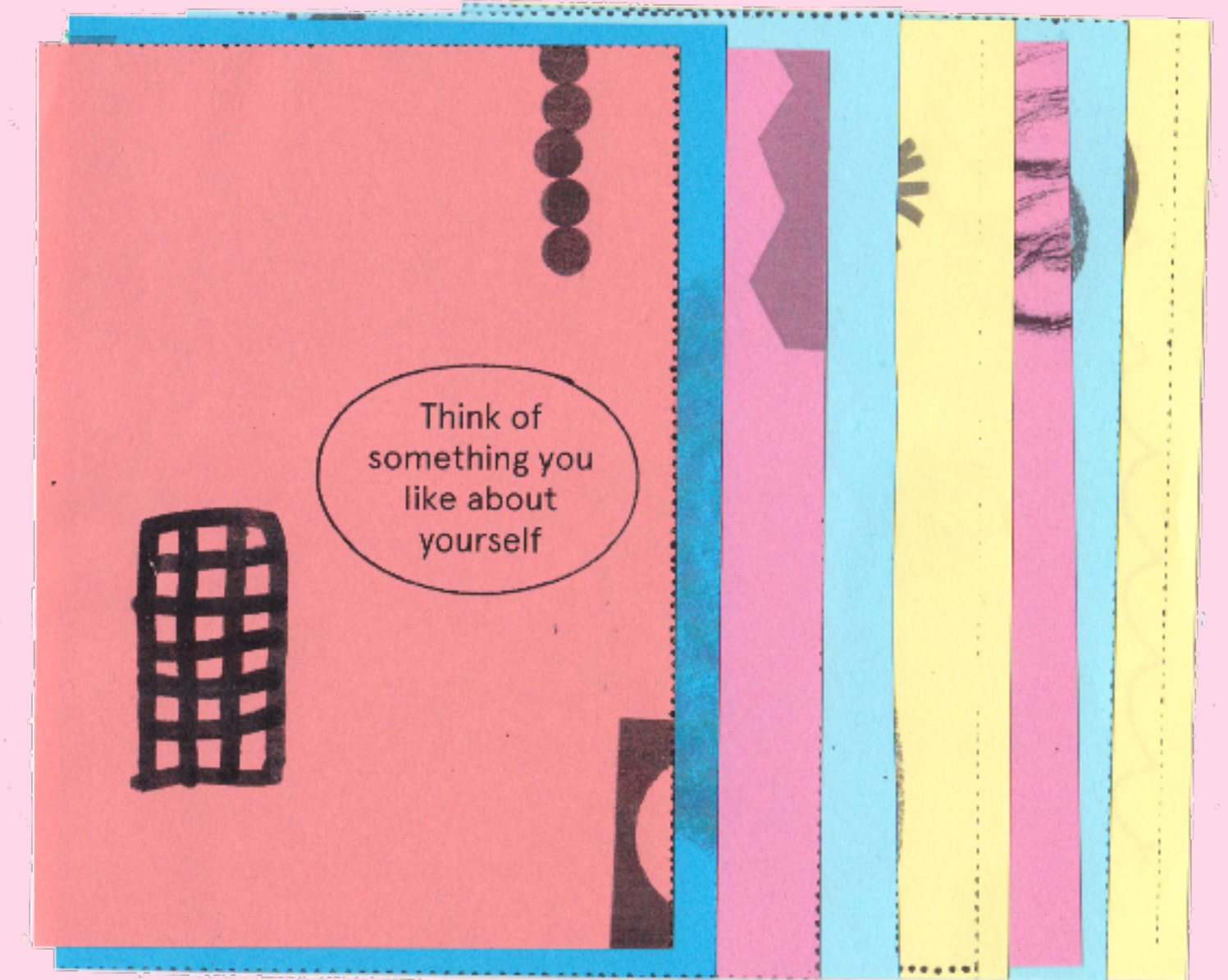


Creative Prompt Cards
By Nick White

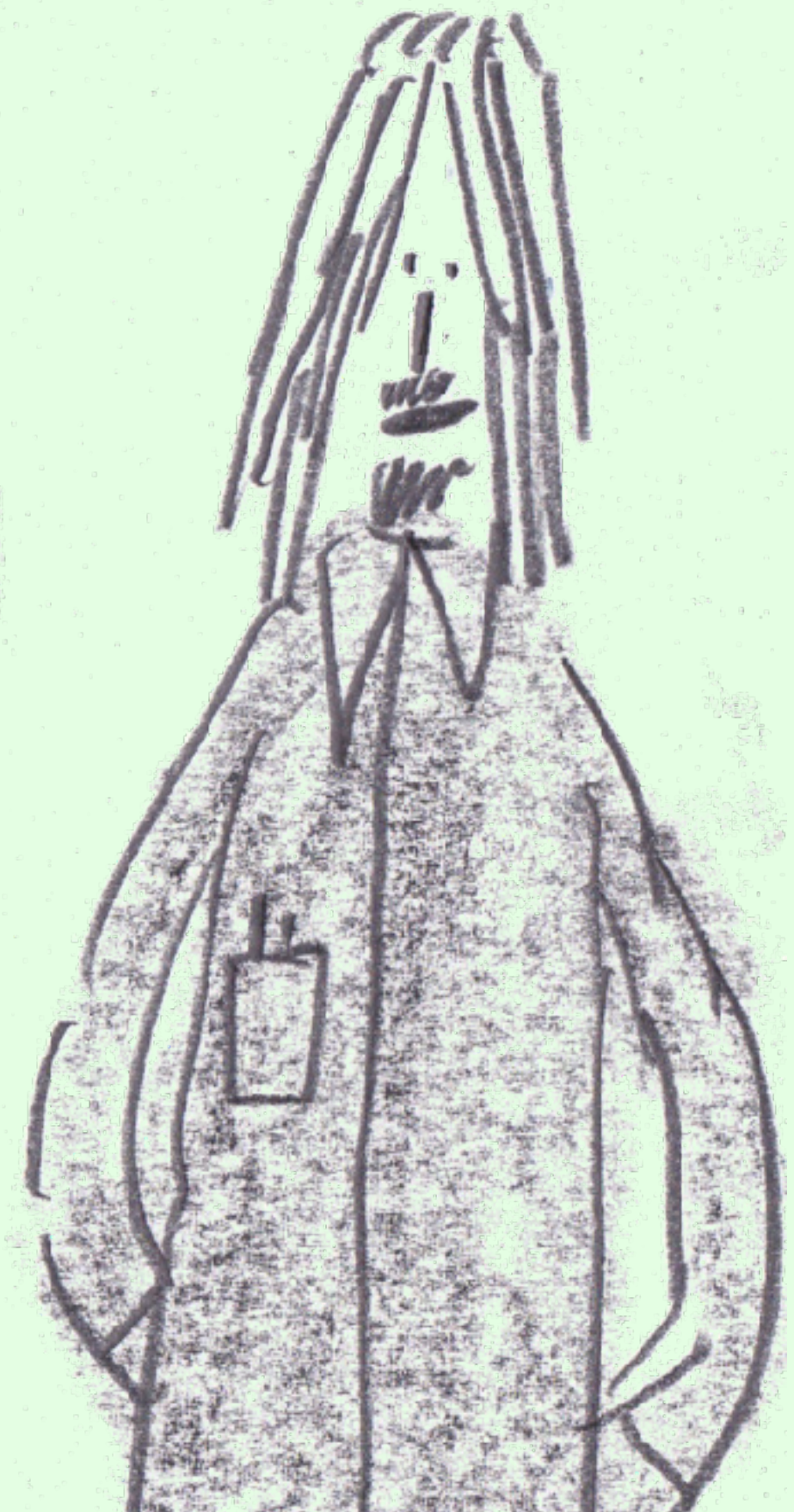
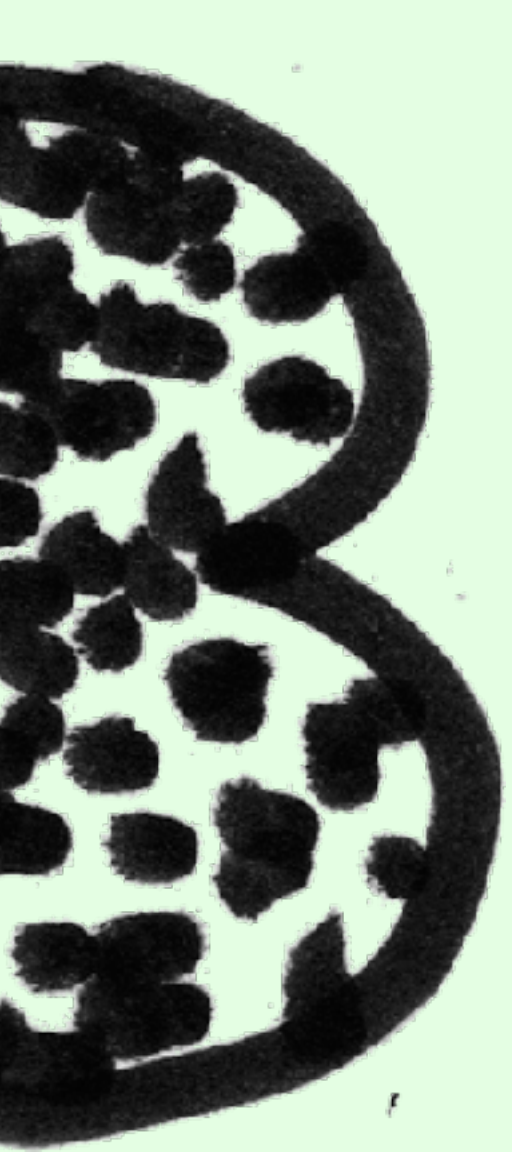


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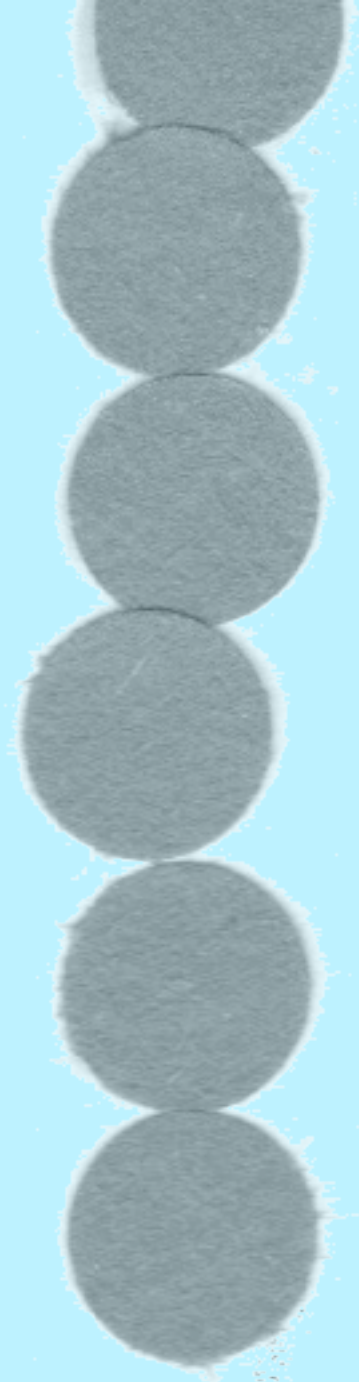


Hello! How are you?
I hope very well!



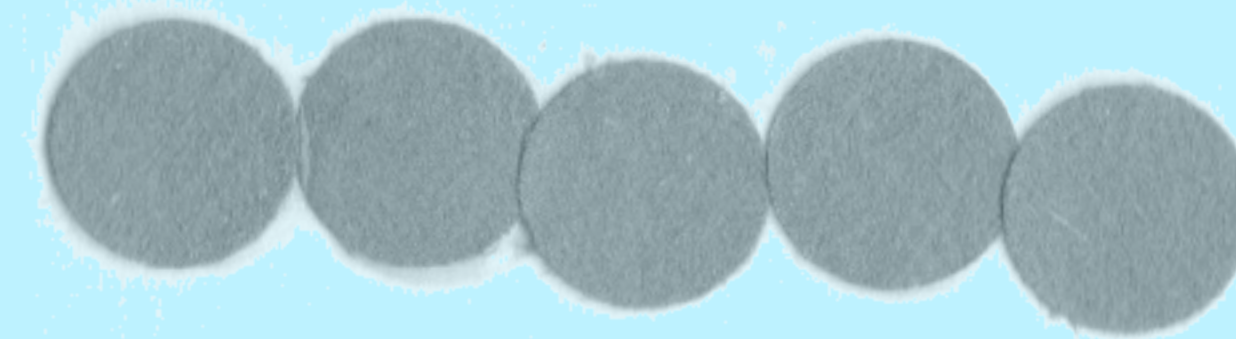
Let me introduce myself.
My name is Nick White and I am an
Artist, an Illustrator and an Educator,
which is a fancy word for Teacher.





I enjoy making paintings, collages,
ceramics, drawings, prints, books,
comics and zines (which are like books
but usually smaller with less pages.)

Do you enjoy doing any of these?





Here are some examples of my work...





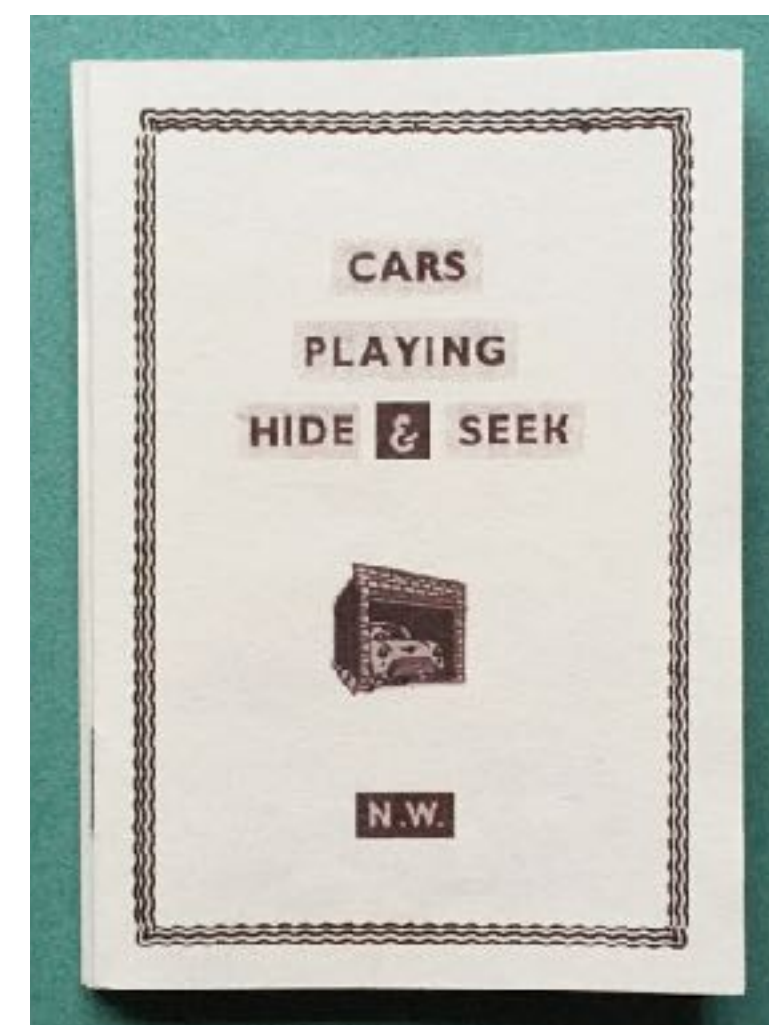
Paintings



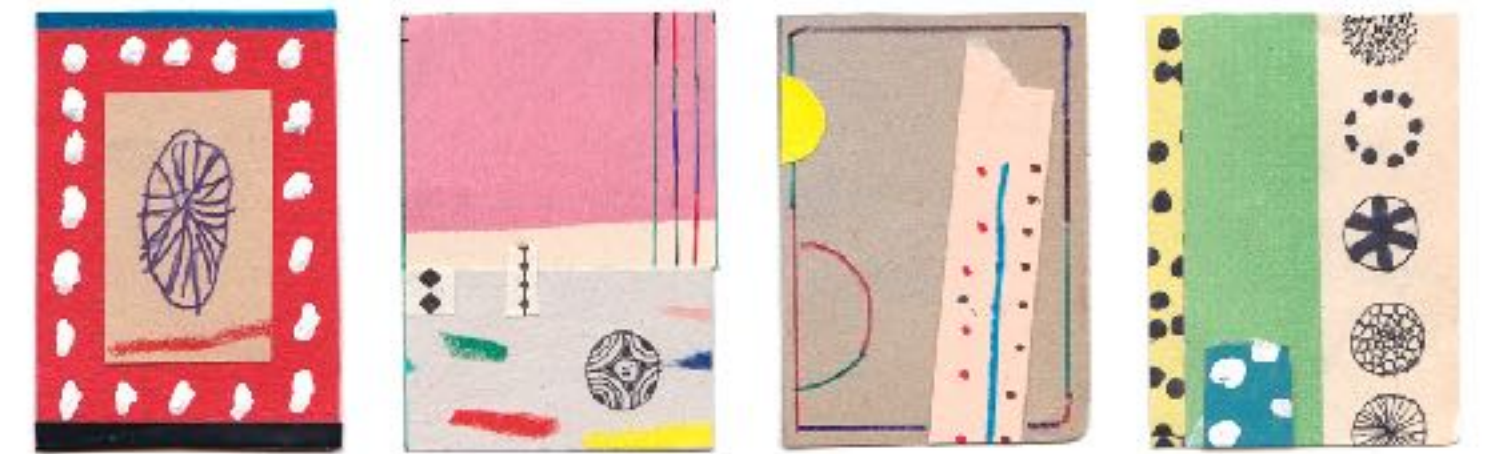
Collaborative drawings with my daughter



Ceramics



Zines



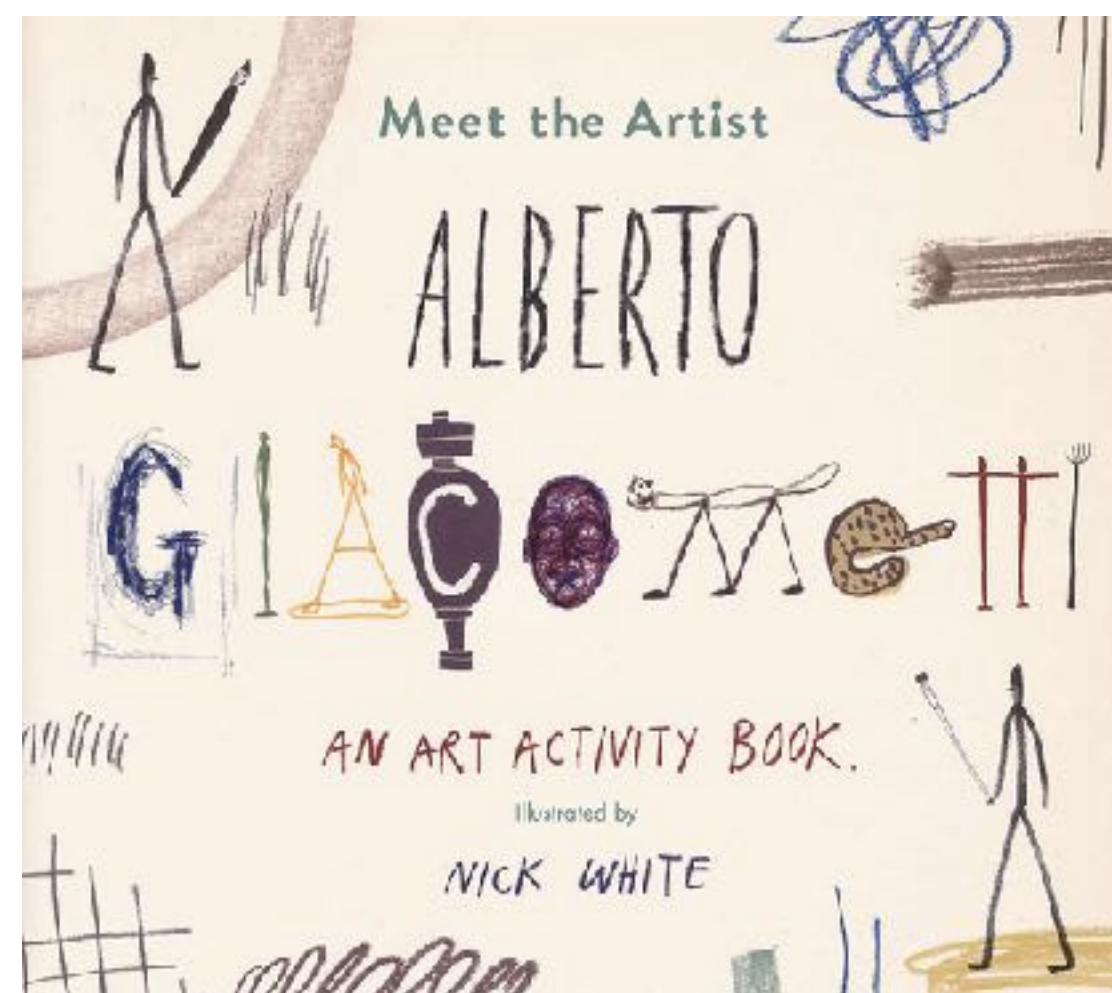
Collages



Small ceramic heads



Prints



Activity books for children

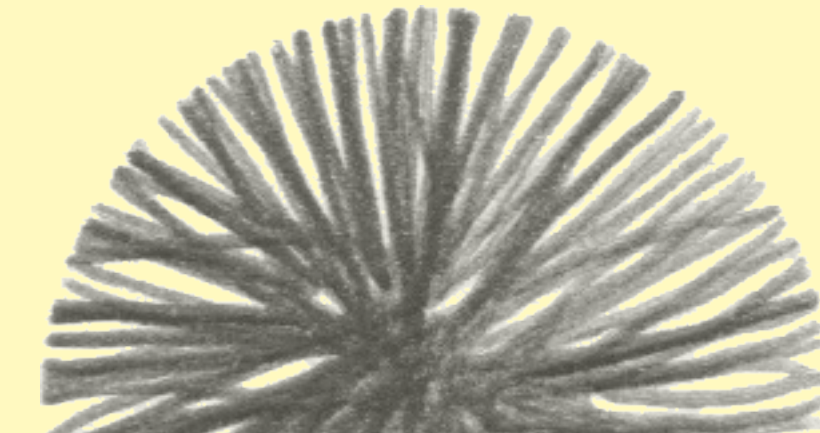


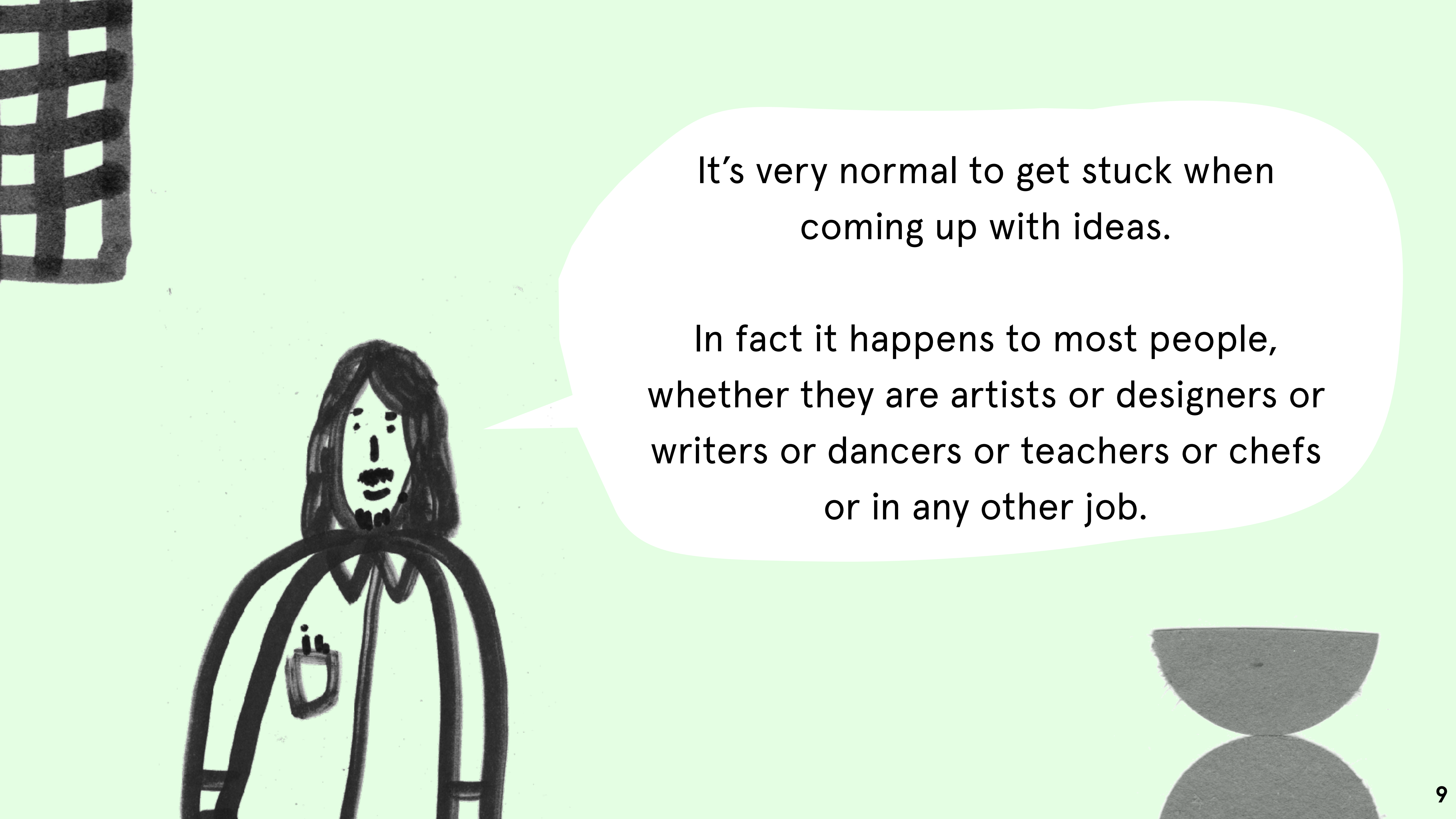
And tiny books about dancing



Sometimes though I can get stuck and
need help coming up with ideas.

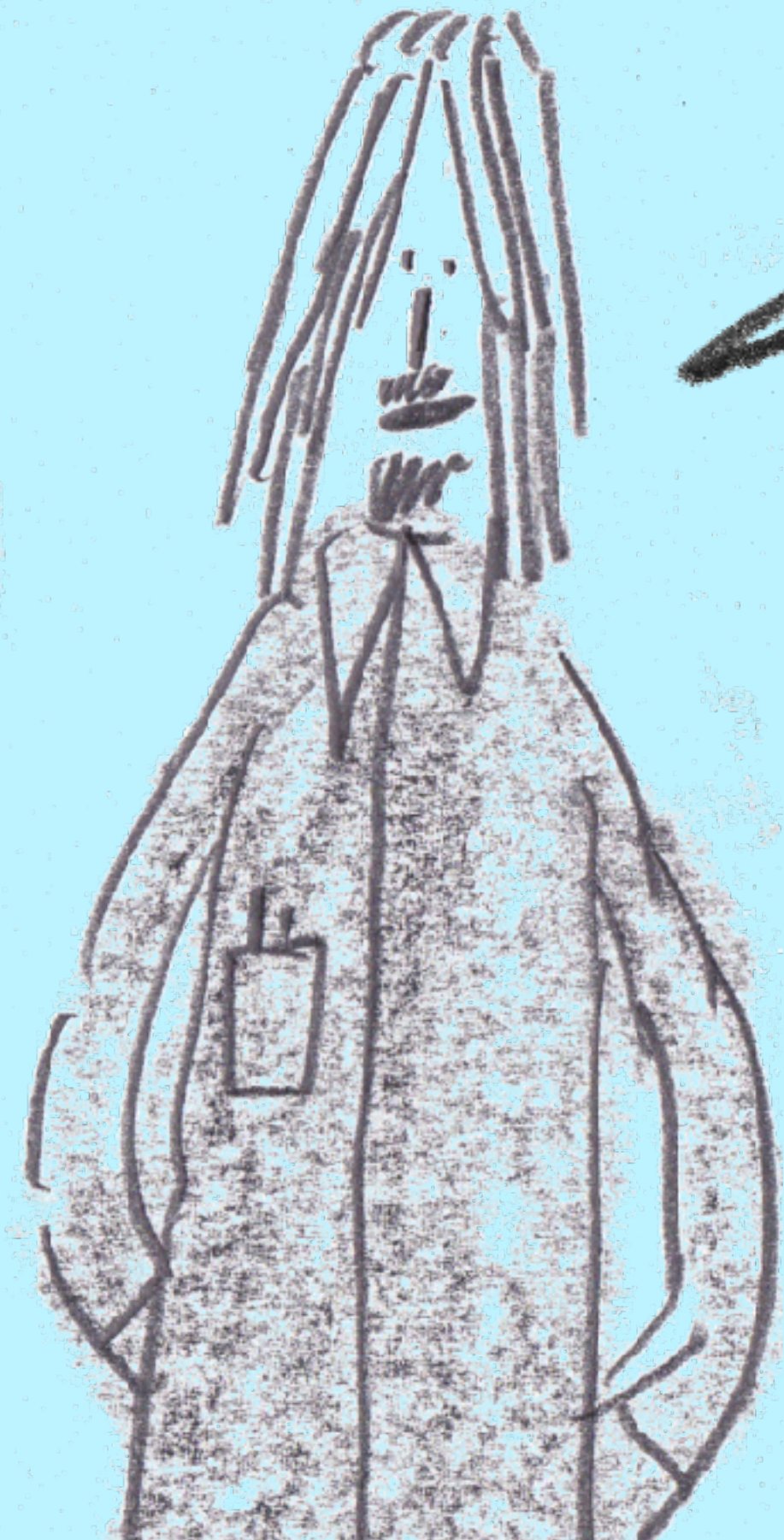
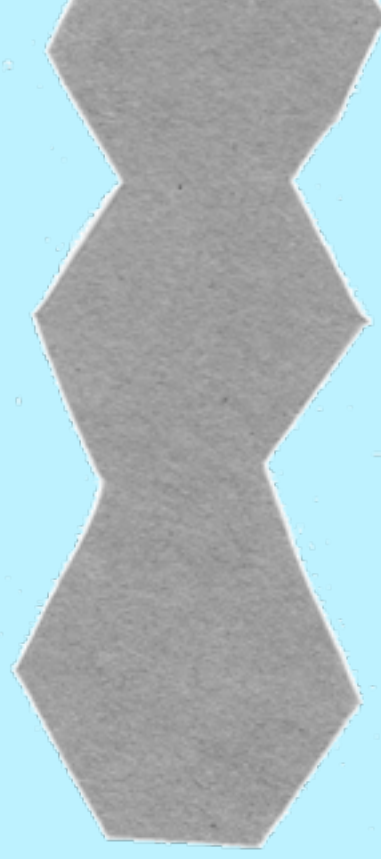
Does that ever happen to you?





It's very normal to get stuck when coming up with ideas.

In fact it happens to most people, whether they are artists or designers or writers or dancers or teachers or chefs or in any other job.

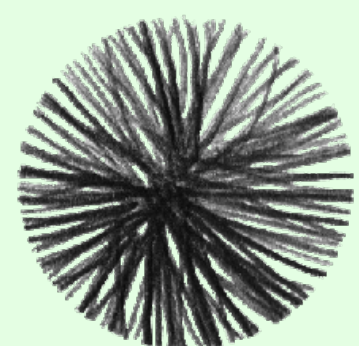
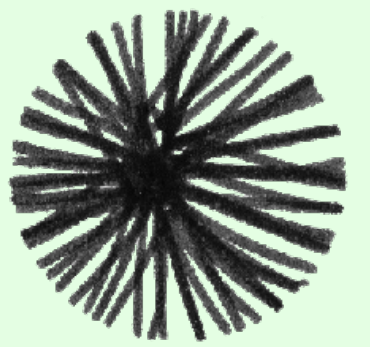
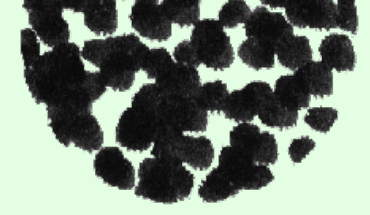


Which is why my friends Grace, Ruth,
Vanessa and I have come up with...

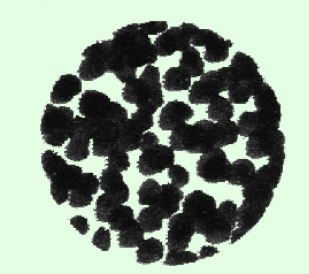
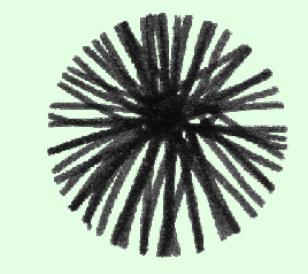
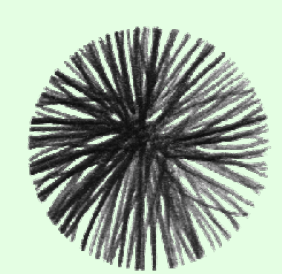
CREATIVE PROMPT CARDS





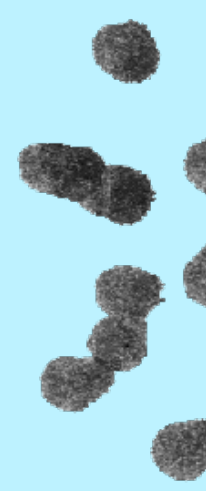
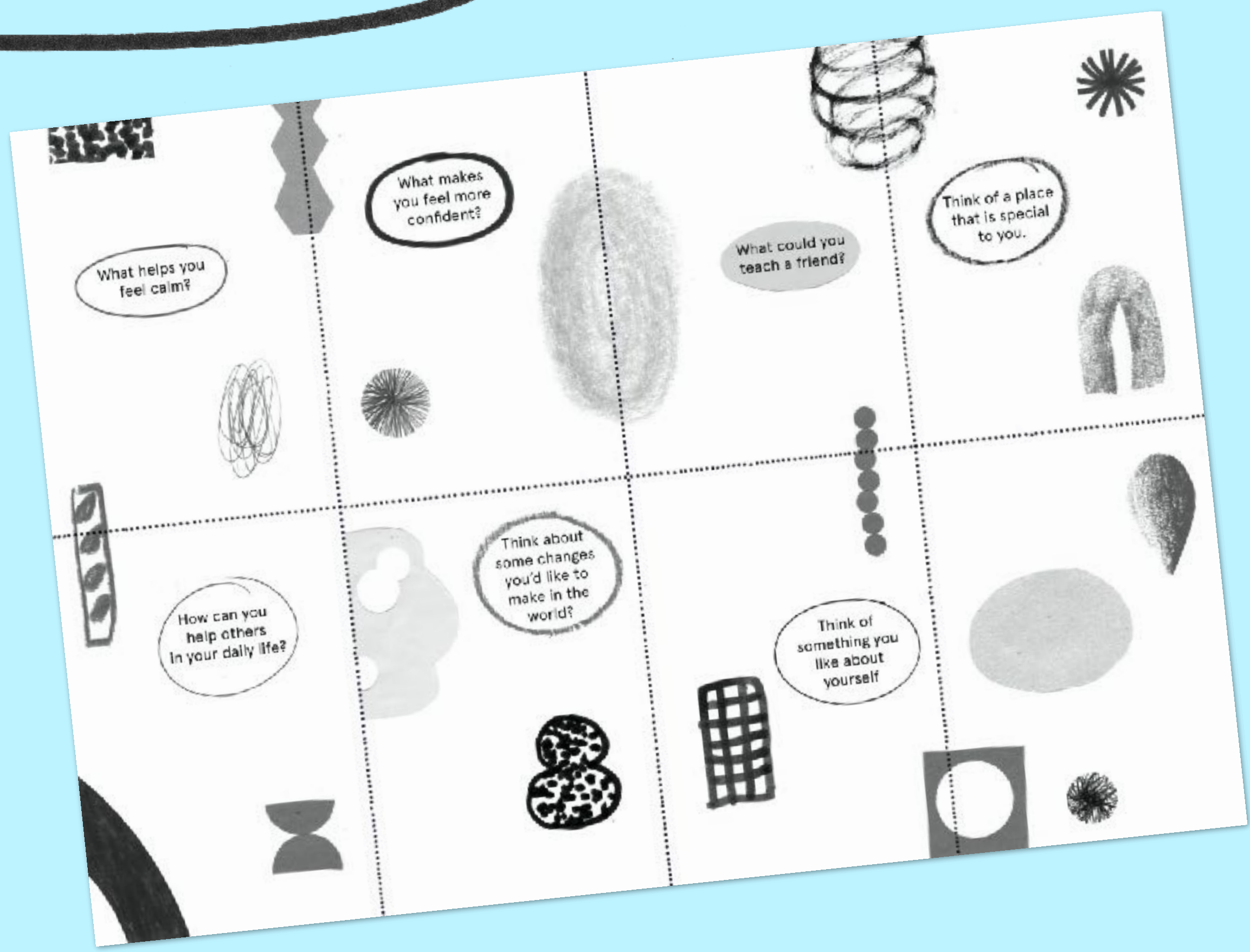


Creative Prompt cards have been designed to help you come up with fresh new ideas for creative projects.



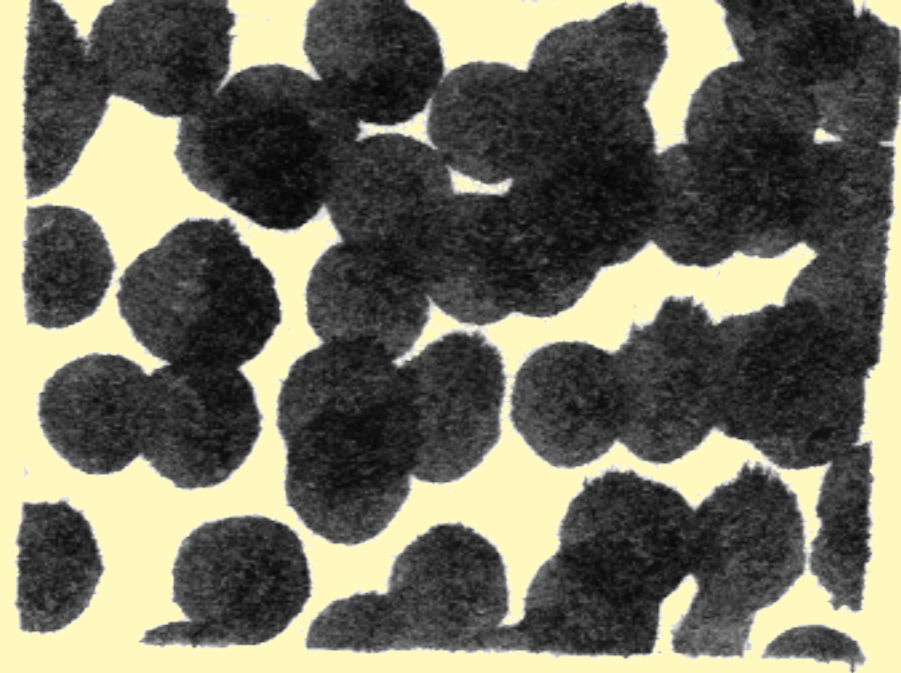


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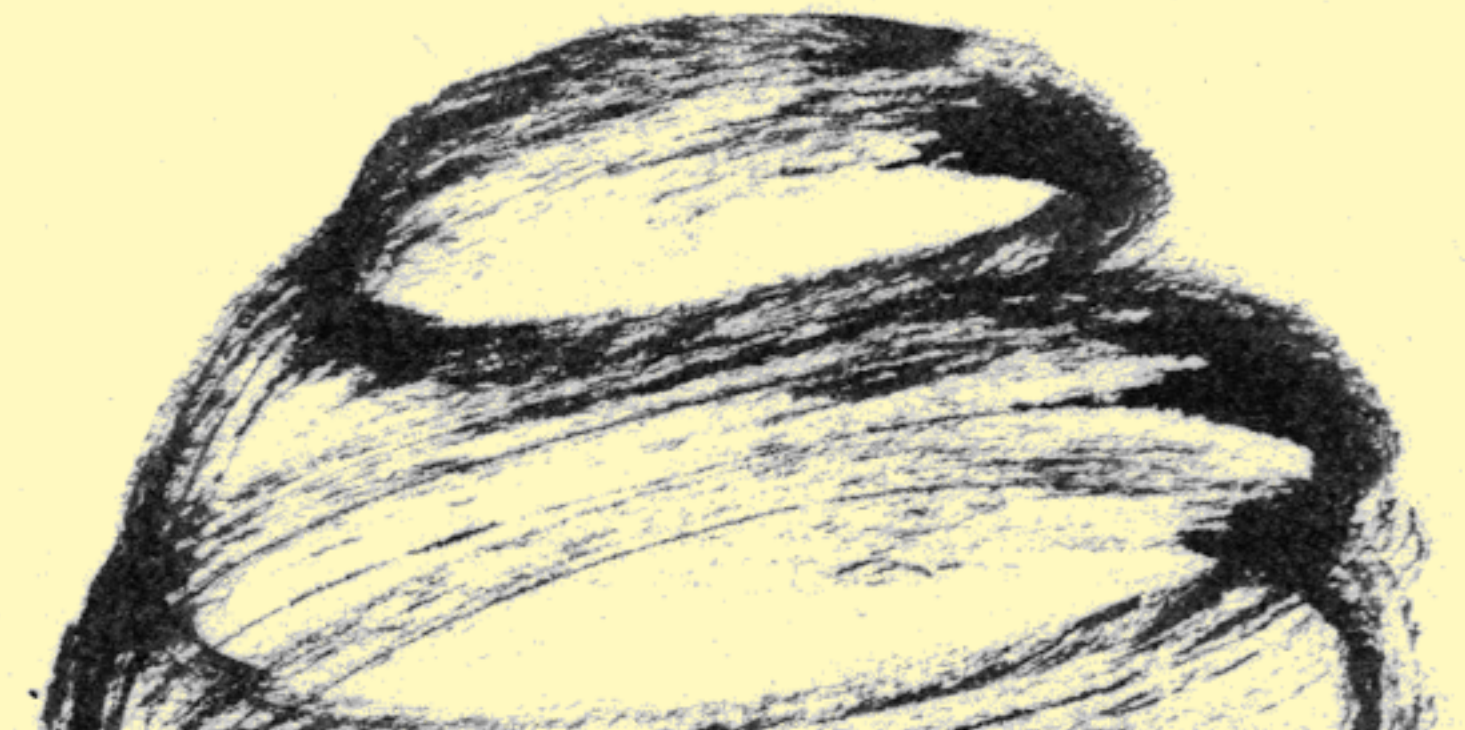
But once they are finished
they can look this...






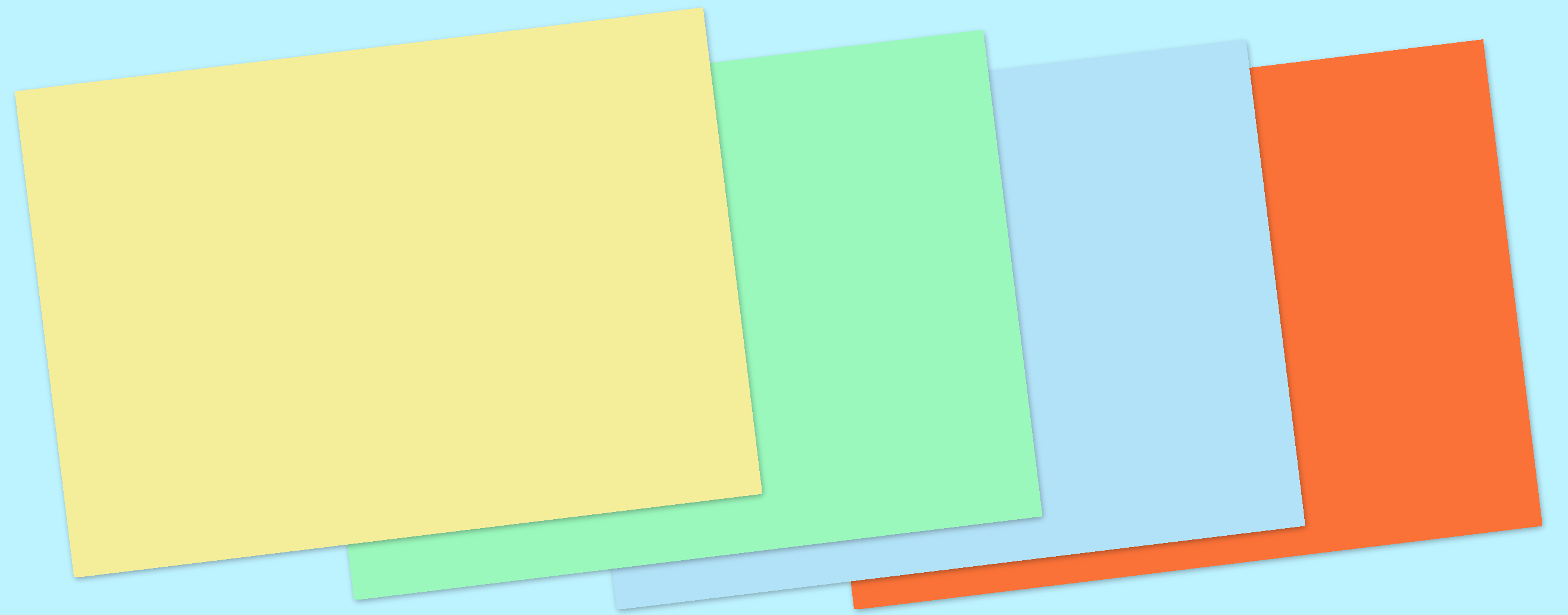
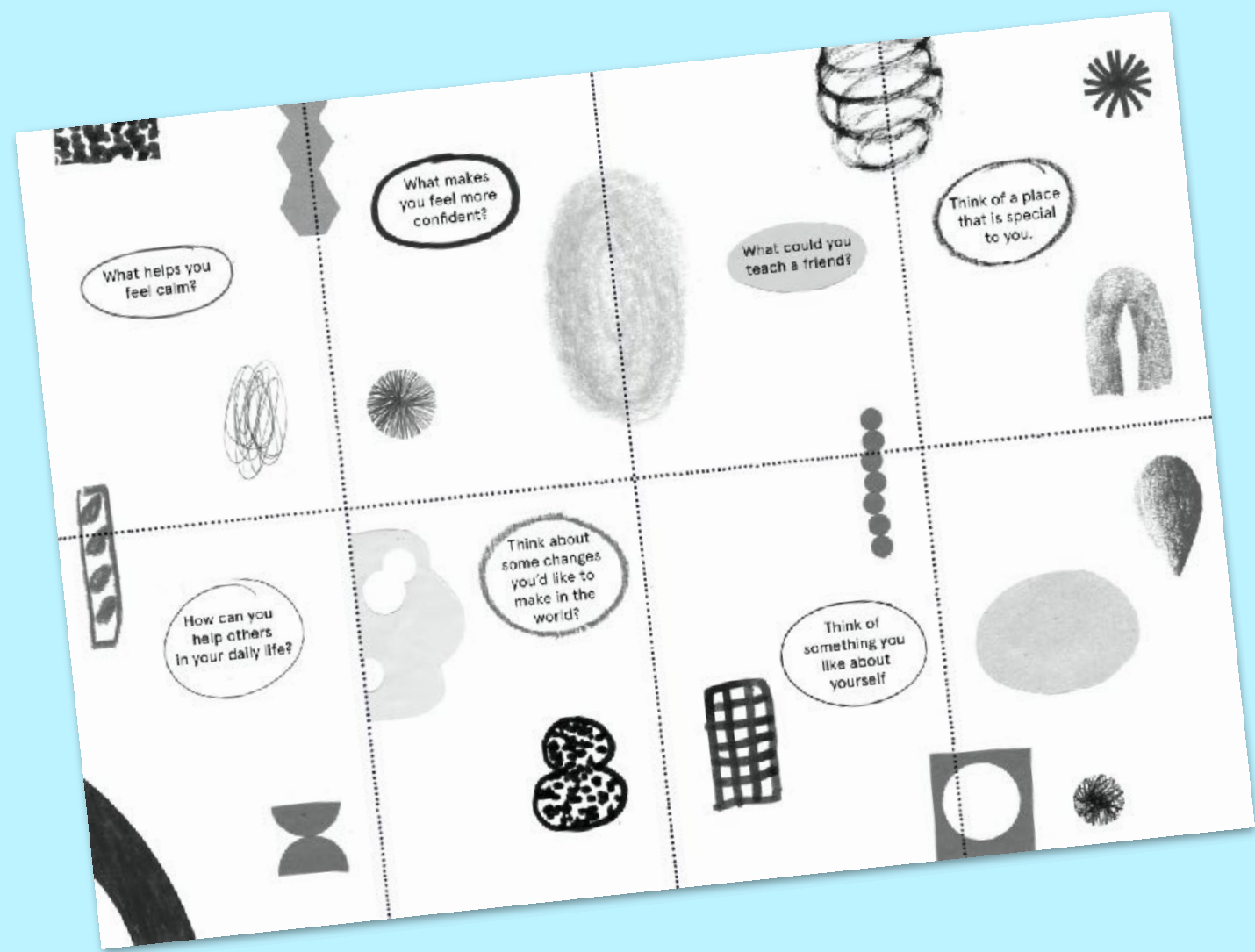
In the following activity you will make your very own set of illustrated Creative Prompt cards, which you will be able to use straight away.

Let's go!





Part. 1
Make the cards.



You will need:

The card templates

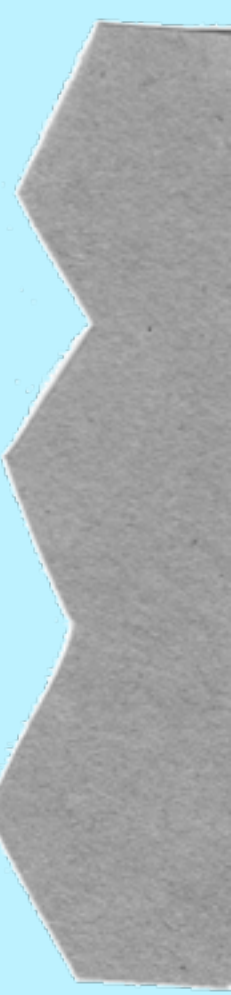
Coloured paper

Scissors

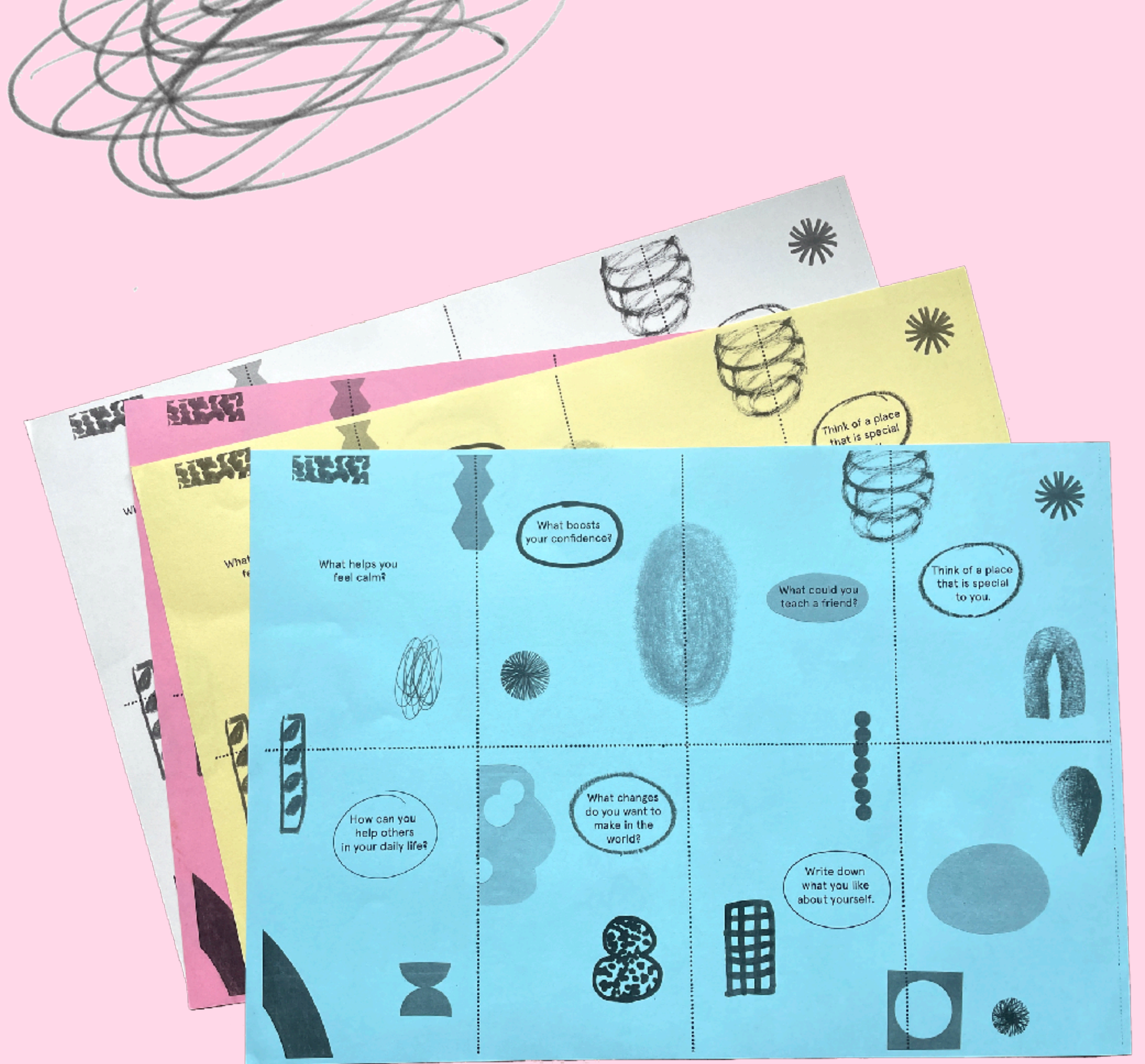
Glue

Pens, pencils, stickers or anything you'd like to make marks with.

A laminator. (if possible)

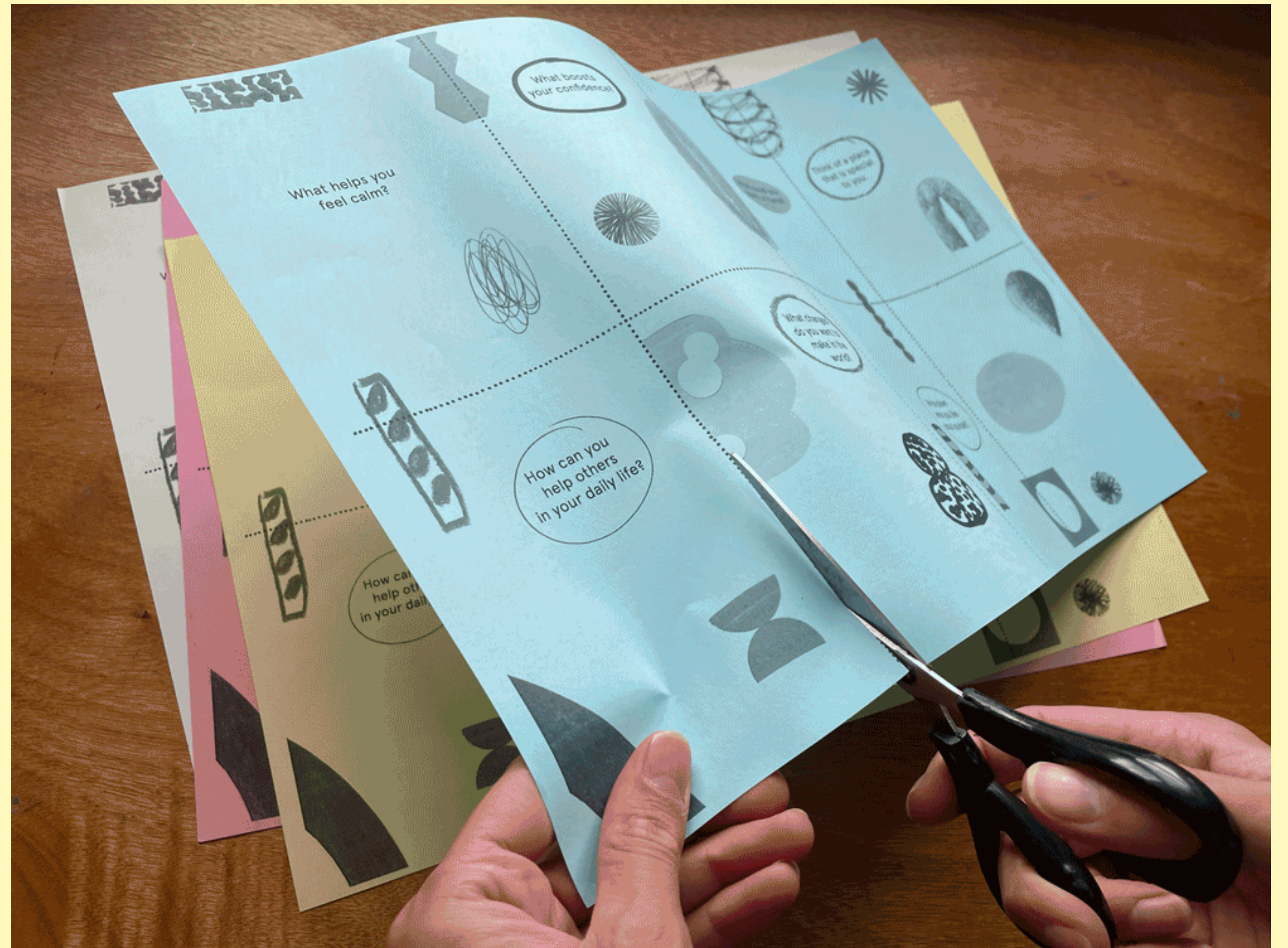


First, print the template out on A3 coloured paper. You can also do this on two pieces of A4 coloured paper.



Once you have your template, cut along the lines to create the separate cards.

You can swap some cards for the same in a different colour if you like. It is nice to have a set with different colours!



Now they are cut out, you should have eight in total.

Seven have different prompts and one is left **blank** for you to create your own.

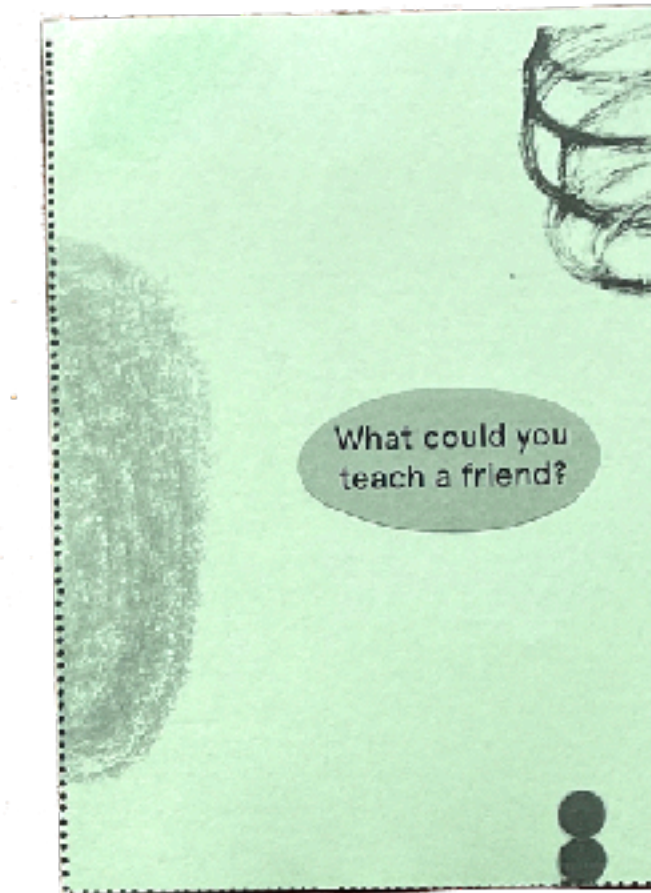
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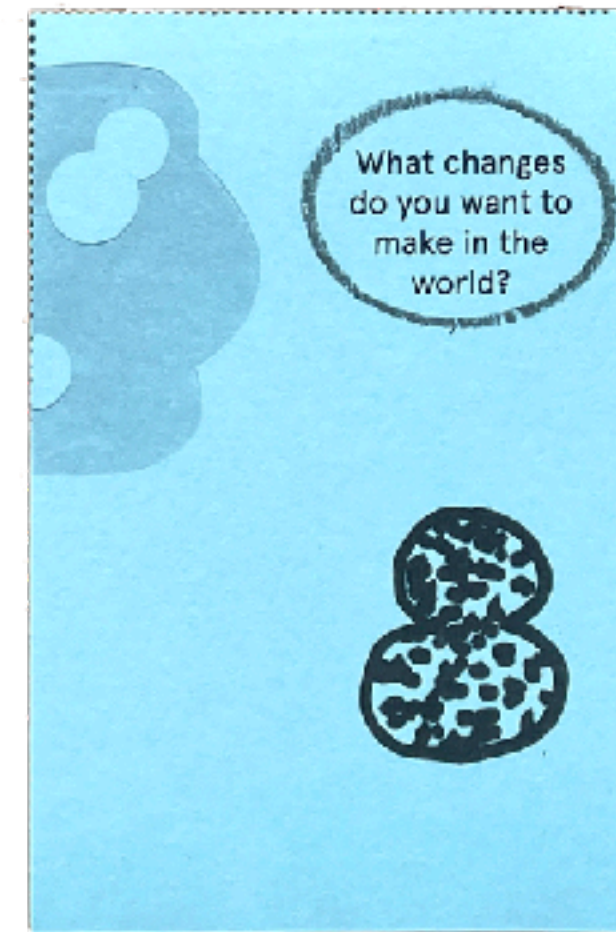
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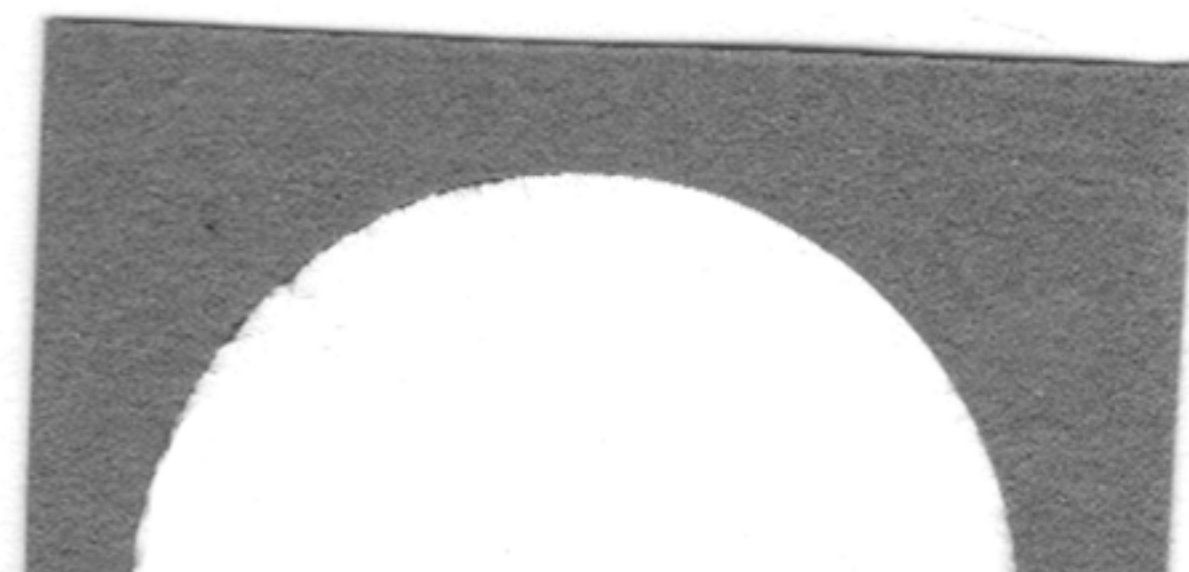


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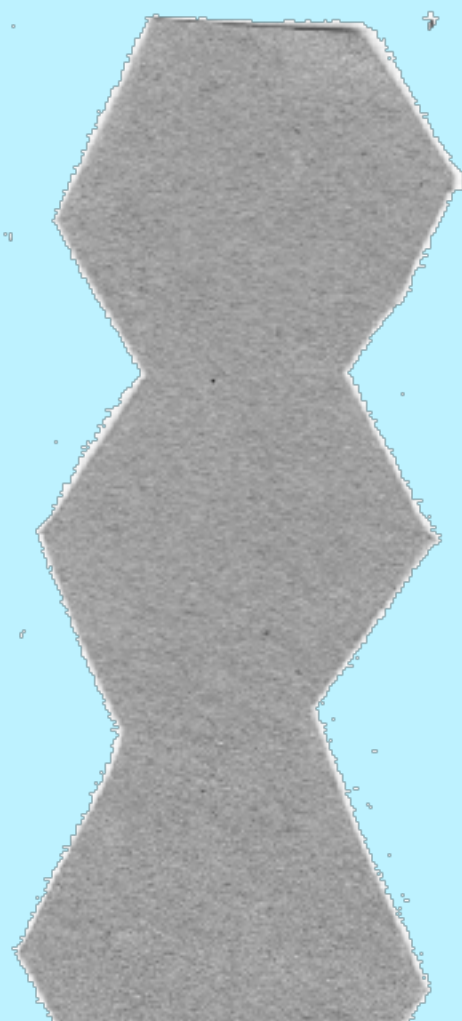


Using the printed marks as starting points, create illustrations on the cards.

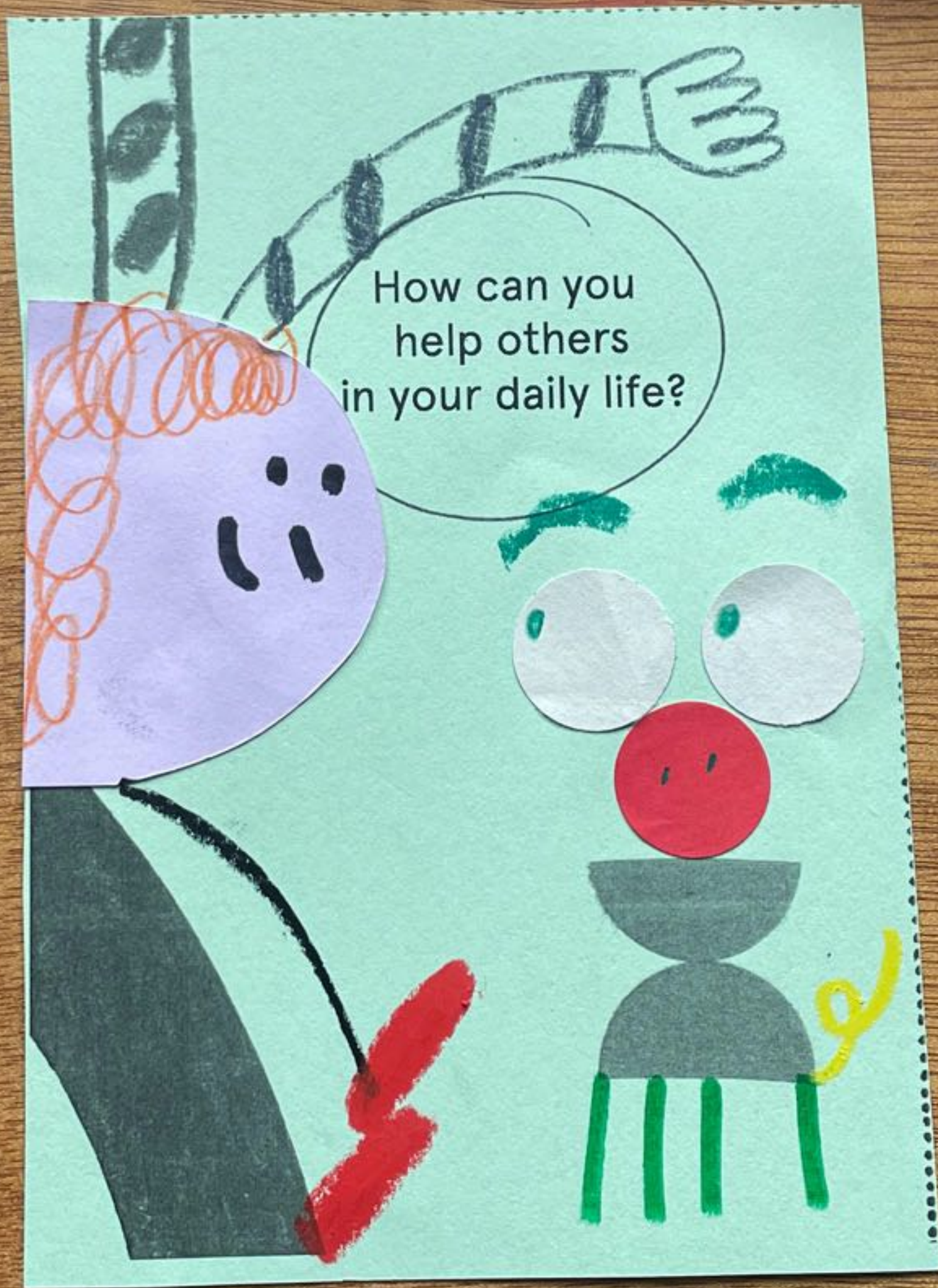
You could invent characters for the speech bubbles, or illustrate something that relates to the prompt if you like.

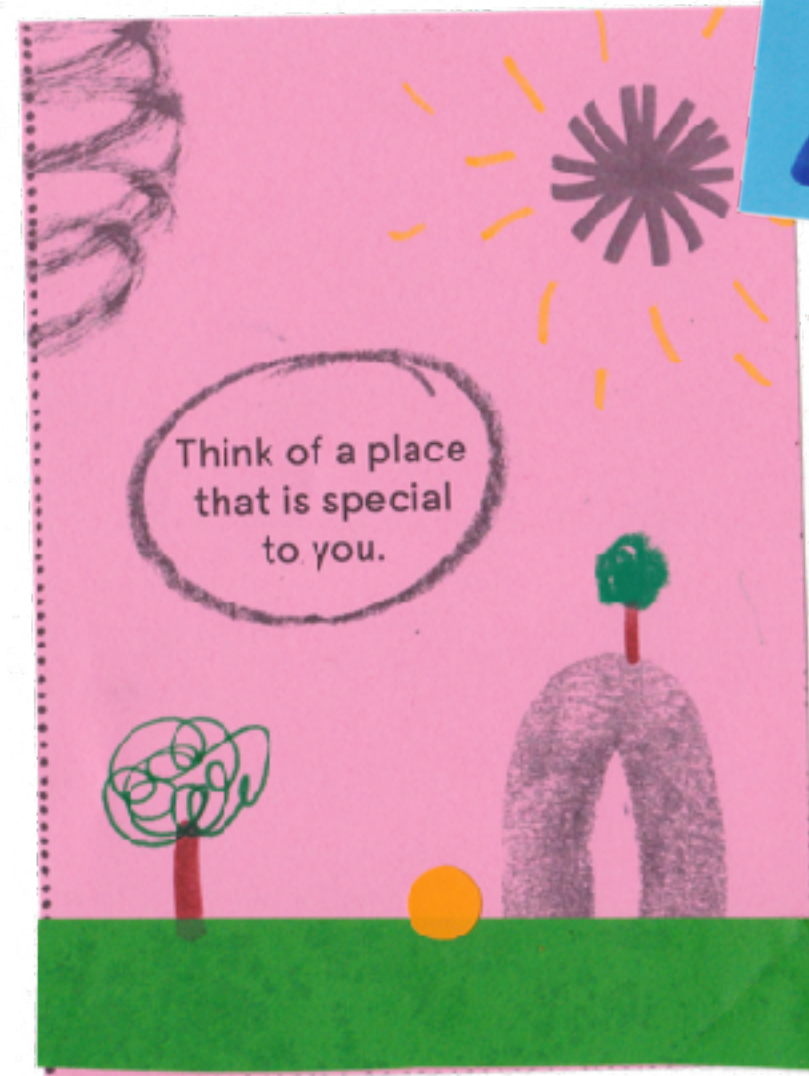


You can collage with paper, use a pencil or pen, add stickers or make marks with a paintbrush or whatever you have lying around!









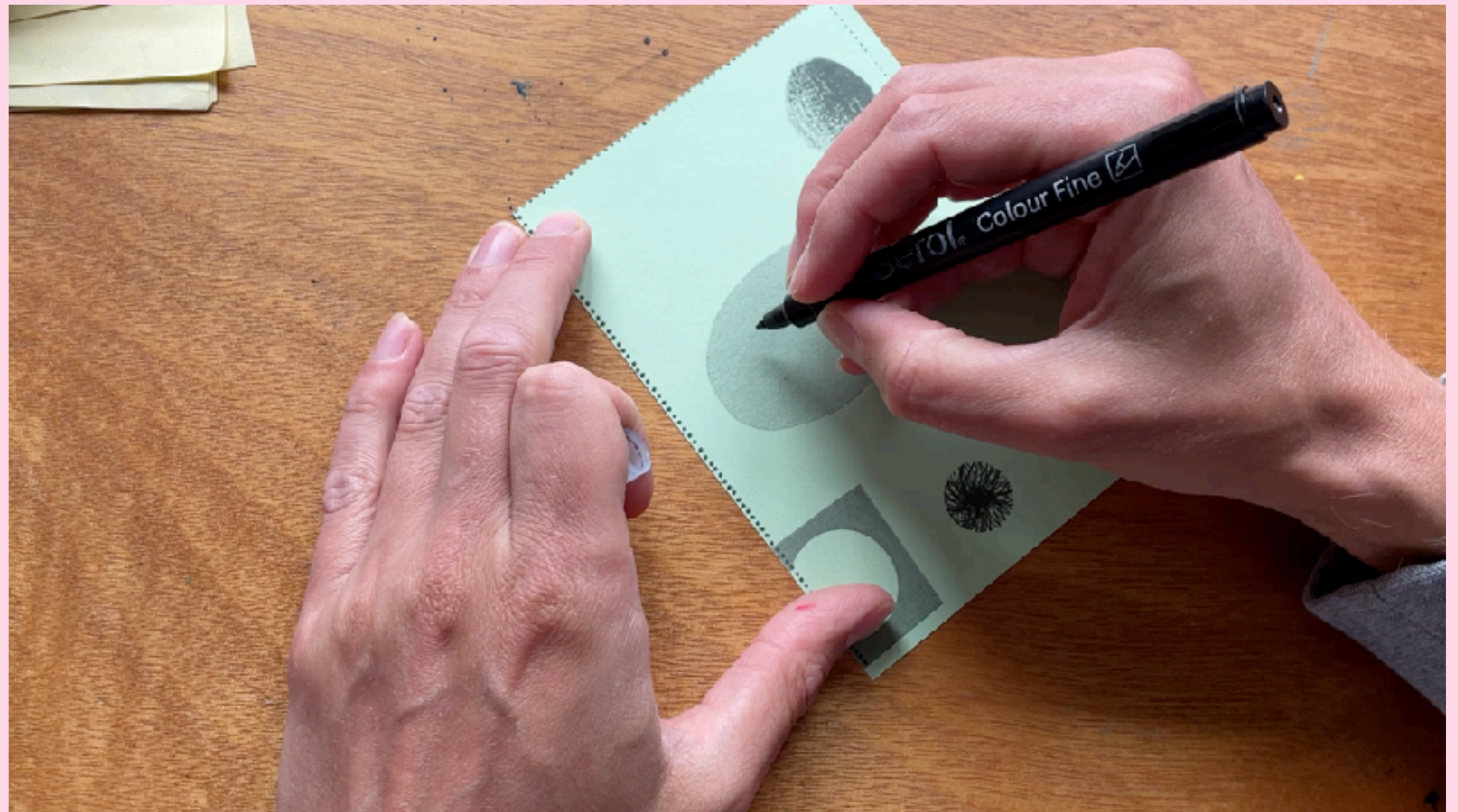
Experiment and have fun. There is no right or wrong way to do this so try not to over think it.



Don't forget to have a go at writing your own prompt.

Is there a question you would ask yourself or prompt that might help you come up with ideas for a project?

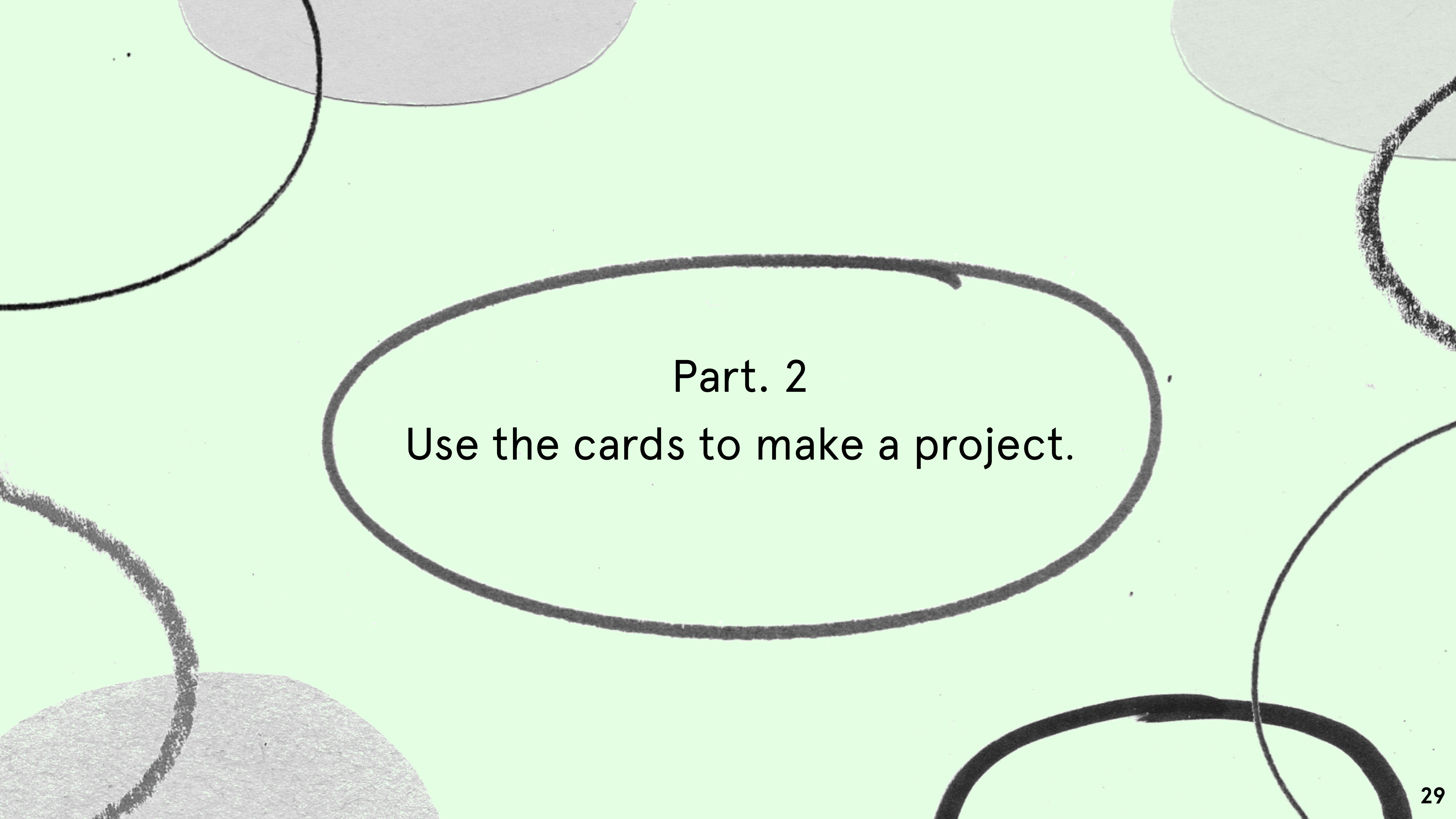
Here are some examples we came up with quickly.



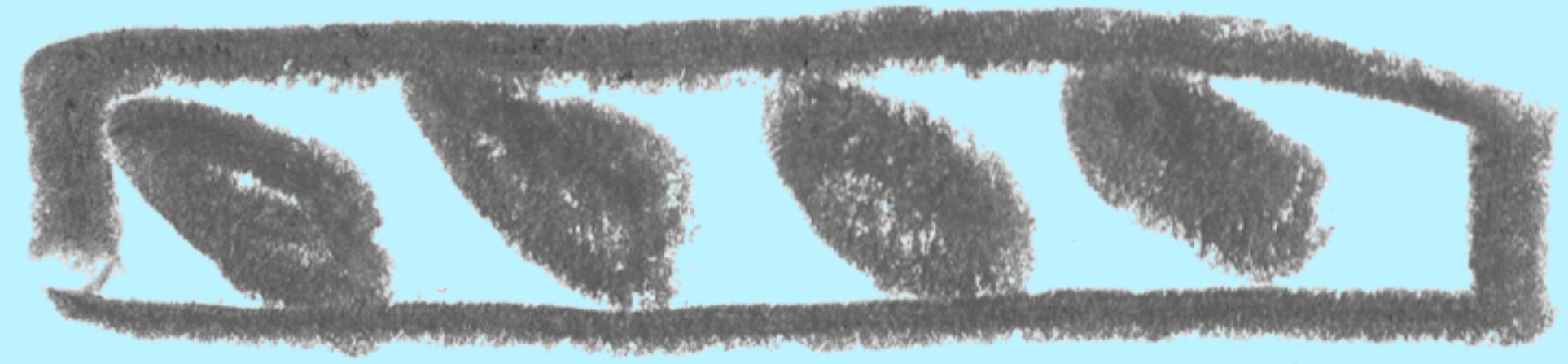
If you have access to one, use a laminator to make your cards robust for lots of use!

Or you could stick them to thicker card instead.



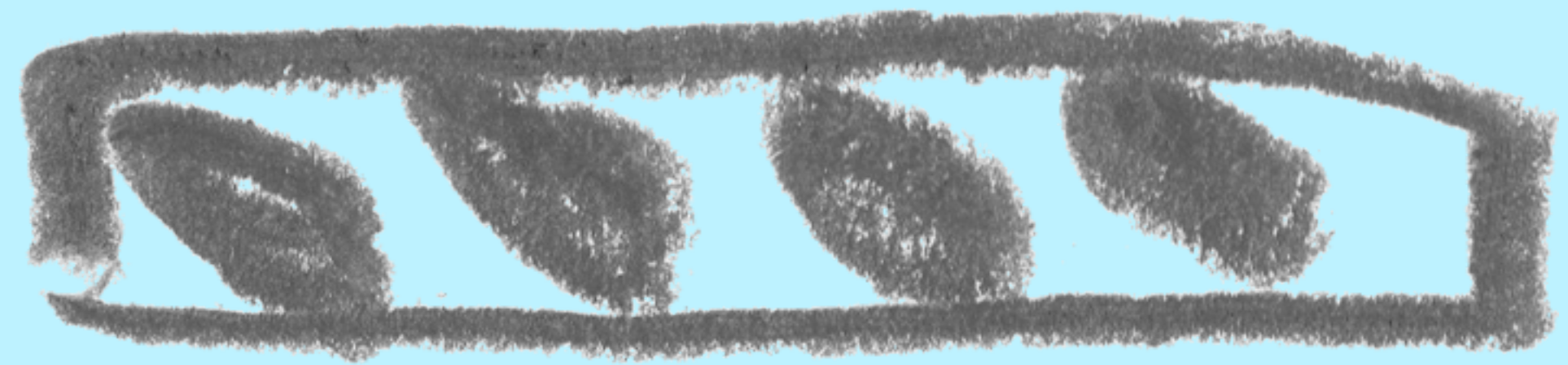


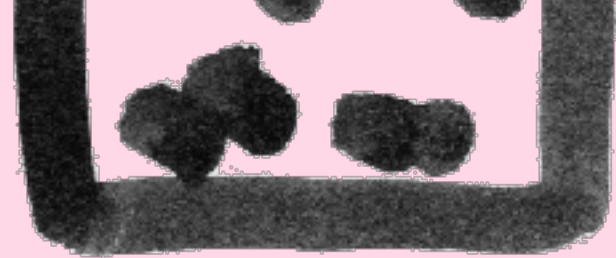
Part. 2
Use the cards to make a project.



Once your cards are complete you can use them to start a project.

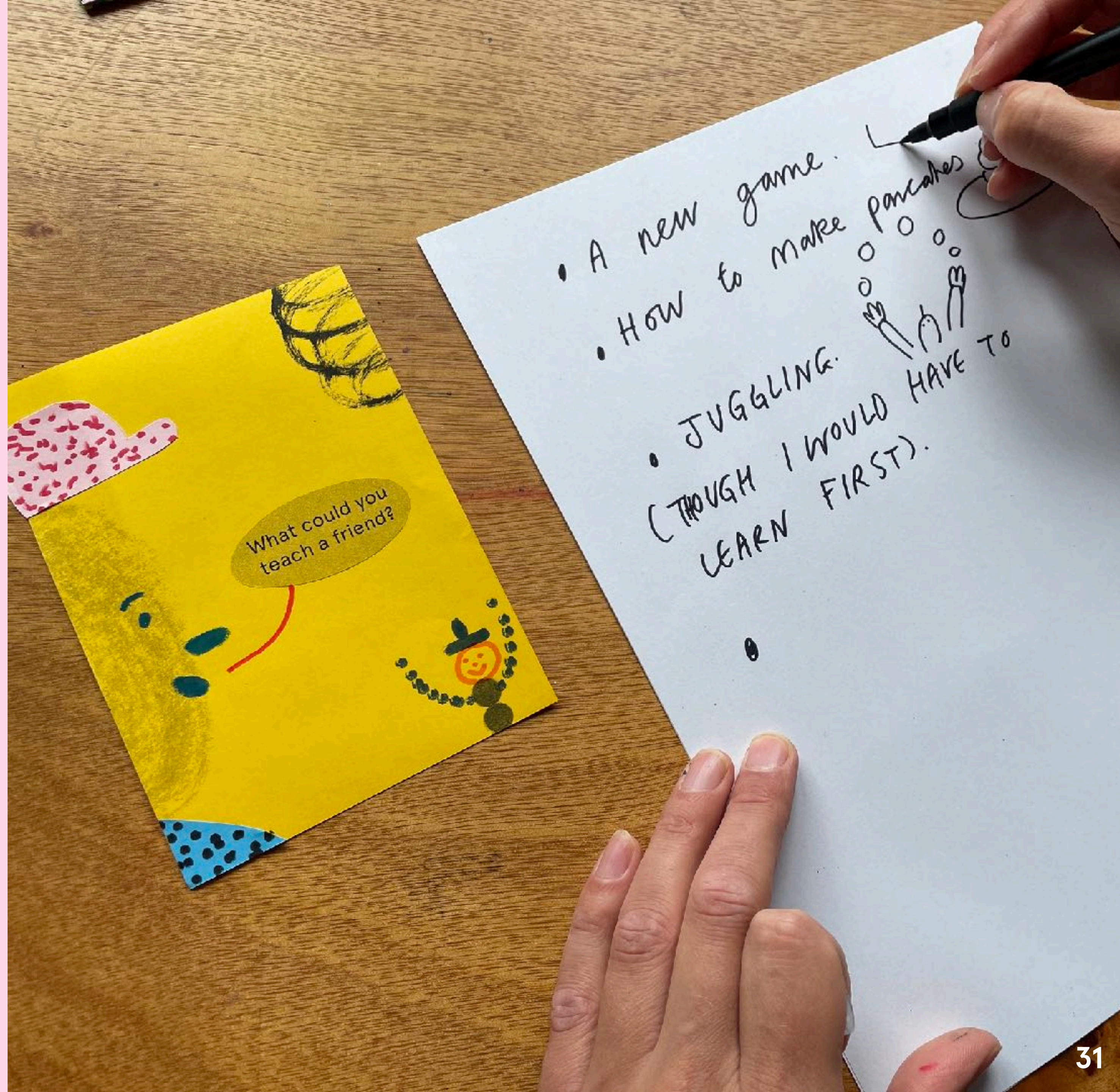
First shuffle the cards and pick one out at random.





Next use a piece of paper to write and draw as many ideas as you can in response to the prompt or question on the card.

Again, don't worry about if the ideas are good or bad, just get them down on the piece of paper.



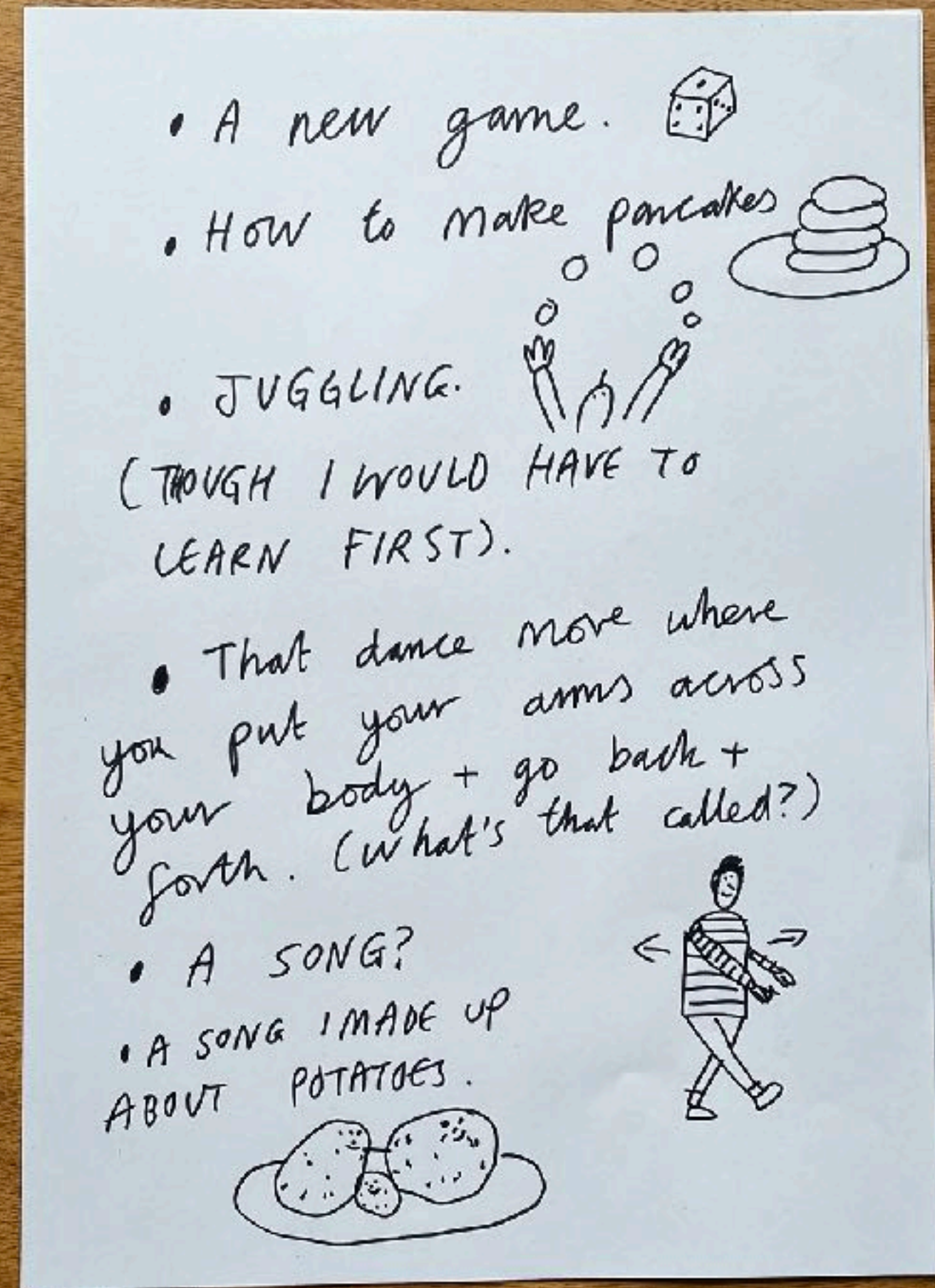
Once you have some ideas down you can choose a project to do – such as writing a short story, designing a poster or making a comic.

You can now pick out an idea or two to help you make your project.

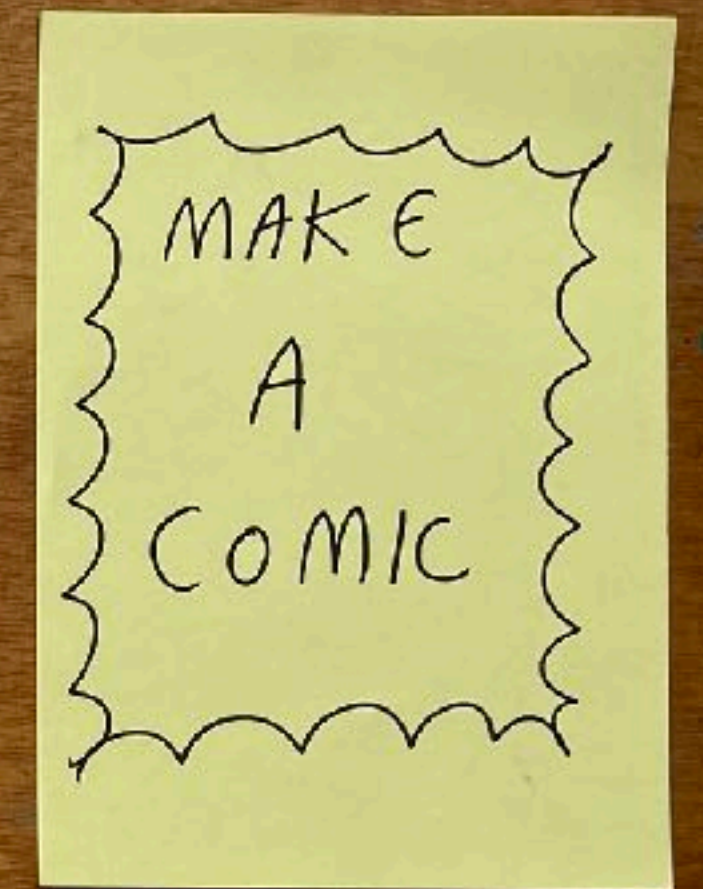
Here is an example...



Card



Ideas



Project

Here I picked out the card:
What could I teach a friend?

I then listed some things I
thought I could teach a friend.

I chose the project 'Make a
Comic' and chose to make a
comic about making pancakes,
obviously.



Here is another example:

Card picked at random: Think of something you like about yourself.

Write / Draw / Brainstorm: I am kind, I am a good listener, I am funny, I have a big smile.

Project: Write a short story.

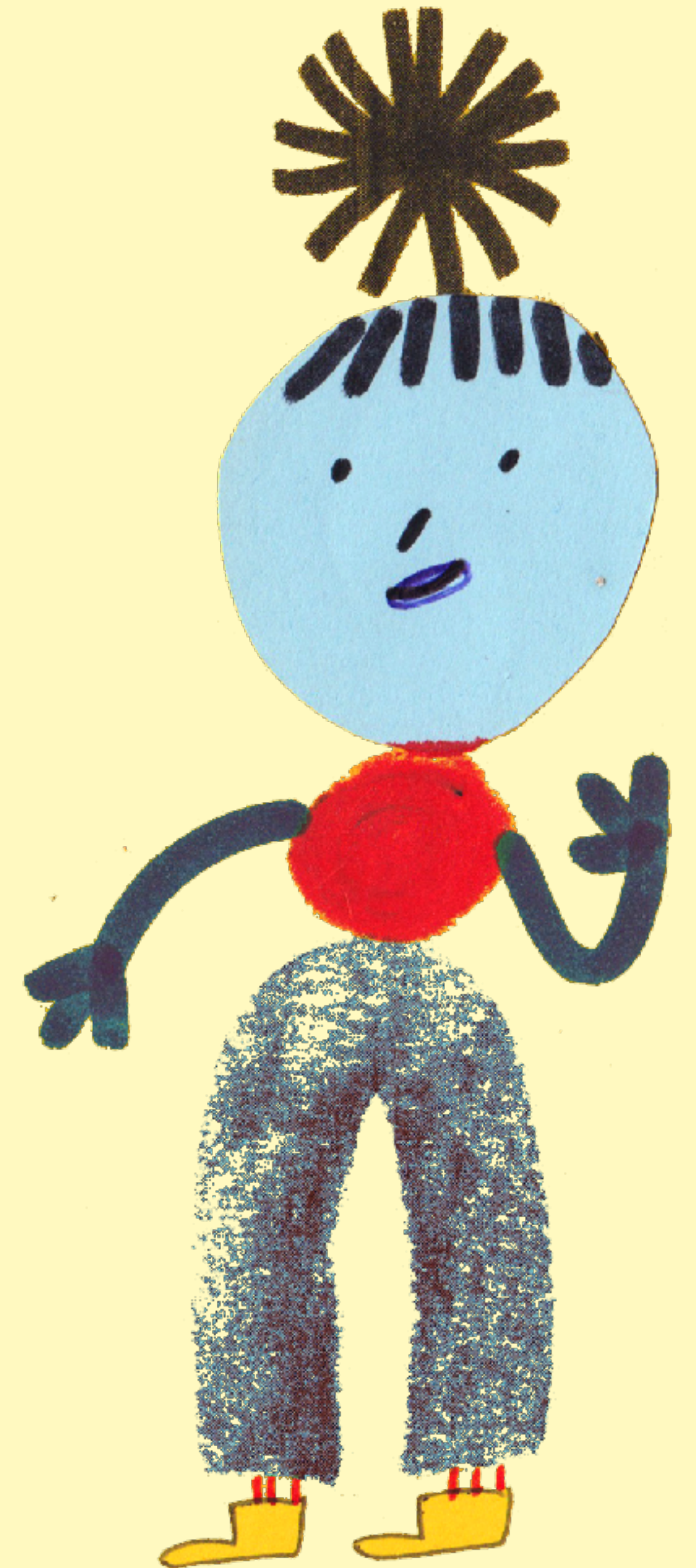
Use your ideas to start thinking about a story.

Could it be about a time you carefully listened to someone else's problem? Or one time at a birthday party when you made everyone laugh so much coca cola came out of their nose?



If it feels strange having yourself as the main character in a story or comic you can always use a made up character instead.

The cards are there to spark your first ideas so have fun with them and see where they can lead you.



Once you have finished why not share your project with your friends or family?

Here are some other projects that you could use the cards to do...



A zine about a place
- This one is about Iceland



A tiny book.
- This one was mostly drawn on the train.



Costumes for your band to wear




Ceramics

Here is a list of projects you could try...

- Write a short story
- Design a poster
- Make a comic
- Create a mini book or zine
- Make something three dimensional
- Write an article
- Research online
- Create a moodboard
- Think of a campaign
- Run a mini workshop
- Invent something





Well done and thanks for making these Creative Prompt Cards. We hope they lead to lots of great new ideas and fantastic projects of your own!

We would love to see what you make so please Share them with us on the below instagram accounts.

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