

# Red Envelope Craft for Lesson 2: Chinese New Year

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## Origin of the Chinese Zodiac

Have you ever wondered about where the animals for the Chinese zodiac came from?

One legend says that long ago, the Jade Emperor (玉皇大帝/yù huáng dà dì) decided he wanted twelve animals to be his palace guards. However, the emperor did not want just any animal. So he declared that there would be a competition in the form of a race. The first twelve animals to cross the finish line and get to the palace would be the selected guards.

The last obstacle of the race was a river. Originally, the ox was first in line, but the rat climbed onto the ox's back and jumped in front of him to cross the finish line first. Next came the tiger, rabbit, and dragon. The horse and snake were not far behind the dragon. The snake scared the horse and then slithered into sixth place.

The Jade Emperor looked out from his palace and saw the rooster, monkey, and goat sitting on a raft working together to paddle across the river. The monkey and rooster agreed to let the goat cross first because of his empathy and calmness.

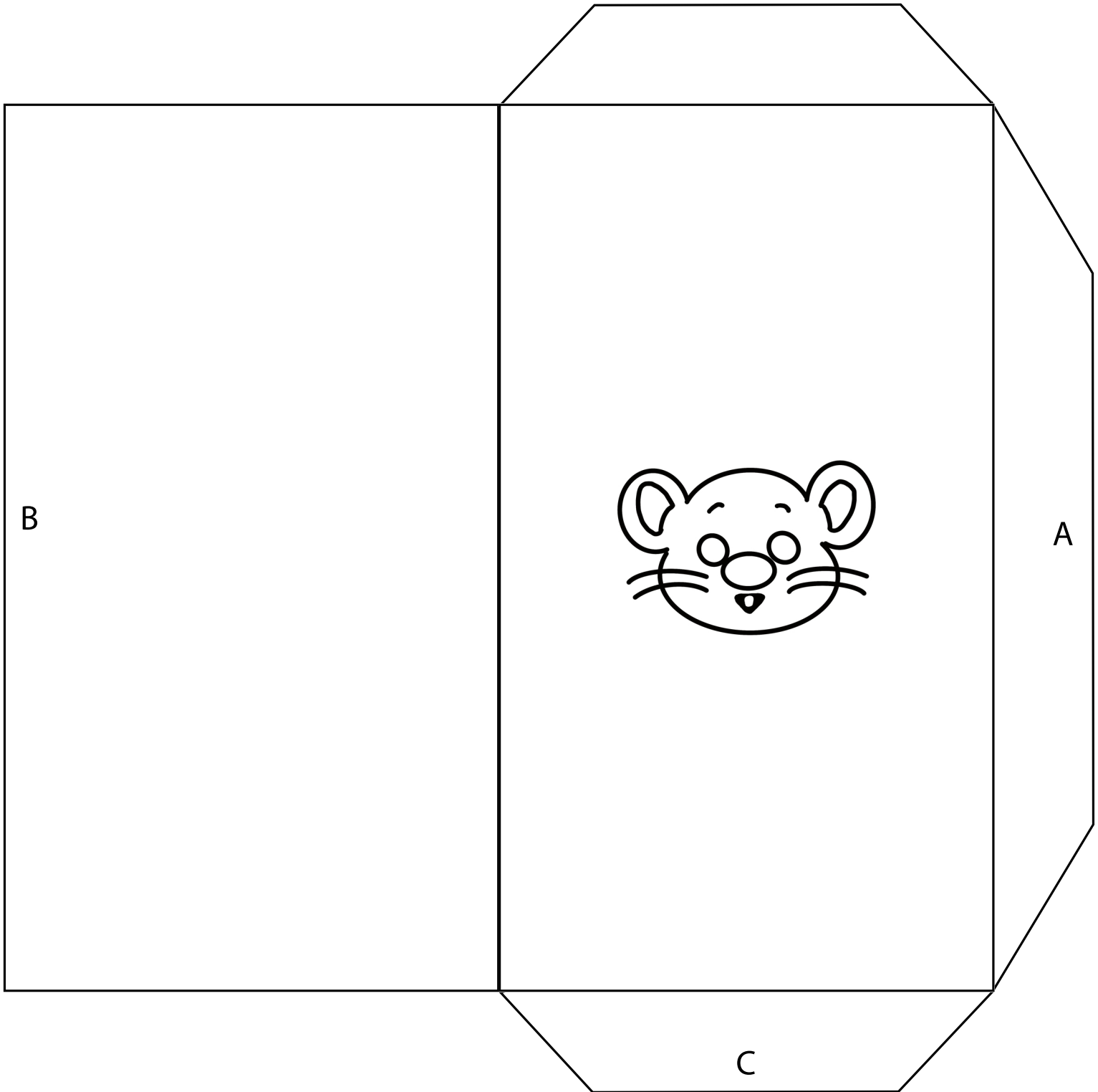
Second to last came the dog, who had gotten distracted playing in the water. The pig ended up last after stopping for food and falling asleep.

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## Instructions

1. Print your favorite design out.
2. Cut out the template.
3. Fold along the lines.
4. Apply glue along the long edge of Flap A.
5. Glue Flap A to backside of Flap B.
6. Fold up Flap C and glue it in place.
7. Fold over the top to make a crease, but leave it open to put money inside.

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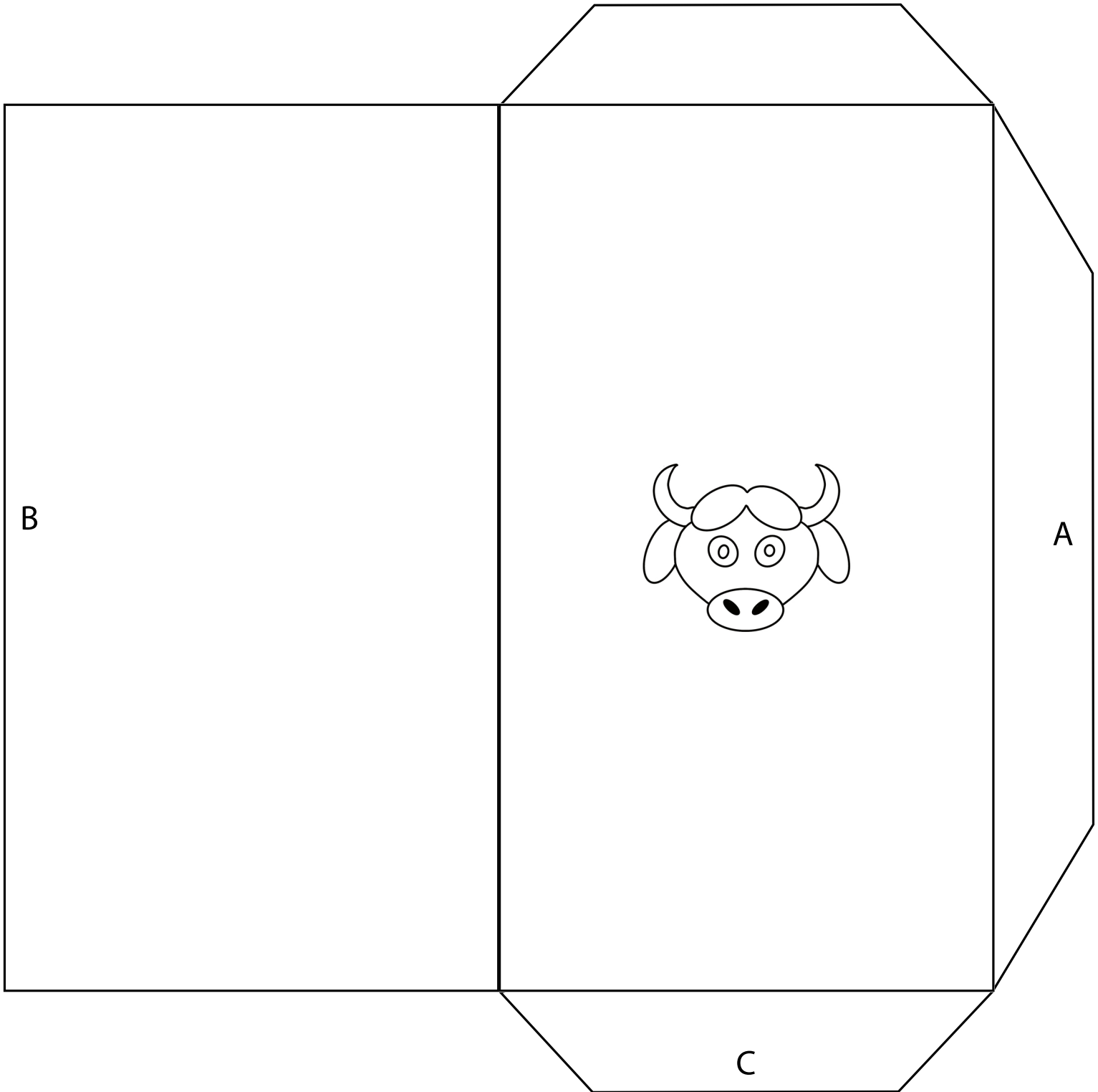


rat (鼠/shǔ)

“adaptable, observant, bold”

Born in 2008, 2020, and 2032

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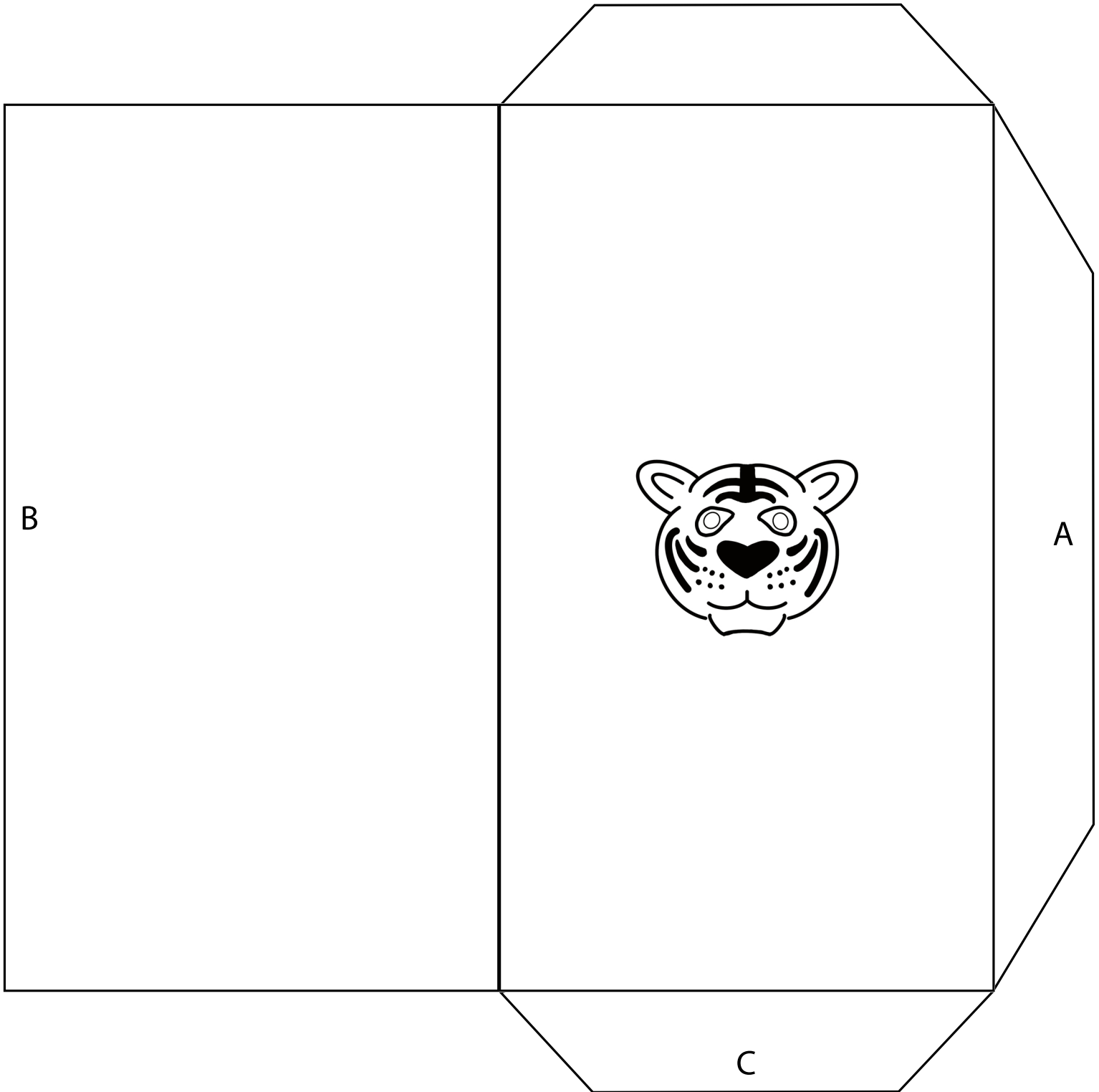


**ox (牛/niú)**

“hardworking, diligent, cautious”

Born in 1997, 2009, and 2021

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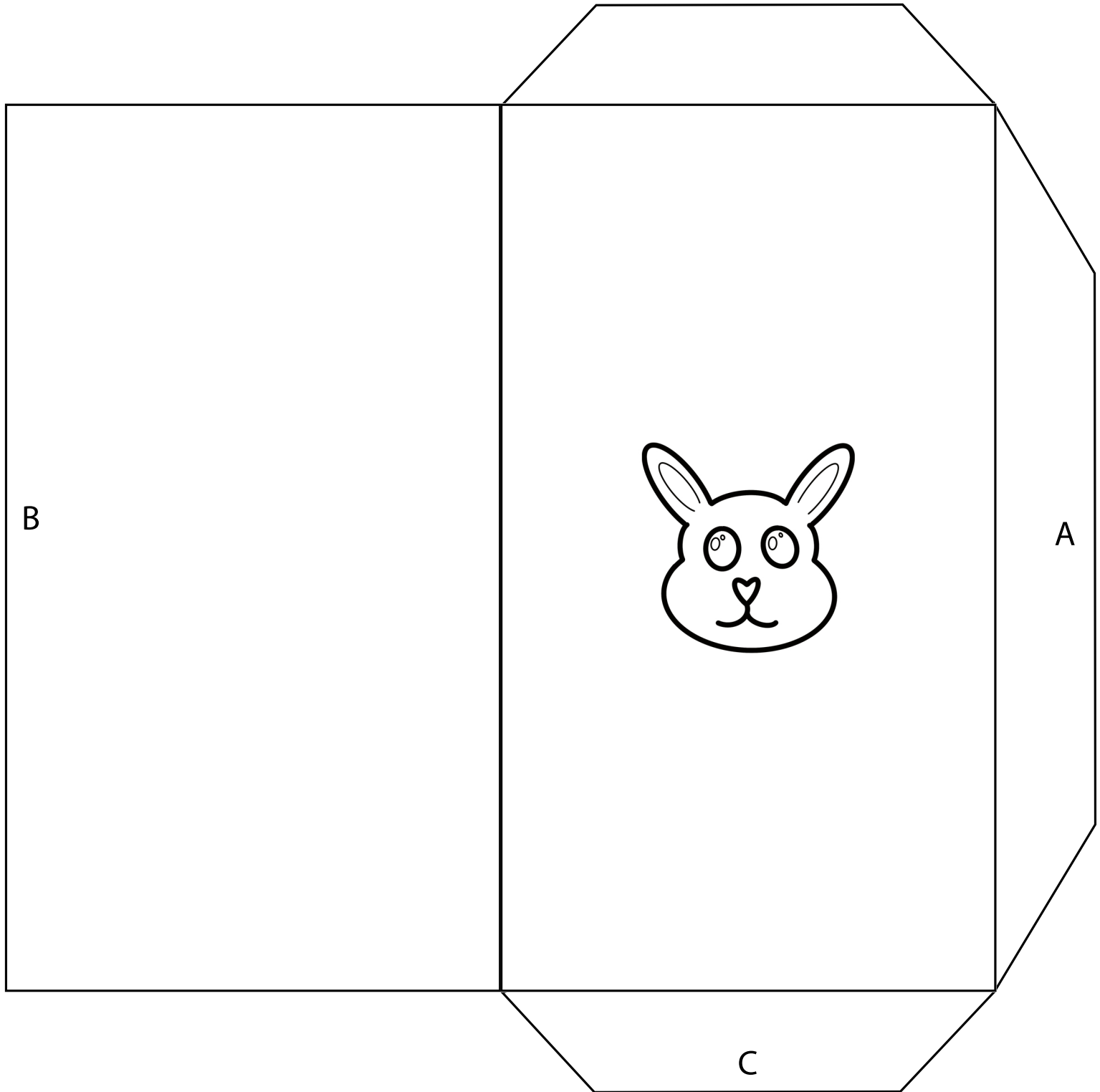


**tiger (虎/hǔ)**

“independent, competitive, generous”

Born in 1998, 2010, and 2022

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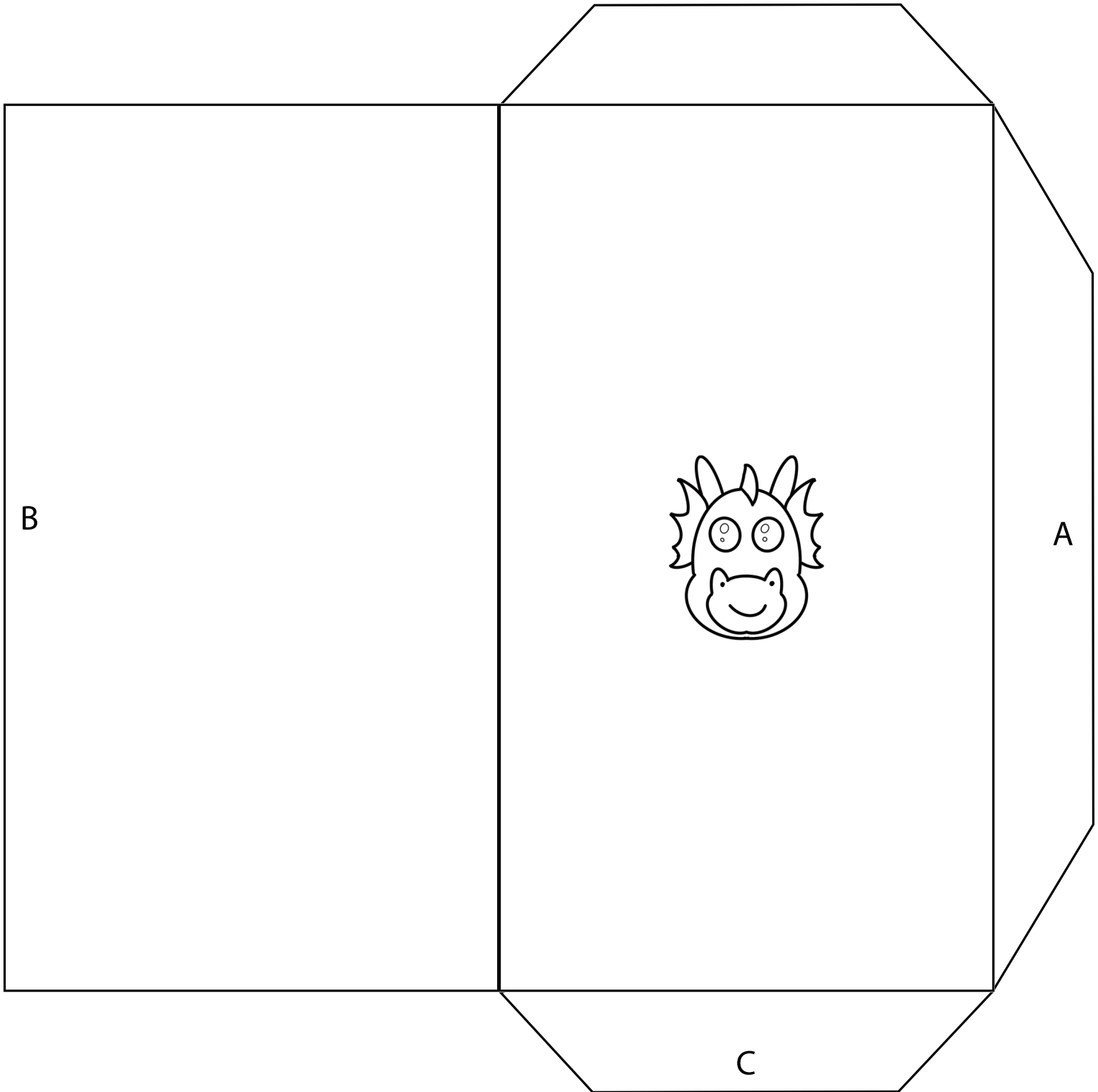


rabbit (兔/tù)

“patient, thoughtful, affectionate”

Born in 1999, 2011, and 2023

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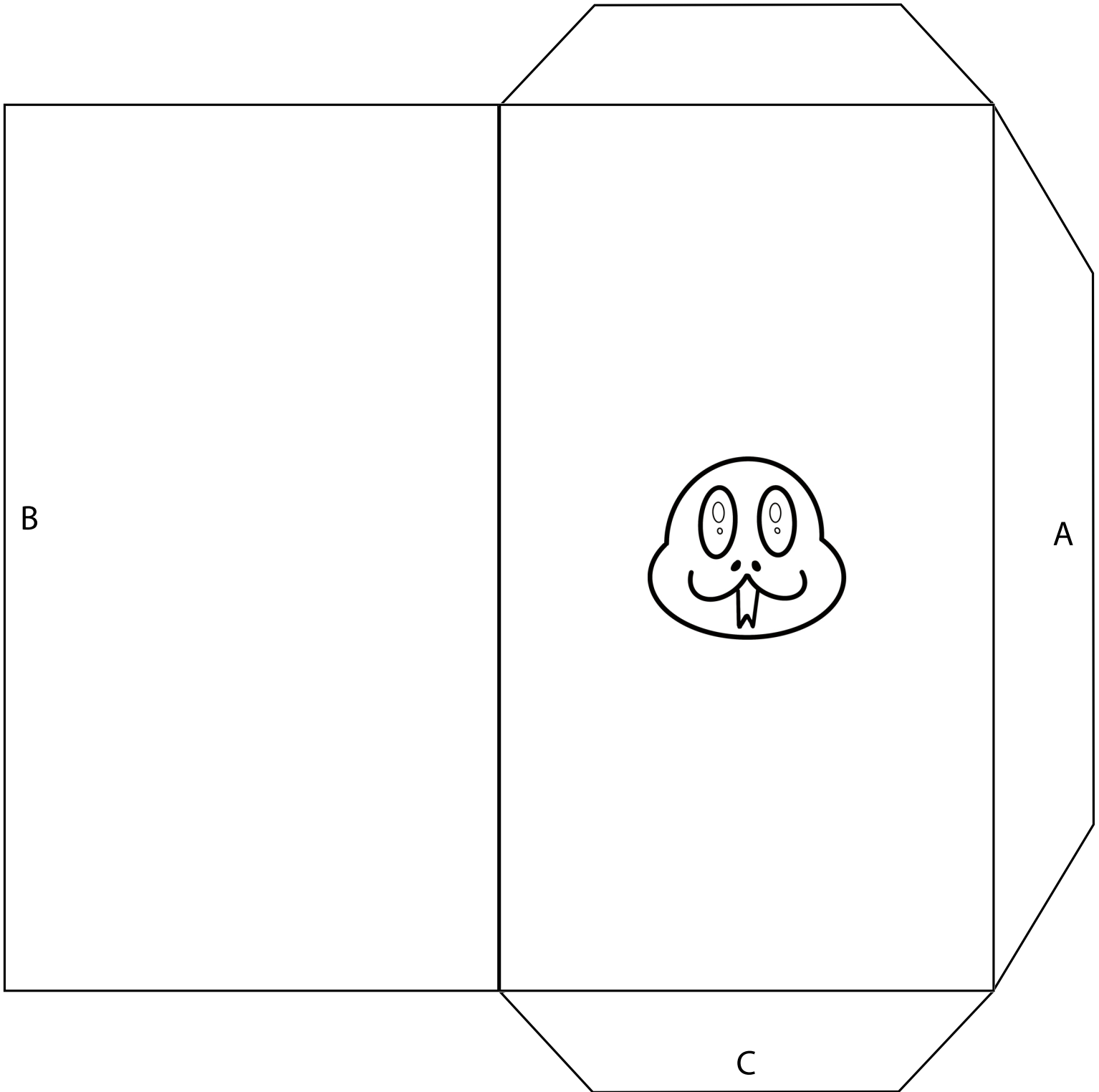


dragon (龙/lóng)

“adventurous, capable, determined”

Born in 2000, 2012, and 2024

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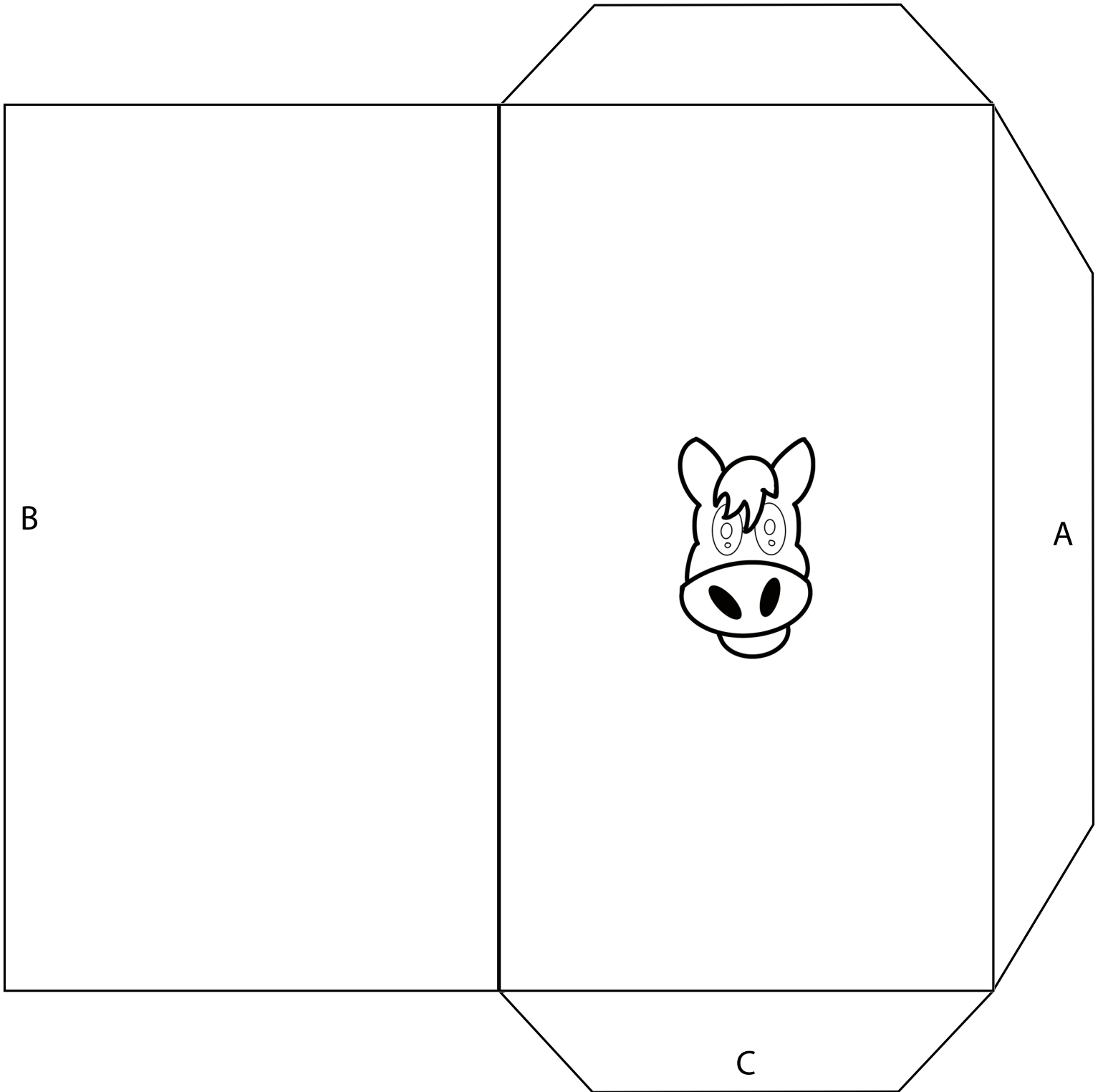


snake (蛇/shé)

“wise, intuitive, polite”

Born in 2001, 2013, and 2025

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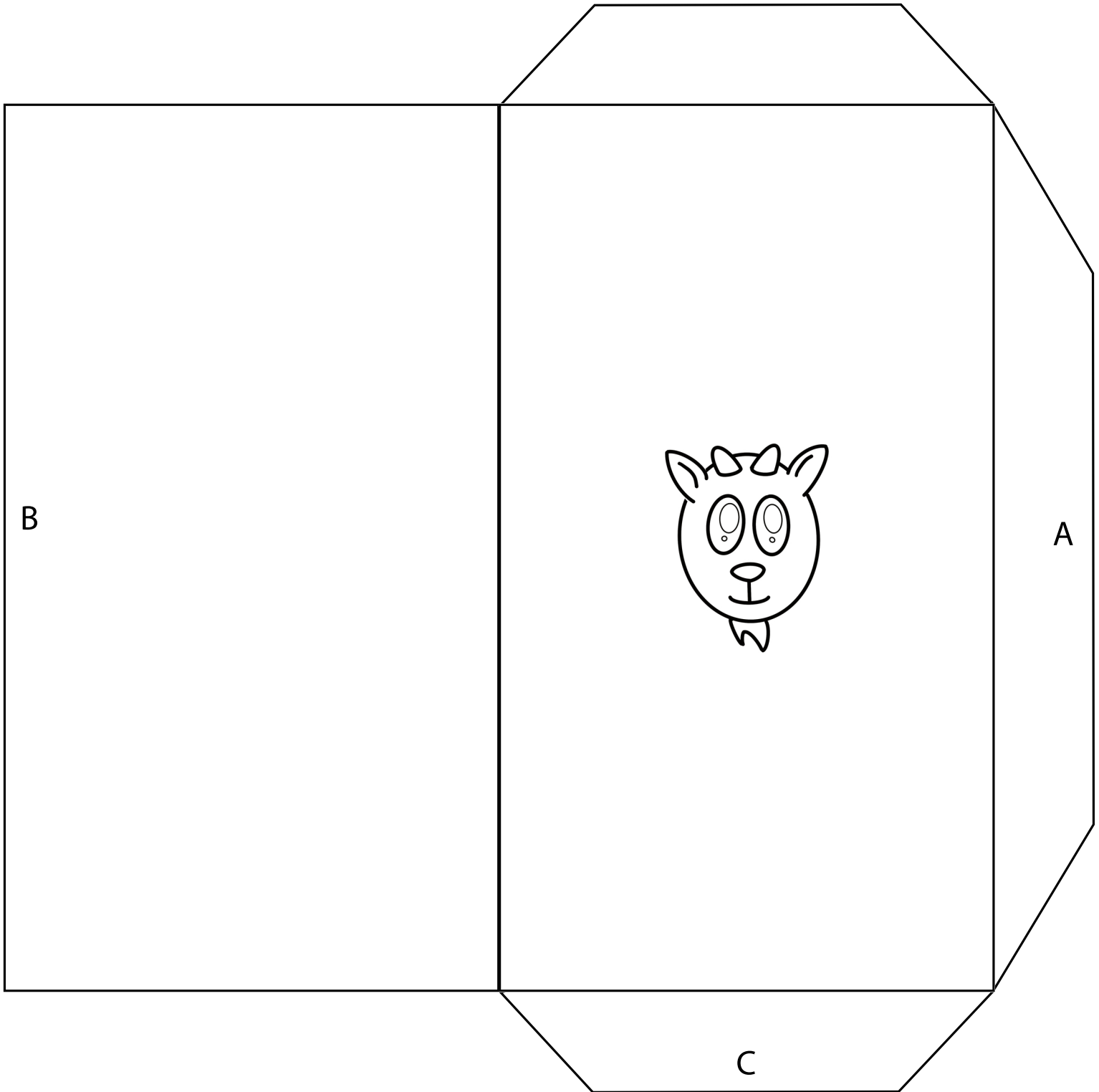
horse (马/mǎ)

“spirited, passionate, outgoing”

Born in 2002, 2014, and 2026



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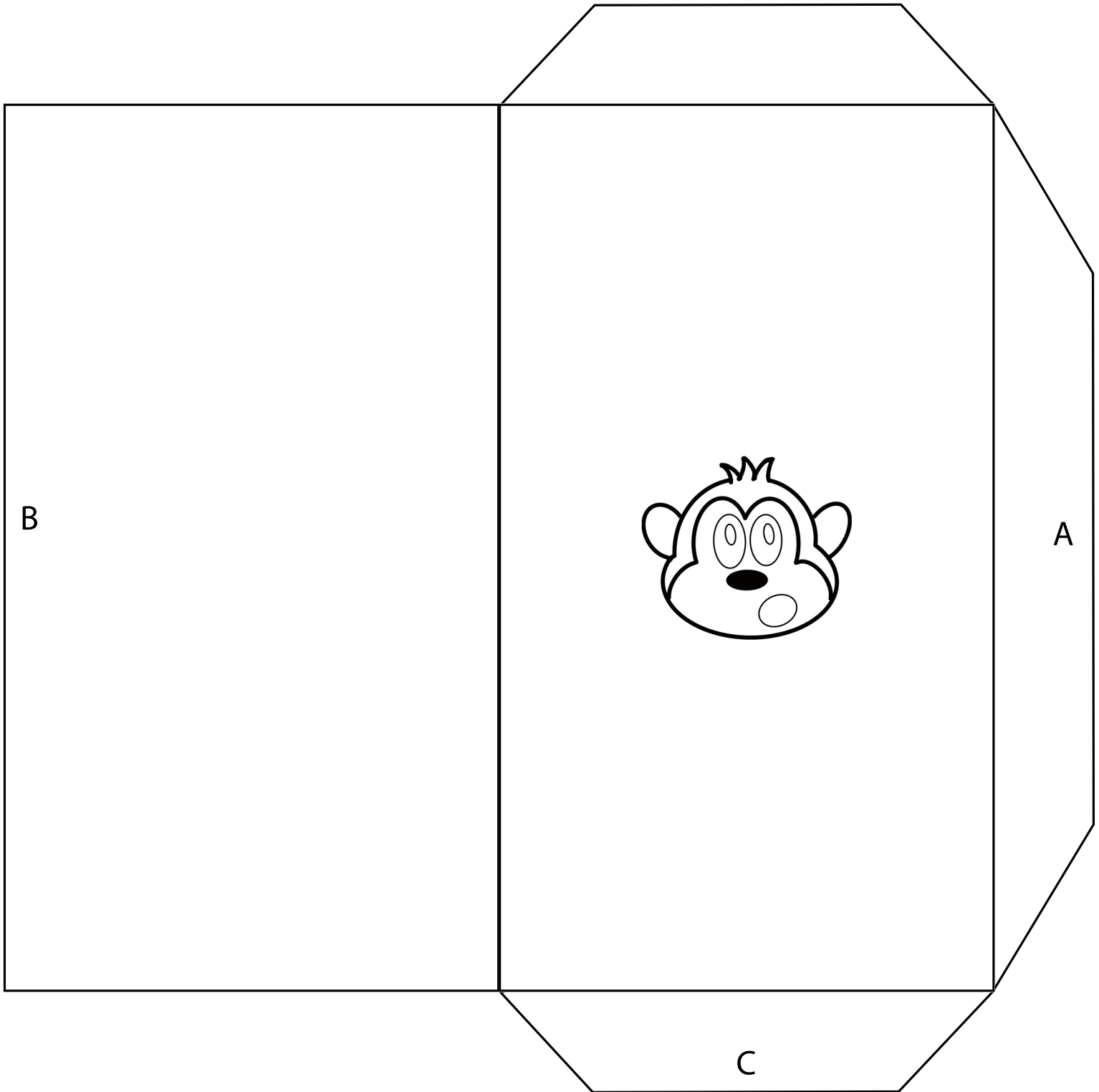


goat (羊/yáng)

“resilient, empathetic, calm”

Born in 2003, 2015, and 2027

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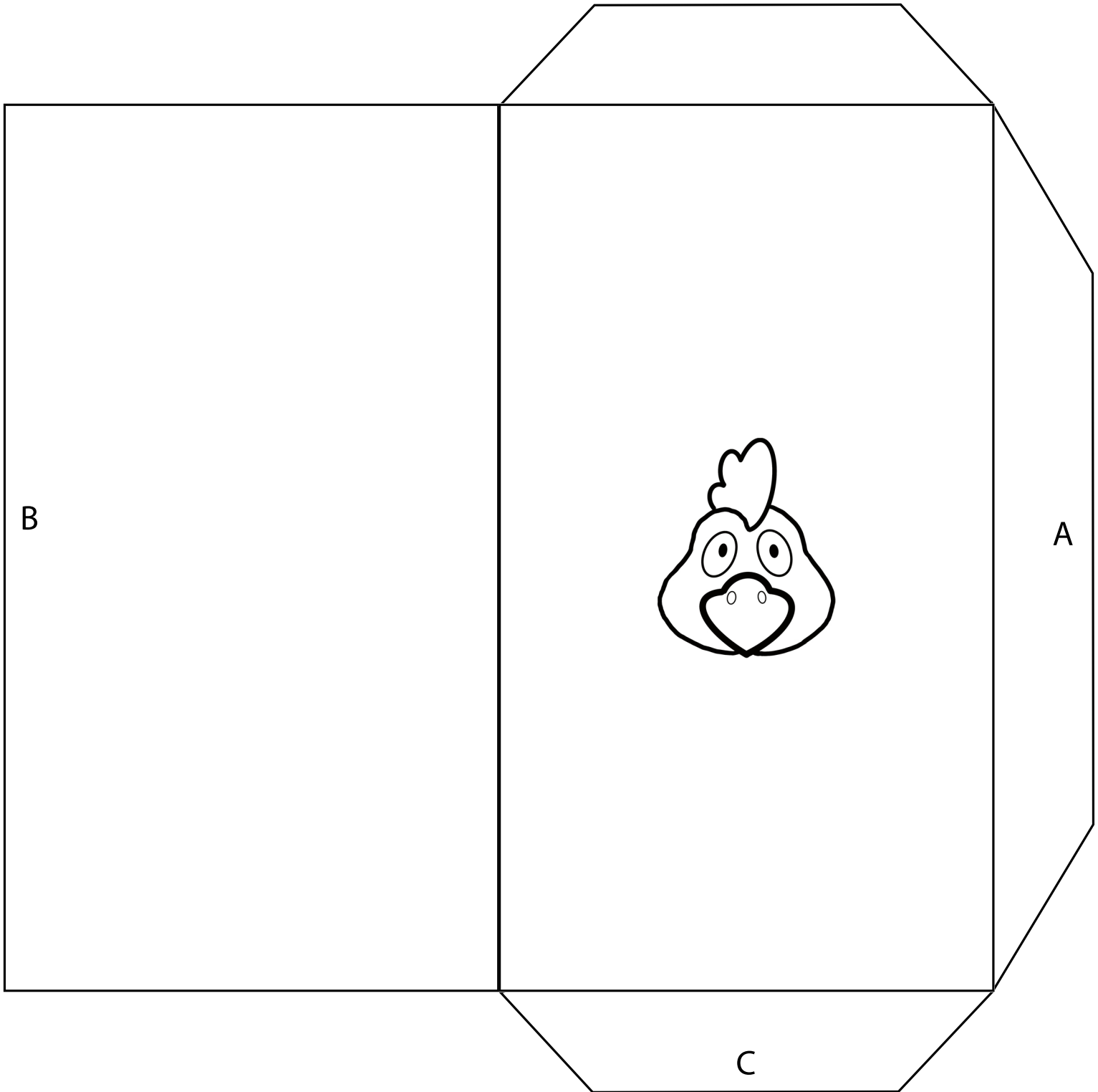


**monkey (猴/hóu)**

“curious, energetic, intelligent”

Born in 2004, 2016, and 2028

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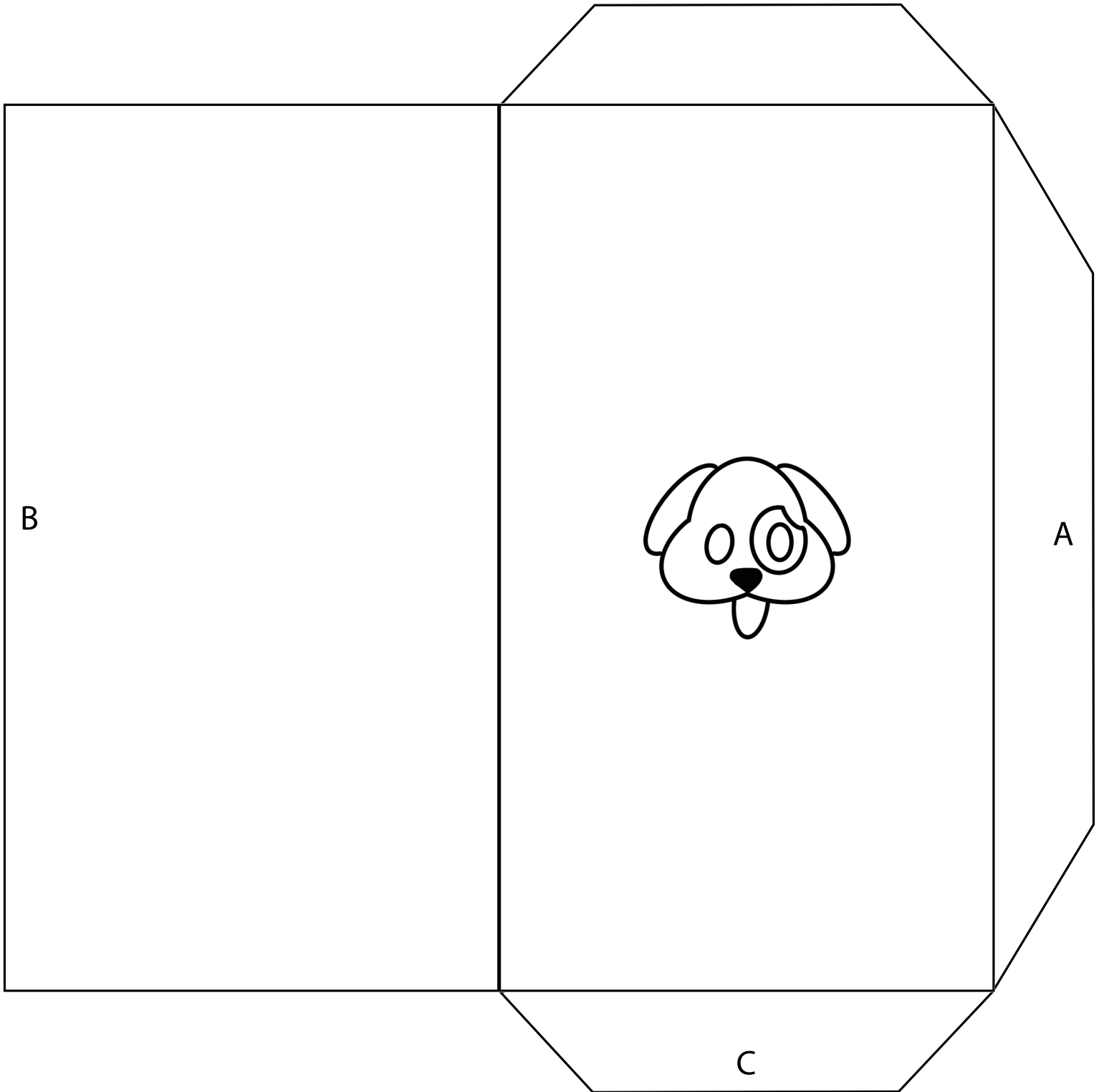


**rooster (鸡/jī)**

“confident, creative, friendly”

Born in 2005, 2017, and 2029

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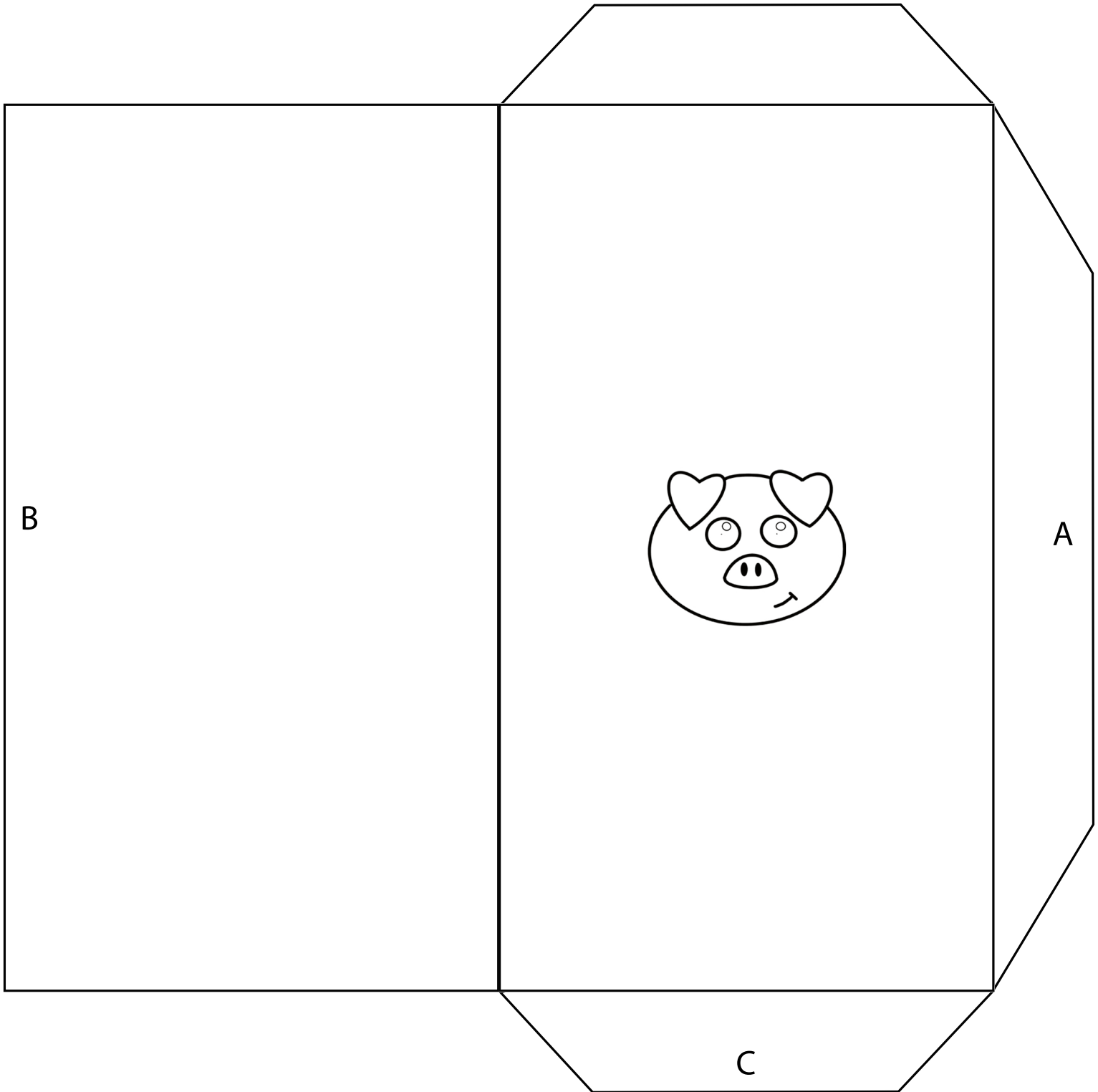


dog (狗/gǒu)

“loyal, warm-hearted, courageous”

Born in 2006, 2018, and 2030

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**pig (猪/zhū)**

“logical, kind, enthusiastic”

Born in 2007, 2019, and 2031