

Esmerealda the Witch - 31" doll

Supplies:

muslin

Halloween print for dress & pantaloons

black cotton for hat & cape

scrap of black nylons for stockings

black yarn for cape

black & orange acrylic paint

scrap of cheesecloth for hat

black embroidery floss

dark brown sheep's wool for hair

round balloon

rusty wire

premixed paper mache

watercolor pencils

matte acrylic sealer

polyfill stuffing

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ESMERELDA the WITCH

31" Doll

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Read all directions before beginning.

RSO = right side out

RST = right side together

DL = double layer

DOLL:

First, assemble your pattern, taping together any pattern pieces where indicated and making note of add-ons. Now slide your doll body pattern pieces between a double layer of muslin and trace. Be sure to add the extra inches where indicated on pattern.

Trace two arms and two legs. Trace head face pattern piece. CUT out head back pattern piece on double layer of muslin.

See pattern piece for more instructions on head assembly. Sew face profile ONLY on tracing line. This will be attached to the head back. Sew ONLY one seam of the head back pattern piece with ¼" seam allowance. Now, with RST, sew the head back to the head front/face profile, lining up center seam. Turn RSO.

Sew all doll body pieces on the tracing line. Trim seams. Cut a slit in the middle of the doll body for turning and stuffing. Turn all pieces RSO. Stain all doll body pieces. Let dry.

Stuff hands lightly and machine or hand sculpt fingers. Then continue stuffing arms, legs, head, and body firmly. Add rice, sand, or scraps of fabric to the bottom of the doll body, so she will sit nicely. Hand stitch slit in doll body.

Paint boots black. Let dry. Sand. Lace boots by threading long needle with black embroidery thread. Enter at A, come out at B, enter at C, continuing through the alphabet. When you get back up to L at the top of the boot, knot off and tie in bow.

Wrap a scrap of black nylons around ankles for stockings. Stitch in back to hold in place.

Hand stitch arms and legs to the doll body.

CLOTHES:

Seam allowances ARE included in the pattern for the clothes. Stain, dry, and iron all clothing fabric BEFORE cutting.

Pantaloons: Cut pantaloons out of Halloween print cotton. I used a moon and stars cotton print. Sew up side seams RST. Sew center seam. Turn RSO. Make a running stitch around waist. Finish seams at bottom of pant legs by turning under ¼" and machine or hand stitch. Put pantaloons on Esmerelda, pull running stitch tight, and tie off.

Dress: Cut dress pieces out of Halloween print cotton. Sew shoulder seams of dress bodice with RST. Sew only to mark indicated on pattern, leaving neck open. Gather top edge of both skirt pieces. Sew skirt to bodice with RST. Now sew the underarm seam and side seams all at one time and turn RSO. Finish seams of sleeves and dress bottom by turning under ¼" and machine stitch. Slip dress over Esmerelda's neck.

Hat: Trace hat and hat brim onto black cotton. Sew on tracing line. Turn RSO. With RST, sew hat to hat brim.

Head: Hand stitch head to doll body. Start at one side of neck and continue to other side of neck. Now add a little more stuffing, using your hemostats. Use small pieces of stuffing. Continue stitching head to doll body. As the opening gets smaller, you can keep adding very small amounts of stuffing to make her head and neck nice and tight. You don't want it flopping around. You can sew it on at a slight angle, too. Knot off.

Using either watercolor pencils or paint, color in Esmerelda's eyes and mouth, using photo as a guide. First, color in entire eye with white. Then color in green and black. Outline eyes and eyelids and eyebrows with black. Using a toothpick dipped in white paint, add a dot to the center of her eyes. Blush her cheeks. Using black embroidery floss, stitch a wart on her chin. Now spray entire face with matte acrylic sealer to prevent smudging.

Hand stitch yarn or dark brown sheep's wool to Esmerelda's entire head for her hair. Take your time, placing the hair just right. Don't be stingy. The hair really adds a lot of character. Lightly stuff hat and hand stitch hat to Esmerelda's head. Tie a piece of stained cheesecloth around hat brim.

Cape: Cut cape out of single layer black cotton. Finish seams on two short ends and one long end by turning under $\frac{1}{4}$ " and machine stitch. Now fold under 1" on the remaining long end and machine stitch closest to the unfinished edge. You should now have a casing to thread the black yarn through to tie the cape around Esmerelda's neck.

Attach a long piece of black yarn to a safety pin. With safety pin in closed position, thread through the casing on the cape, from one end to the other, gathering as you go. Put cape around Esmerelda's neck and tie off tightly. Trim yarn to desired length. The cape should cover up your stitches, where you attached her head to her neck.

Pumpkin: Blow up your balloon to the size pumpkin container you'd like. Mix paper mache mix with water. Follow manufacturer's instructions. It will be rather thick.

Cover balloon with paper mache, smooth with your hands, until you have a nice round pumpkin shape. Put it on kind of thick. This is real messy. You might want to put down some newspaper over your workspace to contain the mess.

Let paper mache dry in a warm place. My hot garage was perfect. It may take a few days. When dry and hard, pop the balloon with a pin. You may have to let it dry even more now.

Now poke two holes in the sides of your pumpkin for your rusty wire handle. I used my long doll needle and just tapped it through the paper mache. You only need a small hole for your rusty wire to slide through. Cut your rusty wire for the handle and attach to pumpkin by sliding each end of the rusty wire into the holes from the outside in and wrapping around remaining rusty wire.

Paint inside and outside of pumpkin orange. When dry, you can paint a face on your pumpkin, if you'd like, with black acrylic paint. Fill pumpkin with moss and other Halloween treats. Put pumpkin in Esmerelda's hand. You can bend her fingers over and stitch them to her palm to hold handle in place.

Esmerelda the Witch is now finished!

Feel free to email me with any questions or comments.

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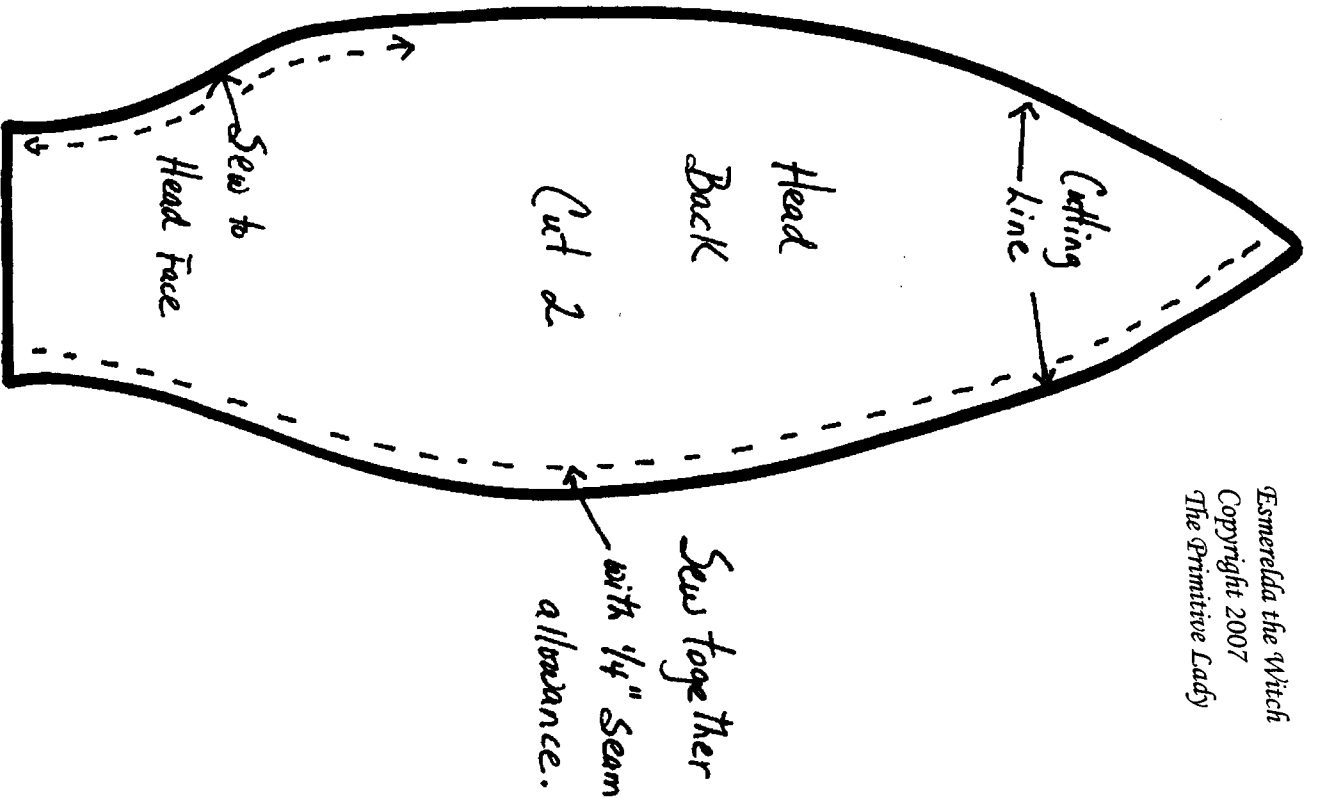
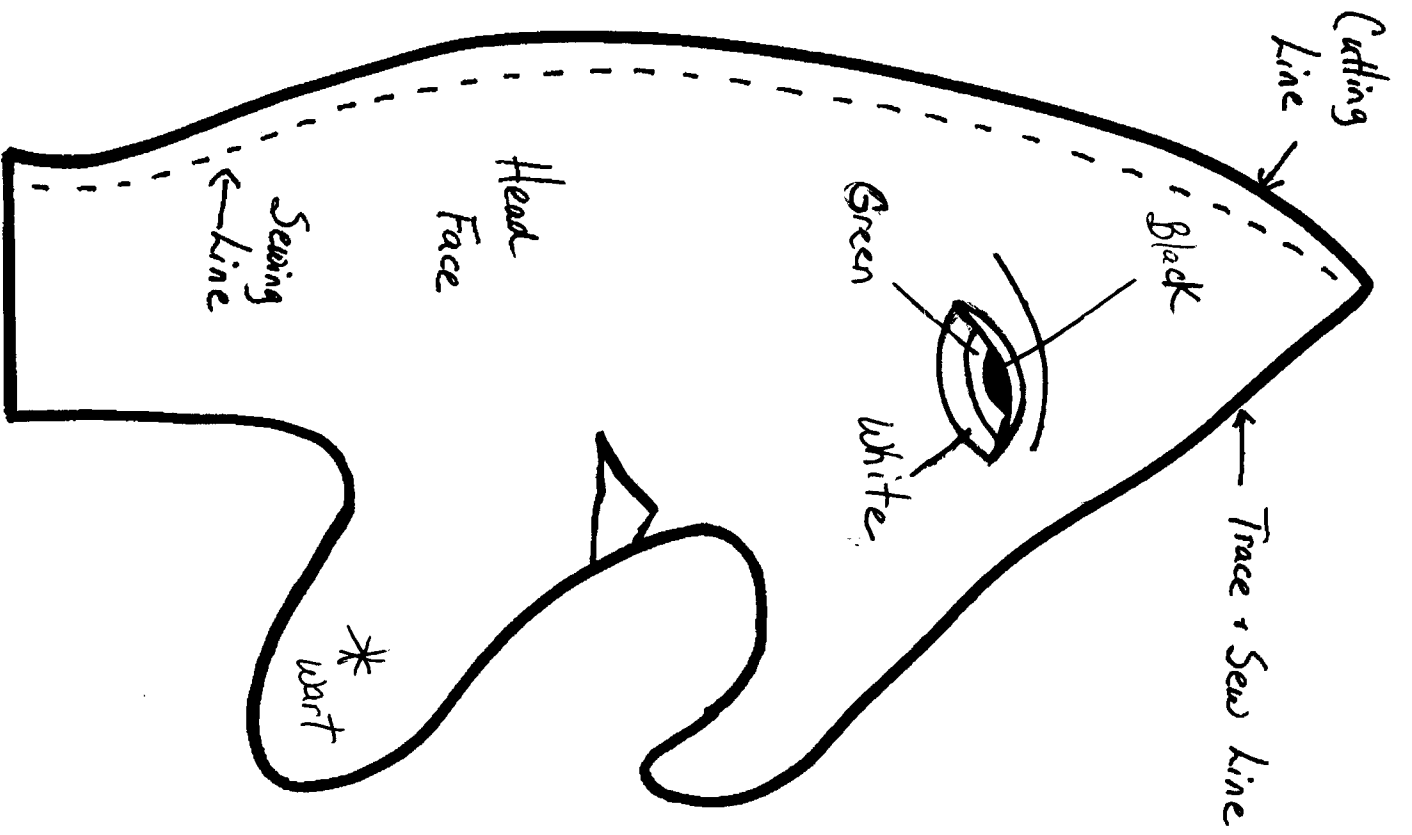
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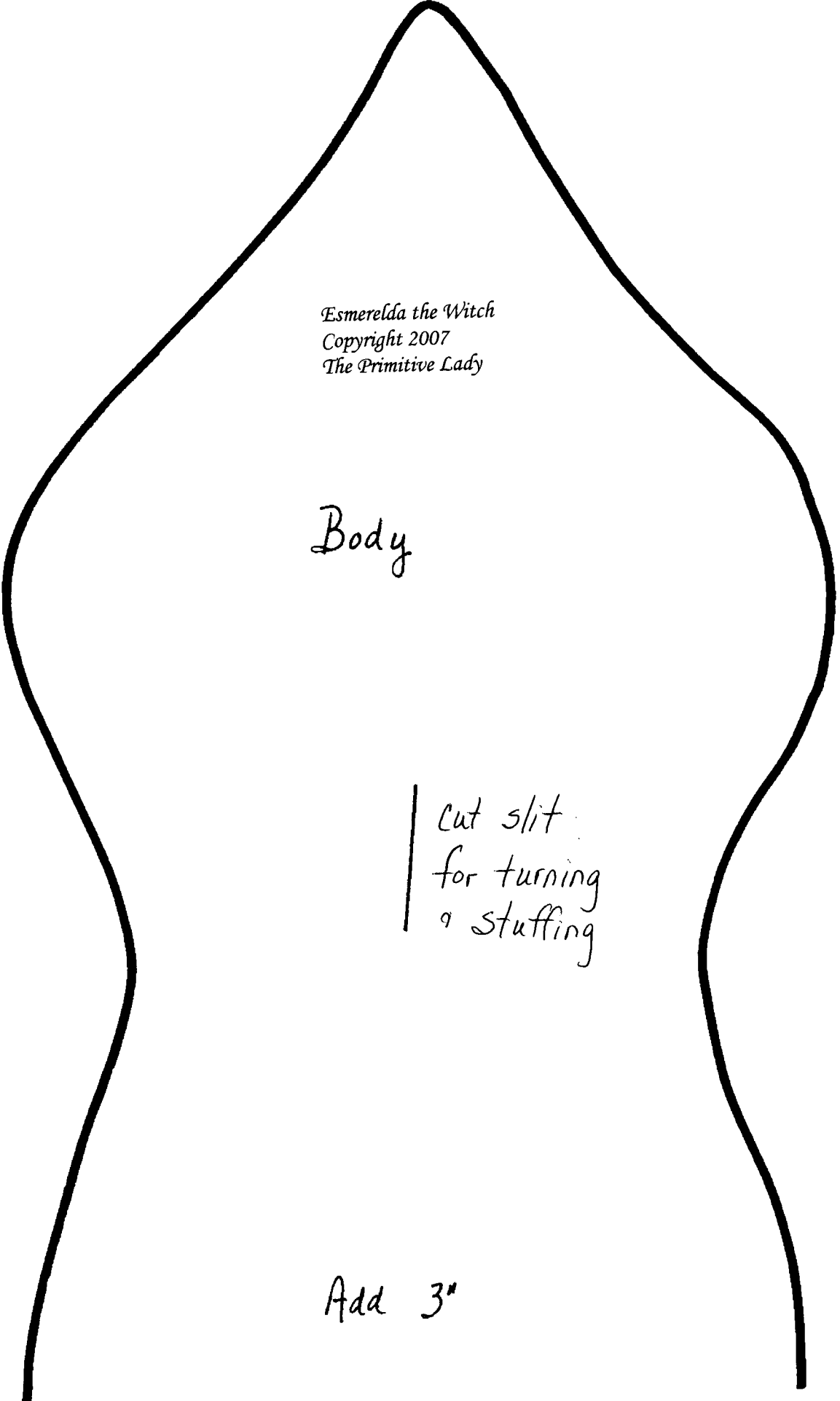
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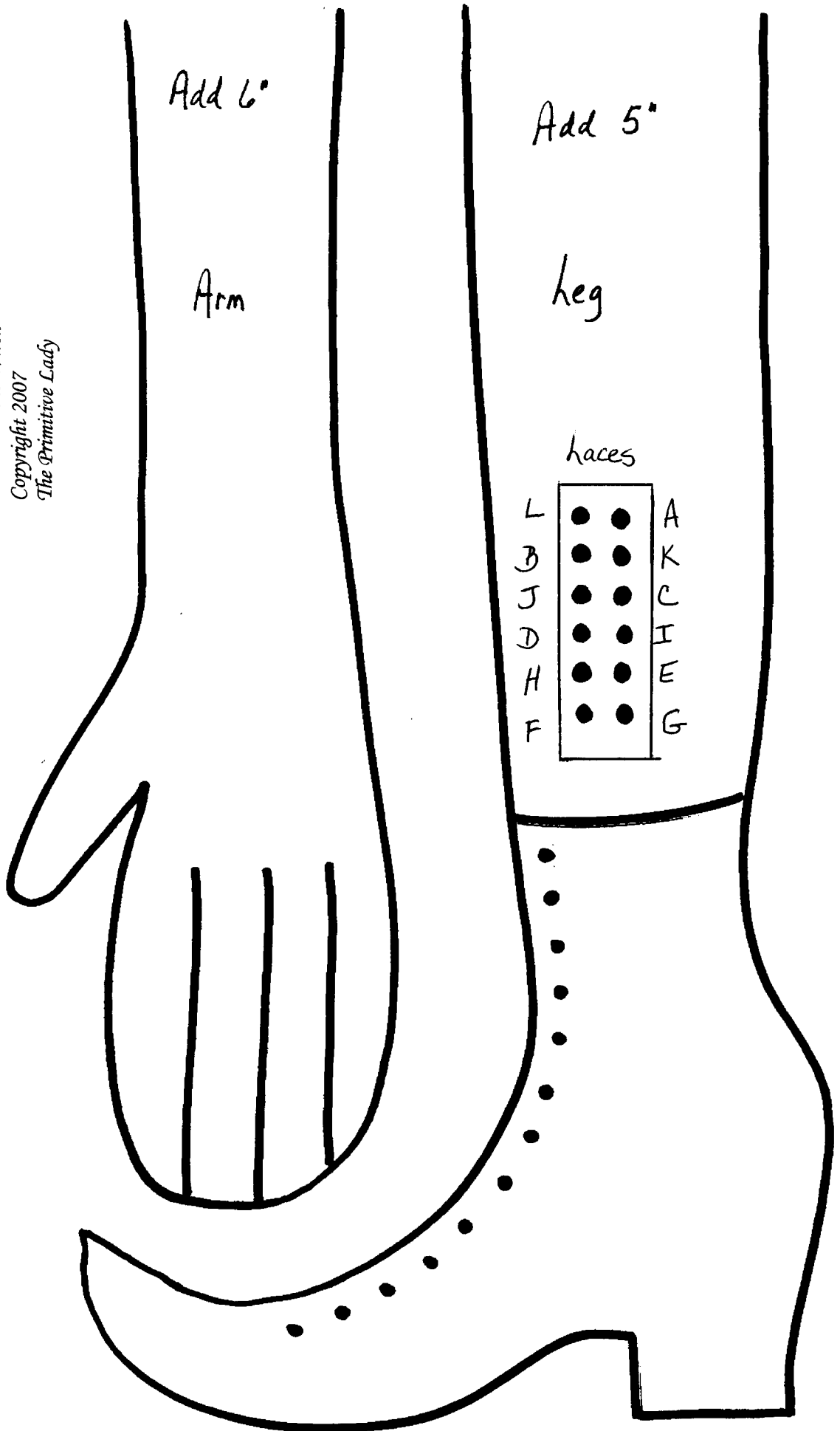
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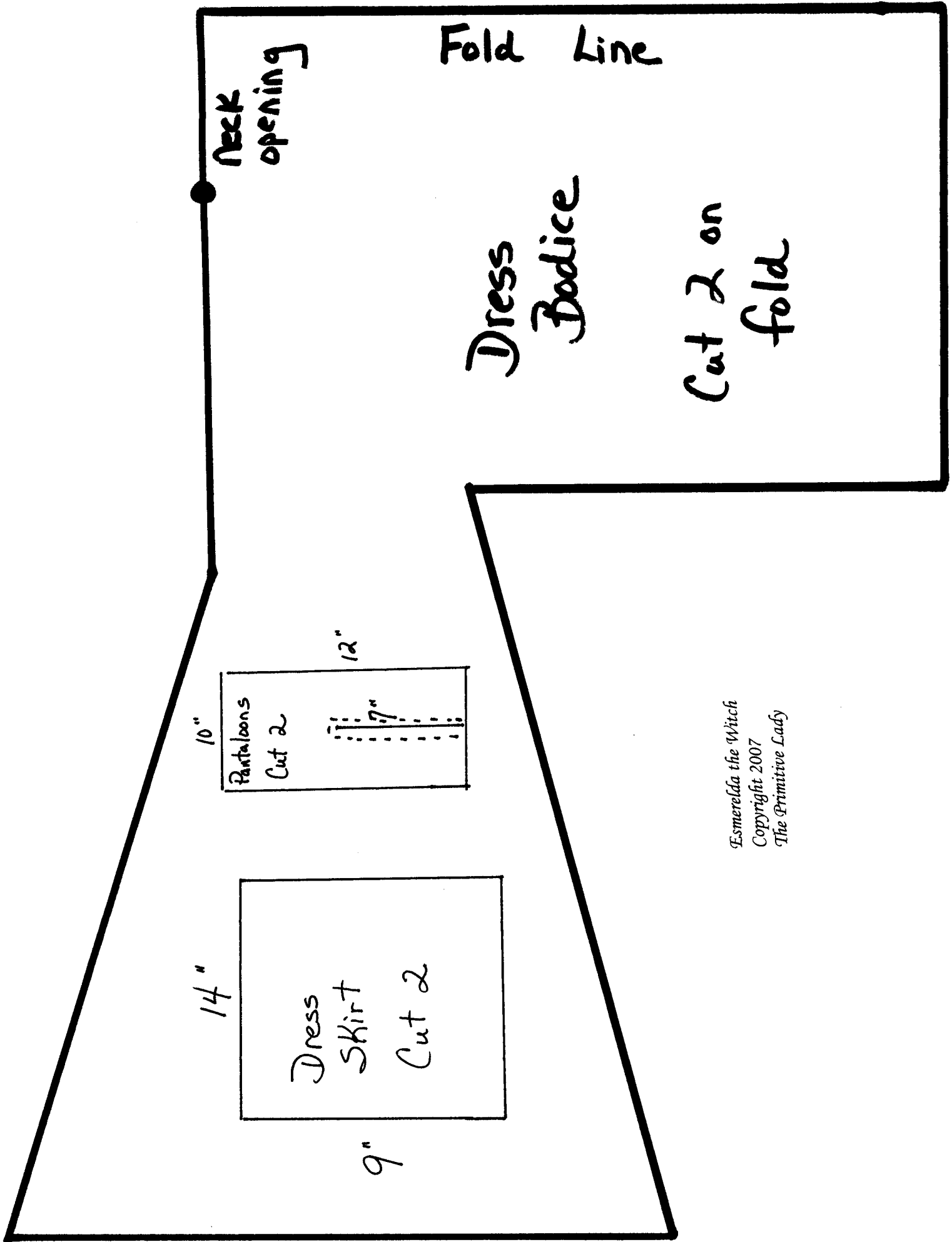
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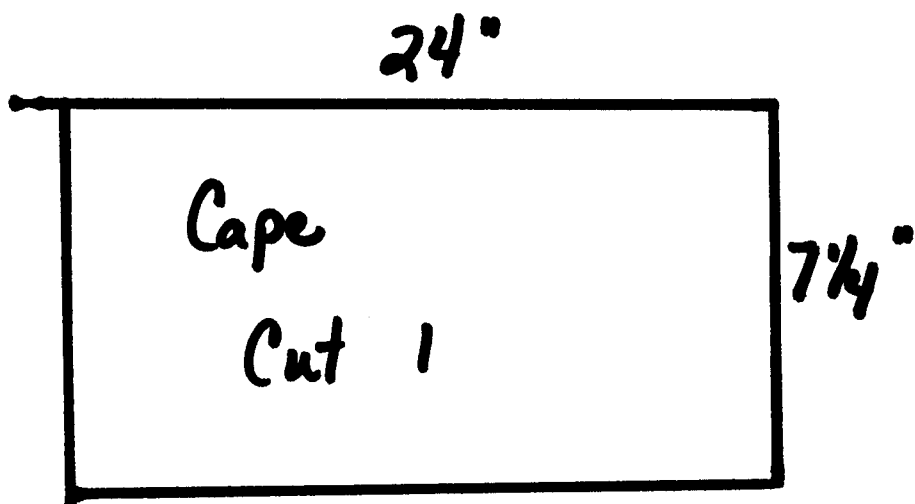
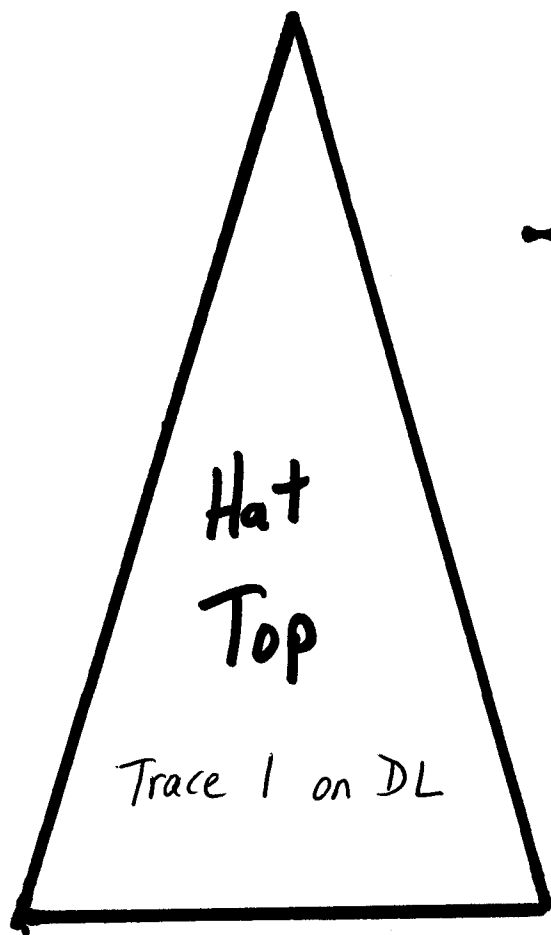
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