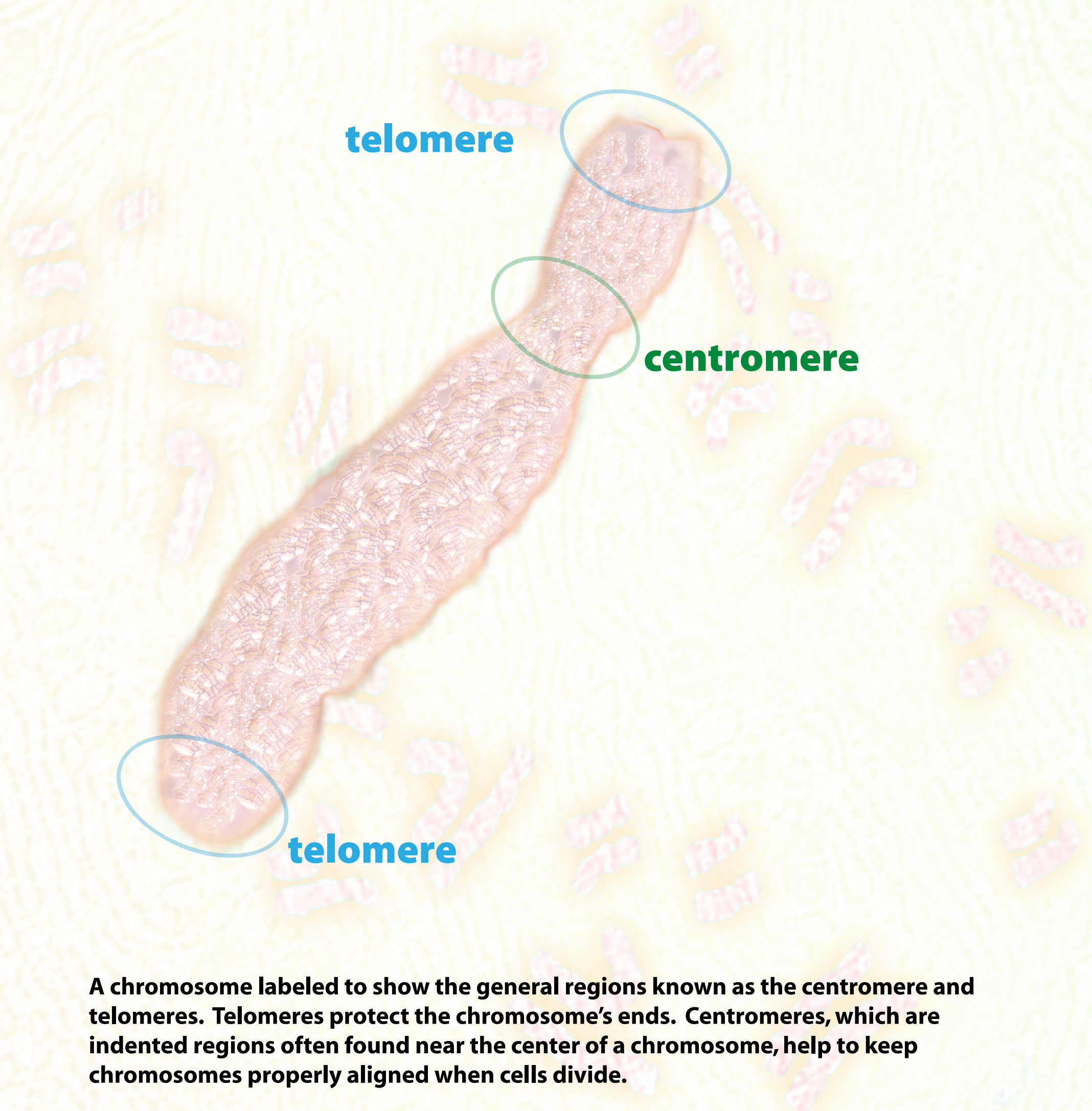




A chromosome labeled to show the general regions known as the centromere and telomeres. Telomeres protect the chromosome's ends. Centromeres, which are indented regions often found near the center of a chromosome, help to keep chromosomes properly aligned when cells divide.