

Little House



in the Big Woods

Chapter One

Lapbook Minit Book: Meat Preservation

How did Pa preserve the meat?

Venison

Pa cut the venison up in pieces, salted it, and put it on a board. He prepared a hollow log for the smoking process. He put a hole in each of the pieces of meat and placed it on a string. He hung the meat on nails inside the hollow log. He built a small fire inside the log out of bark and moss. He placed some green hickory chips on the fire to create a nice thick smoke.

Fish

Fish was salted down and placed in barrels.

Pork

Pa laid the pieces of pork on a board and salted them. The hams and shoulders were put in brine and smoked like the venison.

Lapbook Minit Book: Mary's Doll, Laura's Doll

Describe Mary's doll and Laura's doll.

Mary had a rag doll named Nettie.

Laura's doll was a corn cob wrapped in a handkerchief. Her name was Susan.

Chapter Two

Lapbook Minit Book: Chores

Write down Ma's chore saying

“Wash on Monday,
Iron on Tuesday,
Mend on Wednesday,
Churn on Thursday,
Clean on Friday,
Bake on Saturday,
Rest on Sunday.

Lapbook Minit Book: How to Make Butter

Lists the steps to make butter

Milk the cow.

Put milk in a place where it would not be disturbed to enable cream to separate.
Skim off the cream.
Add carrot coloring.
Scald the churn dash.
Cream splashed around the hole.
Tiny grains of yellow butter begin to appear on the dash.
Wash the butter
Salt the butter.
Place the butter in a mold.

Chapter Three

Lapbook Minit Book: Making Bullets

Describe how Pa made bullets.

Pa melted bits of lead. He poured the melted lead into a bullet mold. When they had become solid, he released the bullets from the mold. When they were cool, he used his knife to trim off the bumps left by the mold

Lapbook Minit Book: Gun Safety

Explain why Pa keeping the gun loaded is not safe.

Chapter Four

Lapbook Minit Book: Christmas

Describe Christmas at your house and Christmas at the Ingalls house.

Chapter Five

Lapbook Minit Book: Sunday

Describe the Ingalls' Sunday Routine.

Lapbook Minit Book: Grandpa's Sled and the Pig

Retell the story

Chapter Six

Lapbook Minit Book: Escaping the Bear

What did Laura do that allowed them to get away from the Bear?
Laura did exactly as Ma told her, quickly and without question.

Chapter Seven

Lapbook Minit Book: Sugar Snow

What is sugar snow?

When the temperatures drop suddenly after a warm spell and produce large snowflakes, the leafing of trees is slowed and the sap runs longer. This allows for more production of maple syrup or sugar.

Lapbook Minit Book: It's Maple Syrup Time

Describe the process of collecting and making maple syrup.

Drill holes in the maple trees and place taps in the holes.

Hang buckets on the taps.

Empty buckets into large kettle/container.

Boil sap – adding more sap as necessary.

Skim sap.

Lift ladles of sap up and slowly pour back in if the mixture gets too hot.

Once it has boiled down enough, take out the maple syrup.

When sap starts to grain, quickly place in pans and allow to cool to make maple sugar.

Chapter Eight

Lapbook Minit Book: Tracks

Label the animal tracks.

1st Deer

2nd Bunny

3rd Fox

4th Mouse

5th Bird

Chapter Nine

Lapbook Minit Book: Laura and Mary's Candy from Town

Write down the sayings that were on Mary's and Laura's candy.

Laura: "Sweets to the Sweet"

Mary: "Roses are red, Violets are blue, Sugar is sweet, and so are you."

Chapter Ten

Lapbook Minit Book: Making Cheese

Write the steps in making cheese.

Ma added the previous night's skimmed milk to the cooled milk from the morning milking and put it on the stove to heat.

A bit of rennet inside a cloth is soaked in warm water.

Once the milk is warm, she squeezes all of the water out of the rennet in the cloth.

She adds the rennet water to the milk and stirs it well.

The milk mixture is left in a warm place by the stove until it thickens to a quivering mass.

The mass was cut with a long knife into cubes.

The cubes were allowed to sit until the curd separated from the whey.

The curds and whey were placed in a cloth and allowed to drain.

When all of the whey was drained, the curds were placed in a pan and salted.

The curds were then placed in the cheese hoop to be pressed.

Once all the whey had been pressed out, Ma trimmed the cheese, put a tight cloth around it, and buttered it.

Each day, she wiped the cheese with a wet cloth and rubbed it with butter until the cheese was ripe and had a hard rind on it.

Lapbook Minit Book: Collecting Honey

Write down how Pa collected the honey

Pa found a bee tree.

He had to scare away a bear that was eating the honey.

He chopped down the tree and split it open.

He removed the honey and honey comb from the tree.

He brought it home in buckets.

Chapter Eleven

Lapbook Minit Book: Harvesting Grain

Describe the process of harvesting the oats.

Pa and Uncle Henry cut down the oats with cradles.

They gathered the oats into piles.

They took the piles and bound them up.
After they had seven bundles, they stood five bundles upright and spread two bundles on top to act as a roof.

Chapter Twelve

Lapbook Minit Book: Straw Hats

Describe how Ma made the straw hats.

Ma soaked the straw in water to soften it.

She braided the straw together.

She added new strands as she got to the end of the current strand.

As she continued braiding, the completed part of the braid was placed back in the water.

When she had enough straw braided, she sew the braid together round and round to make the hat.

She tightened and loosened the tension according to where she was in the hat.

At the end, she cut the end of the braid and quickly sewed it so the braid wouldn't come undone.

Additional Booklets:

Big Woods Recipes: use index cards or print recipe cards to record recipes.

My Pioneer Story: write a story about living in the Big Woods.

Snow Fun: compare your winter activities with those of Laura and Mary.

Vocabulary: define any words with which you aren't familiar.

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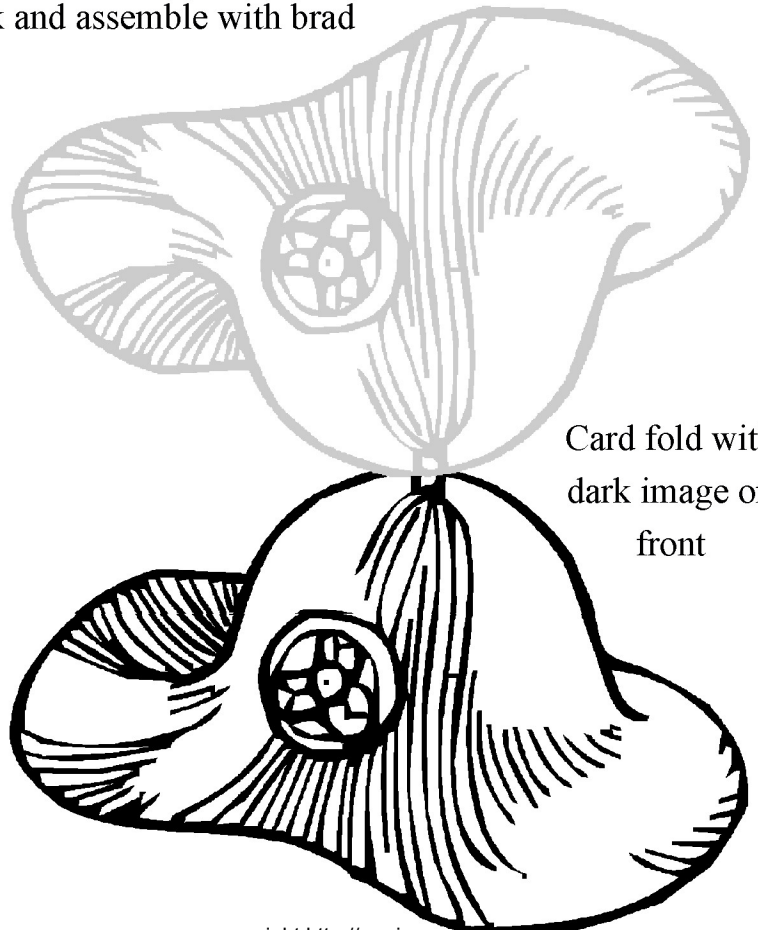


Escaping the Bear

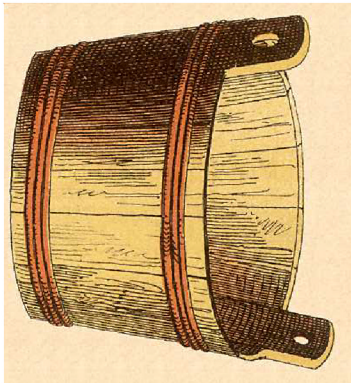
Making Bullets

Five horizontal oval-shaped boxes stacked vertically, intended for writing.

Stack and assemble with brad



Chores



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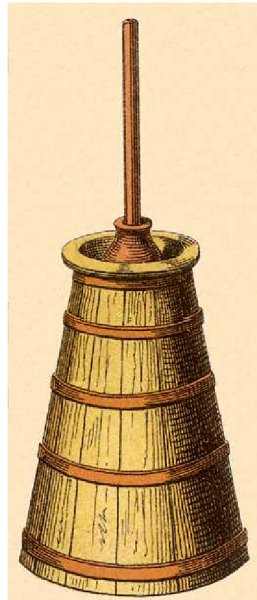
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How to Make Butter

Step One

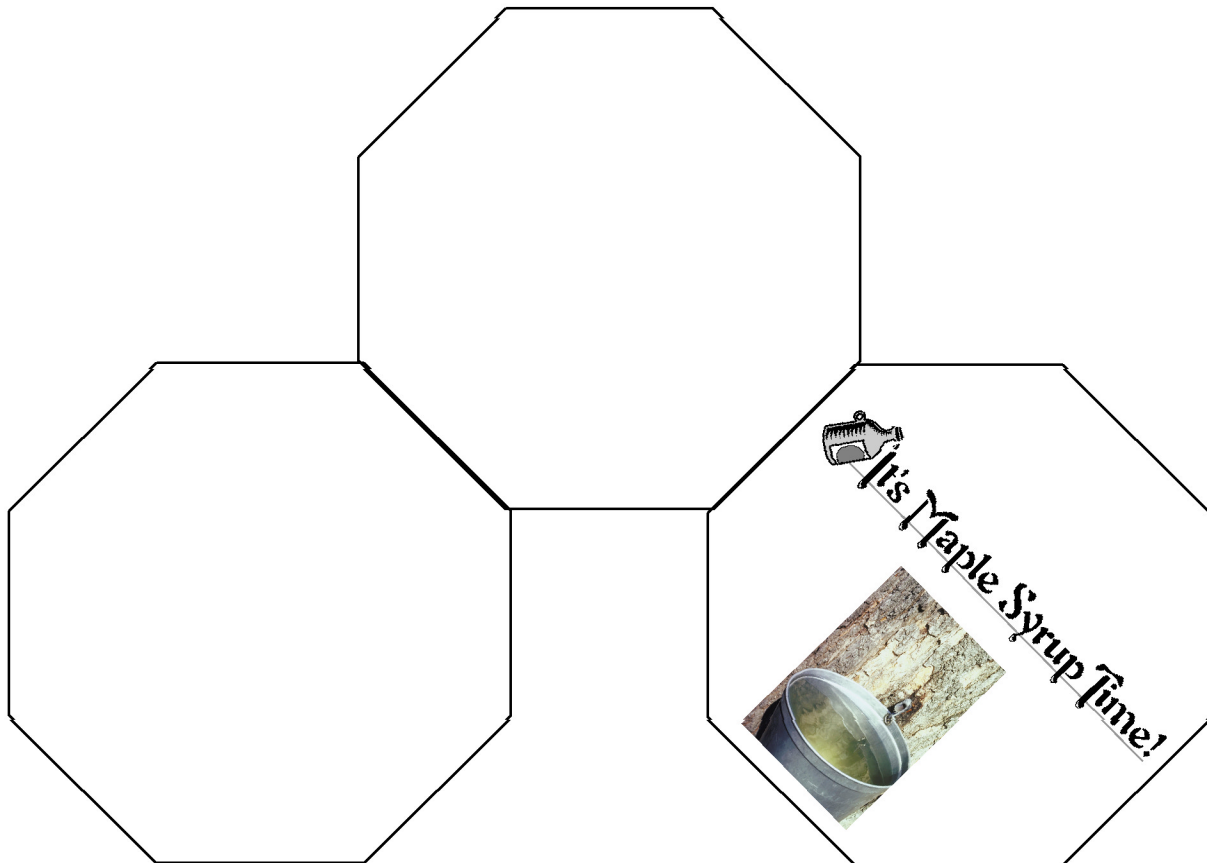
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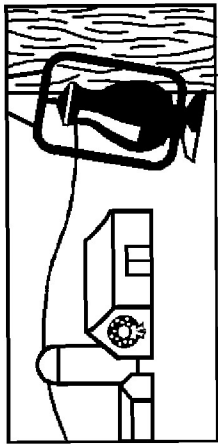
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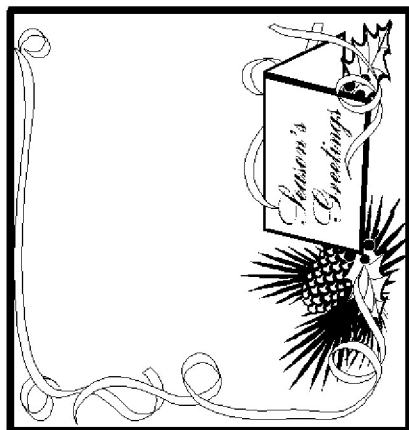
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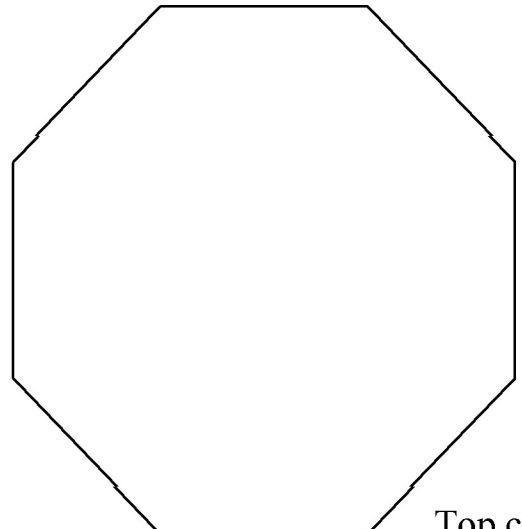


Christmas at the
Ingalls

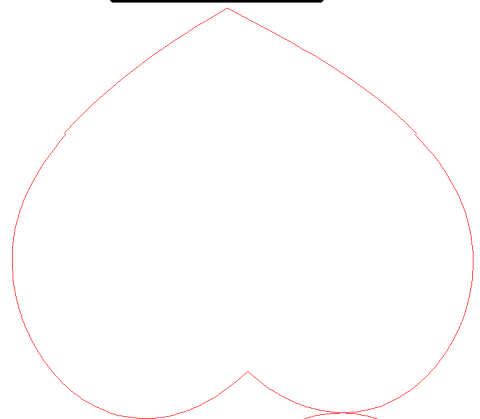
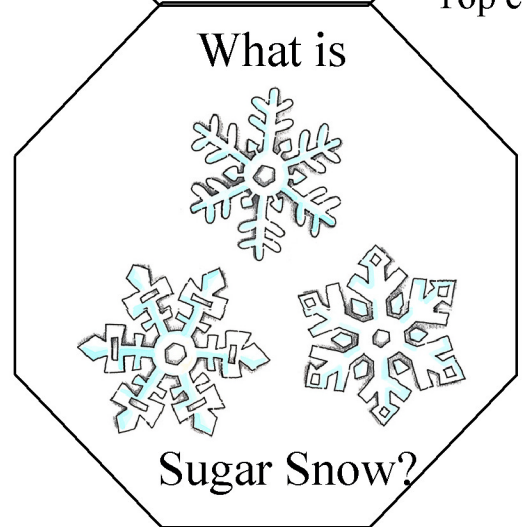


Christmas at my
house

Fold in at dotted lines so images are on outside. This will look like shutters on a window.



Top card fold



Top card fold



My Pioneer Story

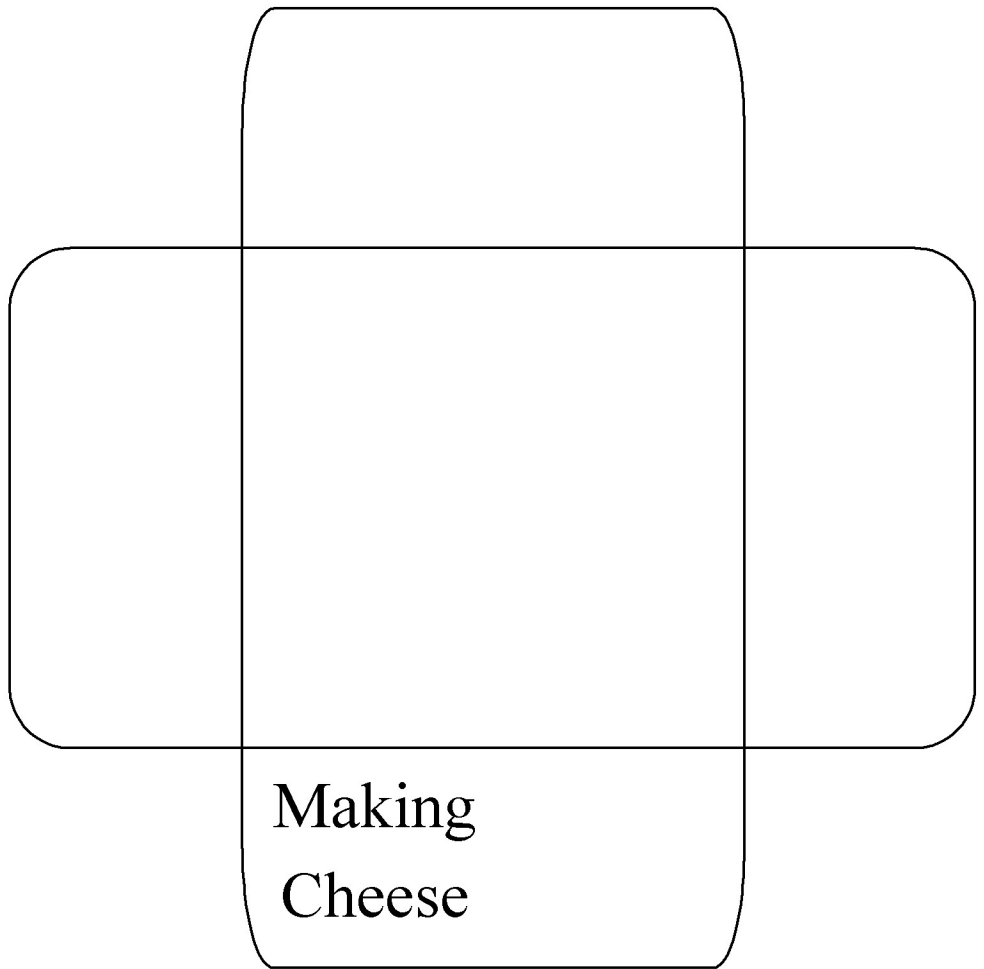
Stack pages and
staples on top or side

Side card fold

Gun Safety

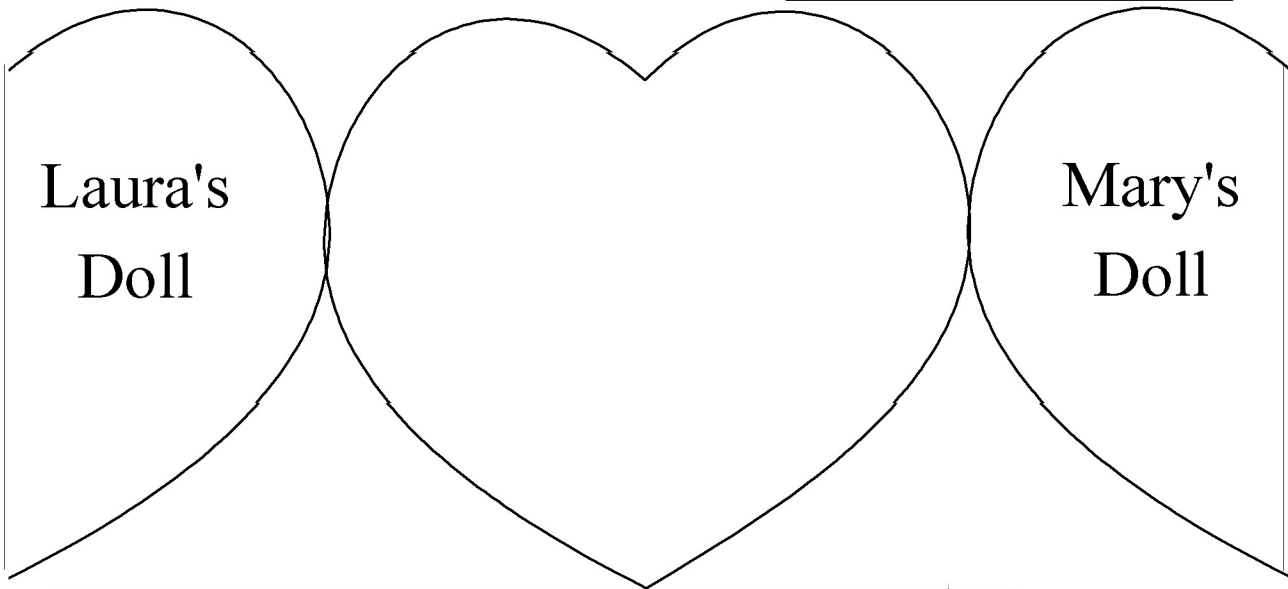


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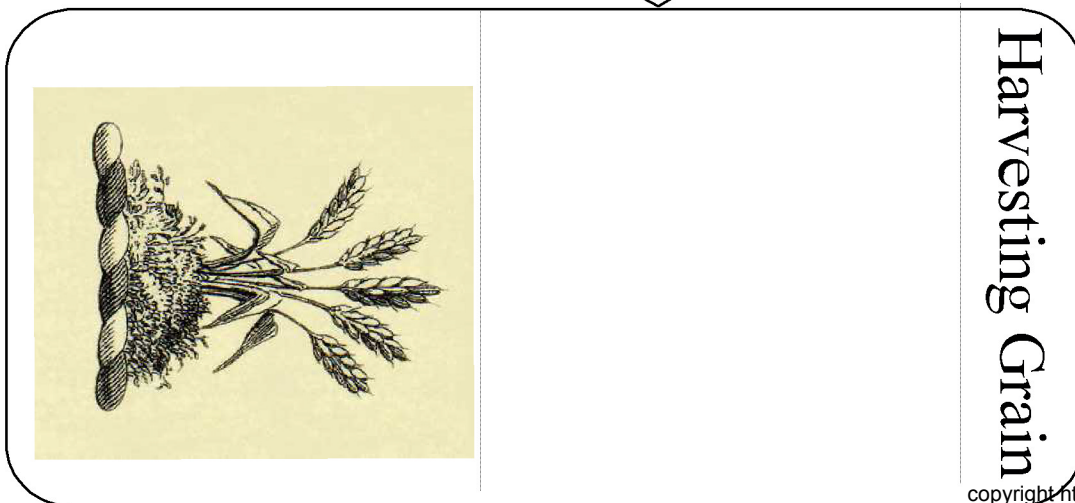
Shutter fold with text/image on outside

Making
Cheese



Laura's
Doll

Mary's
Doll

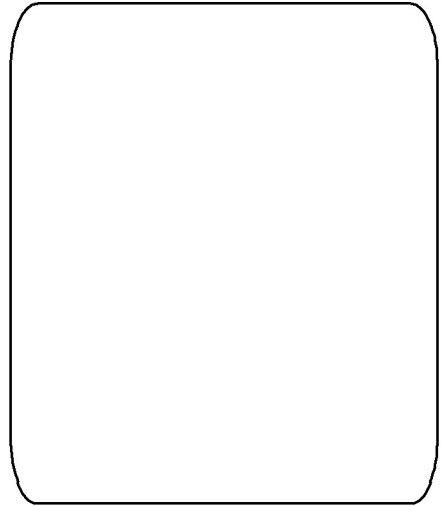
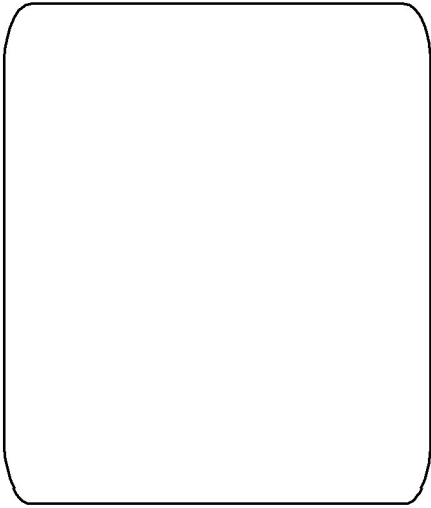
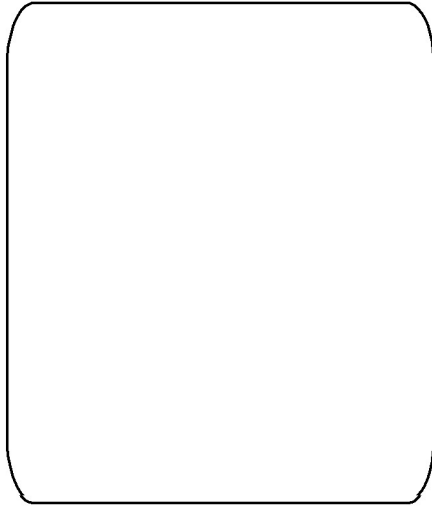
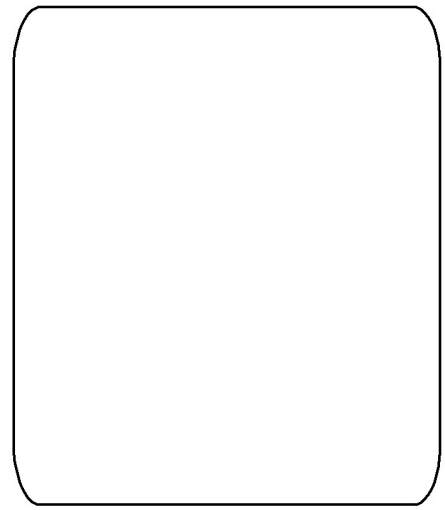
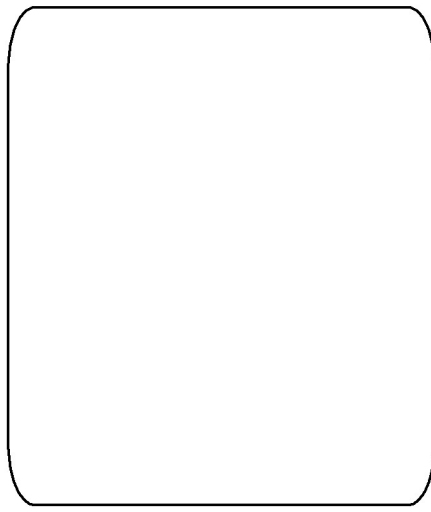


Harvesting
Grain

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Collecting Honey

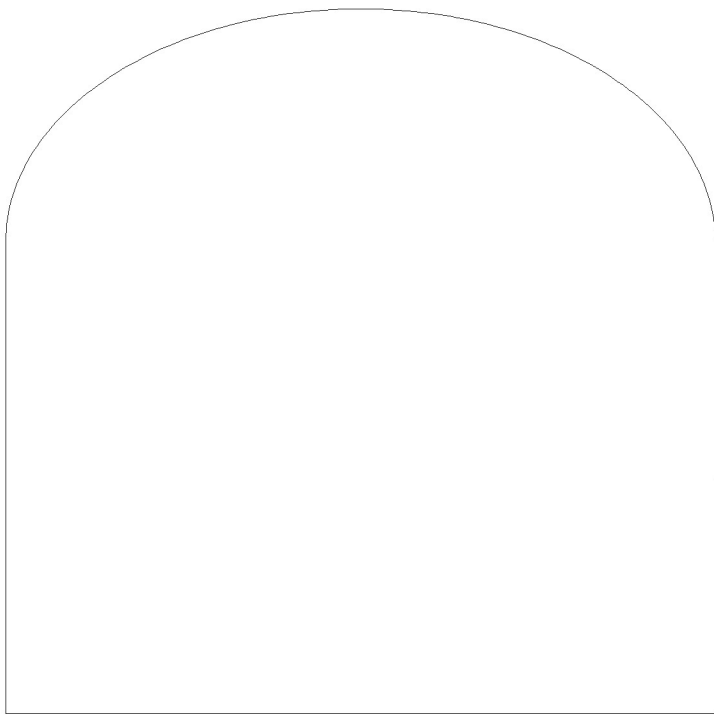


Cut out on solid lines.
Stack pages with image
on top. Staple together.

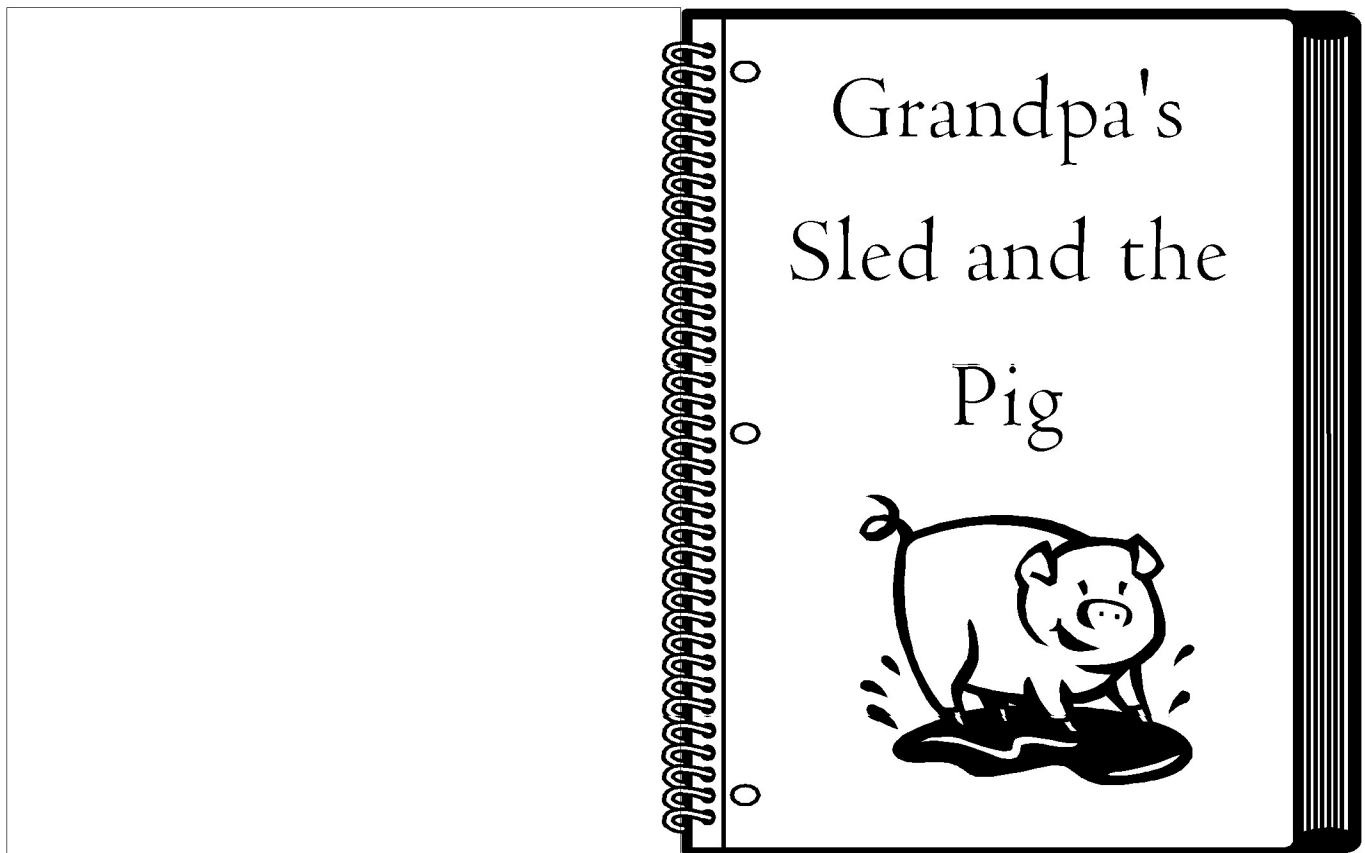
Big Woods Recipes



Cut out on solid lines.
Fold tabs in to create a
pocket. Use index cards
or print out recipe cards
for recipes.



Side fold card



Side fold card

Recipes

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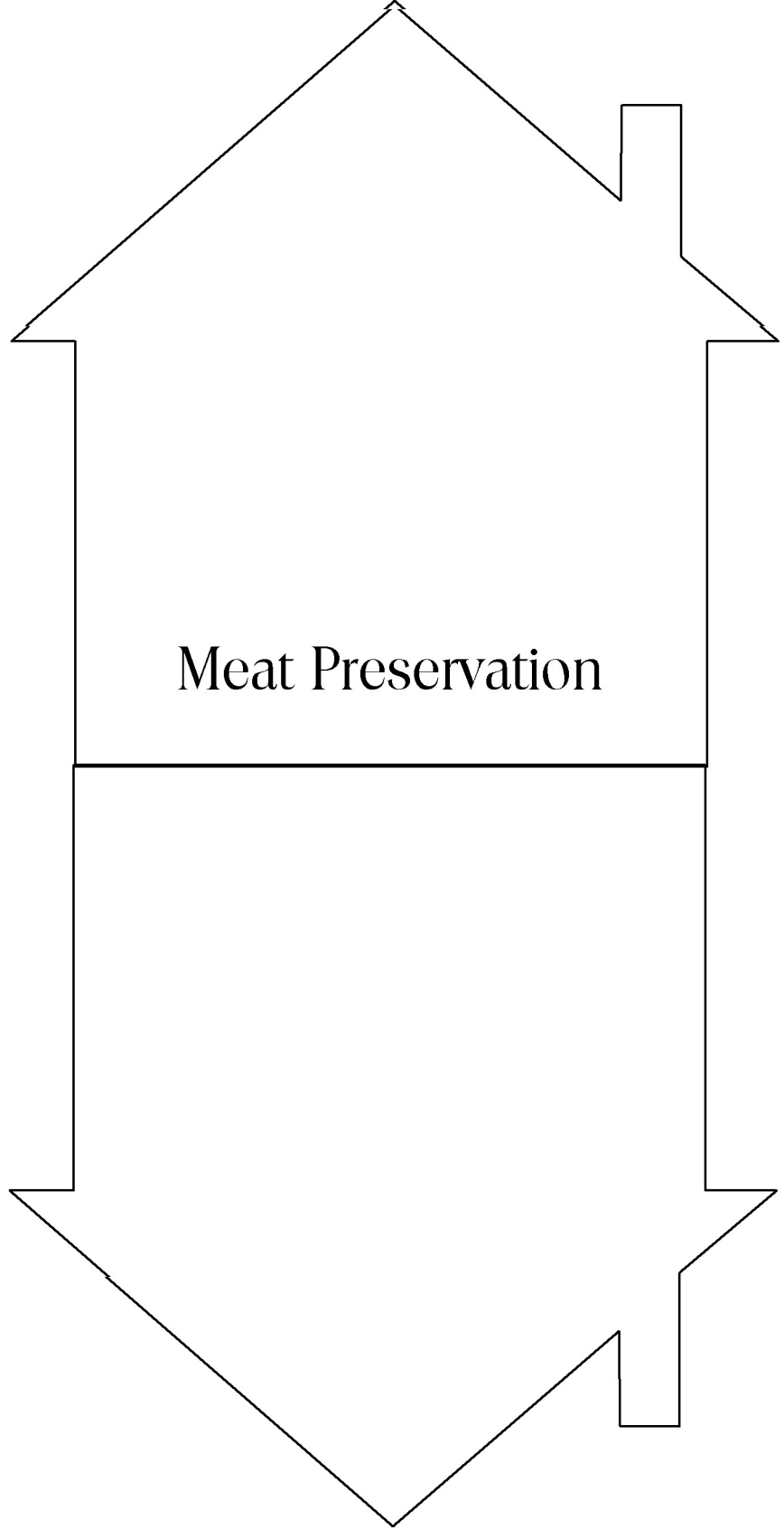
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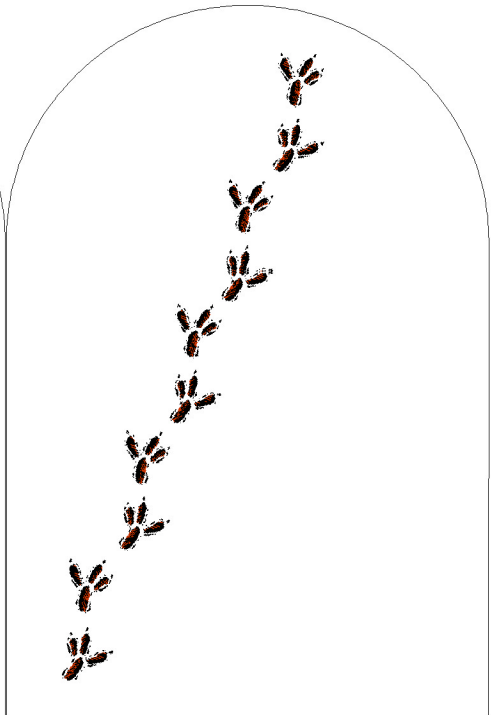
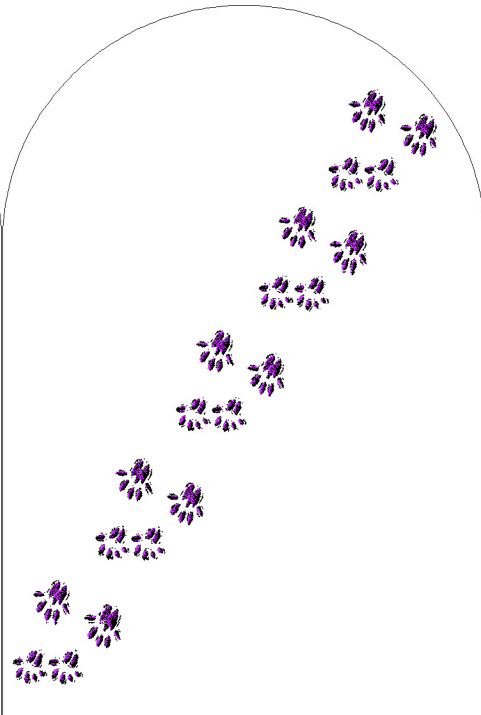
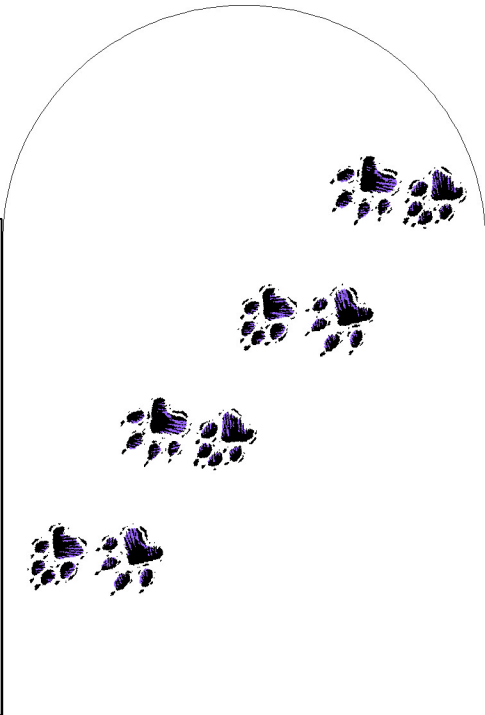
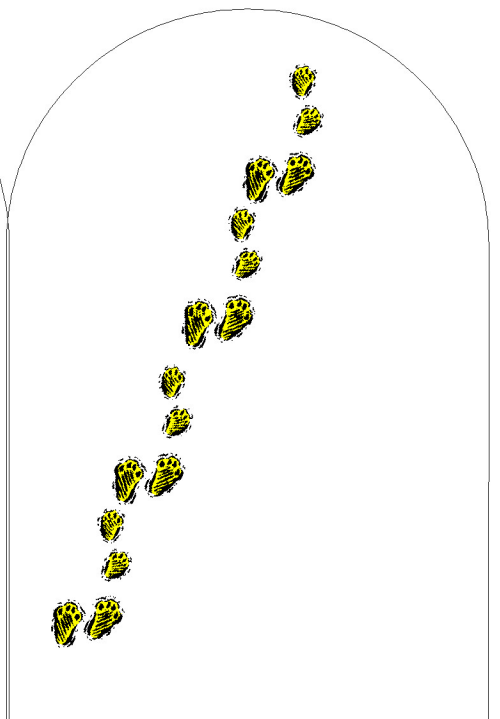
Sunday Routine

Accordian fold with image on top.



Meat Preservation

Fold in Half with writing on top



Glue Here



Glue Here

Accordion Fold. Glue tab to the back of the previous item and continue accordion fold. Glue on label

Deer Tracks

Bunny Tracks

Fox Tracks

Mouse Tracks

Bird Tracks



Vocabulary

Stack pages with
image/label on top.
Staple or attach with
brad.