

Things You'll Be A Needin'

1 Yard Muslin
Scrap Homespun
Disappearing Marker
Fiberfil Stuffing
Black DMC Floss
Acrylic Paint - (Black, Raw Sienna,
Dark Forest Green, Candy Bar Brown)
Sticks from Yard
Rusty Bells and Wire
Cinnamon
Coffee Mix
Medium Sandpaper
White School Glue

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Primitive Doll and Folk Art Patterns



#214 Crows, Star & Watermelon
Gathering

****BEFORE YOU BEGIN****

- * Read all instructions thoroughly and assemble all the materials you will need before beginning.
- * 1/4" seam allowance is not included on most pattern pieces. Tracing line is sewing line unless otherwise indicated. Refer to pattern.
- * You may coffee stain your fabric before beginning your project or after. (or both!)

****TECHNIQUES FOR PRIMIN' IT****

Coffee Stain Mix

* Mix approx. 1/4 cup instant coffee with 1/2 cup water plus a pinch of vanilla extract. You may even add a hint of cinnamon to the mixture. For a lighter stain effect use instant tea. You may apply this with a sponge brush or squirt bottle.

Bakin' Your Prims

* Some people like to bake their projects in the oven to "age" them a bit. If you choose to do this after coffee staining PLEASE WATCH IT CLOSELY! Slow dry your project in a warm 180 degree oven with the door left ajar just slightly. Turn your prim every so often to prevent scorching and allow it to dry evenly.

Sanding

* The key to the prim look is careful sanding of your project. I use fine sandpaper. Medium is ok, just be careful, you don't want to sand straight through the fabric. Sand lightly all over. A little more in areas that would naturally show more age. Afterwards, you may rub lightly with cinnamon to "grubby" it up even more. Makes it smell good too!

Makin' a Prim Tag

* Spray or brush coffee mix on tags, bake in oven at 180 degrees until dry. After they cool add your favorite prim saying.

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***Makin' The Crows**

Trace as many crows as you wish to make on to doubled muslin. Sew with right sides together, on the traced line, leaving open where indicated on pattern piece. Trim excess, turn and stuff firmly. Sew openings closed. Paint crows black with thinned down paint. Let dry. Paint beaks in raw sienna. Let dry. Now sand your crows well and spray with coffee mix, while crows are still soaking wet, rub with cinnamon and bake in the oven til dry. When cool, cross stitch eyes with black DMC floss. Cut a small hole in the bottom of the crow. Refer to the pattern for placement. Use the end of a pencil to hollow out a little tunnel in the fiberfil. Fill hole with white school glue. Insert your stick into hole and allow to dry. Cut sticks to varying heights for a nice arrangement. When dry, cut a small length of rusty wire and thread a rusty bell on to it to make them collars. Twist the ends to make little "curls".

***Makin' the Star**

Trace as many stars as you wish to make on to doubled homespun. Tracing line is sewing line. Sew leaving open where indicated on pattern. Trim excess, turn and stuff firmly. Sew openings closed. Spray well with coffee stain mix and rub with cinnamon. Place on a cookie sheet and bake in the oven til dry at 180. Watch carefully so they don't burn. When cool and dry, insert a long stick into the bottom of the star as indicated on the pattern, using the same technique that you used for the crows on sticks.

***Makin' the Melons**

Place melon pattern pieces on muslin and trace with your disappearing marker. The traced line is the sewing line. Sew leaving open where indicated on pattern piece. Trim excess, turn and stuff firmly. Sew opening closed. Paint your melon's rind with dk. forest green and allow to dry. Next paint the "eatin' part" in candy bar brown and let dry. Leave a small 1/4" space between the two for the white part so that the muslin shows through. Add the seeds using black paint. When completely dry, sand well with med. sandpaper. Spray with your coffee solution and place on a cookie sheet and bake in the oven at 180 til dry.

Congratulations!!! You did it!!! Now you need to find a new "home" for your crow melon gathering!

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doubled homespun

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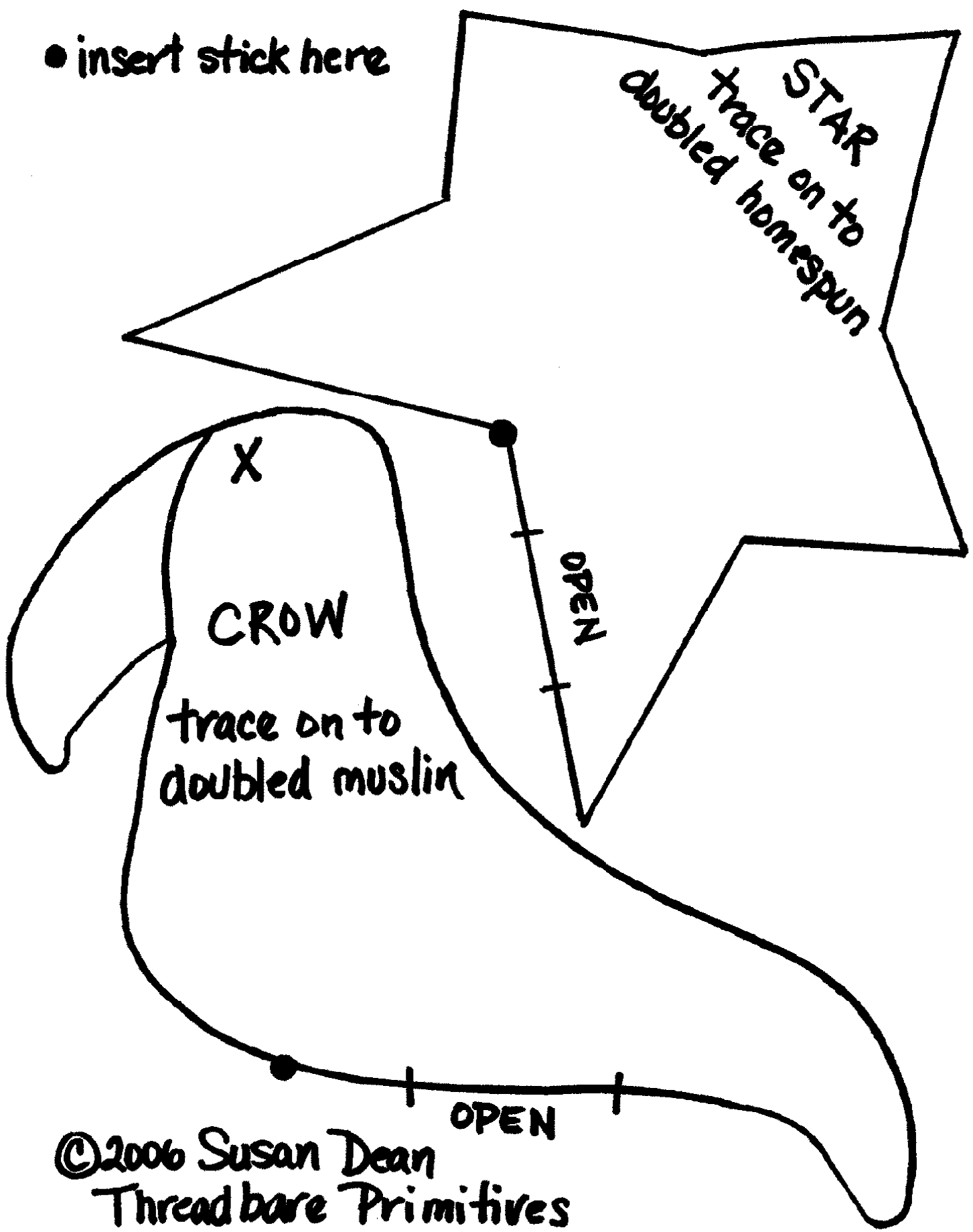
CROW

trace on to
doubled muslin

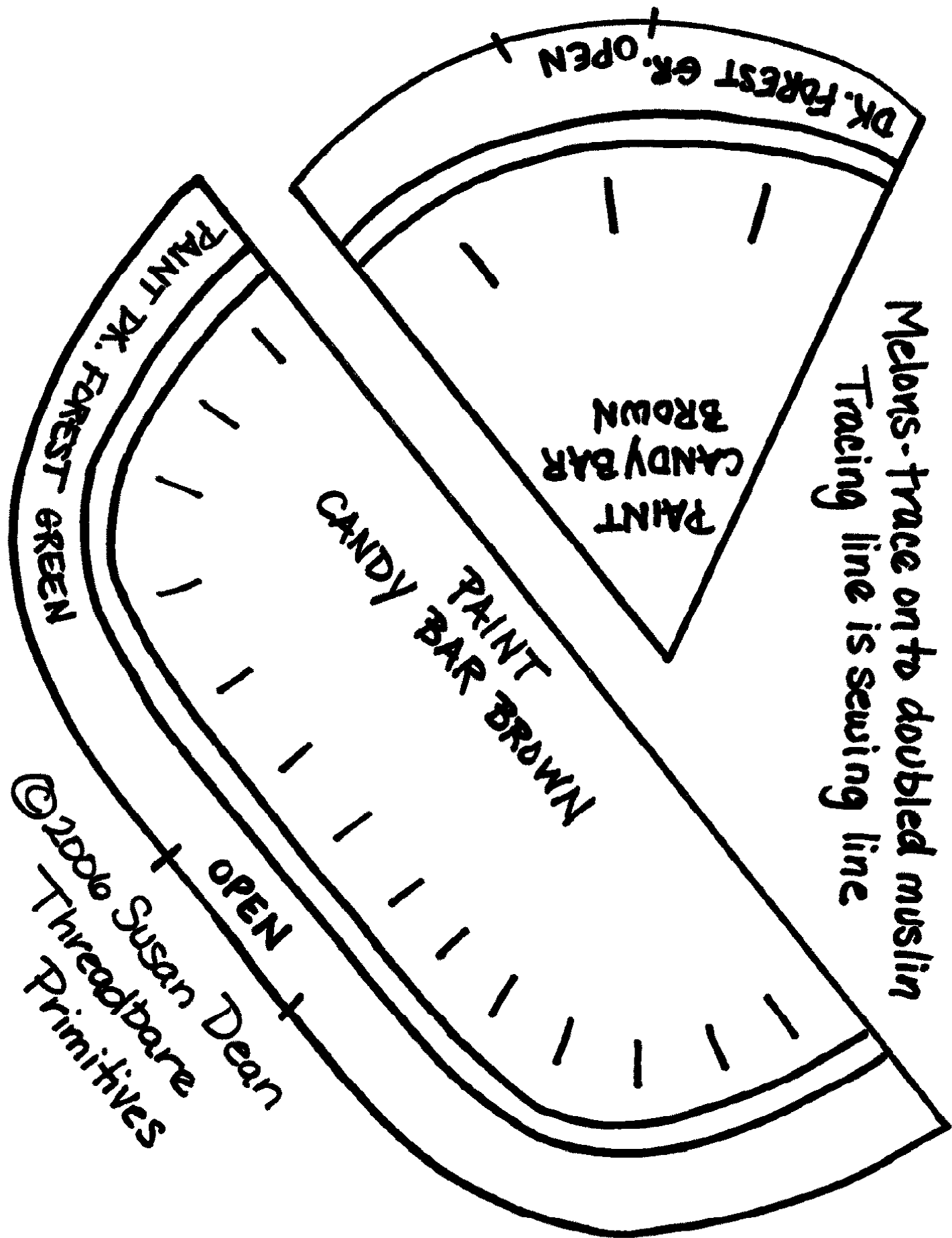
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Melons - trace onto doubled muslin
Tracing line is sewing line



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