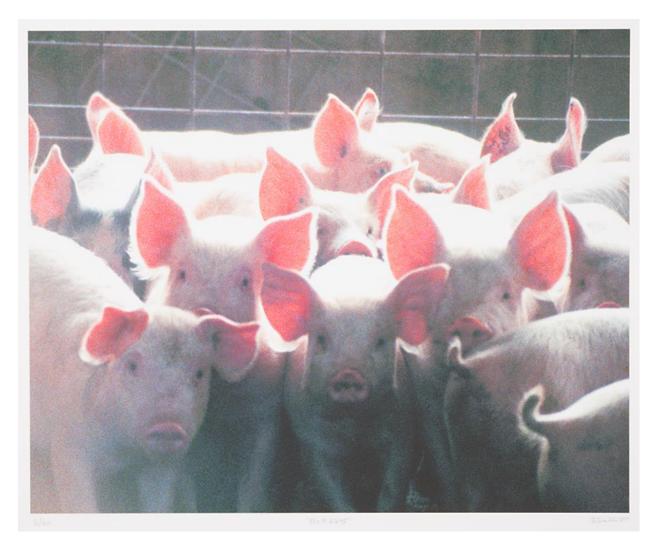


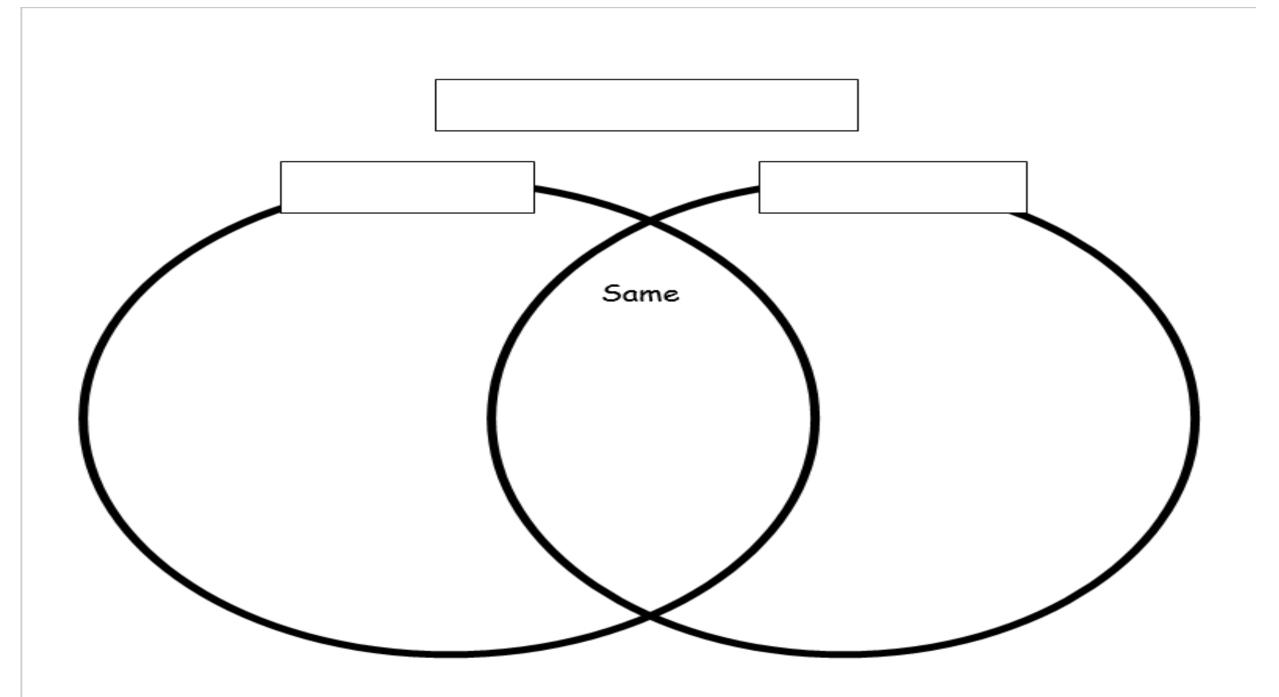
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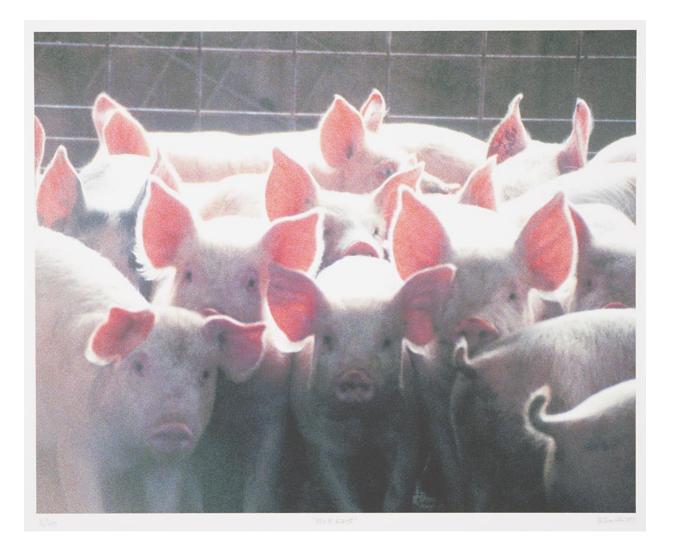




## **Compare and Contrast**

Use the Venn Diagram that follows to list how these pigs are different and the same.





#### **Shirley Smith**

Born 1929, Whitewater, Kansas Died 2013, New York, New York *Pink Ears*, 2007 Inkjet print Gift of the artists, 2007.86

A graduate of Kansas State University, Smith embarked on a career as an actress in New York City before becoming a multi-media artist. During the 1980s she spent summers living in a vacation trailer near her hometown of Whitewater, thirty miles northeast of Wichita, creating art inspired by the rural scenes around her. Her multi-media installation *I Love Pigs* was featured at the Beach Museum of Art in 1999 and included painted portraits, videos, and sculptural wire drawings. Smith said, "Pigs especially have great personalities. Their almost human eyes seem to really look at you and make contact. ... They seem to enjoy your company and reciprocate it back in such a personal, funny way. At least that's how I like to read it."

### Harry Herman Wickey

Born 1892, Stryker, Ohio Died 1968, Cornwall Landing, New York *Sultry August Afternoon (Piglets and Sow*), 1935-36 Lithograph

Friends of the Beach Museum of Art Purchase, 2005.43

Native American creation stories tell of how the Wickey grew up on an Ohio farm. His studies with Social Realist artists in New York influenced his focus on the American Scene and expressive use of line in rendering his subjects. Wickey created a series of pig lithographs while on the family farm in 1935-36. At the time, he was recovering from the effects of nitric acid fumes used for printmaking on his eyes. Art critic and historian Thomas Craven said of Wickey's pig (*Sus domesticus*) series, "The artist has captured the very essence of swinishness: each of these porkers is Very Hog of Very Hog."



*Hogs Near a Corncrib,* 1936





Pigs are in the *Suidae* family, which includes eight genera and 16 species. Among those species are wild boars, warthogs and pygmy hogs and domestic pigs. Pigs are also called swine.

Pigs were among the first animals to be domesticated — about 9,000 years ago — in China and in a region in what is now Turkey. Asian farmers first brought domesticated pigs to Europe around 7,500 years ago.

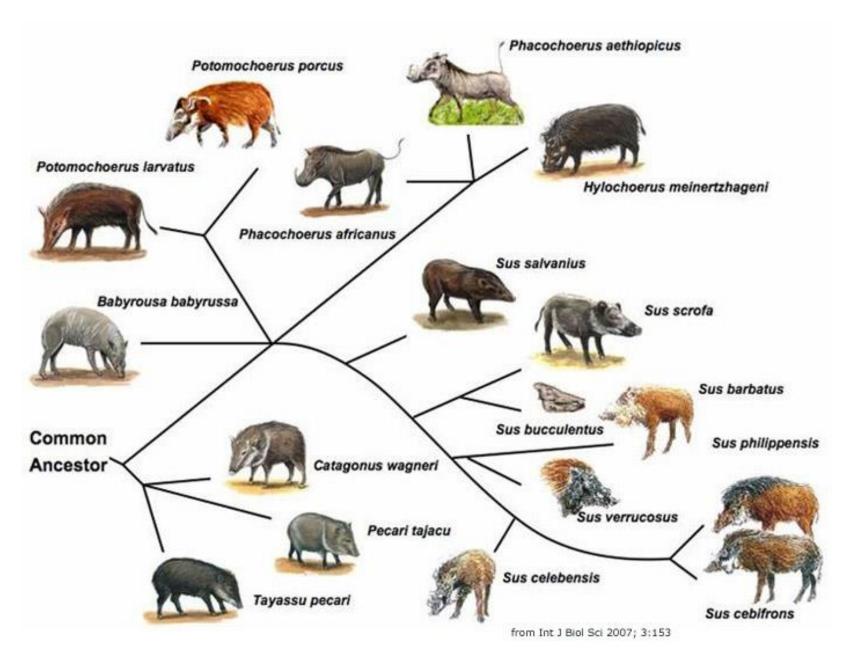
There are around 2 billion pigs in the world.

Pigs are among the smartest of all domesticated animals and are even smarter than dogs. They learn their names in just two weeks and come when they're called. Pigs are even capable of playing video games better than some primates.

Pigs have an excellent sense of smell. A pig's snout is an important tool for finding food in the ground and sensing the world around them. Pigs have been used as Truffle (an expensive mushroom) hunters.

Despite their reputation, pigs are not dirty animals. They're actually quite clean. The pig's reputation as a filthy animal comes from its habit of rolling in mud to cool off. Pigs that live in cool, covered environments stay very clean.

Mother pigs sing to their babies while nursing. Newborn piglets learn to run towards their mothers' voices and pigs constantly communicate with each other. They have more than 20 distinct grunts and squeals that have been identified and range from expressing hunger to calling for mates.



The whole family -

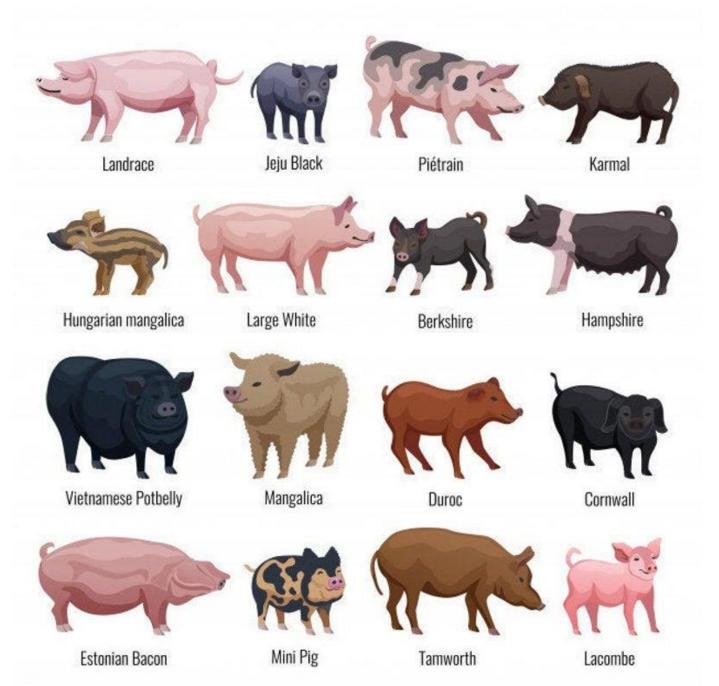
Pecari, warthogs, wild boars and swine are related.

A pecari (also javelina or skunk pig) is a medium-sized pig-like hoofed mammal of the family Tayassuidae (New World pigs). They are found throughout Central and South America and in the southwestern area of North America.

Warthogs are wild members of the pig family (Suidae) and are found in Africa.

The wild boar (Sus scrofa), also known as the wild swine, and is native to much of Eurasia and North Africa, and was introduced to the Americas.

Swine (Sus scrofa domesticus) can be found worldwide.



Domesticated pigs Sus domesticus



Caroline Thorington Leonardo Says Pigs Can Fly, 1995 Color lithograph on paper KSU, Marianna Kistler Beach Museum of Art, gift of Caroline Thorington, 2017.267

"When pigs fly" is an *adynaton*, a way of saying that something will never happen. The phrase is often used for humorous effect or to scoff at over-ambition. There are variations on the theme; when an individual with a reputation for failure finally succeeds, onlookers may sarcastically claim to see a flying pig. ("Hey look! A flying pig!") Other variations on the phrase include "And pigs will fly," this one in retort to an outlandish statement. The phrase has been used in various forms since the 1600s.

> "The time has come," the Walrus said, "To talk of many things: Of shoes—and ships—and sealing-wax— Of cabbages—and kings— And why the sea is boiling hot— And whether pigs have wings."

*—Through the Looking-Glass* by Lewis Carroll

### WHAT IS A POTBELLIED PET PIG?

Potbellied Pigs, also referred to as Pot Belly Pig, Vietnamese Potbellied Pigs, Miniature Pet Pigs are a smaller member of the pig family that have been on this earth for some 50 million years. Descendants of the wild boars of Europe, they migrated to South East Asia where they adapted to the geography and became smaller then their cousins.

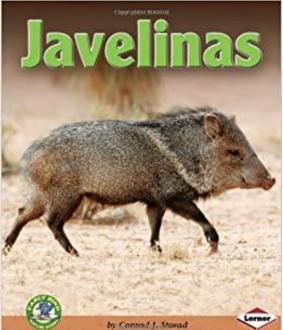


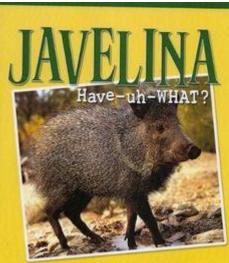
They make great pets/companions. They are clean, almost odor free, smart and like people Winston Churchill is quoted as saying that "Dogs look up to you, cats look down on you and pigs are willing to treat you as an equal."



Much smarter then a dog or cat, pigs are considered 4th in intelligence after humans, primates and dolphins. They learn quickly, are easily housetrained, understand human communication and make their feelings known. Some people consider them to be more like a 2 to 3 year old child than a pet. In fact, it's their intelligence that makes them a challenge to manage.

Potbelly Pigs have a natural gentle disposition. Because they are a herd animal they can get along well in a family situation as they treat the other members of the family as a part of their herd. Sometimes this can be a problem because they are a prey animal and may become cautious of strangers.

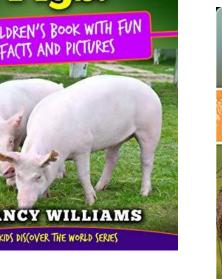




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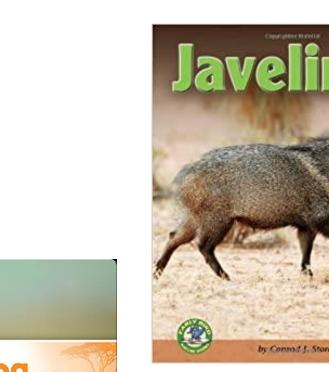




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Caroline Thorington Barbarusa, 1989 Warthog, 1990 Lithograph and chine collé on paper KSU, Marianna Kistler Beach Museum of Art, gift of the artist, 2006.61& 60



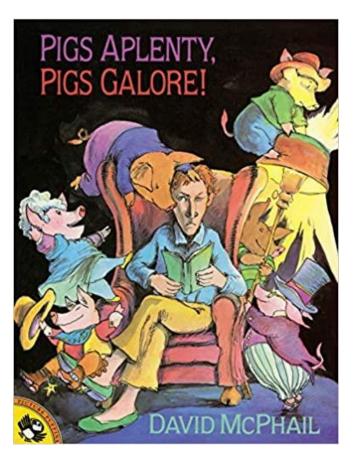
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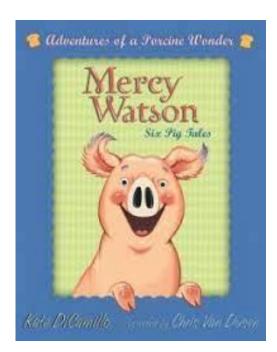


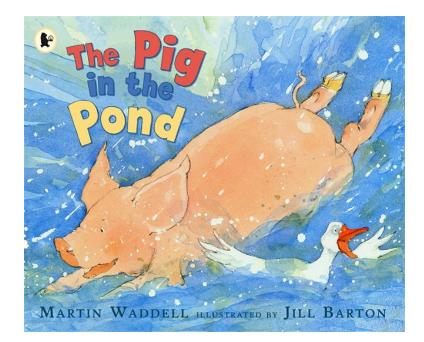
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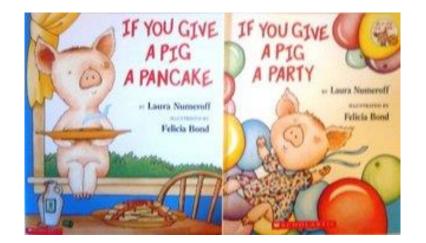
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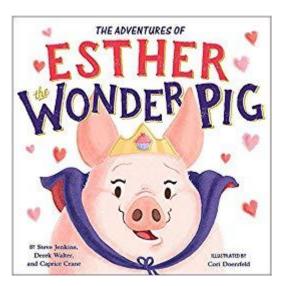


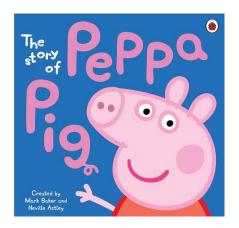


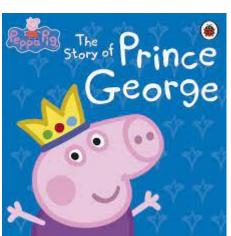


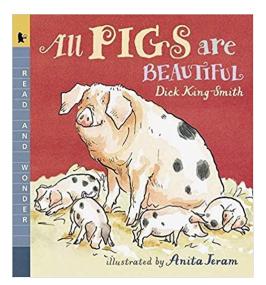


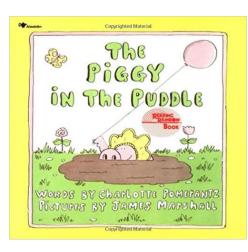


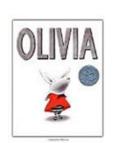








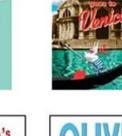


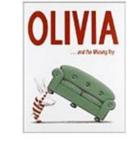






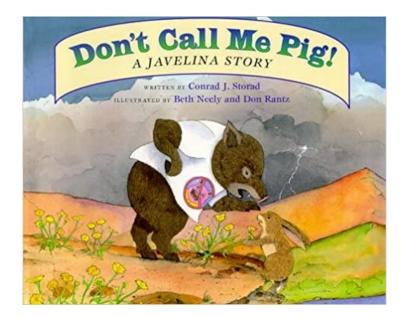


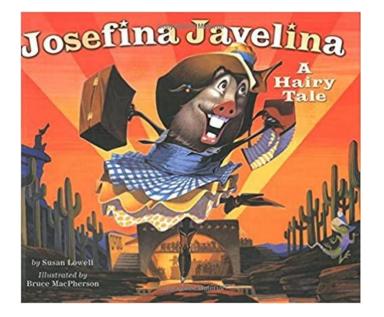


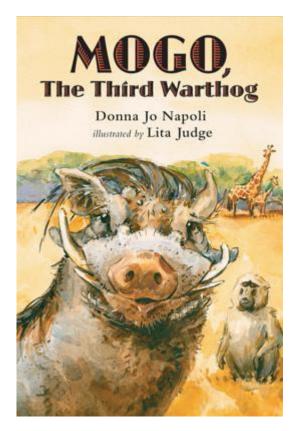


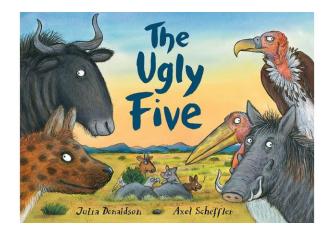




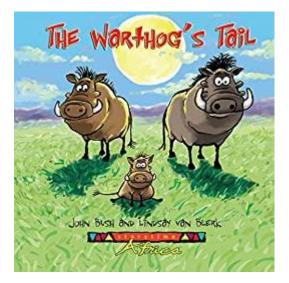


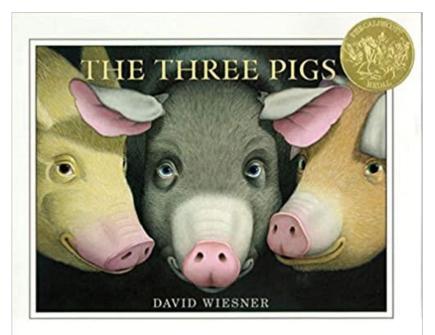


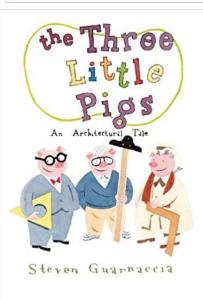


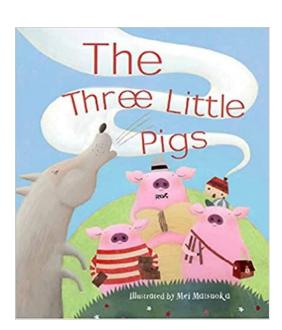


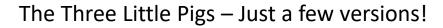


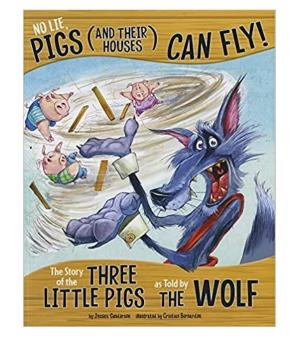




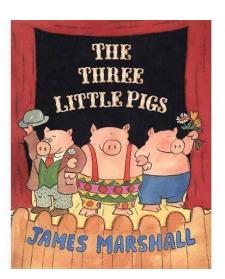


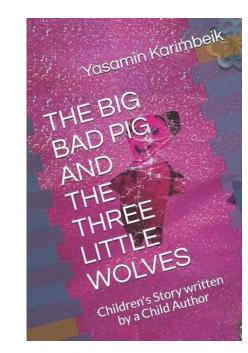


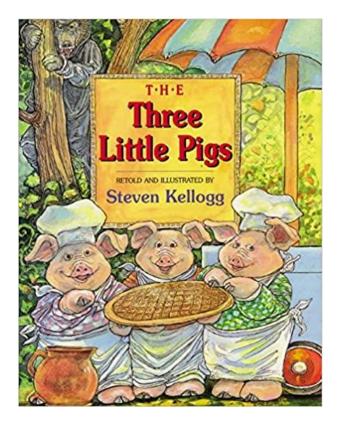




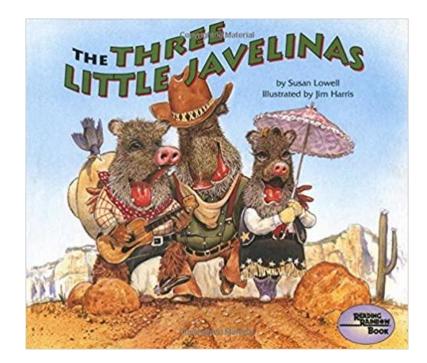


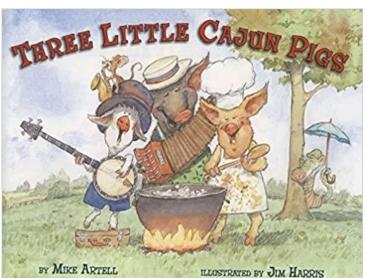


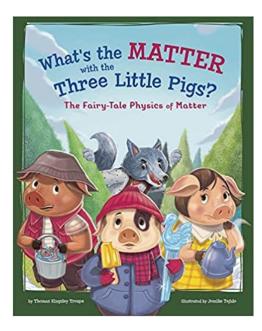


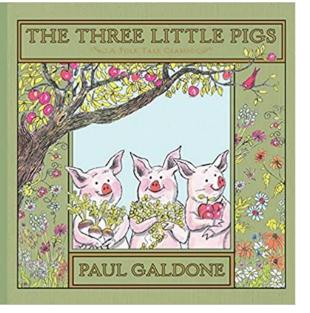


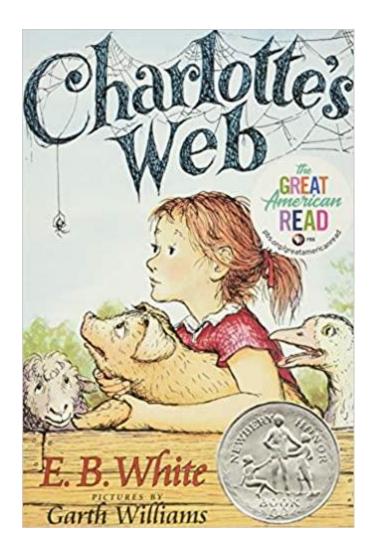


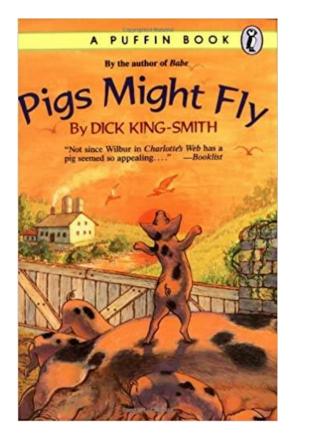


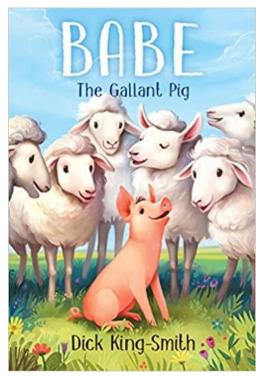


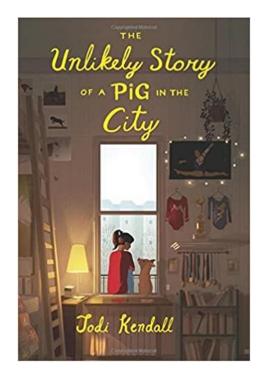
















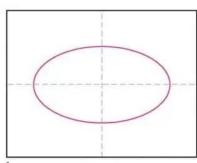
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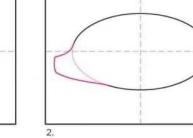


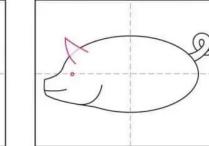
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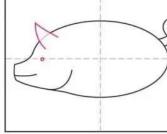


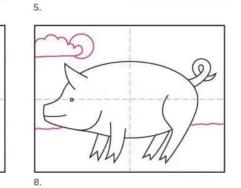
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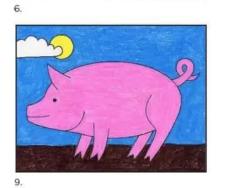
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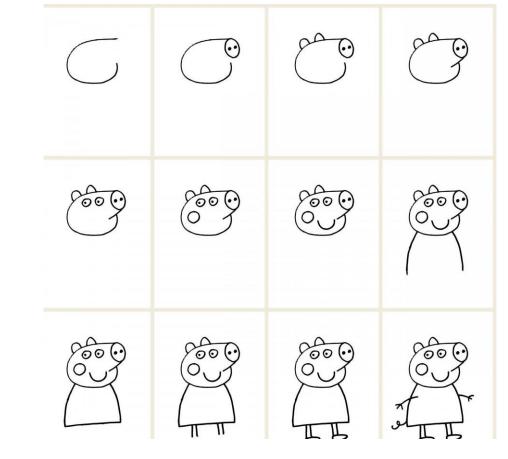






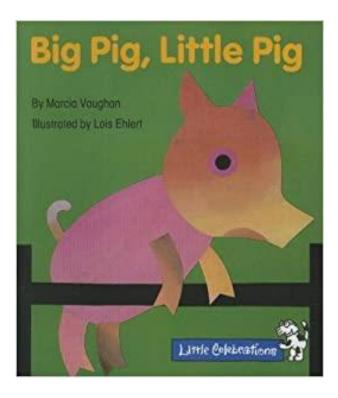
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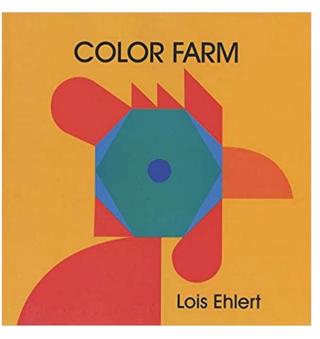




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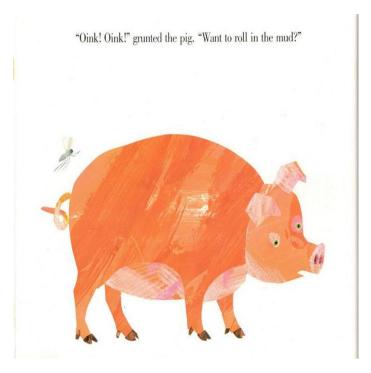
Lois Ehlert was a wellknown children's book illustrator who use collage for her artwork. She was featured in BMA Book Buddies on August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

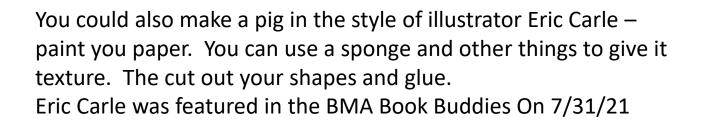




You can make your own version of Lois Ehlert's *Color Farm* pig. You can use construction paper or foam. What other animals can you make with shapes?









Origami

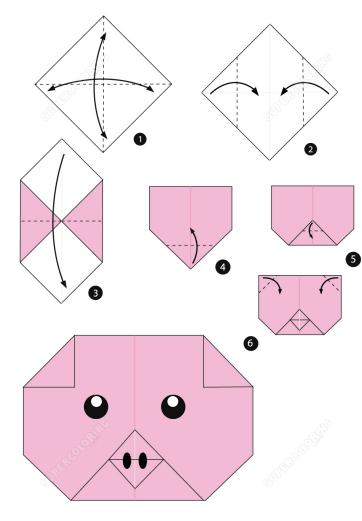
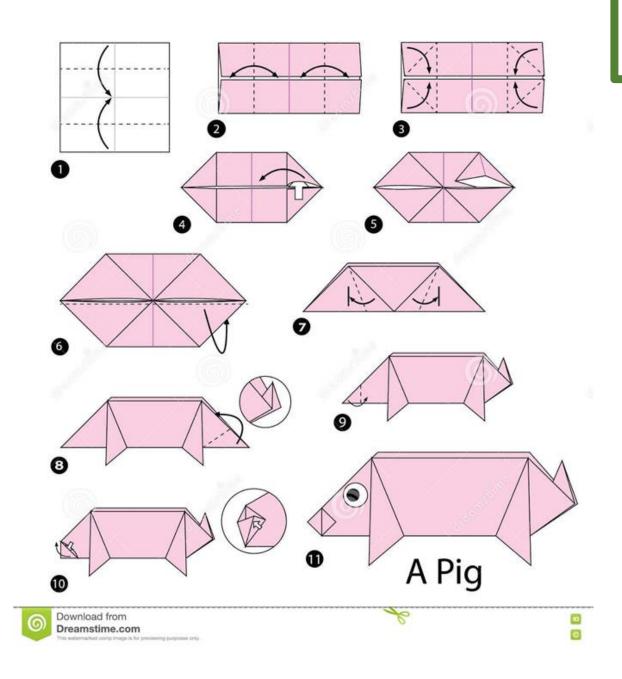
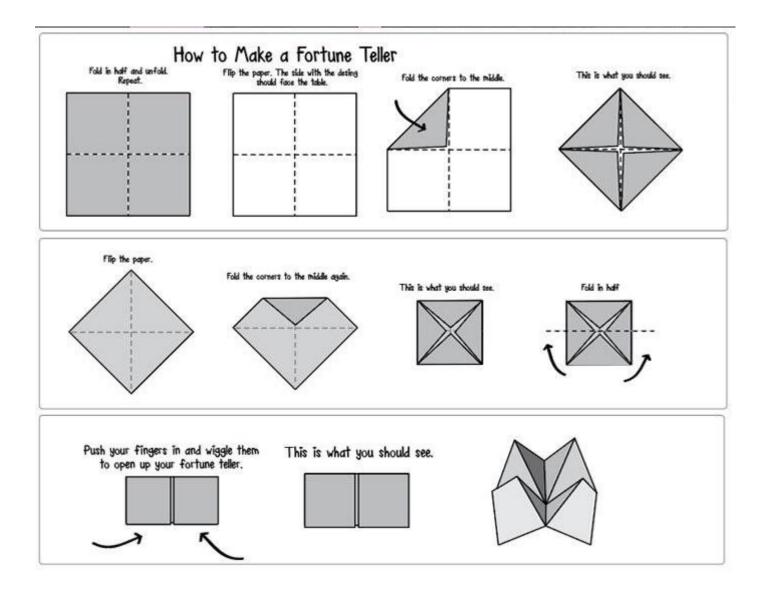


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