

Count the Gumdrops on the Gingerbread Man Counting Activity and Worksheet

This activity is designed to give young children a fun way to practice counting and matching sets in a fun way with a Gingerbread Man theme! The worksheet is provided as a follow up activity, and so that the children can practice moving from the concrete to the pictorial representation of the concept. I hope that you and your little ones have fun with it!

Materials:

White card stock

Pom poms or other manipulatives that children can count with and use to decorate the *Gingerbread Man*.

The pictures only show pom poms, but you may wish to use bits of rick rack, buttons, pipe cleaners, or any other little things you can find! The only limit is your imagination!

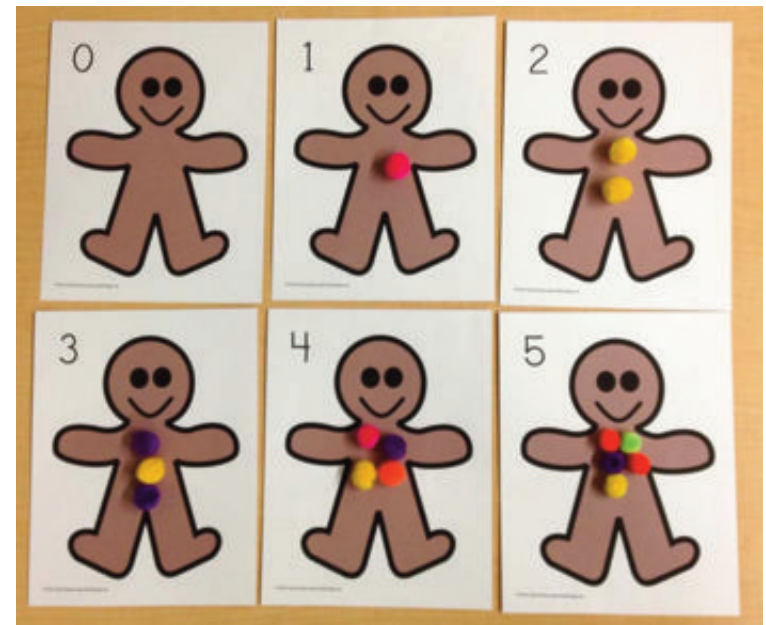
Optional: velcro

Preparation:

Print out the *Gingerbread Men* cards with the numbers onto white card stock and laminate them or place into page protectors. You may wish to attach velcro to the laminated papers if you want children to stick the pom poms in place, etc.

To Use:

Simply show the children how to count out your manipula-



tives and decorate the Gingerbread Men with the correct amount of manipulatives.

Variation 1: For extra fun, give the children some pennies and nickels, and then let them "shop" for their decorations first! Then see how many different Gingerbread Men they can decorate!

Gingerbread Man Addition Activity



$$4 + 4 = 8$$



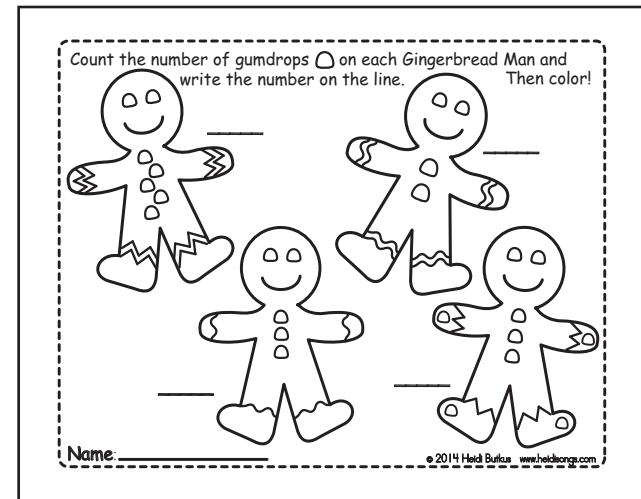
$$4 + 2 + 2 = 8$$



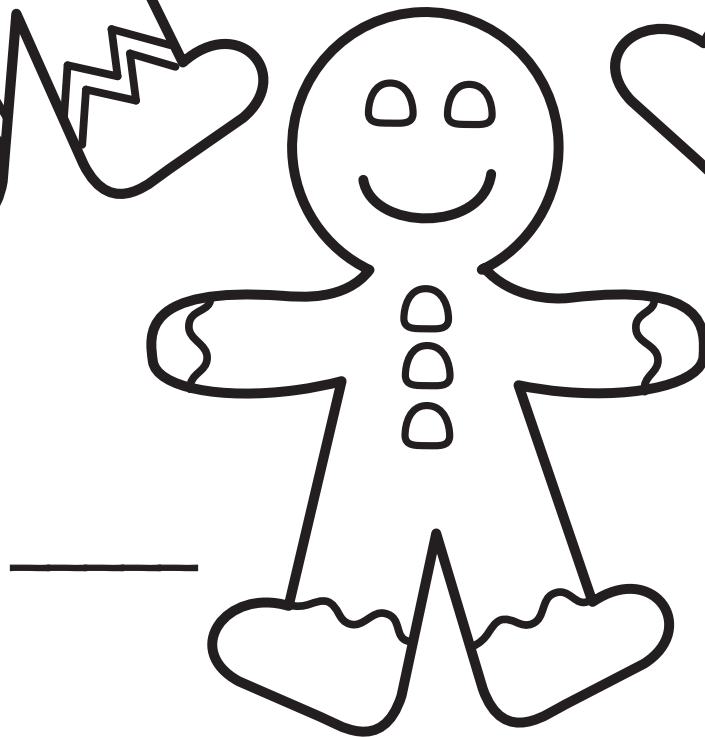
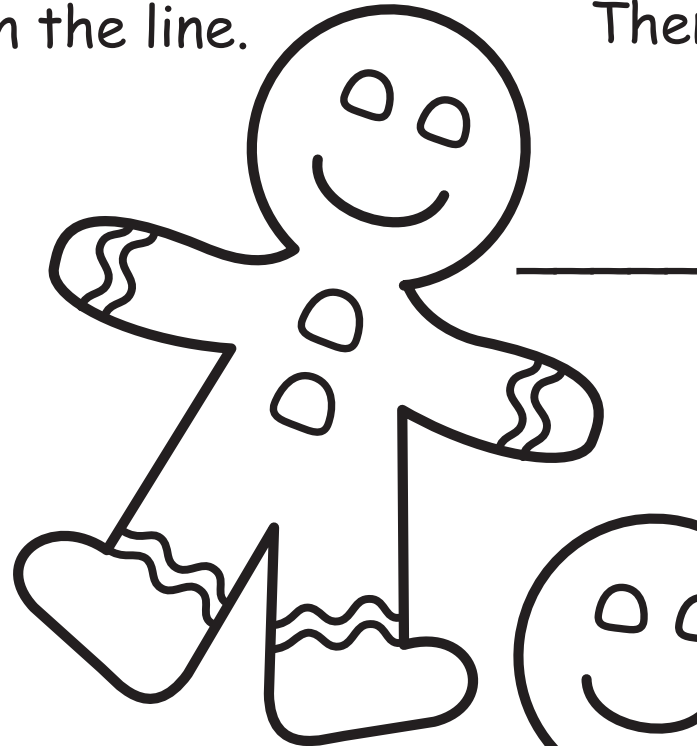
$$\begin{array}{r} 1 \\ 2 \\ + 5 \\ \hline 8 \end{array}$$



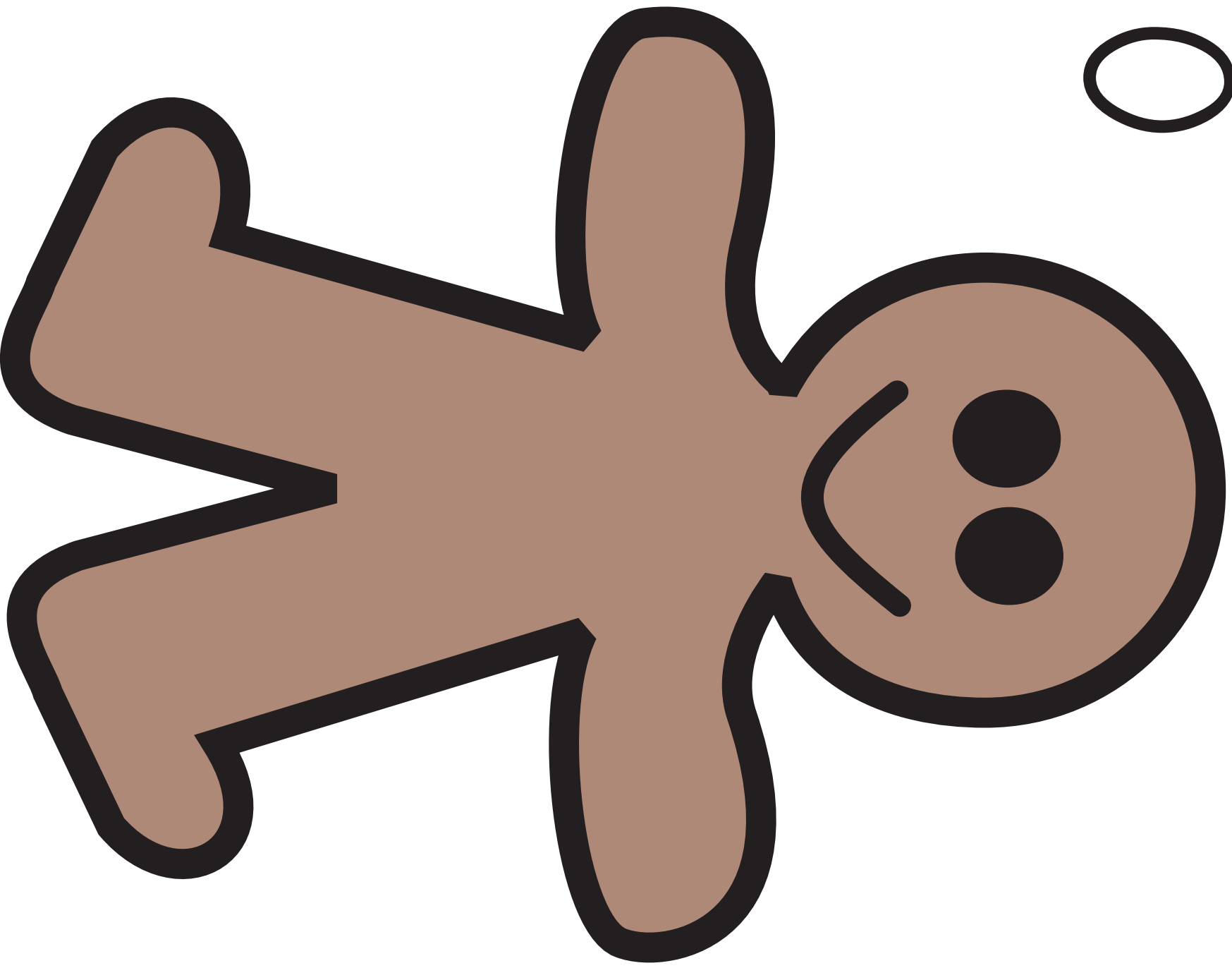
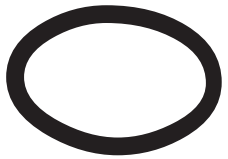
Variation 2: Have the children re-arrange the pom poms in different ways to represent different equations as shown in the picture on the left.



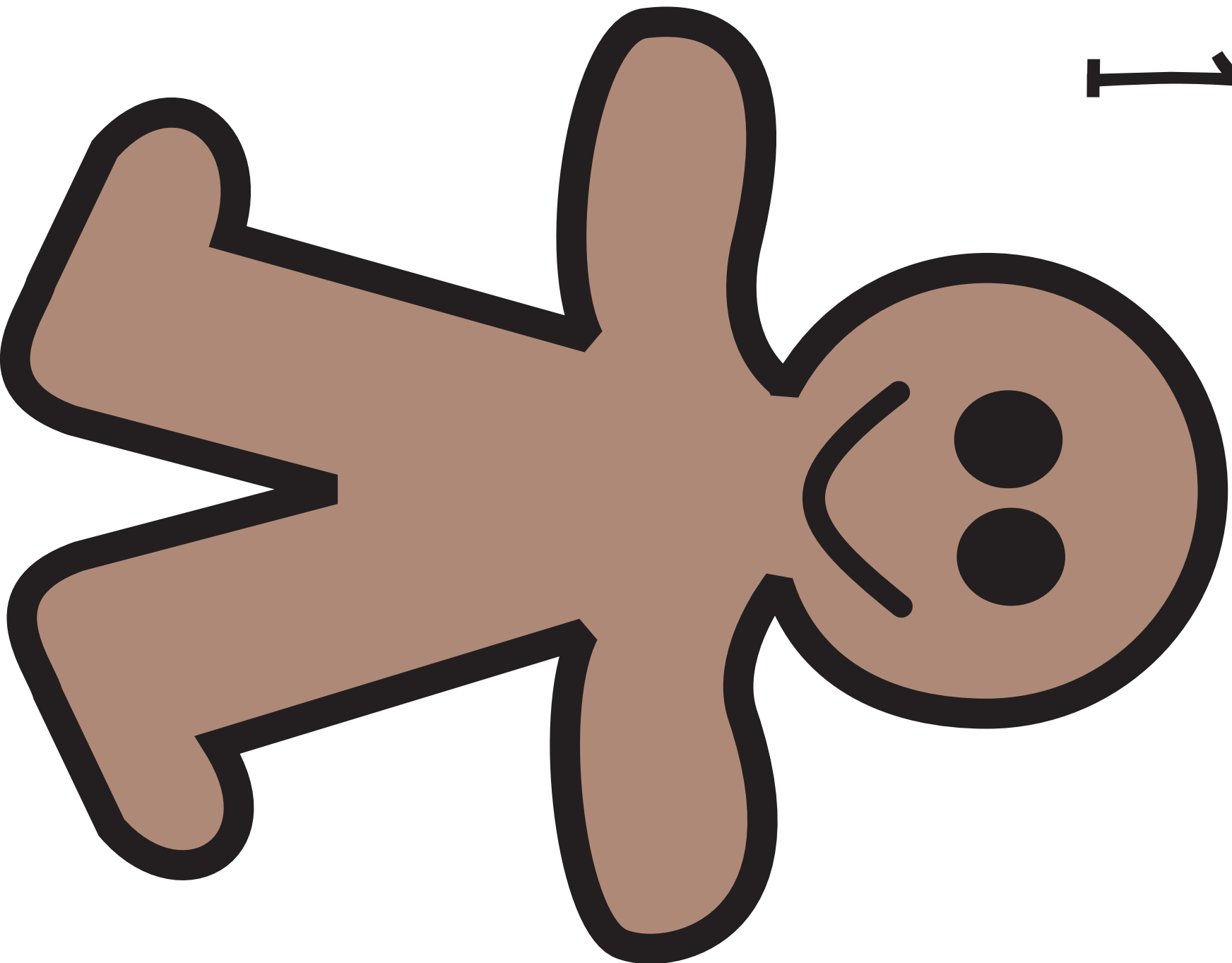
Count the number of gumdrops  on each Gingerbread Man and write the number on the line. Then color!



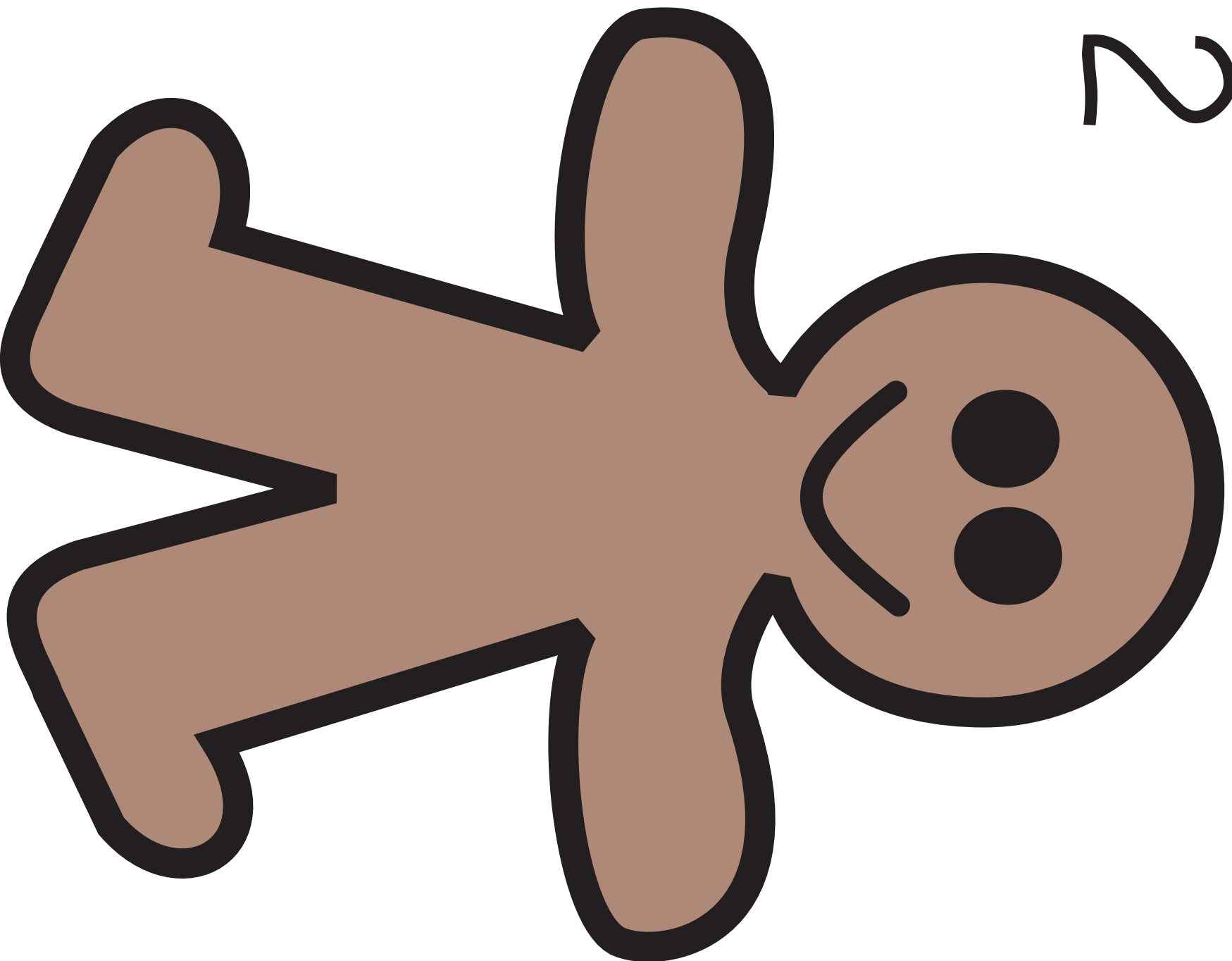
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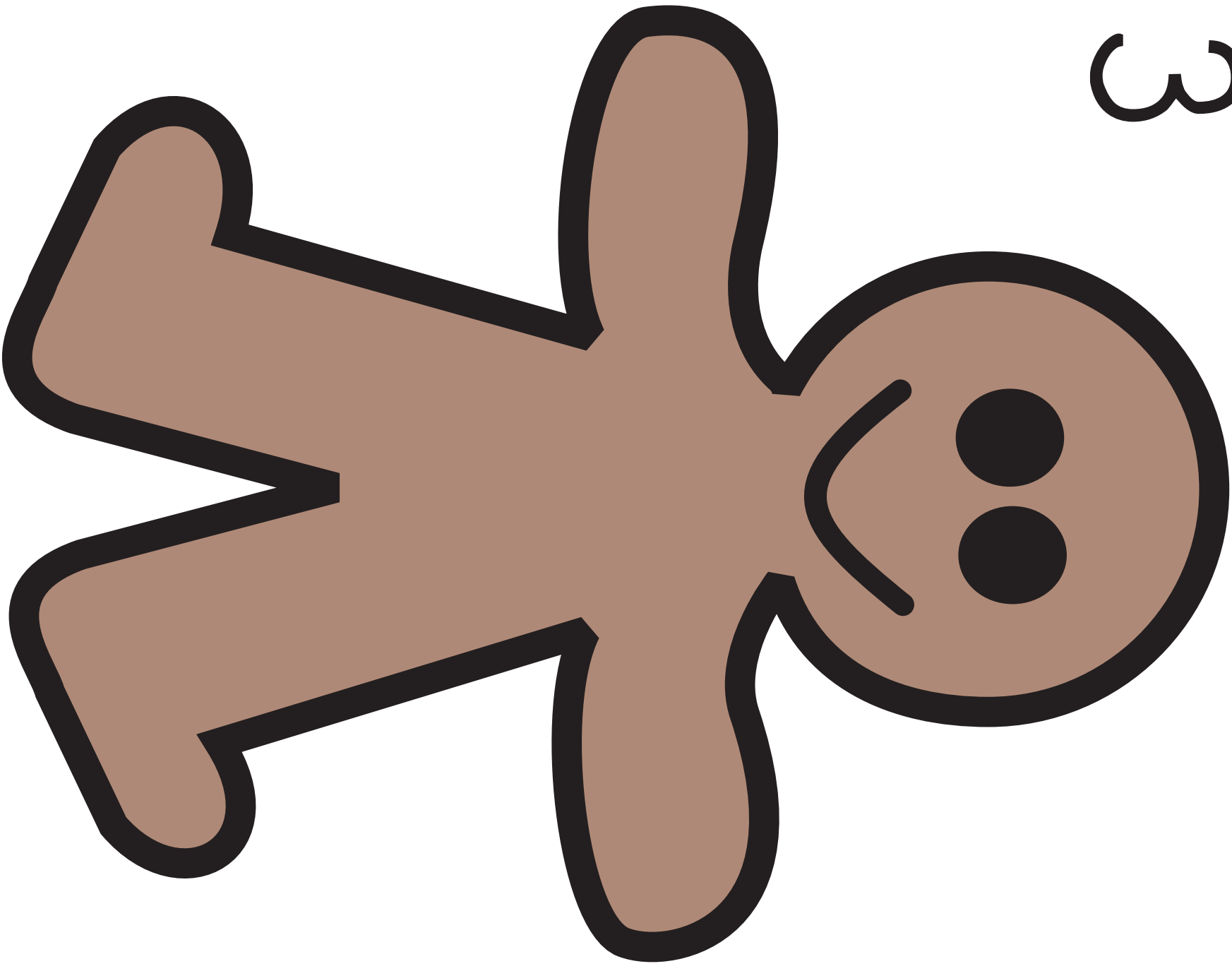
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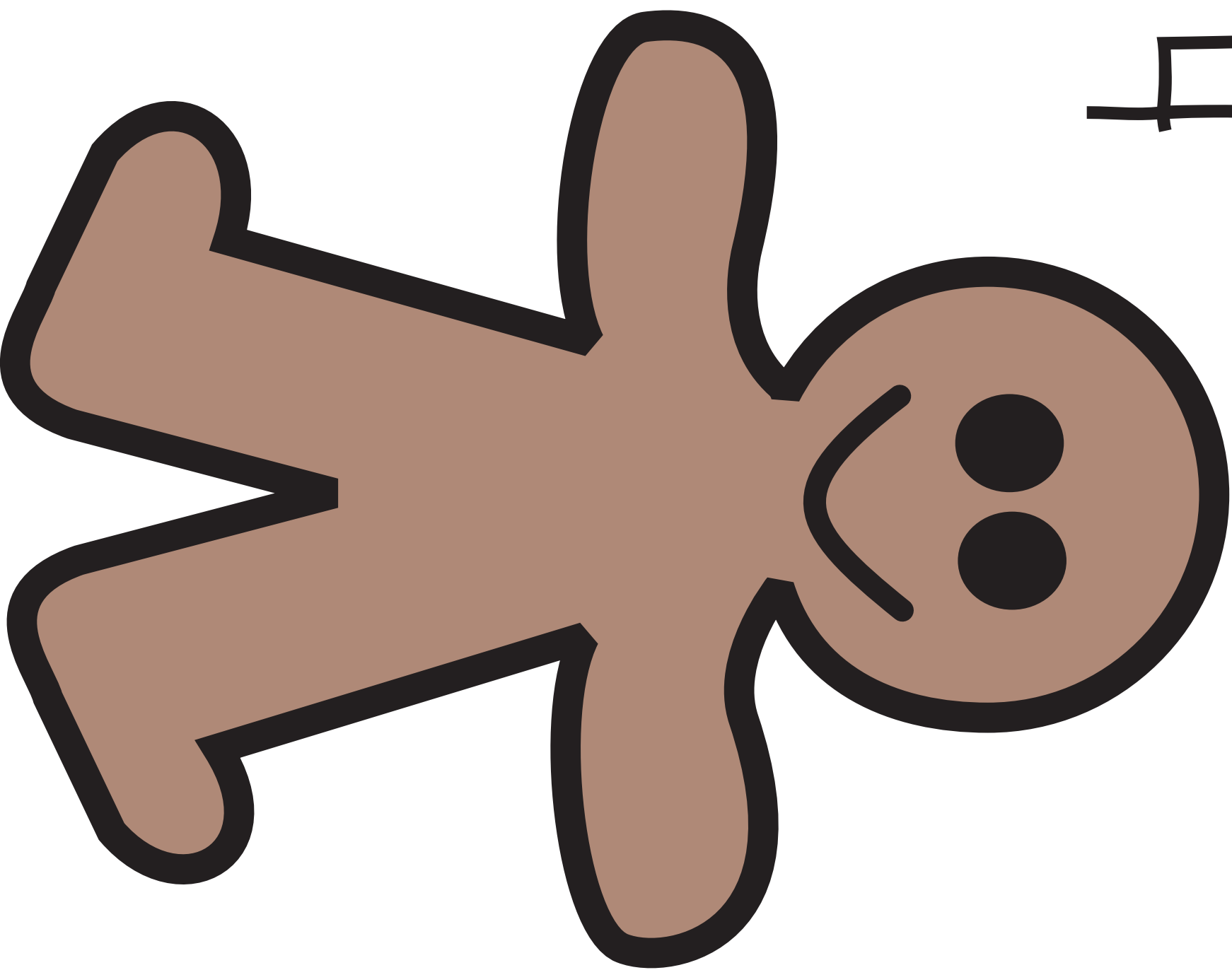
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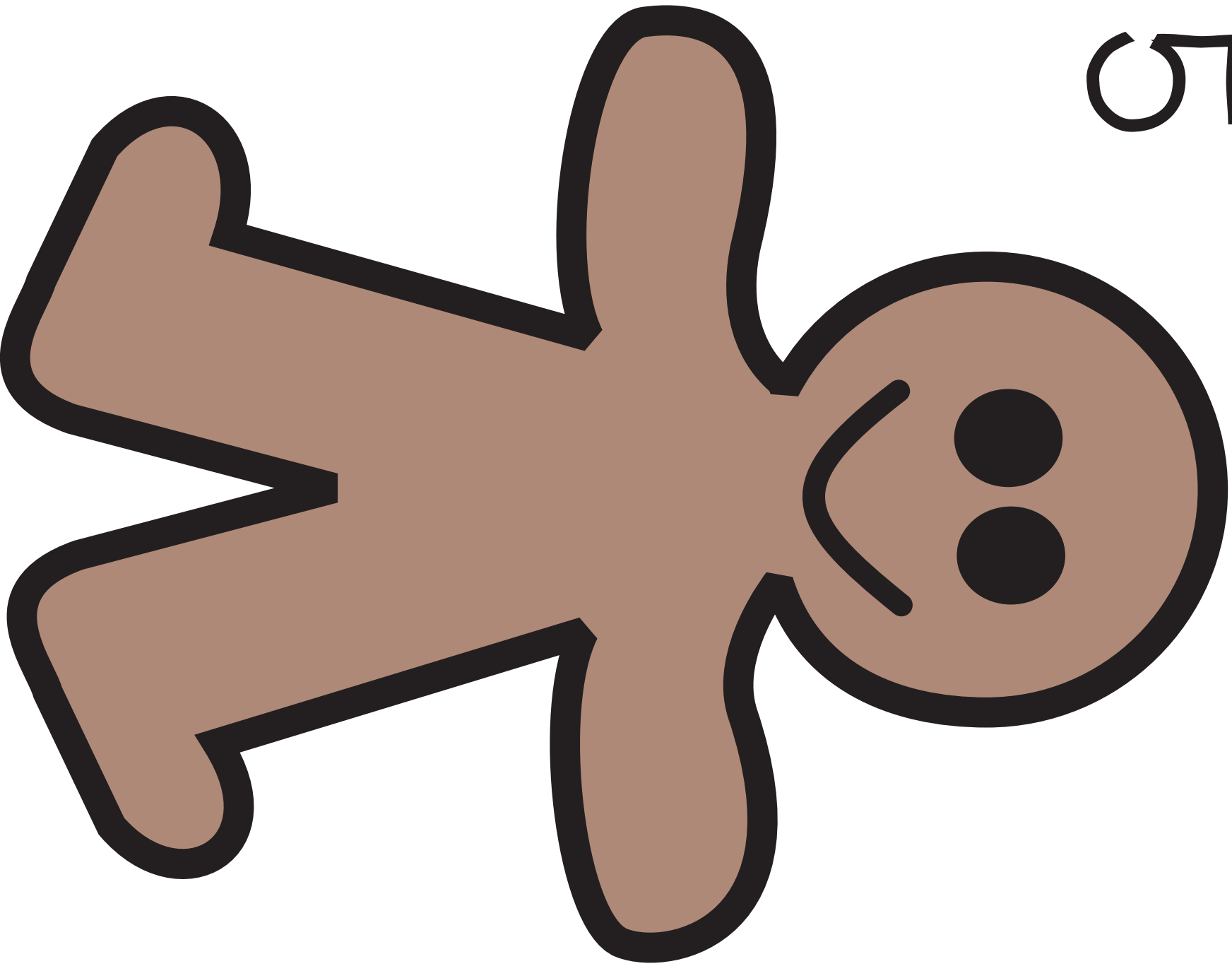
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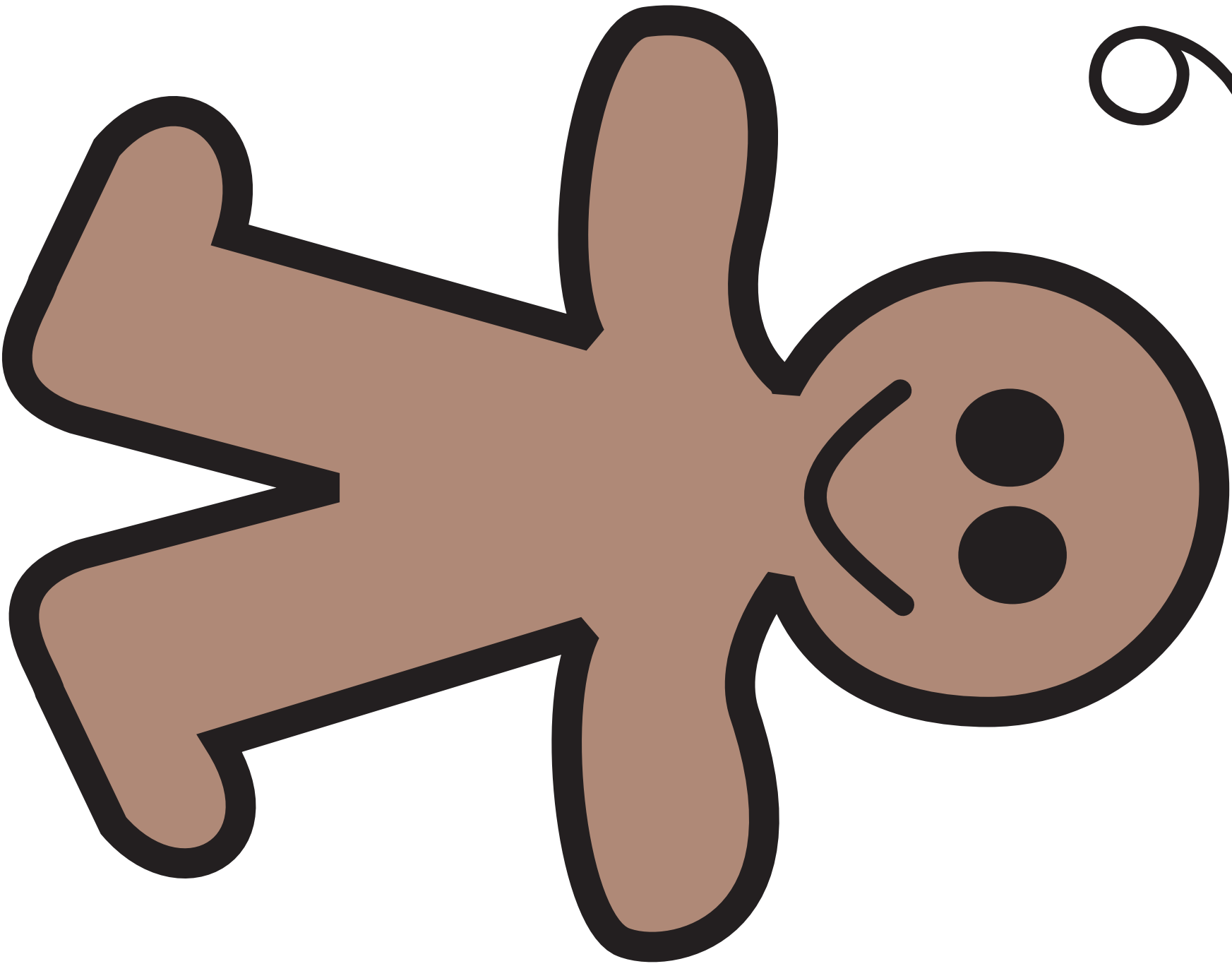
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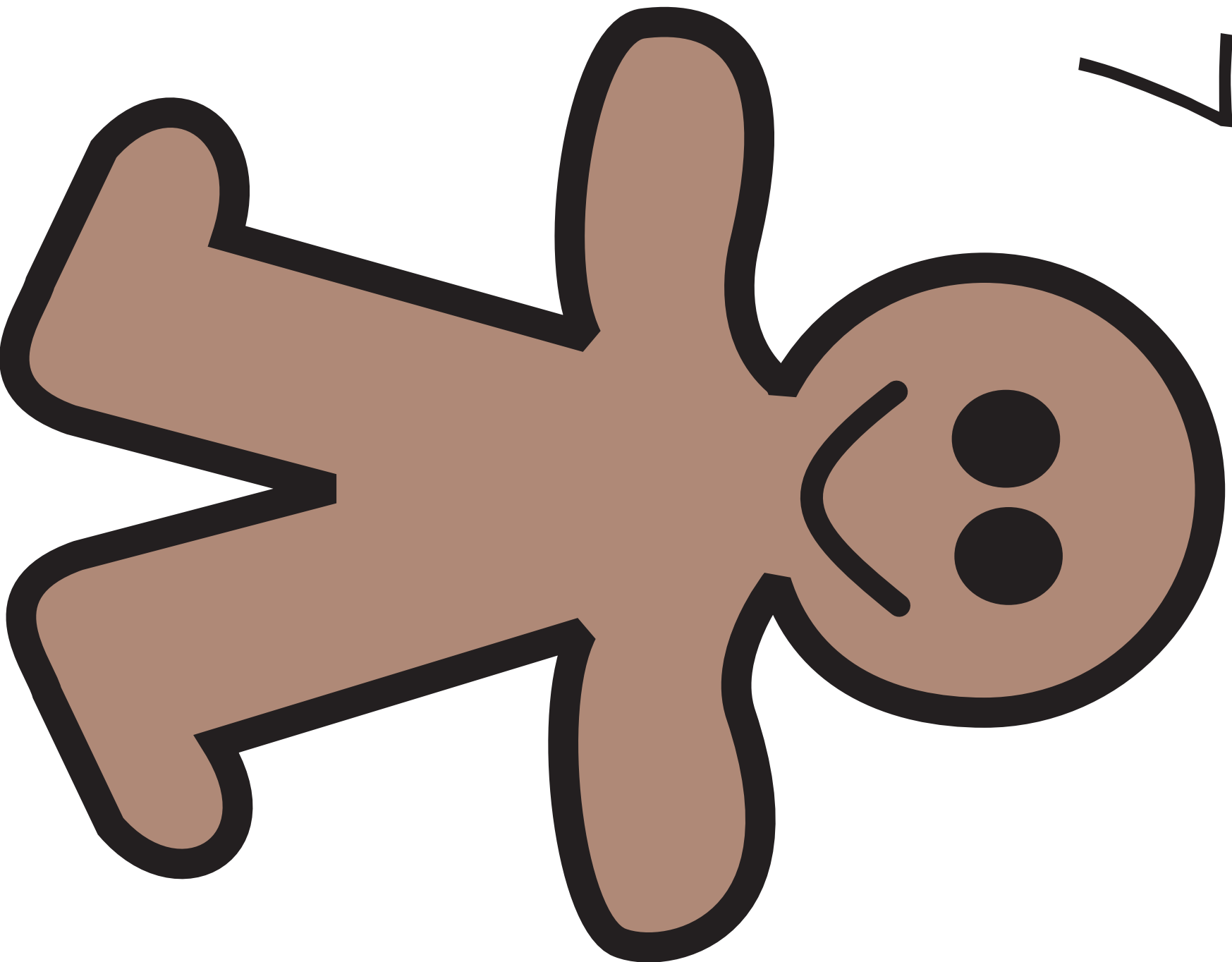
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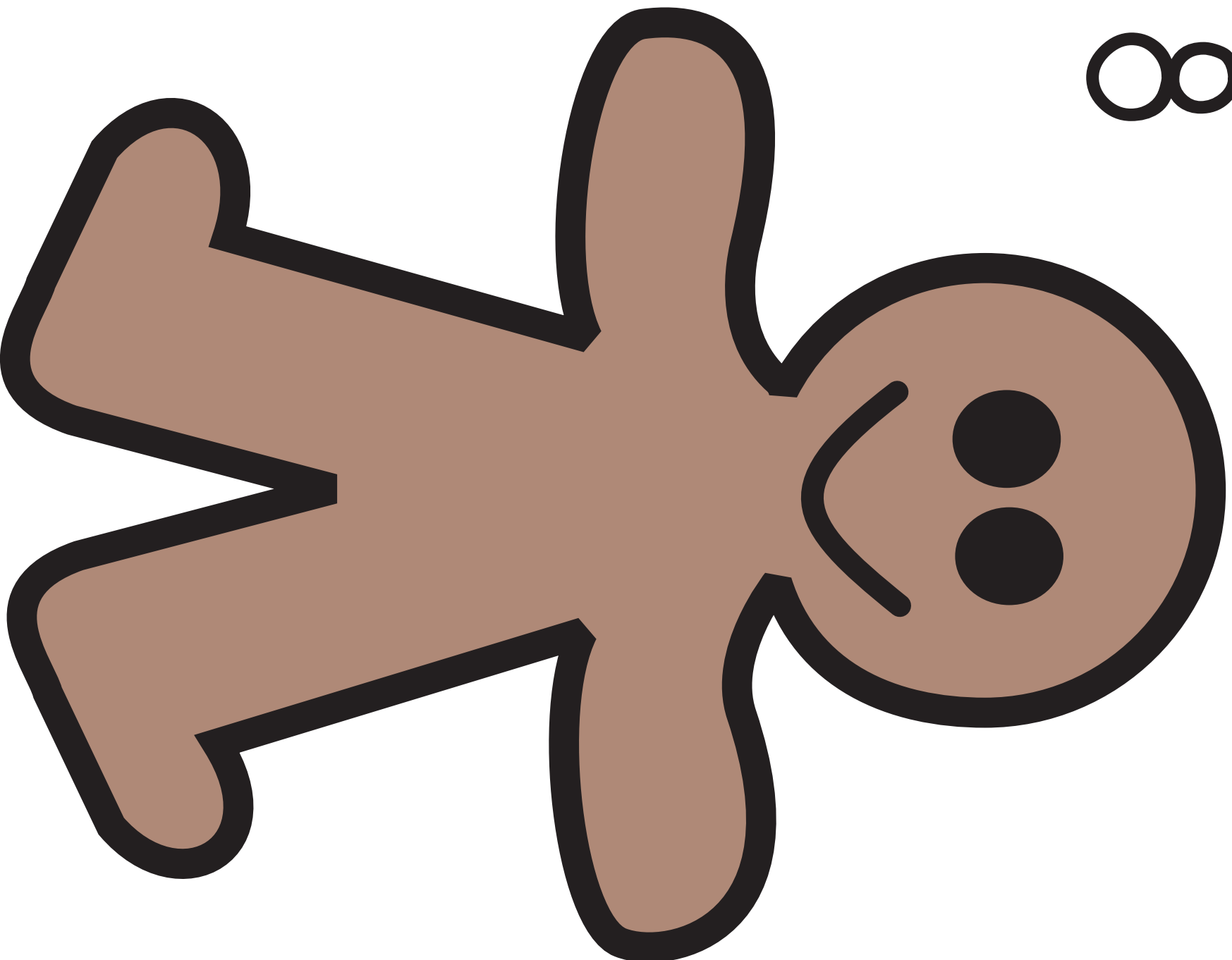
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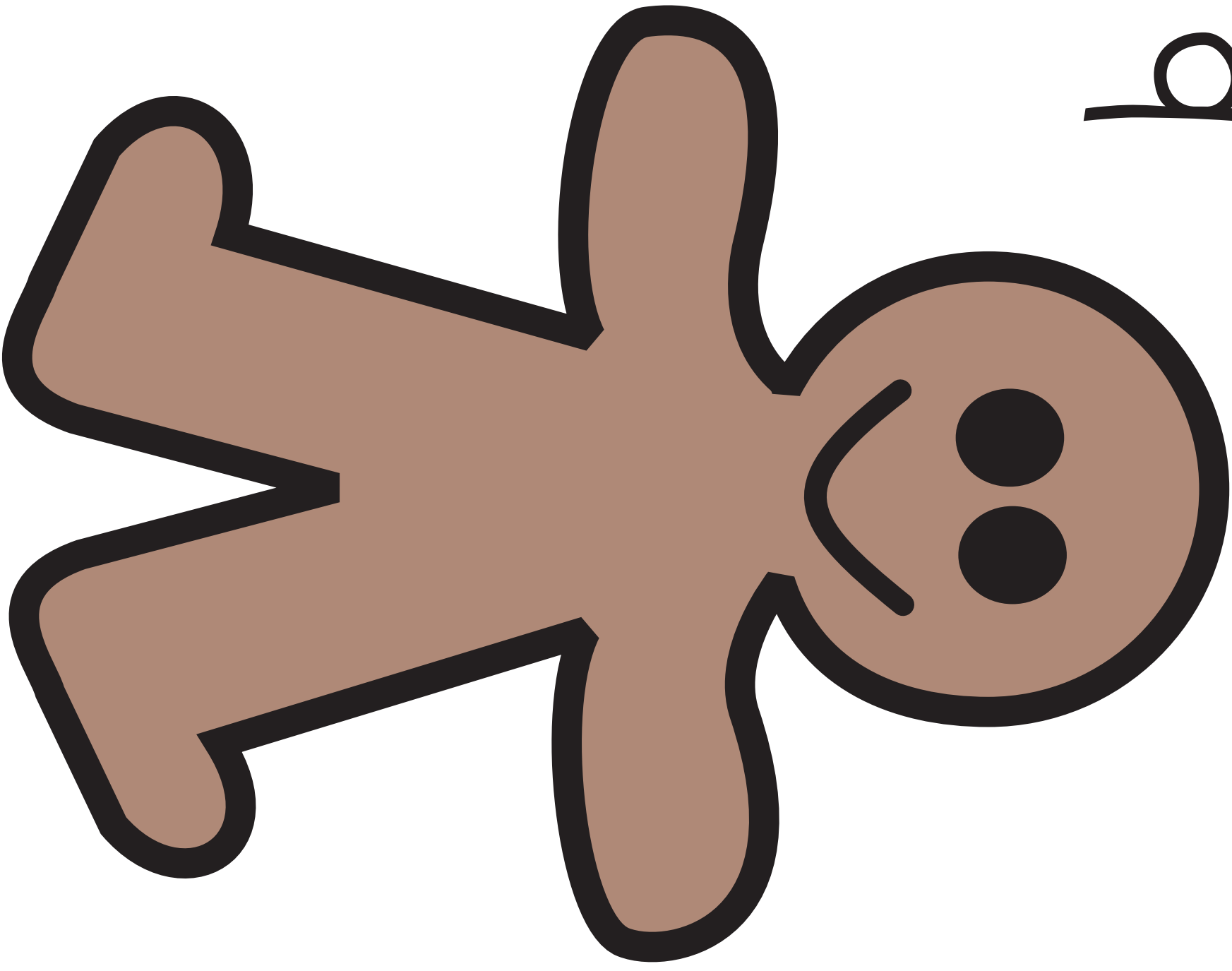
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