

by Louie Gong

## Who is Louie?

Louie Gong is a successful artist who started off drawing on shoes. Sometimes he drew pictures that he liked - like wolves and frogs. Sometimes he drew pictures that he thought his friends and family would like.

Louie didn't have any art training when he started. His first shoes were not very good, but he kept trying and trying until he got better.

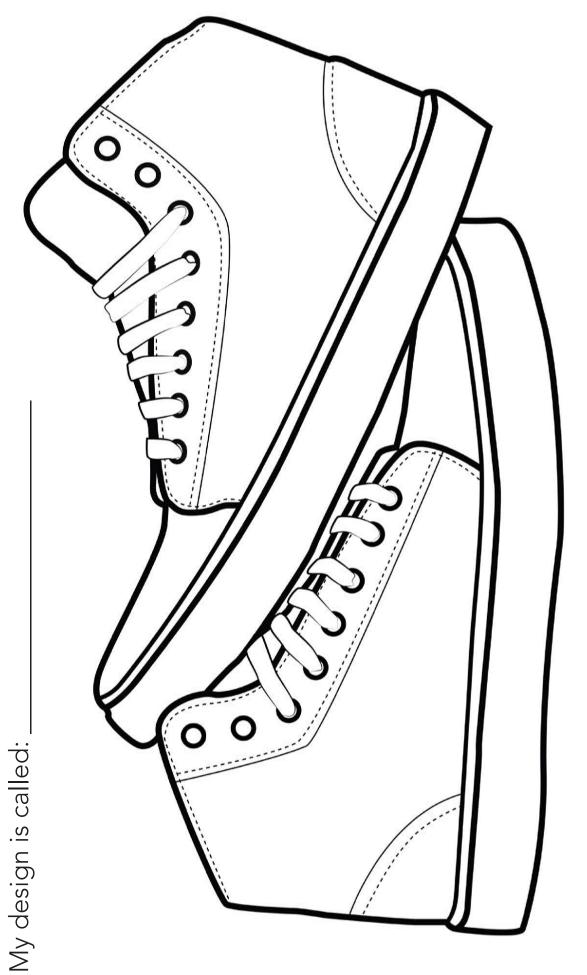
In this book, you will start off by coloring Louie's designs, which are based on his northwest Native art. Then, after some practice, you can create your own unique designs!



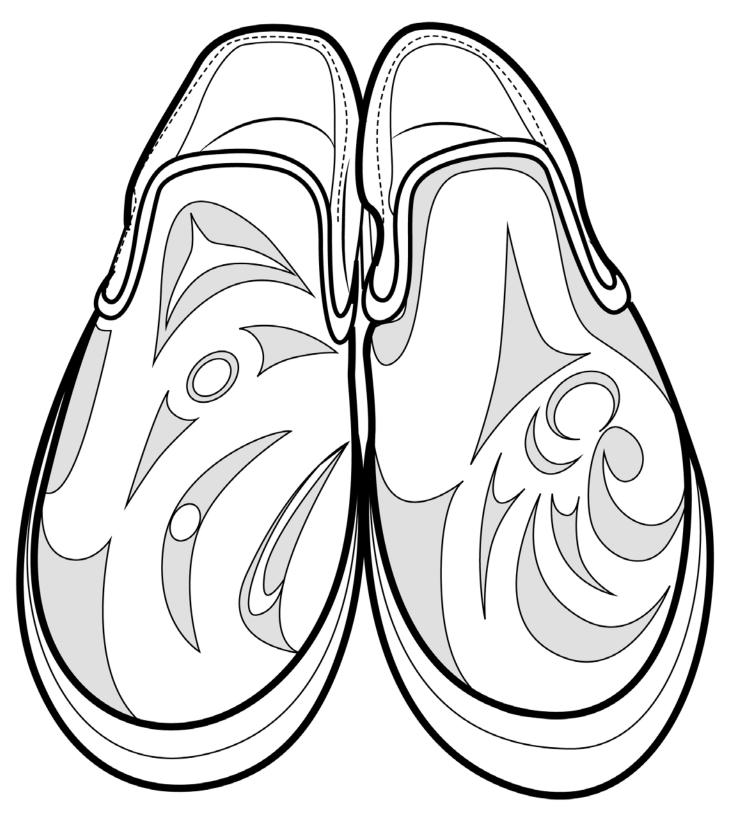
Louie is a Nooksack tribal member who grew up in Northwest Washington. He was raised by his Native grandma and Chinese grandpa.

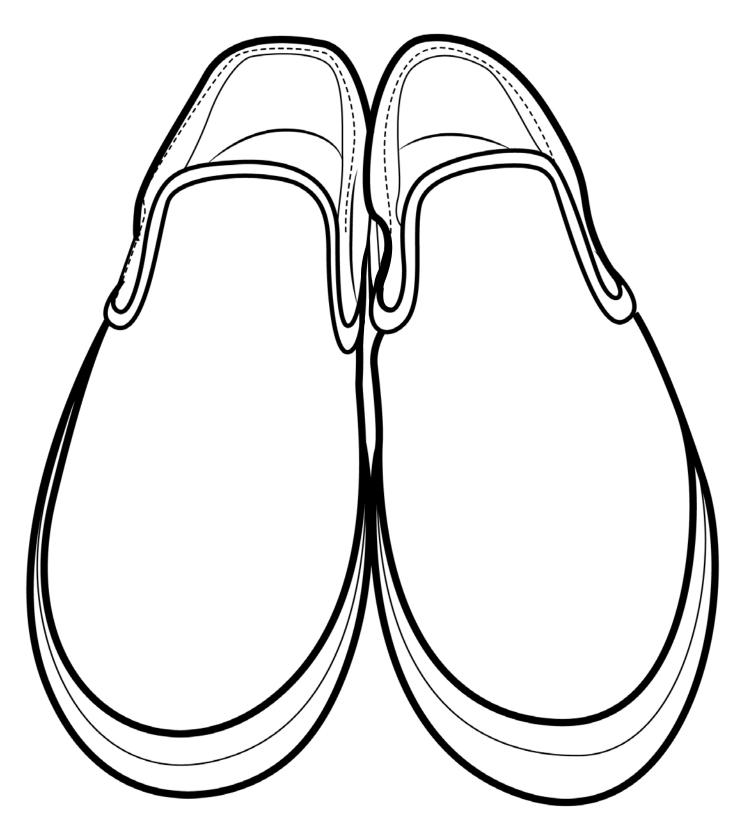


## Now it's your turn!



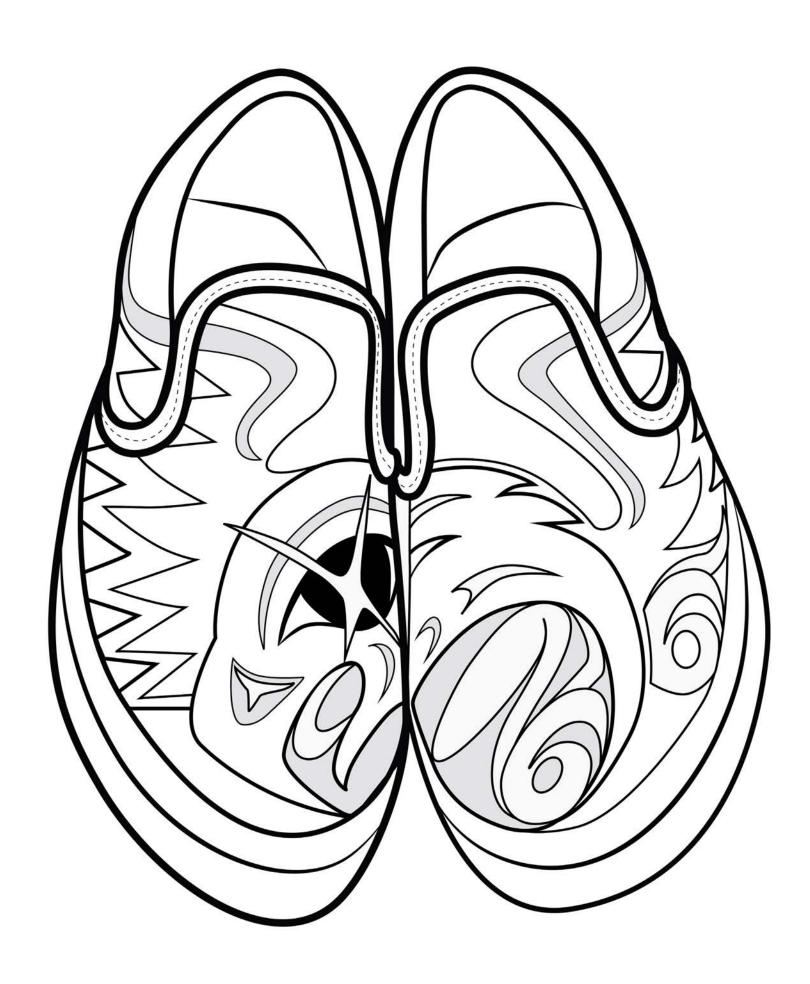
## Not all shoes have the same design on both sides - be creative!



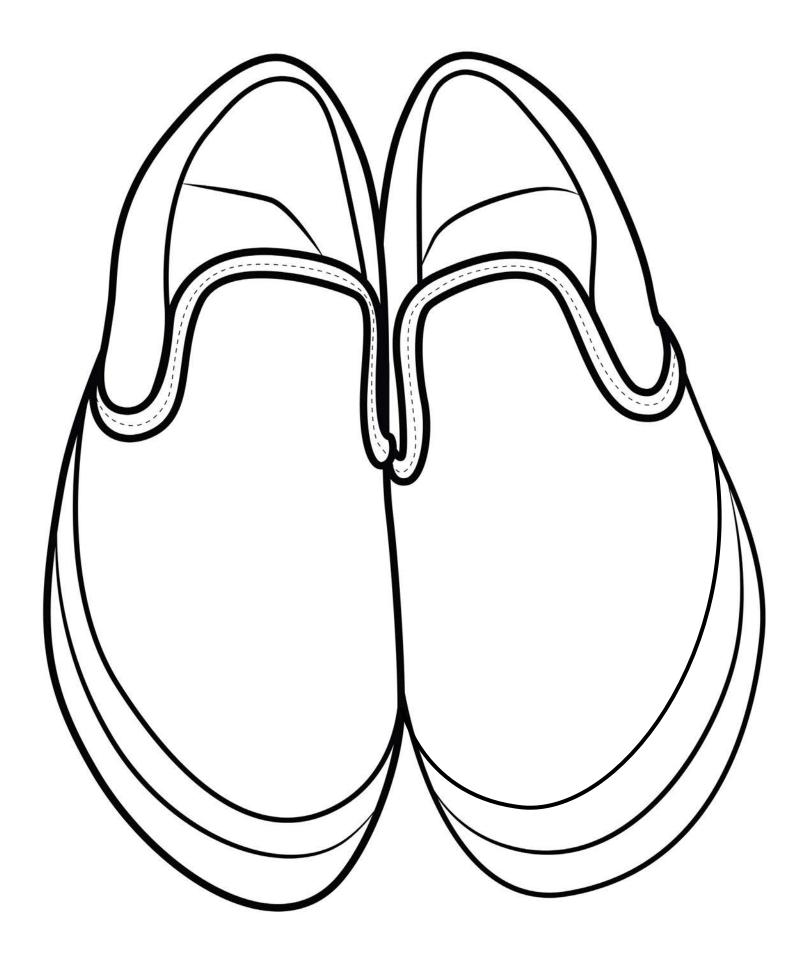








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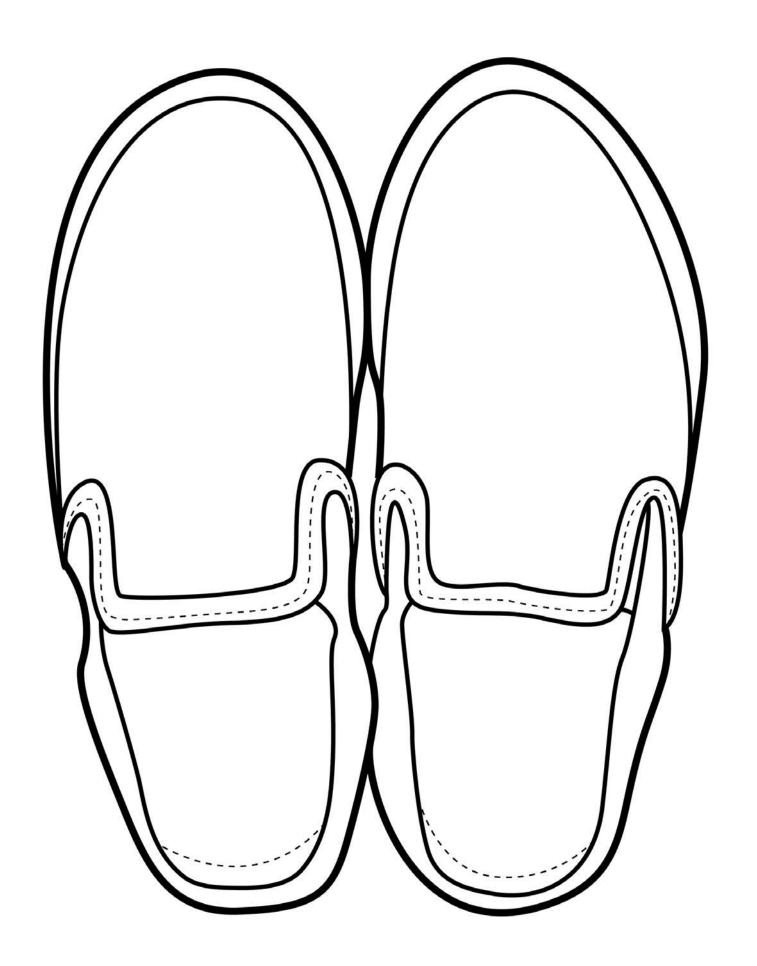


My design is called: \_\_\_\_\_





"Butterfly"



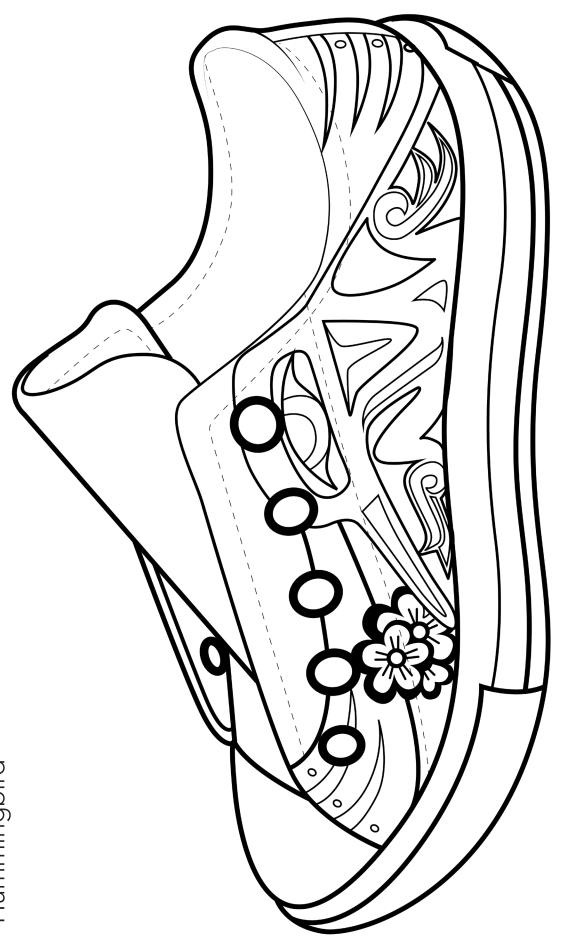
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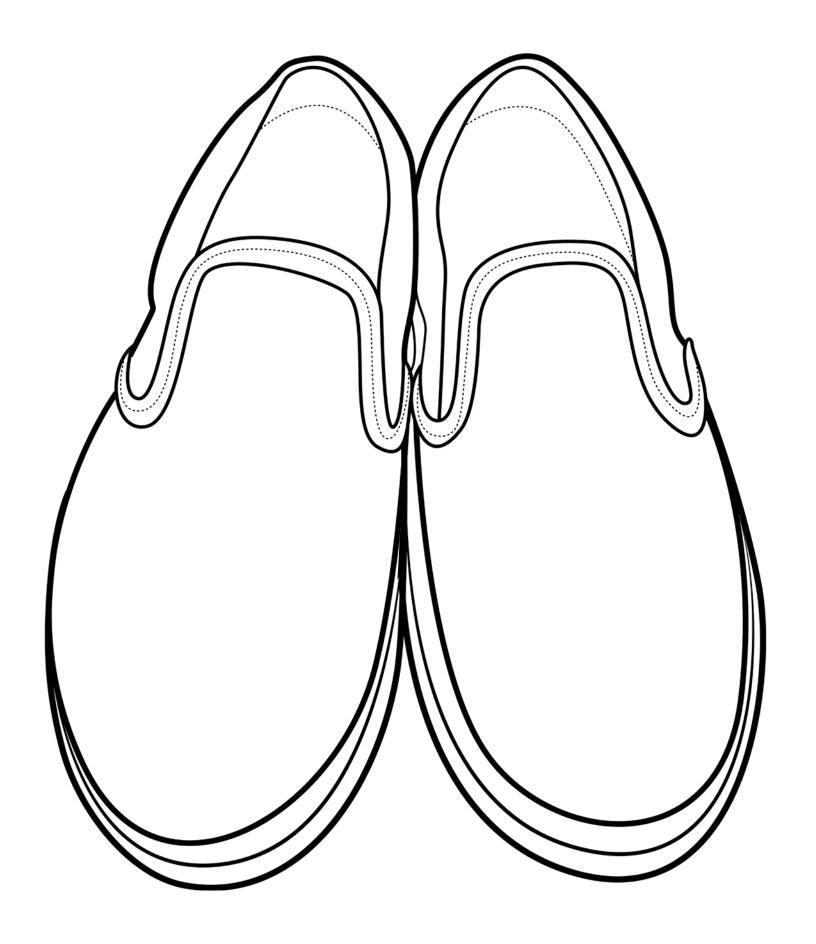


"Hummingbird"

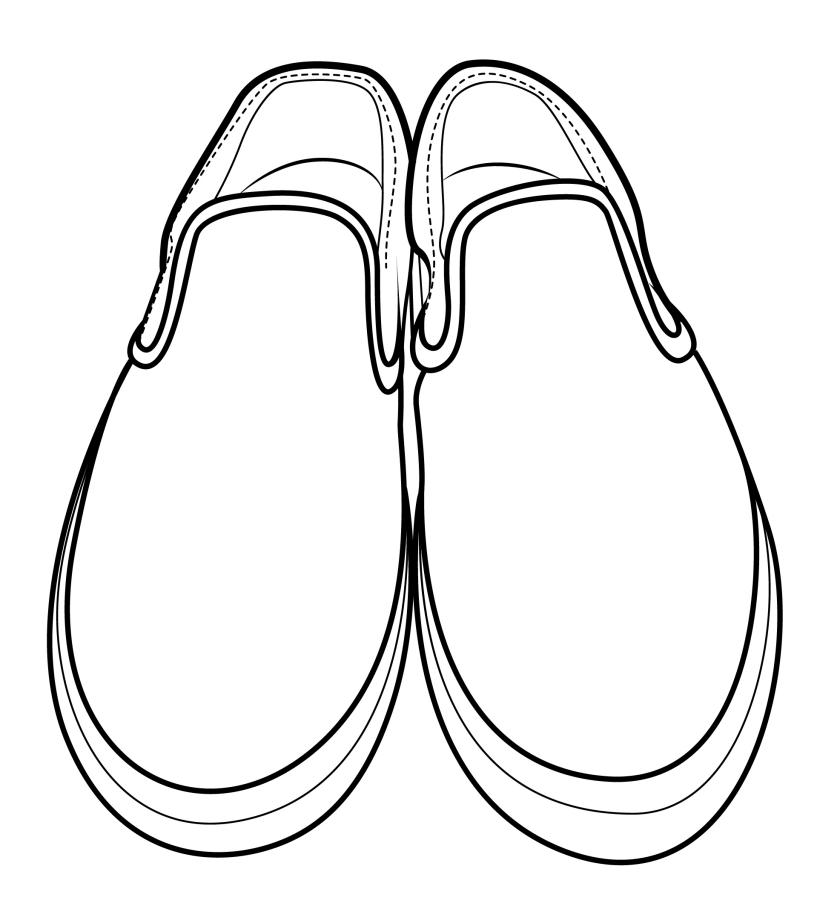
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"Cat + Orca"







## Let's Make Art for the People We Care About



Making art for a parent, friend, or special person in your life is a great way to show them how much you care.

When Louie makes art for someone, he thinks about what makes them happy. If you're not sure what to draw for someone, here are some questions to get you started:

"What is your favorite animal?"

"What is your favorite color?"

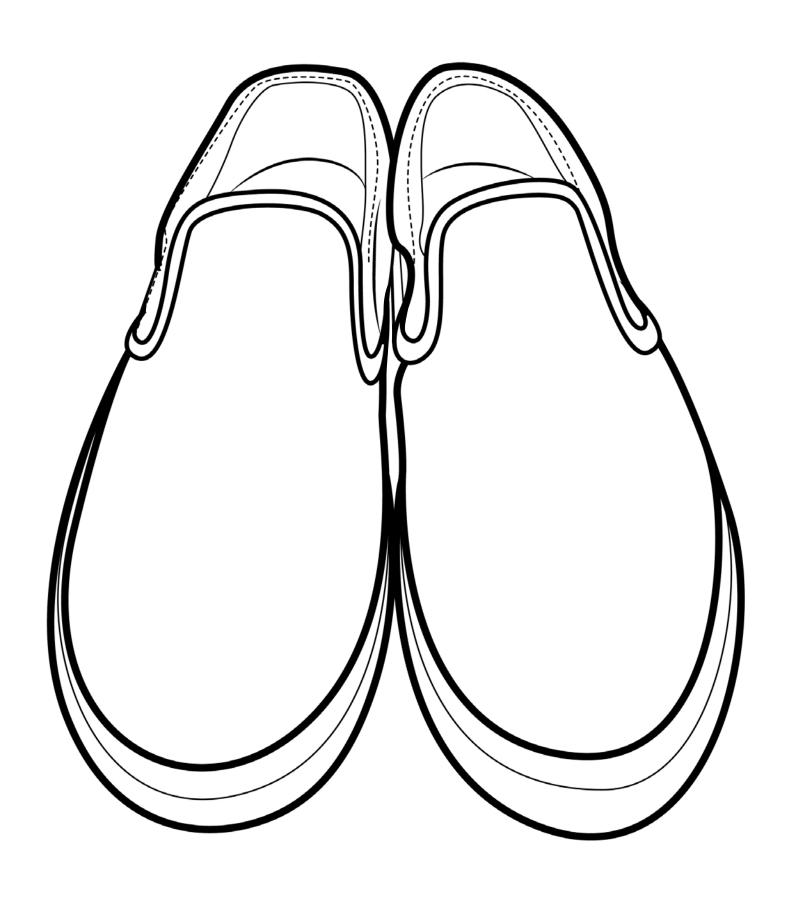
"Where are you from?"

"What do you like to do?"

"What's your favorite place?"

"Who is your hero?"

"What are your special talents?"



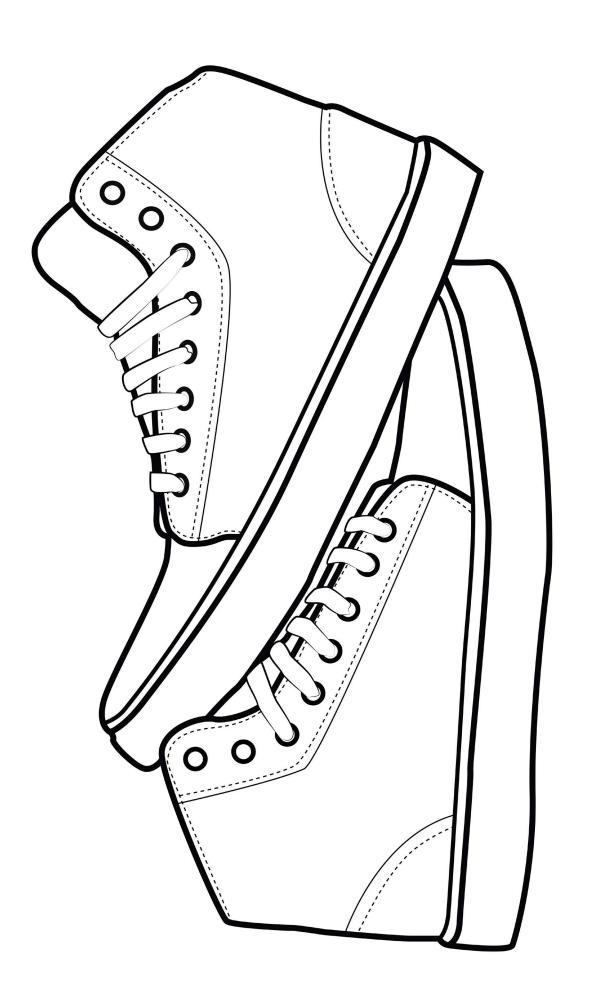
Let's give it a try: draw a shoe for your best friend.

Now try drawing a shoe for your Mom, Dad, or guardian.





This shoe is for \_\_\_\_\_\_.



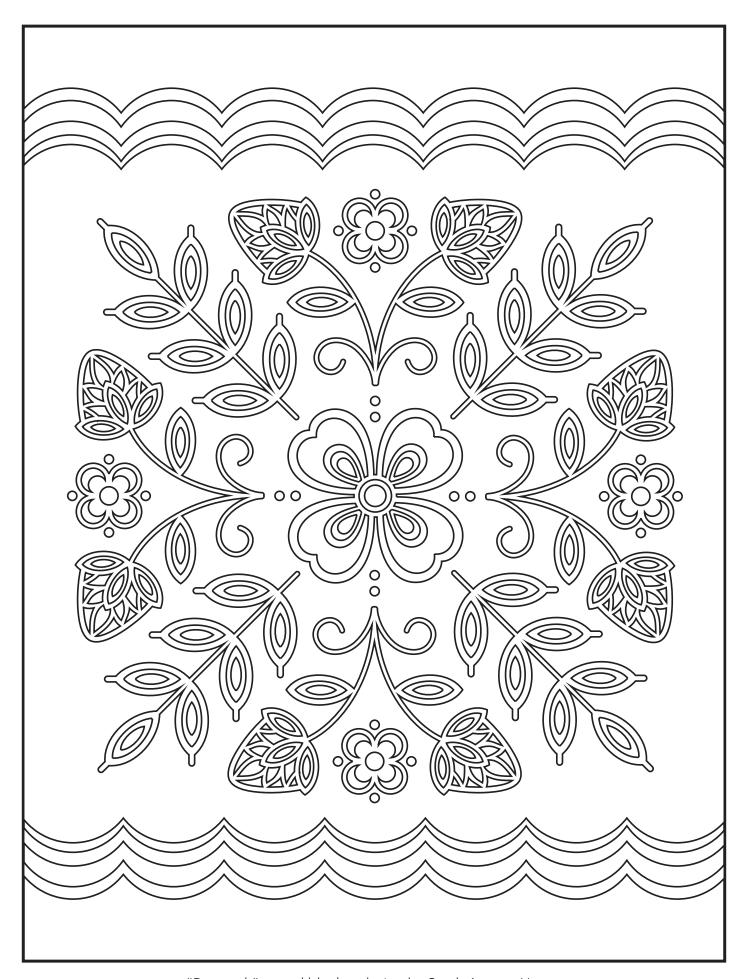
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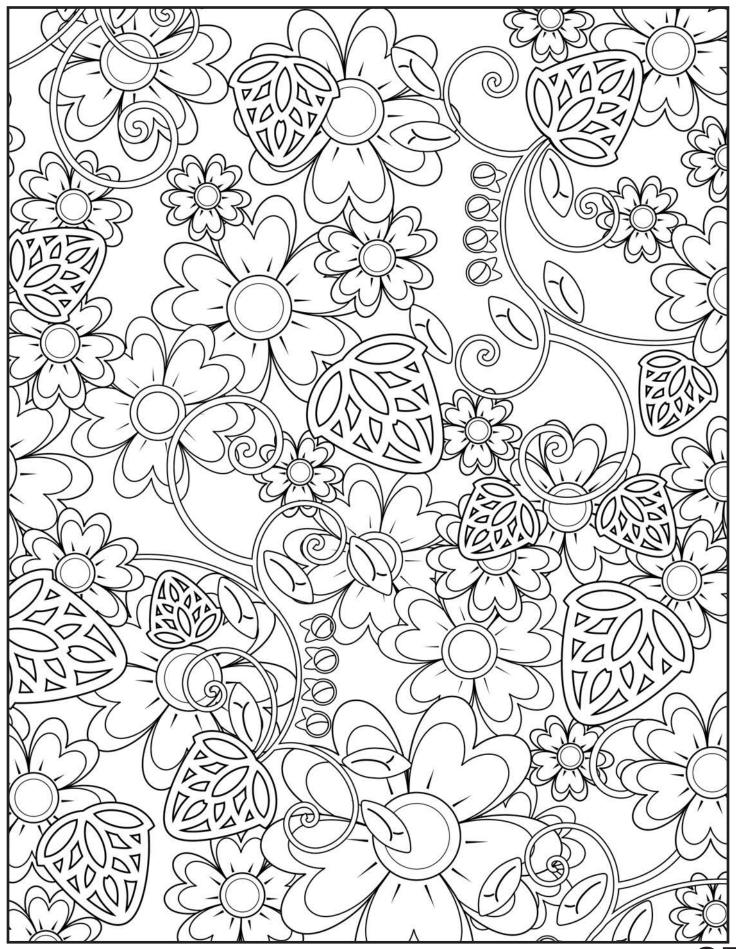
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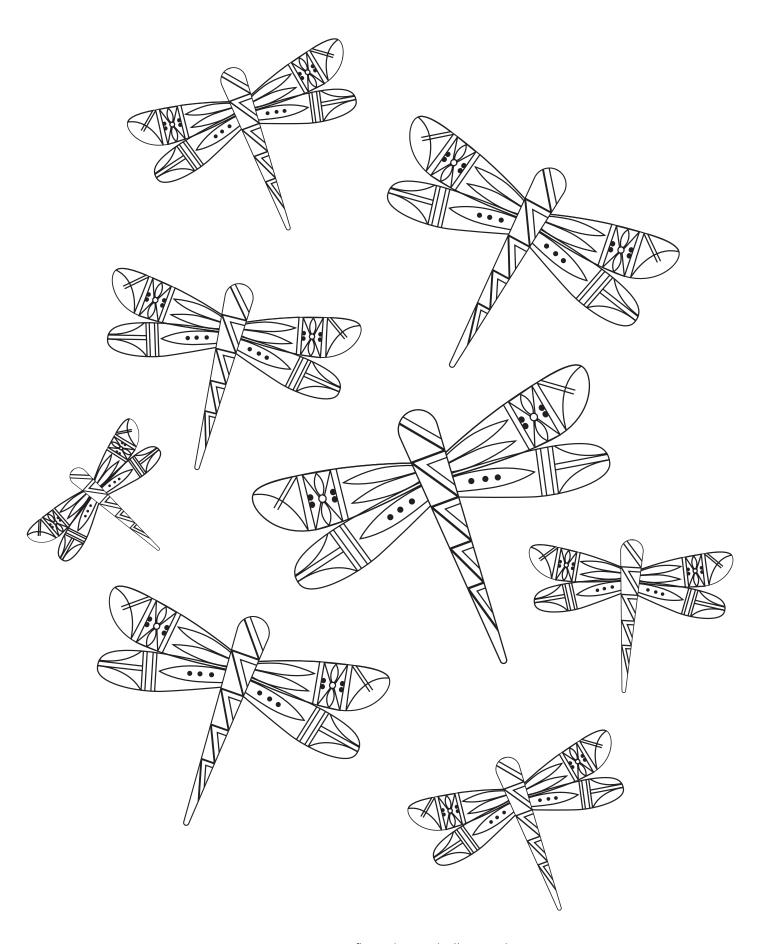


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"Renewal," a wool blanket design by Sarah Agaton Howes





"Dancing Dragonflies," by Michelle Lowden



