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# WELCOME



## The Magazine for Budding Pest Controllers

Welcome to issue 5  
of PCN Junior, a  
magazine brought to  
you by the creators of  
Pest Control News.

This edition follows the  
adventures of Harold, the  
house mouse and Lilly, the  
harlequin ladybird.

Cut out the Harold 3D  
illusion, on page 4 and  
watch his face follow you, as  
you read the story and learn  
a few interesting facts!

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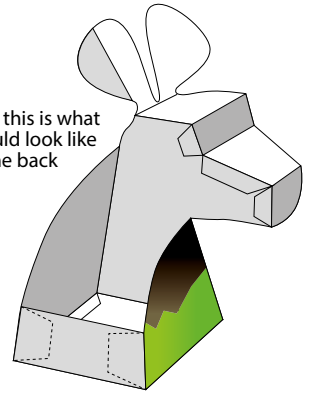
Words can be forwards, backwards, up, down and diagonal.



# Harold the Mouse 3D Illusion

Watch those whiskers when cutting out

Once made, this is what Harold should look like from the back




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Make sure you fold the face towards you


Glue these tabs behind these edges




Don't forget to cut here

 GLUE THIS TAB

 FOLD HERE

 FOLD DIRECTION

 CUT ALONG THE BLUE LINES ONLY



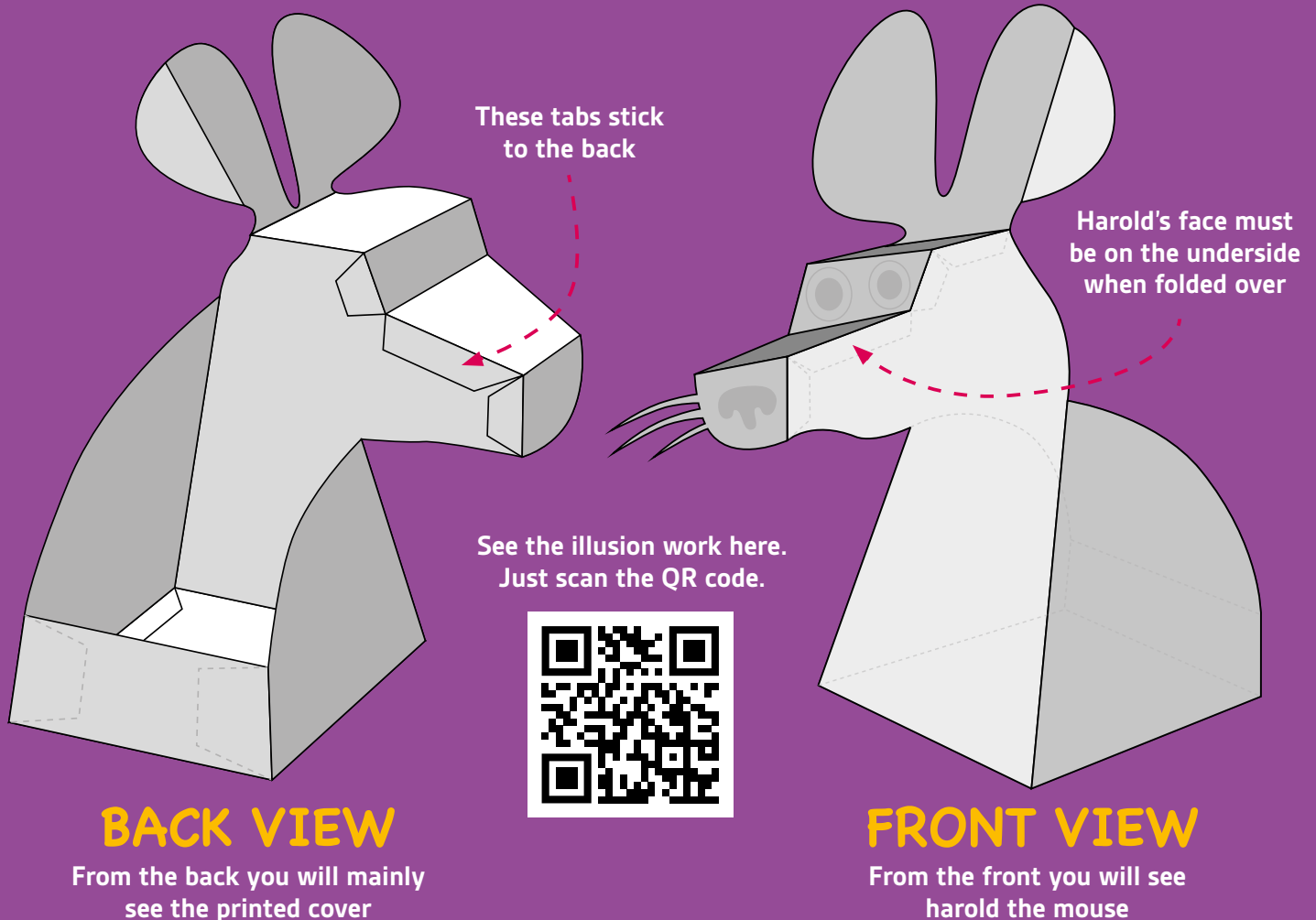
# Harold the Mouse

## Amazing 3D Illusion

Watch Harold mysteriously move his head, with this clever build yourself illusion.

Before you cut Harold out, take a photo of the page (page 2), so you can double check the fold directions and instructions later.

1. Carefully cut out Harold along the blue outer line (watch those whiskers!) and make sure you cut along the line under his jaw.
2. Fold along all the pink dashed lines, folding in the direction of the arrows.
3. Make sure you fold his face towards you at fold ①.
4. Once cut out and folded, glue the marked tabs and carefully stick them together, as shown below. This can be a bit tricky! Harold's face must be on the underside, facing down when glued.
5. Once you have made Harold, pan around him with your phone camera or close one eye, to see his head follow you... Have fun!



# Harold's Great Rescue



Harold had scavenged a selection of his finest treats which he had carefully piled up in the corner of his home. He was just about to tuck in when he heard a flapping noise from a distance. It was a rather odd noise; however, Harold was hungry, so he started to eat regardless.



That was until he heard a timid call for help; the call was squeaky and soft. Harold immediately got up and walked towards the calls for help until he saw a ladybird. She was stuck on her back, having taken a terrible fall through the window. Harold quickly helped her back up.



She had unfortunately perched on the edge of the window frame, and a gust of wind had blown her off, knocking her into the window and damaging her wing.

"Are you ok?" Harold asked.

"I am better now that I am the right way up; thank you for helping me," the ladybird said.

"That is not a problem; I heard your calls for help and had to come to see if you were ok," Harold said calmly.

"I am very grateful you helped me, but I must get home, Mr Mouse," the ladybird said in a panic.

"Call me Harold, and I can help you get home. After that fall, you are in no fit state to fly home. I have a gap in the wall I chewed to get in and out. We can get out that way; I'll show you where it is," Harold said in a concerned tone.



"Thank you, Harold; my name is Lilly. It would be a great help if you could help me find a way out without having to fly back up through the window," Lilly said in a sorrowful voice.

Harold took the lead as he scampered into the kitchen and behind a cupboard, where a hole chewed into the air vent and led straight into the garden. Harold squeezed himself through, and Lilly followed.



She soon realised once her little feet hit the outside that it was dark. Lilly did not like the dark and became very scared. Harold realised this and asked, "are you ok, Lilly?"

"I am scared of the dark", Lilly muttered timidly. "Do not worry, Lilly, I can walk with you if you want," said Harold.



Lilly and Harold ambled through the long grass until they came to a branch; Harold looked up, and above him were hundreds of Ladybirds, "Lilly," they screamed with glee.

"Where have you been?" Asked one.

Lilly explained to her family what had happened and how Harold had helped her get home. Harold was happy to see that Lilly was safe, but it was time to go home too.



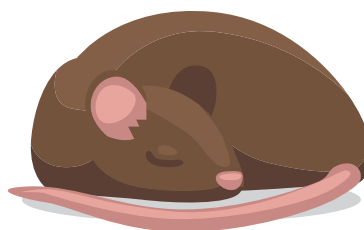
Harold scampered through the long grass as quickly as possible, he did not tell Lilly, but he was scared of the dark too. For him, night-time meant owls, and owls meant danger. They could easily scoop him up from the grass.

He ran as fast as he could and snuck back through the hole in the air vent and back to his home. Grateful he had not met any owls along the way, he was now excited to finally get to eat some of his favourite things he had scavenged the day before.

Harold fell asleep that night proud of himself. He had been kind, and being able to help Lilly made him feel happy too.

The following day, he woke up and climbed out of his warm little bed and made his way to the edge of his burrow.

Only a few centimetres from the entrance of his home on the floor was his favourite cereal scattered all over the floor. The little humans must have dropped it this morning before school!



Harold raced out of his home into the honey-coated hoop heaven, scooping them up as he went.

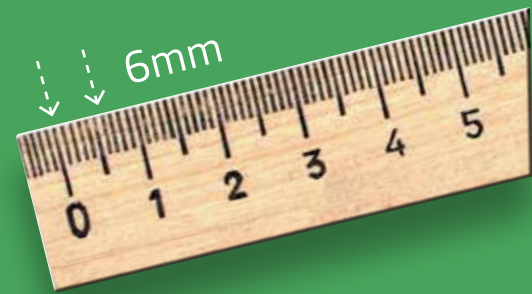
Harold sat and smiled as he stared at the pile of sweet cereal he had just found. He could not help but feel that he had been so lucky because he had helped Lilly the day before. His positive actions had been rewarded.

# FUNFACTS



The typical house mouse can eat 15 to 20 times a day!

They can squeeze through holes much smaller than themselves, with reports of adult mice fitting through 6mm gaps.



Mice are omnivores meaning they can eat a range of meat and plant matter; however, they prefer eating cereal-like products.

Mice are very active. They can not only run relatively fast, but they can also climb and jump.



Harlequin Ladybirds originally come from Asia; they arrived in the UK around 2004.

An adult Harlequin Ladybird is around 8-10mm in size.

They come in various coloured patterns. They generally have up to 21 black spots on a red/orange background.

However, some ladybirds have melanism. These generally have two or more spots on a black background.







# SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

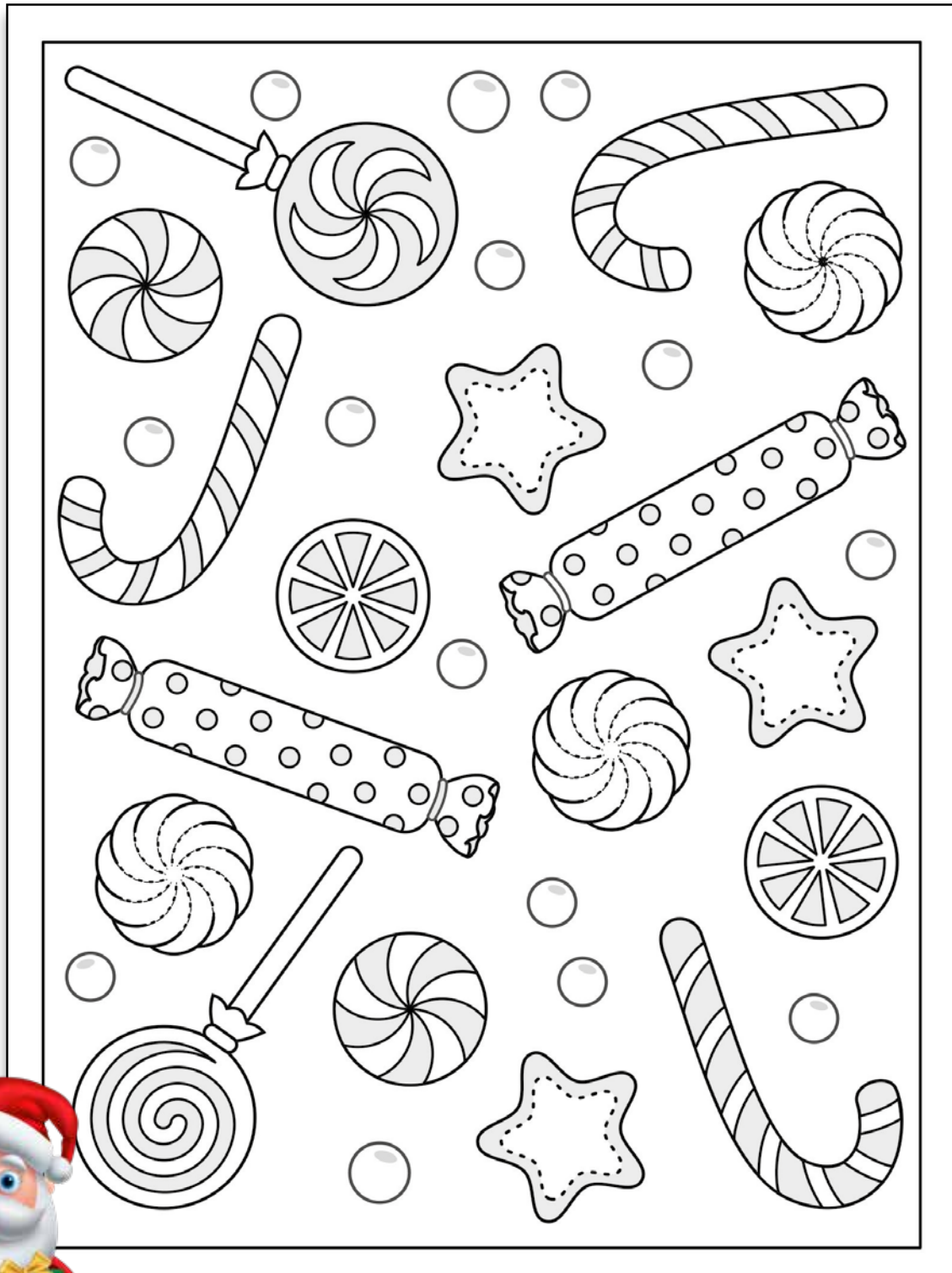


Can you spot the 10 differences in Santa's wrapping paper?



They're all there, just keep looking!

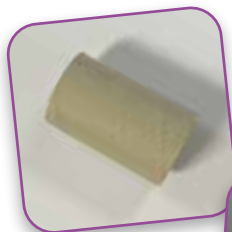
# Colour in the Christmas treats



Make them really colourful and good enough to eat! Yum! Yum!!

# Why not make a reindeer gift box this Christmas?

What you will need: Toilet paper tube, Black pen, Red Pen, Scissors & Ribbon.



Take a toilet roll tube.



Push in the sides on one end. Repeat on the other end.



You will now have a little gift box; now it is time to decorate.



Using a black pen, draw on the eyes.



With a red pen draw on the nose.



Create antlers by drawing on some scrap card; you can use another toilet roll tube.



Open the top flap and stick the antlers on the inside.



Fold the flap back down and arrange the antlers, so they stand up nice and tall.



You can finish here or add a little ribbon for further decoration.







**COMPETITION  
TIME!**

To win a JellyCat Hibernating Mouse, draw your favourite pest in the box below and send it to [editor@pestcontrolnews.com](mailto:editor@pestcontrolnews.com)

