

Hello StrongStart families,

Today's post is put together by Ms. Natalya (from Nightingale).



Saint Patrick's Day is celebrated each year on March 17th. In Ireland, Saint Patrick's Day is both a holy day and a national holiday. Saint Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland. Although it began in Ireland, Saint Patrick's Day is celebrated in countries all around the world. Let's start with a song called "I'm a Little Leprechaun" by the Kiboomers (to the tune of "I'm a Little Teapot") - https://youtu.be/BSJsP_EBhR4

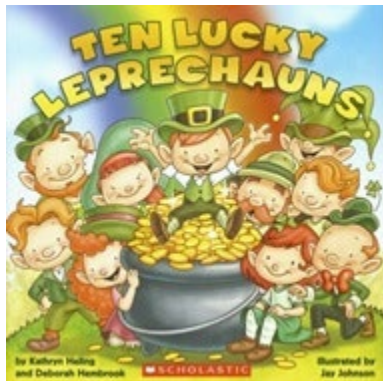
I'm a little leprechaun (hands on hips),
Dressed in green (point to shirt),
The tiniest man (hold thumb and index an inch apart) *that you have seen* (point to others).
If you ever catch me, so it's told (make a motion like you're grabbing at the leprechaun),
I'll give you my big pot of gold (make a motion like you're giving something away).

Now, let's make a St. Patrick's Day sensory bin - it looks like a leprechaun's bedroom! You can use any green materials. Here is a list of suggestions:



- green Easter grass
- green and yellow split peas (dyed beans or rice)
- cereal (especially for younger children since it's edible)
- gold coins or gold bells
- green marbles, pompoms or glass beads
- shamrock erasers or cookie cutters
- cups, bowls and scoops
- anything **green** you can find at home!

Next, Ms. Natalya will sing an Irish lullaby song called "Too-Ra-Loo-Ra-Loo-Ral" - https://youtu.be/OzfKk_25wBQ. After this song, have a listen to this book called "Ten Lucky Leprechauns" by Kathryn Heling and Deborah Hembrook - <https://youtu.be/NVH--7Z3hgE>



To finish off this email, we have two art activities for you to try at home!

Shamrock Painting



Materials:

- plastic ziploc bag
- black permanent marker
- yellow and blue paint
- tape (optional)

Instructions:

1. Draw the shamrock shape on the ziploc bag with the permanent marker.
2. Add a bit of blue and yellow paint (more yellow than blue) inside the bag. Tape the bag close.
3. Mix the colours together until your shamrock turns green.
4. You can also follow along with Ms. Natalya as she does this activity - <https://youtu.be/lkL04OIm540>

Pom Pom Rainbow Collage

Materials:

- white paper/cardboard
- markers
- glue (wet glue is better than glue stick)
- paint
- cotton balls
- colourful craft scraps like foam pieces, pom poms, fabric scraps, tissue paper, stickers, buttons, craft gems, etc



Instructions:

1. Paint a basic rainbow on the paper.
2. Encourage your child to sort craft scraps into their own colours.
3. Once the paint has dried, glue the scrap materials onto the corresponding colours of the rainbow.



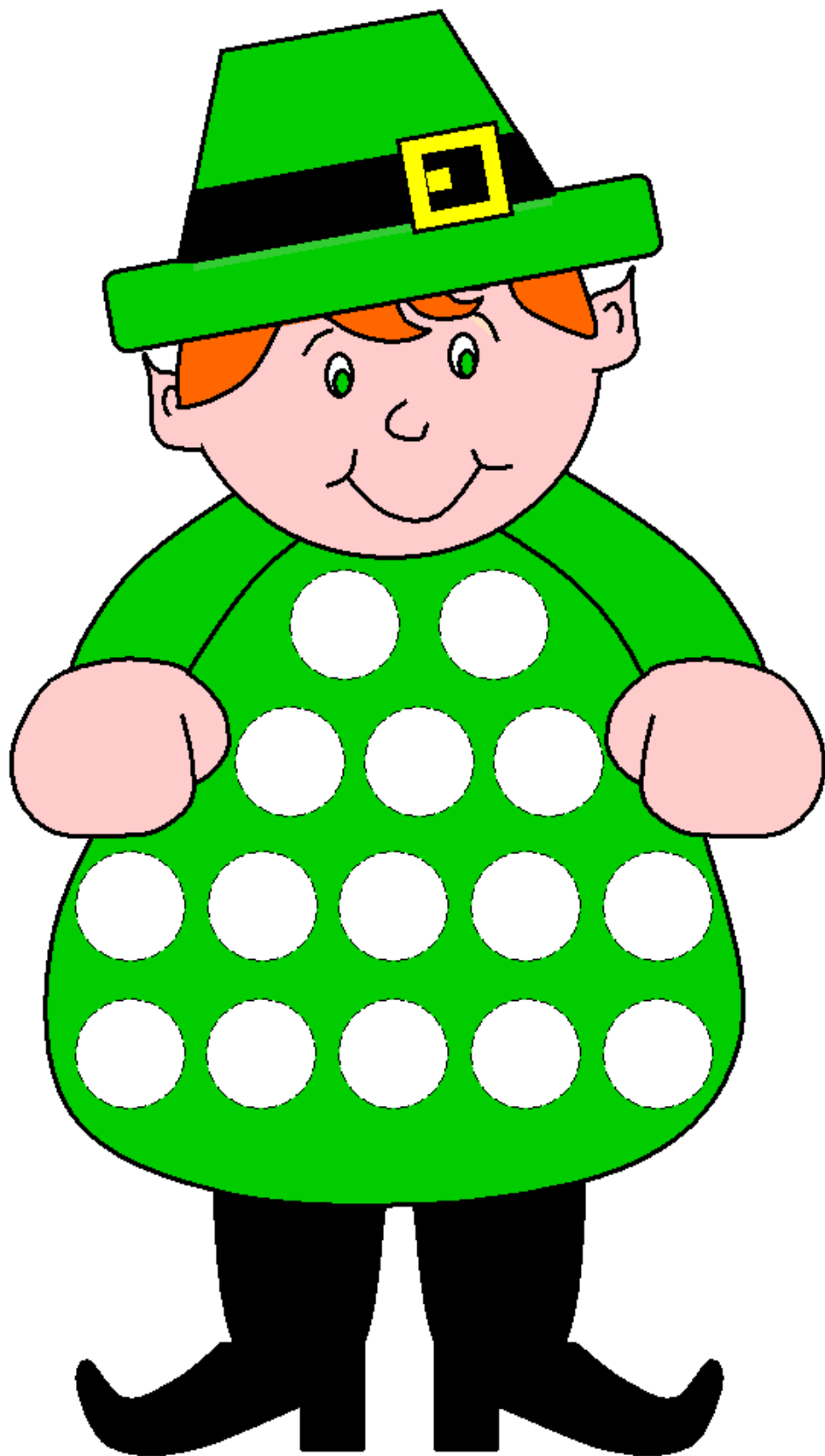
For more activities, check out the Saint Patrick's Day Activity PDF attached with this email. Print out and use bingo dabbers, stickers, pom poms or buttons to fill in the circles!

Just a reminder that StrongStart will be closed for Spring Break from Friday March 12 to Tuesday March 30. Sign-up emails will be sent on Monday March 29. We hope you have a fun and safe spring break!

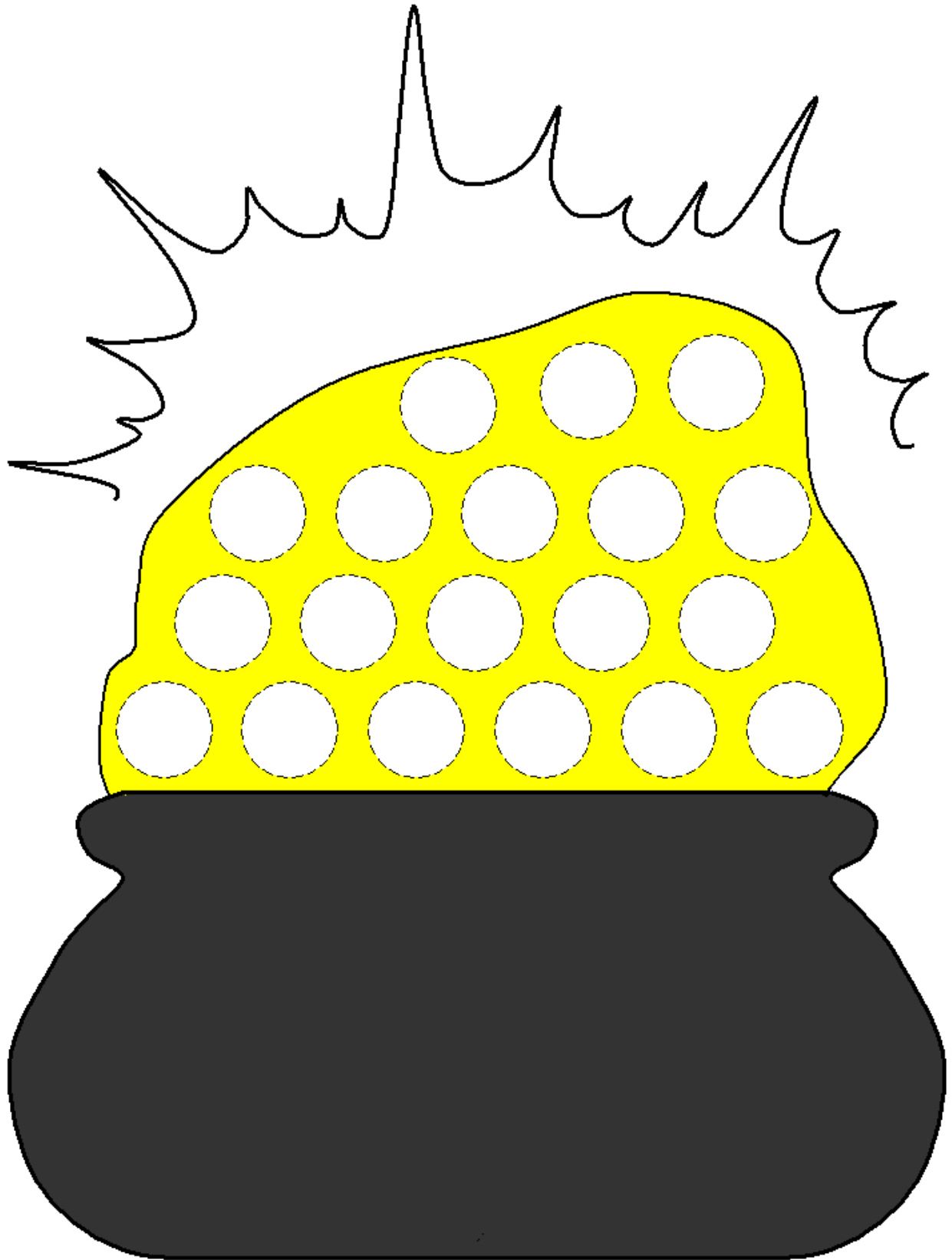
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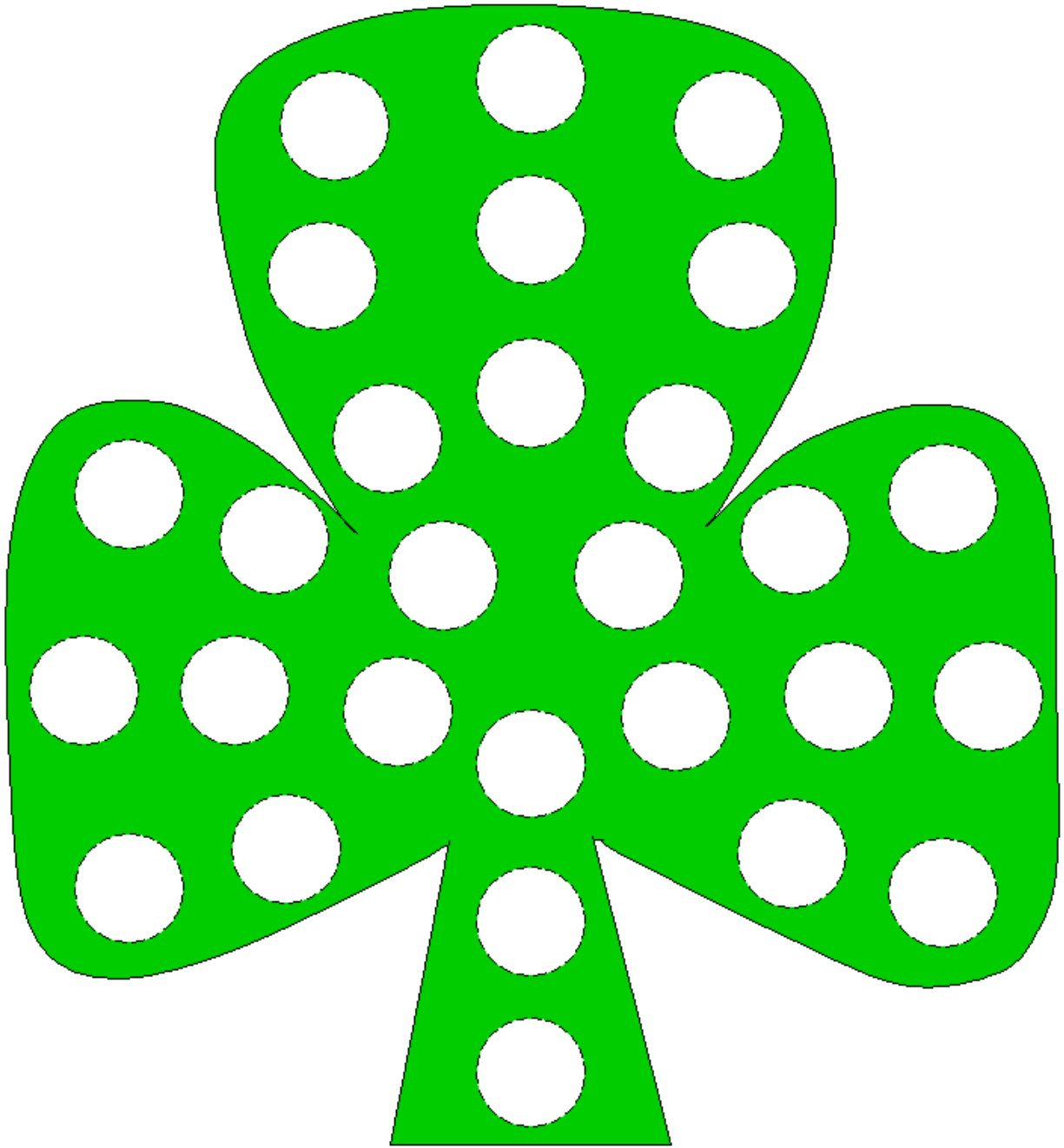
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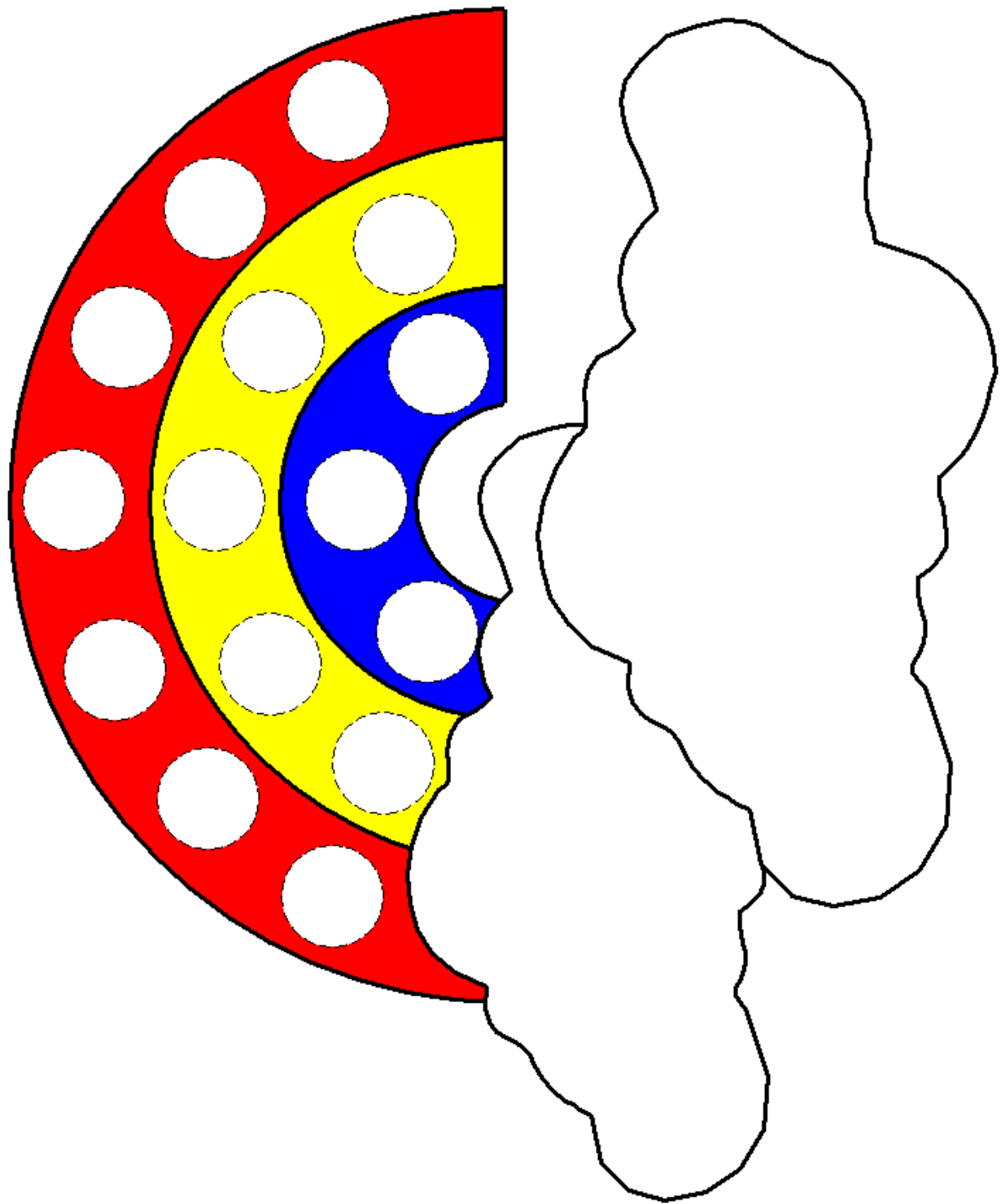
Pot of Gold



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Shamrock



Rainbow