

• Story/Party Kit •



She's sporty, funny, and brave—meet the one-of-a-kind Princess Emma in **ROYAL PRINCESS ACADEMY: DRAGON DREAMS!**

Dear Event Coordinator,

Literary agent and author of **BUYING, TRAINING, AND CARING FOR YOUR DINOSAUR** Laura Rennert is back with a highly illustrated chapter book, **ROYAL PRINCESS ACADEMY: DRAGON DREAMS**.

Lots of girls go through a princess stage. Laura's daughter Emma was no exception. First, Emma adored everything princess-y, and then she wanted to be the least princess-y girl ever. This funny, relatable switch inspired **ROYAL PRINCESS ACADEMY, DRAGON DREAMS**.

Princess Emma comes from a long line of princesses. Her great-great-grandmother Snow White and grandmother Beauty both won the All-School Princess Contest when they were students. Emma's in her first year at the Academy, and, with the contest looming, she doesn't have a lot of faith in herself. Her classmates don't have much faith in her either, because Emma is not your typical princess. For starters, Emma has a secret: she really wants to be a Dragon Rider!

Girls will root for and relate to Emma. She's sporty and funny and still finds a way to be royally and truly herself ... whether she's competing in the All-School Princess Contest or trying to save the kingdom's dragons from possible extinction.

Here is a list of activities to help you share the fun with young readers. Host a **ROYAL PRINCESS ACADEMY** party to delight the princess-y and the un-princess-y alike.

This kit includes:

- ★ **PARTY SUGGESTIONS**
- ★ **REPRODUCIBLE NAME TAGS**
- ★ **REPRODUCIBLE "ALL-SCHOOL PRINCESS CONTEST" GAMES**
- ★ **A "DRAGON QUEST" TREASURE HUNT GAME**
- ★ **BOOK INFORMATION, AND MORE!**



enjoy!



... PARTY SUGGESTIONS ...

Princess Academy Party



Ask each child to dress as their favorite princess, or a princess of their own imagining!
Copy the activities for each child at the event. Print out name tags for each child

DECORATE THE SPACE WITH

- Cardboard cutouts of Castles (or cardboard box castles)
- A balloon arch entryway
- Inflatable dragon toys
- Layered scalloped-edged tablecloths of different lengths to look like dragon scales
- A chair decorated to look like a "throne" (so each princess can take a picture in it)



SERVE

- Princess sandwiches (sandwiches cut into tiara shapes with a tiara cookie cutter)
- Colorful fruit cut into star shapes
- Soccer ball cookies
- Dragon cupcakes
- Not-pink princess pineapple punch (pineapple juice, lemonade, ginger ale, vanilla ice cream)

WARM UP THE CROWD

Each princess will make and illustrate a list of her favorite and least favorite things—either in character or as themselves. Princess Emma has some favorite and *least* favorite things. What are yours?



HOLD AN ALL-SCHOOL PRINCESS CONTEST

- Opening Ceremonies
- Pin the Tail on the Dragon
- Magical Animal Drawing Contest
- Fairytale Princess Quiz
- Lola's Dog Show
- Royal Ball Freeze Dance Contest
- Princess Bingo
- Bravery Contest
- Princess Emma's Soccer Slalom
- Royal Origami Contest
- Dragon Quest Treasure Hunt
- All-School Princess Contest Awards



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MATERIALS

Princess Emma's Name Tags

Pages for each princess to use in the Warm Up for her favorite and least favorite things.

All-School Princess Contest Instructions

A design for Pin the Tail on the Dragon. Print out the accompanying 11 x 17 pdf file (PinTheTailOnTheDragon_tabloid.pdf). Print and cut out a separate tail for each child, and write their initials on it.

Magical Animal Drawing Contest page

Fairytales Princess Quiz cards

Lola's Dog Show coloring page

Princess Bingo materials. Cut out the word cards to draw out of a hat. Don't forget to print out the Bingo Playing Cards from the accompanying pdf file (BingoPlayingCards.pdf).

Instructions for making an Origami Dragon's Head and an Origami Royal Crown.

Dragon Quest Treasure Hunt Clue Cards

A customizable Royal Princess Academy Diploma

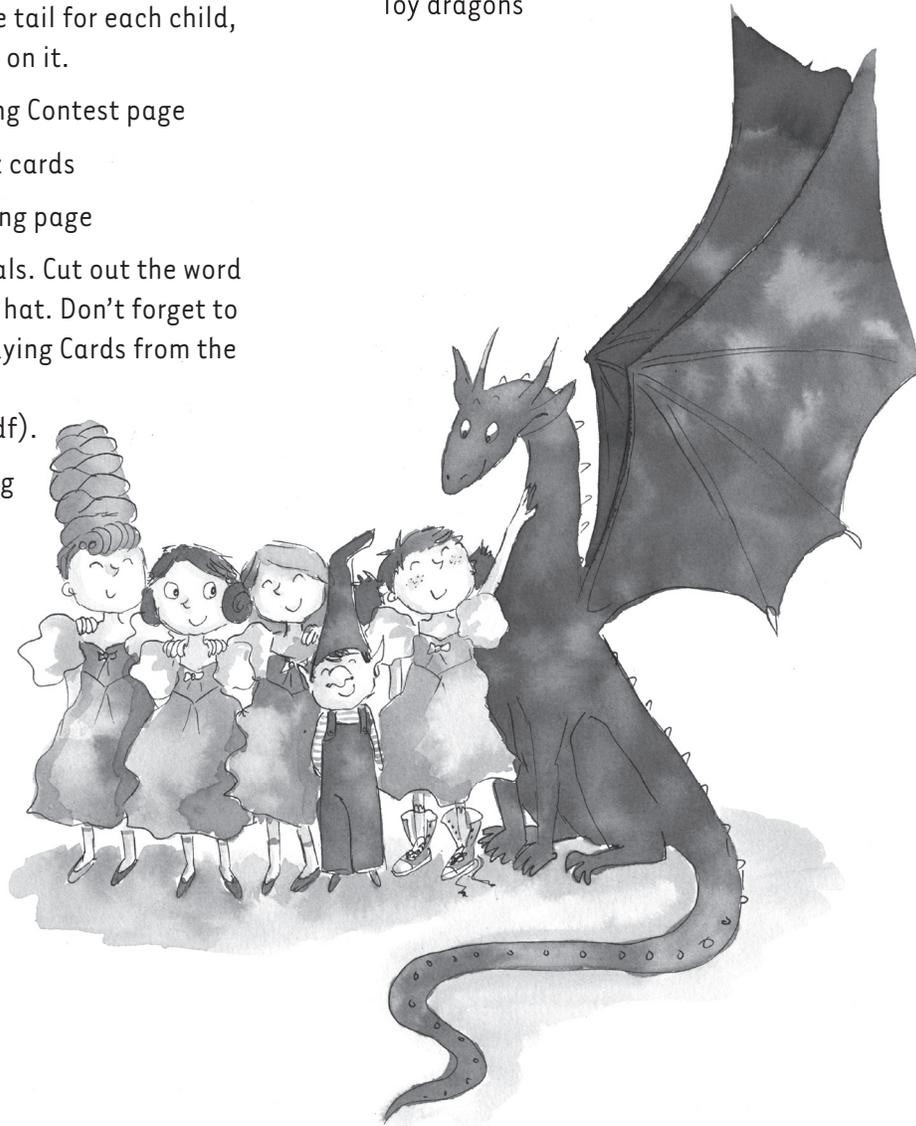
GIVE OUT GOODIE BAGS

"Fire" candy (like Atomic fireballs or red hots)

Plastic trophies

Chocolate soccer balls

Toy dragons



Laura has a new **PRINCESS PARTY ALBUM** on her website! If you'd like to see your Princess Party featured in the album, please send photos of your party to Laura at ljrennert@mac.com.

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Princess Emma.



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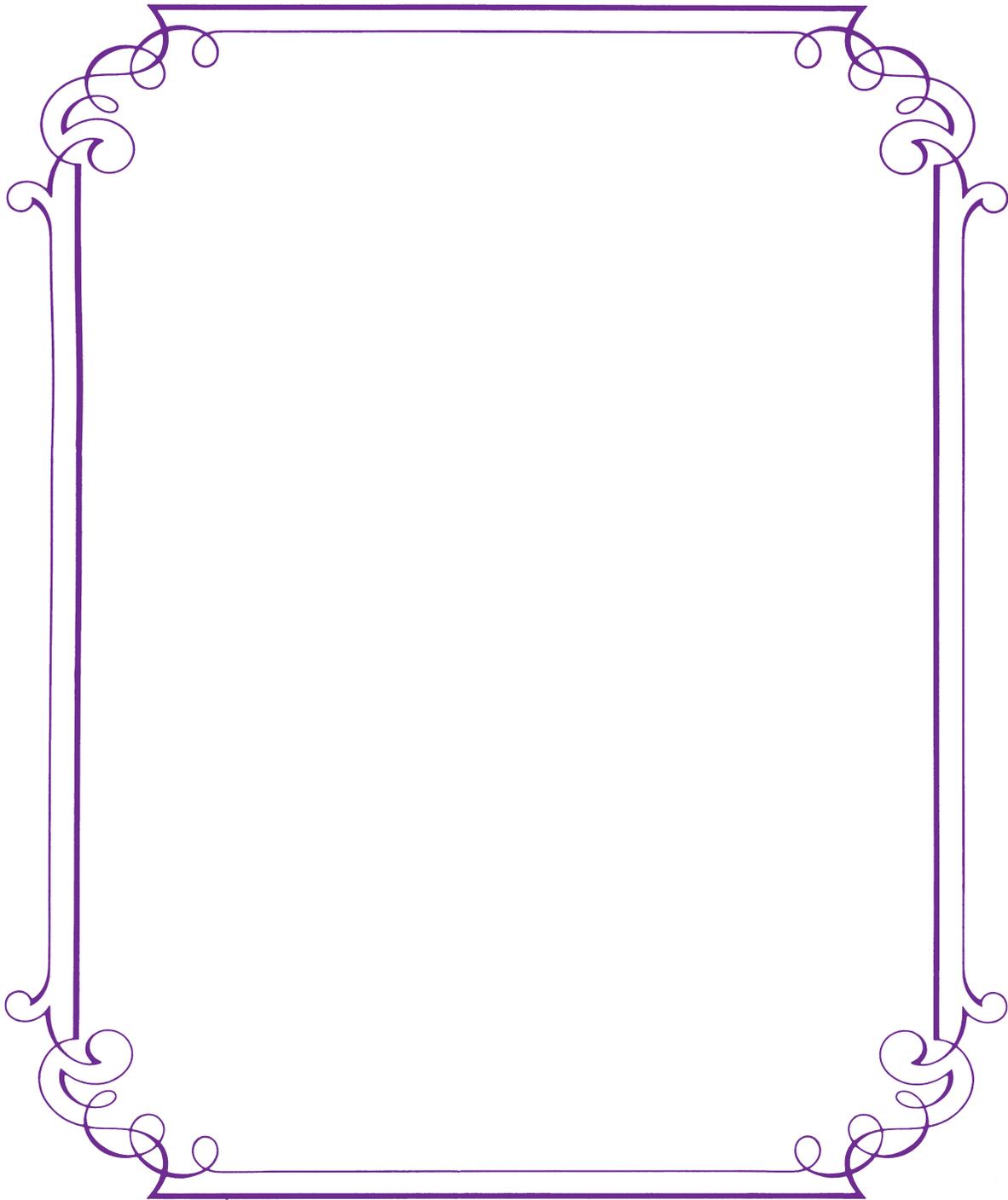
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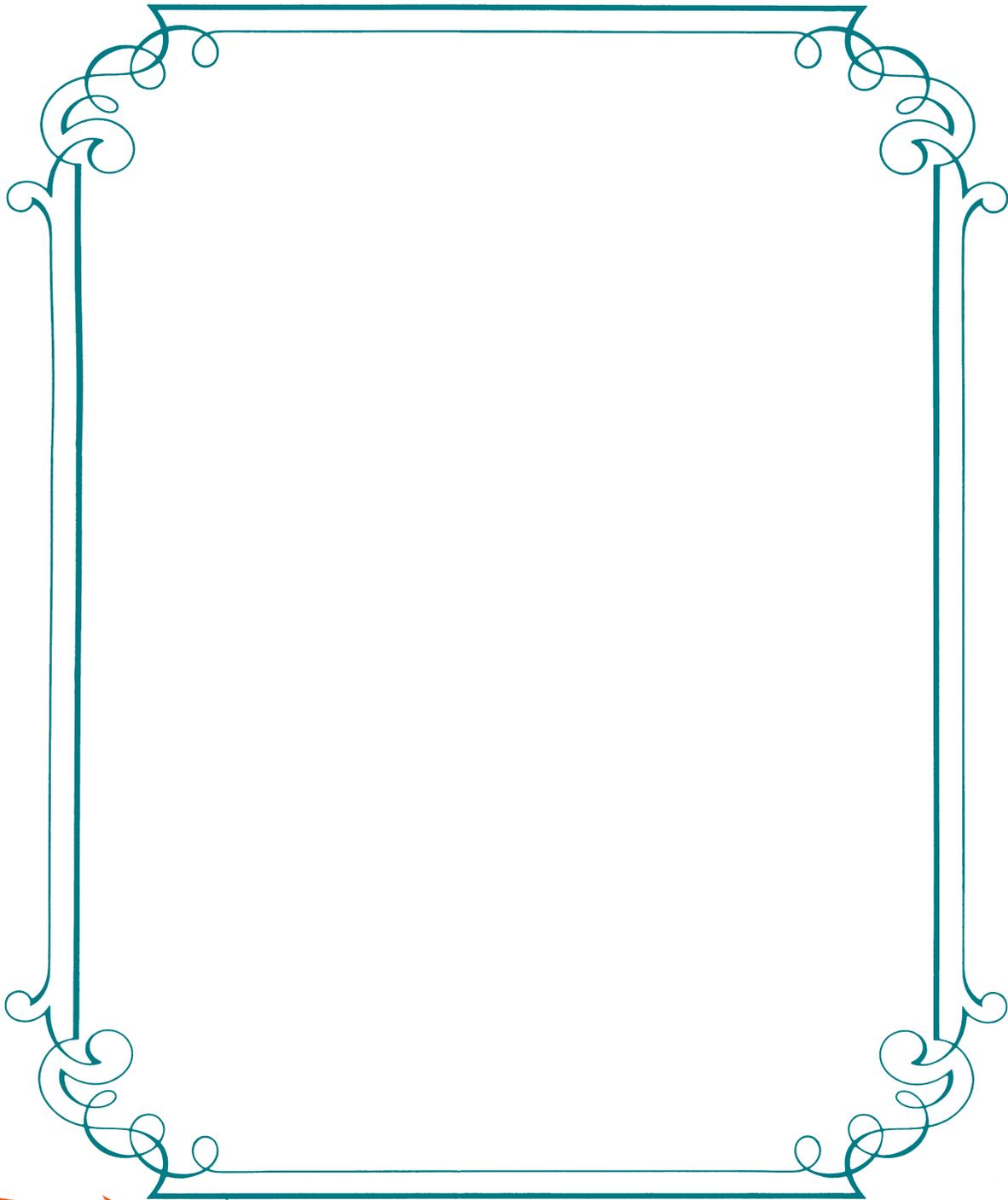
• • • MY FAVORITE THINGS • • •



Princess Emma's
favorite things

- Kicking a soccer ball
- Playing with my pug and my Chihuahua
- Racing my cousin Prince Ben
- Reading about magical animals
- Sliding down the castle banisters

• MY LEAST FAVORITE THINGS •



Princess Emma's least favorite things

Ballroom dancing

The color pink

When my Royal Mother gets mad at me for tearing my ball gown

Princess Posture Class (i'd rather read a book than balance it on my head!)

Royal Table Manners Class

ALL-SCHOOL PRINCESS CONTEST

Winners of each event get a bag of chocolate coins or jellybeans (or a different treat for each event), and are encouraged to share so that everyone gets a treat. It's nice to have at least one event (the Magical Animal Drawing Contest, Lola's Dog Show, or the Bravery Contest) where everyone wins. The final winner is the child who won the most events. The final winner may be awarded a small plastic trophy. Everyone will receive a Royal Princess Academy diploma and, perhaps, a plastic tiara.

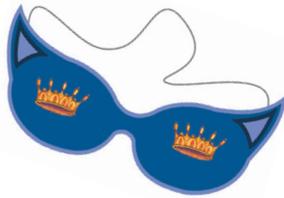
OPENING CEREMONIES

All the kids walk in to the "contest area" to music and wave to their parents who cheer.

PIN THE TAIL ON THE DRAGON

Exactly like "Pin the Tail on the Donkey," but the goal is to pin an illustration cut-out tail onto the dragon.

Can use a princess-y blind-fold, if possible (a piece of fabric printed with a tiara, for example)



MAGICAL ANIMAL DRAWING CONTEST

Who can draw the best magical animal?

Everyone gets a print-out of the "My Magical Animal" page from this story kit and a box of crayons.

You can draw magical animals from fairy tales (trolls, unicorns, dragons) or a magical animal of your own invention

Depending on the age group, this might be a contest that everyone can win



FAIRYTALE PRINCESS QUIZ

Tests their fairy tale/princess knowledge.

Print out the 4 pages of cards included in the story kit.

LOLA'S DOG SHOW

Everyone gets a print-out of the "Lola's Dog Show" page from this story kit and a box of crayons.

They get to decorate Lola! (Give her bows, a sword, a dress, whatever they want.)

They can also color her in with whatever colors they want.

Depending on age group, this might be a contest that everyone wins.

ROYAL BALL FREEZE DANCE CONTEST

When the music stops, all the kids need to freeze. If you move, you're out!

When a kid is tagged "out," he/she gets to be the one to turn off the music on the next round.

The winner is the last one standing.

PRINCESS BINGO

Bingo with different fairy tale Princesses; use chocolate money as markers.

Print out the Bingo Playing Cards from the attached pdf (BingoPlayingCards.pdf) and the word cards included in the story kit. Cut out the word cards, fold them in half, and place them in a container for the Bingo drawing.

Each child gets a Bingo playing card and Bingo markers (chocolate coins). Draw out one word card at a time and announce the word loudly. Anyone with that word on their Bingo card should place the marker on it, as many times as that

ALL-SCHOOL PRINCESS CONTEST

word appears on their card. The first to get 5 markers in a row, wins—and shouts out “Princess Bingo!” to let everyone know!

BRAVERY CONTEST

Everyone names one thing people are scared of (spiders, dragons, the dark, etc.)

Then everyone helps come up with silly ideas that would make that thing less scary—the funniest answer wins!

Depending on age group, the kids can either vote on the funniest answer, or they can all win this one as well.

PRINCESS EMMA'S SOCCER SLALOM

Set up a series of 5 small, red cones; get a stopwatch.

Get an inflatable soccer ball (or decorate a clear beach ball to look like a soccer ball)

2 teams for a relay race, or can do it as individuals

Each kid kicks the soccer ball around the cones; fastest time wins



ROYAL ORIGAMI CONTEST

Who can make an Origami dragon or crown the fastest

Use green origami paper that kids can fold to create a great origami dragon that they can take home. Use yellow, gold, or silver origami paper to create the crown.

Instructions and photographs of the finished projects can be found online at:

www.origami-fun.com/origami-dragon-head.html

www.origami-fun.com/origami-crown.html

DRAGON QUEST TREASURE HUNT

Set up the treasure hunt ahead of time. The clues will differ depending on where you hide the next one.

The first clue can be something like: “Dear Princesses, Dragons in the Kingdom are getting sick! Can you help solve the mystery and save the dragons? Follow the clues! The next clue can be found [next location]. Love, Your Fairy Godmother.”

Next clues can be more or less complicated, depending on age group.

Final clue can be a prize: a dragon or castle pinata filled with candy or toys, for example.

ALL-SCHOOL PRINCESS CONTEST AWARDS

The overall contest winner, if there is one, is called up first and receives a plastic trophy. Then every princess’s name is called and each comes up to receive a personalized Royal Princess Academy Diploma, a plastic tiara, and take a photo in the decorated Princess Throne, if there is one.

• • • MY MAGICAL ANIMAL • • •



FAIRYTALE PRINCESS QUIZ

Which princess goes to a
Royal Princess Academy?

Princess Emma

Which princess likes to
ride dragons?

Princess Emma

Which princess is Emma's
best friend at the Royal
Princess Academy?

Rapunzel

Who has lips as red as
blood, hair as black as
ebony, and skin as white
as snow?

Snow White

Which princess sleeps
in the ashes by the
fireplace?

Cinderella

Which princess really
likes to swim?

The Little Mermaid

Which princess falls in
love with a Beast

Belle or Beauty

Which princess was
cursed as a baby?

Sleeping Beauty

FAIRYTALE PRINCESS QUIZ

Which princess really
needs a haircut?

Rapunzel

Which princess is very
hard to wake up? Hint:
there are TWO!

Sleeping Beauty and Snow White

Which princess can't stay
up past midnight?

Cinderella

Are the seven dwarves
friends with Cinderella,
Sleeping Beauty or Snow
White?

Snow White

Which of these things is
Sleeping Beauty afraid of:
pricking her finger on a
spindle, spiders, or soup?

Pricking her finger on a spindle

Which princess has mean
stepsisters?

Cinderella

Which princesses have
bad stepmothers? Hint:
there are TWO!

Cinderella and Snow White

What is Cinderella's
favorite vegetable?

Pumpkins

FAIRYTALE PRINCESS QUIZ

Which princess should be very careful when she eats apples?

Snow White

Which princess didn't know she was born a princess until she turned 16?

Sleeping Beauty

Which princess likes very, very delicate shoes?

Cinderella

Which princess was given birthday gifts as a baby by fairies?

Sleeping Beauty

Which princess does not like talking mirrors?

Snow White

What is the worst thing a princess can find under her mattress?

A pea

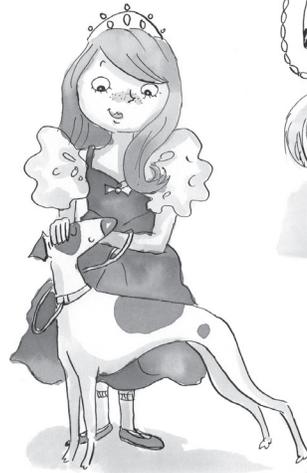
BONUS QUESTION:
Who is your favorite princess?

BONUS QUESTION:
if you were a princess trapped in a tower, how would you escape?

FAIRYTALE PRINCESS QUIZ

BONUS QUESTION:
if you were a princess and
you were kidnapped by
a dragon, how would you
defeat the dragon?

BONUS QUESTION:
Write the hardest fairy
tale question you can and
ask everyone else! See if
you can stump them!



• LOLA'S DOG SHOW •

Grab your crayons and help Lola get ready for the Dog Show!



• PRINCESS BINGO •

Print Bingo Playing Cards from the accompanying pdf file (BingoPlayingCards.pdf).

Cut out the word cards on this and the following 4 pages. Fold them in half and mix them up in a container for the Bingo drawing.

Use chocolate money as Bingo markers.

CINDERELLA

SNOW WHITE

SLEEPING BEAUTY

PRINCESS EMMA

RAPUNZEL

BELLE

THE BEAST

FROG

SWAN PRINCESS

• PRINCESS BINGO •

DRAGON

GNOMES

ROYAL PRINCESS ACADEMY

DRAGON CAVERN

DRAGON RIDERS

CASTLE

PRINCESS MORIAH

PRINCESS SARAH

PRINCESS ALEX

PRINCESS LAURA

• PRINCESS BINGO •

DRAGON SLIPPERS

PRINCESS CONTEST

BALL GOWN

CROWN

PRINCESS JORDAN

PRINCE BEN

PRINCE COLLIN

HAROLD PUG

LOLA CHIHUAHUA

ROYAL DOG SHOW

• PRINCESS BINGO •

DRAGON DRUSCILLA

KINGDOM

SOCCER

CHOCOLATE VOLCANO CAKE

GLASS SLIPPER

ROYAL LIBRARIAN

SPINNING WHEEL

LADY MARY

HEADMISTRESS MELINDA

ROYAL TABLE MANNERS

PRINCESS AND THE PEA

FIZZING ICE CREAM SODA

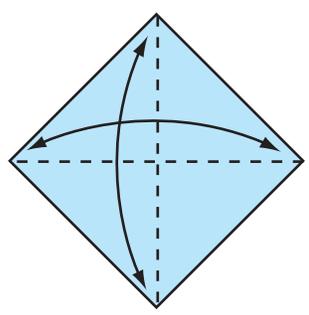
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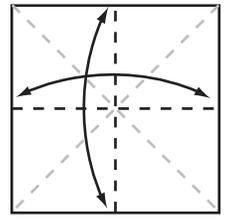
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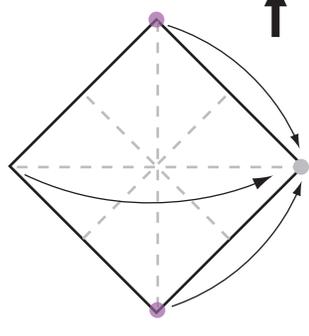
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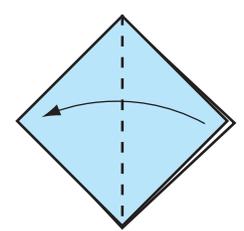
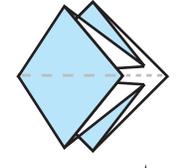
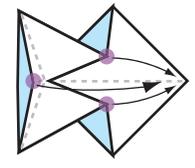
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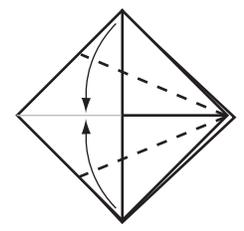
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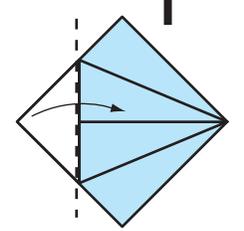
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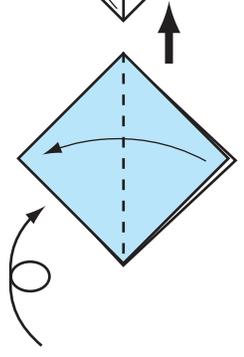
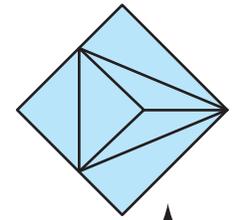
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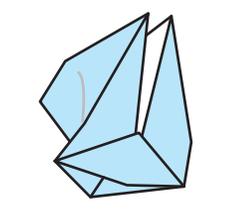
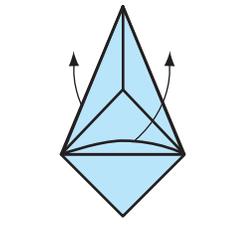
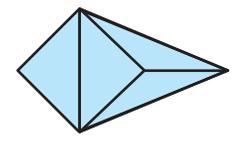
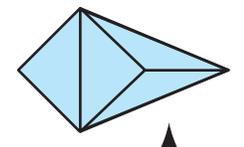
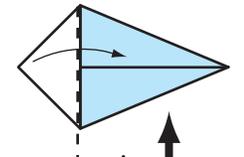
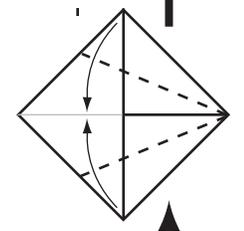
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6. Now fold the top corner down.



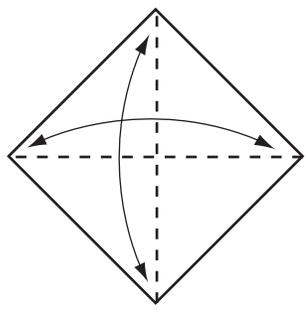
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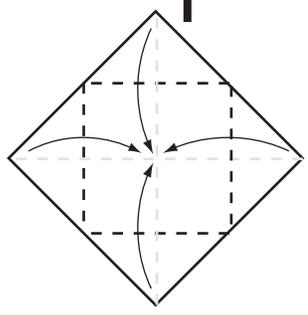
9. Open it out by gently pulling it apart from the sides, as shown

8. Now the dragon's head is folded, all you need to do is pop it open!

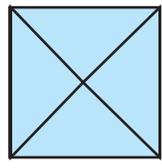
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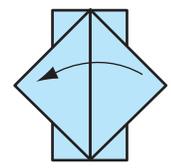
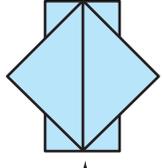
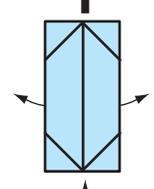
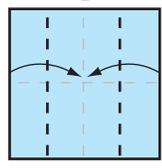
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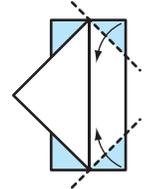
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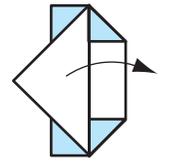
3. Turn the model over. Then fold the top and bottom toward the centre. When you do this, the triangular flaps should pop out from underneath



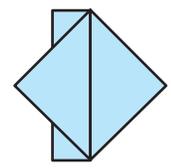
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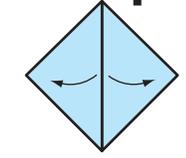
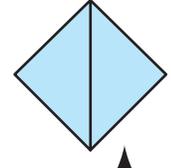
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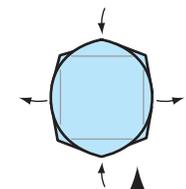
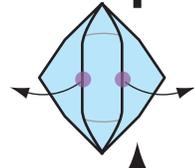
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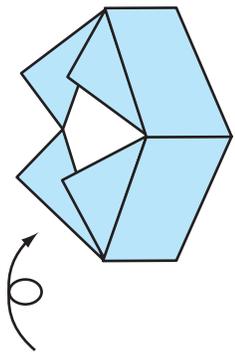
8. Rotate the model. Now repeat steps 5-7.



9. Now you need to open out the model to complete your crown. Open the flaps outward and shape the inside into a square shape



10. Turn over. Your origami crown is finished!



DRAGON QUEST TREASURE HUNT

Dragons in the Kingdom are getting sick! Can you help solve the mystery and save the dragons? Follow the clues.

CLUE _____

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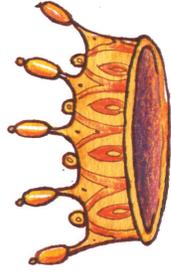
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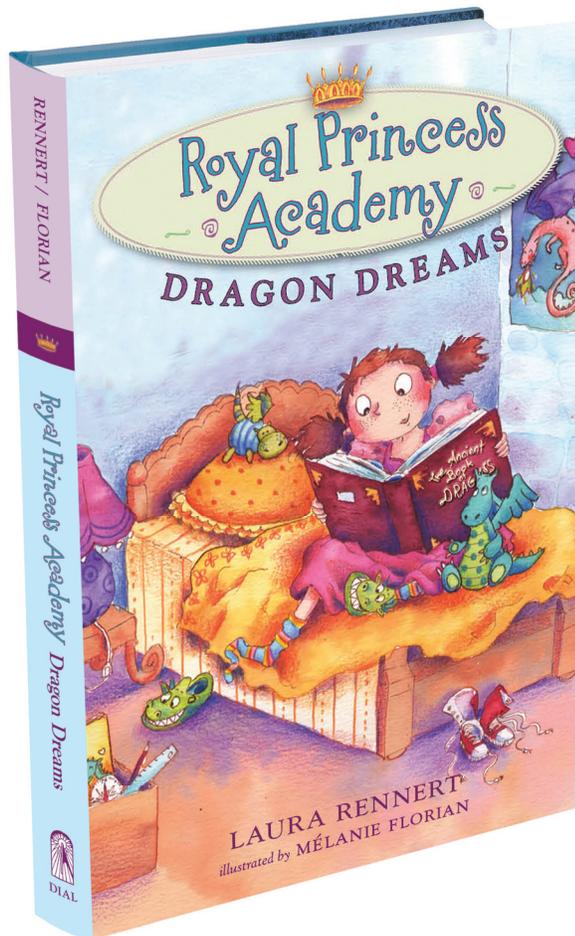
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[name]

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Read and have fun with
PRINCESS EMMA!!

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