

## Leprechauns + Gold

- Vikings invaded Ireland in 795 A.D. When they departed they left behind some stolen gold. According to legend leprechauns found and buried the gold so no human could ever find it.

## Rainbows

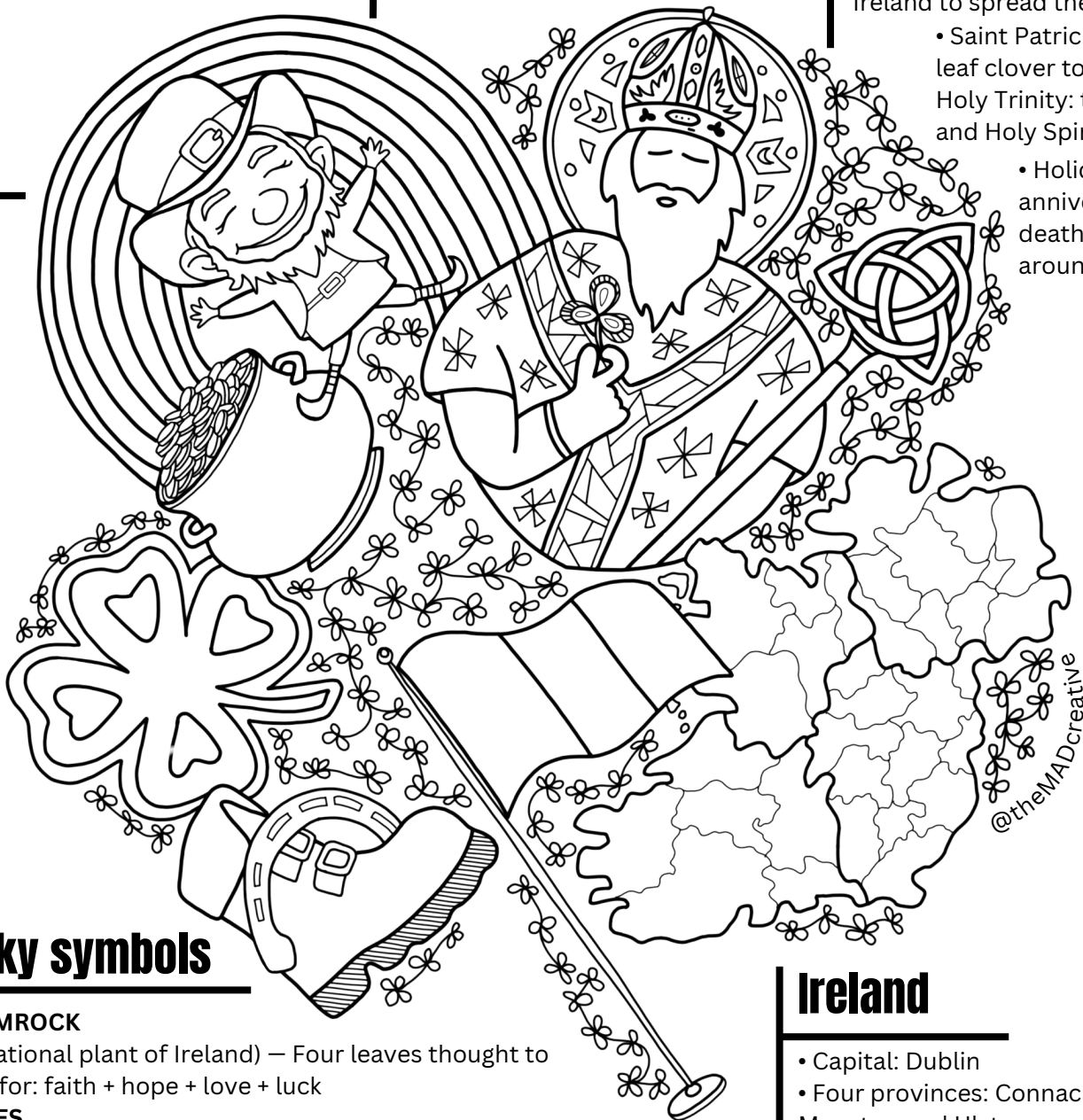
- Saint Patrick viewed the rainbow as God's promise to never flood the Earth again.
- In Celtic culture rainbows signify hope and goals.

## Saint Patrick

- AKA: The patron saint of Ireland
- Saint Patrick was born in Great Britain, but he found his faith while being held prisoner by Irish raiders. He escaped captivity after six years, went home to Great Britain to study Christianity, and then returned to Ireland to spread the Christian faith.

- Saint Patrick used a three leaf clover to explain the Holy Trinity: the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

- Holiday held on the anniversary of his death: March 17, around 460 A.D.



## Lucky symbols

- **SHAMROCK**

(the national plant of Ireland) – Four leaves thought to stand for: faith + hope + love + luck

- **SHOES**

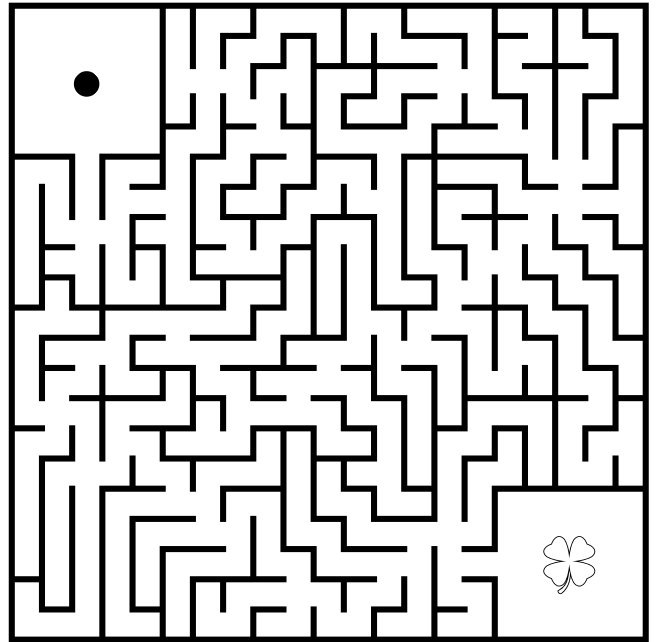
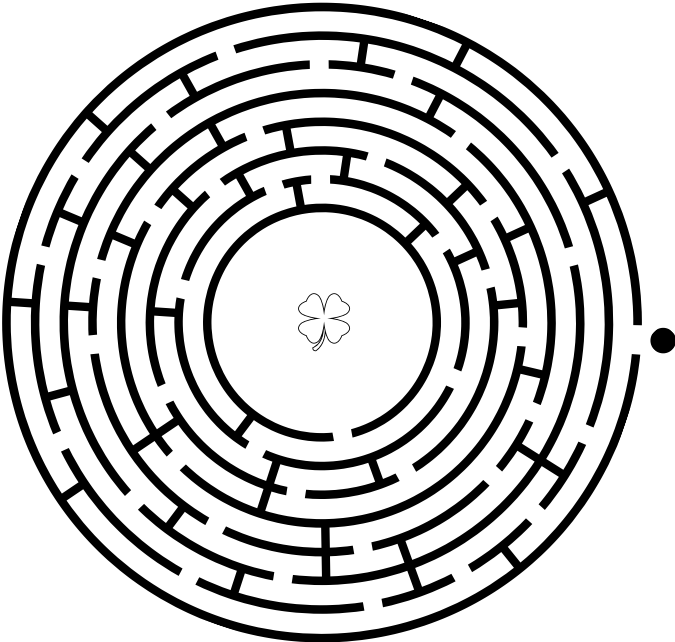
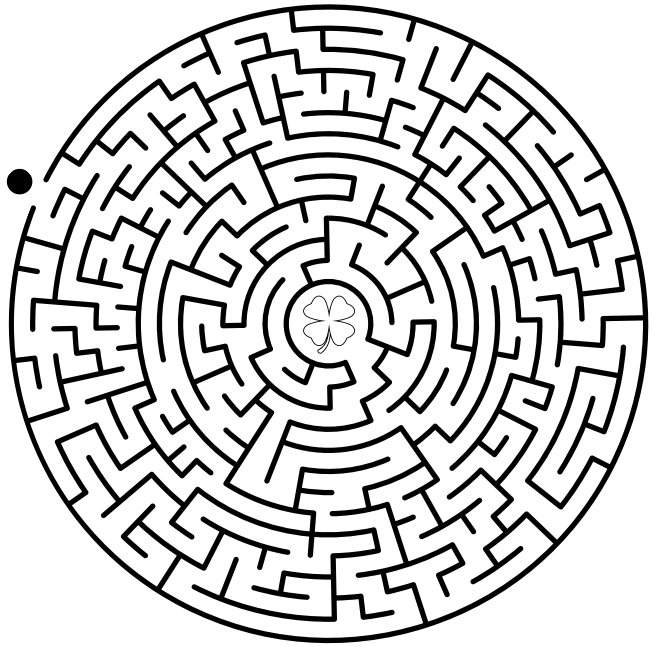
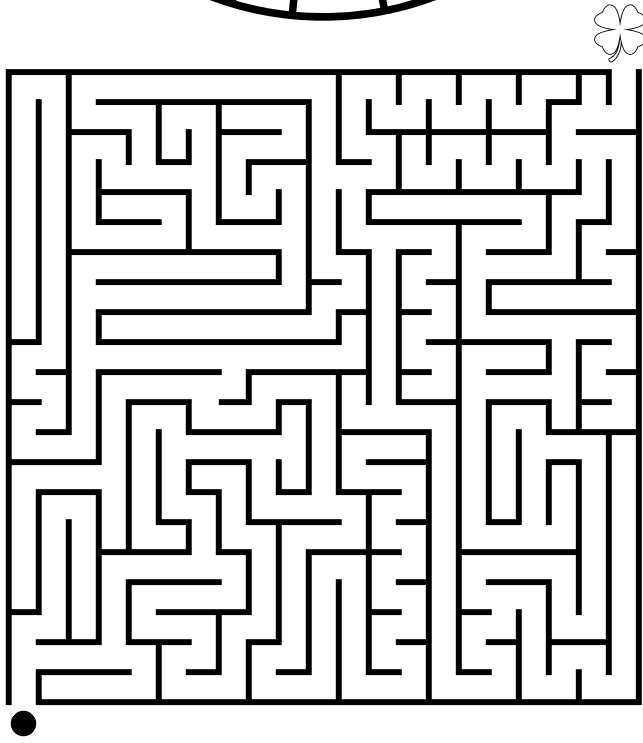
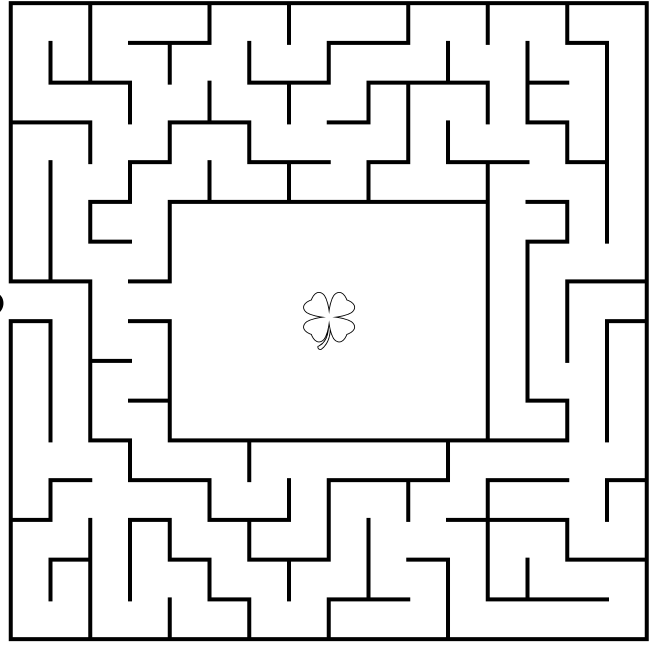
Some children leave their shoes out on Saint Patrick's Day eve, hoping for a leprechaun visit. Leprechauns leave money, gold candy coins, and a sprinkle of green dust in their shoes.

- **HORSESHOE**

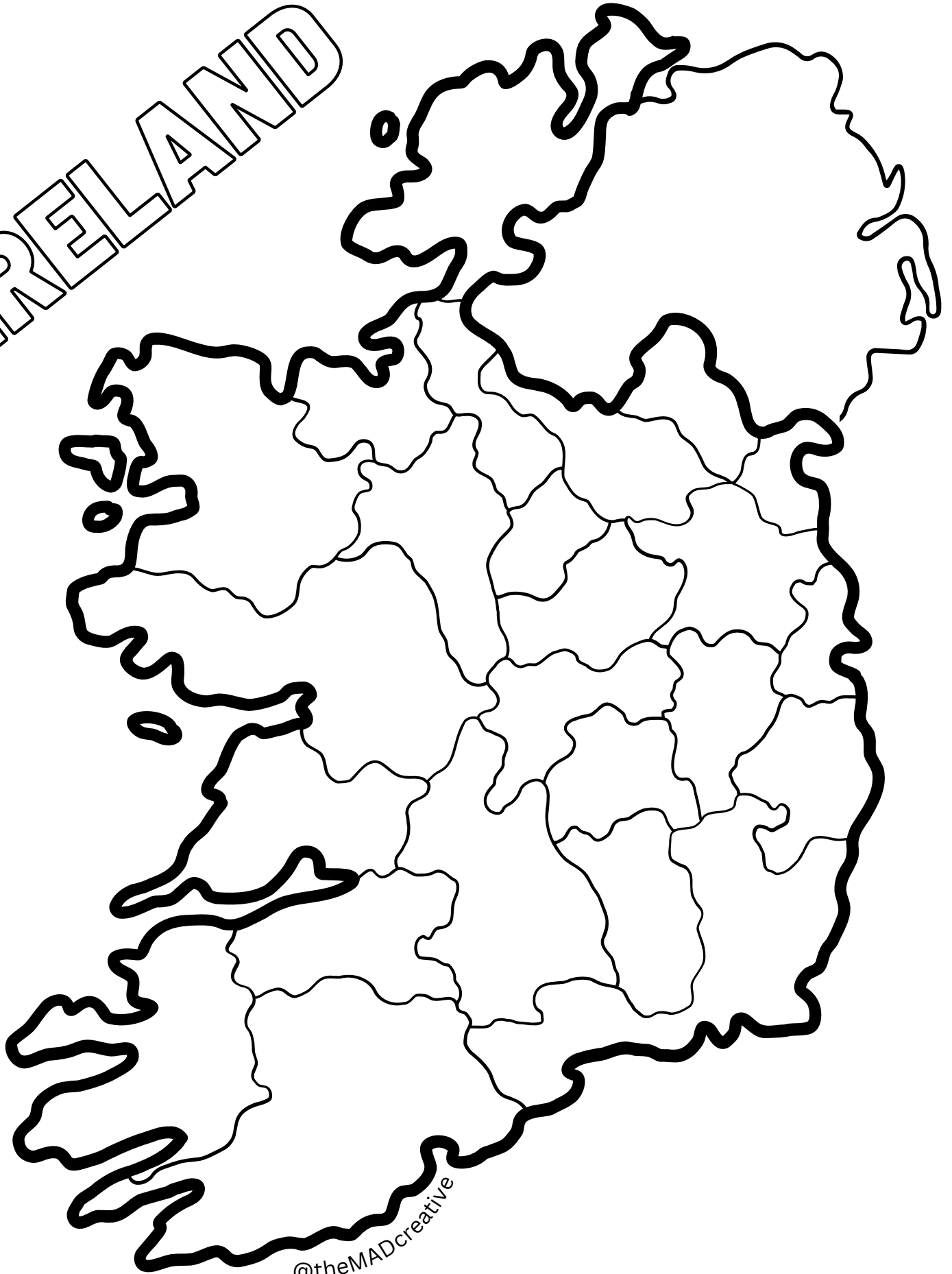
Some believe the horseshoe should be hung upright (like the letter "U") to keep the luck in place. Others believe the horseshoe should be hung upside down, so the luck spills out and over anyone passing through.

## Ireland

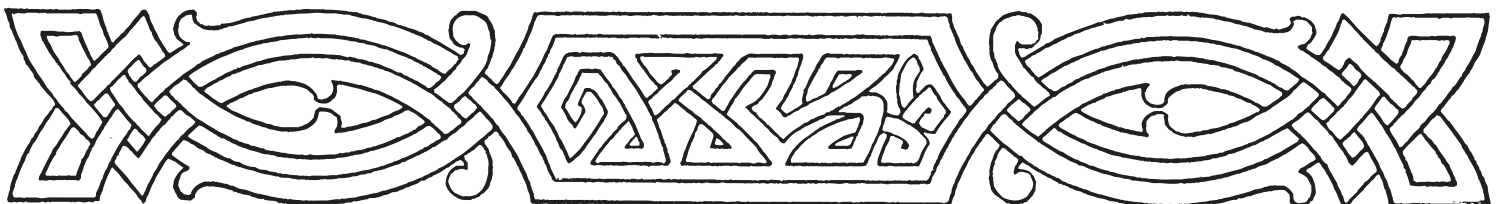
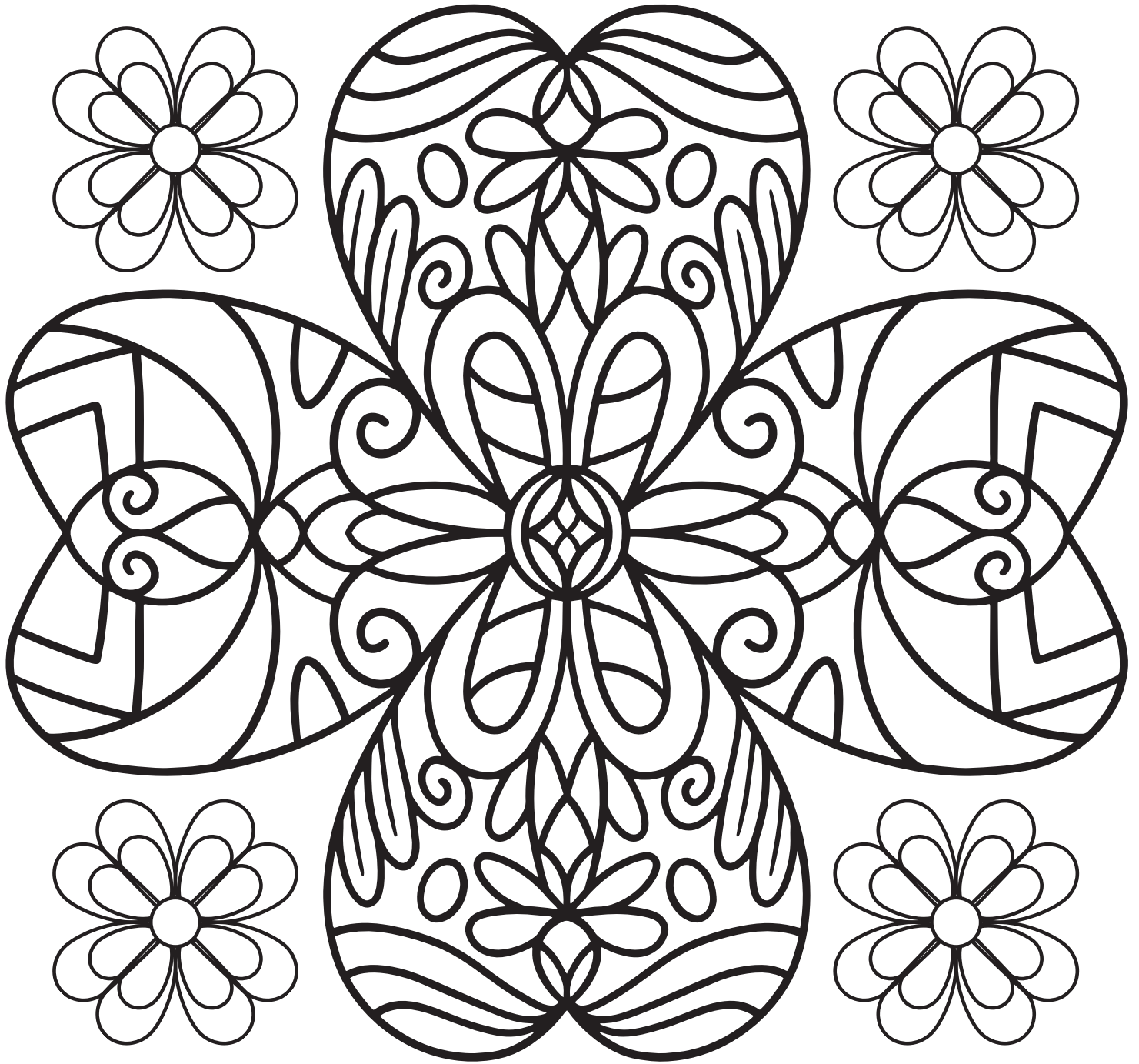
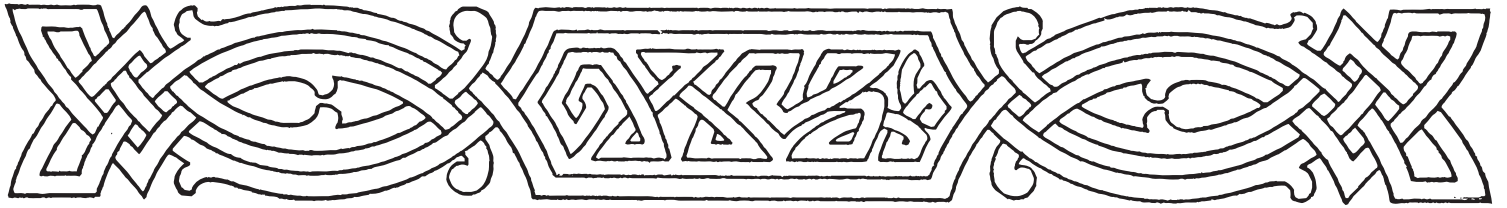
- Capital: Dublin
- Four provinces: Connacht, Leinster, Munster, and Ulster
- The Irish have a rich literary tradition of storytelling using myths, fables, poetry, and rhymes that make Ireland's history come alive.
- Northern Ireland (the north-east of the island) is part of the United Kingdom.

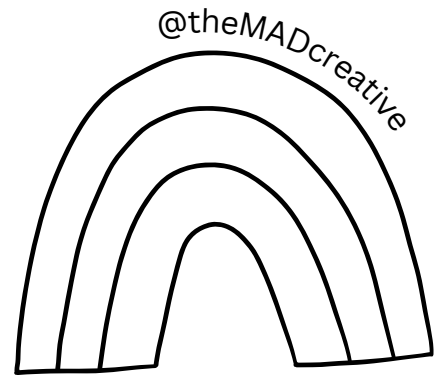
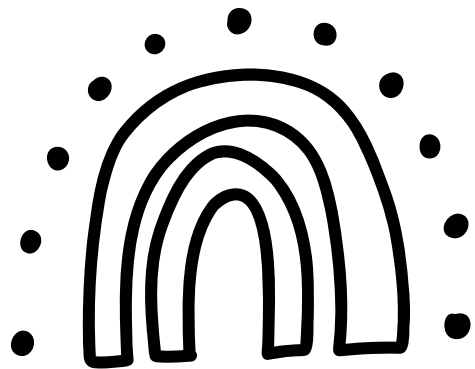
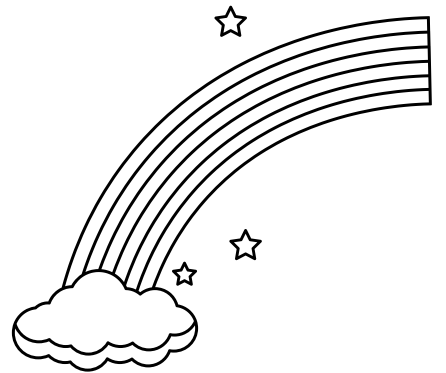
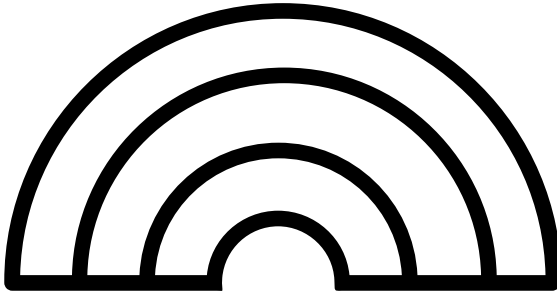
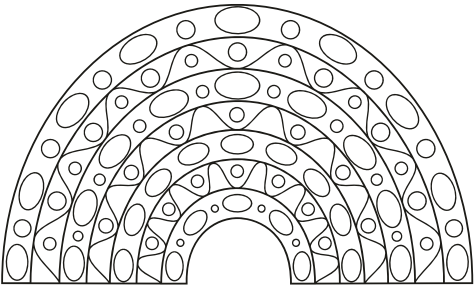
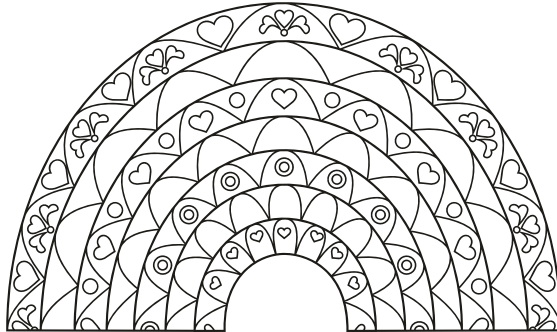
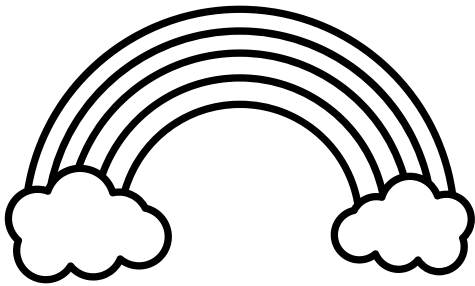
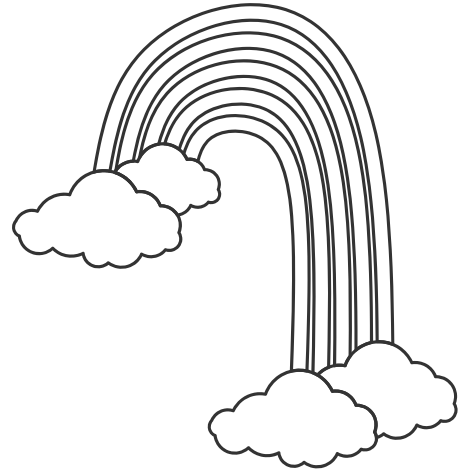
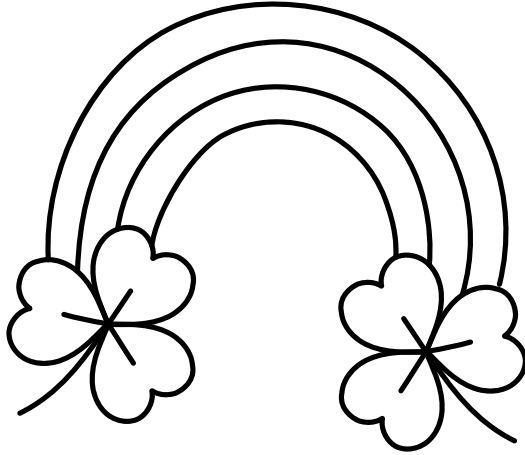
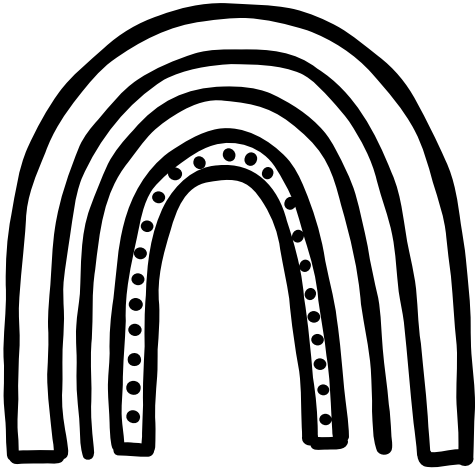


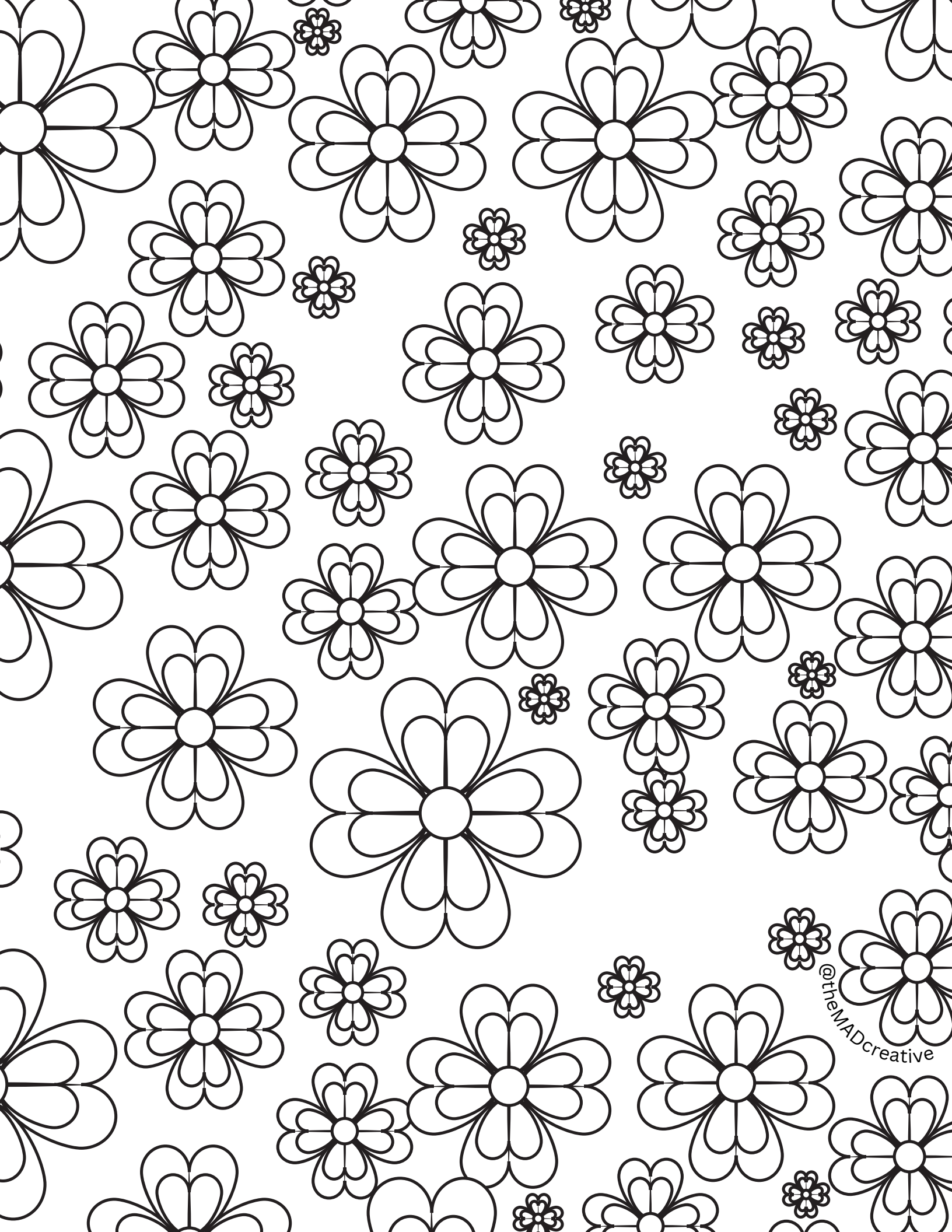
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