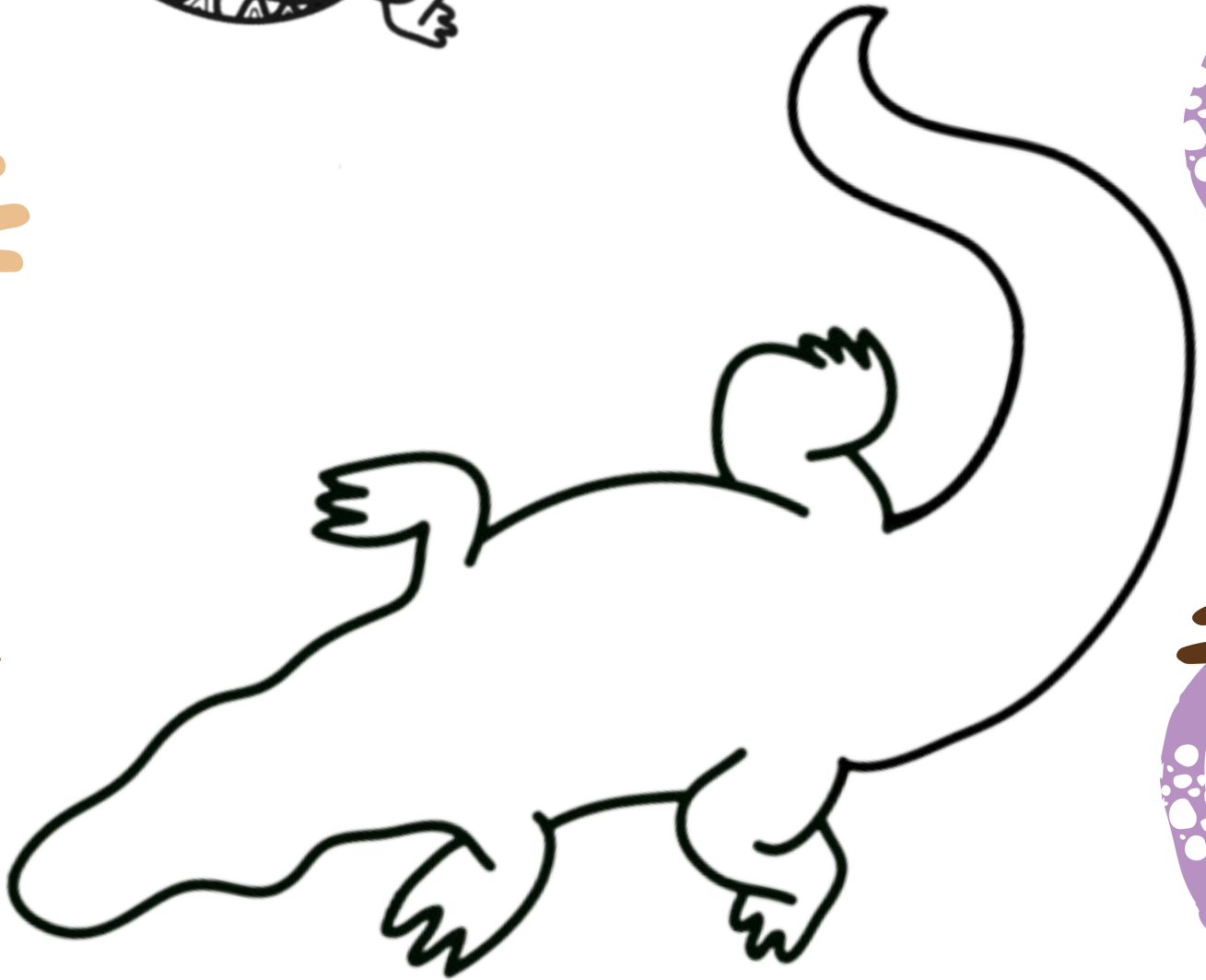


TOTEMS

Each Aboriginal person has a natural object, plant or animal that is their totem. It is inherited from their family as their spiritual emblem. Totems define peoples' roles and responsibilities, their relationships with each other and with creation. Totems are used in Aboriginal dreaming stories and in modern day artwork. Sometimes they are shown with decorations like the crocodile of the Northern Territory shown below.



Use this example to help you decorate a totem crocodile.



Recreates designs by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists



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