Ask Mr. Bear
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1. Run copies on cardstock (index paper or tagboard).

2. Color pieces with markers, color pencils (may not be as bright), pastels, or paint, (crayons may melt when laminated).

3. When putting two large pieces together, use a glue stick to prevent pieces from wrinkling when laminating.

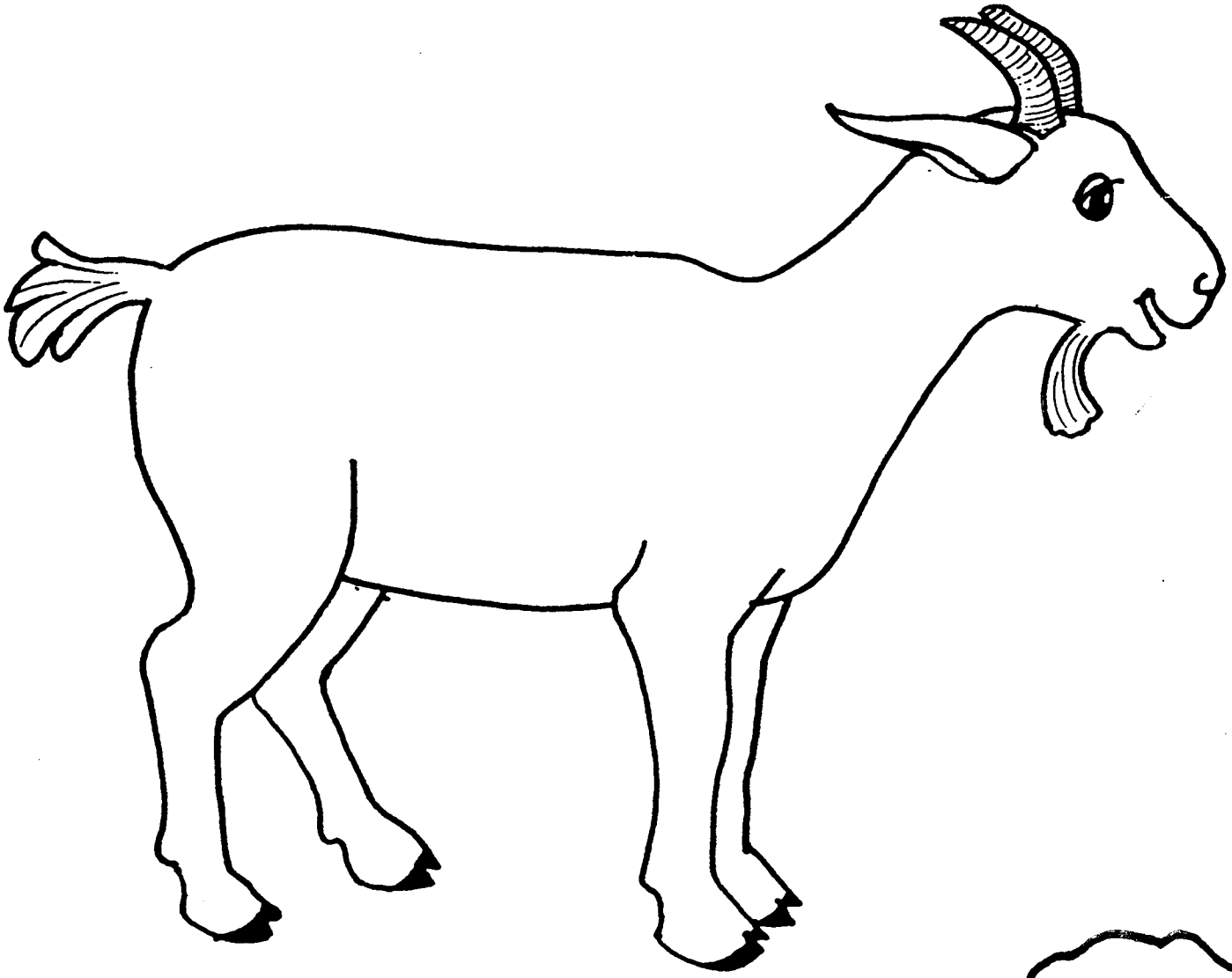
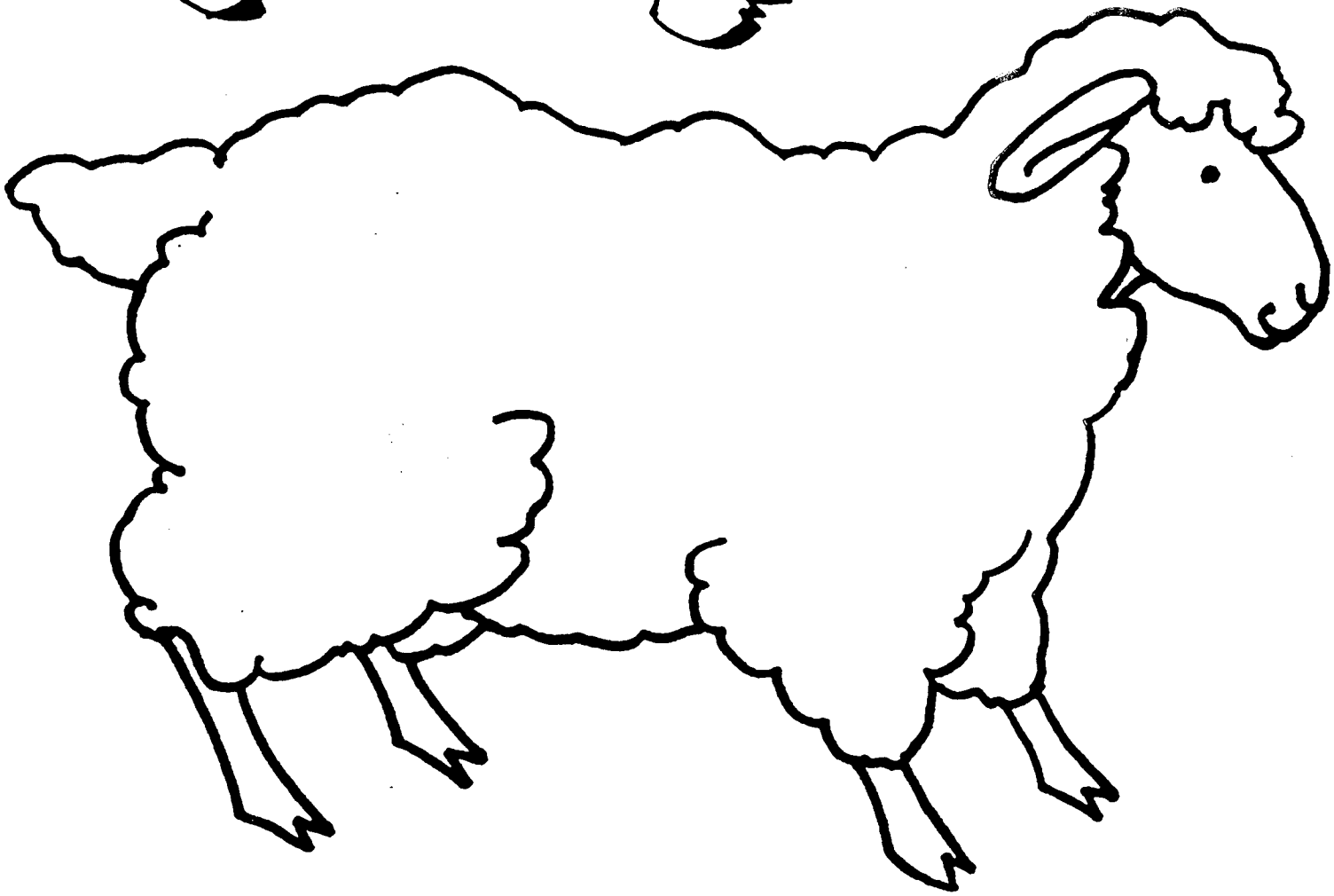
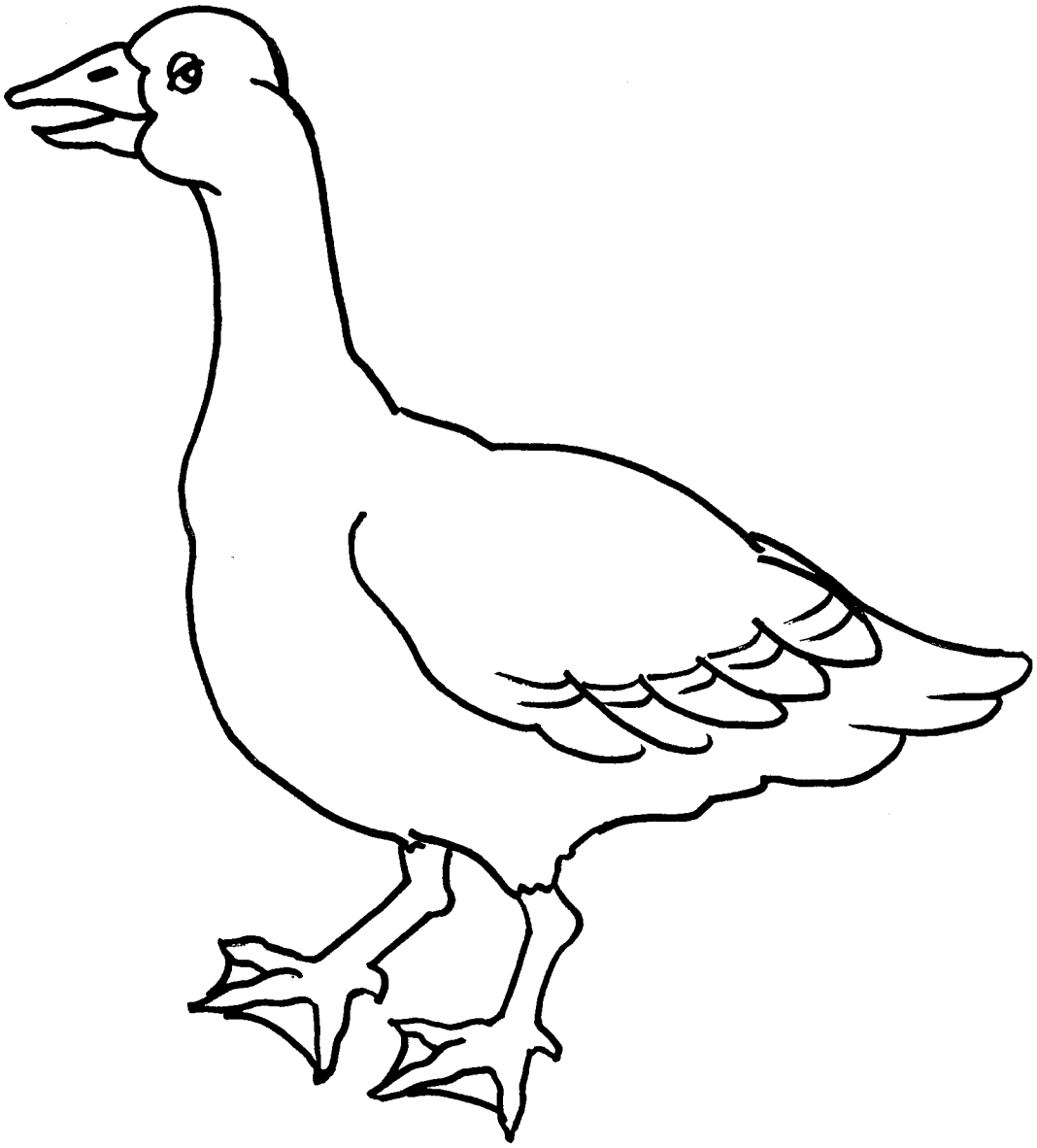
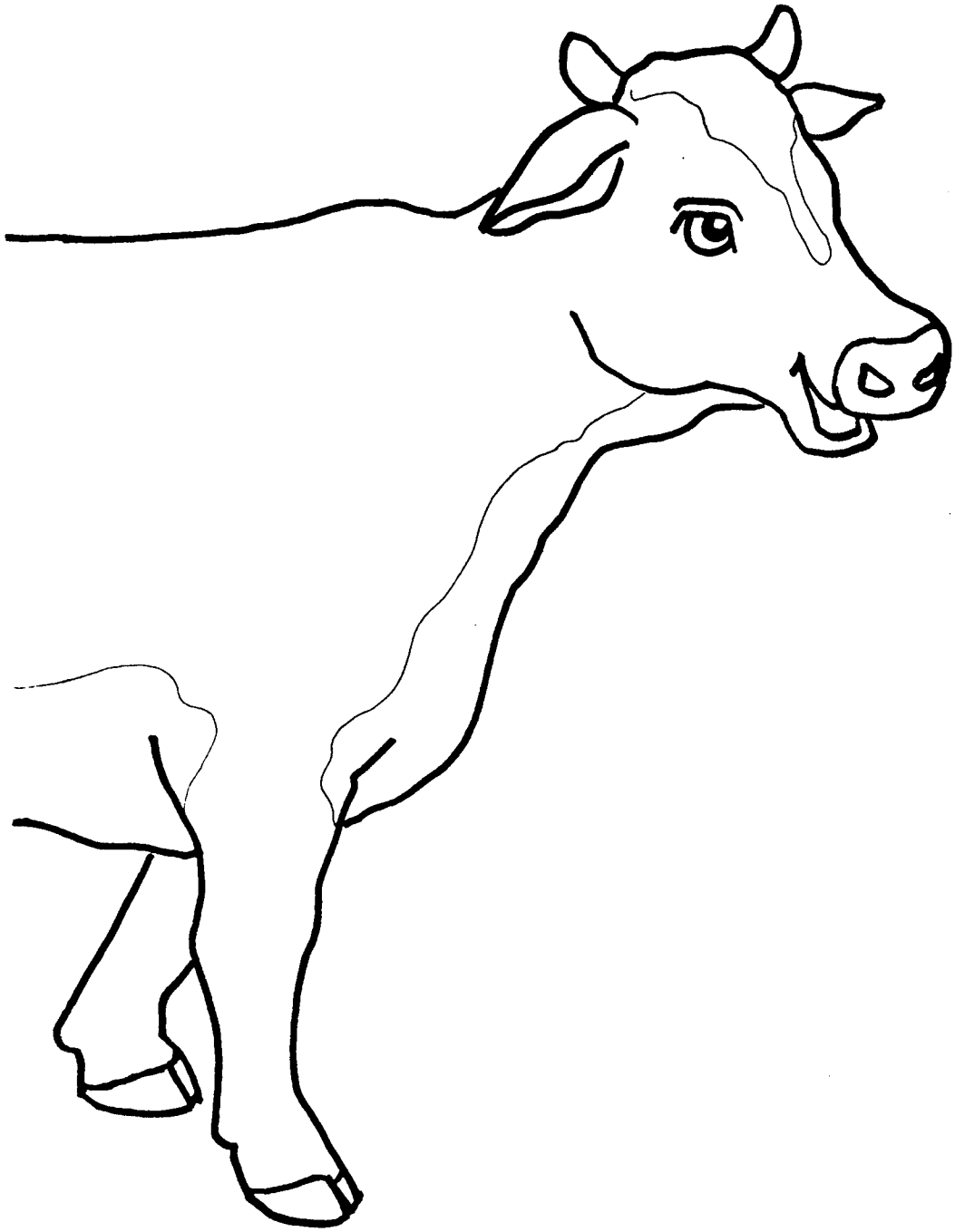
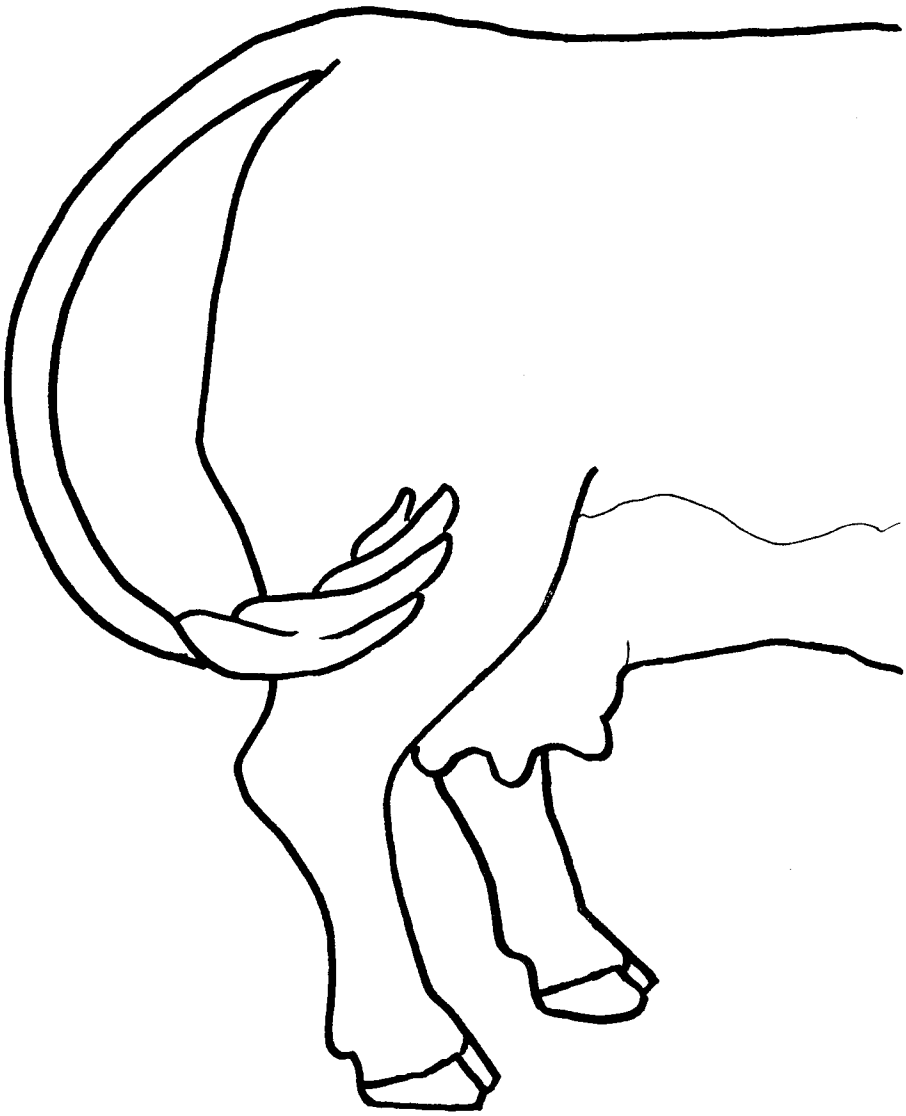
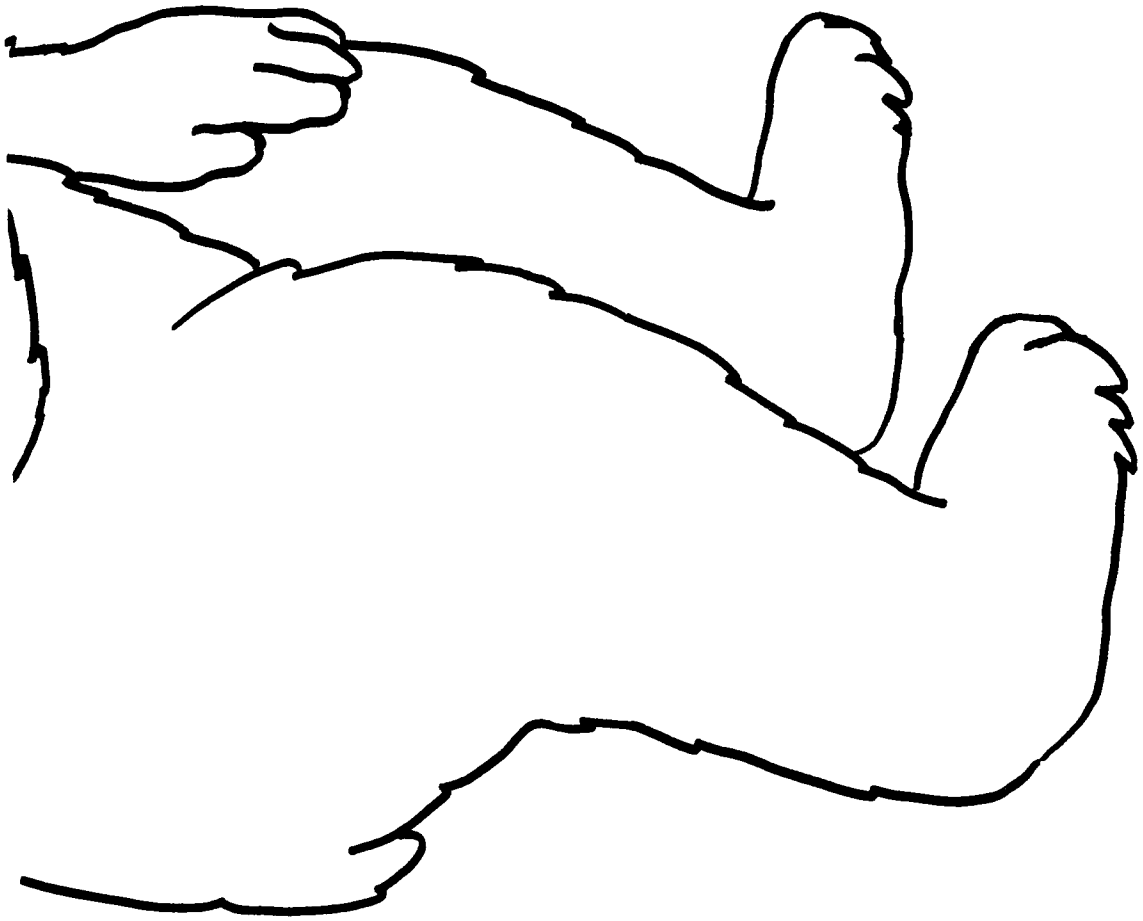
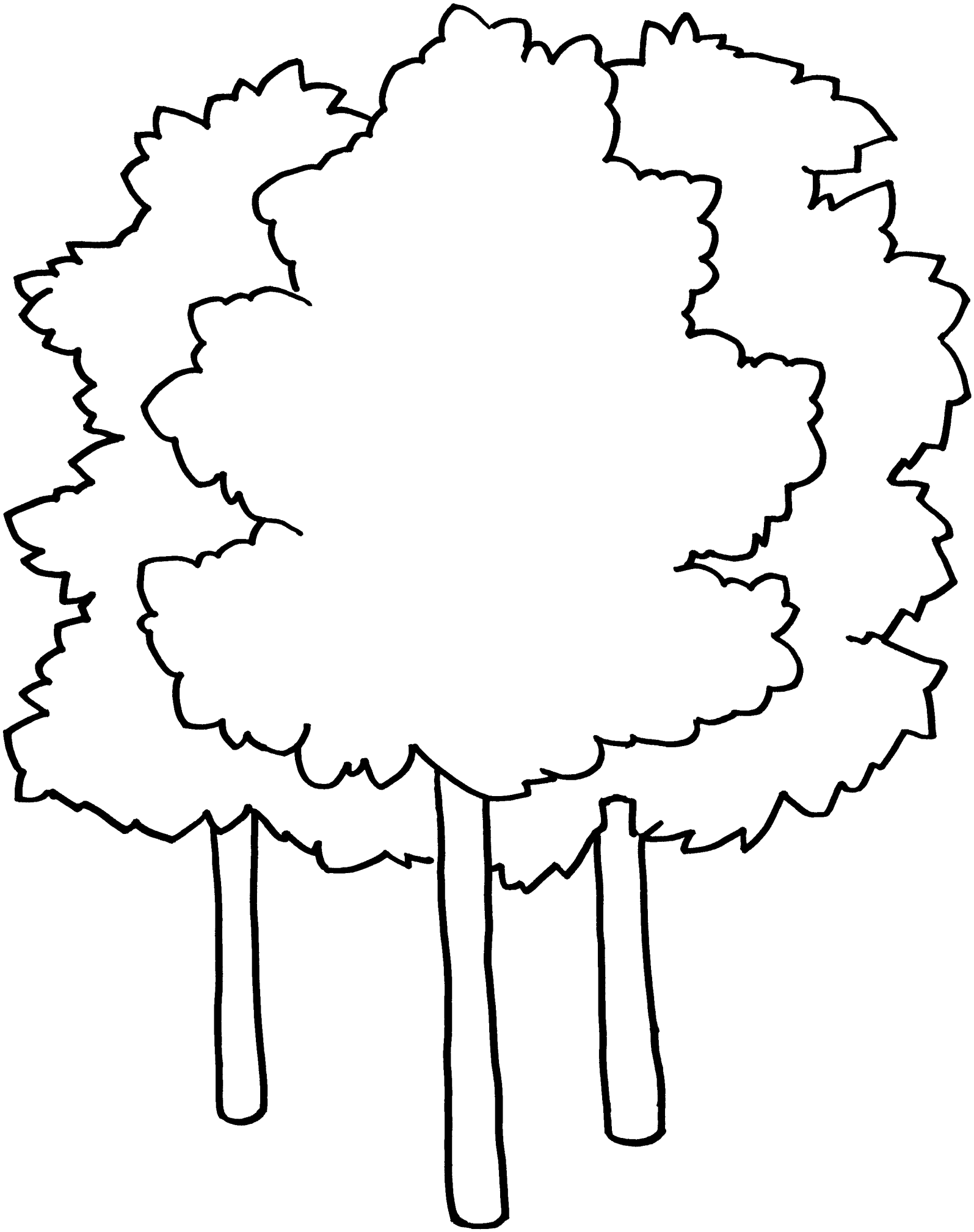
4. Laminate story objects. You may cut pieces before or after laminating.

5. Attach velcro dots or pieces to back of each object.

Tip: Make an outline story card to use when telling the story.

Remember patterns are not to be used for children's art projects!

Patterns may be use for teacher made puppets which children can use for story retelling. Patterns may be enlarged if preferred.

Suggested Activities: (numbers in parenthesis correlate with the AR Early Childhood Education Framework):
1. Use the patterns to make a set of cards with animals and corresponding "gifts". Children match the animal card with the gift card. (3.11)
2. Write the movement words found in the story such as, "skip, hop, and gallop" on small index cards. Allow a child to choose a card and follow the directions as they "move" down a piece of masking tape on the floor (or outside). (4.11, 4.12)
3. Make a card including coupons for a "bear hug" for mom. (2.10)
4. Tell the story as a clothesline story attaching characters from the children's left to right as they appear in the story. (3.1)
5. Allow the children to act out the story as you tell it. Provide real props or the visuals for their use. (2.3)

SPECIAL ADDITION!!! - Each month, September 2003 - August 2004 you will find patterns for a Mother Goose rhyme included in the set of story patterns. The May rhyme is **"One, Two Buckle My Shoe "**.