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Zigzag Pictures

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12 friendship-themed, kinetic zigzag pictures (agamographs)

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PRINT SETTINGS

Please use Acrobat Reader to print and make sure that the settings 'Actual size' and 'Auto portrait/landscape' are selected.

SAVE PAPER & TONER

Only print out the pages you need.

About Agamographs

Kinetic art refers to works of art that move. These can be constructions that move or mobiles that are set in motion by air currents, for example. Works of art that appear to change when the viewer moves also count. One such fascinating example of a picture with hidden content is the agamograph.

Zigzag pictures consist of two separate pictures that are folded like an accordion. The viewer sees a different picture depending on where they stand. The different perspectives offer different pictorial content. Each viewer has a different image in front of them and so becomes a 'co-creator' of their own work of art. This is reminiscent of the guessing game that small children like to play: "I see something you don't, and that is…"

The first kinetic zigzag pictures were made by the Israeli artist Yaacov Agam in the early 1950s. Because Agam was deeply rooted in the Jewish faith (his father was a rabbi) his images are aniconic, that is, non-representational. Pious Jews are forbidden from depicting things ("You shall not make for yourself an image of God that represents anything in the heavens above, on the earth below, or in the water under the earth.")

For someone who likes to paint or draw, such a ban is a great challenge. Agam therefore experimented a lot with geometric shapes and with color. In the process, he discovered the zigzag pictures that are now named after him.

Our agamographers don't have to avoid depicting things, of course, although some of the templates are indeed non-representational, like the speech bubbles found in comics. They don't represent anything that exists in reality. The construction of an agamograph is a complicated mathematical problem but we've made that part easy for you so that kids can start creating their own fascinating agamograph right away!
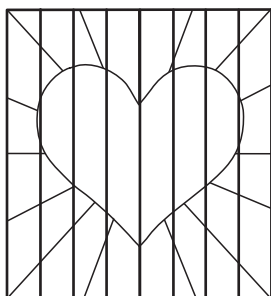
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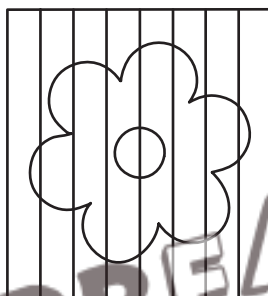# Best Friends - Motifs

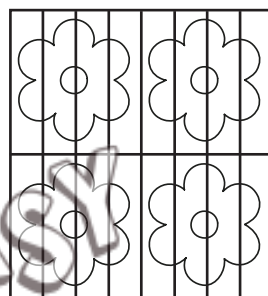### 4 hearts + big heart
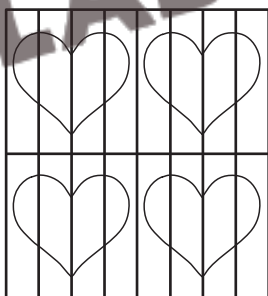
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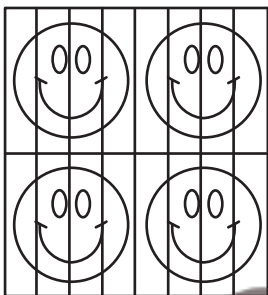
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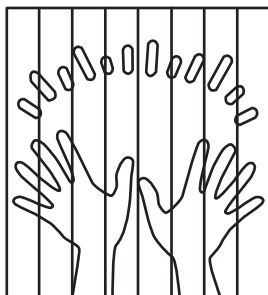
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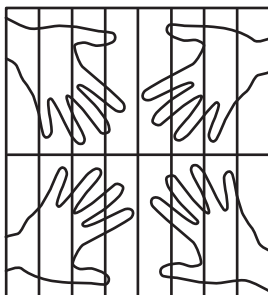### 4 smileys + big smiley

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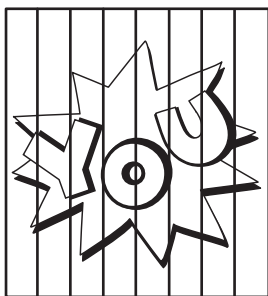
2 hands + 4 hands

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You + Me

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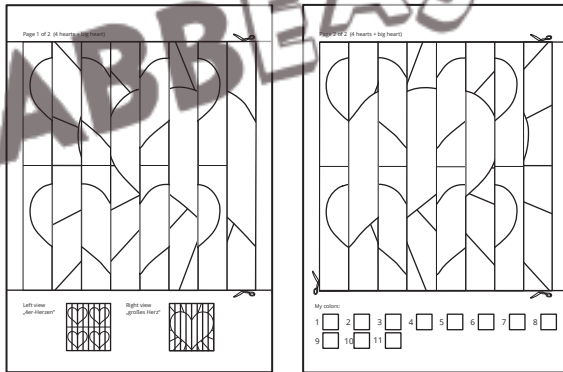
High five + Best friends

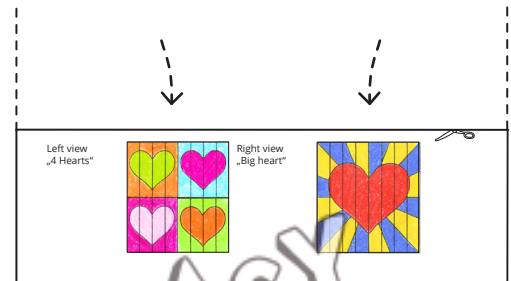Left side / Page 19

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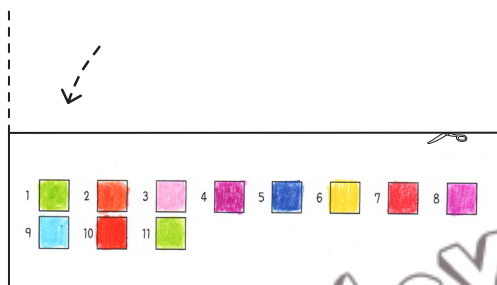
Zigzag Pictures

1

Print out the desired motif pages - always the two that go together - on paper. Color in the fields with colored pencils or pens as follows...
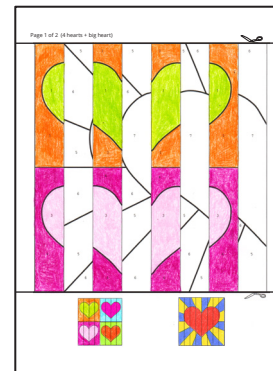
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Left view „4 Hearts" Right view „Big heart"

Color in the small motif images at the bottom beforehand with the colors you want to use. Identical numbers always correspond to the same color.
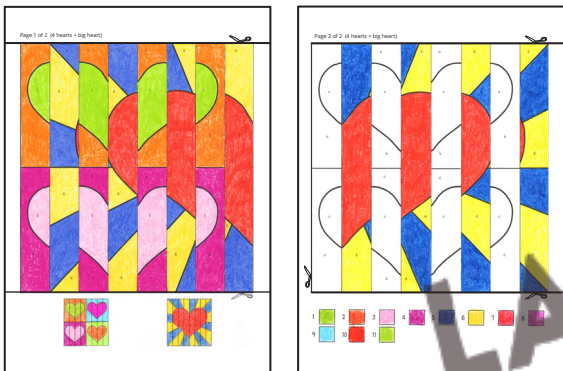
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On page 2, color in the numbered boxes with your chosen colors. With this to help you, coloring in the motifs correctly is very easy.
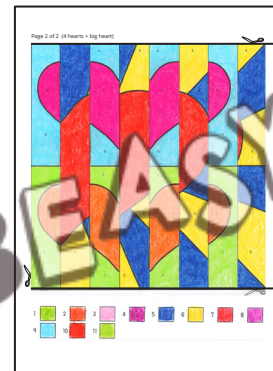
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Color in page 1 first. Bright colors give the best effect. In our example, the 4 hearts are: 1 = green, 2 = orange, 3 = pale pink, 4 = bright pink.

5

In our example, the rays on page 1 are: 5 = dark blue, 6 = yellow, and the big heart: 7 = red. On page 2, the colors of the large motif remain the same.

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The hearts on page 2 are assigned different colors to those on page 1. Any remaining small white areas on both sides are colored in to match.