

## Build Your Own Ballpark

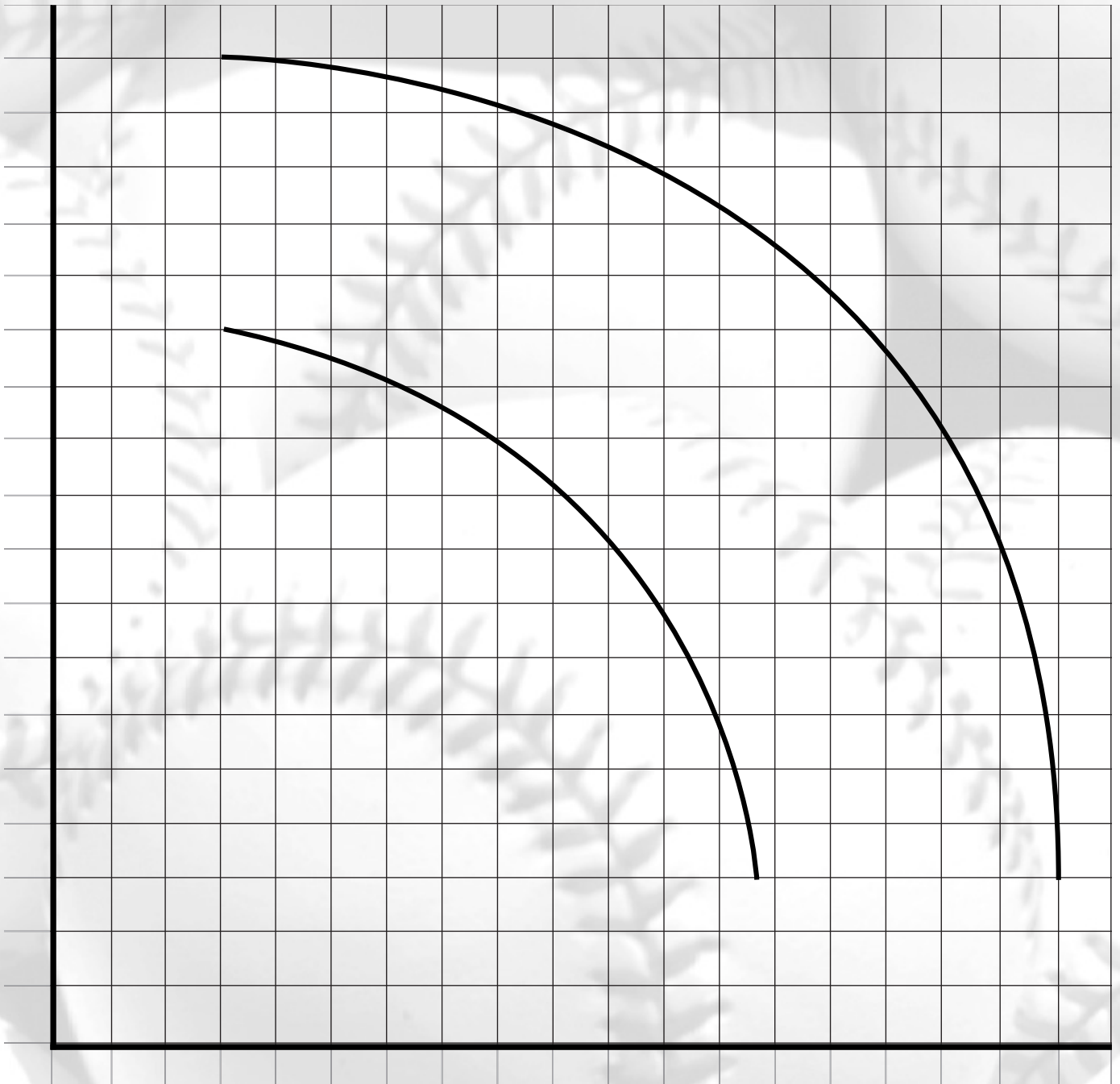
Yankee Stadium, New York

Here is an empty grid. Number the horizontal line at the bottom of the grid from 0 to 18, with the 0 on the first line. Now do the same with the vertical line at the left of the grid, starting at the bottom. Follow the directions on the next page.

There are 30  
Major League  
Baseball teams



# Baseball Worksheet 3



## Now we are going to draw a map of our own ballpark.

To start with, let's work out where the main places are on the field. Count across, and then up: as if you were reading a map. Find these positions on the grid and mark them in:

- ◆ Home plate is at 3,3. **REMEMBER, THAT'S 3 ACROSS AND THEN 3 UP.**
- ◆ The pitcher's mound is at 6,6.
- ◆ First base is at 9,3.
- ◆ Second base is at 9,9.
- ◆ Third base is at 3,9.
- ◆ The left field foul line goes from 3,3 to 3,18.
- ◆ The right field foul line goes from 3,3 to 18,3.

The two arcs already drawn in are the outfield fence and the infield marker.  
Can you work out which is which?

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Now let's see where the players are on the field. Mark their positions on the grid, too. There are special codes in square brackets which you can use for the fielders.

- ◆ The catcher [C] is at 2,2.
  - ◆ The pitcher [P] is at 6,6.
  - ◆ The first baseman [1B] is at 10,4.
  - ◆ The second baseman [2B] is at 10,7.
  - ◆ The third baseman [3B] is at 4,10.
  - ◆ The shortstop [SS] is at 7,10.
  - ◆ The center fielder [CF] is at 13,13.
  - ◆ The left fielder [LF] is at 7,15.
  - ◆ The right fielder [RF] is at 15,7.
  - ◆ The batter [B] is at 3,4, (or 4,3 if he's left-handed!)
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Now put a blue dot behind the catcher at 1,1. This is the umpire. An umpire is often called 'blue' because umpires often wear blue uniforms. In a real Major League Baseball game, there are four umpires. Try to guess where the other three might stand and put a blue dot for them too.

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The infield is usually made of dirt or clay, and forms an arc around the infielders.

Color the infield red, orange or yellow. The rest of the "diamond" (that's the word for playing field in baseball) is normally grass, so color that green. Be careful not to color outside the outfield fence!

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Finally you're ready to design the rest of the ballpark. You can be as inventive as you like. Show where the spectators will sit and watch the game. Some ballparks have restaurants, monuments, even swimming pools around the diamond where fans can go to watch the game. And of course, you'll want to be able to show your games on television, so make sure you've got somewhere to put the TV cameras.

**Have a good game!**

