

A Diorama of the Shepherds Coming to See the Baby Lord

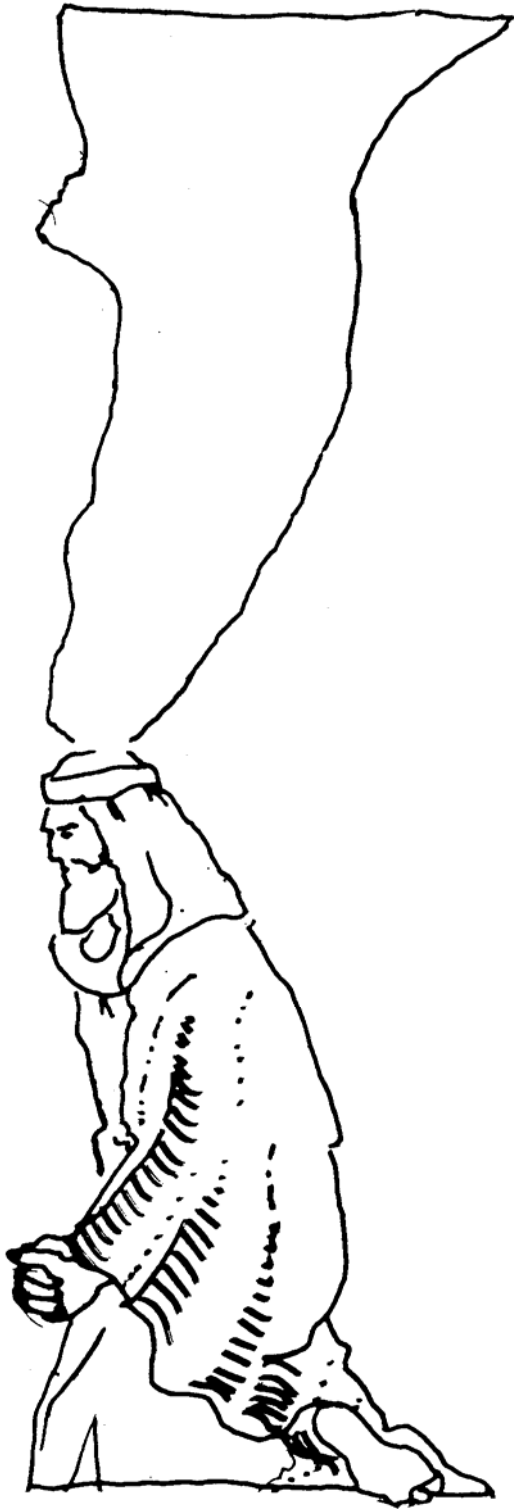
Cut a handful of grass from your lawn, if the snow isn't too deep. Nice brown grass looks like hay or straw and is in the right proportion. You may have to dry your grass for a day or two. After the manger is cut along the dotted line, the grass can be taped into it. You could also put some by the door in the back, or wherever you like. You could also stand some houseplants behind the scene as background.

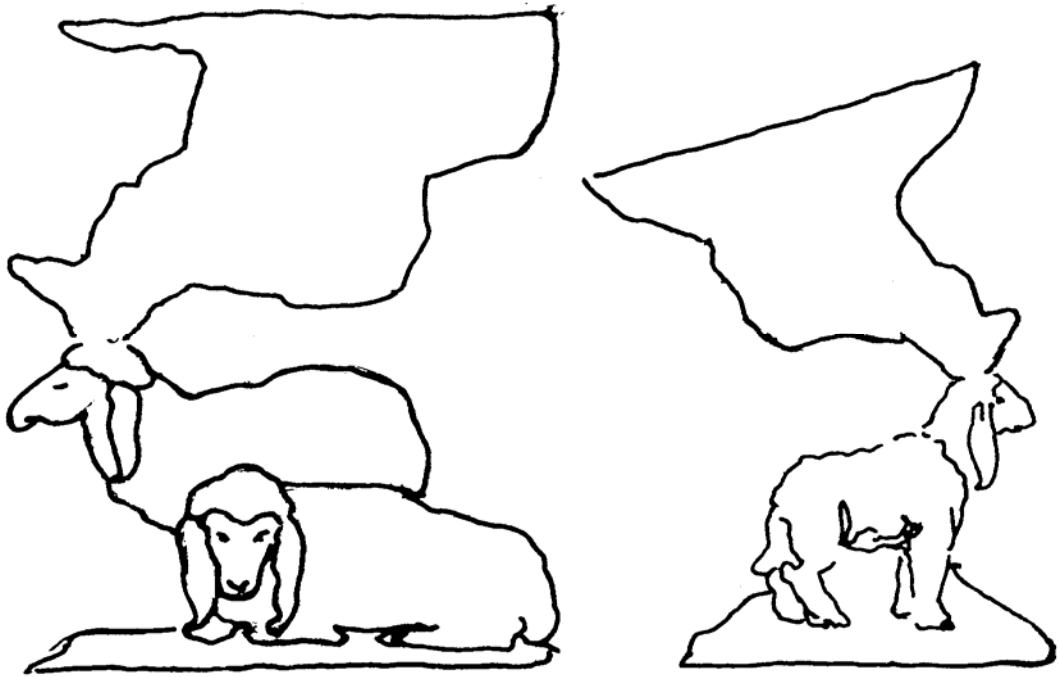
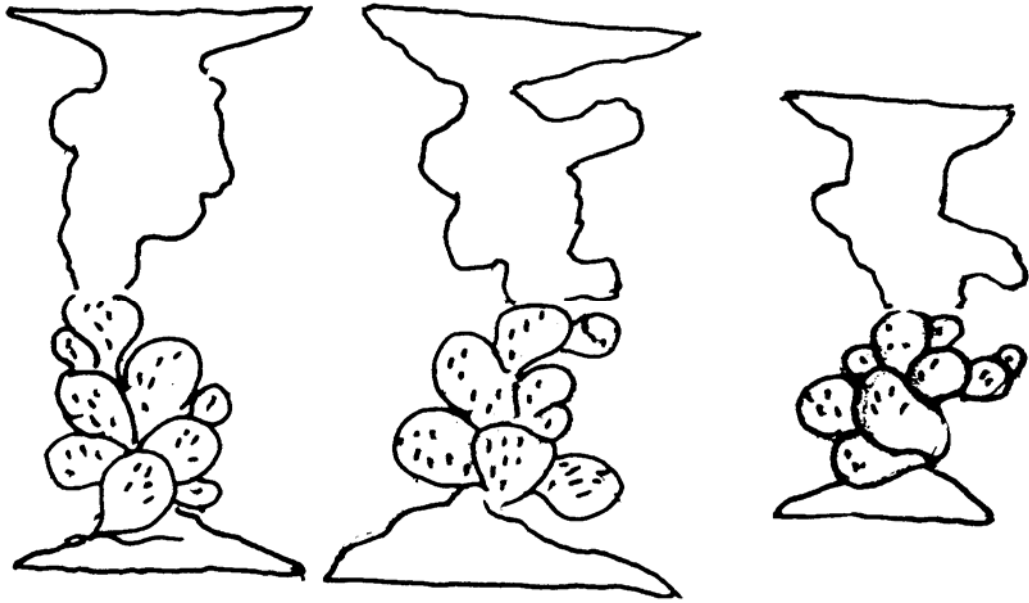
1. Color the outside of the arch for the back wall.
2. Cut out the center of the arch out of the back wall and glue the arch onto a piece of dark blue paper.
3. Color the side wall and cut it out along the solid black lines.
4. Line the back wall up with the dotted line on the side wall and tape the two together with the tab in back.
5. Fold along the same dotted line.
6. Color and cut out Mary, Joseph, Manger and the Babe, leaving a little white paper around the edge (it looks better that way, and it is easier to cut). Now fold them in half so they will stand up.
7. Cut along the dotted line in the manger.
8. Insert hay and Babe into manger, and tape them down.
9. Glue Mary, Joseph and the babe in the manger in the arch.
10. Color the base and cut it out.
11. Fold tabs of base B C D E F upward.
12. Tape or glue tabs B C D to the outside of the back wall.
13. Tape or glue tabs E and F to the outside of the side wall.
14. Color and cut out shepherds, sheep and cacti, again leaving a little white paper around the edge. Now fold them in half so they will stand up.
15. Color the star and cut it out, add glitter if you wish. Then tape or glue the star to the back wall.
16. Set up your diorama. You could have just Mary and Joseph and the Babe at first, and then the shepherds arrive!

NOTES: Instead of coloring the back and side walls and the base, you may want to photocopy them onto brown or gray paper and then just cut them out. You can also decide to use just the front of the freestanding figures, and make small bases out of plasticene, *etc.*

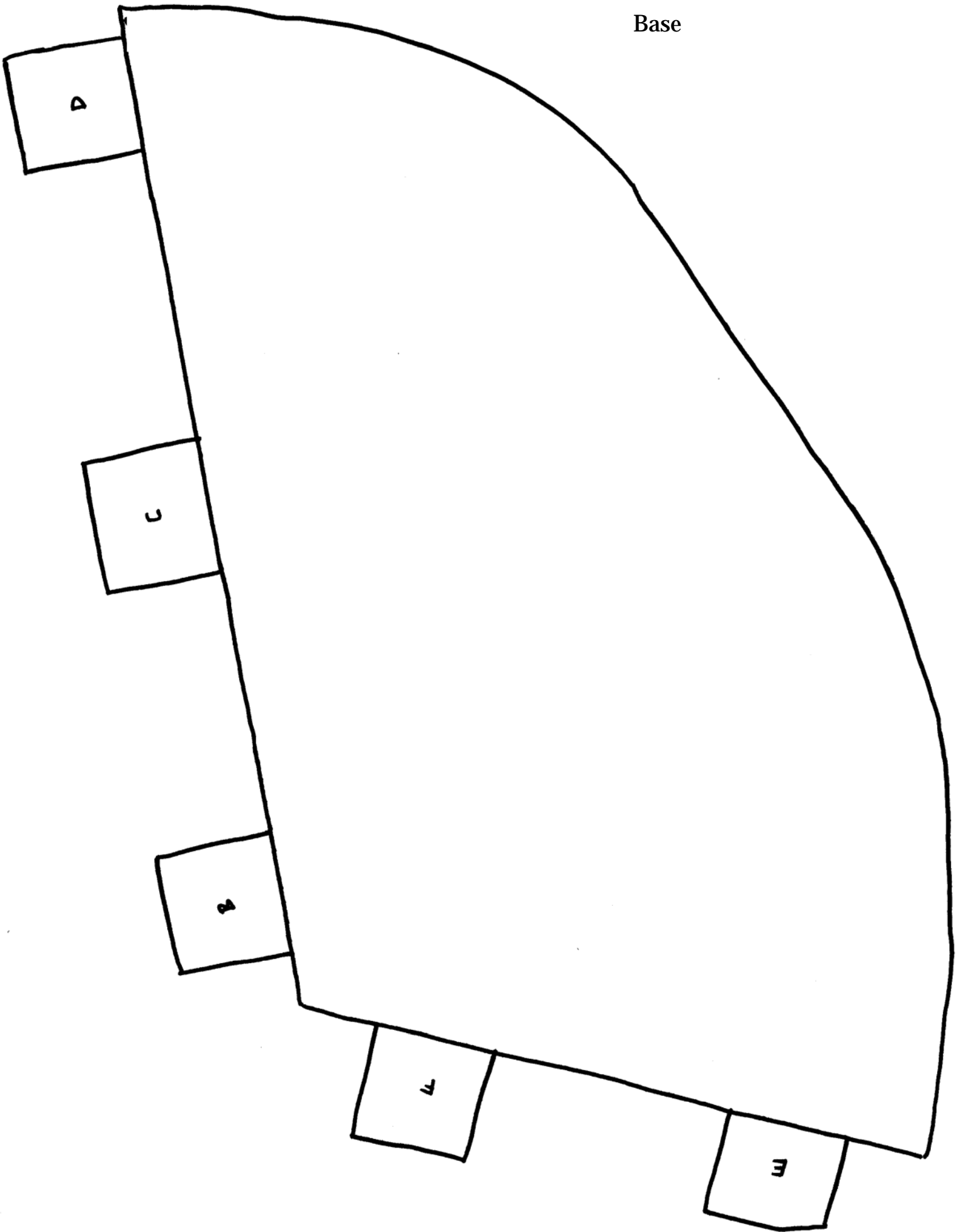






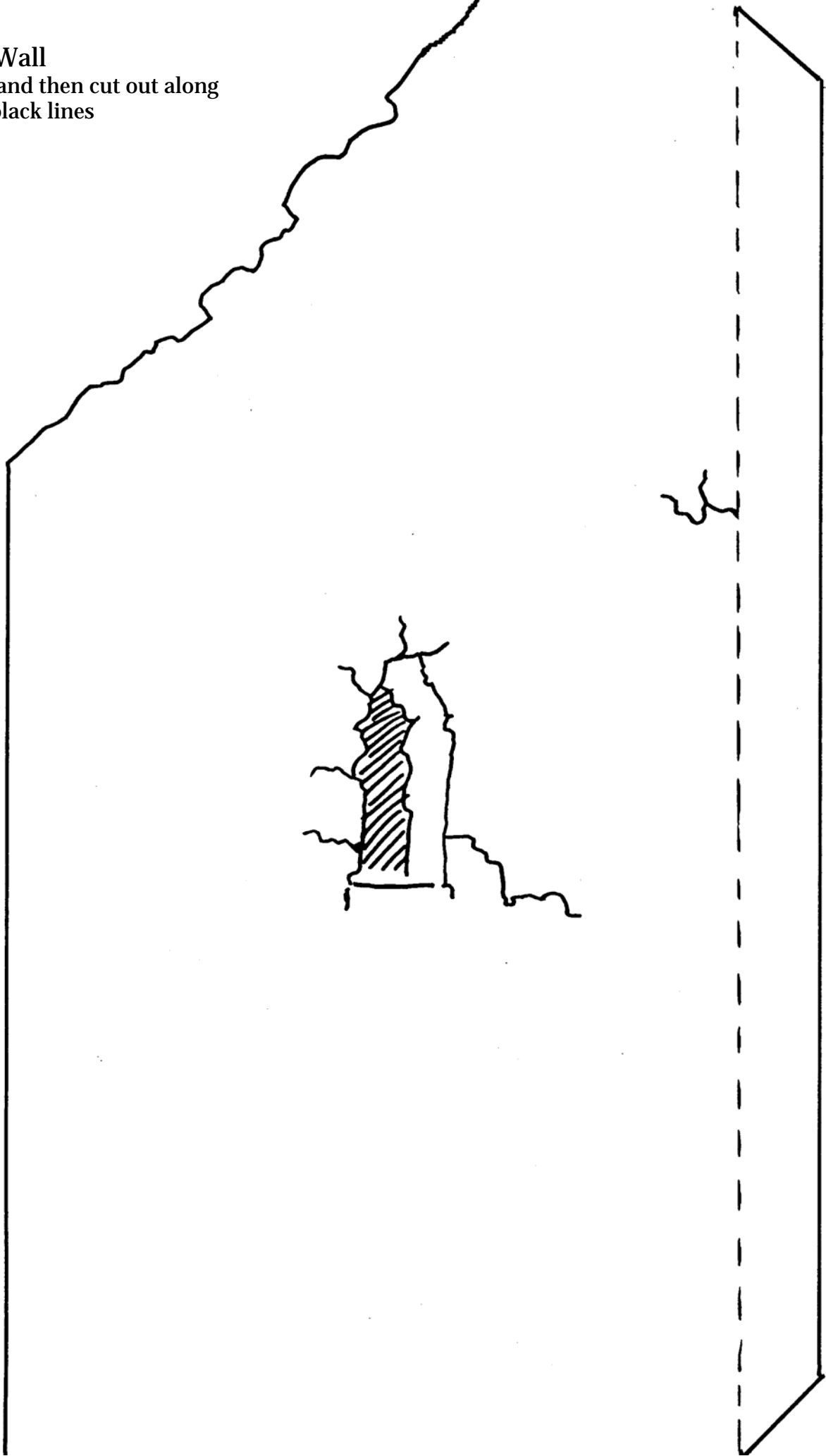


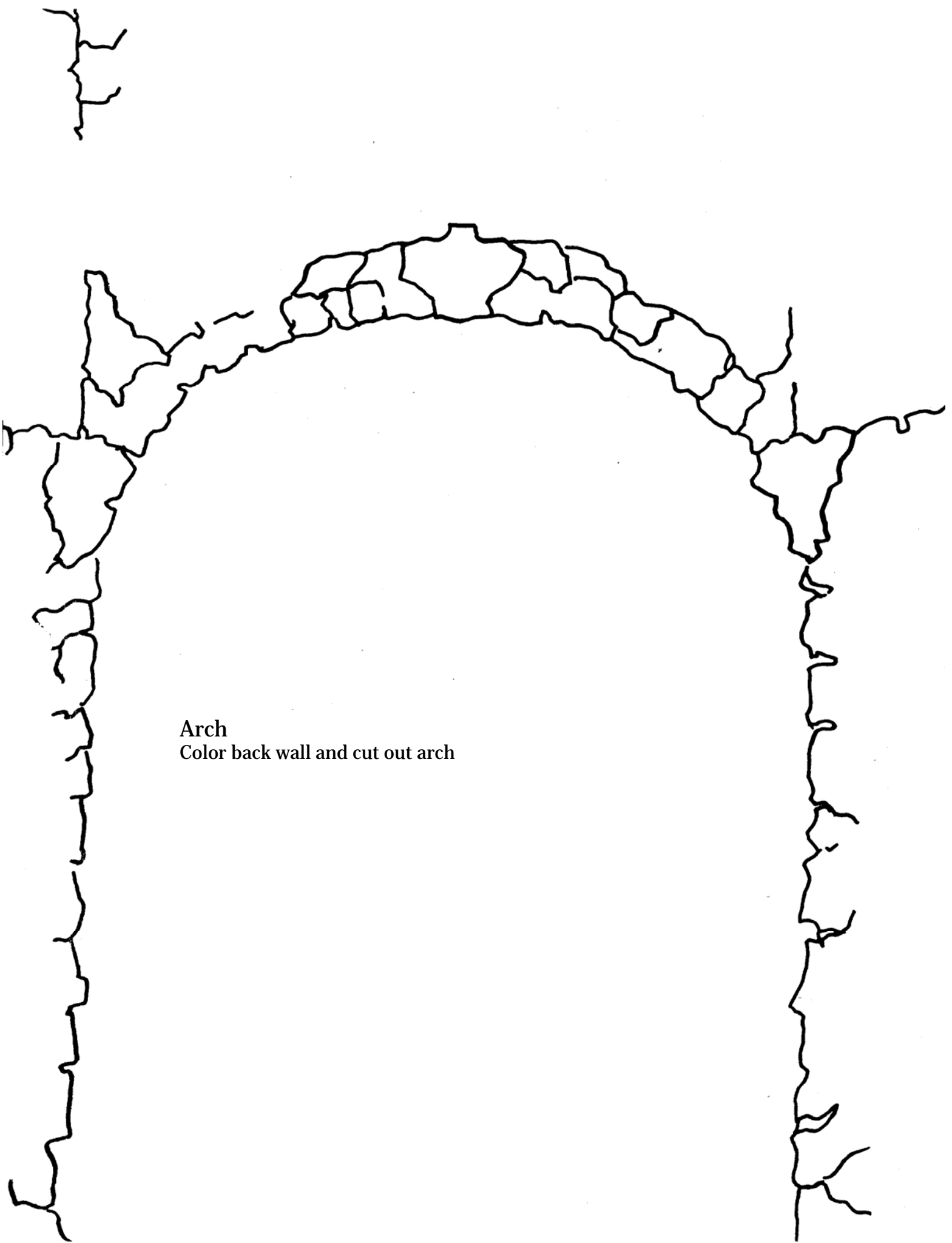
Base



Side Wall

Color and then cut out along
solid black lines





Arch
Color back wall and cut out arch