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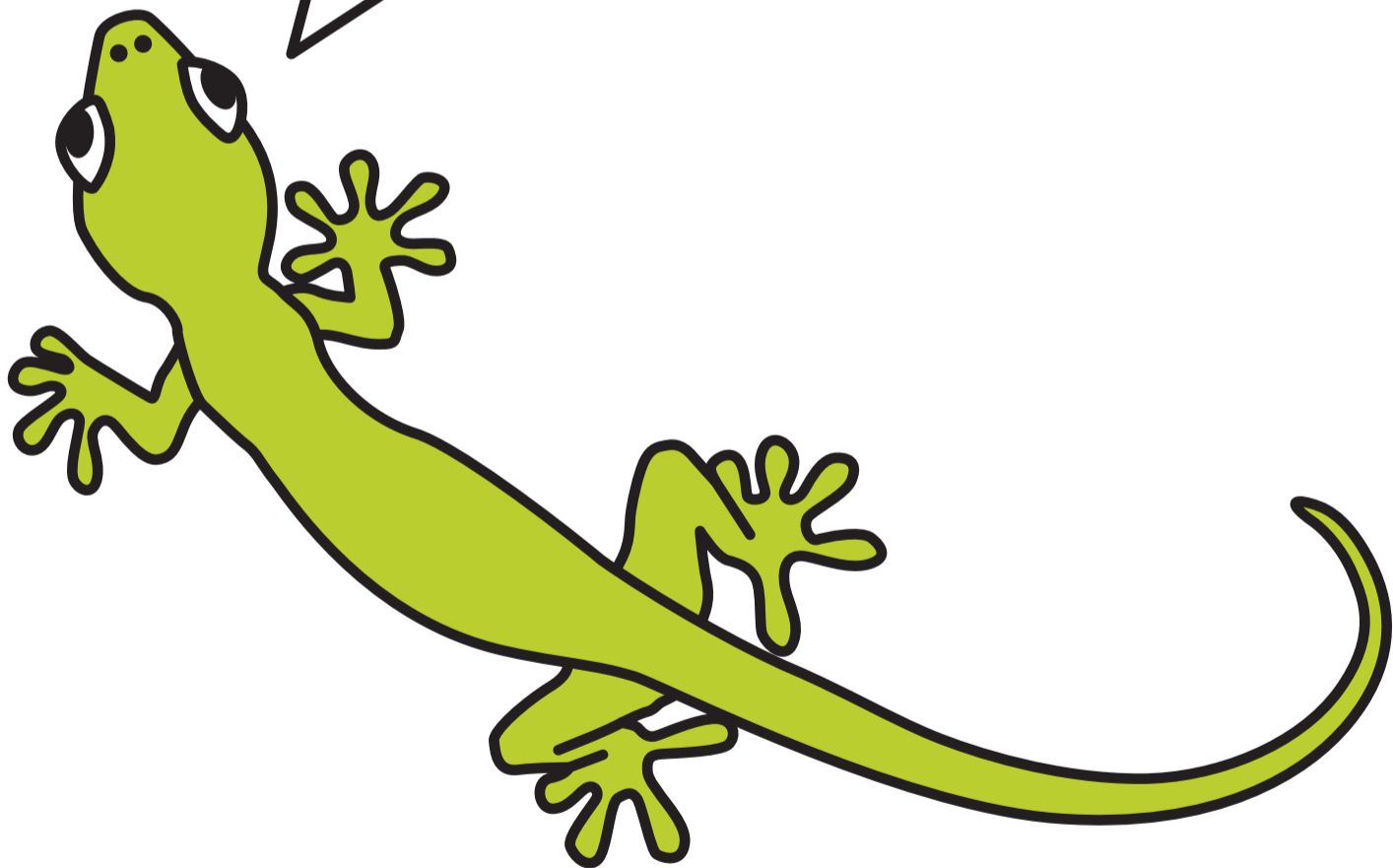
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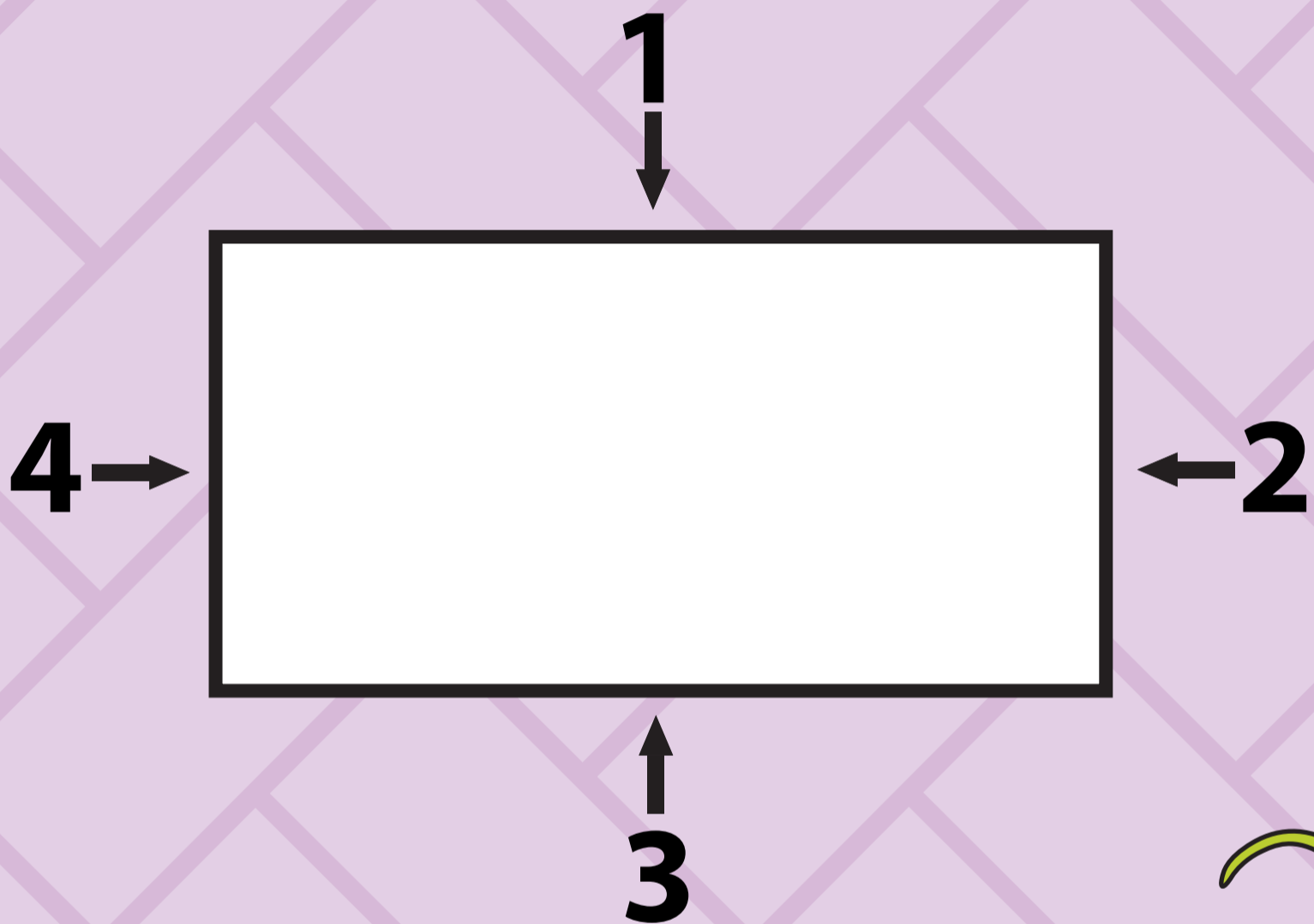
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**What Is a  
Rectangle?**

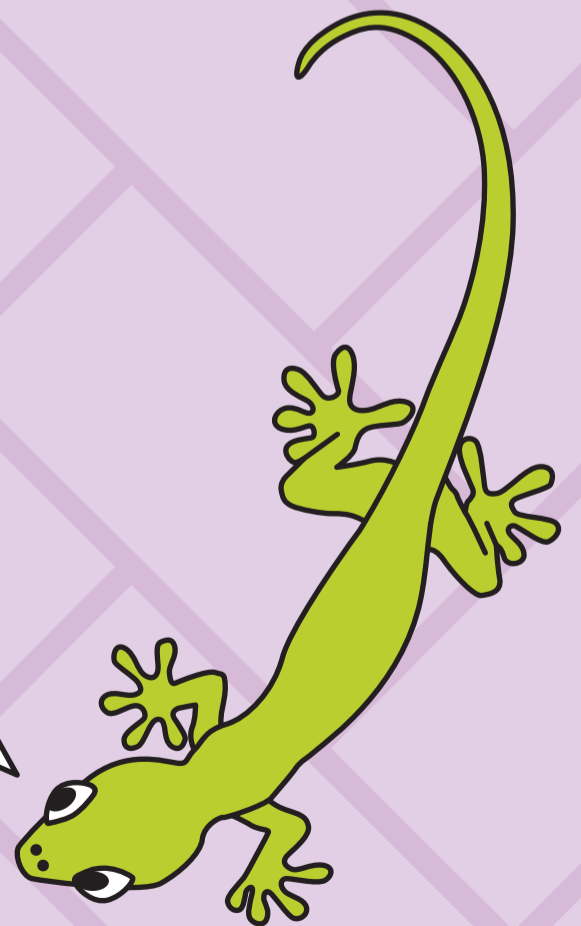


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A rectangle is a shape with 4 straight sides...



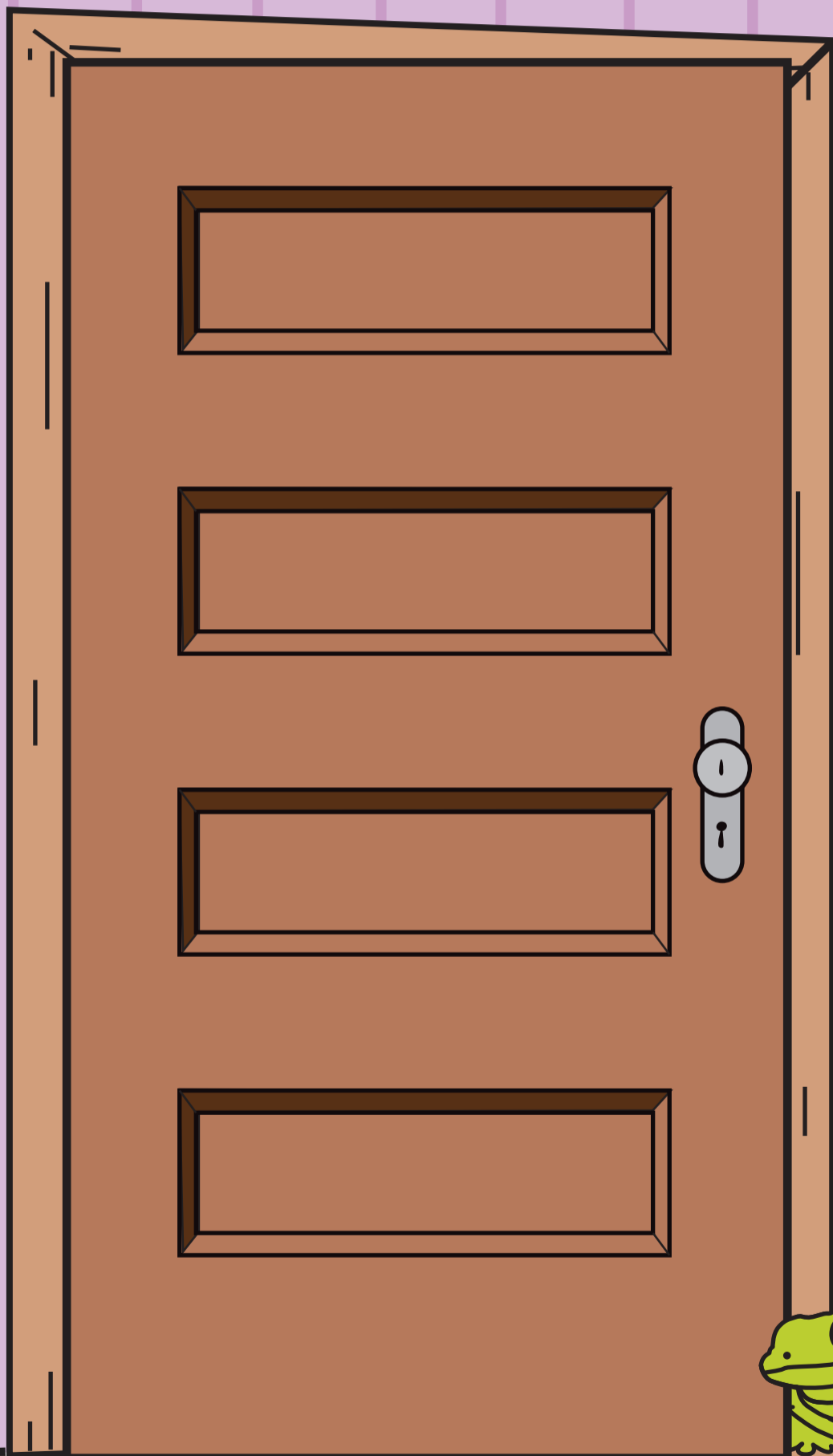
Hmm...  
this shape reminds me  
of a square, but the sides  
aren't all the same length.  
I see two long sides and  
two short sides.



and 4 corners.



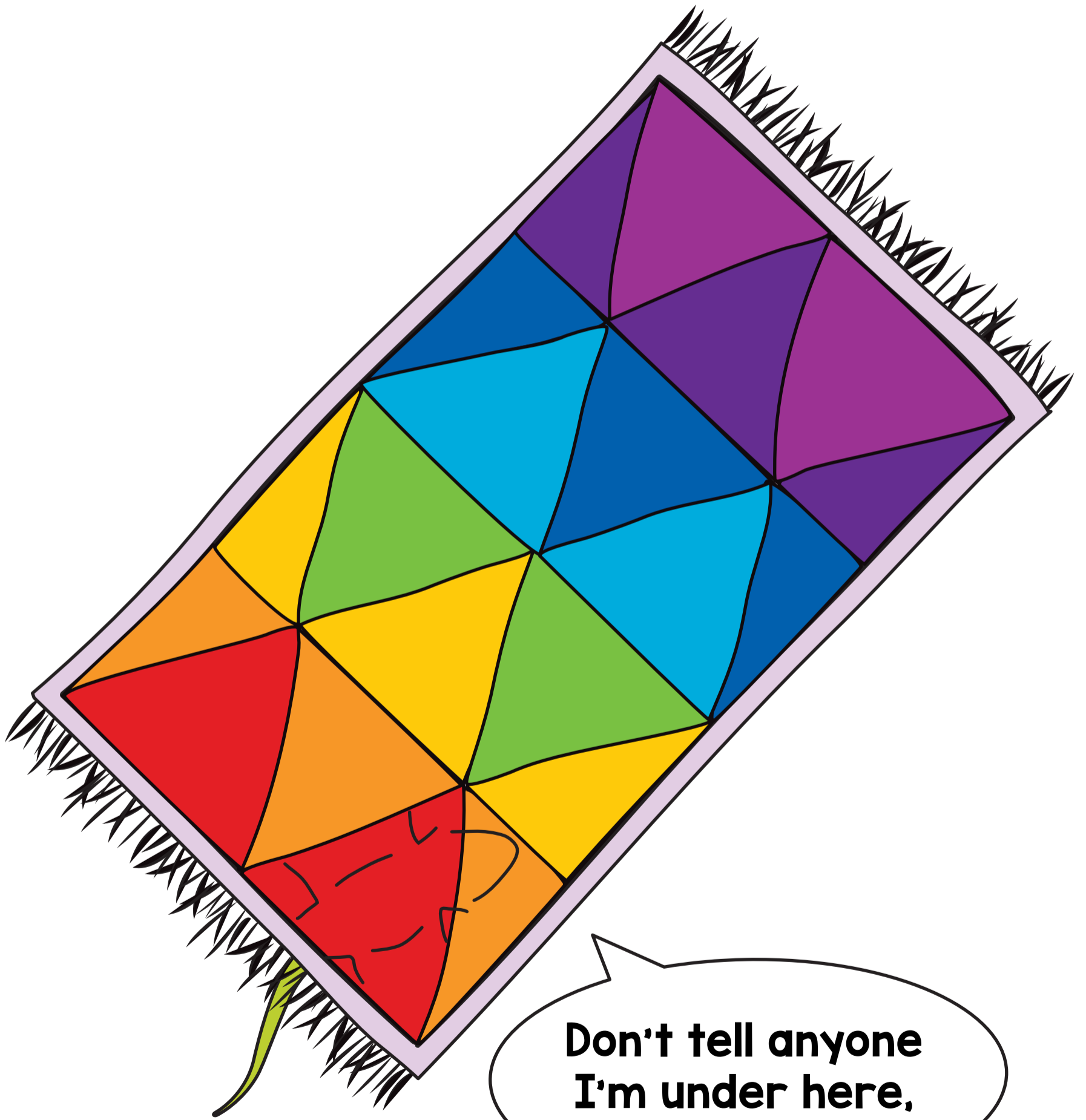
This door is shaped  
like a rectangle.



Shhh...



**This rug is shaped  
like a rectangle.**

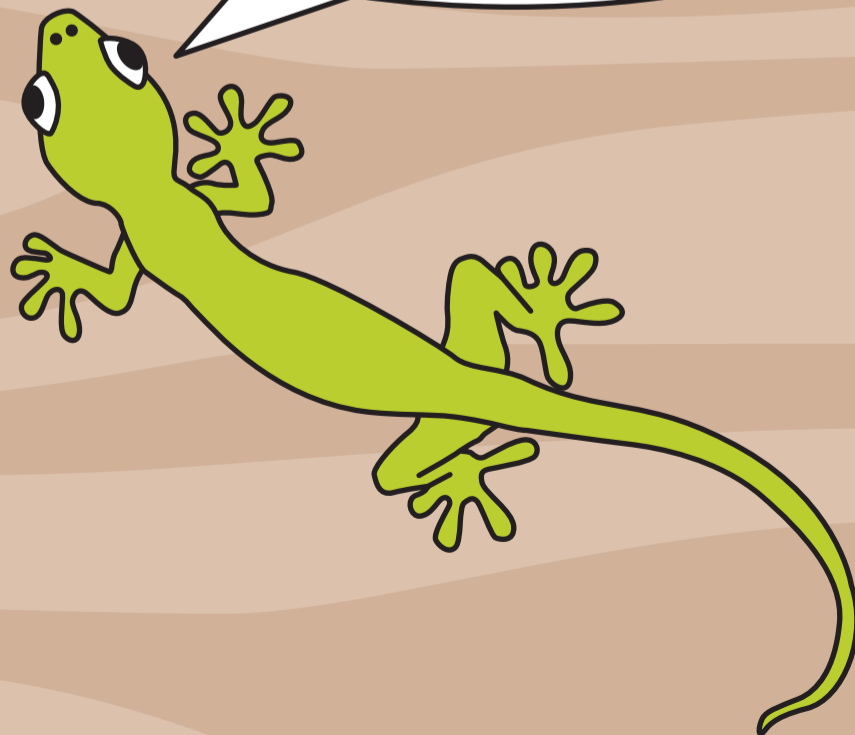


**Don't tell anyone  
I'm under here,  
okay?**

This dollar bill is  
shaped like a rectangle.



Oooh! Do you think I  
can buy a lot of cookies  
with a dollar?





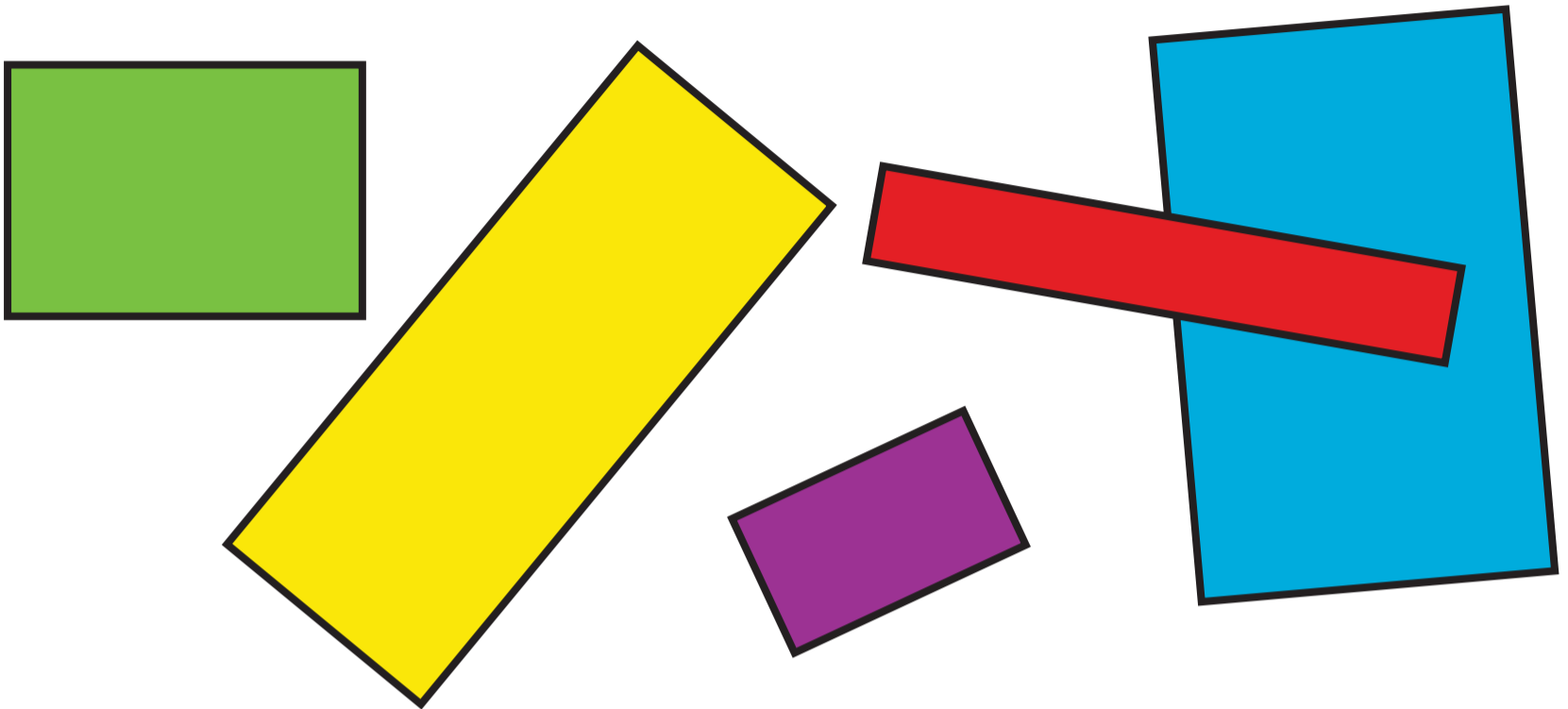
**Rectangles can be big.**



**Rectangles can be little.**

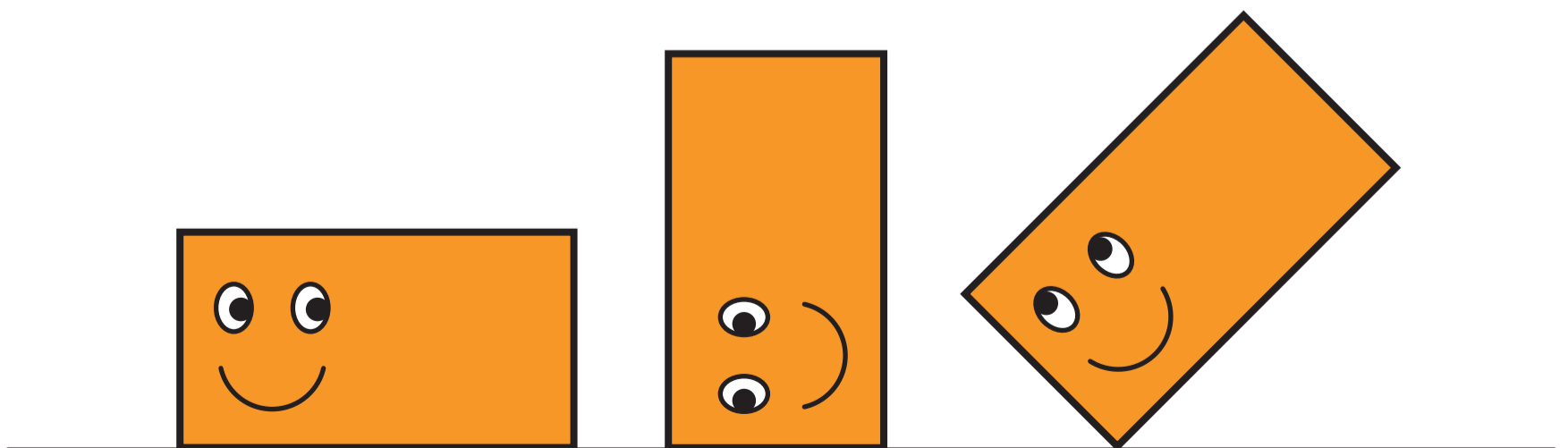


Rectangles can be any color.

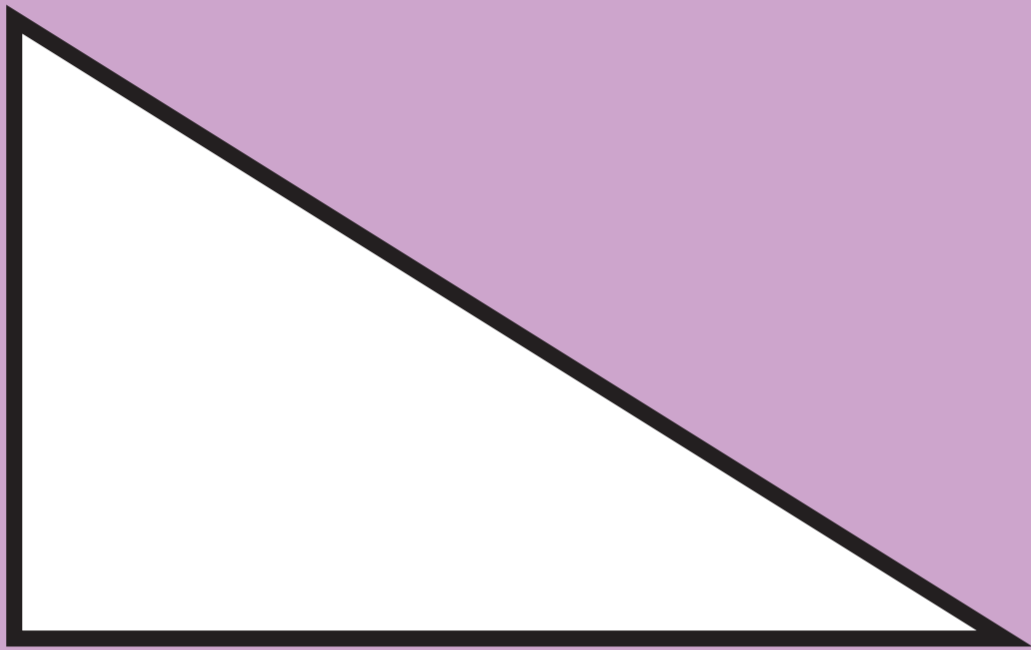


A rectangle can sit on its long side or its short side.

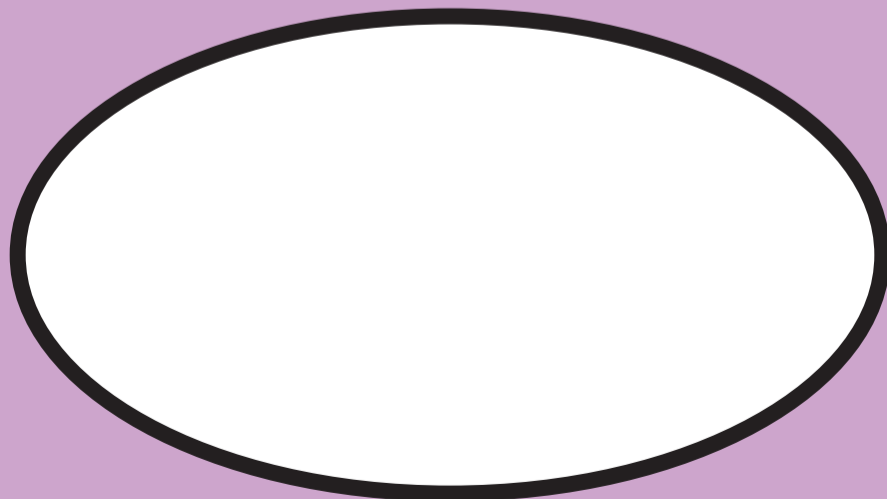
It can even sit on one of its corners.



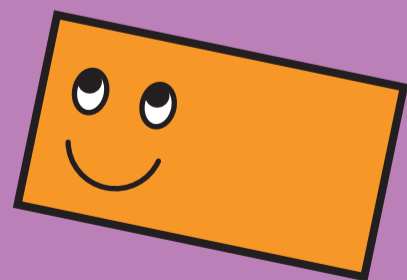
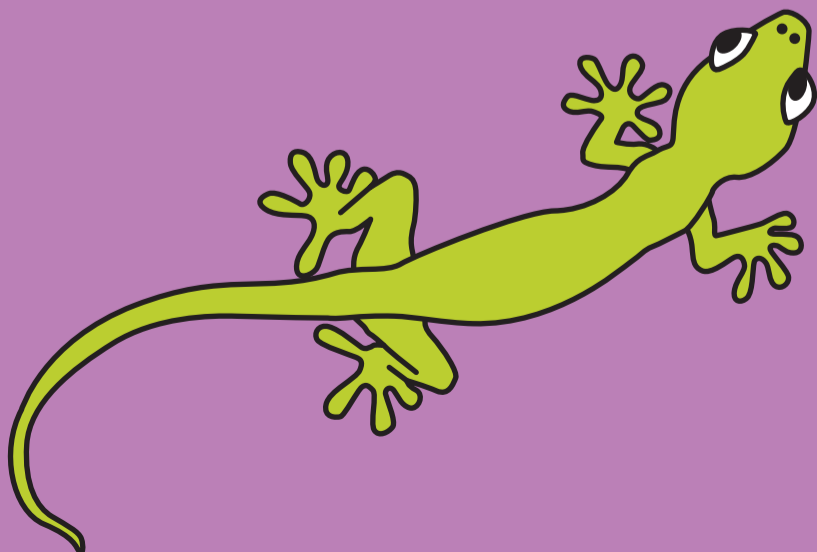
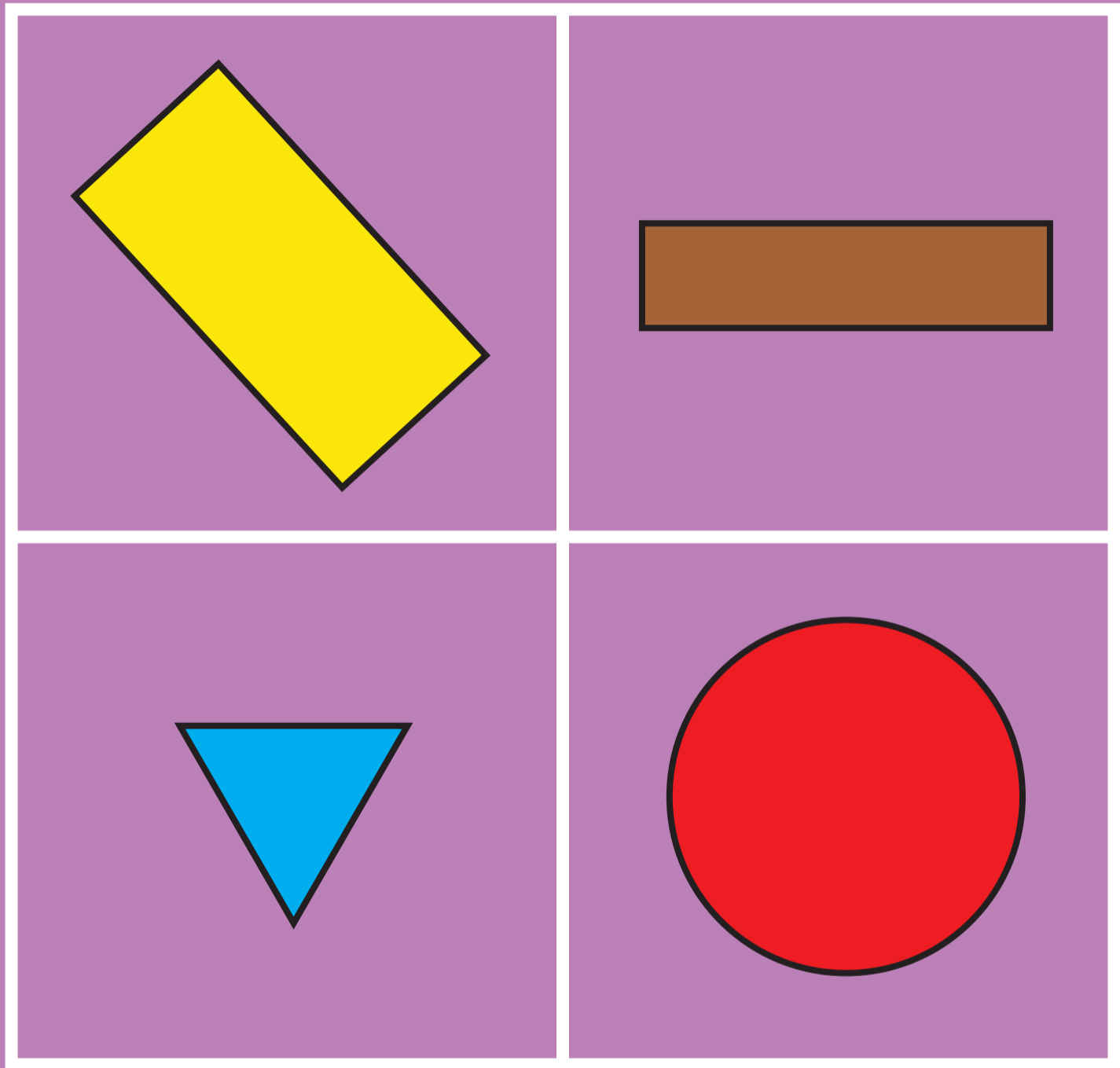
Is this a rectangle?  
How do you know?



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How do you know?

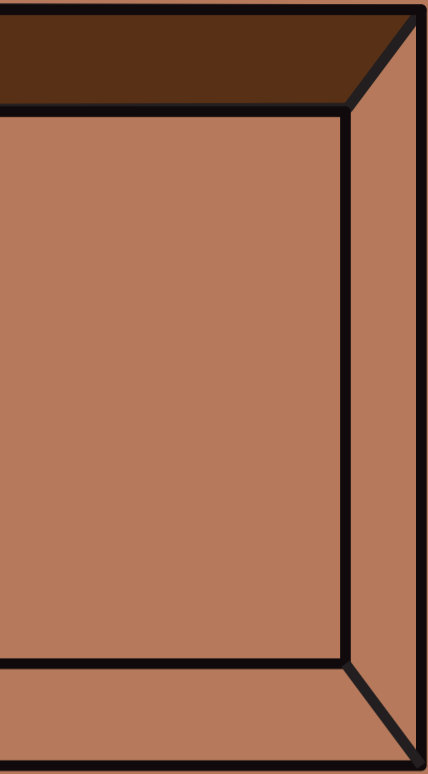



# Where are the rectangles?



**Rectangles  
are  
everywhere!**





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