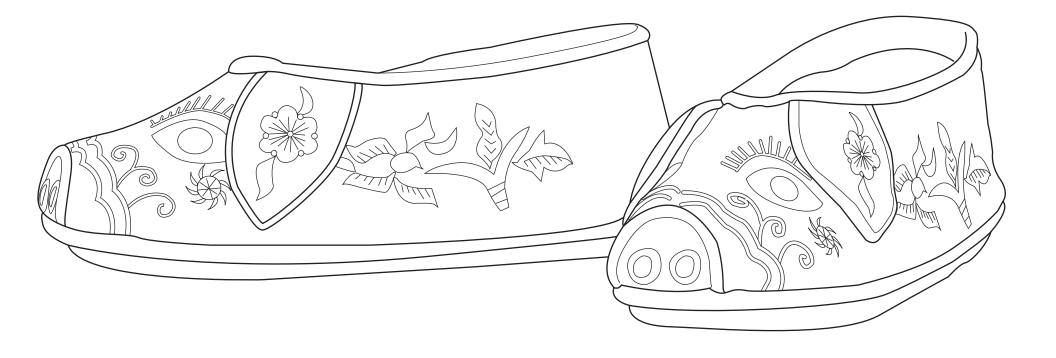
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Mothers and grandmothers often made footwear for beloved children that featured animals. Pigs were a favourite choice as they symbolize abundance and good fortune.

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Depictions of tigers, symbols of protection, were commonly used to decorate children's clothing in China from hats to shoes. Although this pair uses traditional tiger symbolism, the 'mane' created by the fur trim is also suggestive of a lion.



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