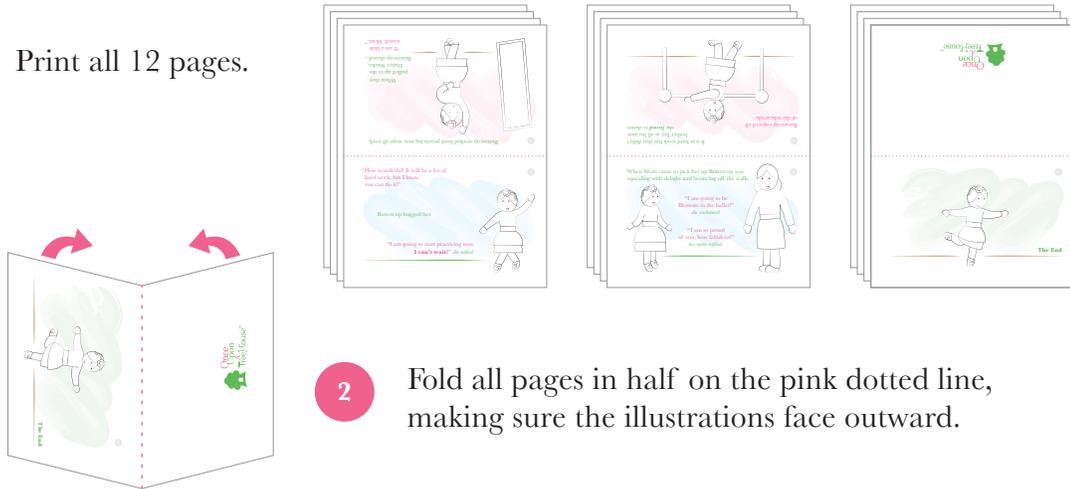


Buttercup in the Butterfly Ballet

Book Assembly Instructions

What you'll need: 13 pieces of paper
Hole punch
3 pieces 12-inch ribbon or string

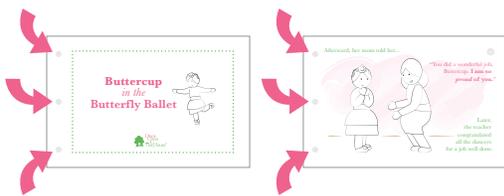
1 Print all 12 pages.



2 Fold all pages in half on the pink dotted line, making sure the illustrations face outward.

3 Put pages in order. Start by placing page 9 on table facing upward and layer odd numbers in descending order until you have the title page on top.

In a separate pile, place page 21 on table facing upward and layer odd numbers in descending order until you have page 11 on top.



4 Make sure title page through page 9 are lined up neatly and punch hole on the three gray dots on the left side of the title page. Do the same with pages 11 through 21.

5 Place title page packet on top of page 11 packet. Thread a piece of ribbon or string through each of the holes and tie into a bow to secure pages together.

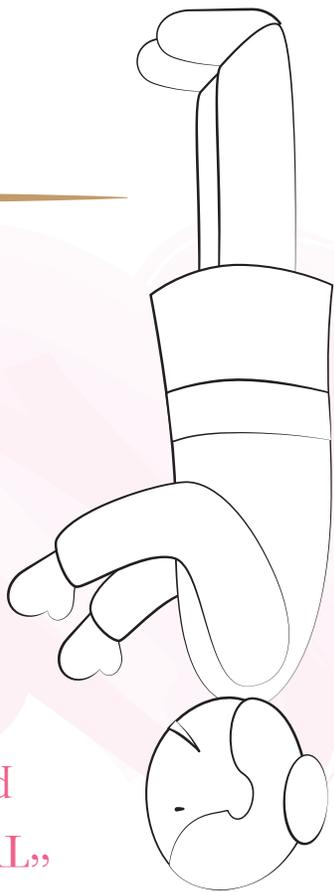


Hint: This book was designed for the characters to be colored in!
Give Buttercup a new ballerina outfit on every page by changing the colors you use.

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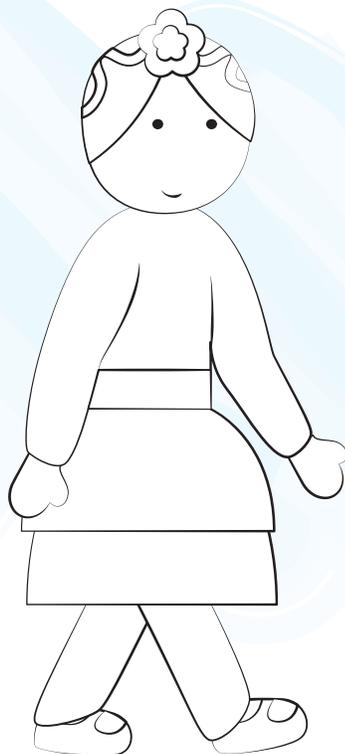


When Buttercup arrived,
her teacher said...

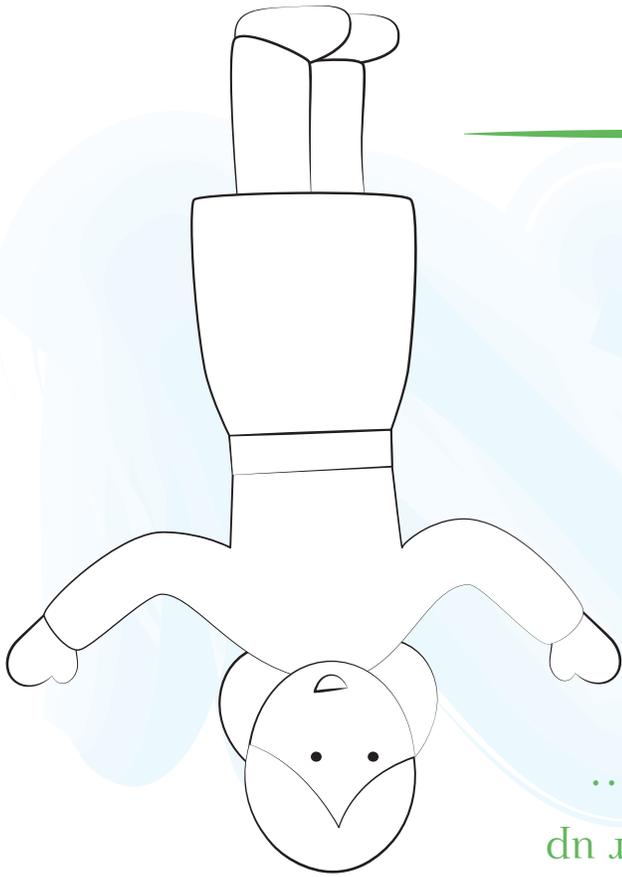


“The Dance Studio will be
putting on a ballet called

Buttercup was on her way to her weekly ballet class at the Dance Studio.



She had been
taking lessons
there since
she was
three years old.



“Mom!
They are having
tryouts for a ballet
in the Spring
and I am *finally*
old enough
to try out!”

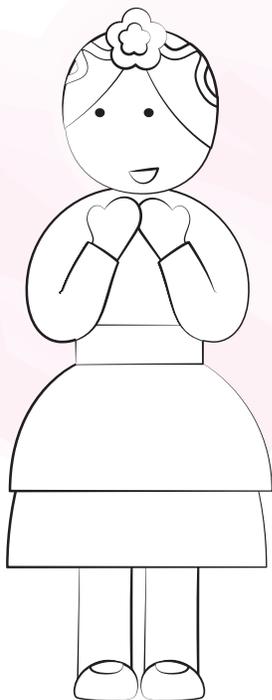


When Buttercup's Mom picked her up
from her lesson, she said excitedly...

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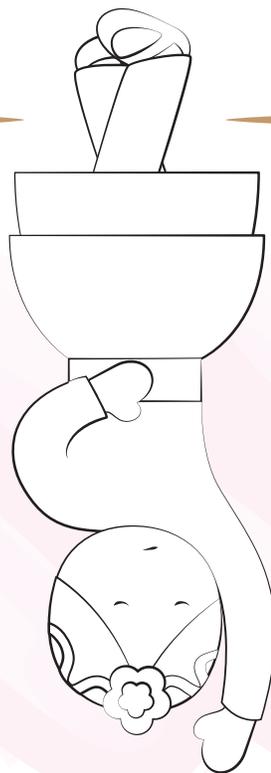
The Butterfly Ballet this Spring and you are
all old enough to audition this year!”



Buttercup was **bursting** with excitement!
She had been *waiting* for this chance!

Buttercup worked hard practicing new steps all week.

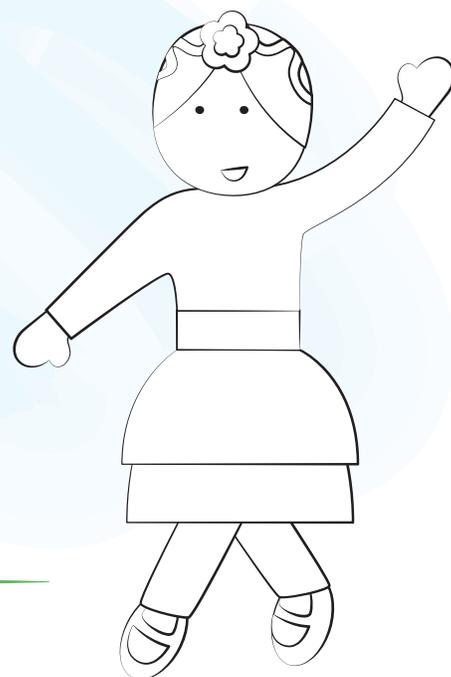
When they
pulled up to the
Dance Studio,
Buttercup shared...
“I am a little
scared, Mom.”



“How wonderful! It will be a lot of
hard work, but I know
you can do it!”

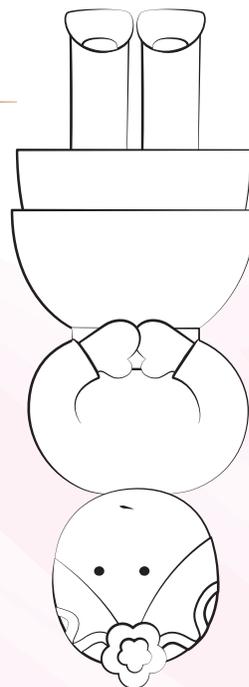
Buttercup hugged her.

“I am going to start practicing now.
I can't wait!” *she added.*



There were lots of girls auditioning but finally when it was Buttercup's turn she felt her tummy tickle.

"I am so nervous,"
thought Buttercup.



But then she remembered what her mother told her and it made her feel calm.

Her mother took her hands and then gave her a hug.

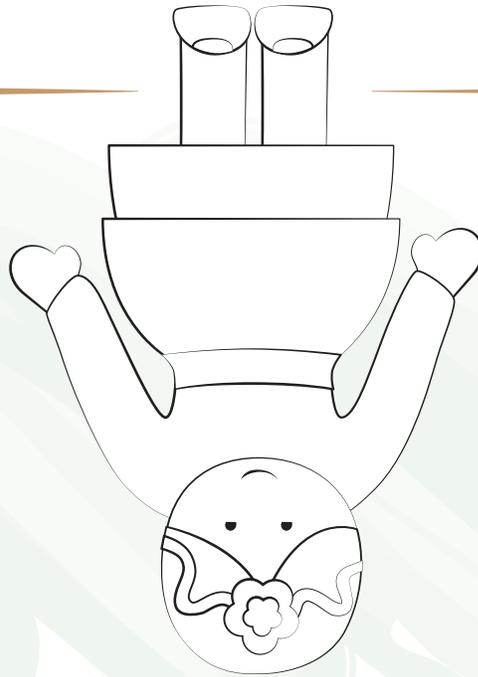


"It's normal to feel scared when you try something new,"
she told her.

"Just do the best you can and I will be here cheering you on. I know you can do it,"
she added.

"Thanks, Mom. I feel better now,"
replied Buttercup

She had done
her best and
it felt good.



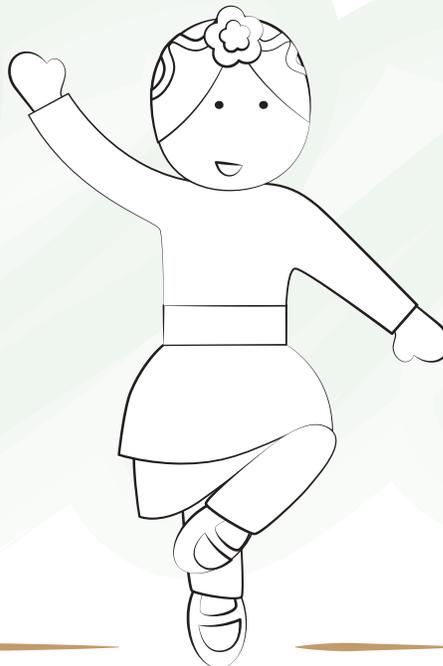
At the completion
of the dance,
she bowed.

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Buttercup took a **deep breath** and walked onto the stage.

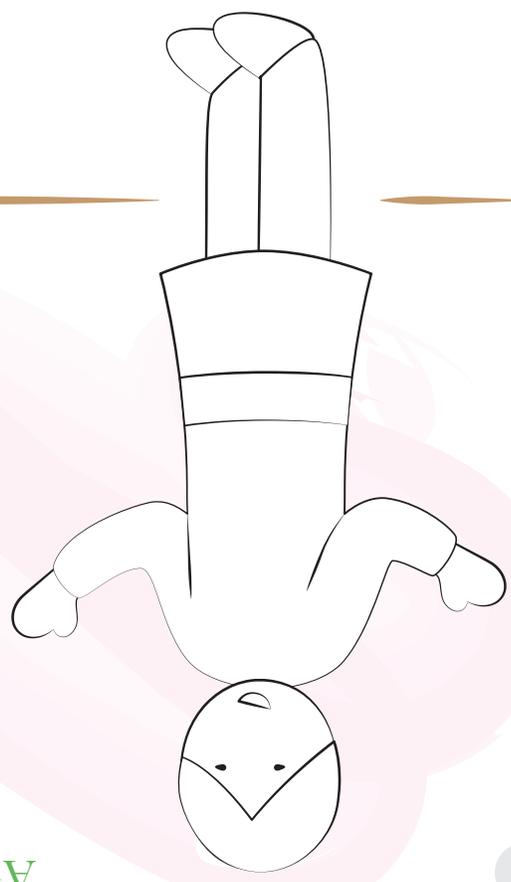
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Even though she was
nervous, she kept a
huge smile on
her face.



**The music
started and
she began
to dance.**

She didn't miss
a beat and all those
butterflies left her stomach.



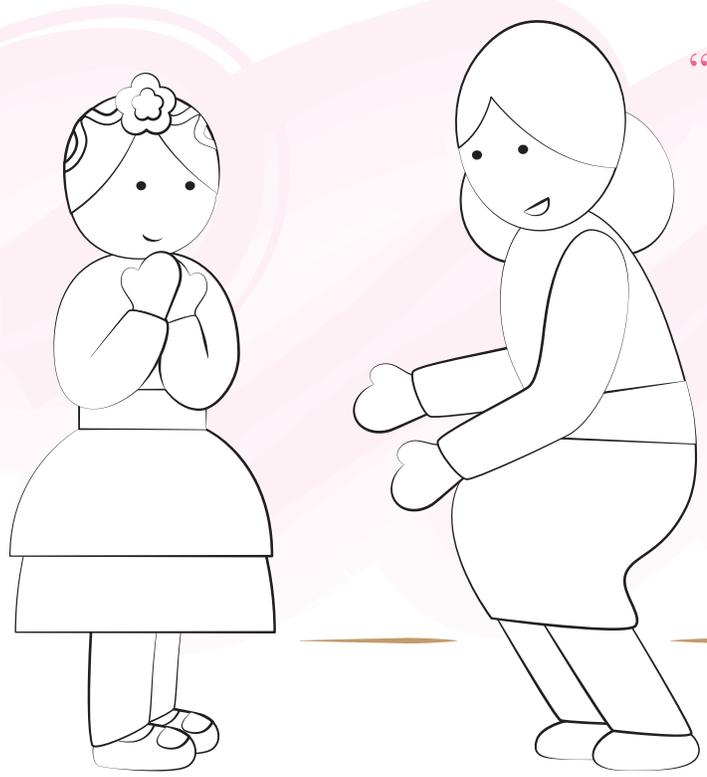
When she got to Buttercup's name she said...
"You are going to play Blossom, the first flower the newly hatched butterfly dances to."

At the next class their teacher announced the results of the auditions.

Afterward, her mom told her...

"You did a wonderful job, Buttercup. I am so proud of you."

Later, the teacher congratulated all the dancers for a job well done.



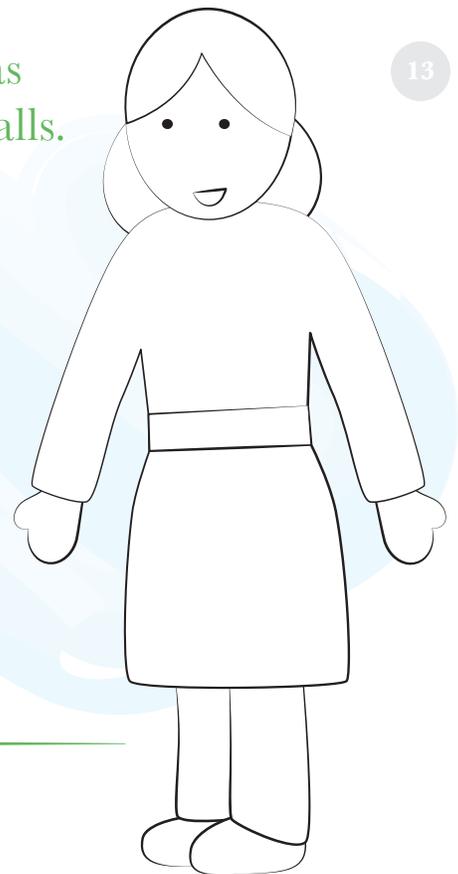
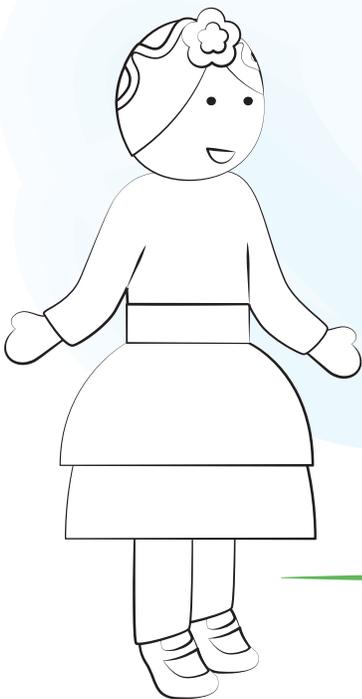
Buttercup enjoyed all
of the rehearsals.

It was hard work but that didn't
bother her at all because
she *loved* to dance.

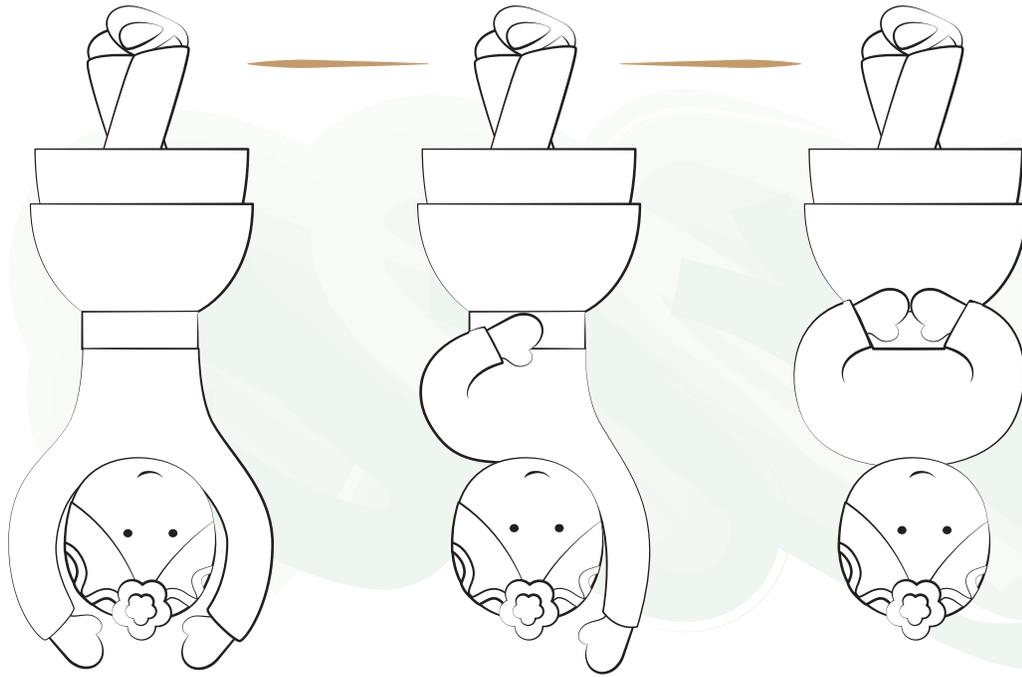
When Mom came to pick her up Buttercup was
squealing with delight and bouncing off the walls.

“I am going to be
Blossom in the ballet!”
she exclaimed.

“I am so proud
of you, how fabulous!”
her mom replied.



The costumes were *beautiful* and they all had *different* colored tutus. Buttercup loved hers the most because it was *pink*.



The curtain opened and everyone clapped.

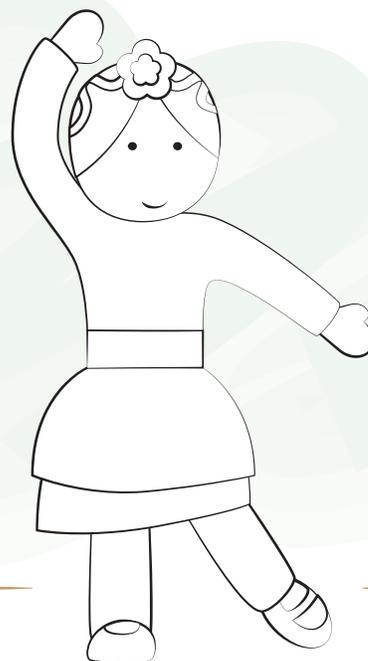
Finally Opening Night arrived.



Her whole family came to see her in the *Butterfly Ballet*.

At the end of the performance all
of the dancers bowed and *the crowd cheered.*

Buttercup's dance was *perfect*,
just like she had practiced
so many times.



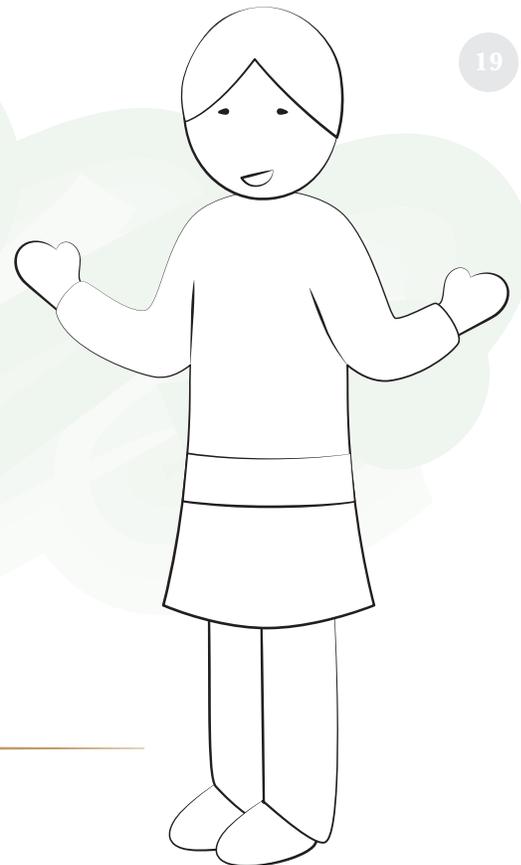
Buttercup loved dancing on stage
for an audience and she knew
*her life as a ballerina had
only just begun.*

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As the curtain closed her teacher said...

“What a *fantastic* job everyone!
You all worked very hard and it shows.
You should feel very proud!”

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The End