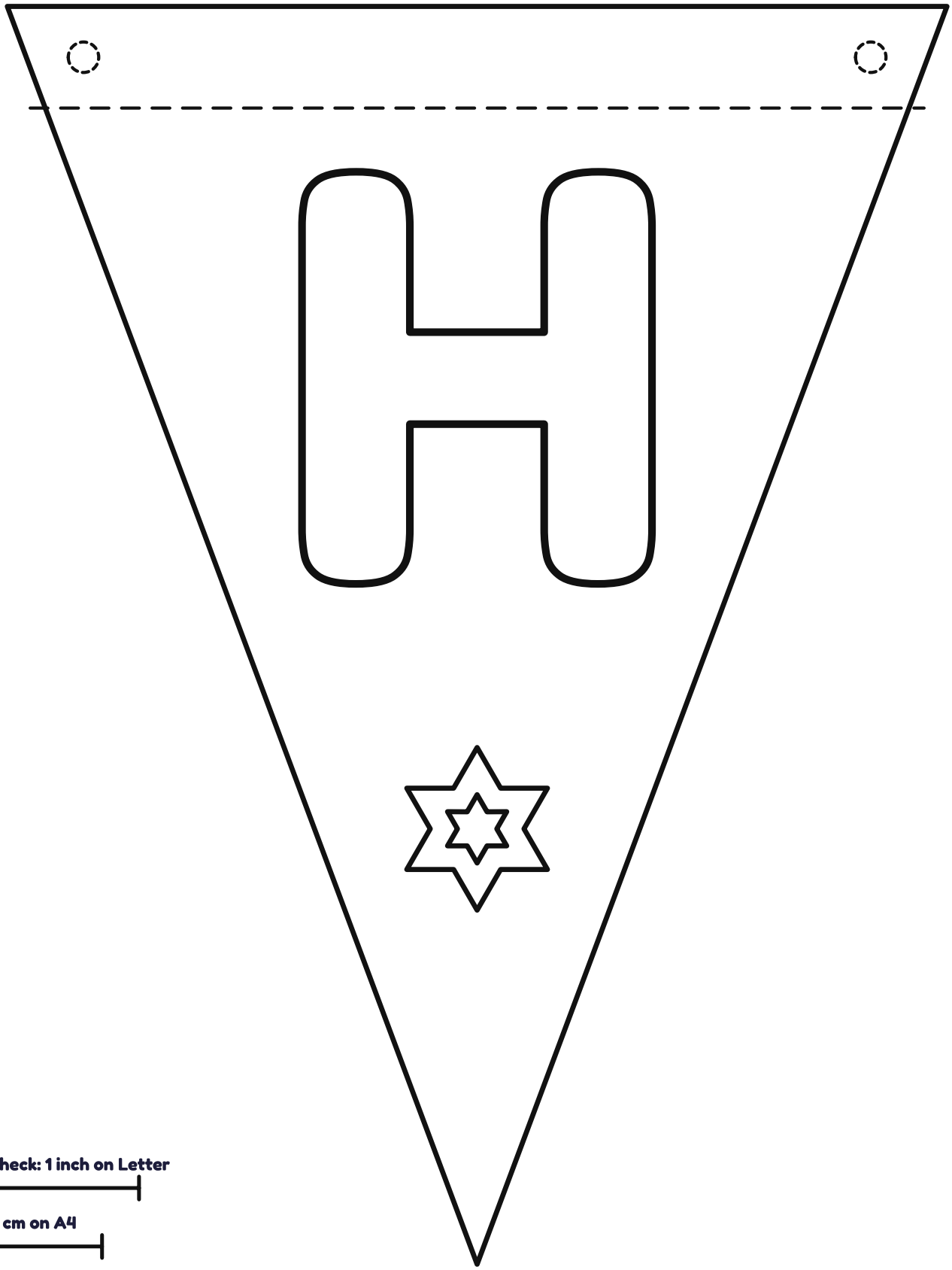
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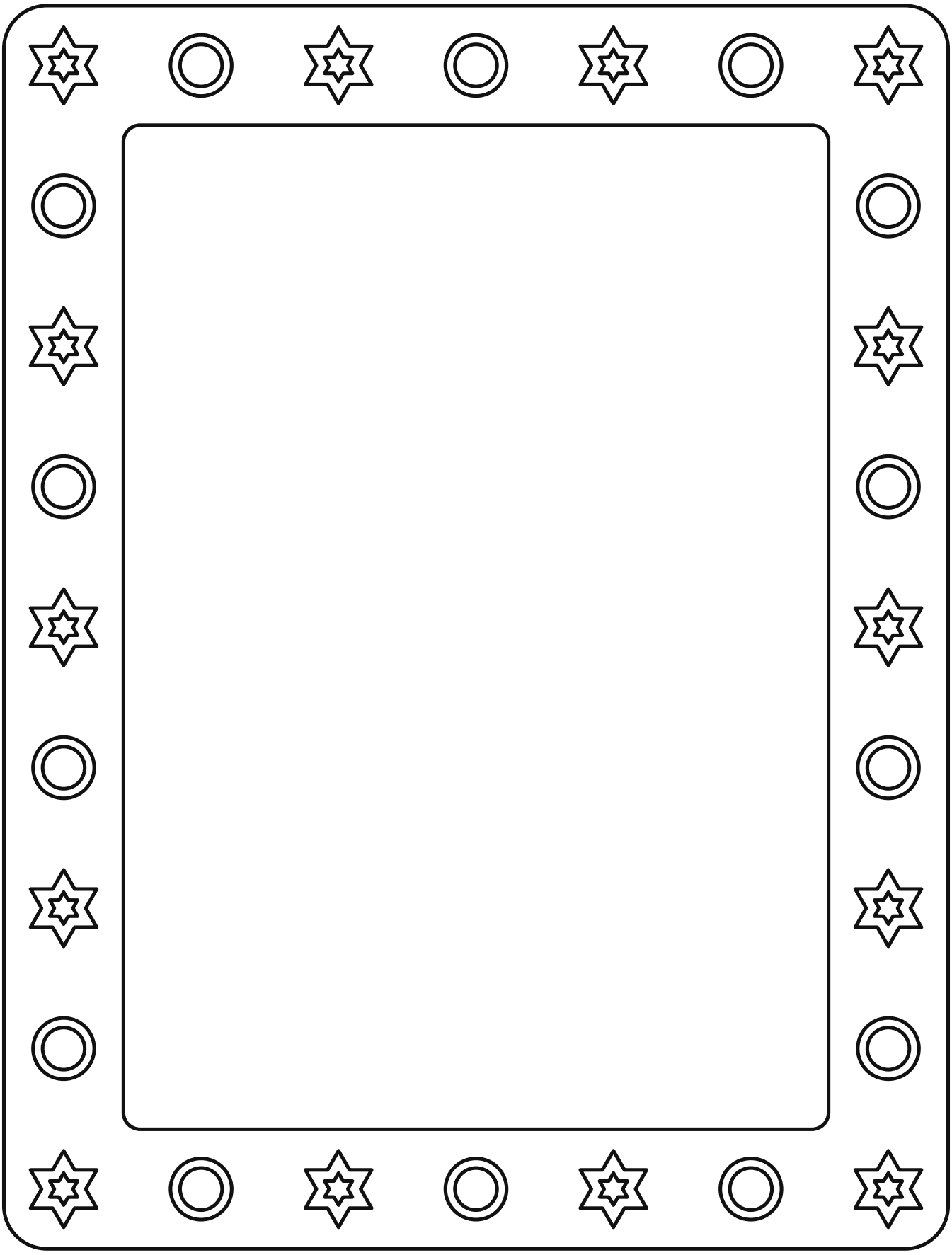
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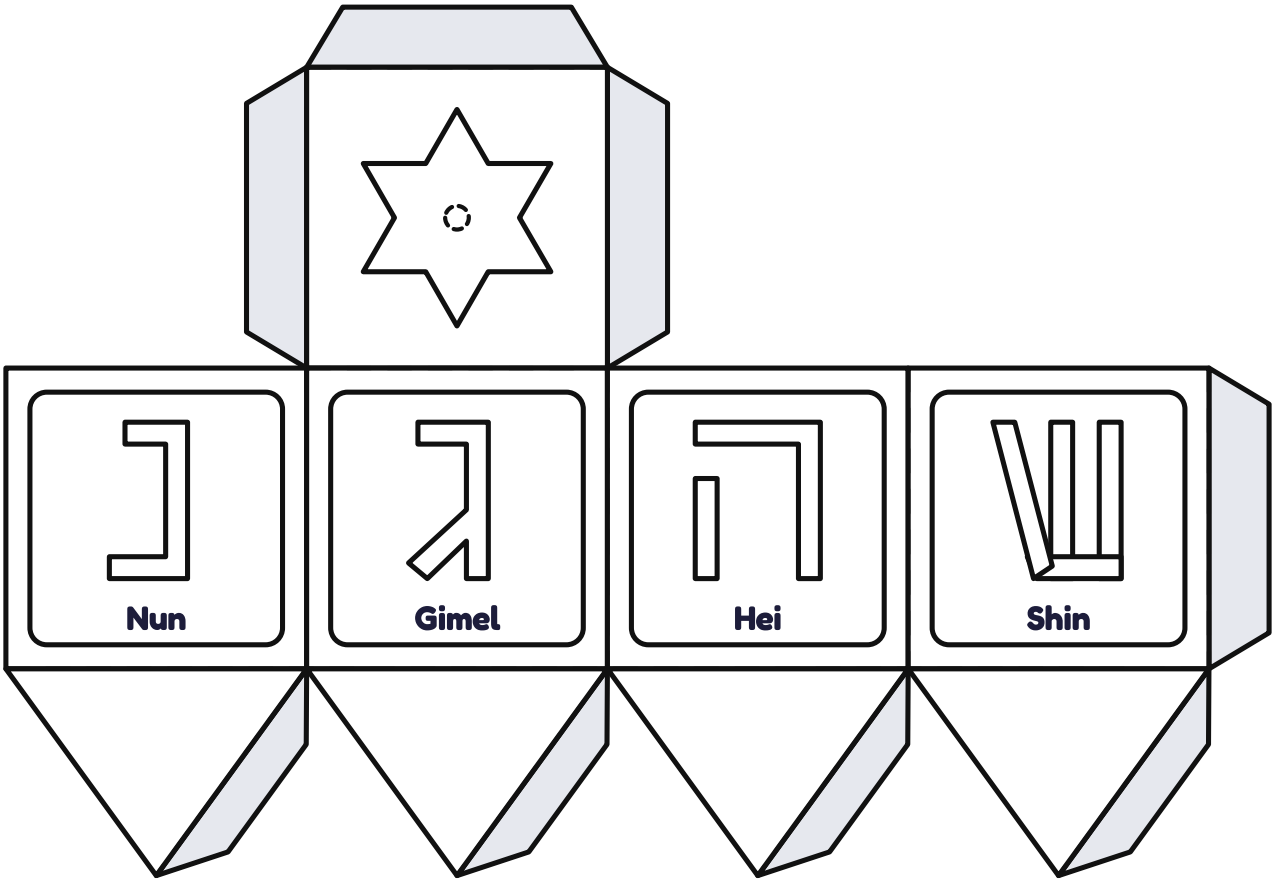
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# Dreidel Template

**Colour it, cut on the solid line, fold on the dashes, glue the grey tabs**



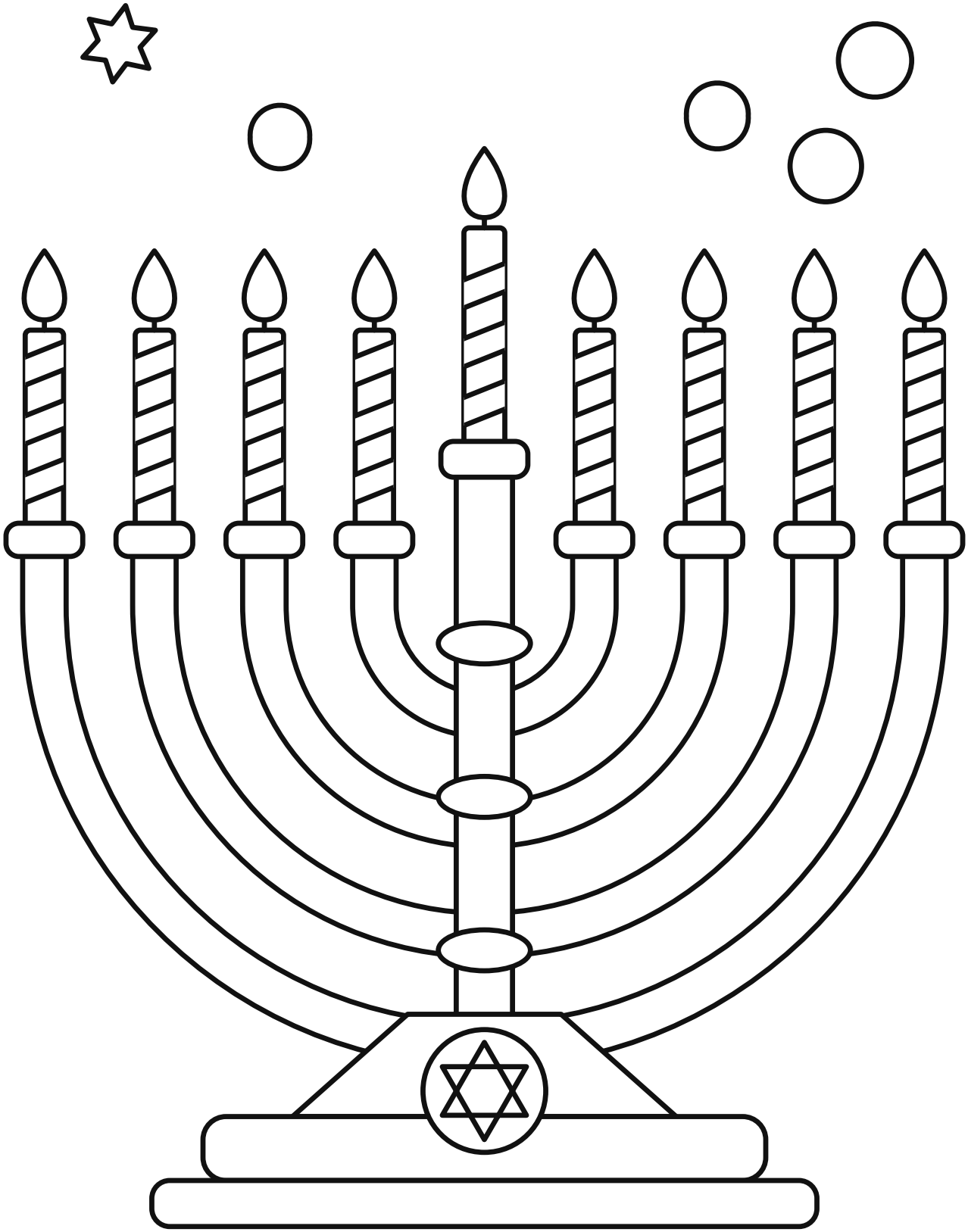

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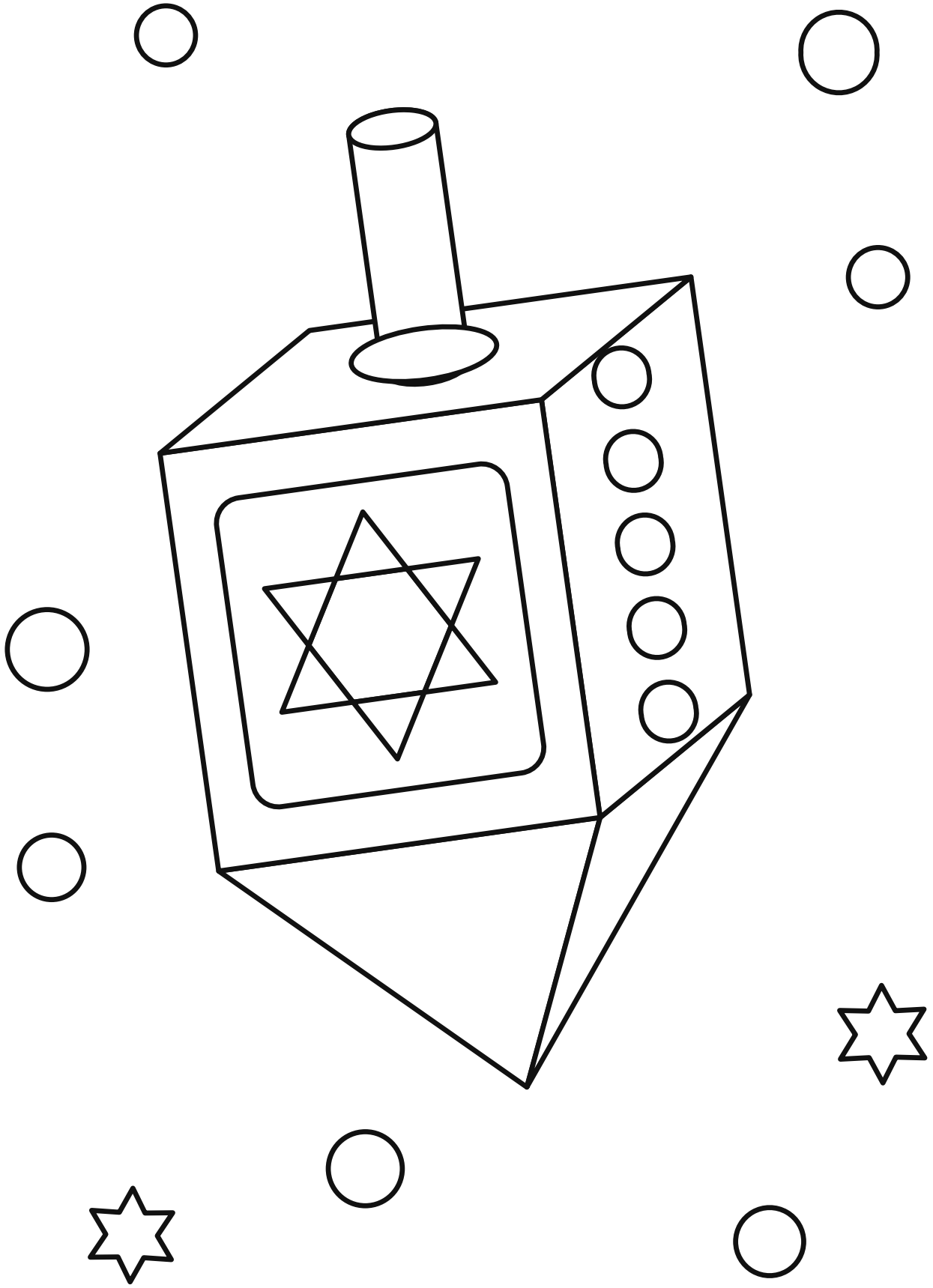
## How to play

- נ **Nun: nothing happens**
- ג **Gimel: take the whole pot**
- ה **Hei: take half the pot**
- ש **Shin: put one in**

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# Hanukkah Word Search

**Find 10 words. Words go across and down.**

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| I | T | O | I | L | E | R | M | K | U |
| E | O | Y | W | G | R | N | L | Z | C |
| N | A | Y | L | L | E | I | G | H | T |
| H | I | C | S | O | N | G | S | B | E |
| F | C | D | H | W | O | H | R | E | I |
| X | O | B | G | I | F | T | S | M | K |
| R | S | H | A | M | A | S | H | N | F |
| H | N | M | I | R | A | C | L | E | T |
| D | L | T | L | A | T | K | E | S | W |
| D | M | E | N | O | R | A | H | J | M |

- ☐ SONGS
- ☐ EIGHT
- ☐ GLOW
- ☐ GIFTS
- ☐ OIL
- ☐ MIRACLE
- ☐ SHAMASH
- ☐ NIGHTS
- ☐ MENORAH
- ☐ LATKES

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# Hanukkah Word Search

**Answer key**

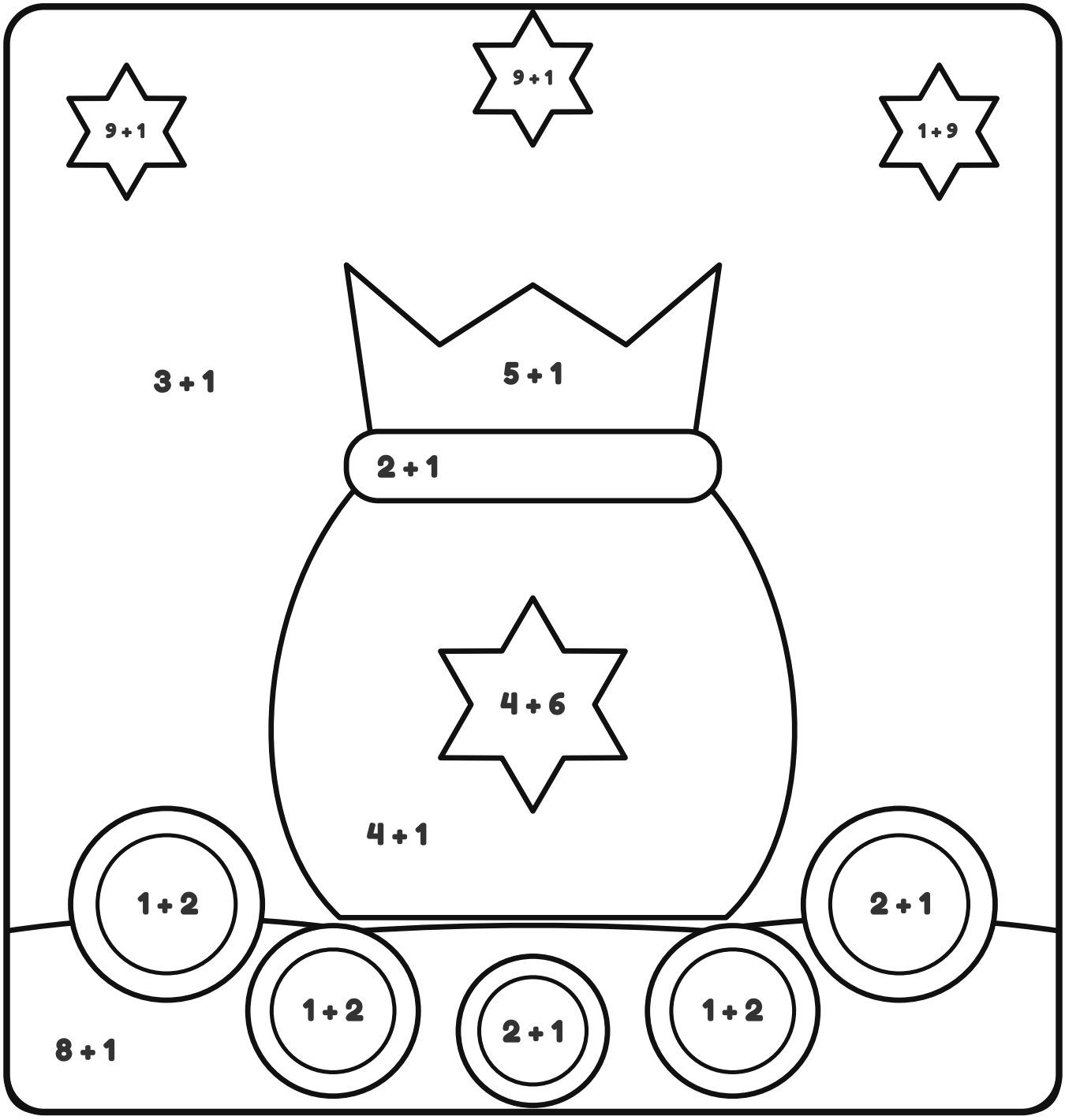



- [ ] SONGS
- [ ] EIGHT
- [ ] GLOW
- [ ] GIFTS
- [ ] OIL
- [ ] MIRACLE
- [ ] SHAMASH
- [ ] NIGHTS
- [ ] MENORAH
- [ ] LATKES

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# Color by Code: Hanukkah Gelt

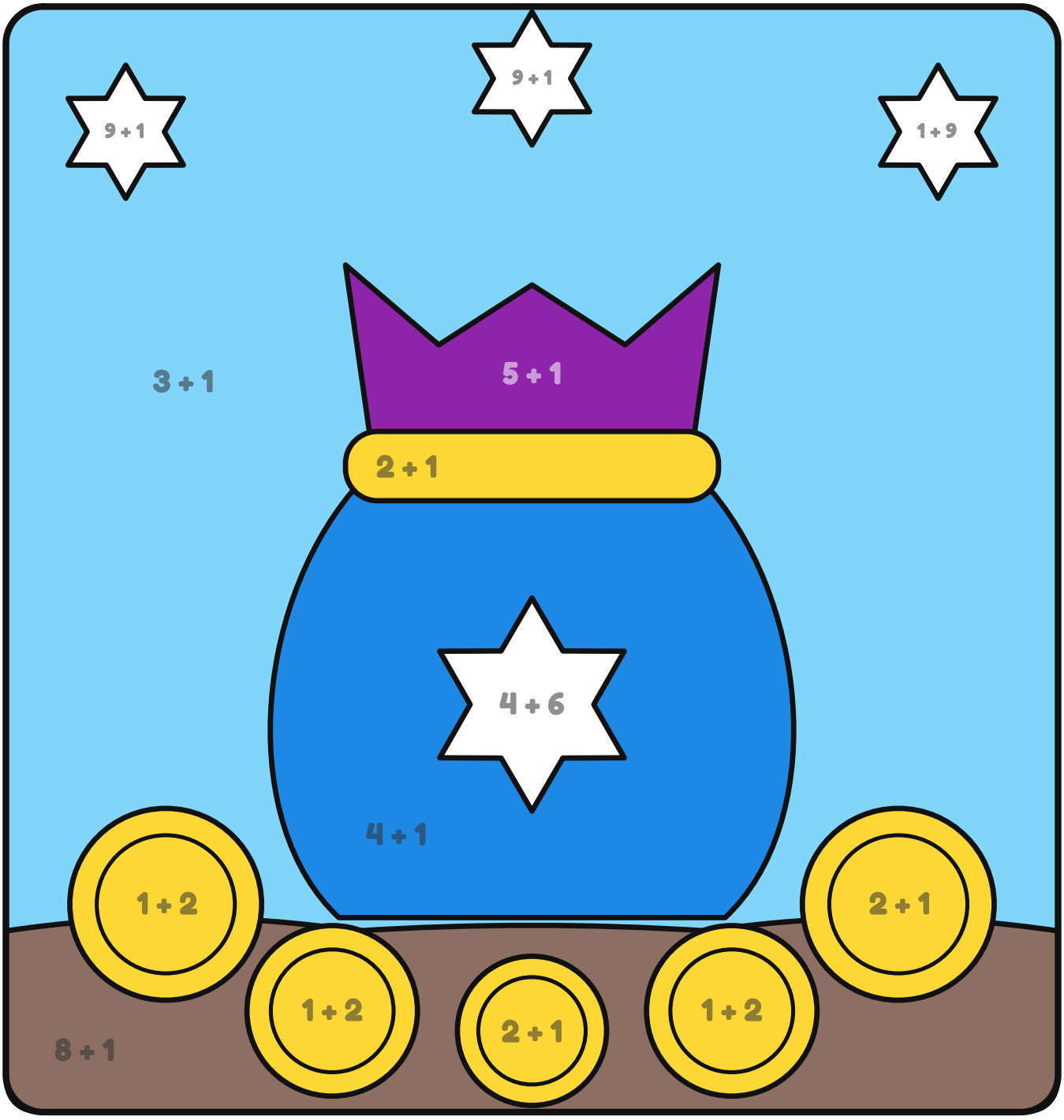
**Work out each sum. Color the space the color of the answer.**




- 3 = yellow
- 4 = light blue
- 5 = blue
- 6 = purple
- 9 = brown
- 10 = white

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# Answer key: Hanukkah Gelt, Addition Within 10




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