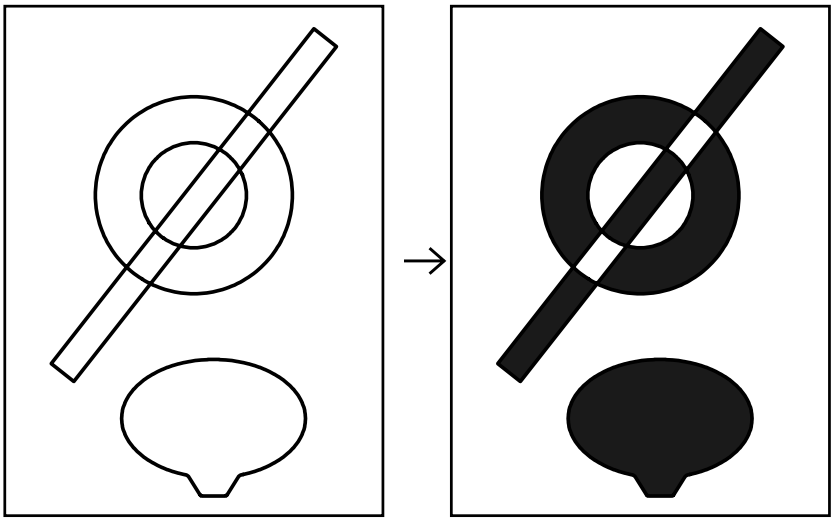
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Rule 1: Cross a line, switch

Every picture in Part One is drawn with closed lines. Pick one dark pen (or one color). The thin frame around the picture is not a rule line: everything outside it is white, and every region that touches the frame is white too. Start there.

Now move across the page. Every time you cross a line, switch: white becomes colored, colored becomes white. Two regions that share a line are always opposite.

That is the whole rule. There is nothing to count and nothing to look up. If two of your regions ever match across a line, one of them is wrong; trace back to the frame to find out which.



Use a fineliner, gel pen or pencil. Slip a sheet of card behind the page if you use markers.

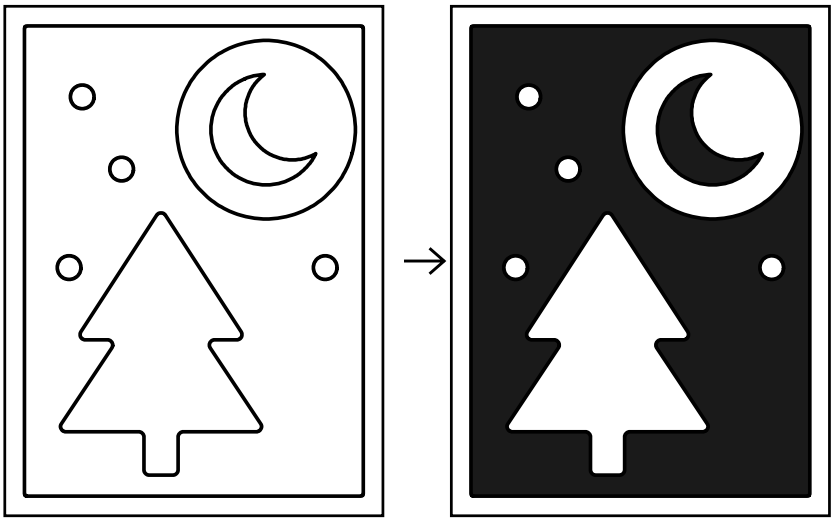
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Night pages: the border counts as a line (for the wolf page)

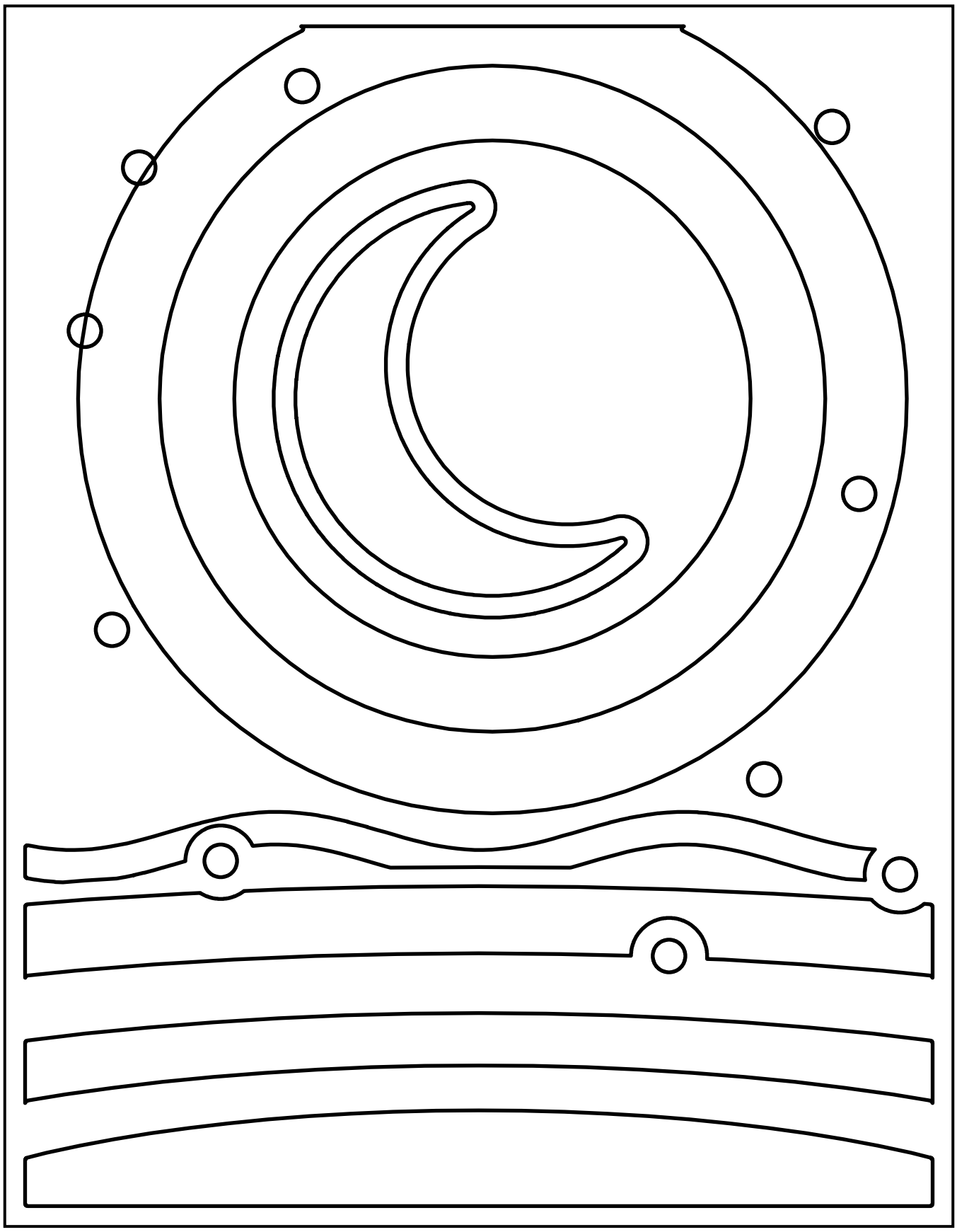
They need nothing new. The thin frame is still not a rule line, and the narrow strip between the frame and the heavier line is white, as on every page. The heavier line is an ordinary rule line, so when you cross it you switch: everything just inside it starts colored.

From there, carry on as usual. Each shape inside the border switches back, so the creatures, trees and stars come out white against the dark, like paper cut-outs held up to a night sky. A shape inside a white shape switches again and comes out dark.



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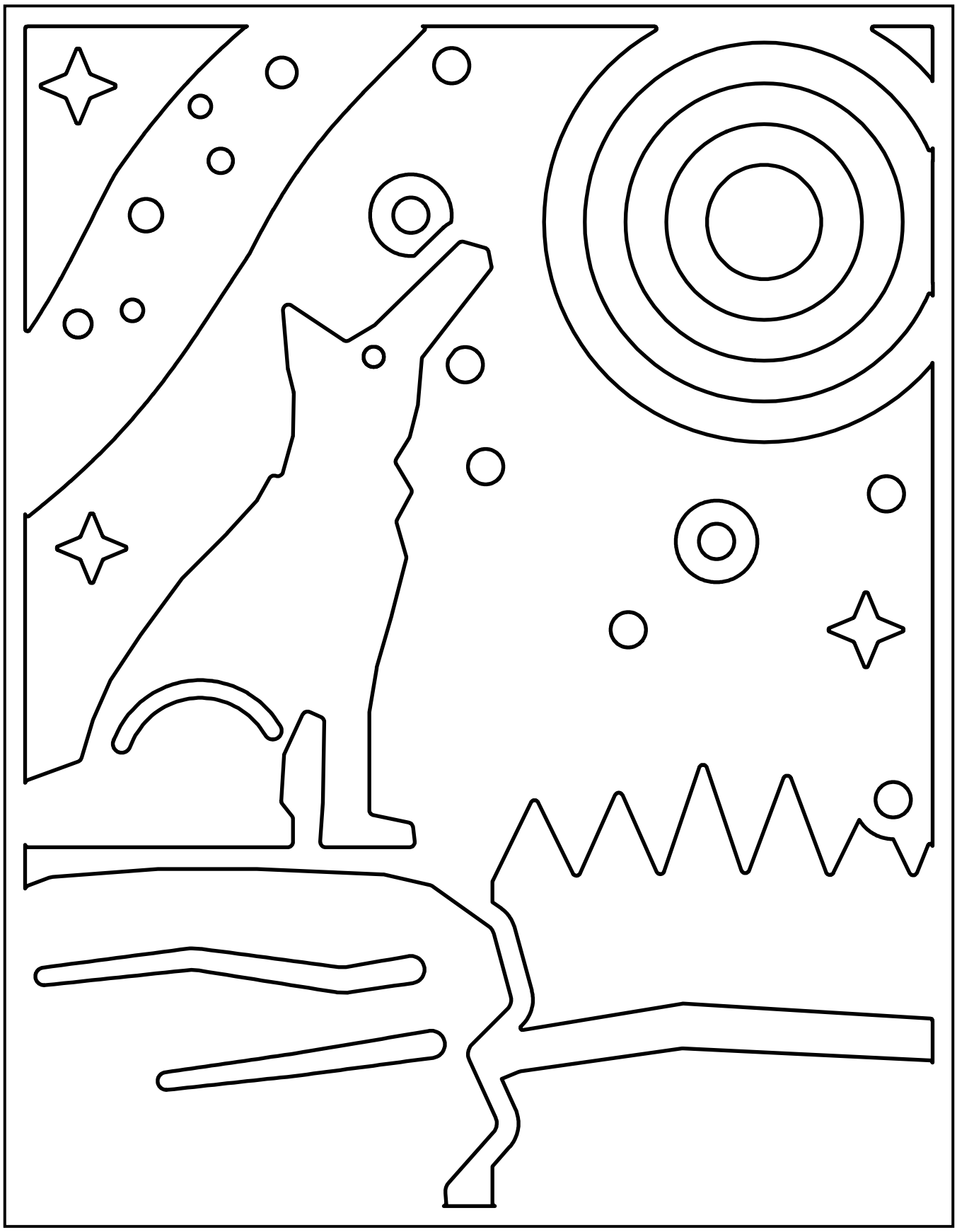
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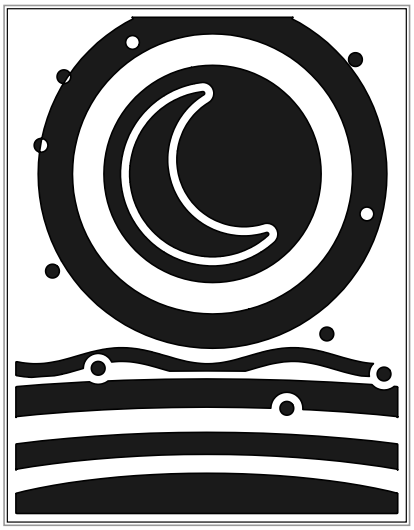
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Night, properly, now.

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The answers



Crescent moon over three hills

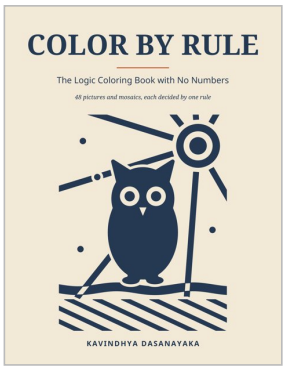


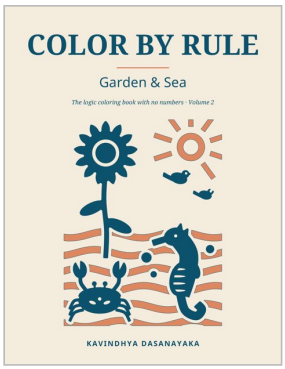
Watering can

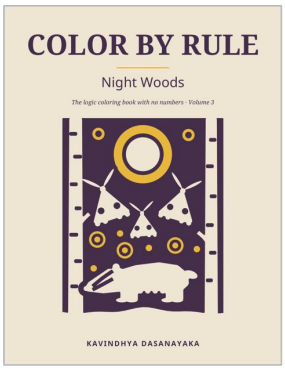


Wolf on the ridge

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