

# Teaching Notes: *123 Tea Party*

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## SYNOPSIS

Join Fox as he prepares a magnificent tea party for all his friends in this perfect first counting book.

## JANE AUSTEN AND THE HAMPSHIRE CULTURAL TRUST

Jane Austen, the world famous author, spent most of her life in Hampshire. Its houses, countryside and people inspired her writing. The book design draws on the repeating pattern of oak leaves from a Pelisse coat in the care of The Hampshire Cultural Trust which is thought to have belonged to Jane Austen.

## ILLUSTRATOR BACKGROUND

Ailie studied Illustration Design at East Anglia University, Cambridge, travelled around the world for a year, then moved to London and became a freelance children's book illustrator. She relocated to Newcastle where she has lived for the past 15 years. She takes inspiration from all things vintage including children's books and pattern design. Ailie uses traditional media to create charming, engaging characters.

## HOW THE BOOK ENHANCES LEARNING

The first stages of reading and learning are so important for a child. This book is a fun and innovative way of learning about numbers and counting. It expands children's minds through creativity and imagination whilst teaching basic numerical skills.

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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Introduce *123 Tea Party* to the children.

Get the children to look closely at the front cover. What can they see? Can they identify any of the colours?

Ask the children how old they are? When reading the book ask the children to look out for the number of their age and their friend's ages.

## After reading the book:

Ask the children if they were going to have a tea party how they would plan it:

How many cakes, tea pots, cake stands etc. would they need?

How many friends would they invite?

What type of cake would each friend get?

Would their tea party be inside or outside?

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# Count the items in each box!

Name: ..... Class: .....



How many cupcakes?: .....

How many tea cups?: .....

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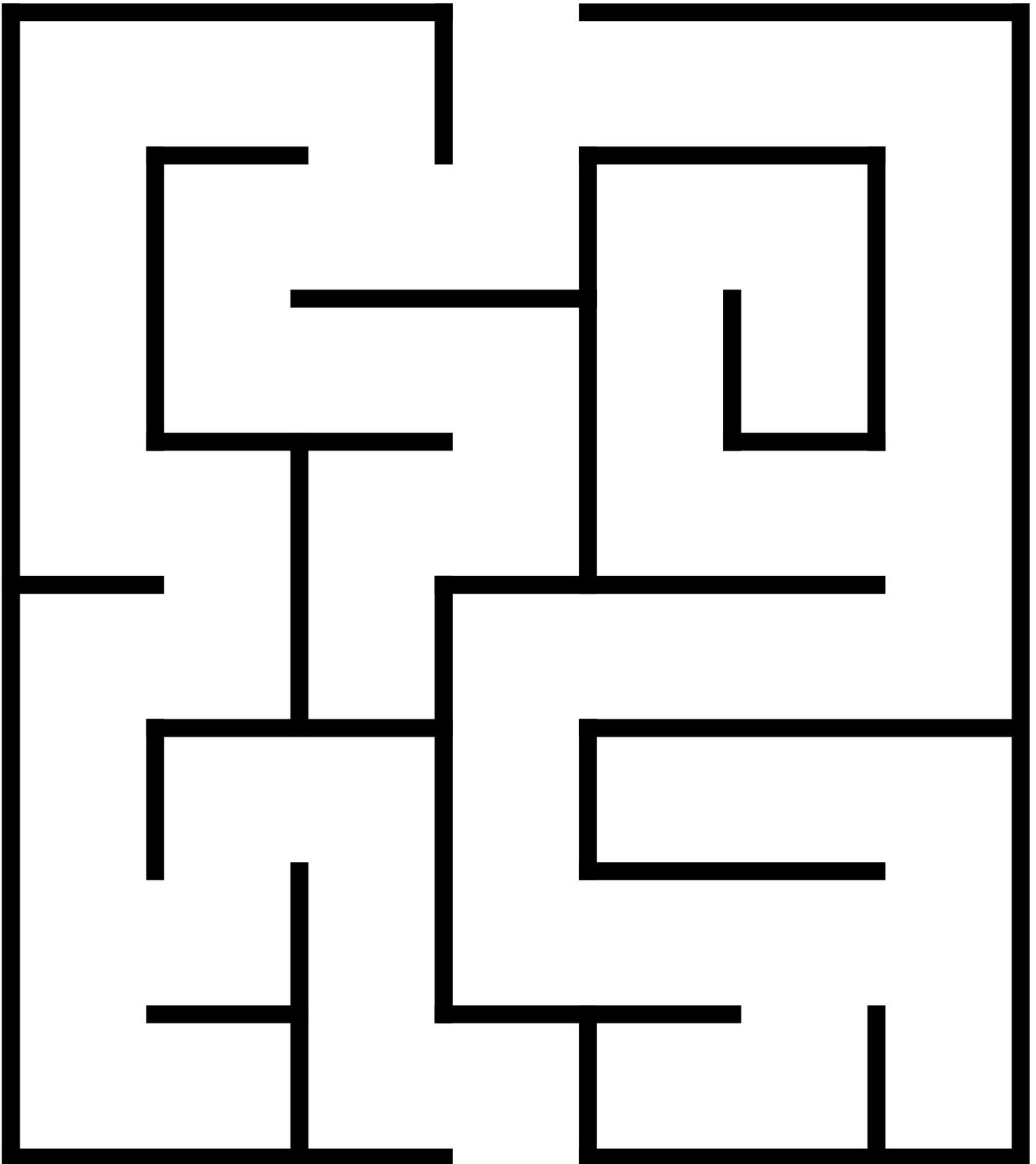
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**Badger has eaten all the cupcakes! Fox must get through the maze to his freshly baked cupcakes so that no one misses out. Draw a line through the maze so that Fox can get to them quickly.**

**Start**





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### Create your own bunting for your very own tea party!

What you will need:

Scissors

String

Colouring in pencils/pens/paints/glitter

Any decoration you want!

Hole-punch

Method:

Print out the following page which includes two triangles.

Give each child the page to cut out the triangles themselves or cut them out for the children in preparation and have them ready to decorate.

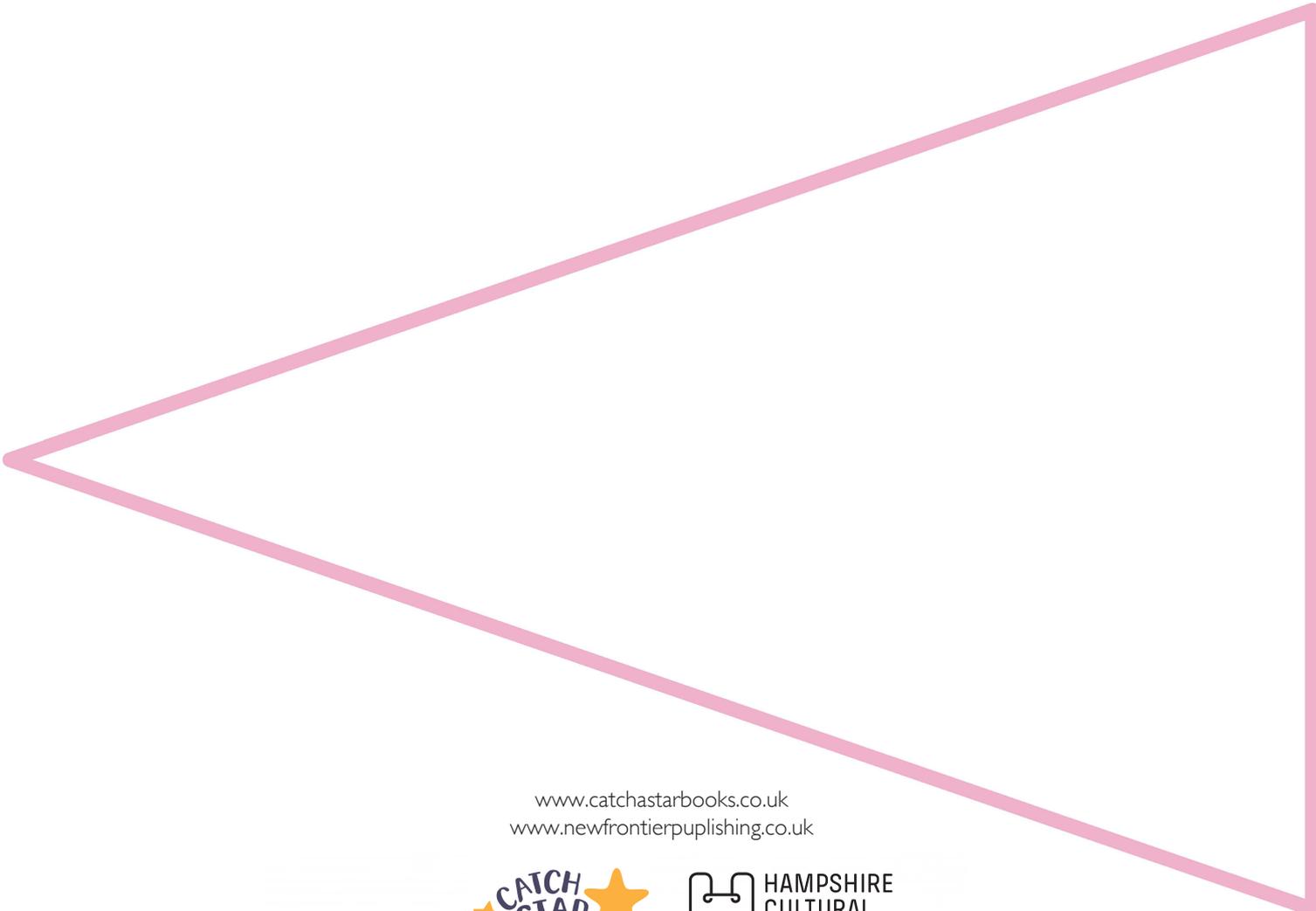
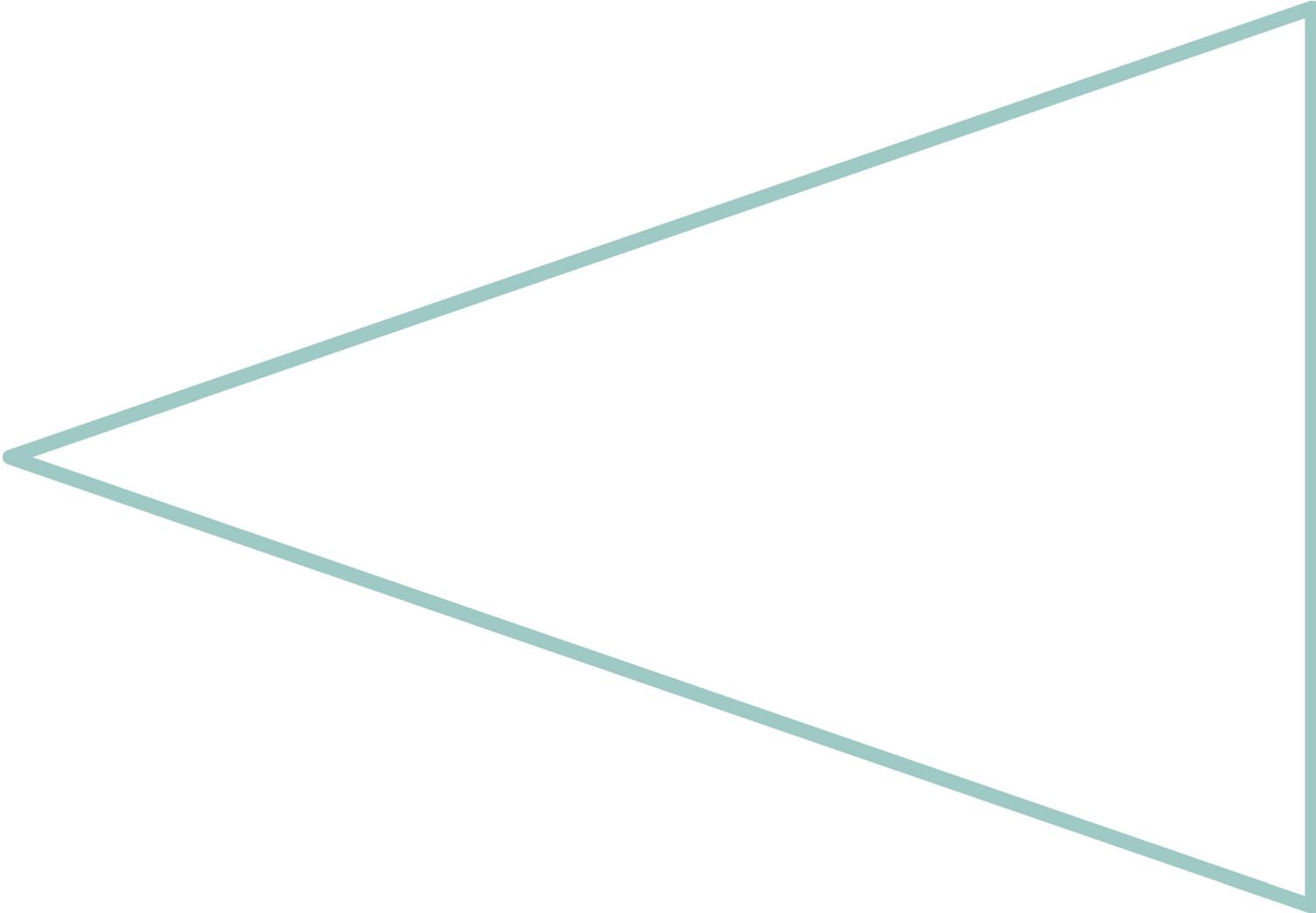
Each child decorates two triangles however they like.

Once each child has completed decorating them, using a hole-punch, punch two holes on either end of the triangle.

Using the string, connect all the triangles to create your own bunting to hang in the classroom or library!

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