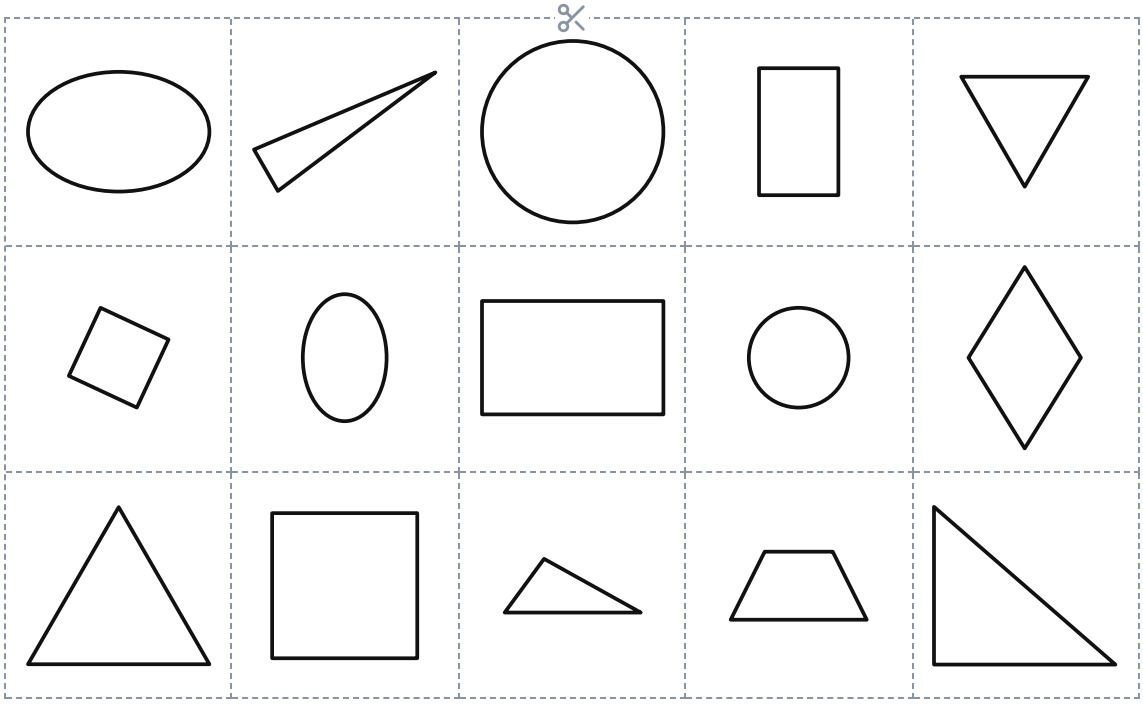
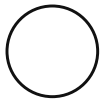
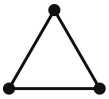
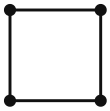
Shape Sort: Shapes to Cut Out

Set A. Cut out each shape. Count its corners, then glue it on the next page.



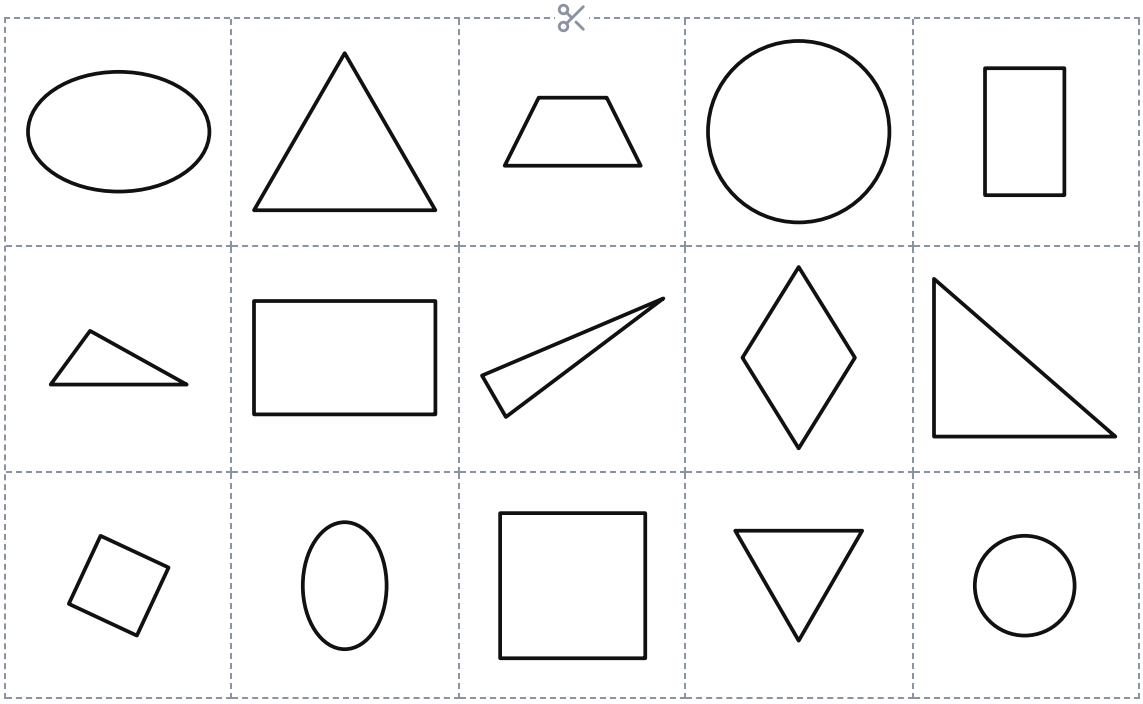
Shape Sort: Glue Mat

Set A. Glue each shape under the number of corners it has.

 No corners	 3 corners	 4 corners

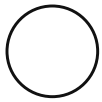
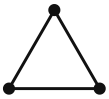
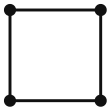
Shape Sort: Shapes to Cut Out

Set B. Cut out each shape. Count its corners, then glue it on the next page.



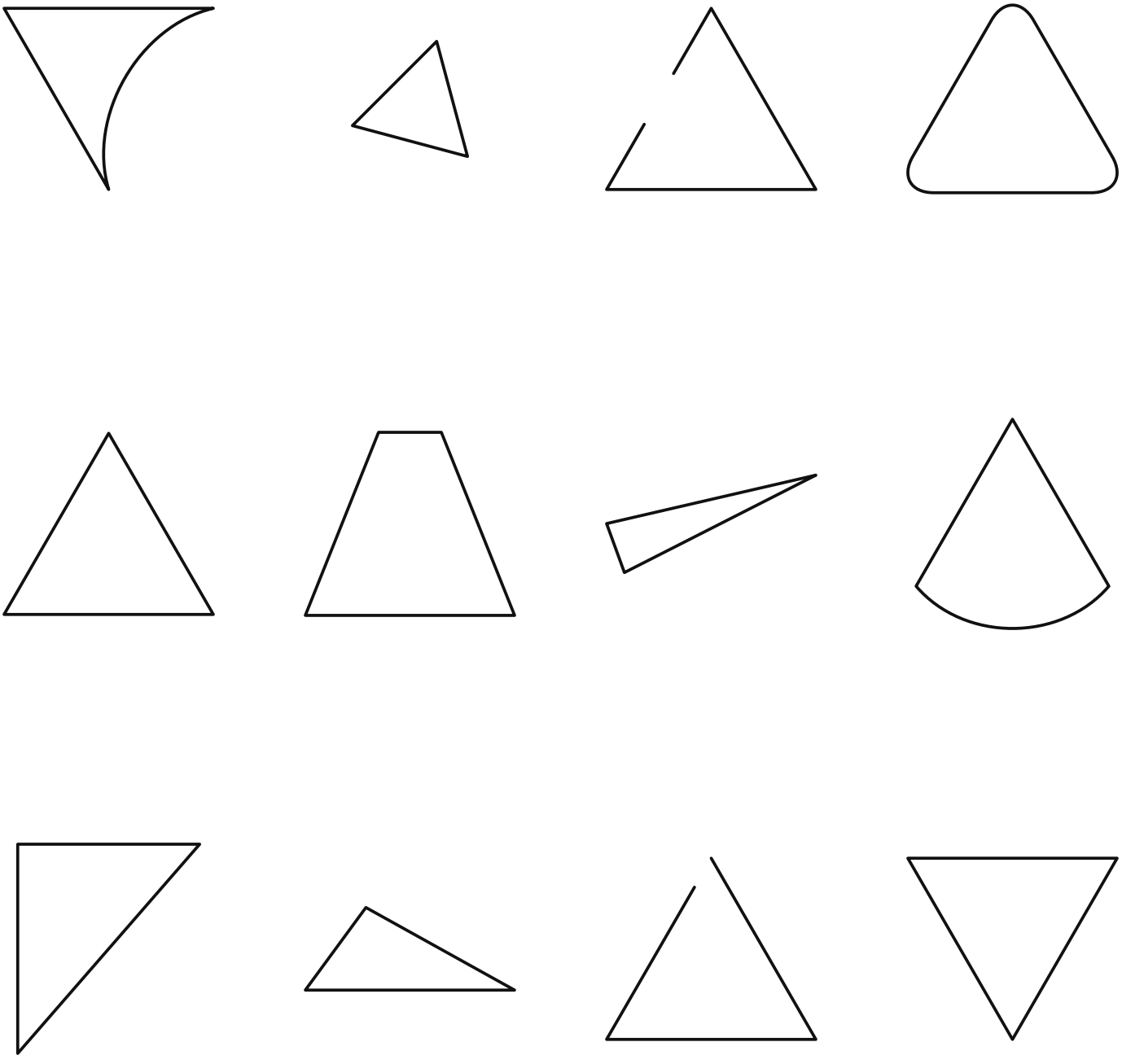
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 No corners	 3 corners	 4 corners

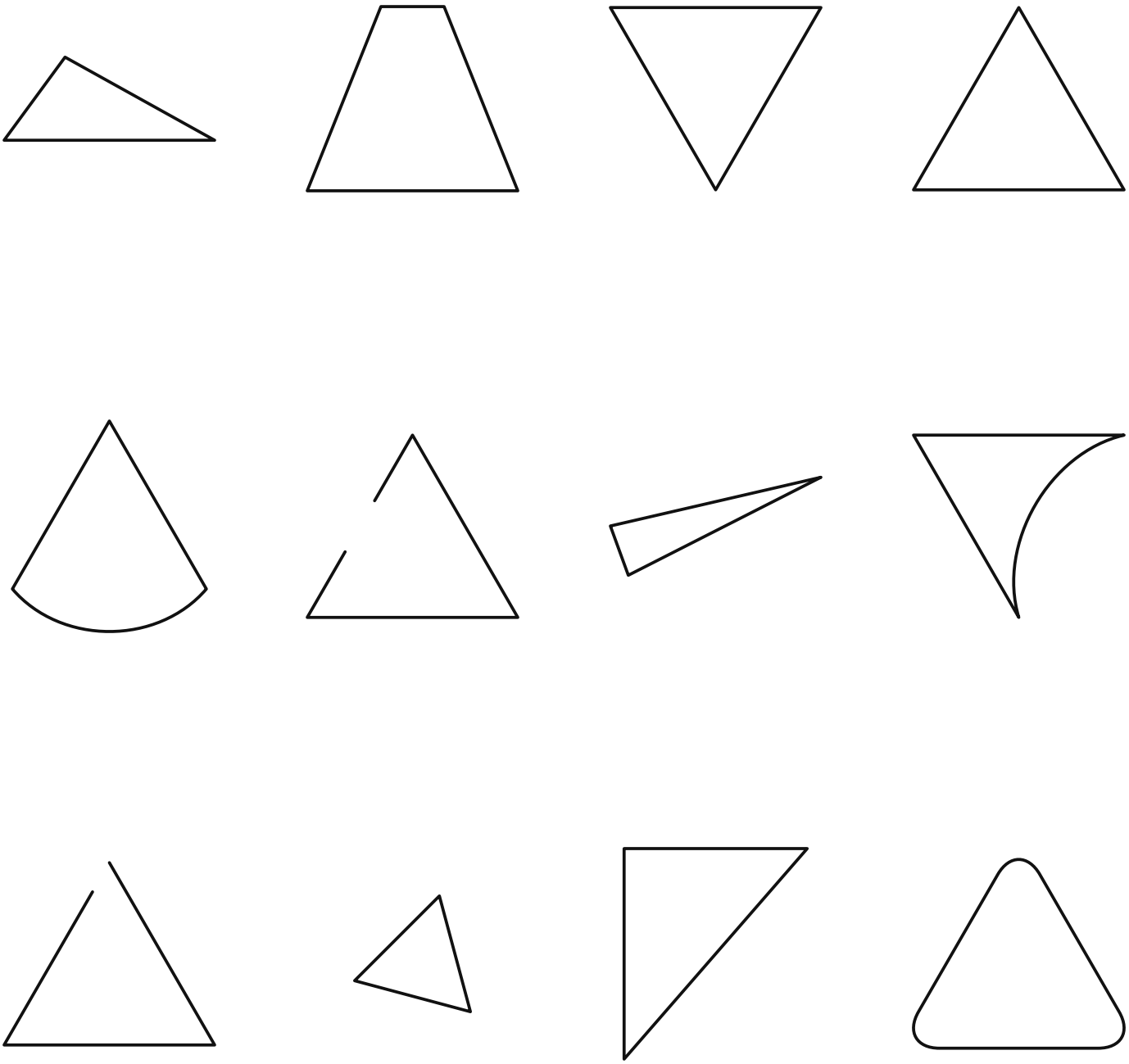
Shape Sort: Find the Triangles

Set A. Circle every triangle: 3 straight sides, 3 corners, and no gaps.



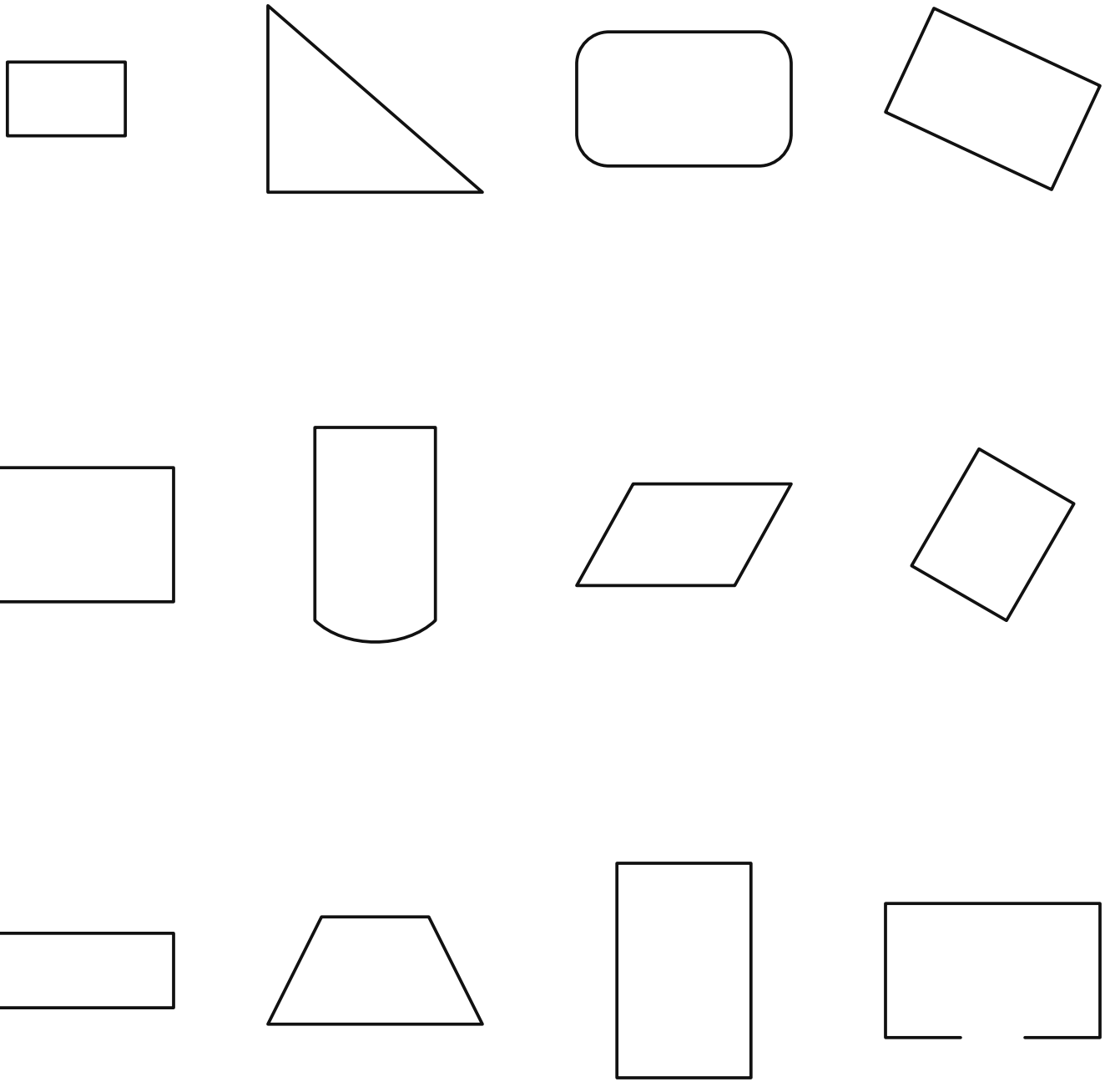
Shape Sort: Find the Triangles

Set B. Circle every triangle: 3 straight sides, 3 corners, and no gaps.



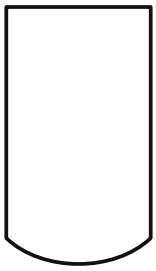
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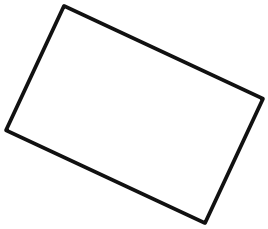
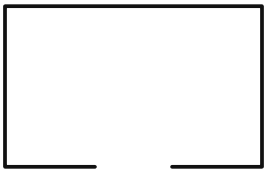
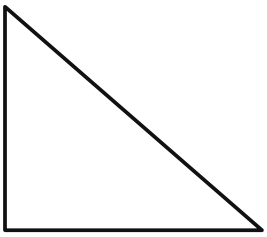
Set A. Circle every rectangle: 4 straight sides, 4 square corners, and no gaps.

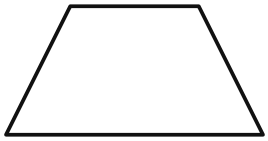
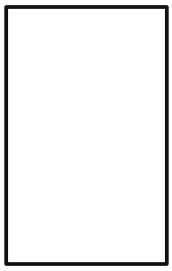


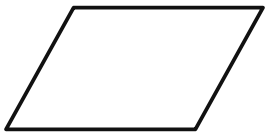
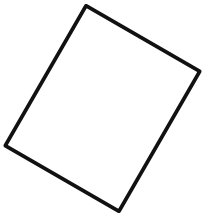
Shape Sort: Find the Rectangles

Set B. Circle every rectangle: 4 straight sides, 4 square corners, and no gaps.



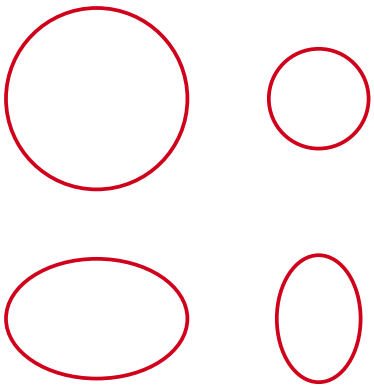



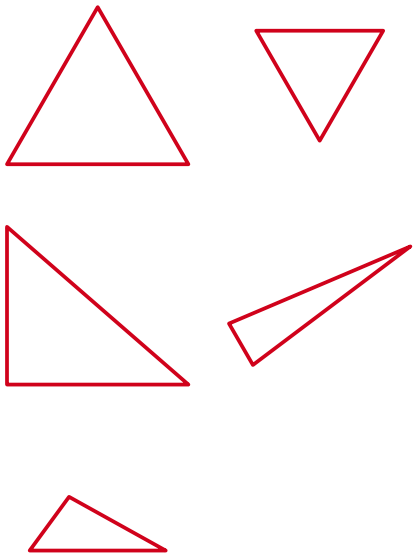
Shape Sort: Answer Key, Glue Mat

For the grown-up. Sets A and B sort the same shapes, so this mat answers both.
Each shape is in red under its column.

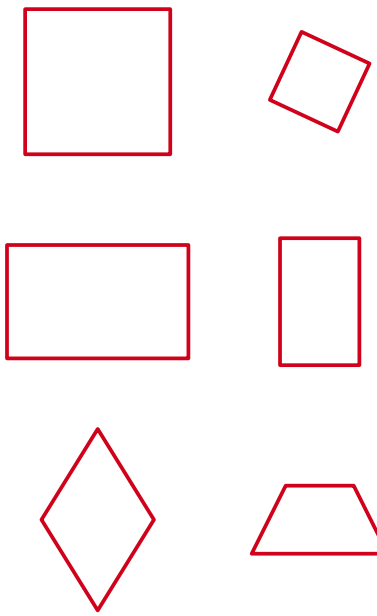
No corners



3 corners



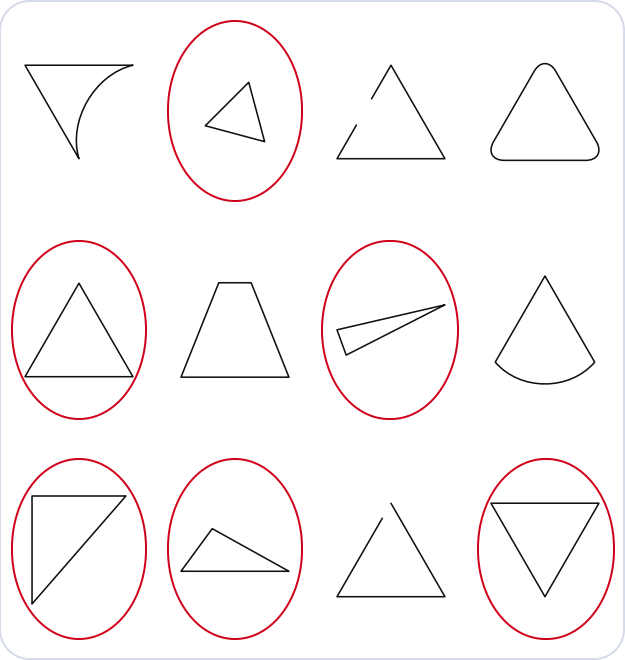
4 corners



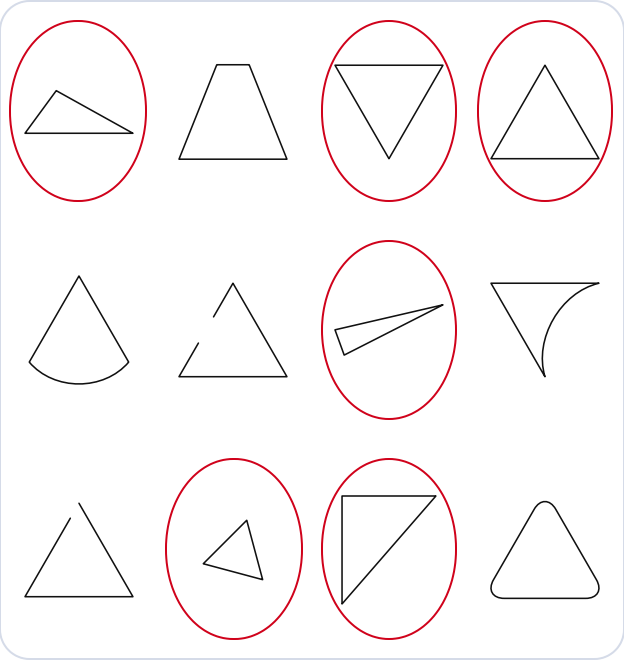
Shape Sort: Answer Key, Pages 5 to 8

For the grown-up. Each shape to circle is ringed in red, in the same place as on its page.

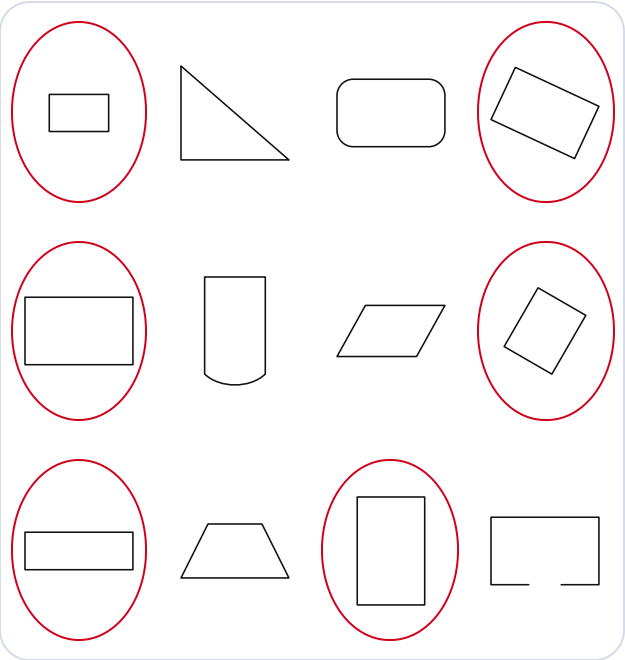
Page 5: find the triangles, set A



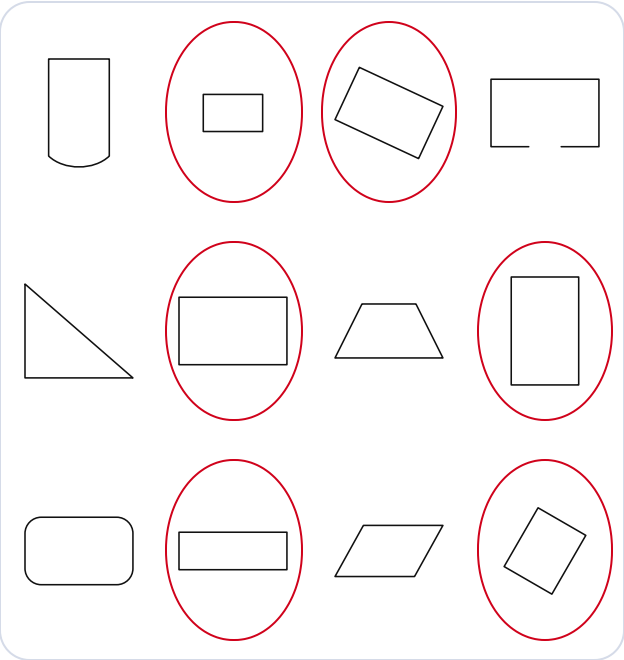
Page 6: find the triangles, set B



Page 7: find the rectangles, set A



Page 8: find the rectangles, set B



For Grown-Ups: How to Use These Worksheets

One activity at a time. Each prints twice, the same shapes in a new order. For preschool to first grade.

Why use it

Kindergartners compare shapes by their sides and corners (Common Core K.G.B.4). Sorting by corners, with shapes turned, stretched, big and small, teaches what makes a shape. The find pages put real triangles and rectangles beside look-alikes, a gap, a curved side, or rounded corners, so a child checks the rule instead of the look.

What it is good for

- Counting corners to sort shapes into three columns.
- Cutting and gluing, as practice for the hand.
- Telling a triangle or a rectangle from a shape that only looks like one.

How to use it

1. Cut out the shapes, or cut them for a child who cannot cut yet.
2. Your child counts each shape's corners aloud before gluing it in its column.
3. On the find pages, circle every triangle, then every rectangle.
4. Ask why a look-alike is not one: a gap, a curve, or no corners.
5. Check with the answer key, where the answers are in red.

> **Try saying:** “Put your finger on a corner and count. How many corners? Which column?”

Tip: No square is on the rectangle page, on purpose. That a square is a rectangle too comes later.