

Ornament Making Activities



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Sheep and Lamb Ornaments



Follow the illustrated instructions below to make sheep or lamb ornaments that are inspired by the visit of the shepherds to the baby Jesus. Glencairn Museum also features many images of rams, ewes, and lambs, representing family.

In this PDF you will instructions for a larger sheep ornament, and a smaller lamb ornament.

Materials



- A piece of heavy printable cardstock 8.5 x 11 inches
- Printer to print the templates
- Large yarn type needle
- Scissors
- Sheep colored yarns, fuzzier and thicker is good for this project (but not TOO thick). If your yarn is thinner, you can put two yarns together.
- Hole punch
- Small piece of tape
- A grownup to help cut out the shapes if needed

Stitched Sheep Ornament

Step 1

- Print out the templates on page 15 on heavy cardstock paper, 8.5 x 11.
 - Choose and cut out a sheep or lamb.
 - You can leave it as printed, or color in the legs and head, and add eyes (the rest will be covered) if you wish.
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Step 2



- Ask a grownup for help if needed. Using a hole-punch, punch a random pattern of holes over the sheep's body (don't punch the legs or face of the sheep).
 - Choose your yarn to make wool for the sheep.
 - Cut a long piece of yarn, 2 yards or so, depending on your yarn thickness.
 - Thread one end of the yarn into the big yarn needle.
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Step 3



- Begin at the back of the sheep and stitch into one hole and around the edge of the cardstock, around and through, around and through to start covering the paper.
 - When you stitch through the same hole several times, a fan shape of stitches will show.
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Step 4



- Continue stitching through the holes around the edge of the sheep. Then fill in the middle of the sheep with the same type of stitching through from hole to hole to make the sheep nice and soft with yarn.
- Once most of the paper is covered, you can go back over and make more fan shapes of stitches for a decorative look.
- When your sheep is as fuzzy and soft as you want, you can turn it over, and make a loop at the top of the sheep's back with your yarn, to hang the ornament.
- Tie off your yarn in the back of the sheep, weaving the ends under the yarn to hide it. Cut off the end.

Wrapped Lamb Ornament

Step 1



- Print out the templates from page 15 on heavy cardstock paper, size 8.5 x 11.
- Choose and cut out a sheep or lamb.
- You can leave it as printed, or color in the legs and head, and add eyes (the rest will be covered) if you wish.

Step 2



- Pick yarn for your sheep or lamb. You can combine 2 yarns of different textures to make it extra fuzzy and fun.
- Cut a long piece of your yarn(s), 20-36 inches or more depending on the size of your lamb.
- Turn the lamb over and tape the yarn to the back to begin.

Step 3



- Begin wrapping the yarn along the body of the lamb, **sideways**. It may want to slip off the back of the lamb, but don't worry, the next step will hold it back in place, just hold it with your fingers for now.
- Now bring the yarn down between the lamb's hind legs and to the front to start winding the other direction.

Step 4



- Begin wrapping up and over the lamb **vertically**. This will hold the horizontal yarn wraps in place.
- Wrap over the belly of the lamb and towards the head.

Step 5



- Keep wrapping, covering the cardstock paper except for the legs, head, and tail. It's getting so cute and fuzzy now!

Step 6



- When the lamb is covered, turn it over.
- Make a loop at the top of the lamb's back, for hanging it on the tree. Stitch a few times through the wrapped yarn on the back to hold the loop firmly.
- Tie off the yarn in the back by weaving it back and forth under the other yarns there.

All done!



Three Wise Men Gifts Ornaments



Follow the illustrated instructions below to make three boxes to hang on your tree - you can even put tiny gifts inside! Inspired by the gifts the wise men brought to the child Jesus - gold, frankincense and myrrh. For each type of gift box, you can decorate in any way you like, painting, drawing, coloring, sticking on jewels or covering in mosaics, like on the mosaic covered arch in Glencairn's Great Hall. For how to make paper mosaics, see the bottom of the page.

Materials

- A piece of heavy printable cardstock 8.5 x 11 in
- Printer to print the templates
- Large needle
- Scissors
- Craft knife or narrow scissors for cutting slits
- String for a hanging loop
- Small scraps/pieces of colored paper for mosaics OR coloring materials and a plain piece of paper or cardstock for mosaics
- Glue stick or Glue Dots
- A grownup to help as needed



To make mosaics:

- Choose several colors of paper or card
- Cut strips from each piece
- From the strips, cut small squares and triangles

Gold Box Ornament

Step 1



- Print out the template on page 16 onto heavy cardstock paper, any color you'd like.
- Cut out all solid lines (do not cut out dotted lines).
- Fold all dotted lines inwards so the printed side is on the inside.

Step 2



- Flip over and decorate the opposite side of the paper (non printed side) on all rectangle panels, and the hexagonal lid of the box.
- Glue or Glue-dot each dark triangle to its matching letter triangle. (A to A, B to B)
- Tuck tab from the lid into the tab on the side of the hexagonal box to close the gift.
- Add a string so it can hang on the tree.

All done!



Frankincense Box Ornament

Step 1



- Print out the template on page 16 onto heavy cardstock paper, any color you'd like.
- Cut out all solid lines (do not cut out dotted lines).
- Fold all fold (dotted) lines inward so the printed side is inside.

Step 2



- Flip over onto the other side (non printed side) and decorate the triangle panels with mosaics, drawing, painting, stick on jewels, coloring, or whatever you want!
- Punch four holes where the dots are printed).

Step 3



- Folding long tabs in, bring all four sides up into a pyramid.
- Weave a string or narrow ribbon through the holes to close the pyramid and for hanging it on the tree.

All done!



Myrrh Box Ornament

Step 1



- Print out the template on page 16 onto heavy cardstock paper, any color you'd like.
- Ask a grownup for help if needed. Cut out all solid lines (do not cut dotted lines). Small sharp scissors or a craft knife work well to cut out the long slit shapes.
- Fold the square of dotted lines so the printed side is inside.
- Flip over and decorate the other side of the box, with coloring, markers, painting, sticking on jewels or covering in mosaics.

Step 2



- Punch two holes where the dots are printed.
- Bring together the two sides with the holes, and pinch them between thumb and finger. Bring one of the sides with the slit up over the two ends you are holding and push the two ends through the slot. Now bring the other side up and over, and push the two ends through the slot in that side.

Step 3



- Put a string through the punched holes to hang the finished box from the tree.

All done!



Orange Peel Nativity Ornament

It is special to see how many people in different cultures around the world celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ in images of the Nativity. You may have seen some in your virtual or in-person experience of Glencairn.

Nativity scenes can be made from all different materials, seeds, pods, wood, ceramic, glass, precious metals and gems, grasses, and many more - whatever materials are available and familiar to the artisans in each area of the world.

This project uses paper and oranges to create a Nativity ornament, inspired by work of artisans in South American countries like Columbia and Ecuador.



Materials

- A piece of cardstock or vellum paper that is printable
- Printer to print the template
- An orange, or two
- Baking sheet with parchment paper lining
- Small baking safe bowls, plates, or other dishes, 2 or 3
- Large needle
- Scissors
- String for a hanging loop and connecting parts of the ornament
- Coloring materials
- Glue
- An oven with a grownup to safely oversee the baking part

Step 1



- Get a grownup to preheat the oven to 200 degrees.
- Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.
- Slice an orange or oranges into thin slices. Ask a grownup for help.
- Put the best slices on the baking tray.
- Take the others and peel off the skin, cutting into strips that are 3-4 inches long, place these white side down on the baking sheet and keep them flat by putting a baking-safe bowl, plate or dish on top of them.
- Take the ends of the oranges, scoop out the orange insides (yum, enjoy a snack!), rinse them off and cut them into star shapes by cutting out triangles. Ask a grownup for help with the cutting part.
- Place on the baking sheet, use a bowl or plate that's baking safe to weight the stars down, (the slices don't need that).

Step 2



- Bake the orange peels and slices on 200 degrees for about 2-3 hours. Have a grown up turn the peels over every 30 minutes or so.
- Take them out when they're dried, but still nicely orange, don't let them turn brown. The orange slices should look a bit shiny and translucent in the center, like a stained glass window.

Step 3



While the oranges are drying in the oven:

- Print out the template on page 17 onto heavy cardstock paper or vellum paper.
- Cut out the template
- Draw in a Nativity scene in silhouette or in colors, using your own imagination of what the birth of Jesus Christ could have looked like.

Step 4



- Glue the strips and bits of dried orange peel for the sides and roof of the Nativity stable.
- Glue one of the orange slices onto the 'crescent moon' shape at the top of the stable.
- Leave as is, or add one of the star shapes you cut to the center of the orange slice.

Step 5



- Thread your big needle with string and stitch through the crescent moon shape and orange slice to hold them securely together, making a large loop to hang the ornament with.
- Stitch through the other side of the crescent moon and tie a knot on the back, cutting off the excess string.
- Hang your ornament in the window to catch the light through the window-like orange slice, or on a Christmas tree.

All done!



Angel Ornaments

Across the world and throughout history people have created images and artwork showing angels. You may have already seen some of the angels in the various Nativities included in Glencairn's online Advent Calendar this year.

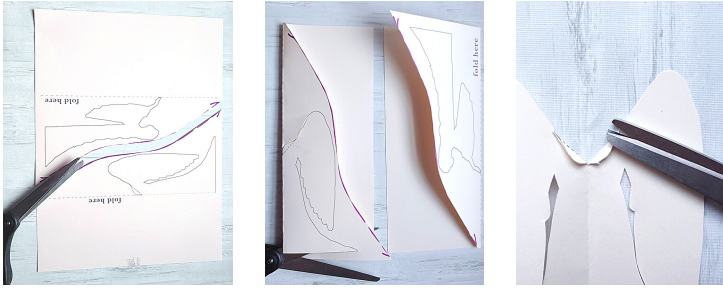
In the Christmas story, angels guided the shepherds to the baby Jesus, proclaiming 'Fear Not...Peace on Earth and Good will to Men'. These angel ornaments stand ready, their hands open to hold a special message to the world this Christmas.



Materials

- A piece of heavy printable cardstock 8.5 x 11 inches
- Printer to print the templates
- Large needle
- Scissors
- String for a hanging loop
- Coloring materials
- Glue stick or Glue Dots
- A grownup to help as needed

Step 1



- Print out the template on page 18 onto heavy cardstock paper, any color you'd like.
- Cut out between the body and wings of the angel as shown.
- Fold on both 'fold here' lines.
- Cut out all solid lines (do not cut out dotted lines). Cutting when the paper is folded will make one folded set of wings and body, and two face/body pieces. You'll have three pieces in all.
- Fold down both tabs on the wing part as shown.

Step 2



- Flip over and decorate the outside of the paper, the angel's gown, their wings and face, and hands. This is a fun opportunity to use inspiration from all over the world for your angel and their clothing and wings. Or they can be left a solid color.
- Using a scrap of the leftover paper, cut out a small shape for the angel to hold, and write a message or draw something for the angel to hold. (Draw/write on both sides of the shape you cut out).

Step 3



- Put glue on the back of one of the face/body pieces of the angel, just at their face, head, and hands. Place the message or object you drew for them to hold on the hand part, making sure there's some glue there to hold it.
- Place a knotted loop of string at their head, again making sure there is some glue to hold it.
- Place the second face/body piece on and press them together. Place something like a plastic sheet protector over this and put a heavy book on top to keep it flat while the glue dries.

Step 4



- On the wing part, place a small amount of glue on the two folded-in tabs.
- Place the face/body piece in between the folded tabs of the wing section and pinch firmly together at the tab area to glue the two pieces together.

Step 5



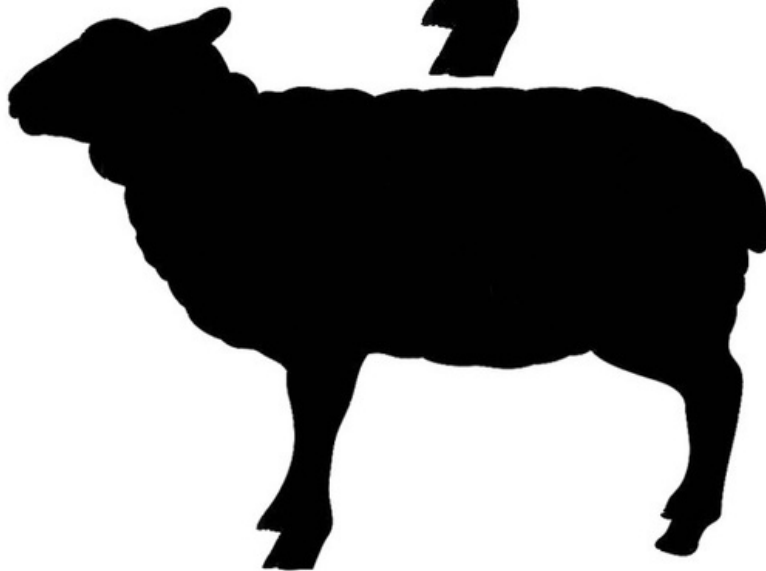
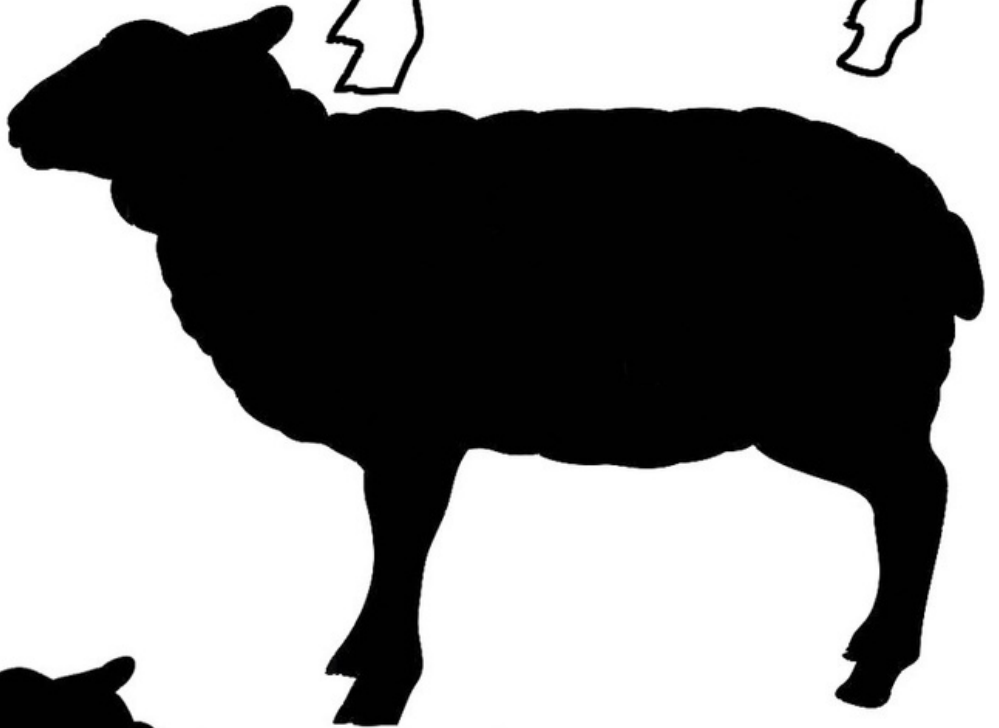
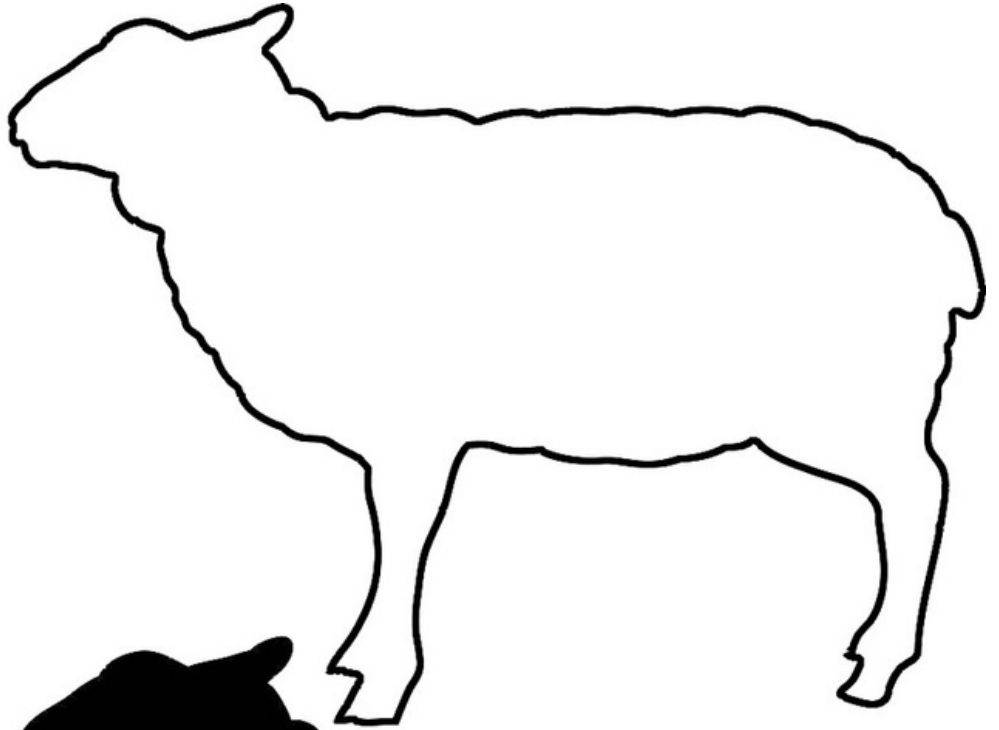
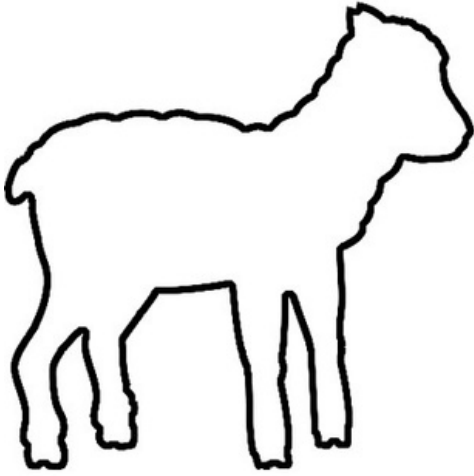
- Stand your angel up by gently bending out the back of the skirt to make a V shaped base.
- It can also hang from a tree or anywhere you want!
- If you are making a whole host of angels, try decorating them in different ways inspired by the many parts of the world depicted in the Nativities in Glencairn's collections.

All done!



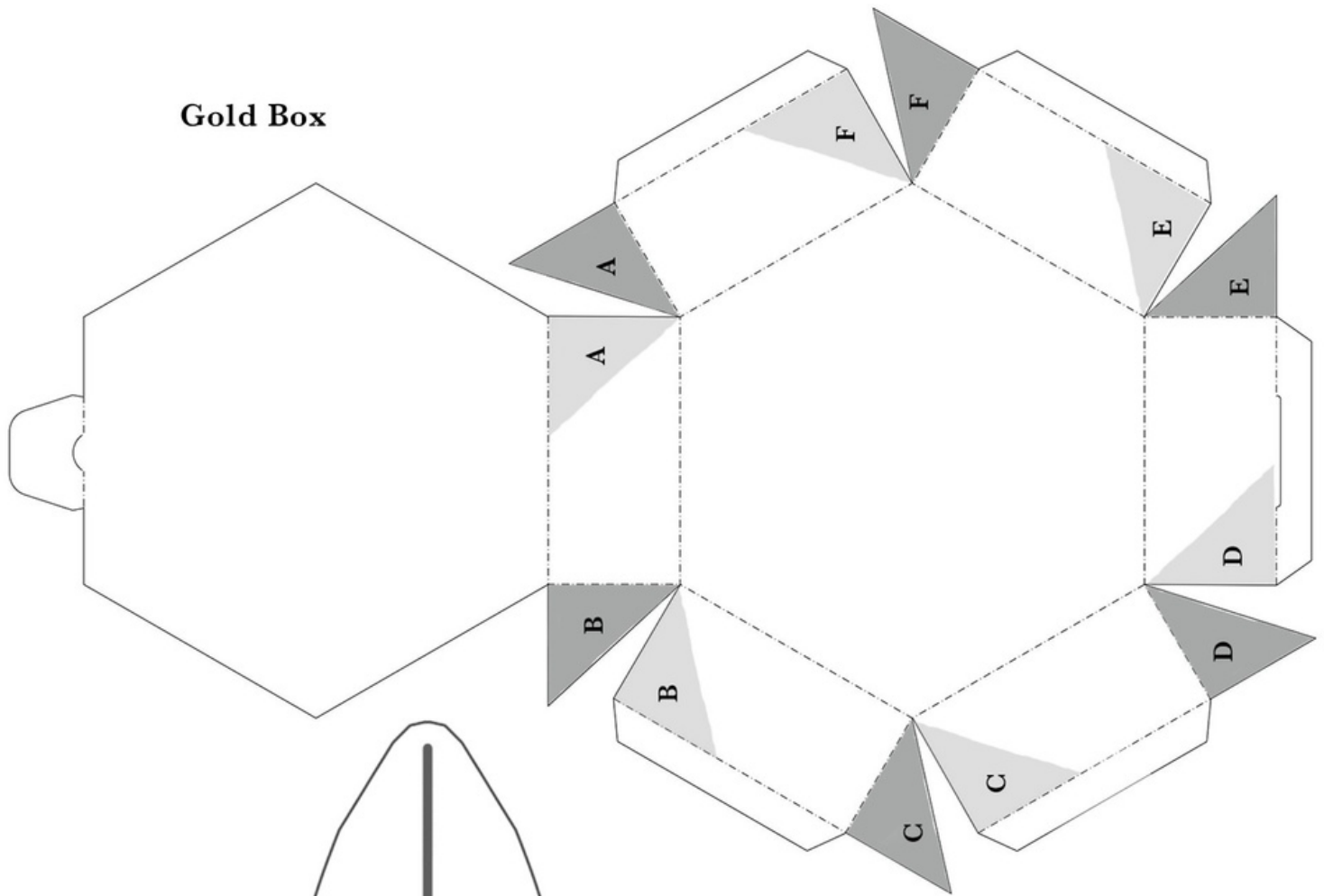
Lambs and Sheep Ornaments Templates

Sheep and Lambs
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Cardstock)

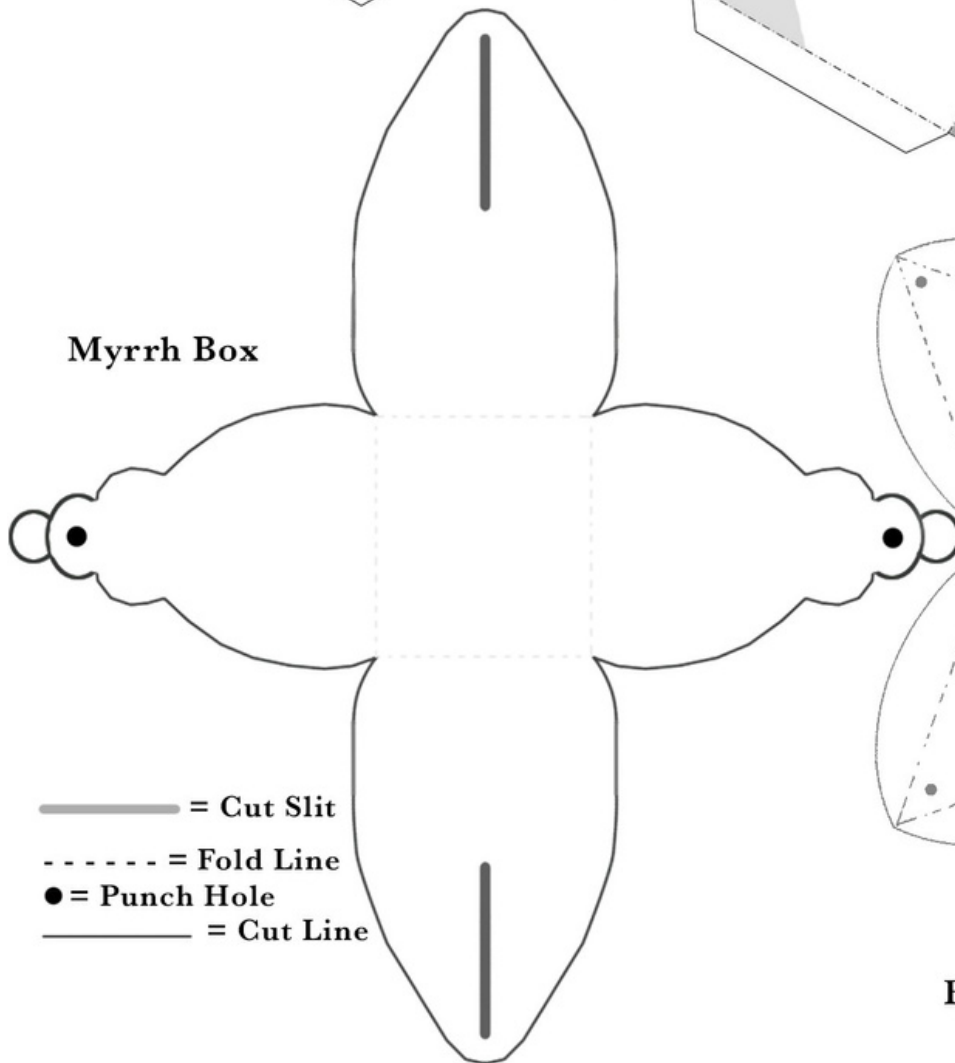


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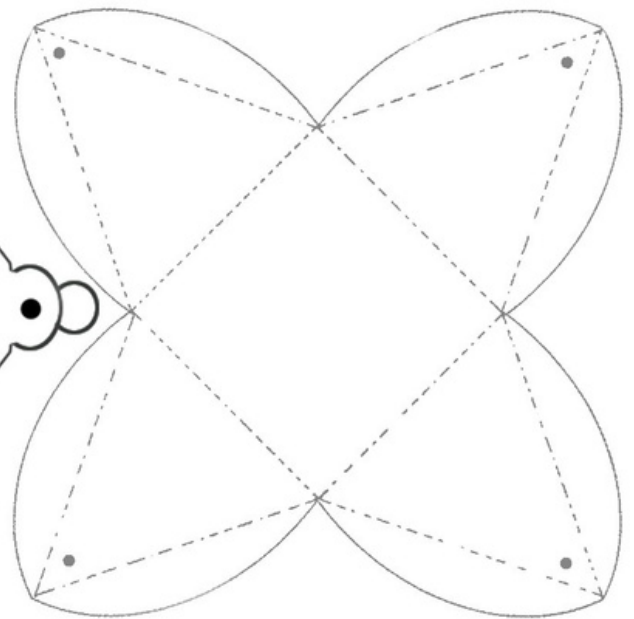
Gold Box







Myrrh Box

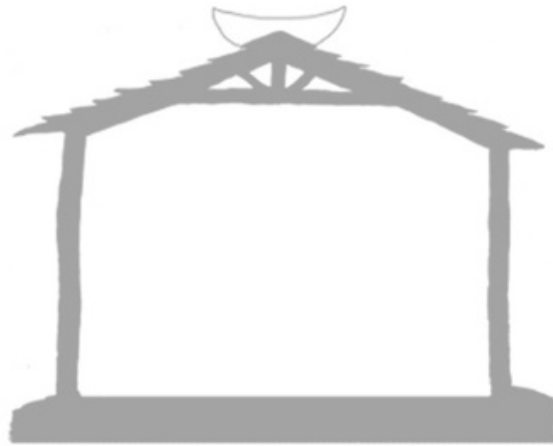
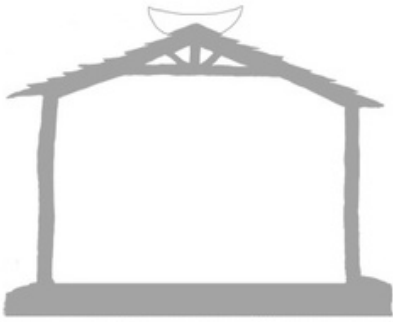


Frankincense Box



-  = Cut Slit
-  = Fold Line
-  = Punch Hole
-  = Cut Line

Orange Peel Nativity Ornament Template



Choose the size that works for the size of the orange peels you have.

Angel Ornaments Template

