

# How to Make Saint Puppets



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Saint puppets are a great craft for kids to make! They're easy, cheap, fun, and can be used to celebrate nearly every feast day!

**Supplies needed to make Saint paper bag puppets:**

- Paper lunch bags (standard smaller size- 10 1/2 x 5 1/4 x 3 1/4 in)
- Saint Puppet Templates (provided in this book)
- Glue Stick
- Assortment of Construction Paper
- Manila File Folders (or skin-toned paper)
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Markers
- Images of Saints to look at (holy cards, print from internet, look at Saint picture books, etc)



That's all you actually need to make these paper bag puppets with kids. If you're making this craft with a whole classroom, I would almost suggest stopping at these supplies for 3 reasons.

1. That's the cheapest way to make these puppets, and supply costs add up when shopping for a whole classroom.
2. When kids have too many options, sometimes they spend so much time trying to decide what to use, and they run out of time to complete the project. (Or the entire project just becomes a challenge to see who can use the most "specialty" supplies as possible, even if the final craft doesn't turn out cute.)
3. "Extra" supplies have to be attached with school glue from a bottle rather than glue sticks, and require drying time. If you don't have enough time for the craft to dry, students end up trying to carry home sopping wet projects- not a pretty sight.



If you are doing this craft at home with your kids or with a smaller group, it can be really fun to dig into the craft bin with all of your odds and ends for this project! Here are some optional supplies you can use, and what they might be useful for:

- Googily eyes
- Bits of scrap fabric and ribbon (clothes, accessories, trimmings)
- Yarn or string (hair, ties around robes)
- Pom pom balls (beards, clothing, hair)
- Doilies (clothes trimmings, collars, halos)
- Pipe cleaners (staves, rosaries, hair, glasses)
- Pony beads (rosaries, clothing decoration)
- Stapler (staple together little books for author Saints)
- Tissue paper (flowers, clothes, head veils)
- Glitter or glitter glue (accent clothes, wings, halos, vestments)
- Feathers (wings, Indian headband, feather pen)
- Popsicle sticks (scroll, cross)
- Foil (sword, shield, armor, halo, wings)

So basically, every fun craft supply you can imagine that you might have laying around. :-)



You can also think outside the box on this one. Dig into old clothes or scraps you can cut up. Build with bits of odds and ends you have lying around! Buttons, egg cartons, fun foam, broken jewelry- the possibilities are endless!

If you are making just one particular Saint for a specific feast day, and all children are making the same Saint, then you can choose which supplies would work best for that Saint. Make an example craft, and let the children use the same supplies that you used for yours.



### **Before Beginning:**

- Gather your supplies
- Print out the template pages on card-stock. (If working with a whole class, I would cut out the important pieces ahead of time (head, robe, hands, etc) and let the kids cut out the "specialty pieces" if they want them.

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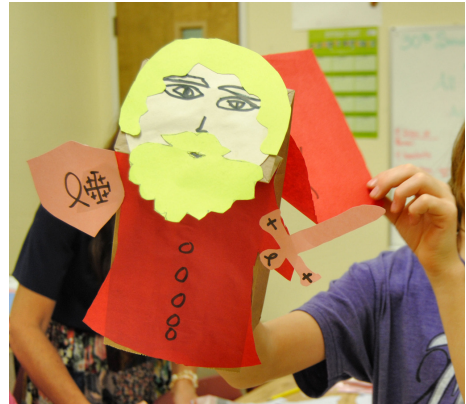
How to craft these Saint puppets with kids:

- Let them look at the images of the Saints you have gathered and choose a Saint to make a puppet of.
- Provide everyone with a paper bag.
- Place the template pieces on colored construction paper, trace around with a pencil, and cut the shapes out. Attach pieces with glue stick.
- Start by making a head from skin-toned paper (we like to use manila file folders)



and hands/arms. The head gets glued to the flap of the paper bag. Allow the head to over-hang the flap of the bag, but do not glue down the chin to the body. You want it to stay separate from the body- this is what will make it work as a puppet in the end.

- Add the googly eyes, draw on nose and mouth.
- Next, choose a body from the templates and make one for your puppet. These are made to slide under the flap of the paper bag and attach, covering the whole body of your Saint puppet.
- Whatever your Saint needs, find it in the templates and get to cutting some construction paper! :-)
- Decorate with any "extra" supplies that would work well with your Saint.
- Use as a puppet!



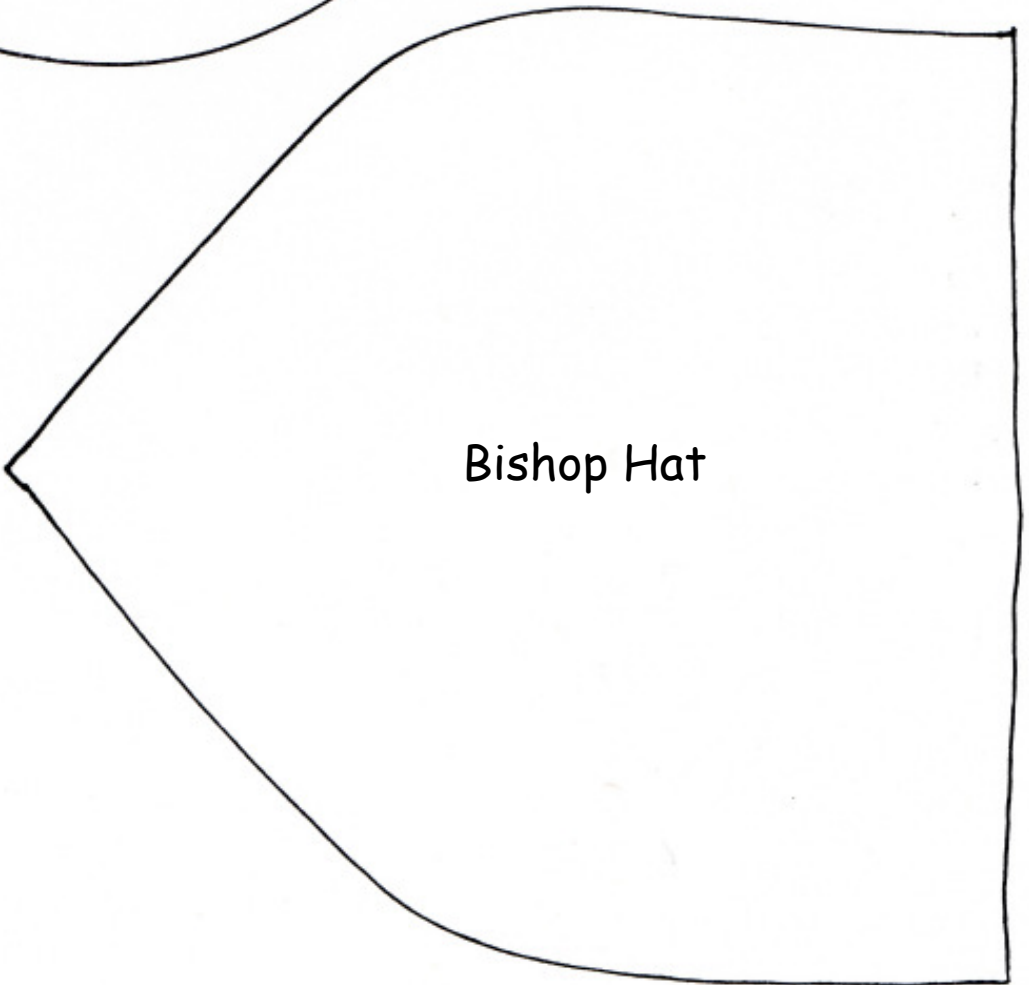
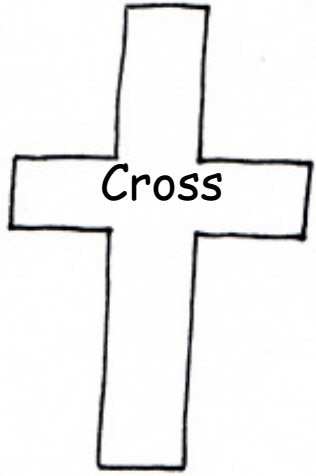
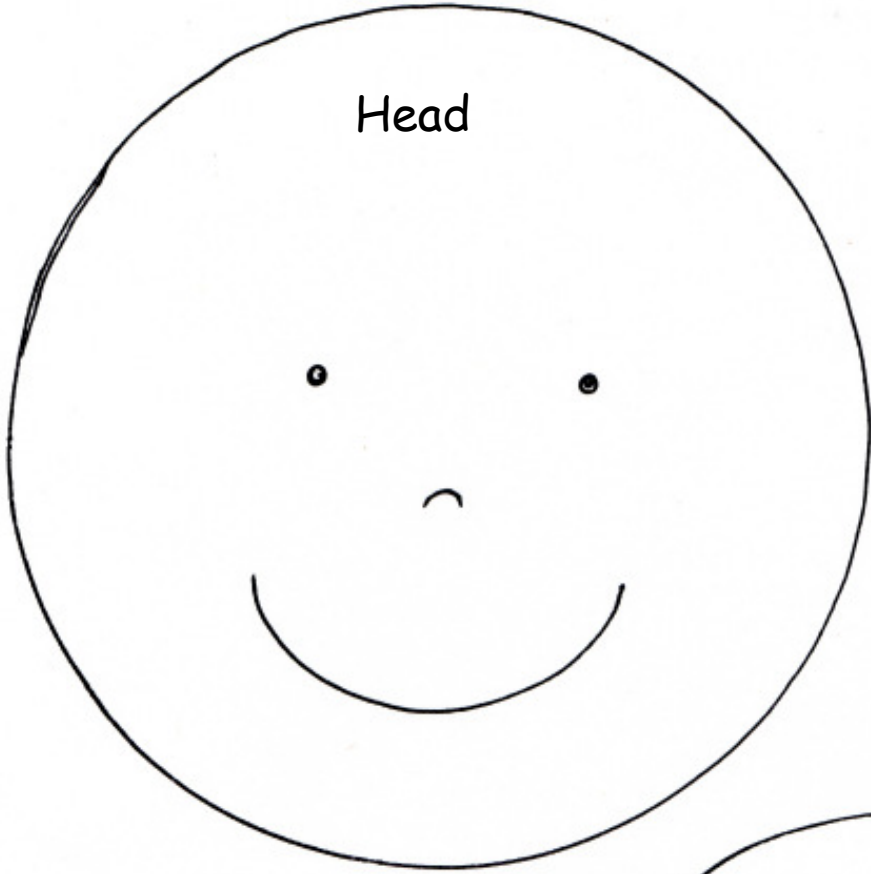
### Template Time!

I'm providing all of the Saint templates for free granted that you are

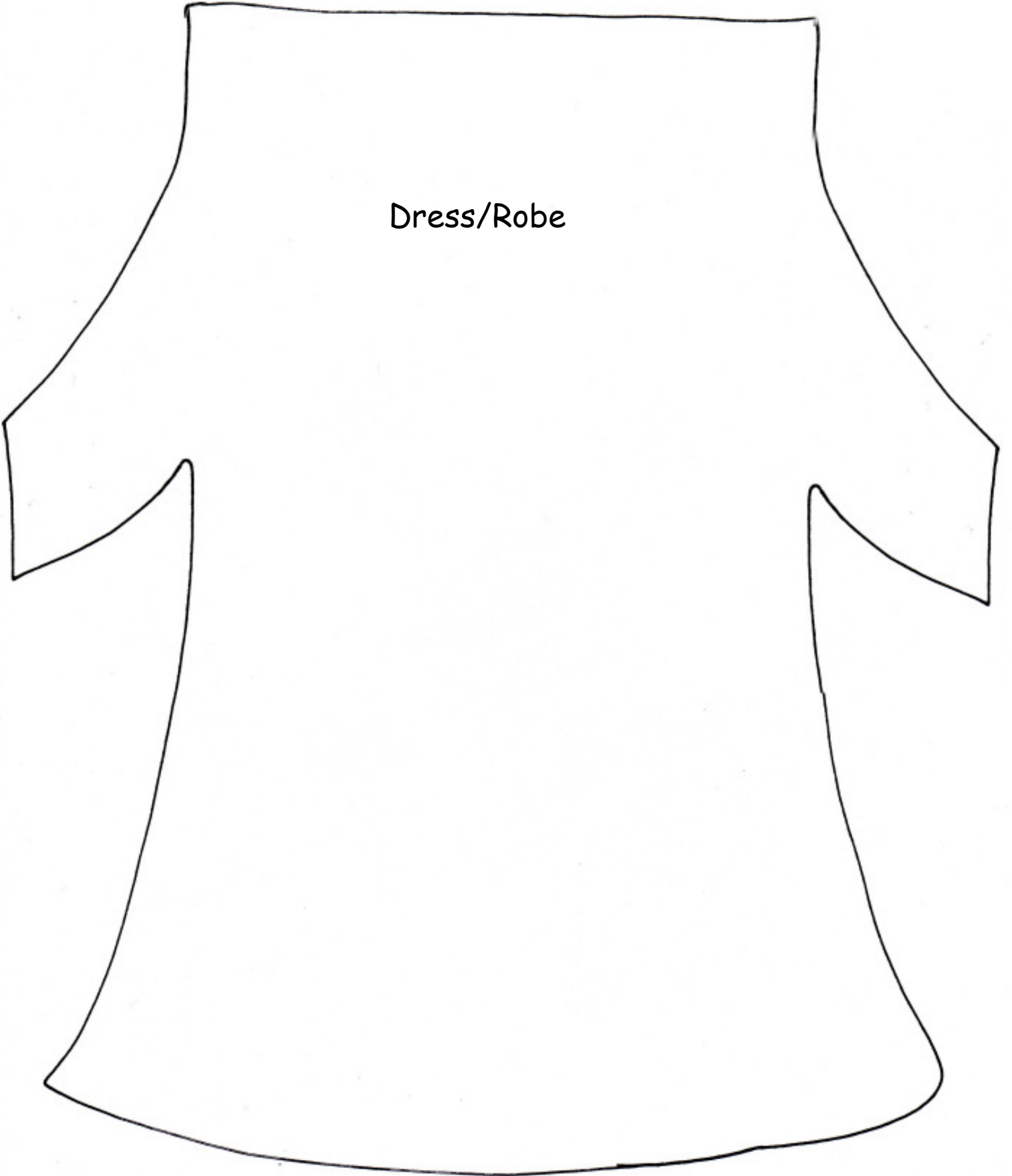


following the rules laid out on page 2. These templates are going to provide you with everything you need to make these puppets. Even the most craft-impaired person will produce a cute Saint. ;-)

However, I am going to encourage you to find your inner crafter and get creative. Use these for ideas and a jumping off place, but be sure to personalize your Saint. Do a little research and see what symbols he/she usually carries.



Dress/Robe

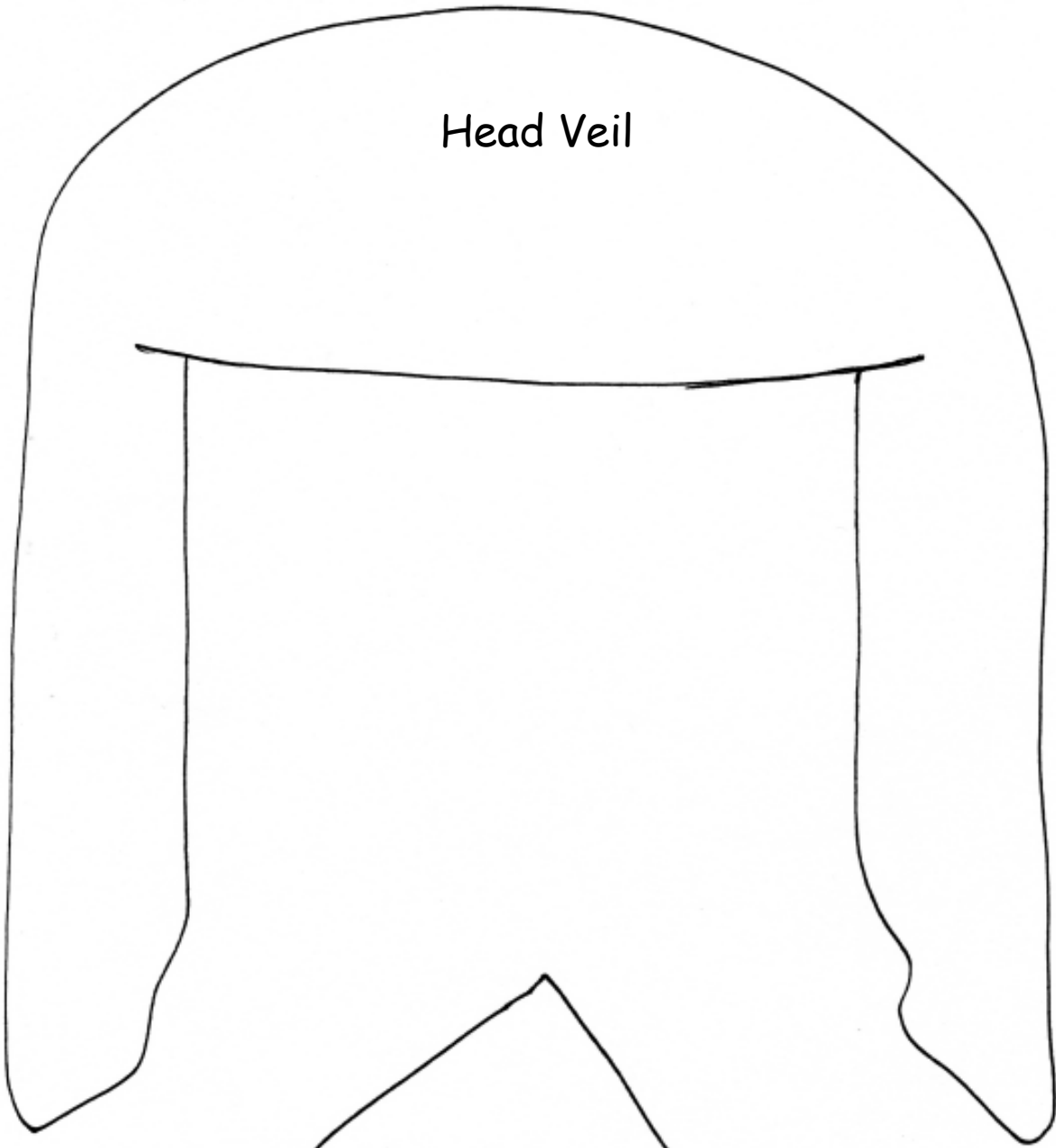




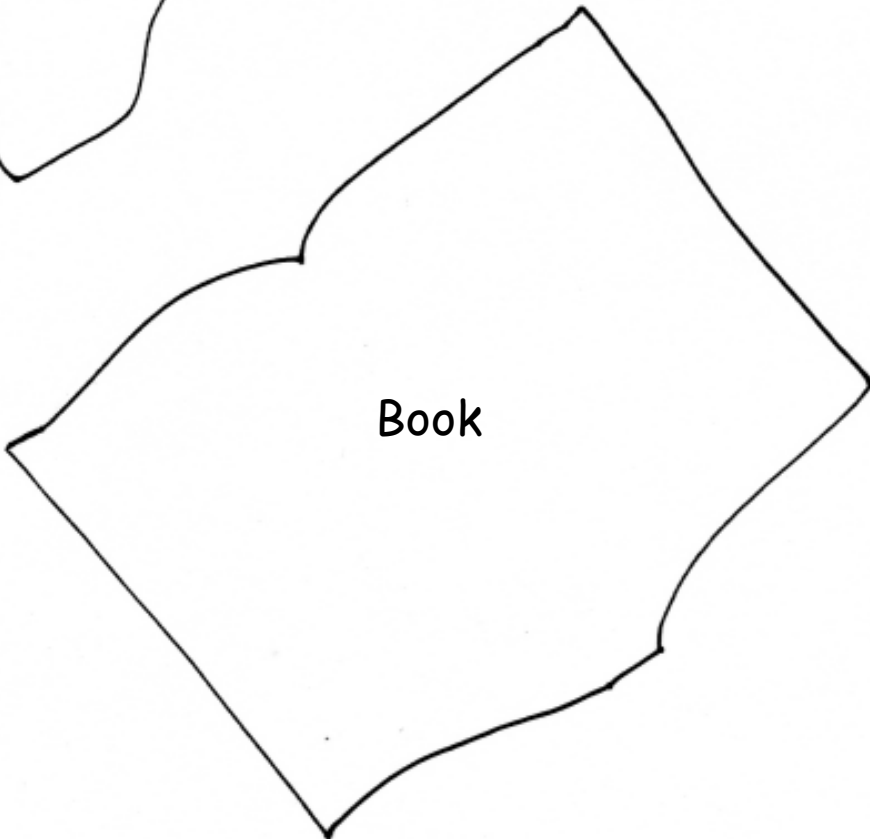
Cape/Alb

## Basic Clothes

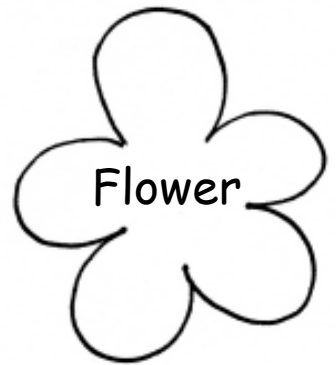
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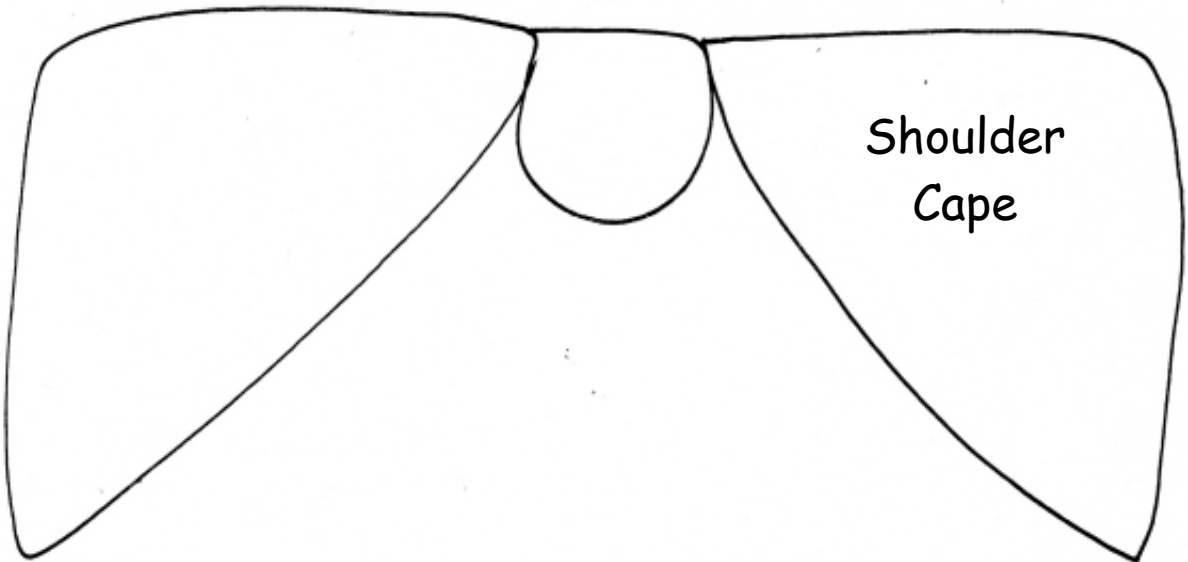
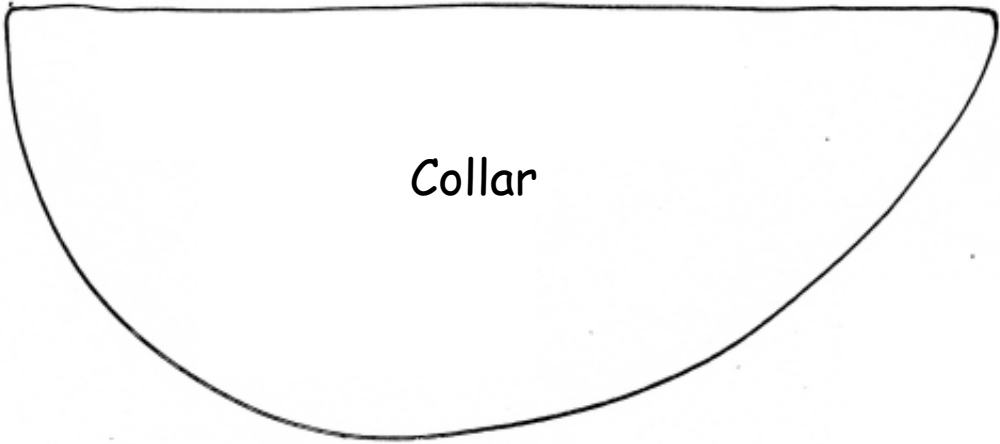
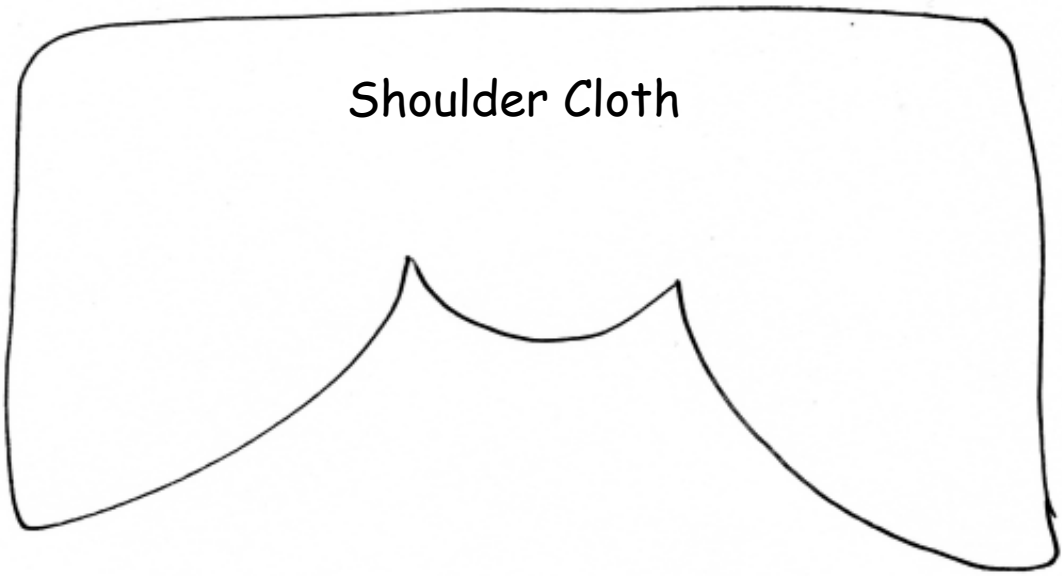


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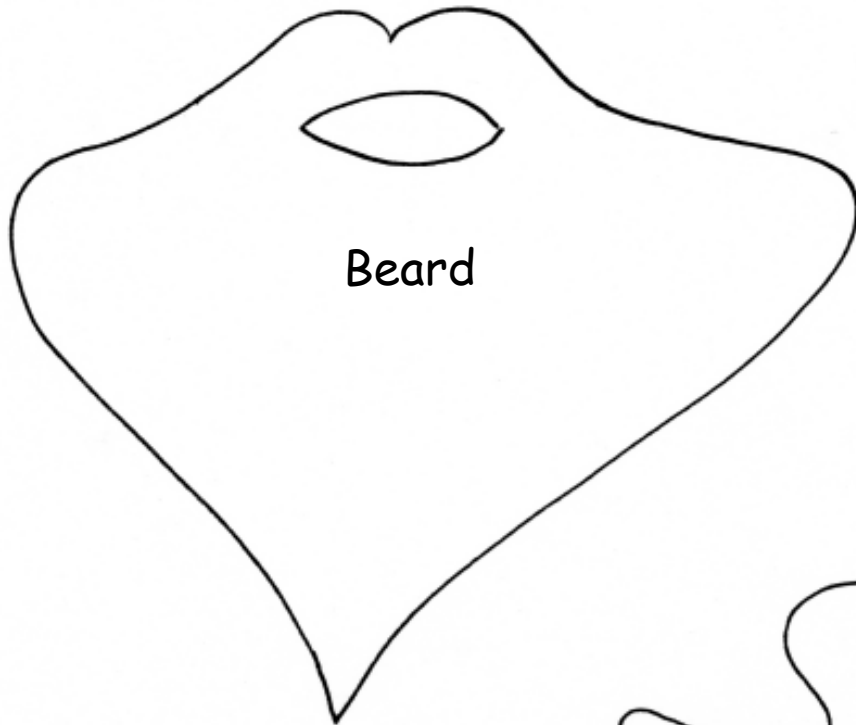


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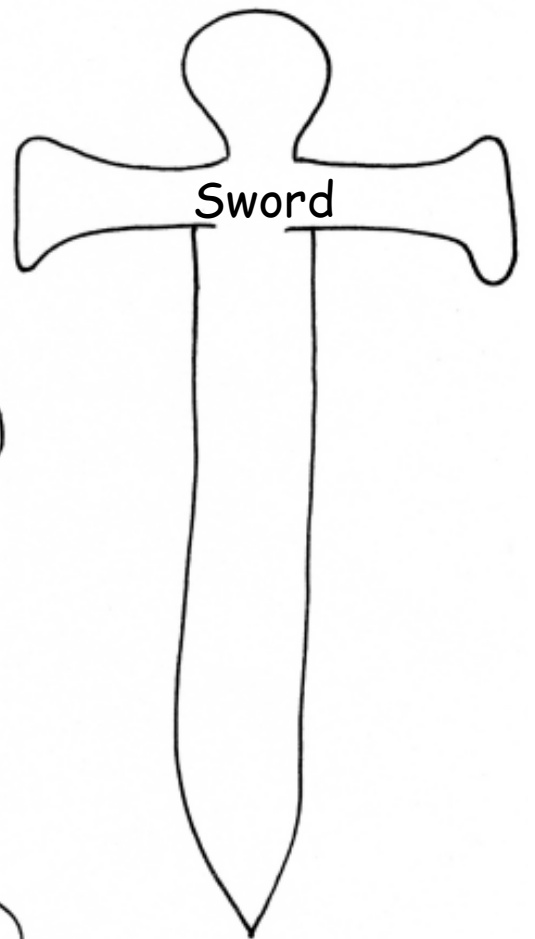
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Bushy Beard

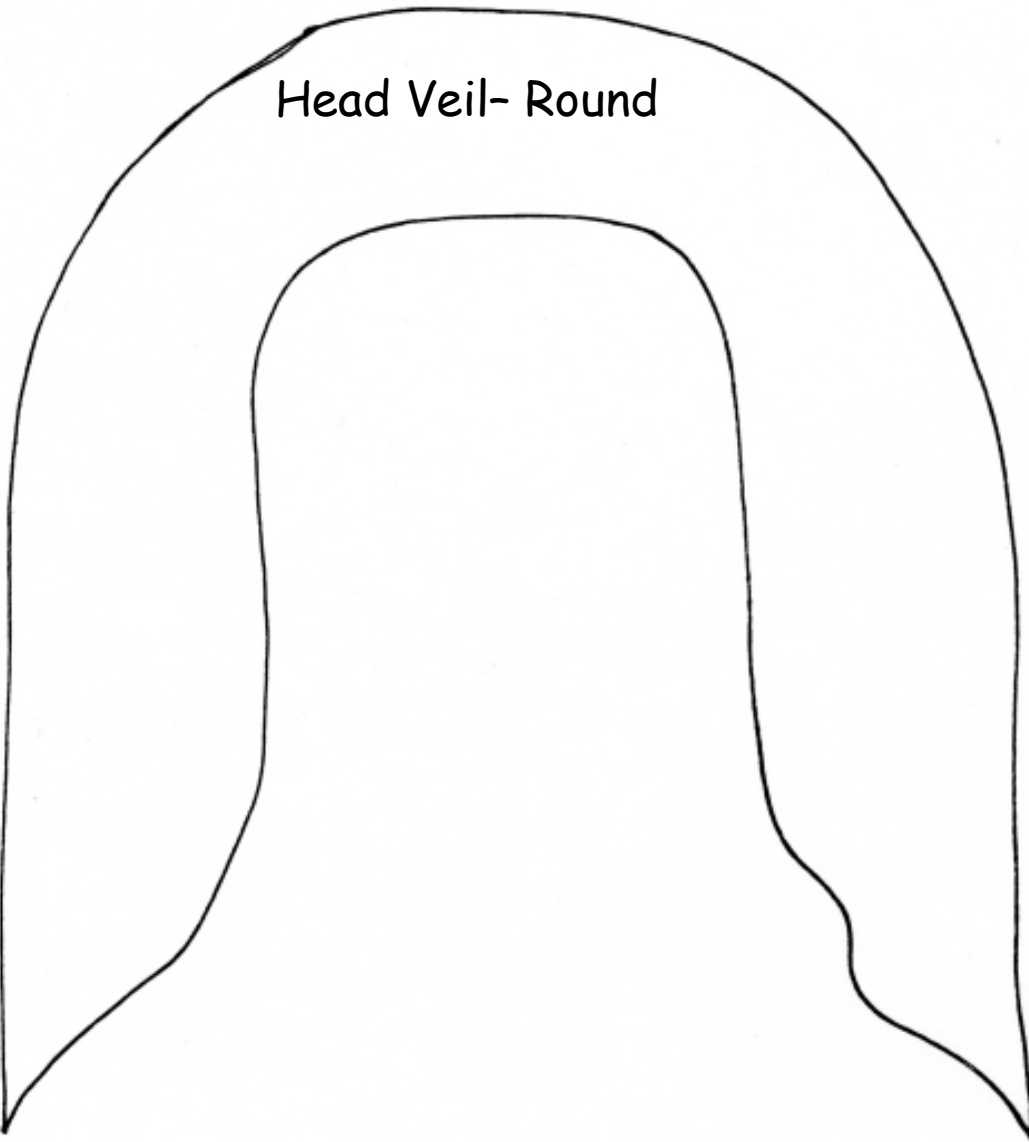


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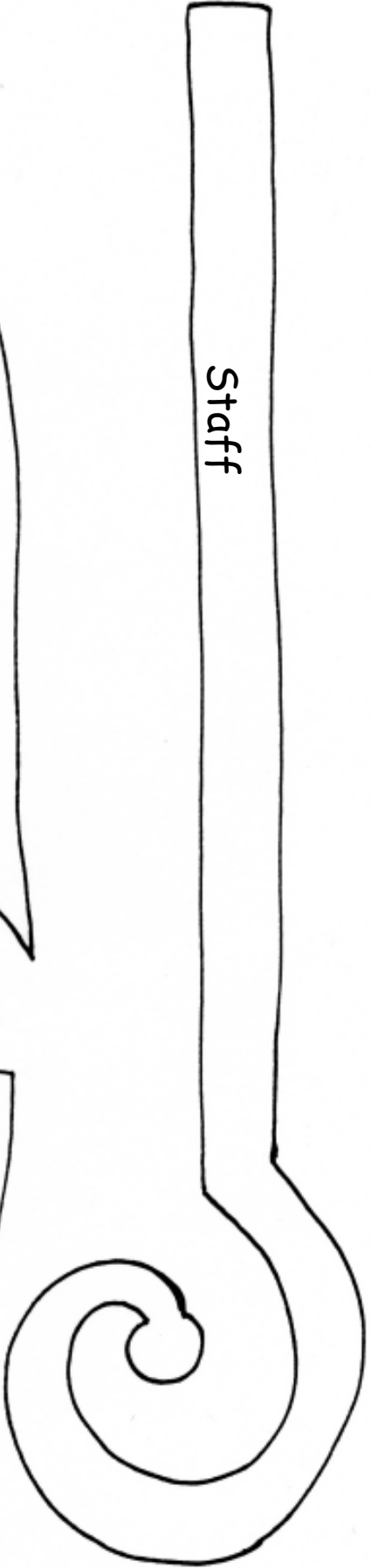


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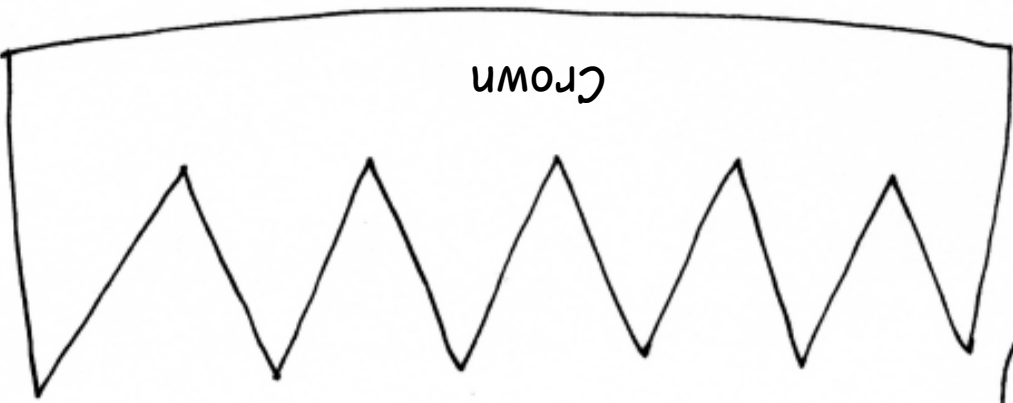
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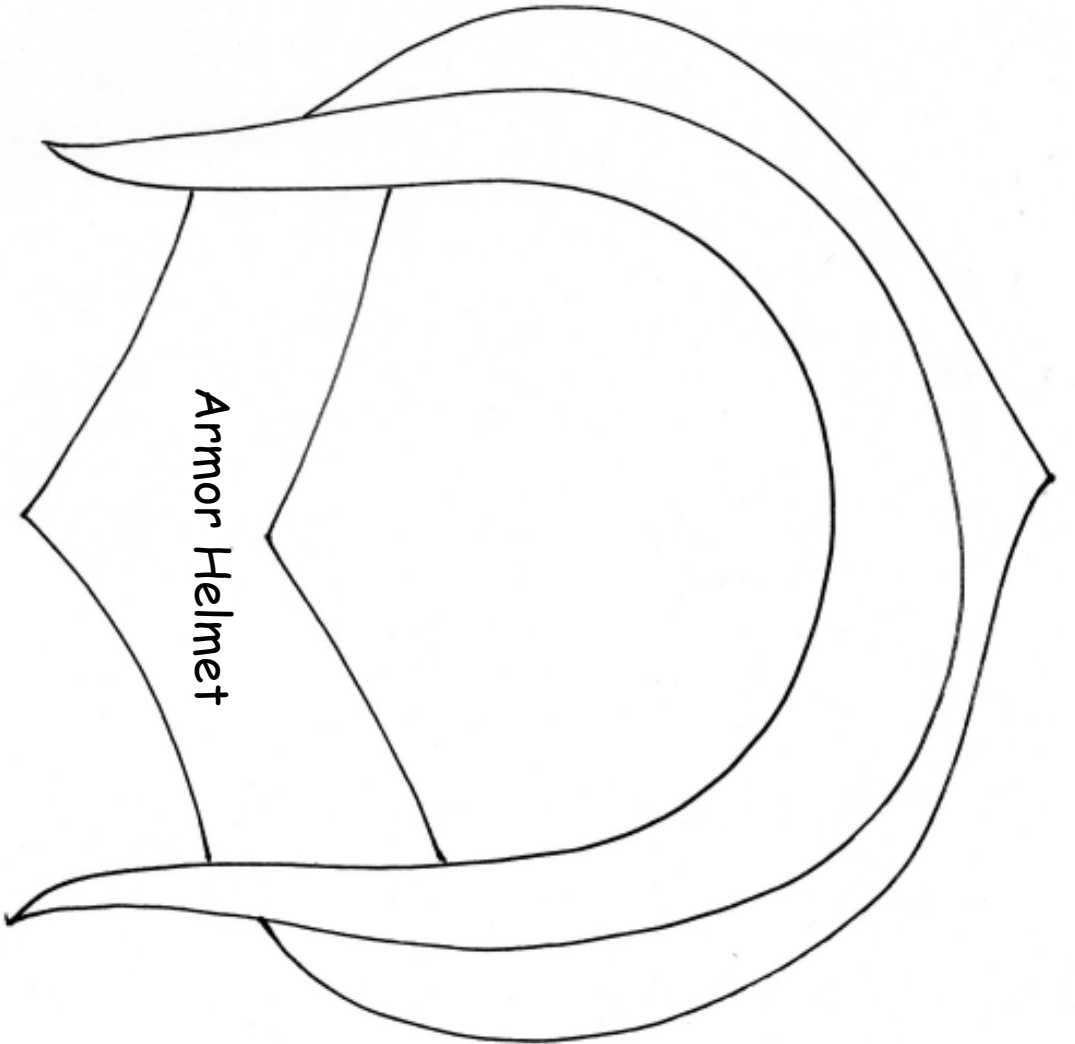
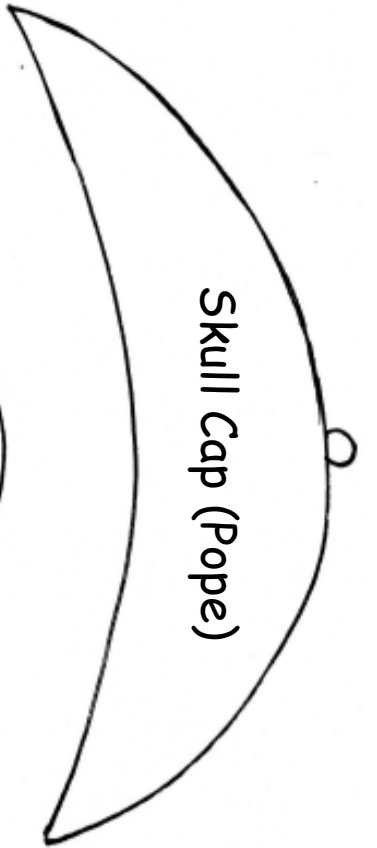
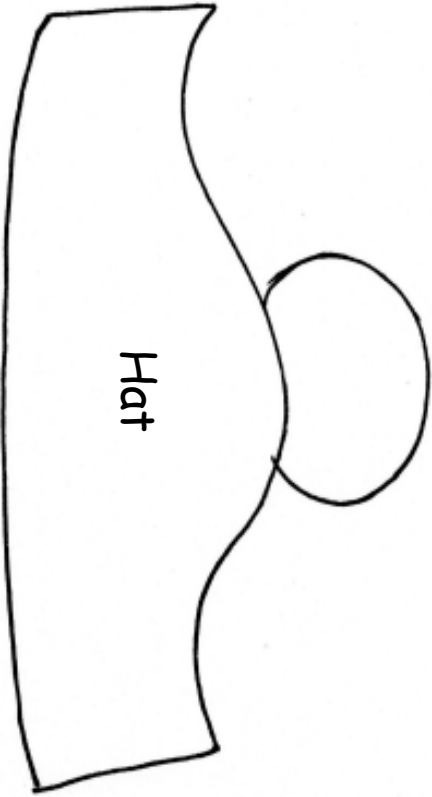
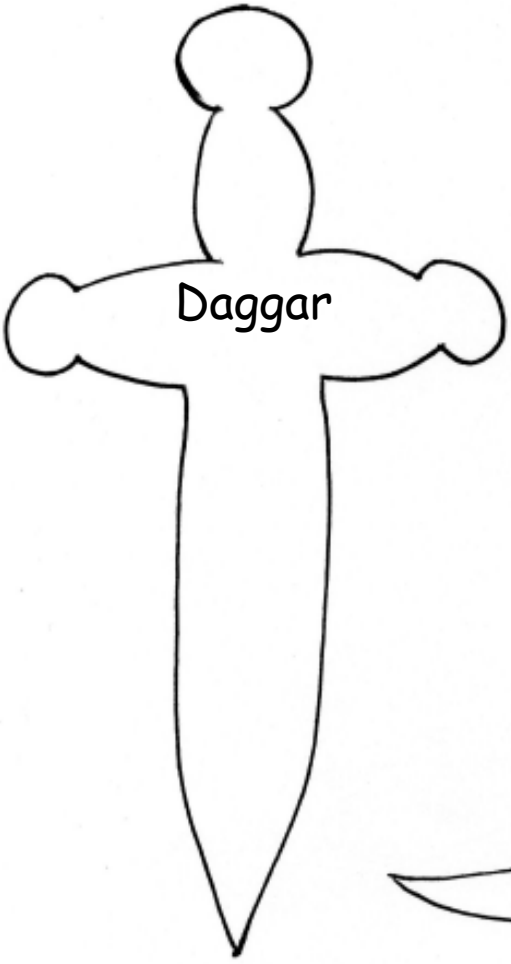


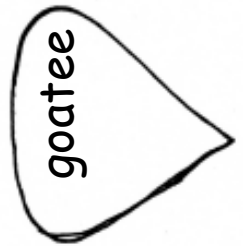
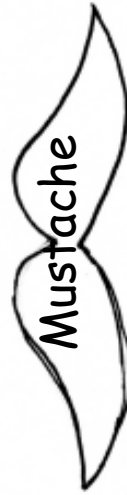
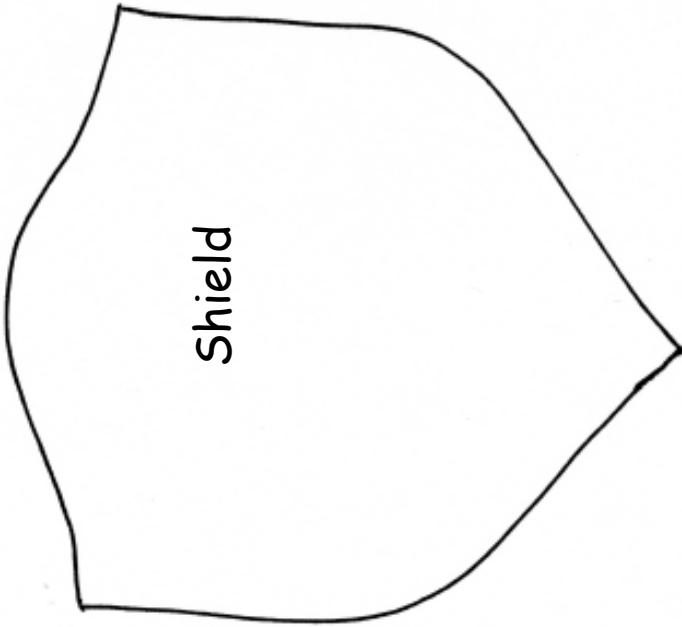
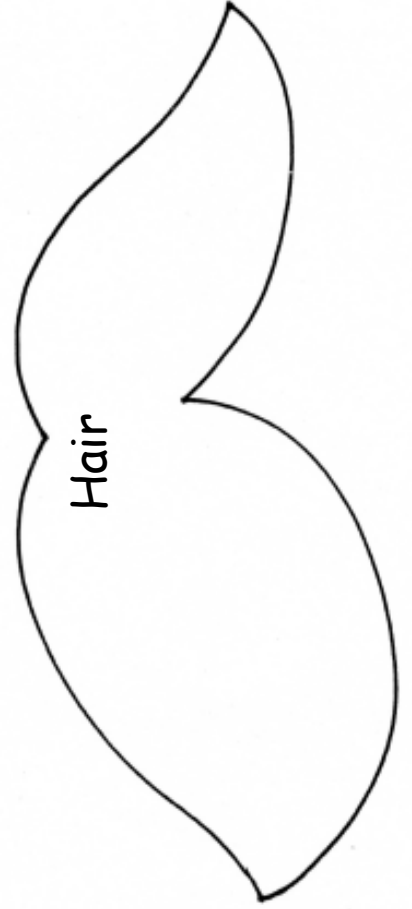
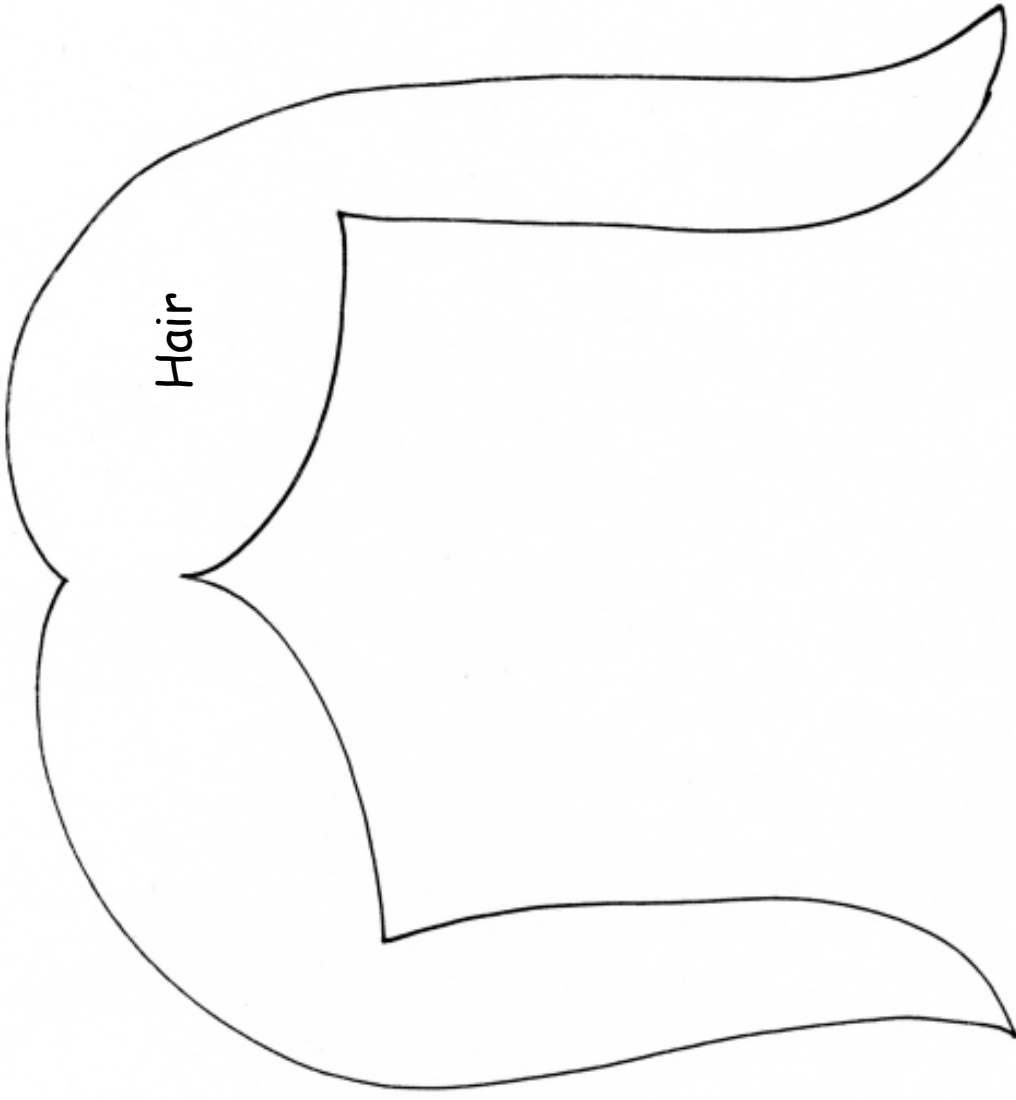
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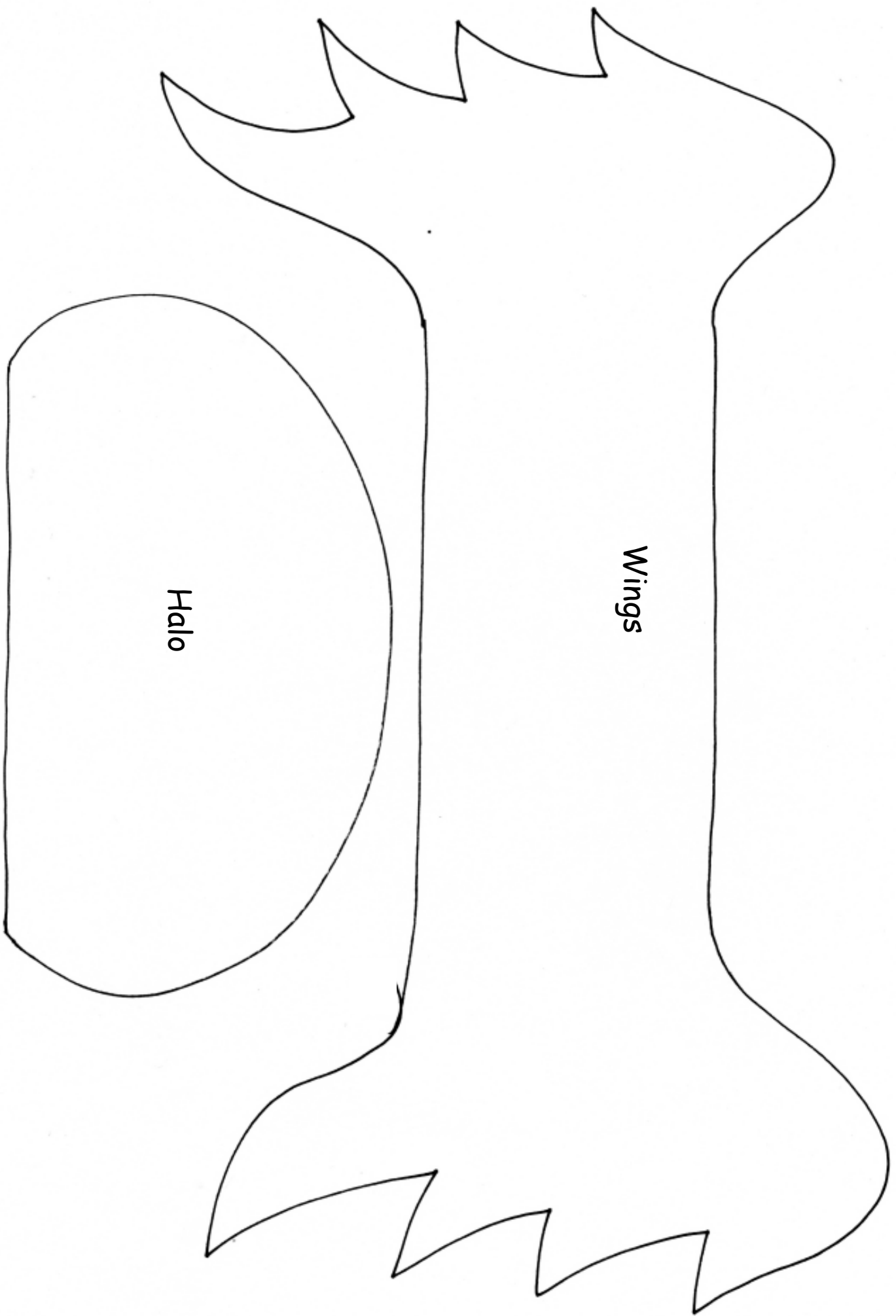
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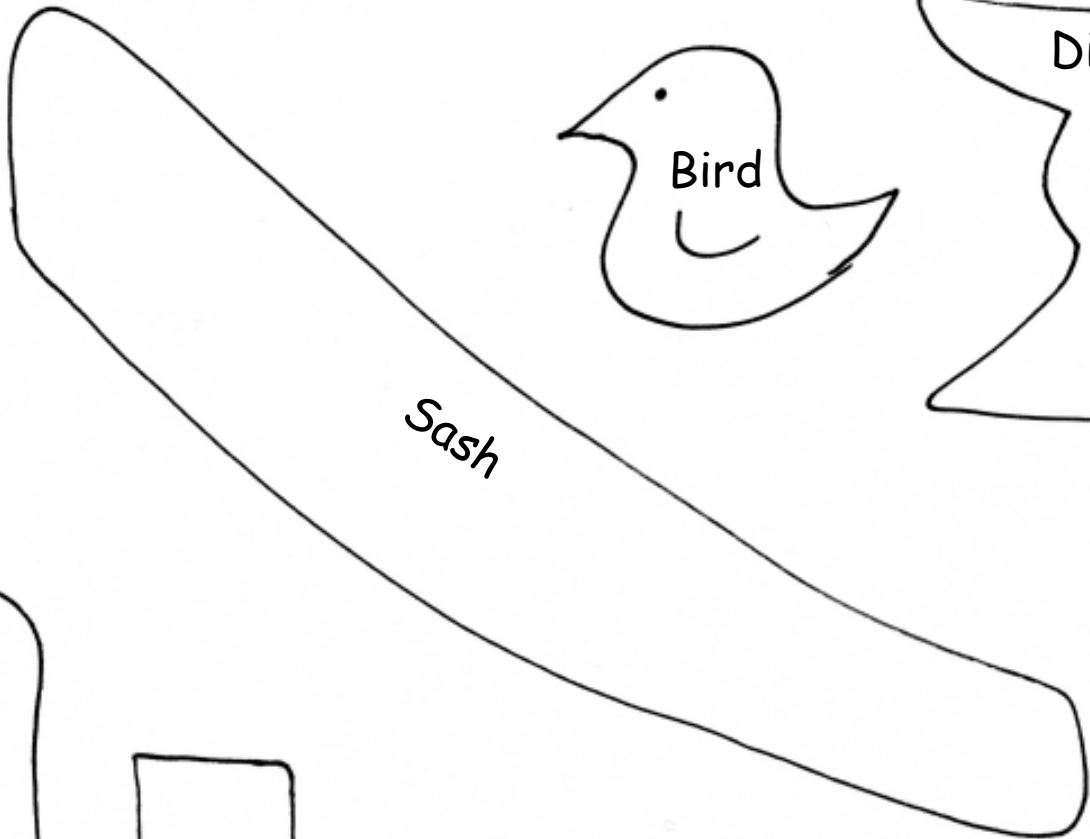




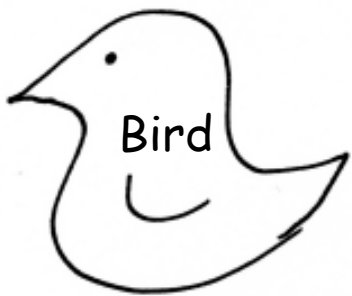


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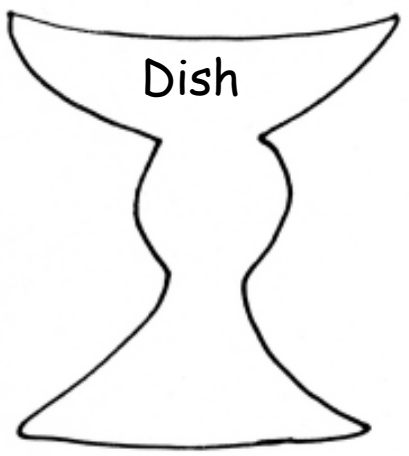
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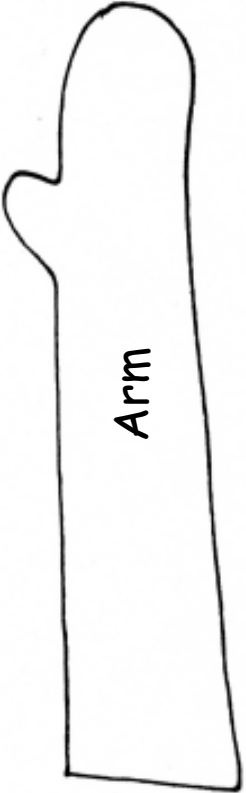
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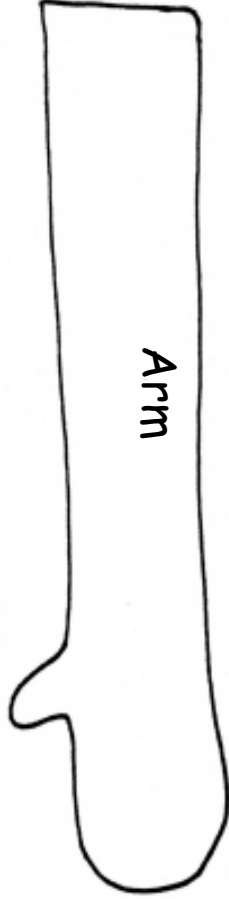
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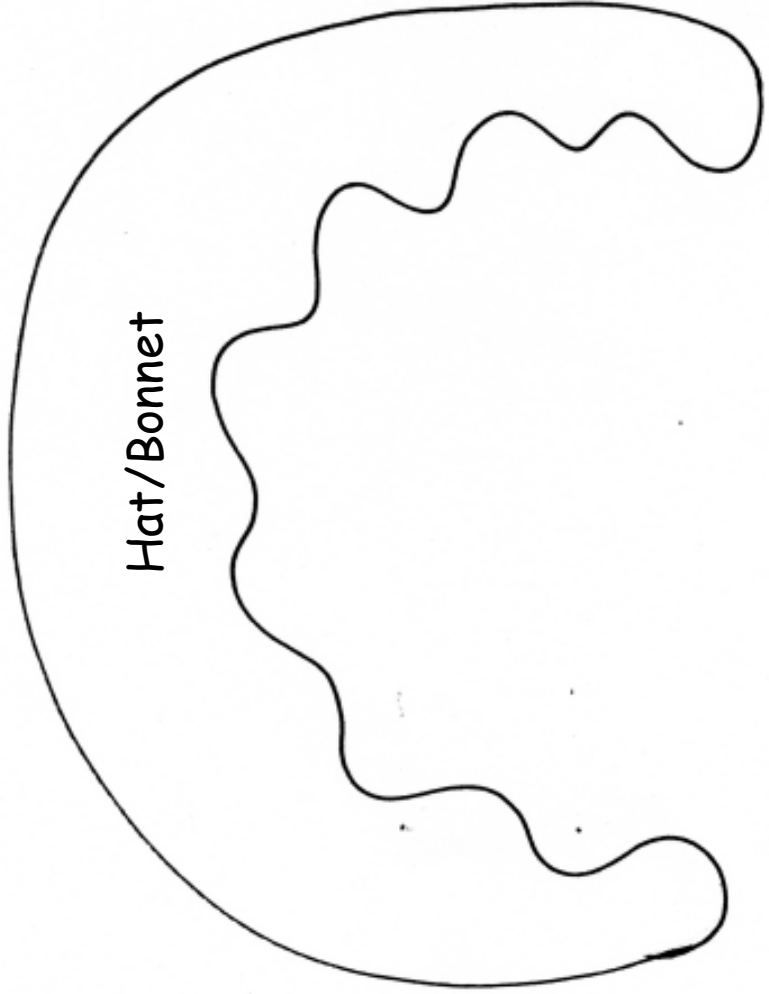
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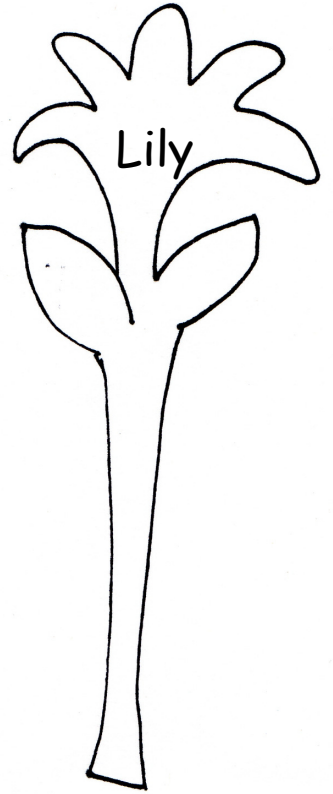
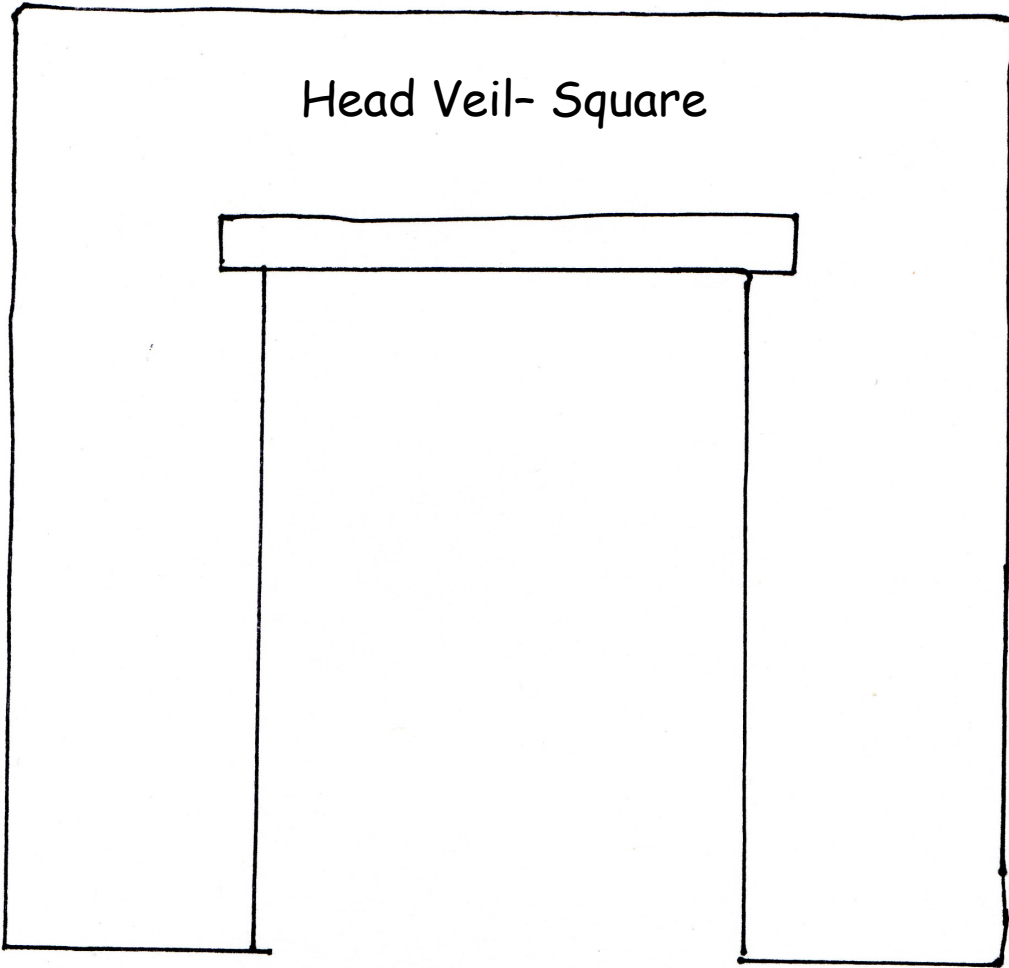


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Hat/Bonnet

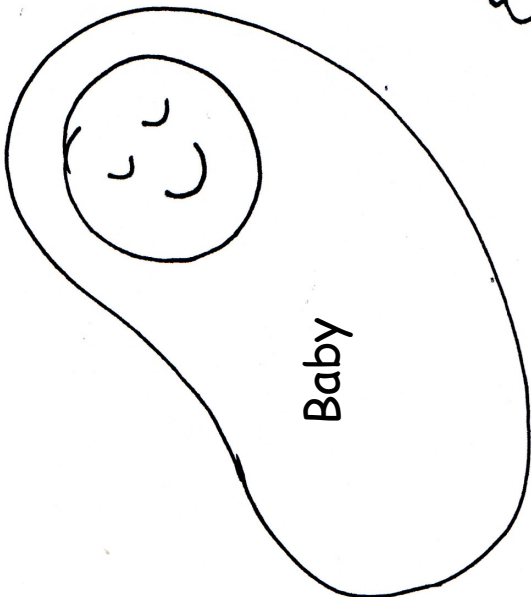
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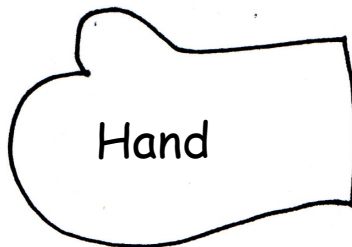
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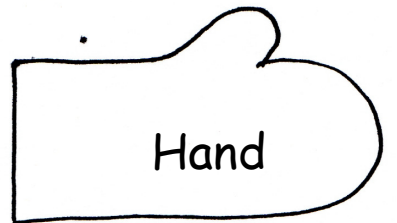
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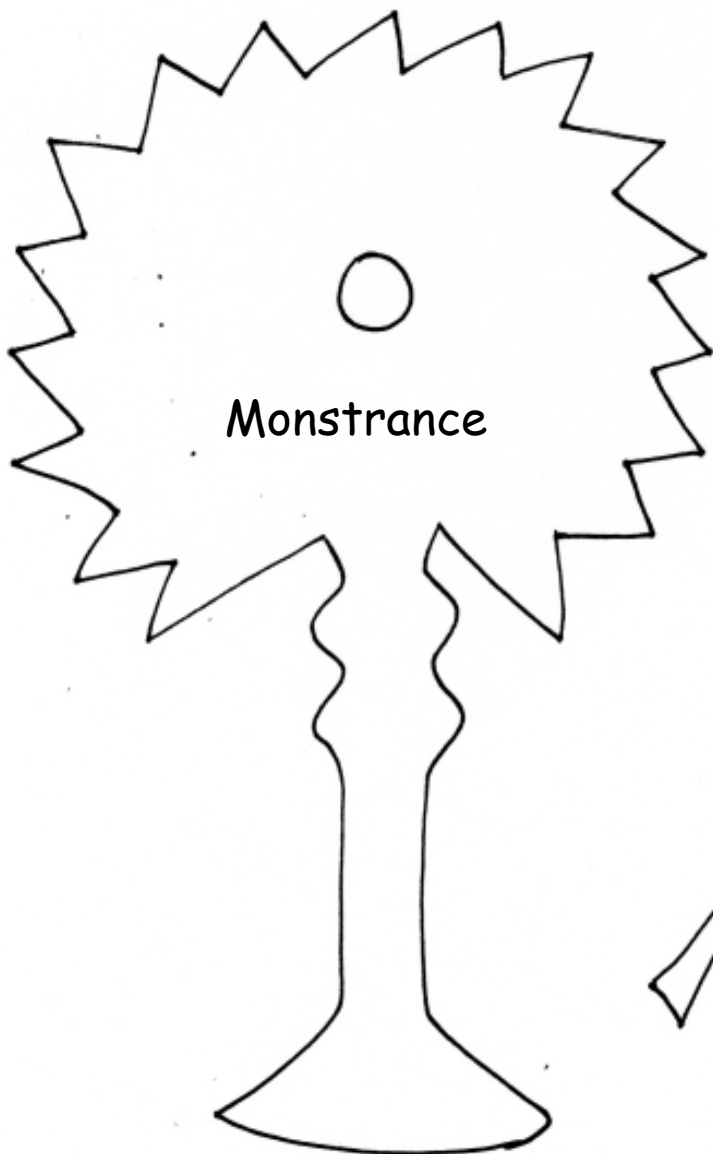
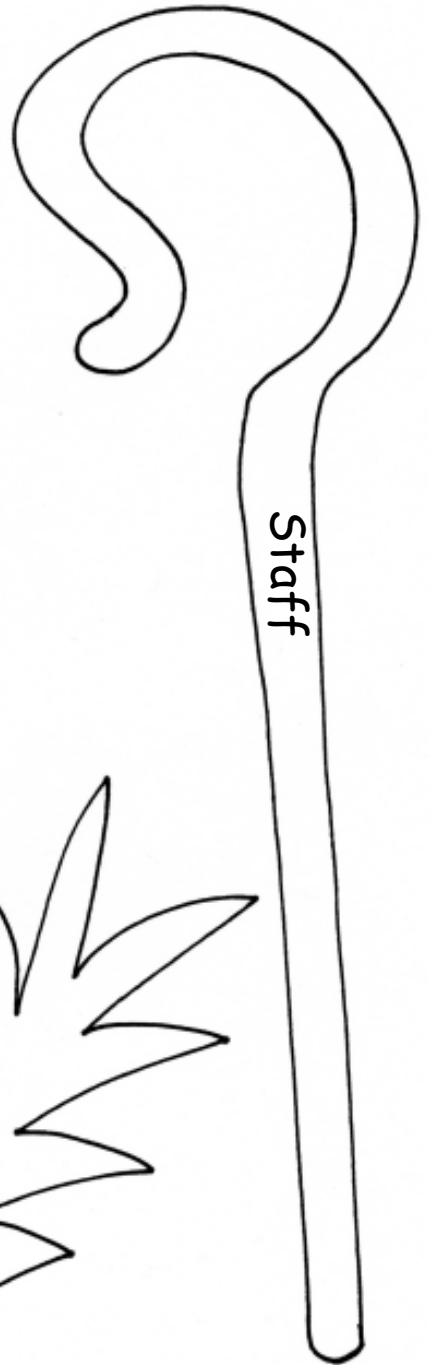


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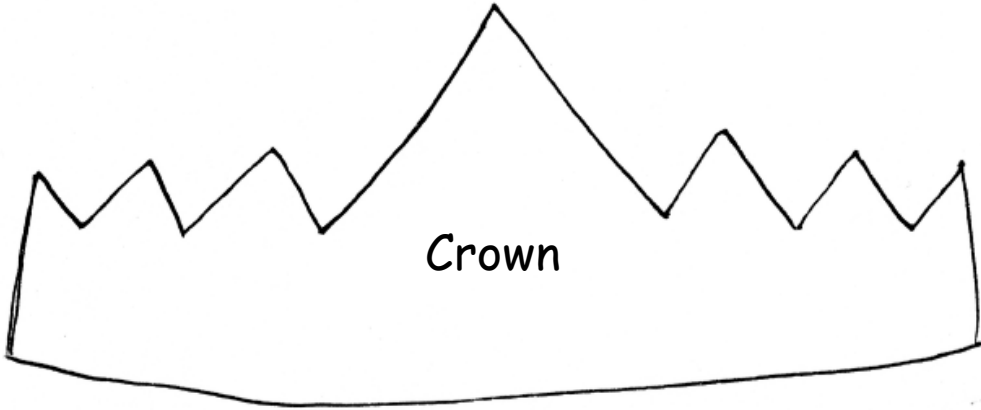


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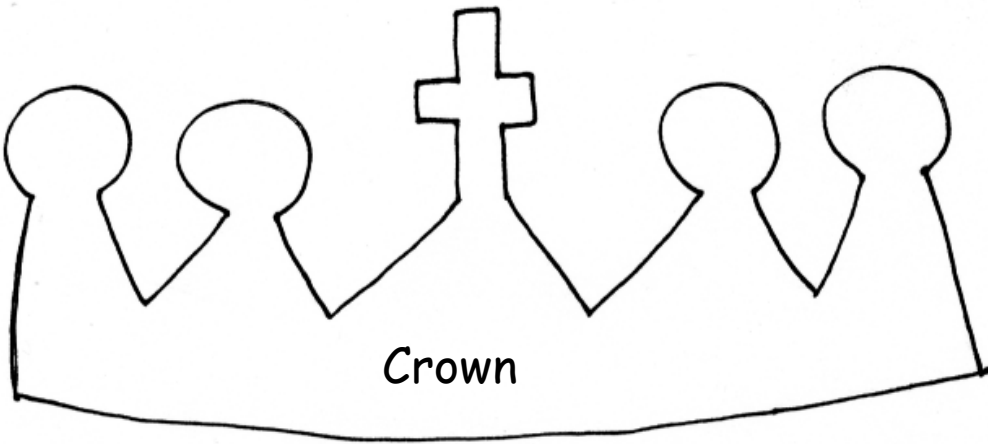




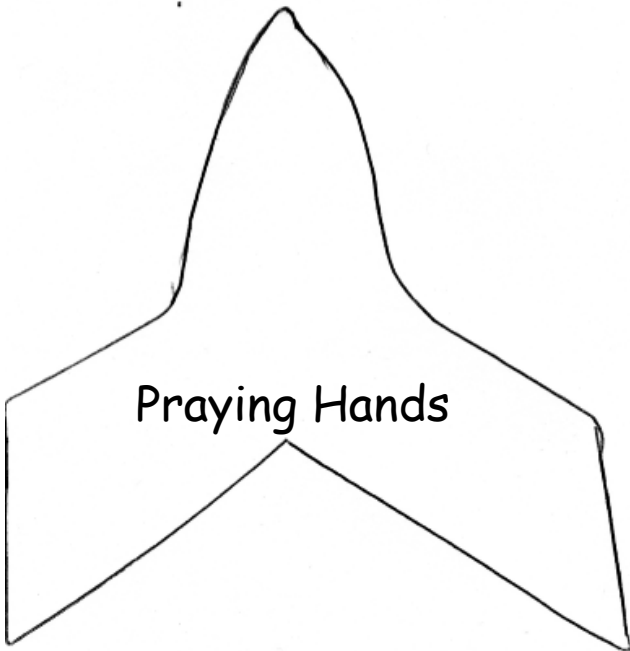




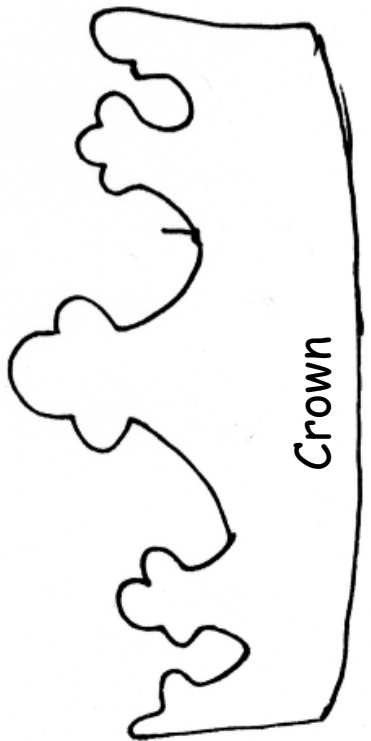
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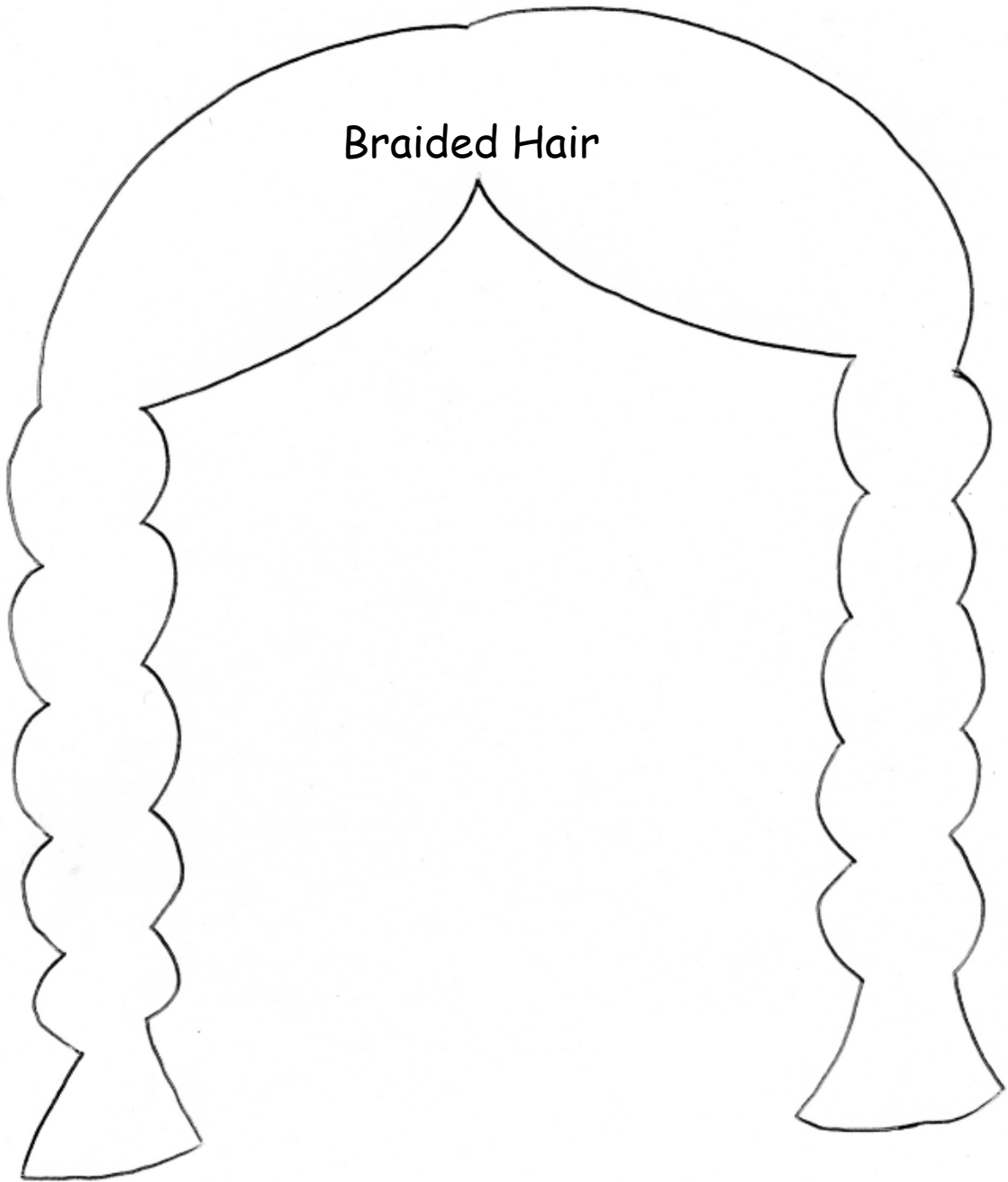
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Praying Hands



Crown



Braided Hair



Feather

# Puppet Gallery!







