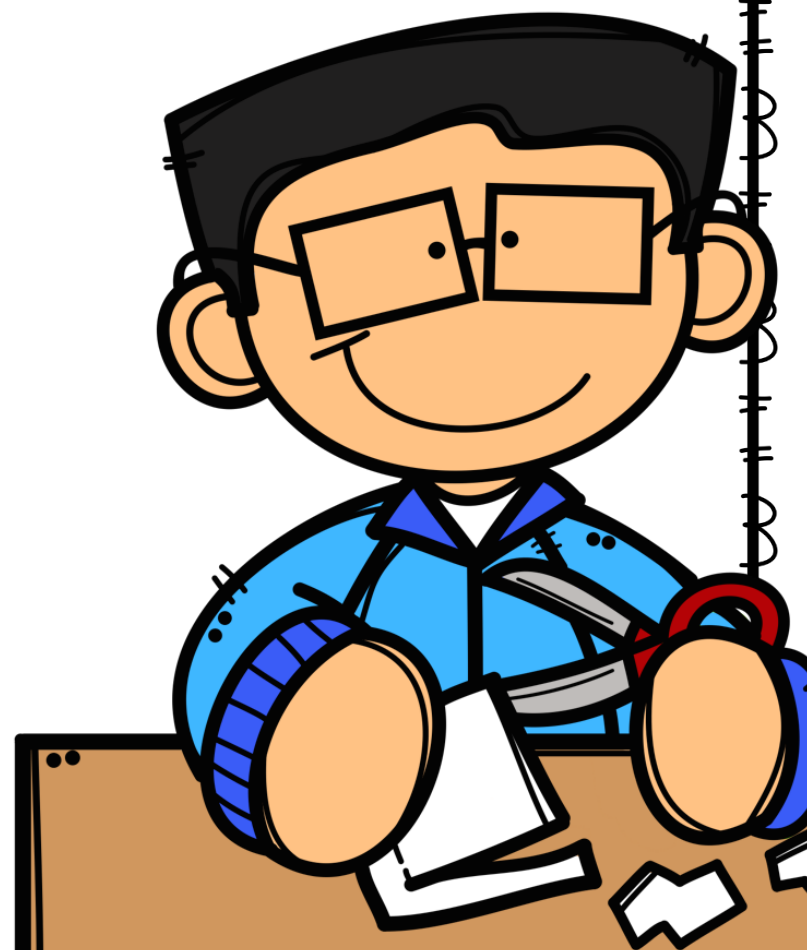


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TOT SCHOOL: GETTING STARTED

WHAT IS TOT SCHOOL?

My tot school weekly plans are designed with the 2-3 year old child in mind. Every activity can be used at home with one or more children or adapted for use in a day care/preschool classroom. Tot school is all about exploring and learning together while exposing children to a variety of skills and concepts.

HOW DO I SET UP TOT SCHOOL?

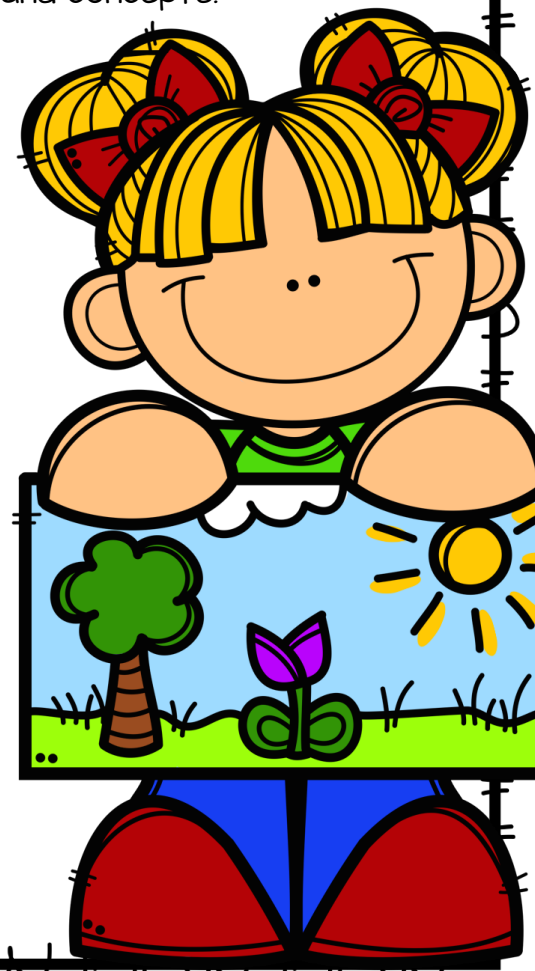
If you'd like to see where my tot school journey began along with how to set goals, schedule time, plan for the week, get organized, gather materials and more, please read ["Getting Started with Tot School"](#).

MAKE A PLAN THAT WORKS FOR YOU!

My weekly plans include 5 categories of learning/play for each theme. We spend anywhere from 5-20 minutes on each activity during that time, depending on interest and engagement, for a total of about 1 hour per day.

If a strict schedule and structured lesson plans aren't your style, then pick the activities you want to try and pull them out throughout the week when you have the time. You could also house your activities in your playroom and let your little one pull them out when they are ready. Maybe you aren't at home full time but want to try one activity each week. Whatever your style is, be true to yourself and your child's needs.

Celebrate the fact that you want to play and learn with your toddler, because that's the whole point anyways. Happy learning!



WEEK AT A GLANCE:

SUGGESTED MATERIALS:

Prepping for the week is super easy with this checklist. Round up everything you need for the week without having to search through each page of activities!

ACTIVITY PAGES:

Learning activity pages include everything you need to know to complete the activities for the week. Each learning category has a page with pictures, directions, materials, and goals so you know exactly what to do for each activity.

	BOOKS	FINE MOTOR	GROSS MOTOR	FOOD/ SNACKS	SENSORY BINS	OTHER
MON	Read Little Skunk's Tale in the Bath Eileen Christelow	Ice Cream "finger" writing Tracy	Ice Cream in a Bag	Ice Cream in a Bag	Ice Cream Scooping	
TUE	Read Ice Cream Cone By Tim Boudry	Counting Apples	Catch the Goope	Washable Whipped Cream Ice Cream Cone	Ice Cream Surfable Bin	
WED	Read Little Cat's Ice Cream Cone By Bob Eckhardt	Pushy Pop It Ice Cream Cones	Ice Cream Balloons	Ice Cream Cake Cones	Ice Cream Play Dough	
THU	Read The Flat Scone By Gill Gibbons	Ice Cream Feet Board Play	Ice Cream Cone Toss	Frozen Strawberry Bananas "Ice Cream"	Ice Cream Scooping	
		Ice Cream Cone Dot Stamping	Ice Cream Hunt	Ice Cream Cookie Sandwiches	Ice Cream Cloud Dough	

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ICE CREAM: FINE MOTOR ACTIVITIES			
ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION	MATERIALS	GOALS/SKILLS
 Ice Cream Letter Writing Tray	Pour sprinkles onto a tray. Print ice cream cones. Have the child use a spoon to scoop the sprinkles onto the cones to practice scooping and writing. Have the child draw gently from side to side to make the cones.	• Sprinkles • Sugar Cone • Ice Cream Letter/Number Cards • Ice Cream	• Prewriting • Letter Identification • Counting
 Counting Sprinkles	Print the ice cream counting cards with short cone. Print the ice cream cones. Cut out the number 1-10 on each cone. Cut out the number 1-10 on the ice sprinkles. Use the ice cream numbers to count out the correct number of sprinkles for each cone.	• Ice Cream Counting Cards (pg 24) • Colored Sprinkles • Ice Cream	• Number Identification • Counting
 Shuffle Paint Ice Cream Cones	Get out the template for each ice cream cone. Cut out the template. Have the child use a paintbrush to paint the ice cream cones with white paint. Use the white paint to make the ice cream cones. Use the white paint to make the ice cream cones. Use the white paint to make the ice cream cones.	• Ice Cream Cone Outline (pg 25) • Shaving Cream • White Paint • Sprinkles	• Partnering • Counting
 Ice Cream Cone Board Play	Use the ice cream cones to sort and play ice cream shop. Make ice cream cones. Use the ice cream cones to sort and play ice cream shop. Make ice cream cones. Use the ice cream cones to sort and play ice cream shop.	• Ice Cream Pieces (pg 26) • Ice Cream	• Partnering • Counting
 Ice Cream Cone Sort Stamping	Cut out the ice cream cones from brown paper. Give cones to play paper. Use the ice cream cones to stamp the ice cream cones. Use the ice cream cones to stamp the ice cream cones. Use the ice cream cones to stamp the ice cream cones.	• Ice Cream Cone Outline (pg 25) • Ice Cream	• Cutting • Counting • Partnering • Counting

TOT SCHOOL: WHAT'S INCLUDED?



PRINTABLES:

Printable activities and materials to make weekly prep a breeze! Lots of printable options to save you from purchasing additional hands on materials that you may not have available.



PHOTOS OF ACTIVITIES IN ACTION:

Want to see more photos of each of this week's activities in action? Click here for large detailed photos of our tot school adventures! [Tot School: Ice Cream](#)

Theme: ICE CREAM

	BOOKS	FINE MOTOR	GROSS MOTOR	FOOD/ SNACKS	SENSORY BINS	OTHER
MON	Five Little Monkeys Jump in the Bath Eileen Christelow	Ice Cream Letter Writing Tray	Ice Cream in a Bag	Ice Cream in a Bag	Ice Cream Scooping	
TUE	Izzy the Ice Cream Fairy By Tim Bugbird	Counting Sprinkles	Catch the Scoops	Waffle/Whipped Cream "Ice Cream Cone"	Ice Cream Sundae Bin	
WED	Splat the Cat: I Scream for Ice Cream By Rob Scotton	Puffy Paint Ice Cream Cones	Ice Cream Relay	Ice Cream Cake Cones	Ice Cream Play Dough	
THU	Ice Cream: The Full Scoop By Gail Gibbons	Ice Cream Felt Board Play	Ice Cream Cone Toss	Frozen Strawberry Banana "Ice Cream"	Ice Cream Scooping	
FRI	The Ice Cream King By Steve Metzger	Ice Cream Cone Dot Stamping	Ice Cream Hunt	Ice Cream Cookie Sandwiches	Ice Cream Cloud Dough	



ICE CREAM: SUGGESTED MATERIALS

BOOKS:

- ☐ Mister Seahorse By Eric Carle
- ☐ Five Little Monkeys Jump in the Bath Eileen Christelow
- ☐ Izzy the Ice Cream Fairy By Tim Bugbird
- ☐ Splat the Cat: I Scream for Ice Cream By Rob Scotton
- ☐ Ice Cream: The Full Scoop By Gail Gibbons
- ☐ The Ice Cream King By Steve Metzger

CRAFT MATERIALS:

- ☐ Cardstock or Construction Paper
- ☐ White Glue
- ☐ Dot Stampers
- ☐ Red Pom Poms

FOOD ITEMS:

- ☐ Sprinkles
- ☐ Ice
- ☐ Salt
- ☐ Whole milk
- ☐ Vanilla
- ☐ Sugar
- ☐ Ice Cream Cones
- ☐ Waffle
- ☐ Whipped Cream
- ☐ Cake Mix
- ☐ Frosting
- ☐ Bananas
- ☐ Strawberries
- ☐ Ice Cream
- ☐ Graham Crackers
- ☐ Flour
- ☐ Vegetable Oil

PRINTABLES:

- ☐ Ice Cream Letter Cards
- ☐ Ice Cream Counting Cards
- ☐ Ice Cream Cone Outline
- ☐ Felt Board Pieces
- ☐ Tiny Triangle Cones
- ☐ Ice Cream Hunt Page
- ☐ Number Scoops






OTHER MATERIALS:

- ☐ Sugar Cone
- ☐ Colored Straws
- ☐ Tweezers
- ☐ Shaving Cream
- ☐ Ball Pit Balls
- ☐ Toy Ice Cream Cones
- ☐ 2 Bins
- ☐ Ping Pong Balls
- ☐ Cardboard Box
- ☐ Cotton Balls
- ☐ Ice Cream Scoops
- ☐ Spoons
- ☐ Bowls
- ☐ Rainbow Rice
- ☐ FunFetti Play Dough
- ☐ Buckets
- ☐ Sand Toy Ice Cream Set








Visit the [Tot School: Ice Cream](#) blog post to find pictures and clickable links to materials






ICE CREAM: FINE MOTOR ACTIVITIES

ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION	MATERIALS	GOALS/SKILLS
 <p>Ice Cream Letter Writing Tray</p>	<p>Pour sprinkles onto a tray. Print ice cream scoop letter cards to use as a model. Use finger or a sugar cone to practice drawing and writing letters. Shake tray gently from side to side to start over.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sprinkles Sugar Cone Ice Cream Letter Cards (pg 12-15) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prewriting Letter Identification
 <p>Counting Sprinkles</p>	<p>Print the ice cream counting cards with the numbers 1-10 on each cone. Cut up colored straws to use as sprinkles. Use fine motor tweezers to count out the correct number of sprinkles for each cone.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ice Cream Counting Cards (pg 16-20) Colored Straws Tweezers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pinching Counting Number Identification
 <p>Puffy Paint Ice Cream Cones</p>	<p>Cut out the triangle for cone from brown paper. Mix 2 batches of shaving cream puffy paint with equal parts shaving cream and white glue. Leave one batch white, and dye the other pink with liquid watercolor. Glue the cone to paper then paint ice cream scoops and add real sprinkles while the paint is wet.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ice Cream Cone Outline (pg 21) Shaving Cream White Glue Sprinkles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Painting
 <p>Ice Cream Felt Board Play</p>	<p>Use felt ice cream pieces to set up and play ice cream shop. Make ice cream patterns, count scoops, toppings, sprinkles and more.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Felt Board Pieces (pg 22-28) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patterning Counting
 <p>Ice Cream Cone Dot Stamping</p>	<p>Cut out tiny triangle cones from brown paper. Glue cones to plain paper. Use dot stampers to stamp scoops on top of each cone. Optional: Make patterns and or count the scoops on each cone.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tiny Triangle Cones (pg 29) Dot Stampers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cutting Gluing Stamping Patterning Counting






ICE CREAM: GROSS MOTOR ACTIVITIES

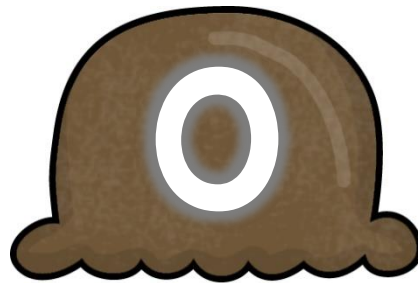
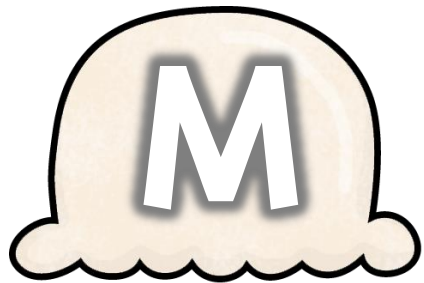
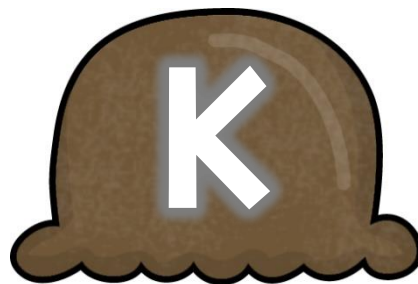
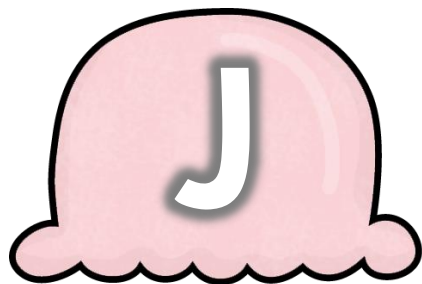
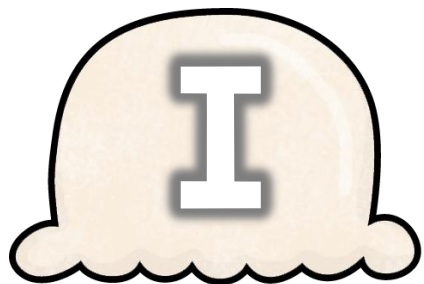
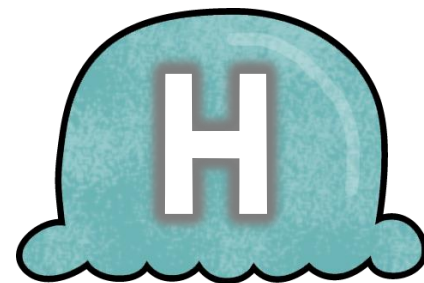
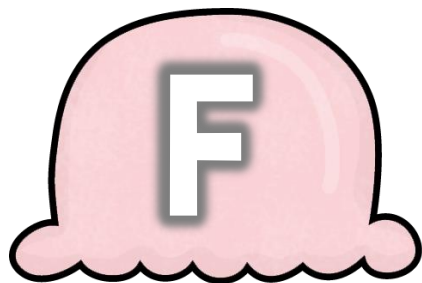
ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION	MATERIALS	GOALS/SKILLS
 <p>Ice Cream in a Bag</p>	<p>Mix 3 cups crushed ice and 1/3 cup salt in a gallon freezer bag. Mix 1/2 cup whole milk, 1/4 tsp vanilla, and 1 Tbsp sugar in sandwich bag. Drop the small bag inside the large bag and SHAKE SHAKE SHAKE! After about 5 minutes take the small bag out and enjoy, yum! **Wear gloves the bag will get really cold **</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ice • Salt • Whole milk • Vanilla • Sugar 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shaking • Dancing
 <p>Catch the Scoops</p>	<p>Create a cone from a large sheet of brown construction paper. Toss ball pit balls into the air and try to catch them in the cone.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ball Pit Balls • Brown Construction Paper 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Throwing • Catching
 <p>Ice Cream Relay</p>	<p>Set up 2 bins on either side of the yard. On one end fill the bin with ball pit ball "ice cream scoops" and toy ice cream cones. Balance each ball on a cone and carry it to the other bin.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ball Pit Balls • Toy Ice Cream Cones • 2 Bins 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Balancing • Running
 <p>Ice Cream Cone Toss</p>	<p>Hot glue 6 cake cones into an empty cardboard box. Stand back a few feet and toss ping pong balls into the box trying to make one in each cone.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ping Pong Balls • Ice Cream Cones • Cardboard Box 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Throwing
 <p>Ice Cream Hunt</p>	<p>Set up the game by hiding the number ice cream scoop cards all over the room/house. Have child search the room to find each number on the page. After finding a scoop match it, name it, and color it before moving on to another card.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ice Cream Hunt Page (pg 30) • Number Scoops (pg 31) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Running • Number Identification

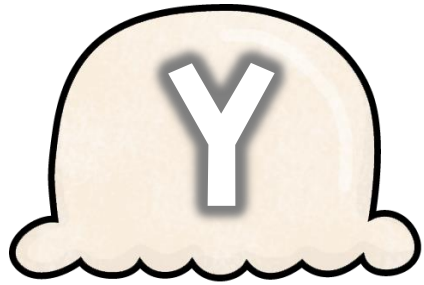
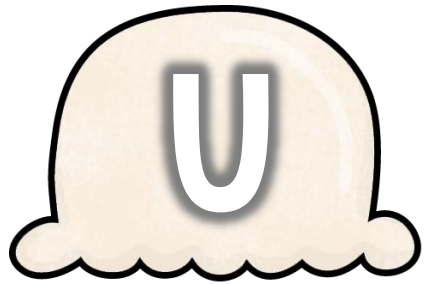
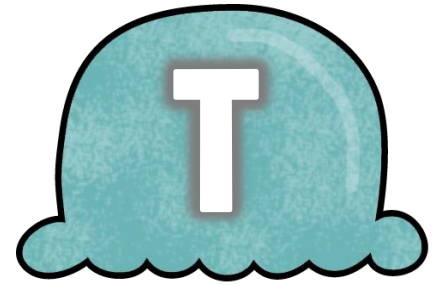
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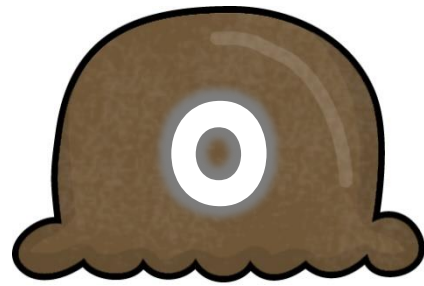
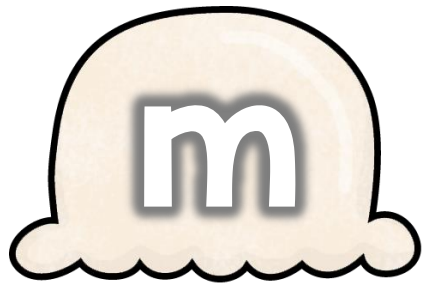
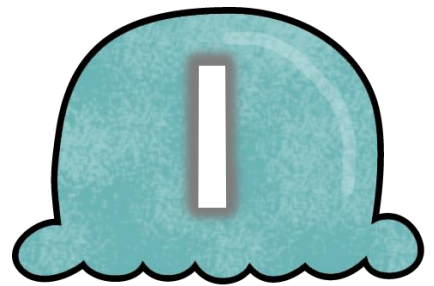
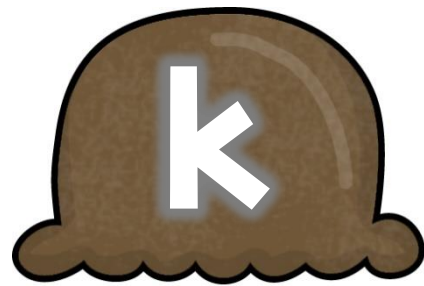
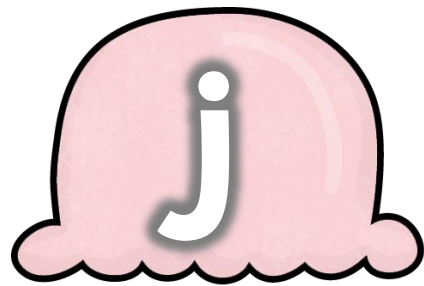
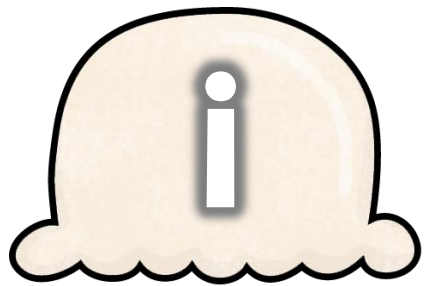
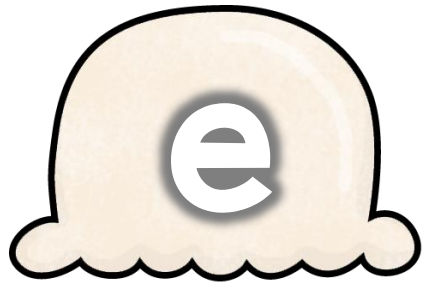
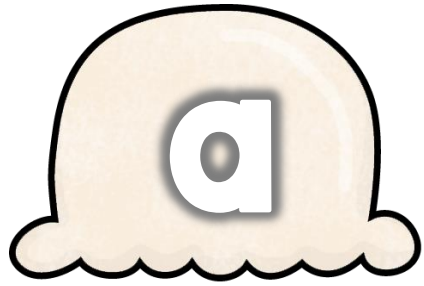
ACTIVITY	INGREDIENTS	DIRECTIONS
 <p>Ice Cream in a Bag</p>	<p>Ice Salt Whole milk Vanilla Sugar</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mix 3 cups crushed ice and 1/3 cup salt in a gallon freezer bag. • Mix 1/2 cup whole milk, 1/4 tsp vanilla, and 1 Tbsp sugar in sandwich bag. • Drop the small bag inside the large bag and SHAKE SHAKE SHAKE! • After 5 minutes take the small bag out and enjoy.
 <p>Waffle/Whipped Cream "Ice Cream Cone"</p>	<p>Waffle Whipped Cream</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cut a waffle into a cone shape. • Use a can of whipped cream to make a large dollop on top for ice cream. • Dip the waffle into the whipped cream and enjoy!
 <p>Ice Cream Cake Cones</p>	<p>Cake Mix Frosting Cake Cones</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stand cake cones up in a cupcake tin. • Make a batch of your favorite cake batter • Pour the batter into each of the cake cones. • Bake as directed. • Cool and ice each cone.
 <p>Frozen Strawberry Banana "Ice Cream"</p>	<p>Bananas Strawberries Cake Cones</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peel and freeze 4 bananas and 1 lb of strawberries. • Place frozen fruit into a food processor and blend. • Serve immediately or place in the freezer to set for a few minutes.
 <p>Ice Cream Cookie Sandwiches</p>	<p>Ice Cream Graham Crackers Sprinkles</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scoop vanilla ice cream onto one graham cracker. • Place another graham cracker on top and squish together. • Roll the sides in sprinkles.

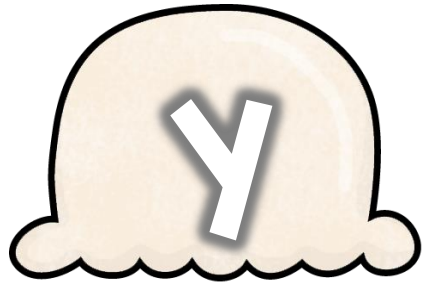
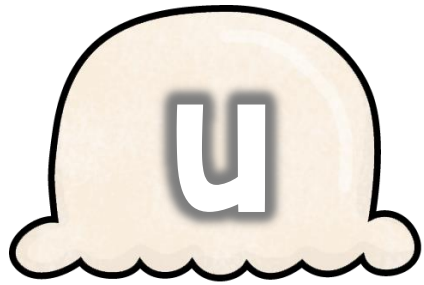
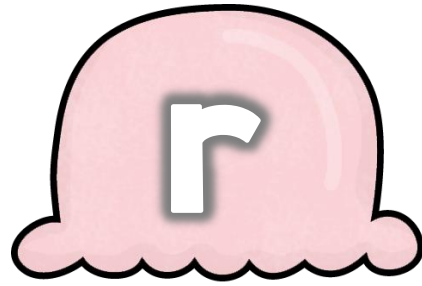
ICE CREAM: SENSORY BINS

ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION	MATERIALS	GOALS/SKILLS
 <p>Ice Cream Scooping</p>	<p>Fill sensory bin with cotton balls. Add toy ice cream cones, spoons, and bowls. Use ice cream scoops to scoop, pretend and play. Provide lots of language modeling by commenting on how things look, feel, move, etc.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cotton Balls • Toy Ice Cream Cones • Ice Cream Scoops • Spoons • Bowls 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fine motor practice • Language development • Open ended play
 <p>Ice Cream Sundae Bin</p>	<p>Fill sensory bin with cotton balls. Add small cups with red pom pom cherries, and rainbow rice sprinkles. Use toy ice cream scoops, spoons, and bowls to build sundaes, pretend and play.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cotton Balls • Red Pom Poms • Rainbow Rice • Ice Cream Scoops • Spoons • Bowls 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fine motor practice • Language development • Open ended play
 <p>Ice Cream Play Dough</p>	<p>Fill small buckets with funfetti frosting play dough (Mix 1 cup funfetti frosting (white or colored) with about 3 cups powdered sugar in stand mixer) Add toy ice cream cones, spoons, and bowls. Use ice cream scoop to scoop, pretend and play.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funfetti Play Dough • Buckets • Sand Toy Ice Cream Set 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fine motor practice • Language development • Open ended play
 <p>Ice Cream Scooping</p>	<p>Fill sensory bin with ping pong balls. Add toy ice cream cones, spoons, and bowls. Use ice cream scoops to scoop, pretend and play. Provide lots of language modeling by commenting on how things look, feel, move, etc</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ping Pong Balls • Sand Toy Ice Cream Set 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fine motor practice • Language development • Open ended play
 <p>Ice Cream Cloud Dough</p>	<p>Fill sensory bin with 8 cups flour & 1 cup vegetable oil mixed together to make cloud dough. Add toy ice cream cones, spoons, and bowls. Use ice cream scoops to scoop, pretend and play.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flour • Vegetable Oil • Sand Toy Ice Cream Set 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fine motor practice • Language development • Open ended play







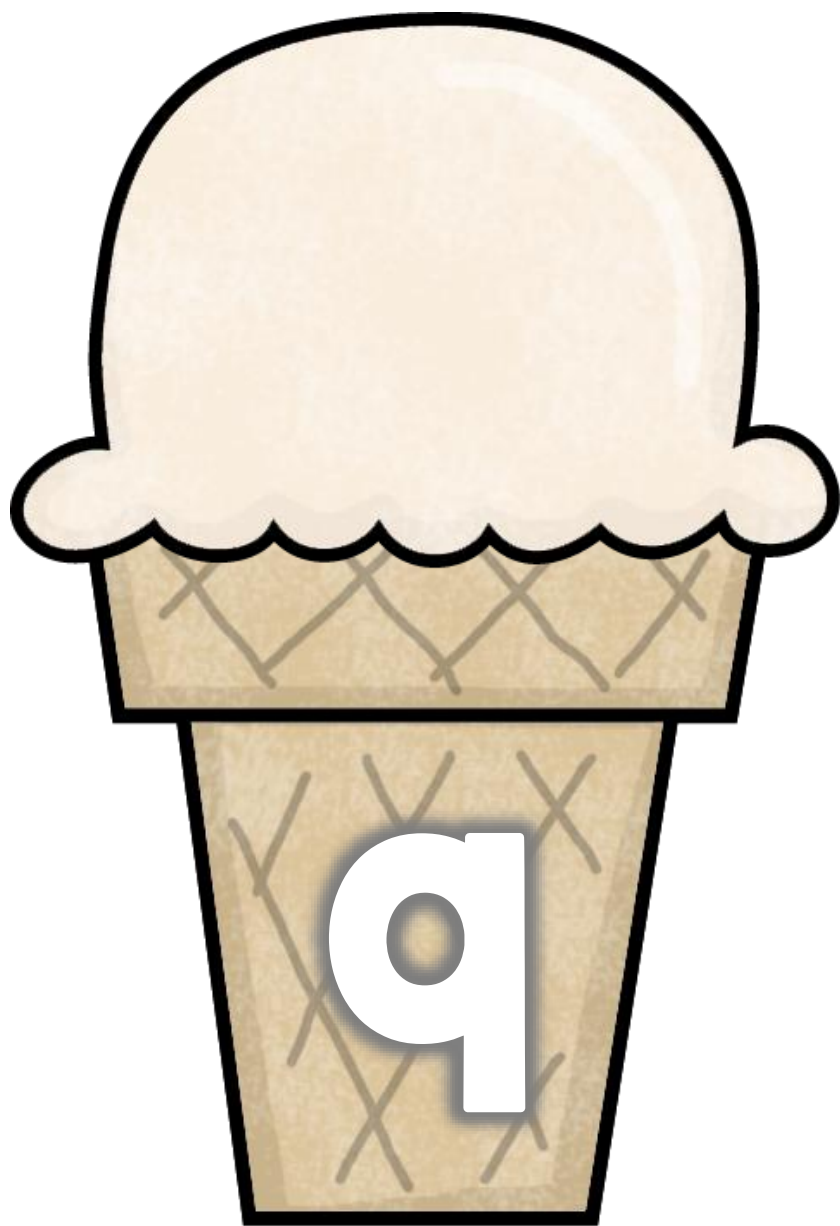




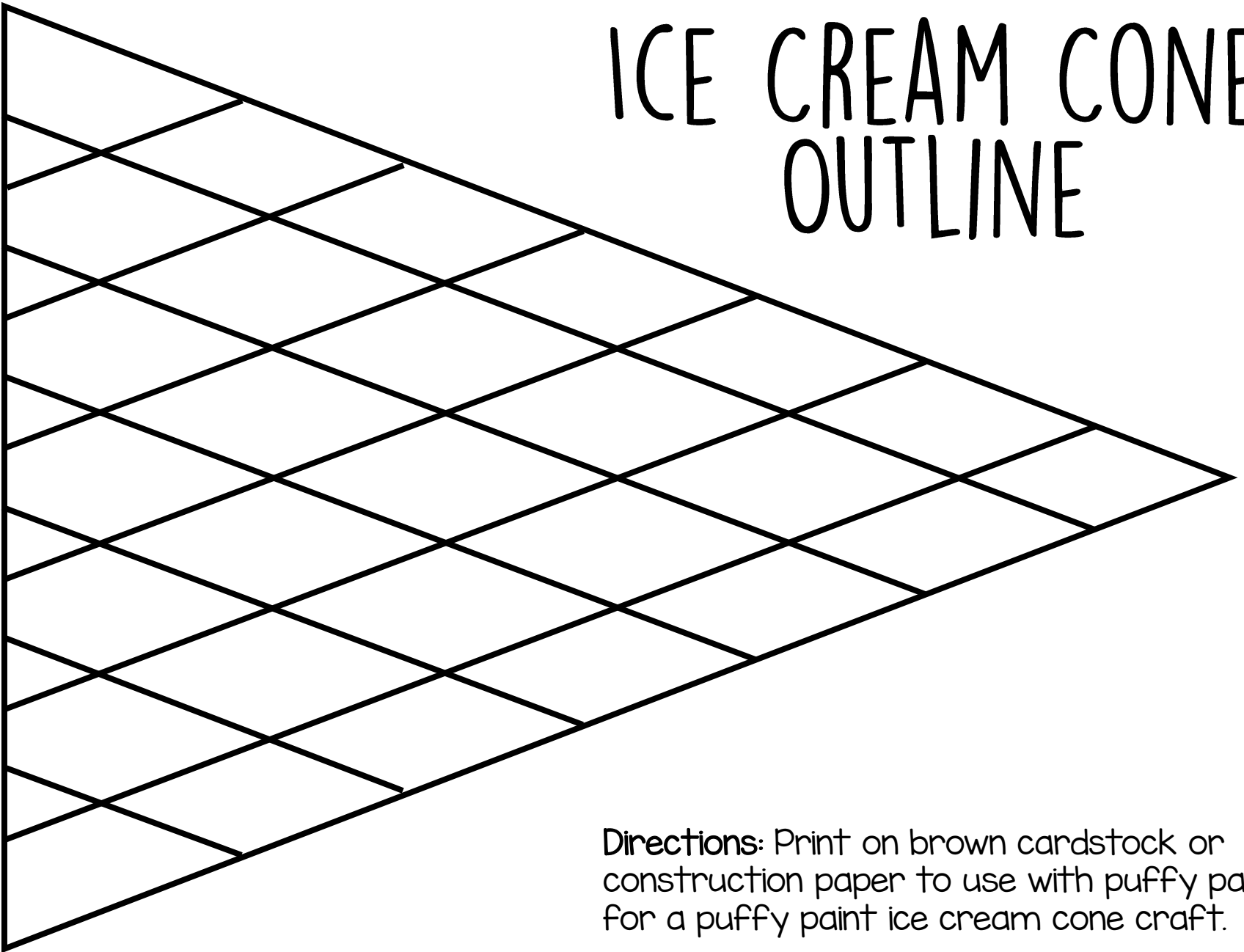








ICE CREAM CONE OUTLINE



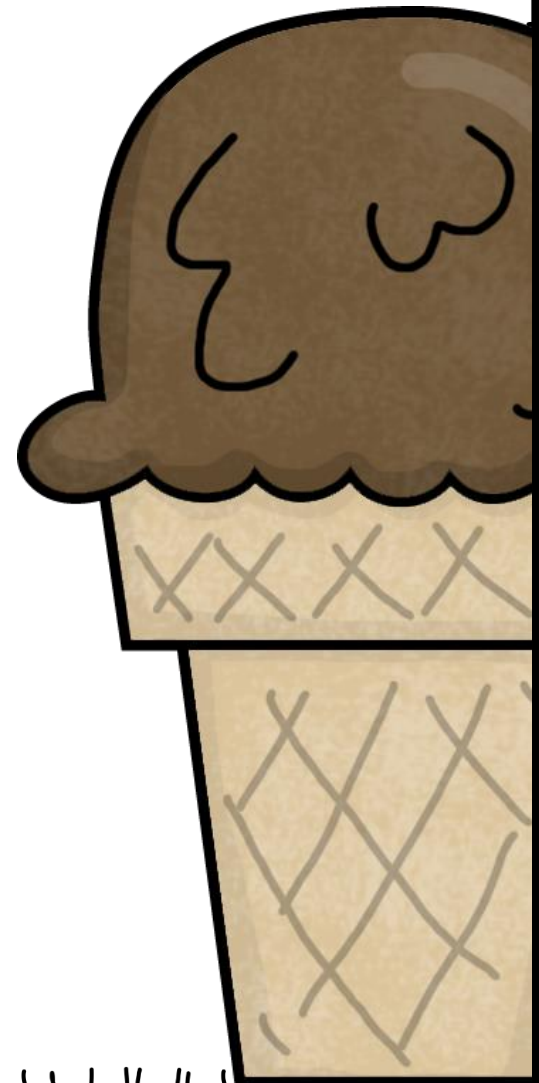
Directions: Print on brown cardstock or construction paper to use with puffy paint for a puffy paint ice cream cone craft.

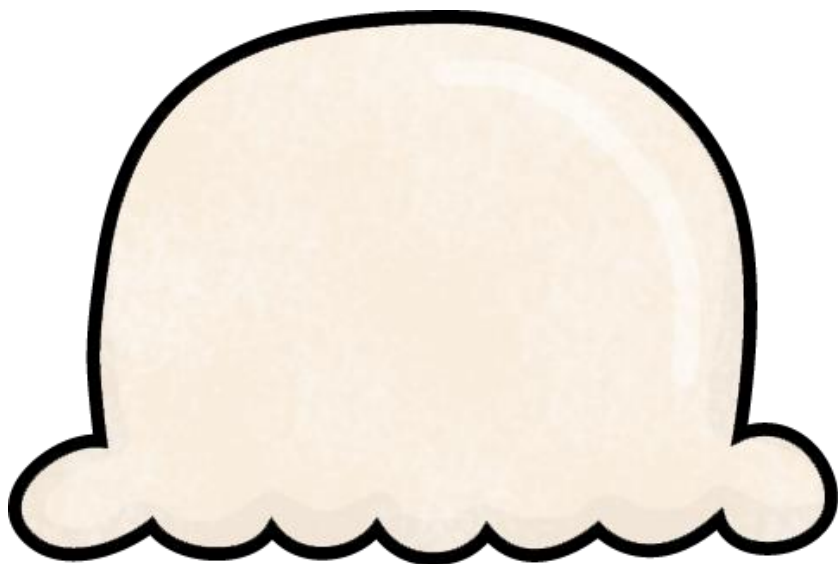
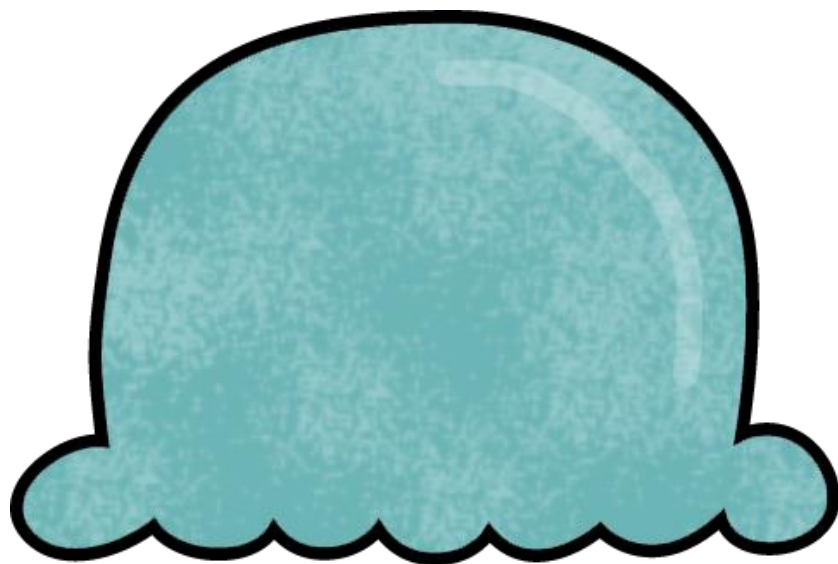
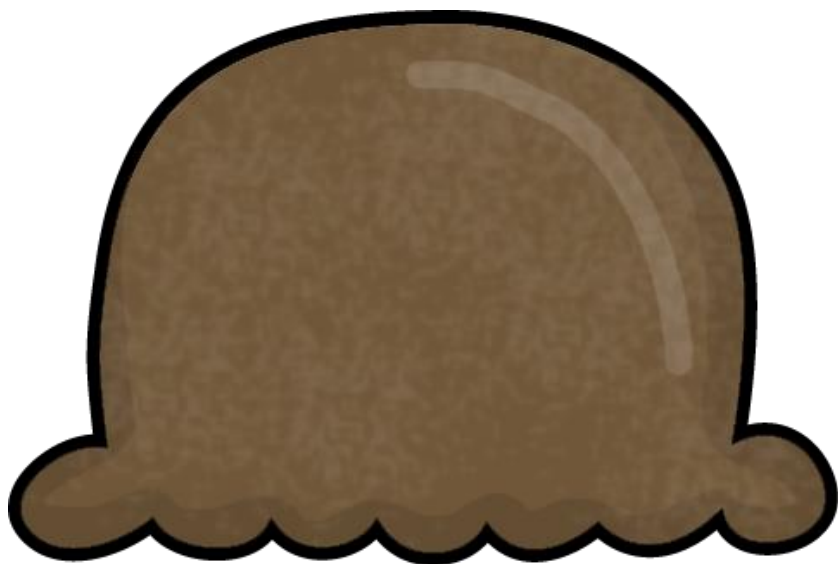
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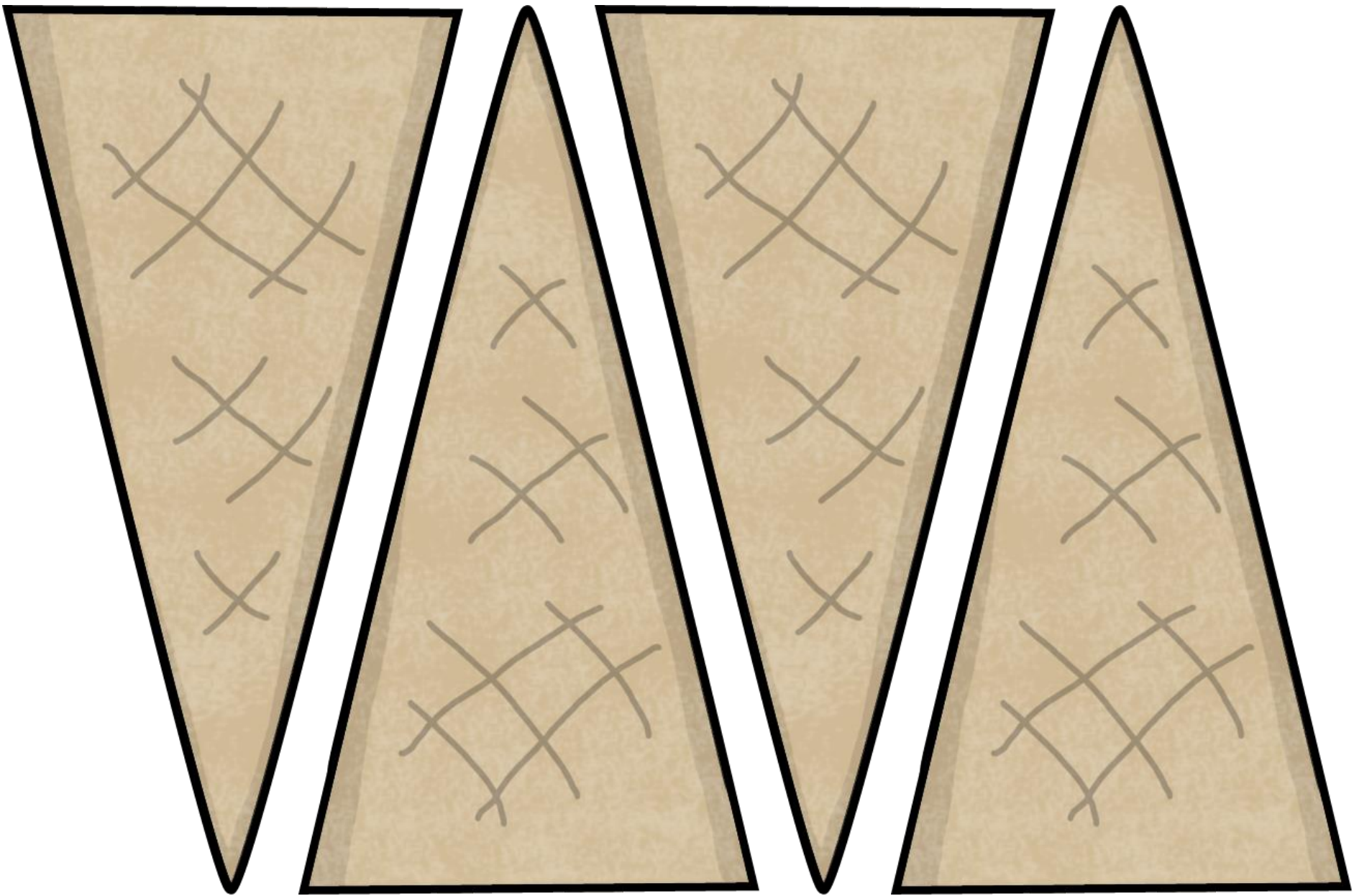
Option 1: Print colored pieces on iron on transfer paper. Iron on to felt and cut out each piece.

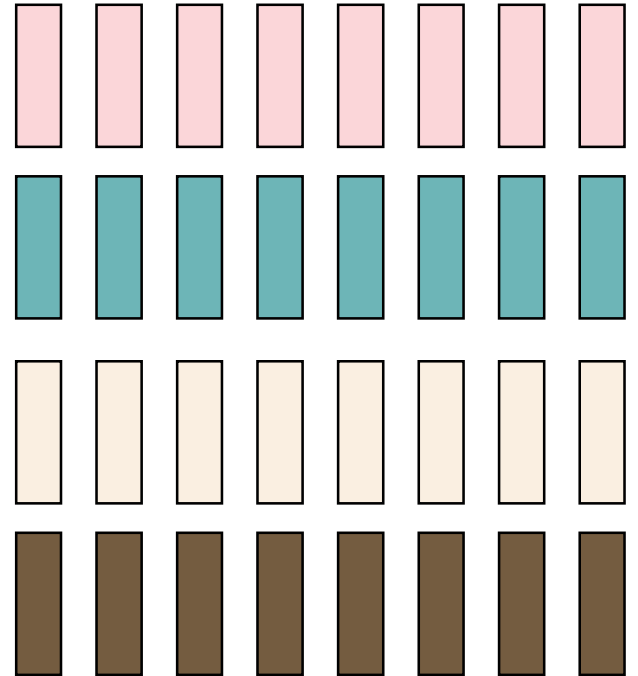
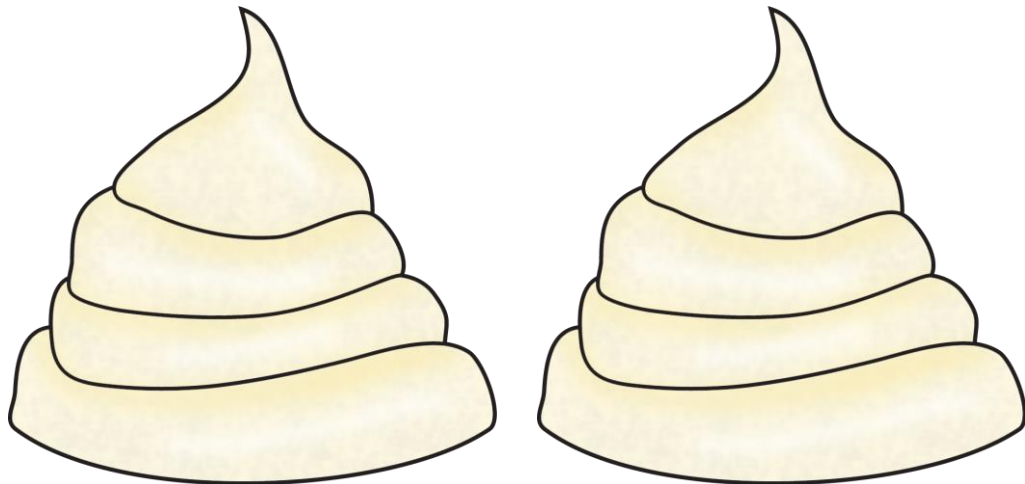
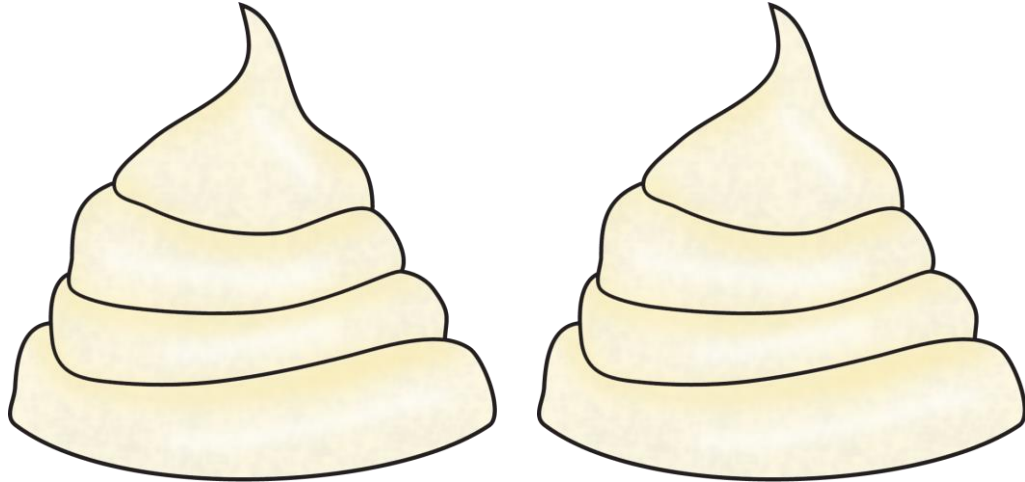
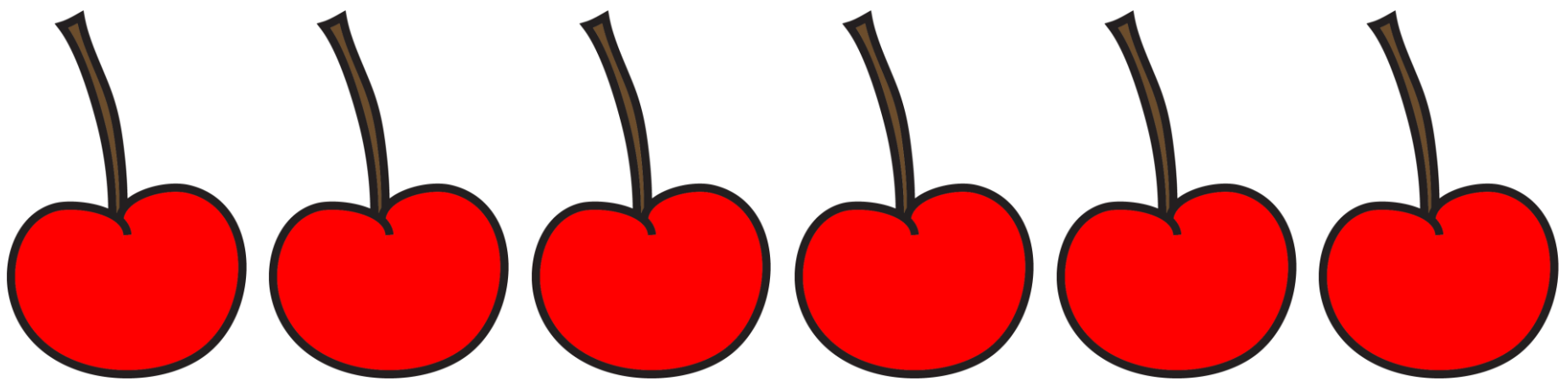
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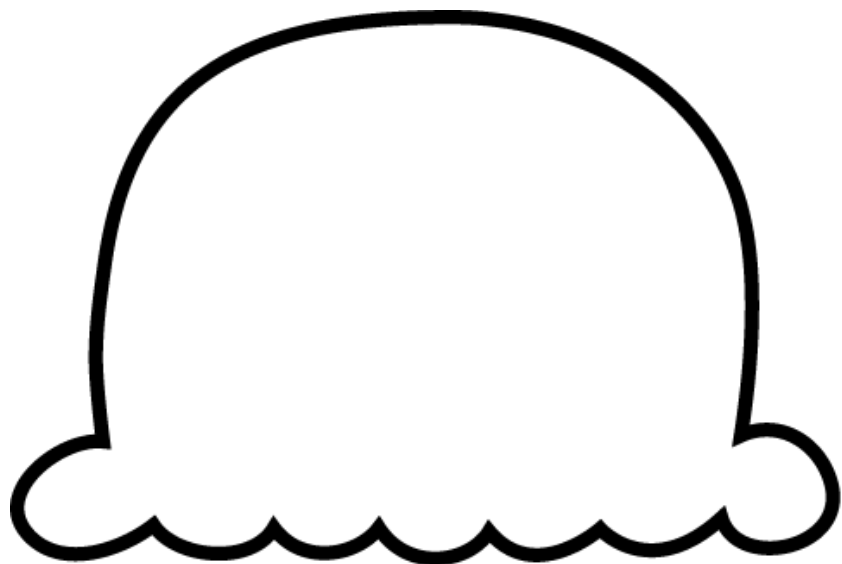
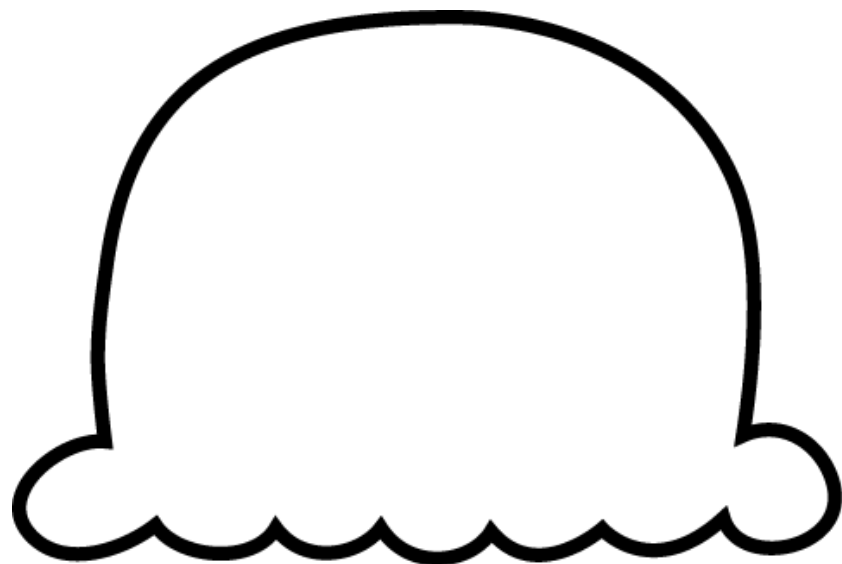
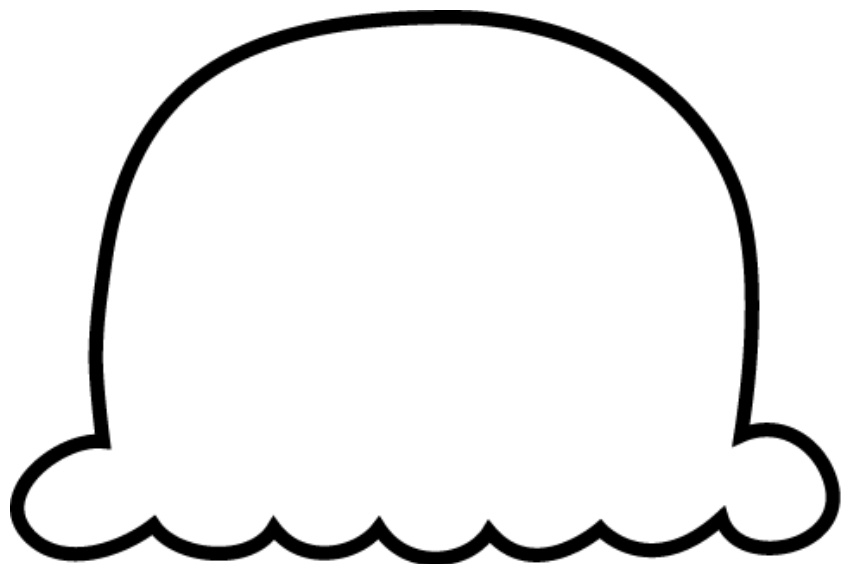
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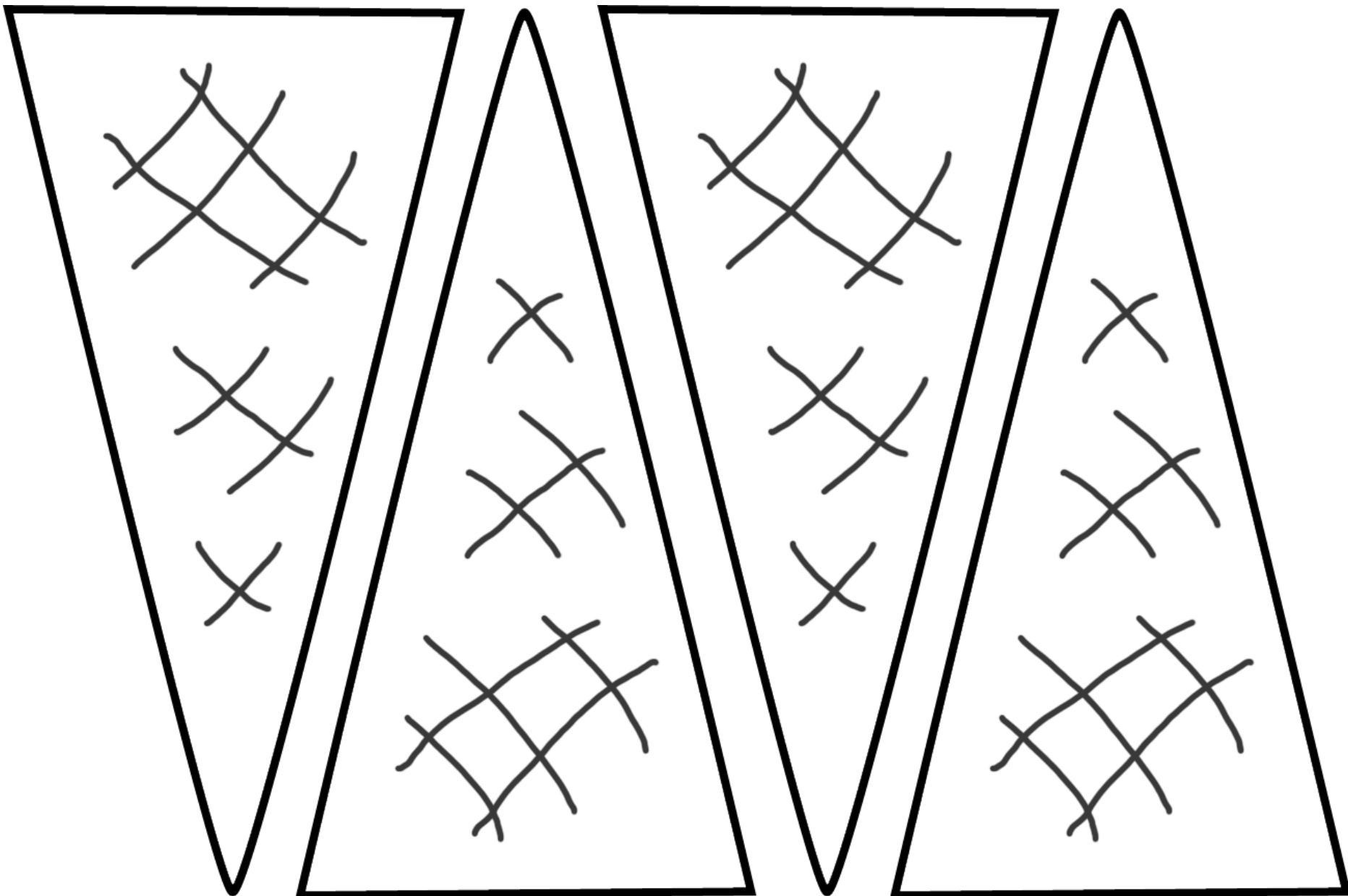


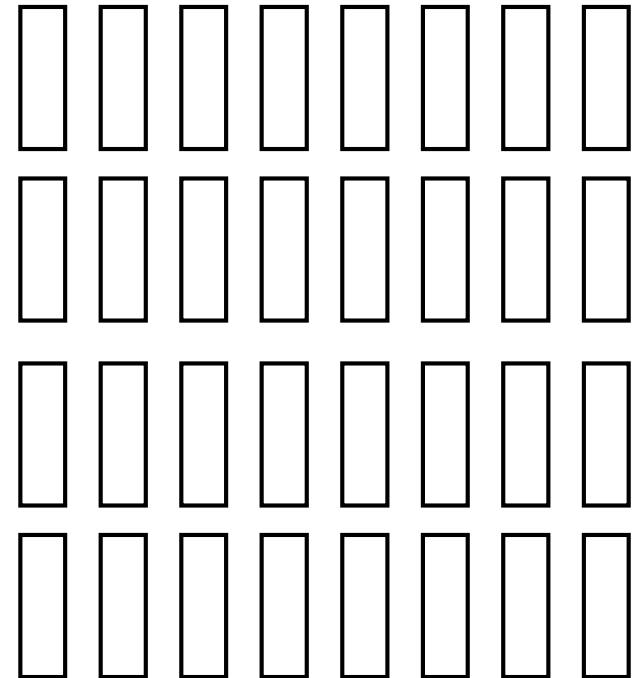
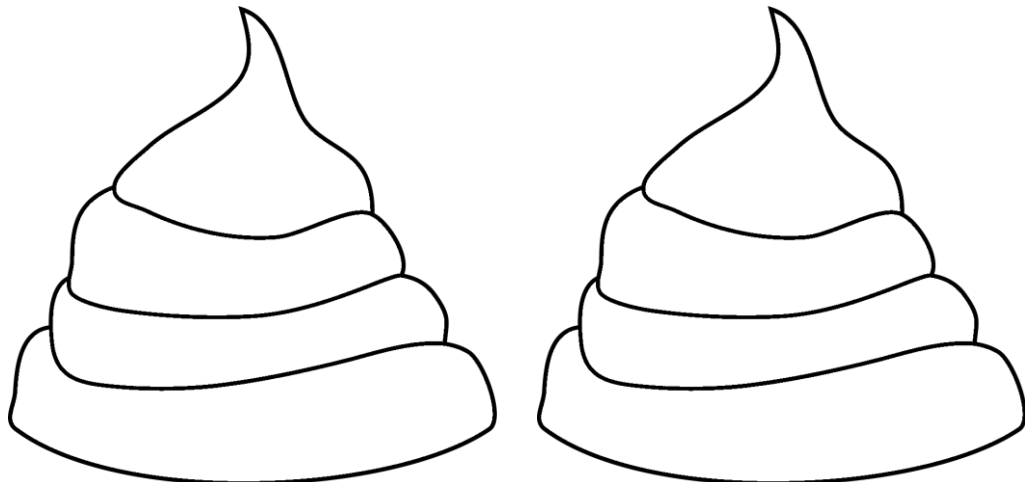
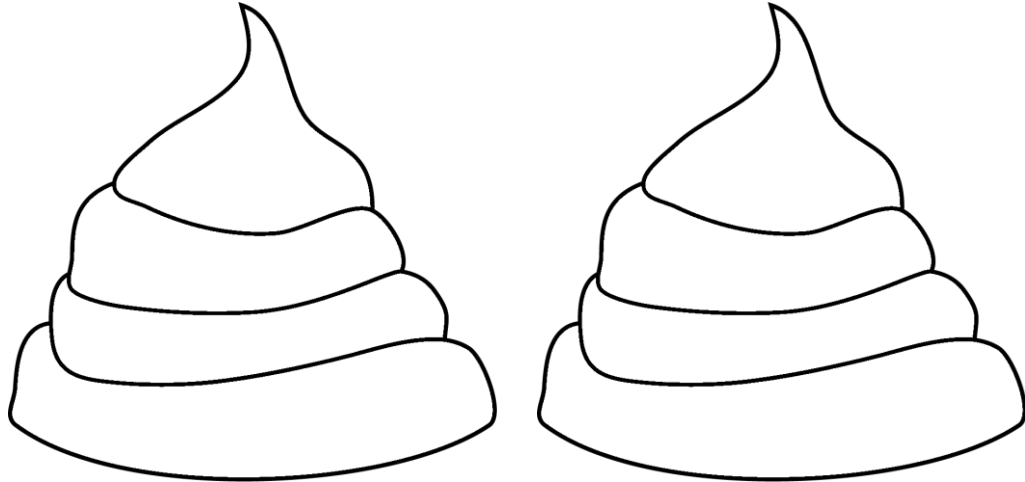
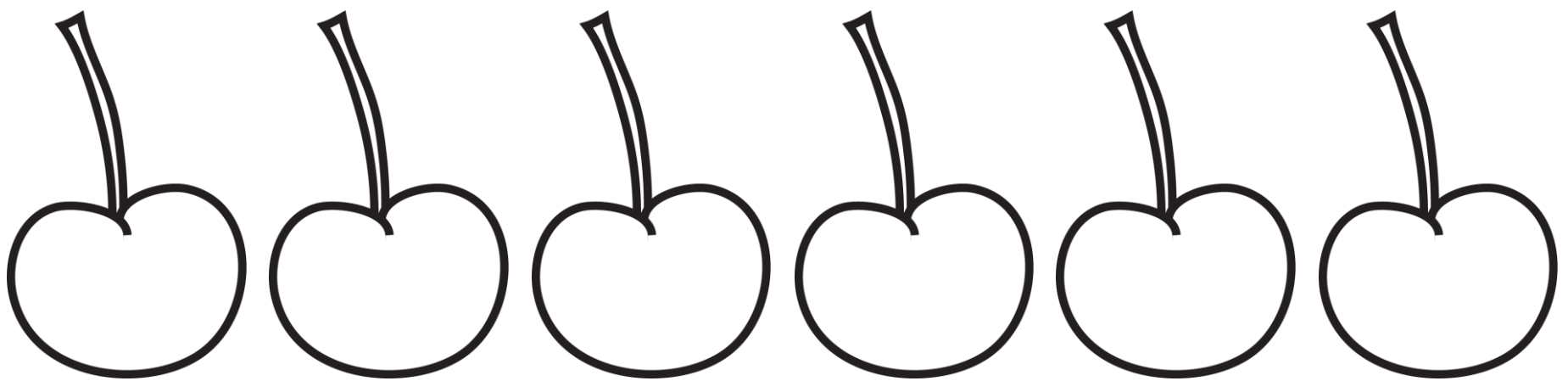






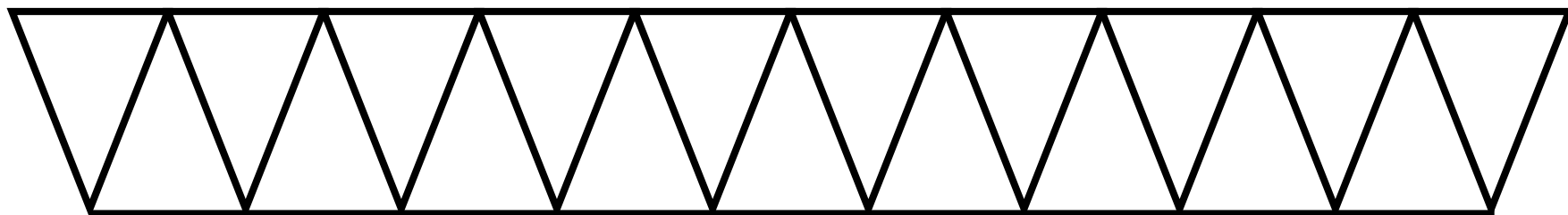
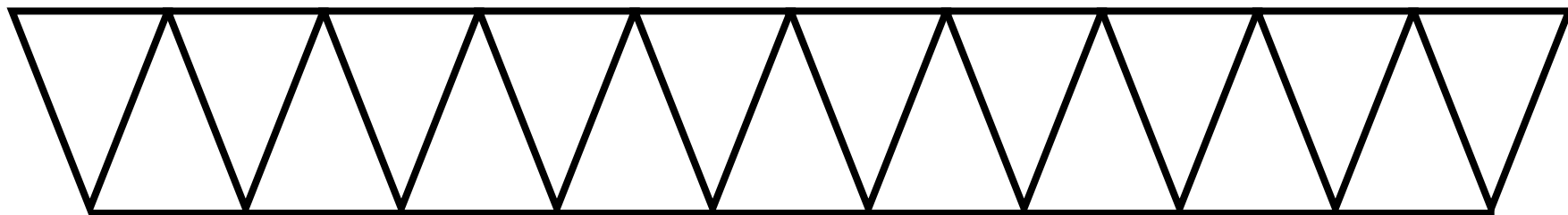






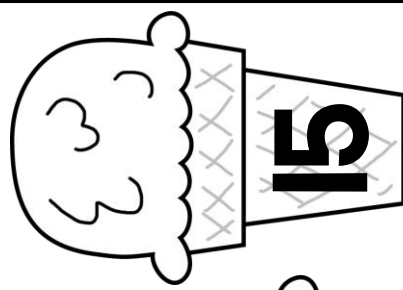
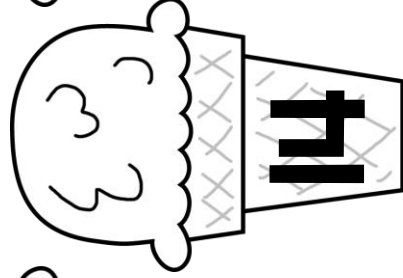
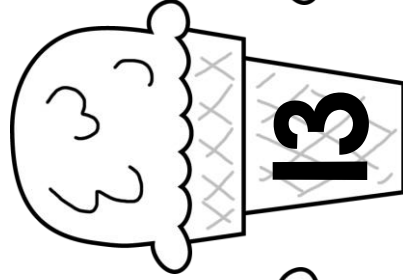
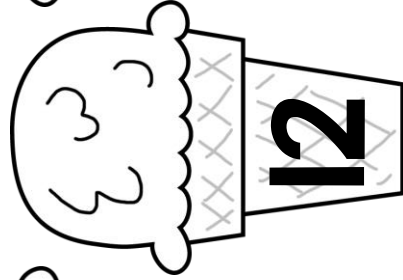
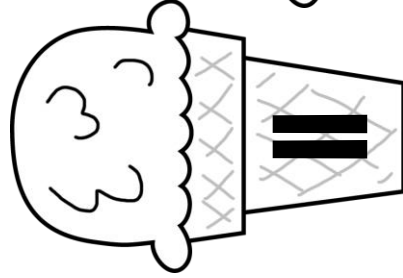
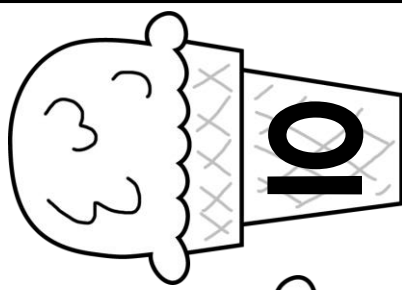
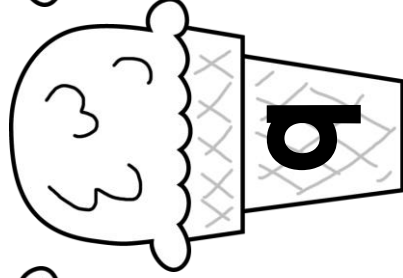
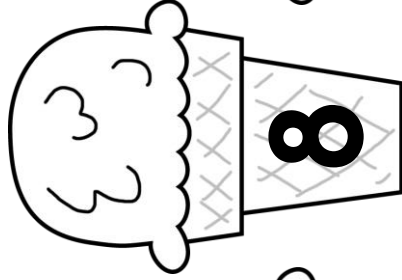
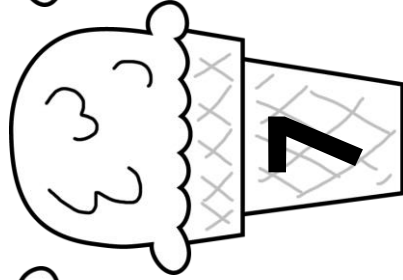
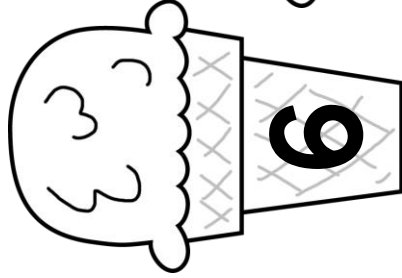
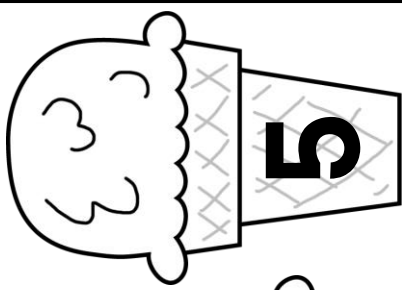
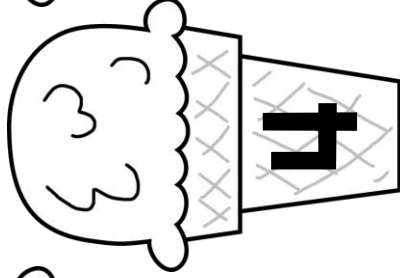
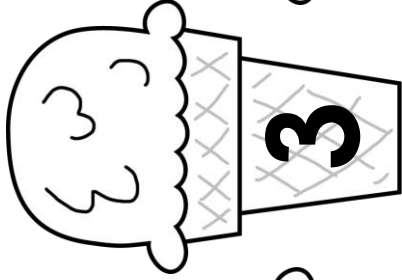
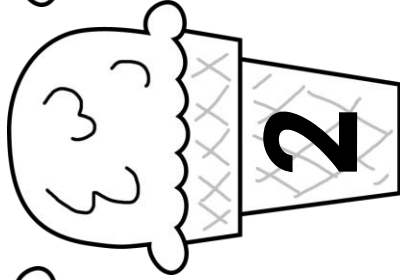
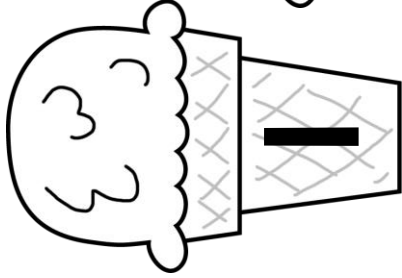
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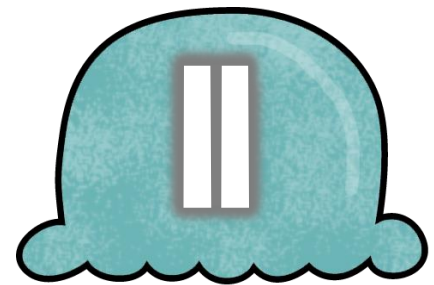
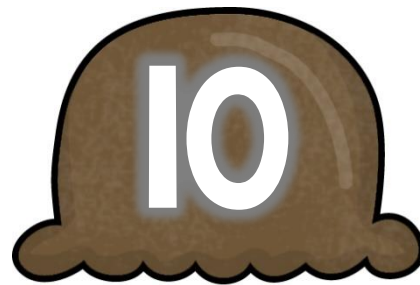
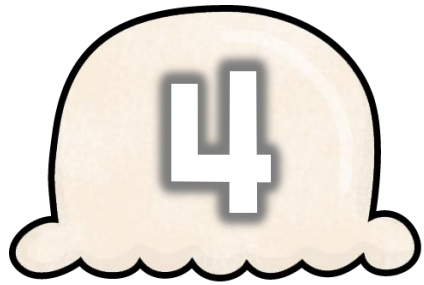
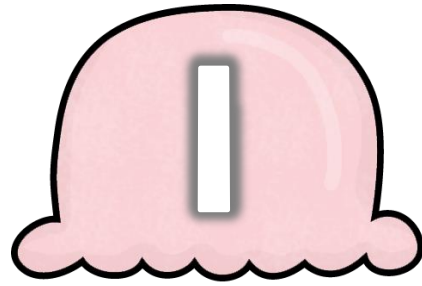
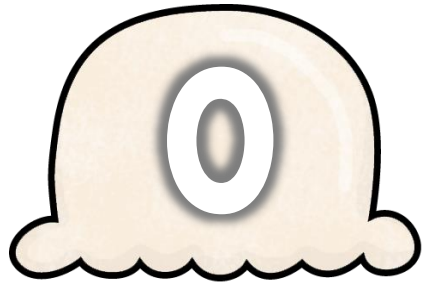
Directions: Print on brown cardstock or construction paper to use with dot stamp ice cream cones.



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