Moveable acrobat

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Create your own moveable acrobat

You will need:

- A copy of the template on page 2
- A pair of scissors
- Some drawing pens or coloured pencils
- 5 split pins (paper fasteners)
- Some blu-tack or plasticine.

1. Draw your own designs onto the template on page 2:
   - Draw a face for your acrobat. What colour are their eyes? Are they smiling?
   - Draw and colour a design for your acrobat's leotard. It could be stripy like our toy acrobat or something completely different.

2. Carefully cut out the acrobat's head, body, arms and legs.

3. Join the legs, arms and head onto the acrobat's body using the split pins. Tip: stick a piece of blu-tack or plasticine to the table, lay the two parts you want to join together on top and push a split pin through the paper into the blu-tack (or plasticine).

4. Arrange your acrobat into an exciting pose – are they jumping, flying through the air, doing a handstand or a somersault?

5. Try drawing your own design for a moveable toy like this one. It could be a teddy, a doll, or something else.

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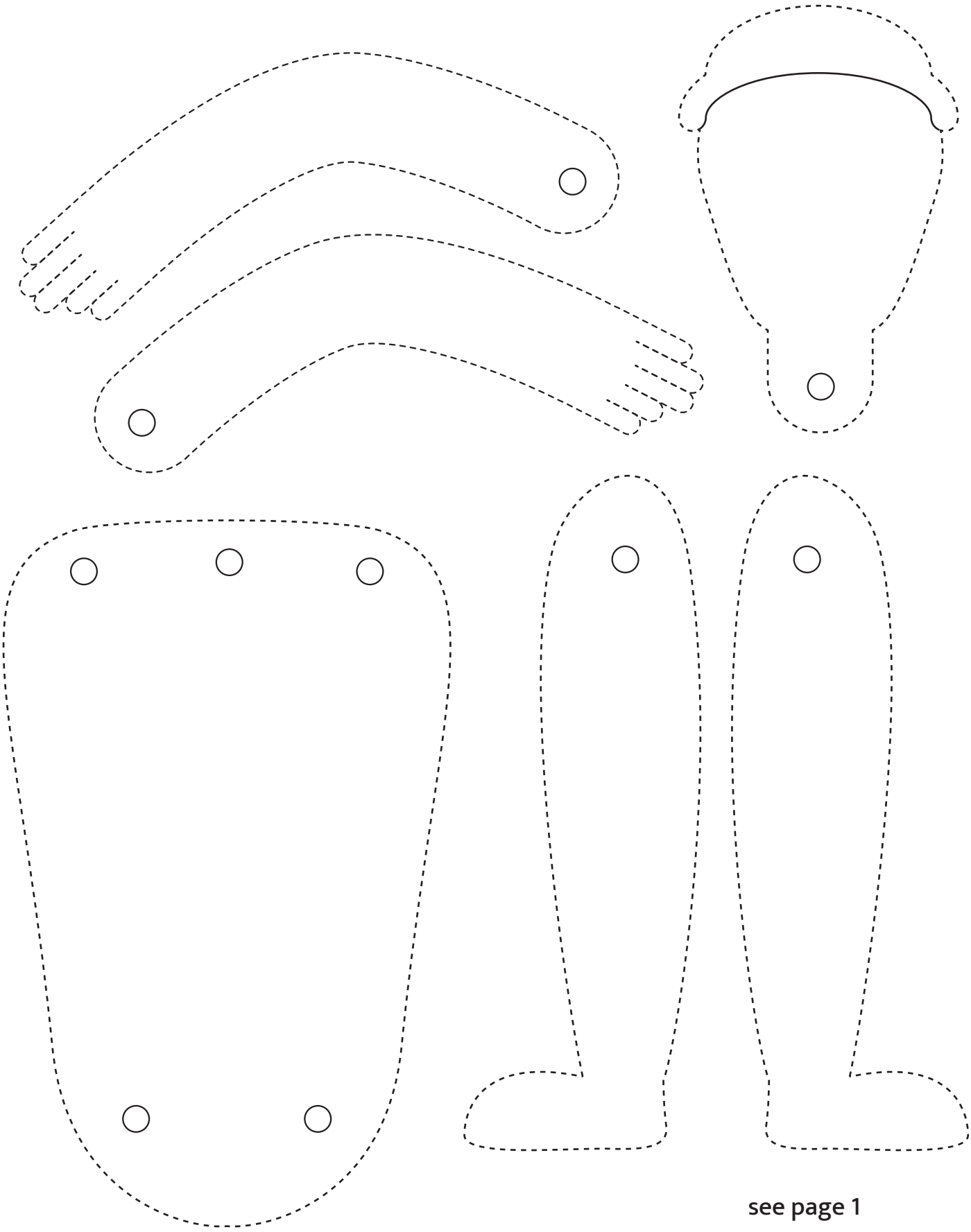

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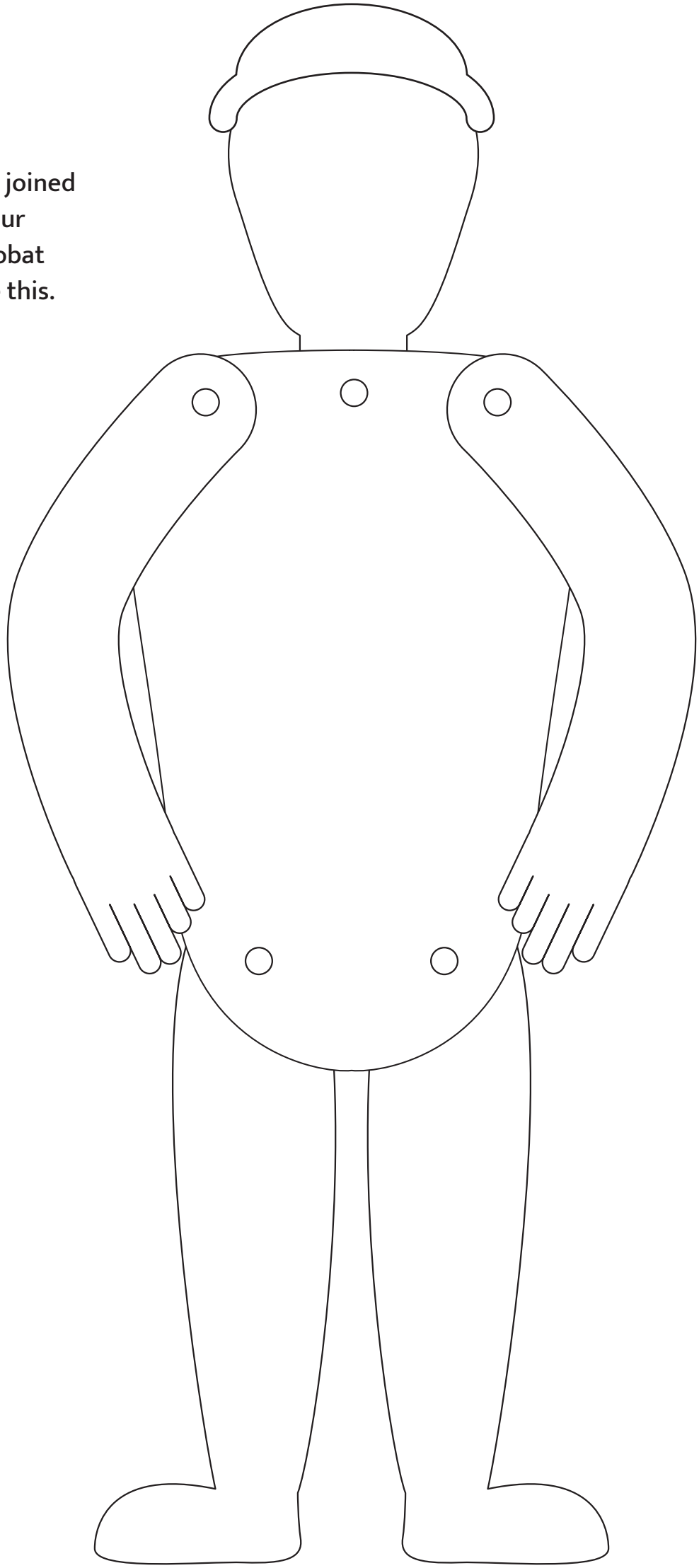
When it's all joined together, your finished acrobat will look like this.