



## **“ALTERNATIVE” COLORING SHEETS**

# **FIRING CREATIVITY!**

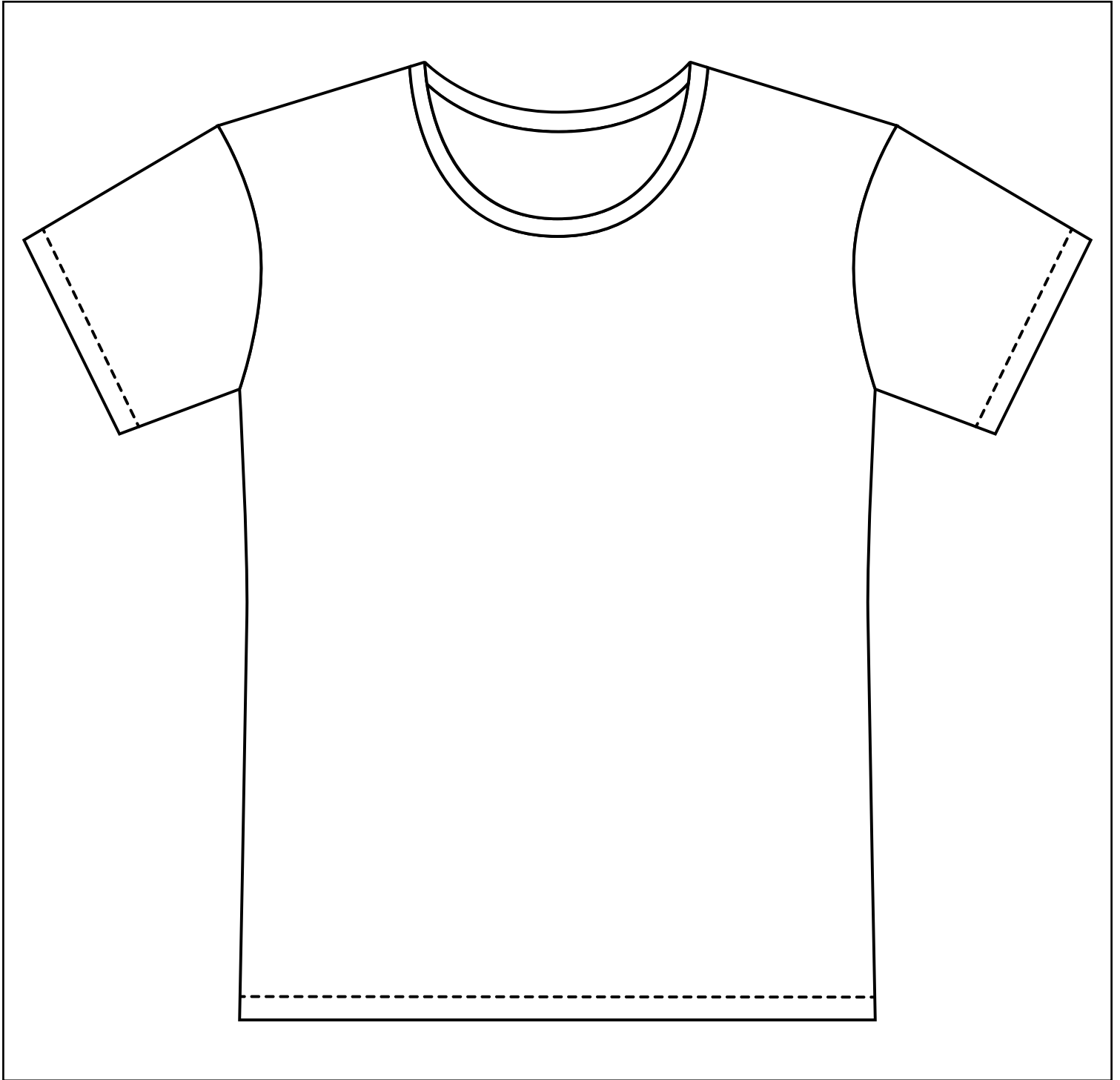
As botanic garden educators, how often, with every good intention, do we hand children pictures to just color in? Coloring-in sheets are educationally mindless and passive. They do nothing more than allow children to practice their fine motor skills and acquire stereotypes of the objects that surround them.

“Alternative” coloring sheets, on the other hand, offer both children and adults an opportunity to really think innovatively about solving problems. They encourage the artist to deal with the realities and needs of the present while being receptive to the possibilities of the future.

On the next two pages you will find suggestions for two alternative coloring sheets.

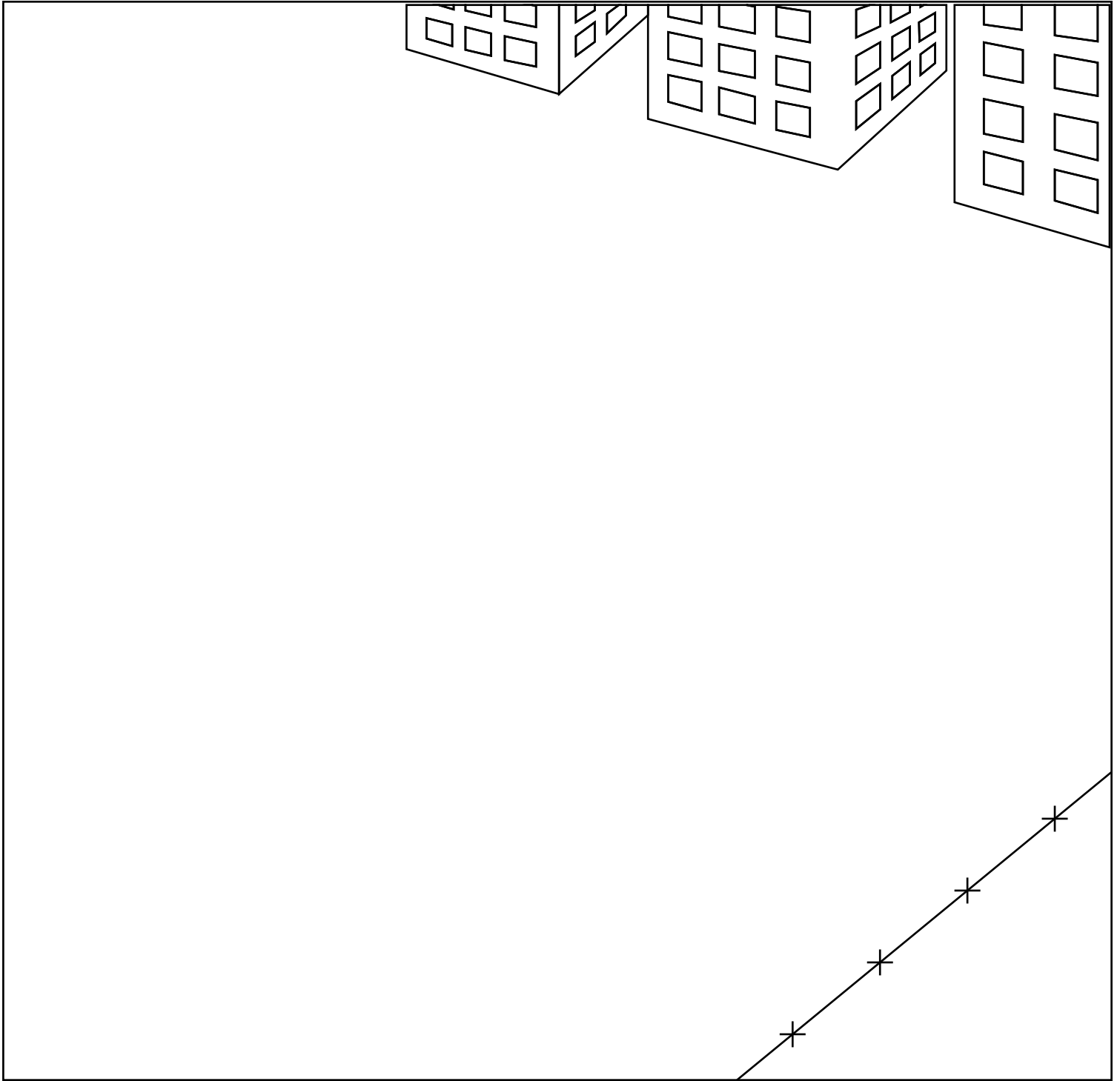
We hope they will inspire you to create new alternative coloring sheets.

**COLORING SHEET NO. 1**



**The design of your 'T' shirt was inspired by plants.**

**COLORING SHEET NO. 2**



**How would you transform this piece of wasteland in your city into somewhere people would love to go?**