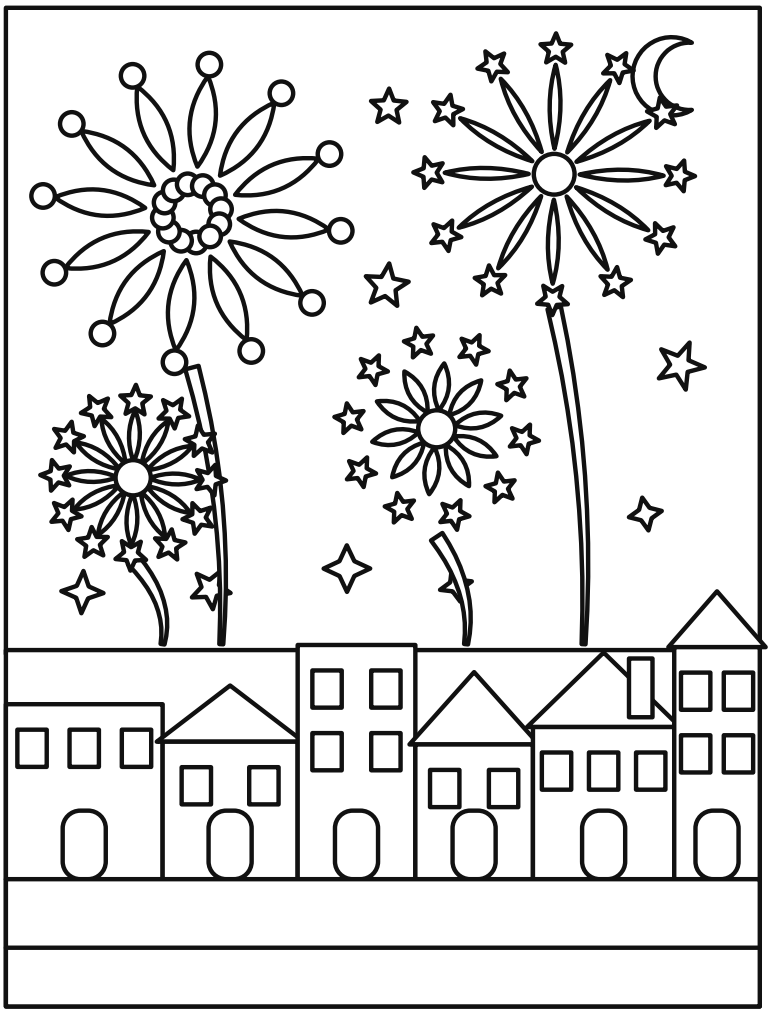
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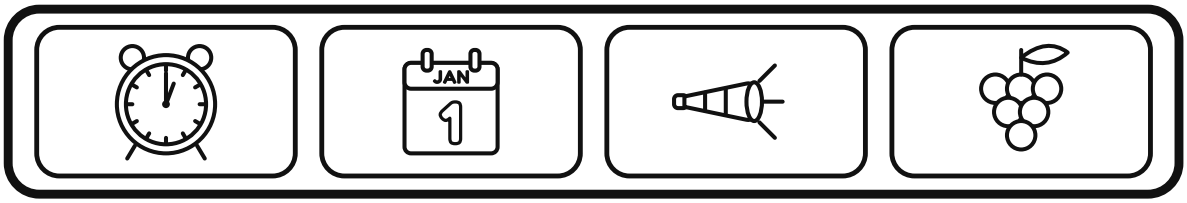
For the first week back or a New Year party: read the mini-book, put the word mat out for a "my wishes for the year" piece of writing, give each child a bunting flag to colour and hang the Happy New Year banner, make the countdown chain, then the colouring, word search and word scramble. Answer keys are in the pack; pull them out before you photocopy.

New Year's Day is Friday 1 January 2027. The pack suits New Year's Eve at home and the first week back at school.

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 New Year?

Read the book, then answer the questions.



Words: midnight | time zones | chime | Hogmanay | resolution

1. **On what date is New Year's Day in most of the world?**

2. **What time do people count down to on New Year's Eve?**

3. **How many grapes do some people in Spain eat at midnight?**

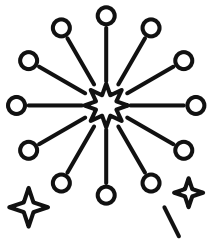
4. **What is the New Year party called in Scotland?**

5. **Why do you think New Zealand sees the new year before many other countries?**

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What is New Year?



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Words to know

midnight
twelve o'clock at night

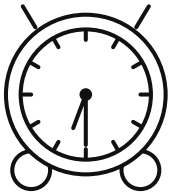
time zones
parts of the world that share one clock time

chime
one ring of a bell or clock

Hogmanay
the Scottish name for the New Year party

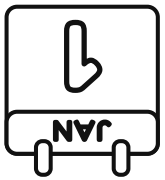
resolution
a promise to do something new or better

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On New Year's Eve, many people stay up late. They count down the last ten seconds to midnight. Then they cheer and shout Happy New Year!

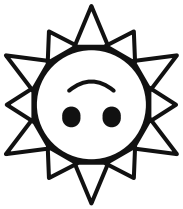
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New Year's Day is the first day of the year. In most of the world, it is on 1 January. People say goodbye to the old year and hello to the new one.

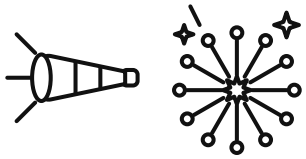
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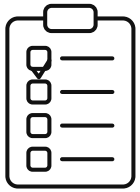
The world has time zones, so the new year does not start everywhere at once. Kiribati is one of the first places. Samoa, Tonga and New Zealand come soon after.

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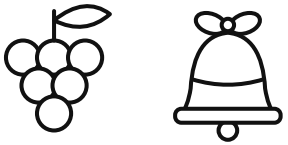
Many cities light up the sky with fireworks. Some people ring bells, bang pots or blow party horns to make a happy noise.

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Many people make a New Year's resolution. It is a promise to do something new or better. Not every culture starts its year on 1 January.

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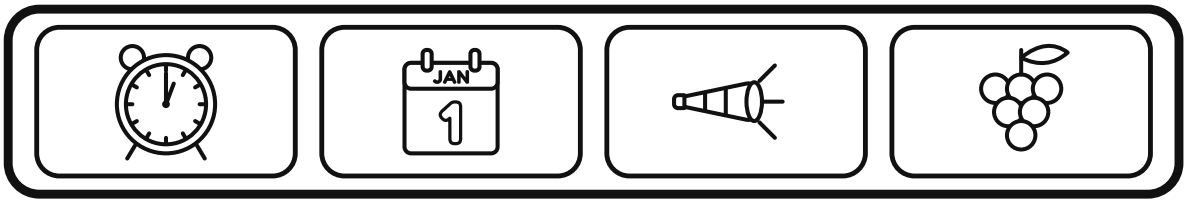


In Spain, some people eat twelve grapes at midnight, one for each chime of the clock. In Scotland, the New Year party is called Hogmanay.

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Answers

Answer key: What is New Year?



Words: midnight | time zones | chime | Hogmanay | resolution

1. On what date is New Year's Day in most of the world?

   1 January

2. What time do people count down to on New Year's Eve?

   Midnight

3. How many grapes do some people in Spain eat at midnight?

   Twelve

4. What is the New Year party called in Scotland?

   Hogmanay

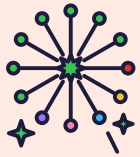
5. Why do you think New Zealand sees the new year before many other countries?

   Possible answer: because of time zones, midnight comes there first

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New Year Word Mat

Look, say, write.



fireworks



sparkler



clock



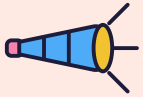
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party hat

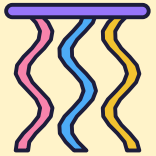


party popper



party blower

US: noisemaker



streamers



balloon



bunting



music



cake



camera



mask



disco ball

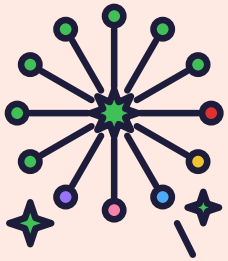


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fireworks



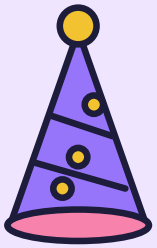
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clock



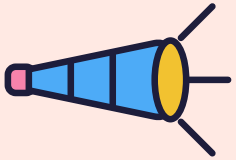
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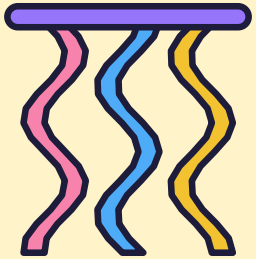


party popper



party blower

US: noisemaker

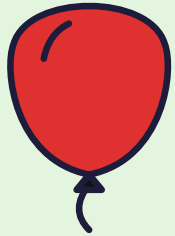


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New Year Word Cards

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balloon



bunting



music



cake



camera



mask

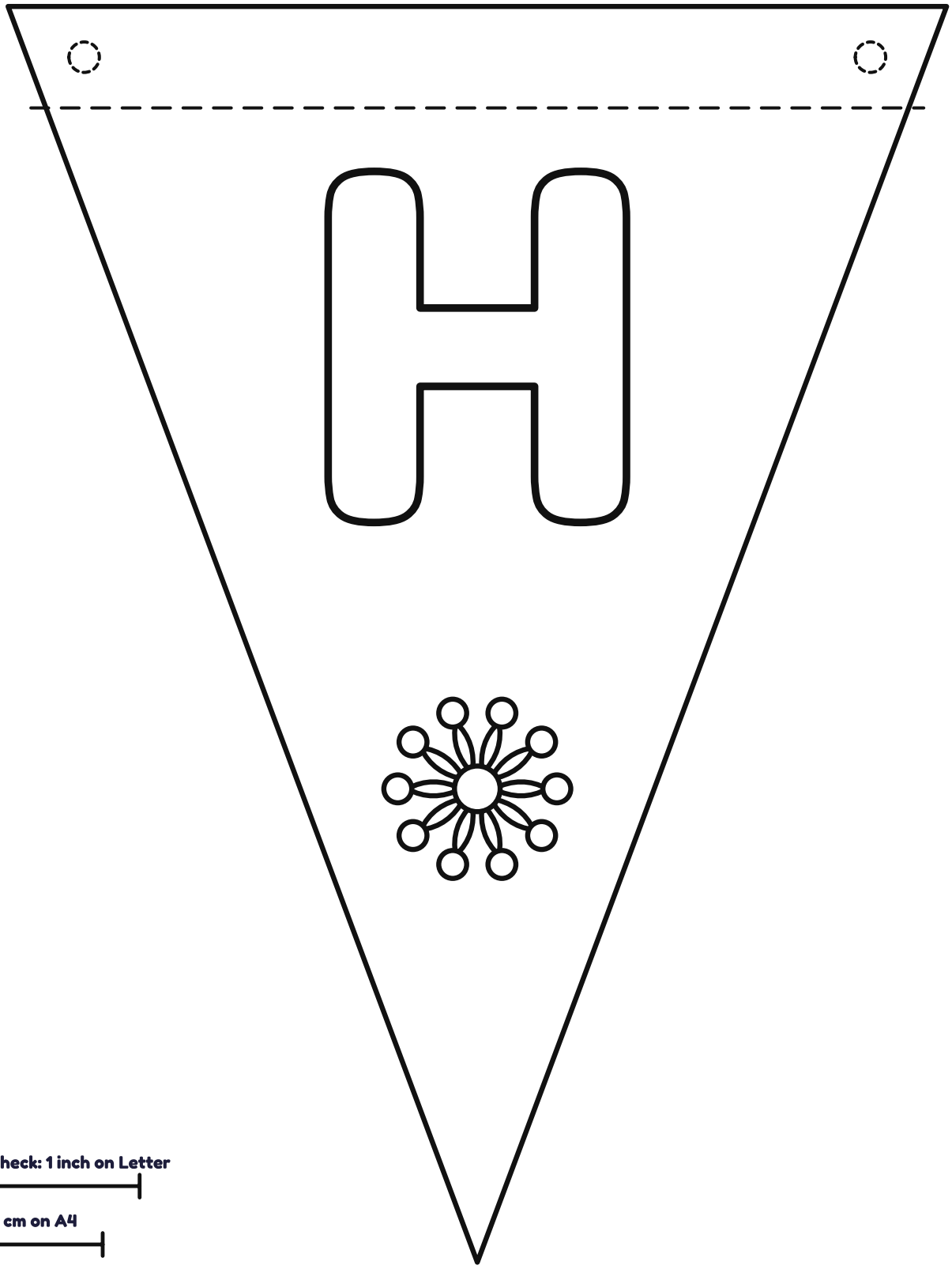


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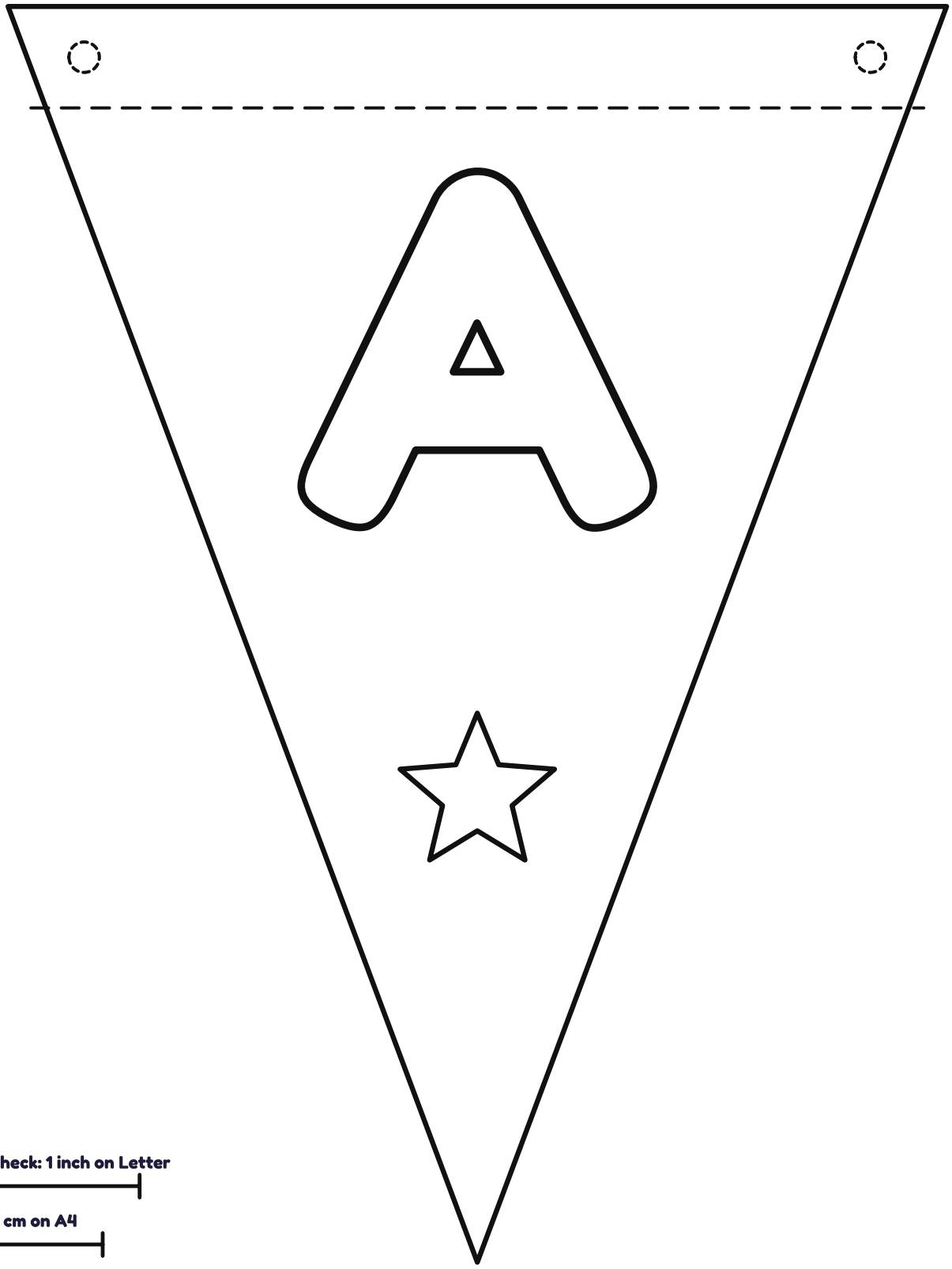
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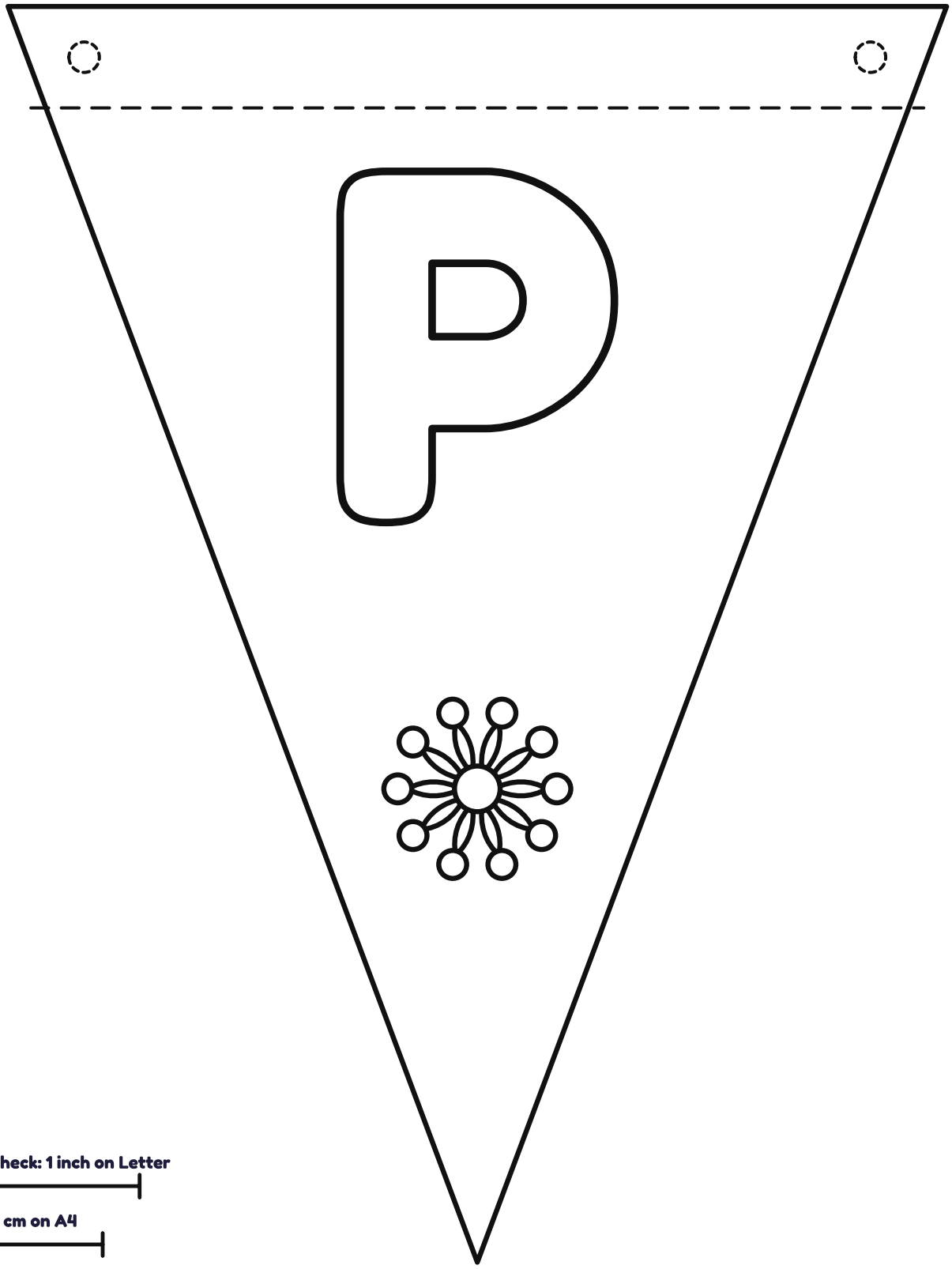
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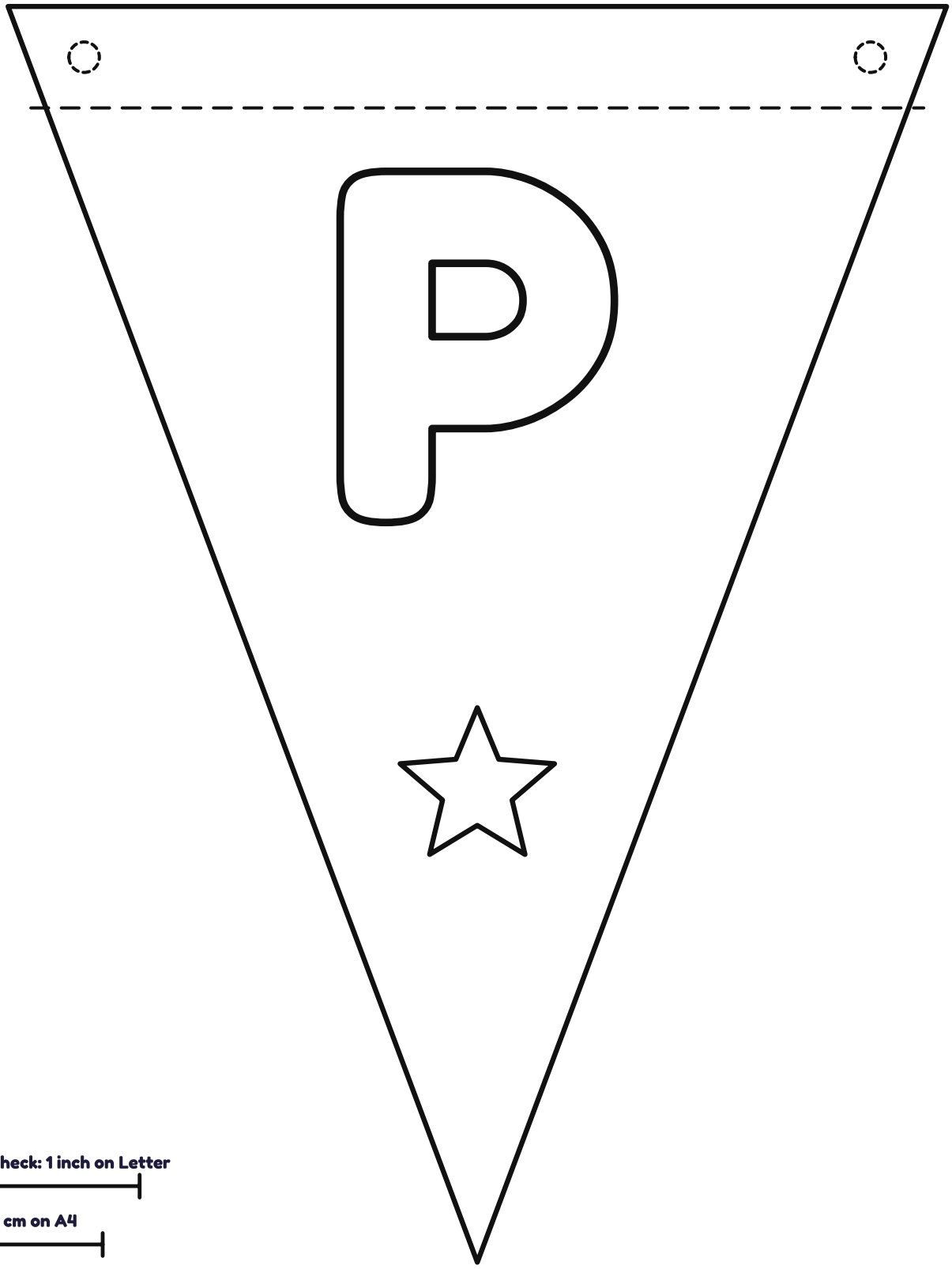
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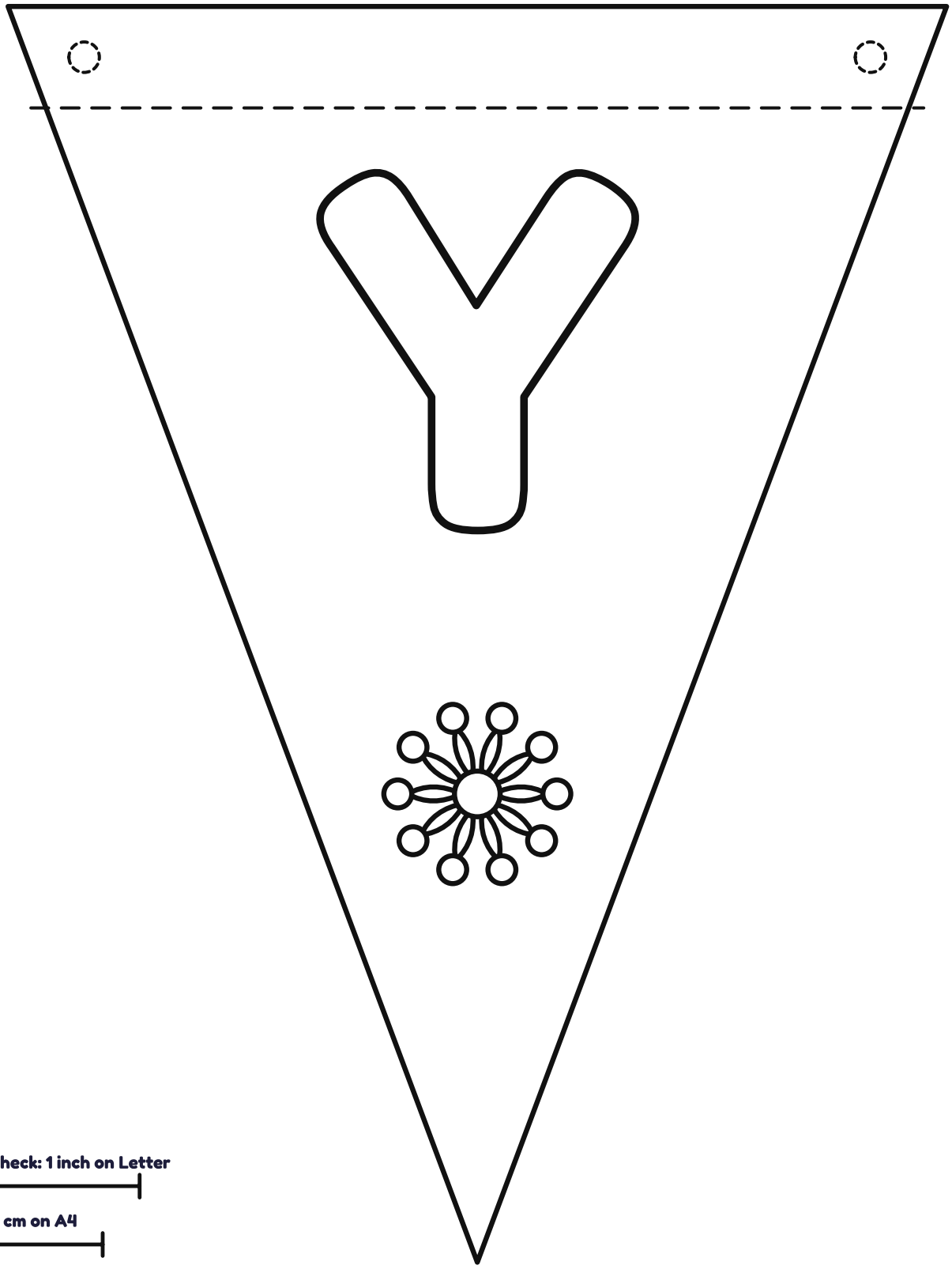
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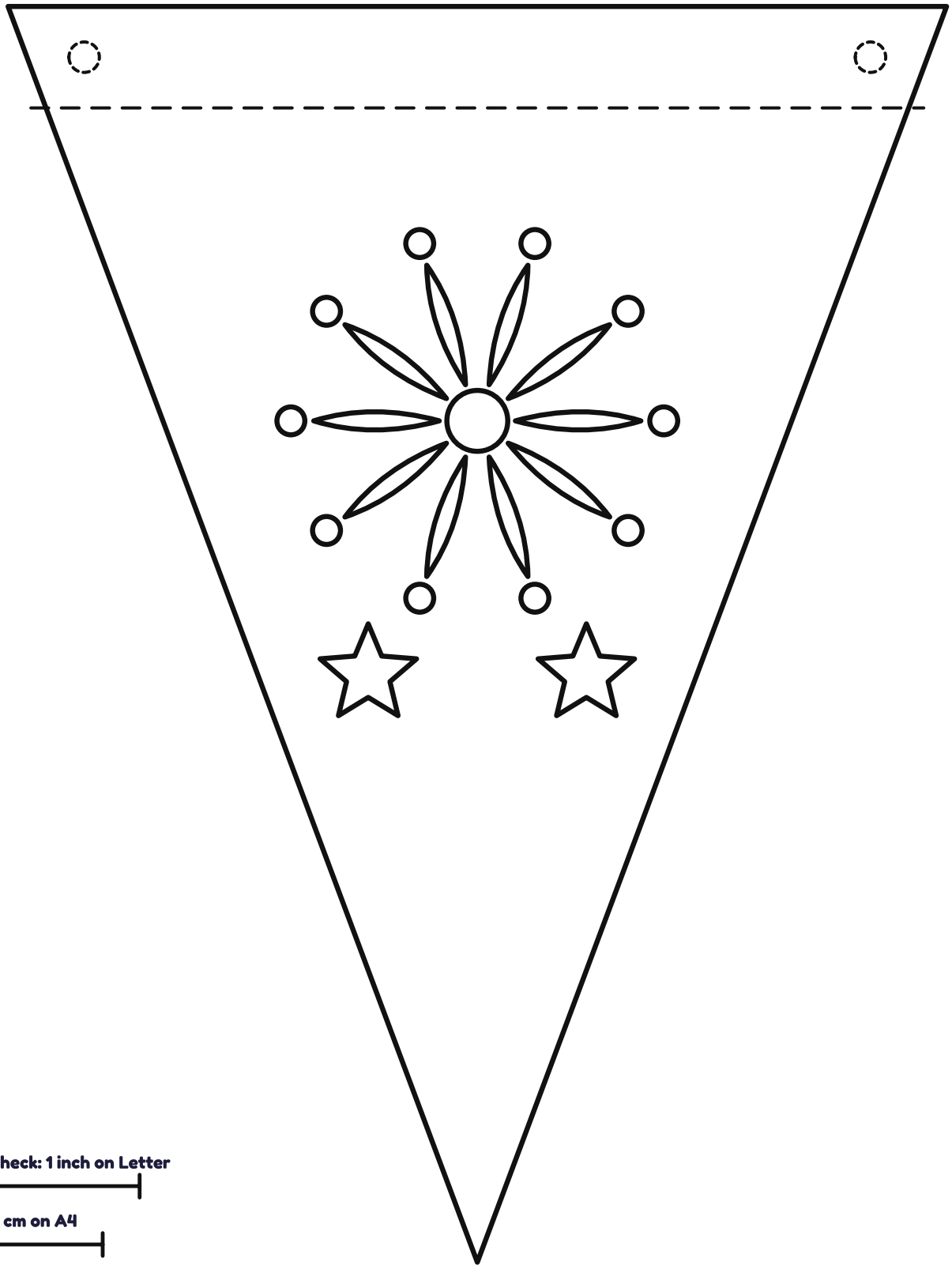
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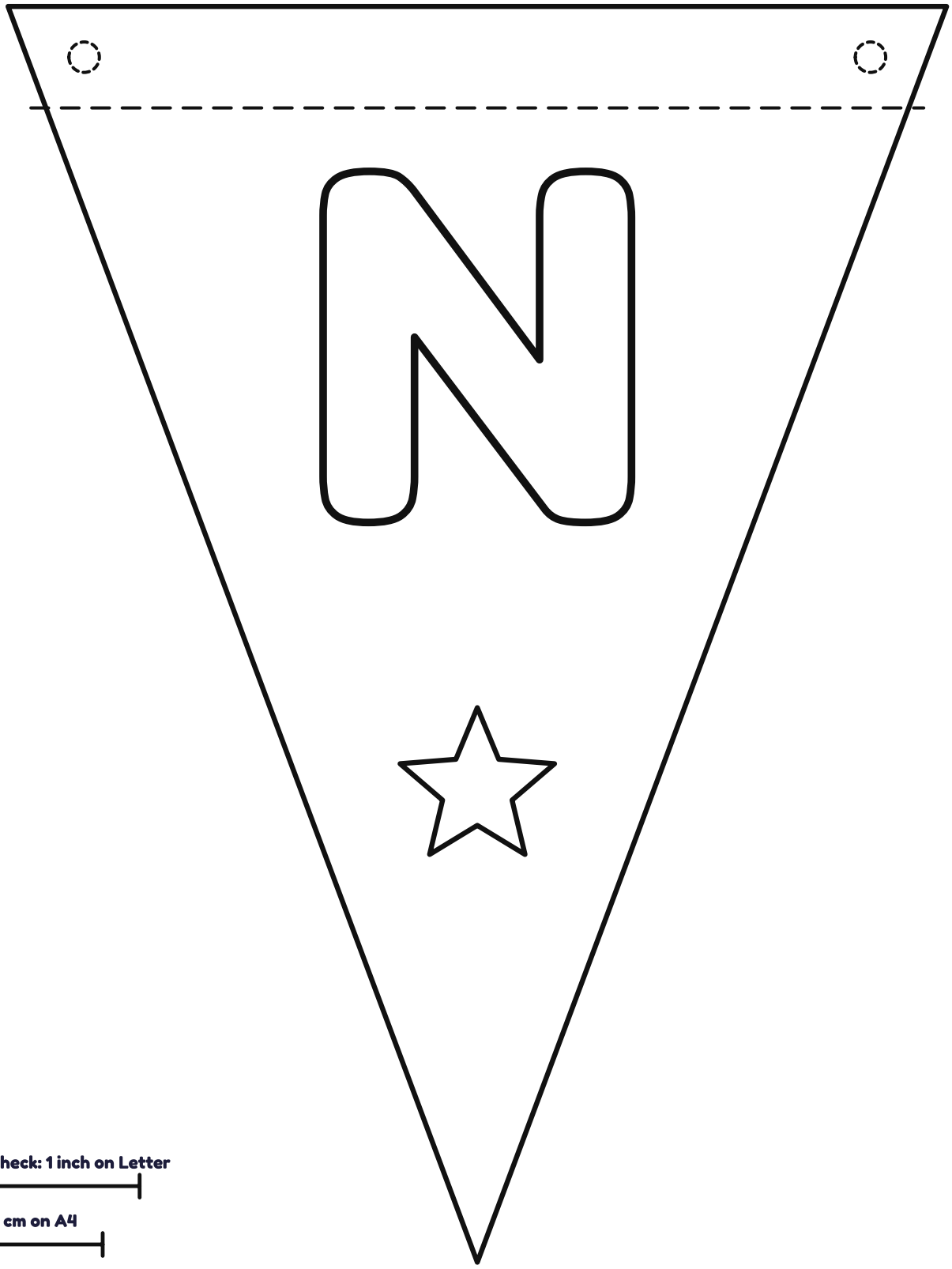
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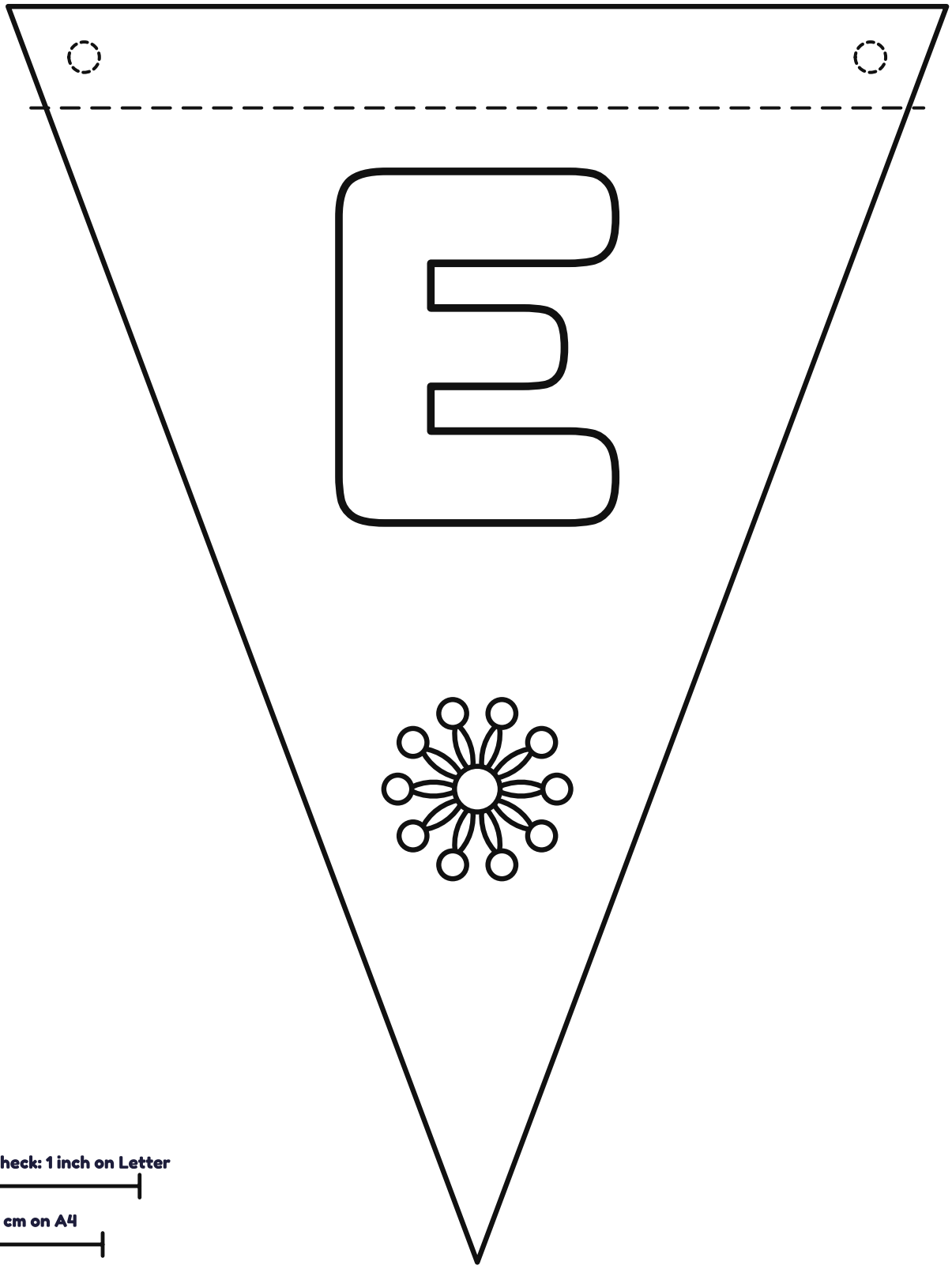
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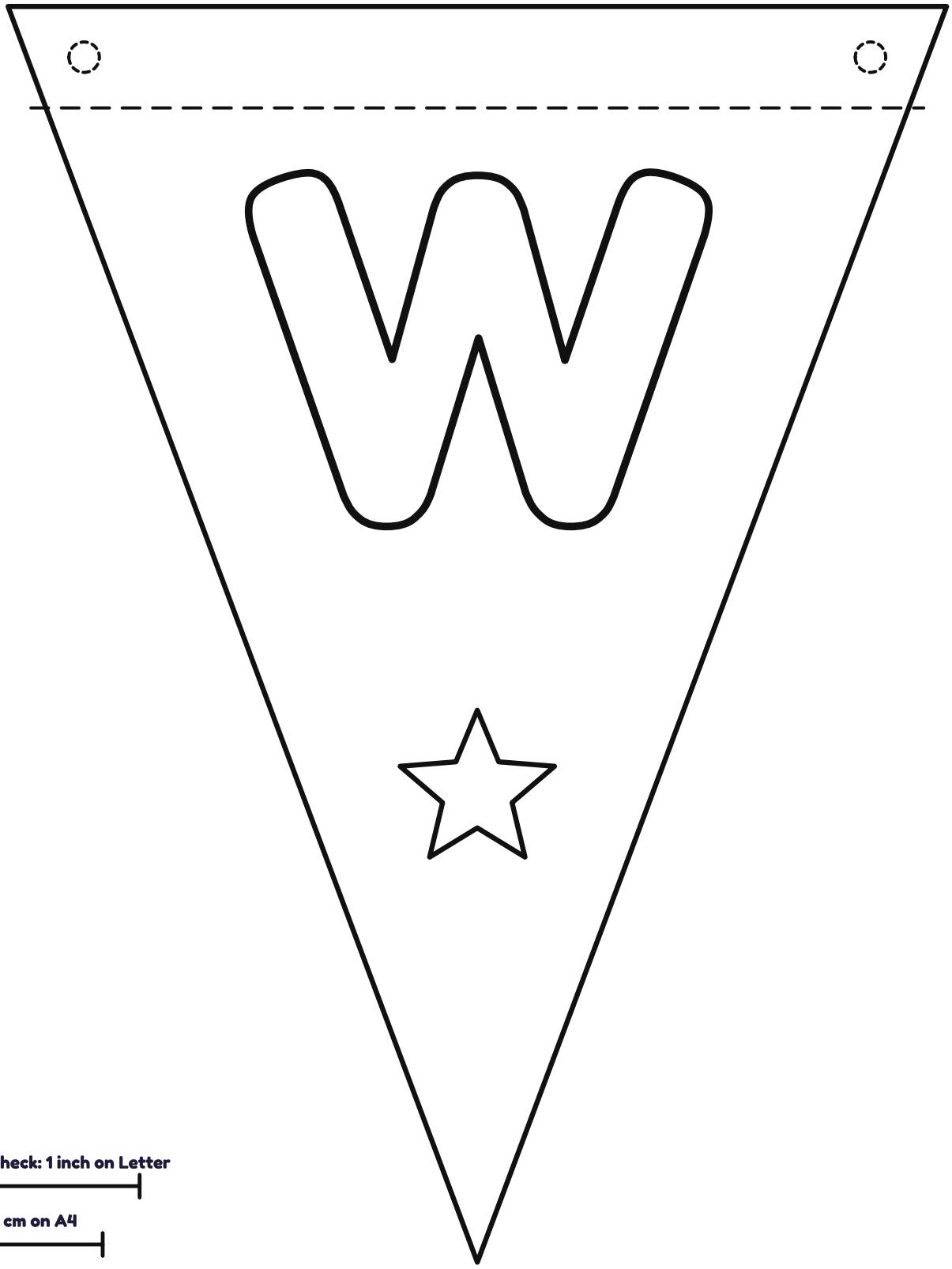
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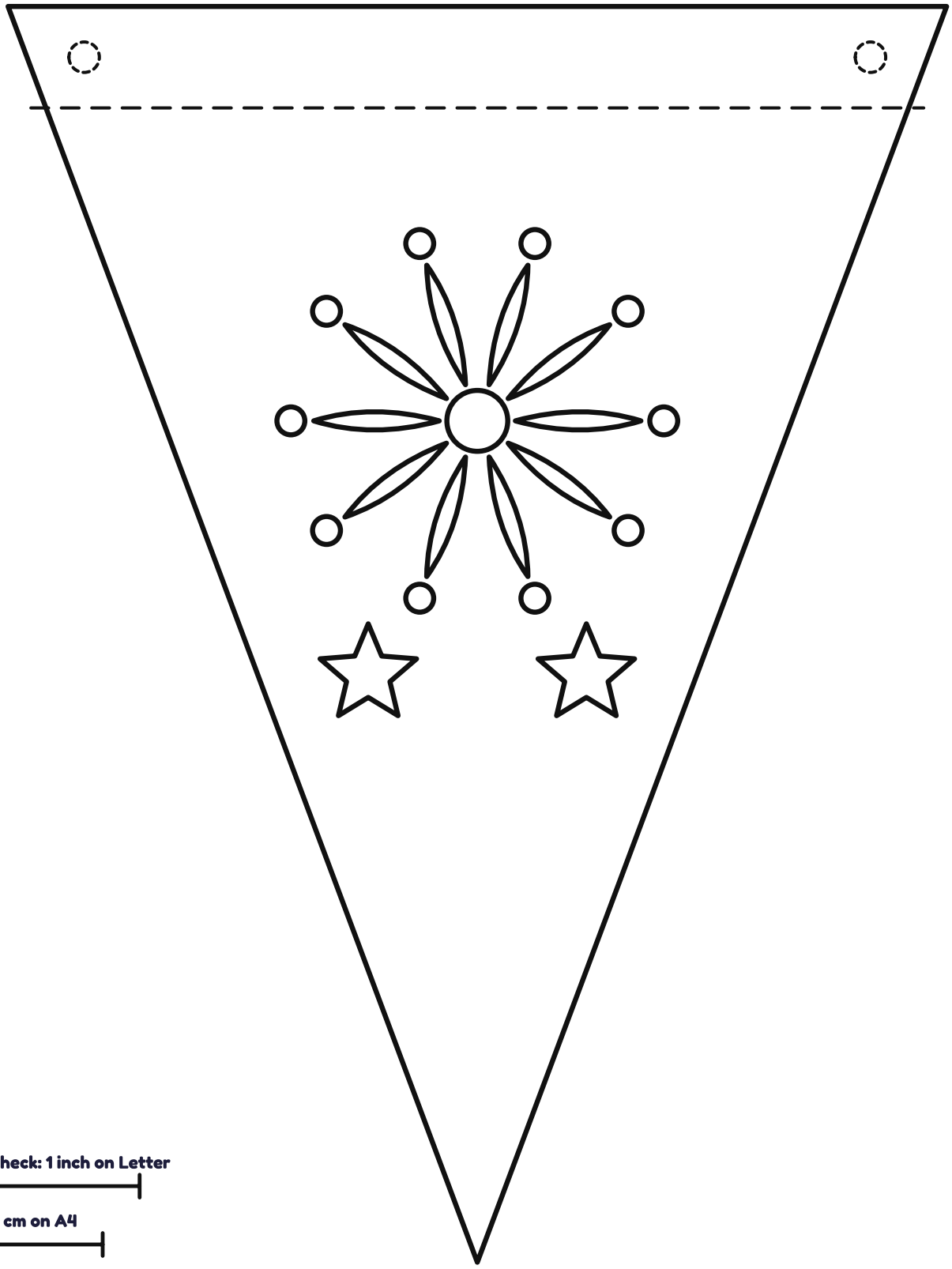
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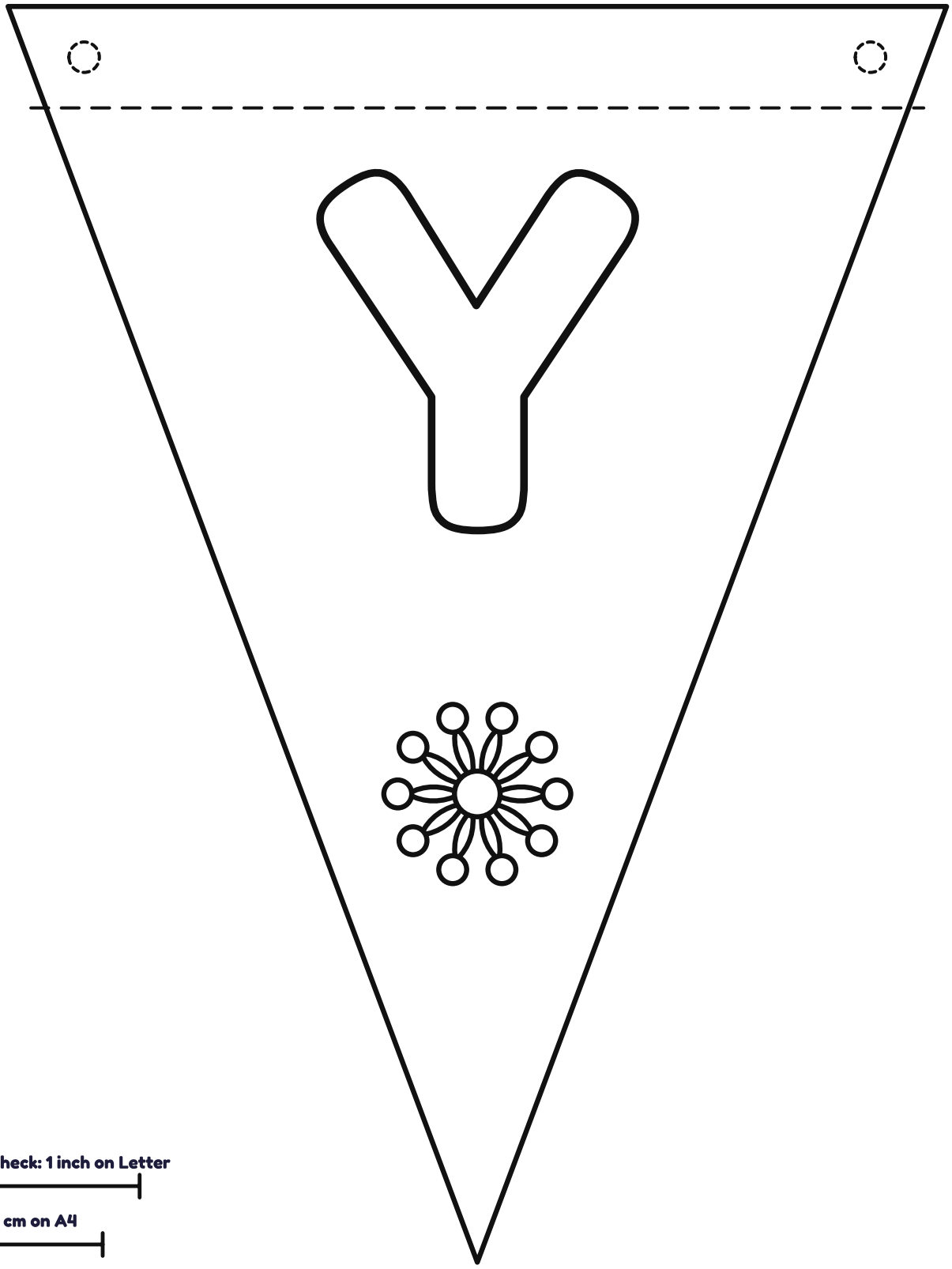
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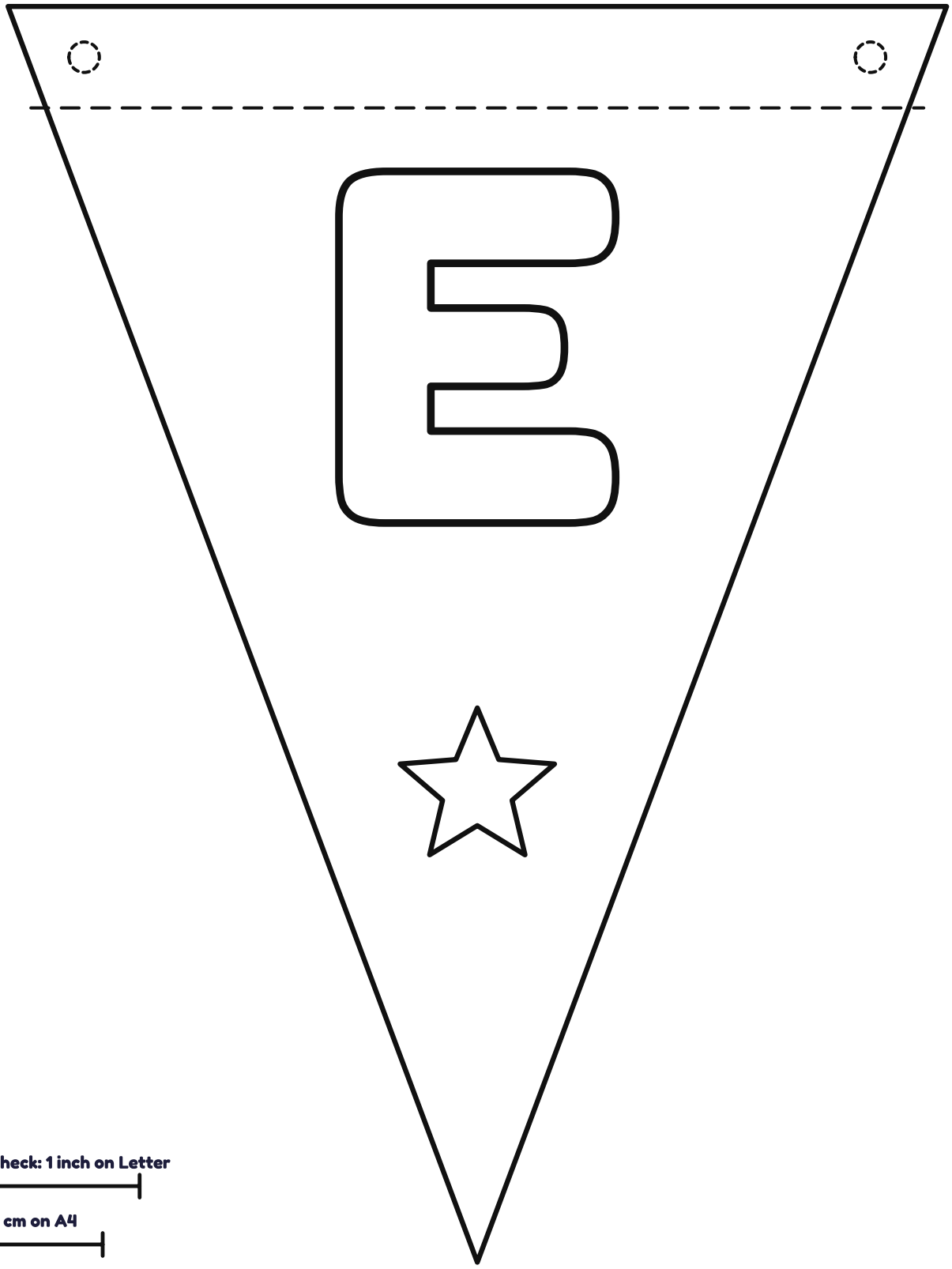
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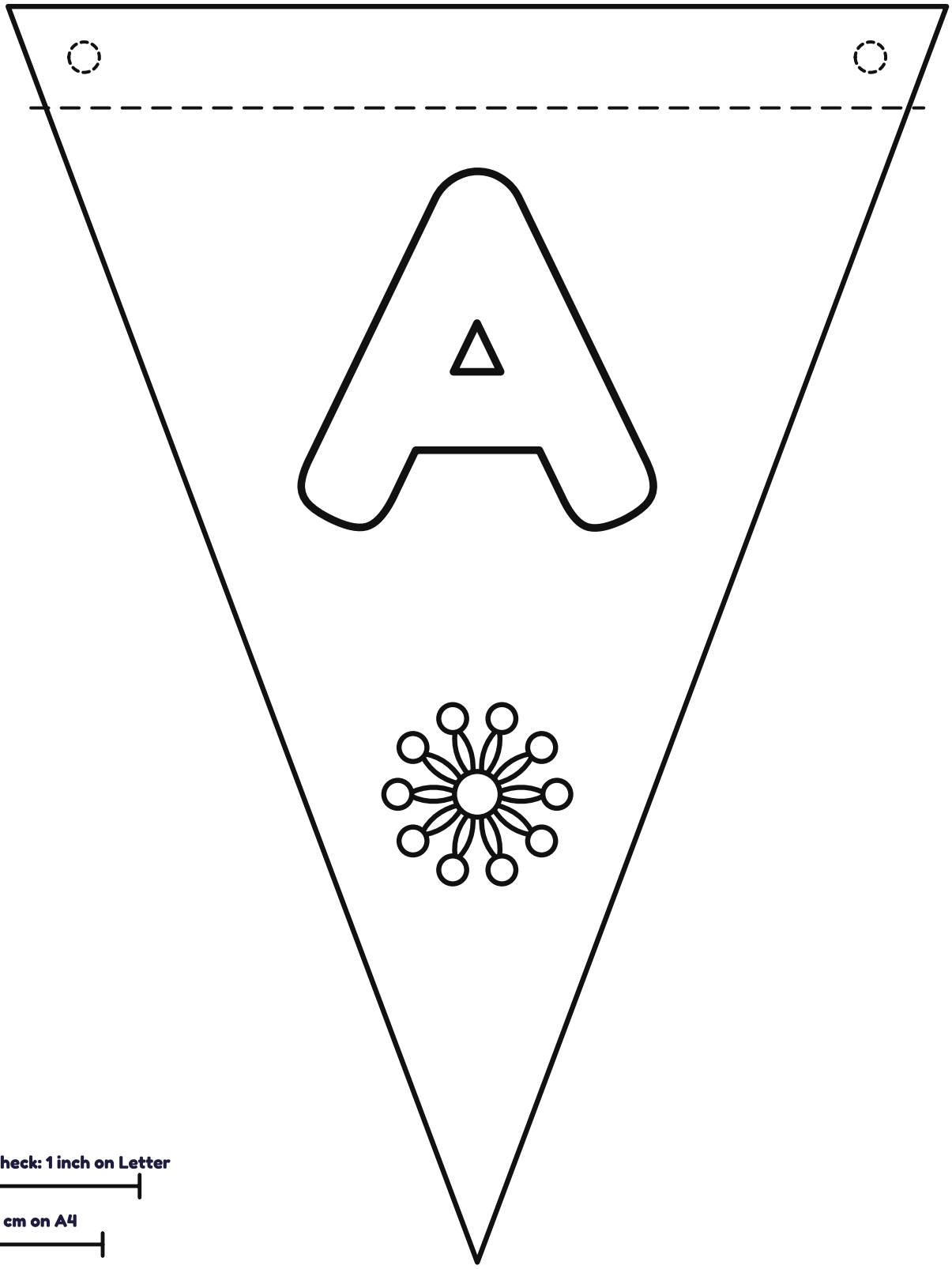
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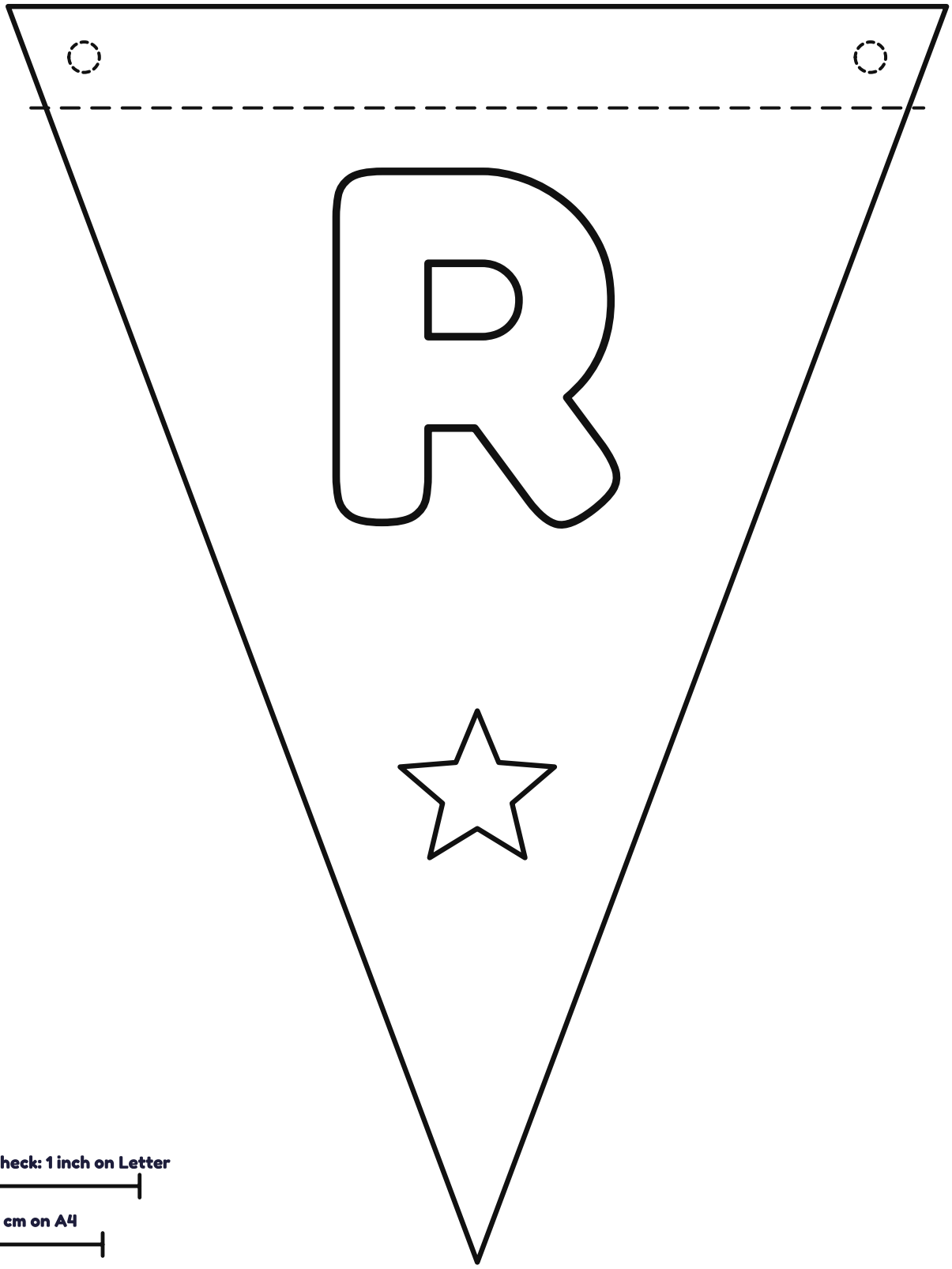
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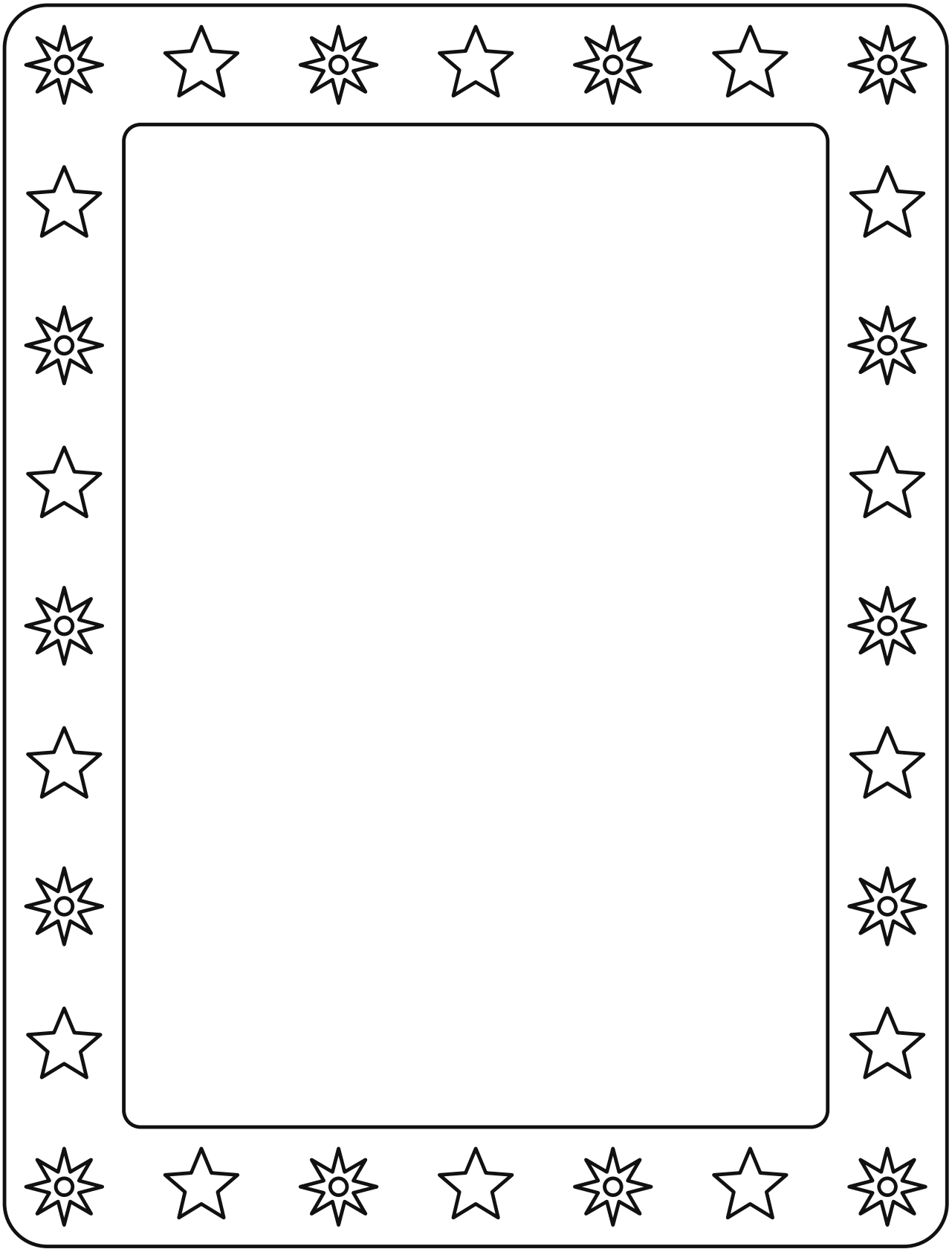
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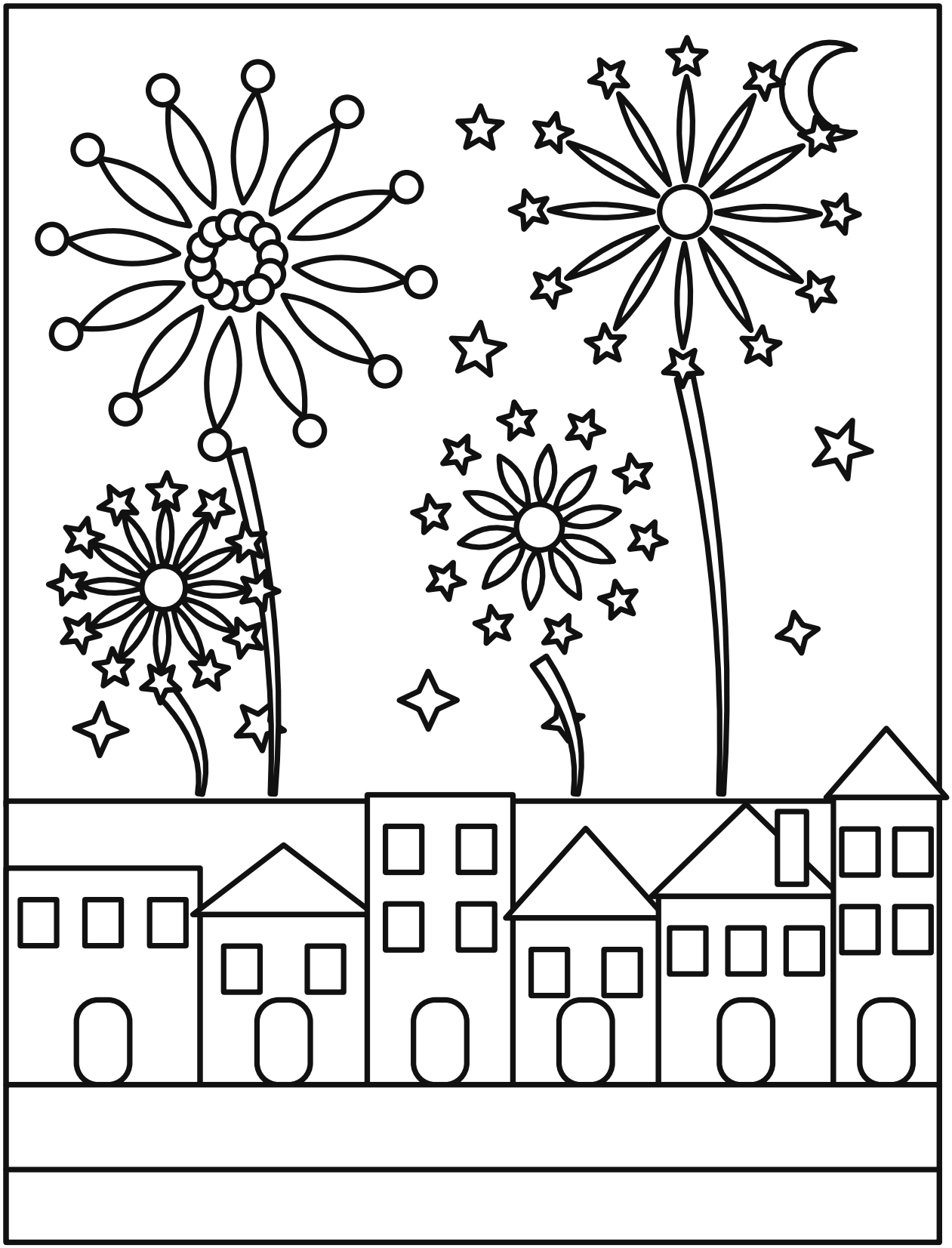
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New Year Countdown

Colour, cut out, then loop each strip through the last one and glue the tab.

12	12 hours to midnight		glue
11	11 hours to midnight		glue
10	10 hours to midnight		glue
9	9 hours to midnight		glue
8	8 hours to midnight		glue
7	7 hours to midnight		glue

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New Year's Word Search

Find 10 words. Words go across and down.

X	W	O	M	G	O	A	L	S	E
K	L	M	P	L	A	N	S	O	S
I	Q	Z	R	I	P	W	D	C	P
A	R	A	S	T	A	F	H	T	A
K	R	M	A	T	R	T	O	O	R
D	A	N	C	E	T	D	P	A	K
C	F	H	U	R	Y	I	E	S	L
V	M	I	D	N	I	G	H	T	E
U	M	U	S	I	C	M	H	N	R
Q	N	S	B	S	A	V	X	P	G

- ☐ DANCE
- ☐ GOALS
- ☐ MIDNIGHT
- ☐ TOAST
- ☐ MUSIC
- ☐ SPARKLER
- ☐ HOPE
- ☐ PARTY
- ☐ PLANS
- ☐ GLITTER

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New Year's Word Search

Answer key



- ☐ DANCE
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New Year Word Scramble

Unscramble each New Year word. The word bank can help.

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

1. N M T D I G I H → ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐
2. U O W T N C O N D → ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐
3. O S R W F R E I K → ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐
4. C D E R A N A L → ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐
5. Y R N U J A A → ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐
6. N O E I F T C T → ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐
7. R P T Y A → ☐☐☐☐☐
8. E R C E H → ☐☐☐☐☐
9. K C C O L → ☐☐☐☐☐
10. L A G S O → ☐☐☐☐☐
11. L S O B O A N L → ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐
12. L S P K R E A R → ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐

Word bank

BALLOONS CALENDAR CHEER CLOCK CONFETTI
COUNTDOWN FIREWORKS GOALS JANUARY MIDNIGHT
PARTY SPARKLER

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New Year Word Scramble: Answers

Answer key

1. N M T D I G I H → M I D N I G H T
2. U O W T N C O N D → C O U N T D O W N
3. O S R W F R E I K → F I R E W O R K S
4. C D E R A N A L → C A L E N D A R
5. Y R N U J A A → J A N U A R Y
6. N O E I F T C T → C O N F E T T I
7. R P T Y A → P A R T Y
8. E R C E H → C H E E R
9. K C C O L → C L O C K
10. L A G S O → G O A L S
11. L S O B O A N L → B A L L O O N S
12. L S P K R E A R → S P A R K L E R

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