

## Things You'll Be A Needin'

- 10" x 7 1/2" Piece of Old Quilt OR
- 1/2 Yard Homespun
- 1/4 Yard Muslin
- Fiberfil Stuffing
- Coffee Mix
- Disappearing Marker
- Acrylic Paint - Black, Antique Gold, Burnt Umber
- Med. Sandpaper
- Cinnamon
- Black DMC Floss
- Rusty Wire and 3 Rusty Bells
- 3 Long Sticks from Yard
- White School Glue
- Moss
- Grubby Tag

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## *Threadbare Primitives* Primitive Doll and Folk Art Patterns



#156 Primitive Sack of Crows  
and Stars

**\*\*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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\*Gettin' Started

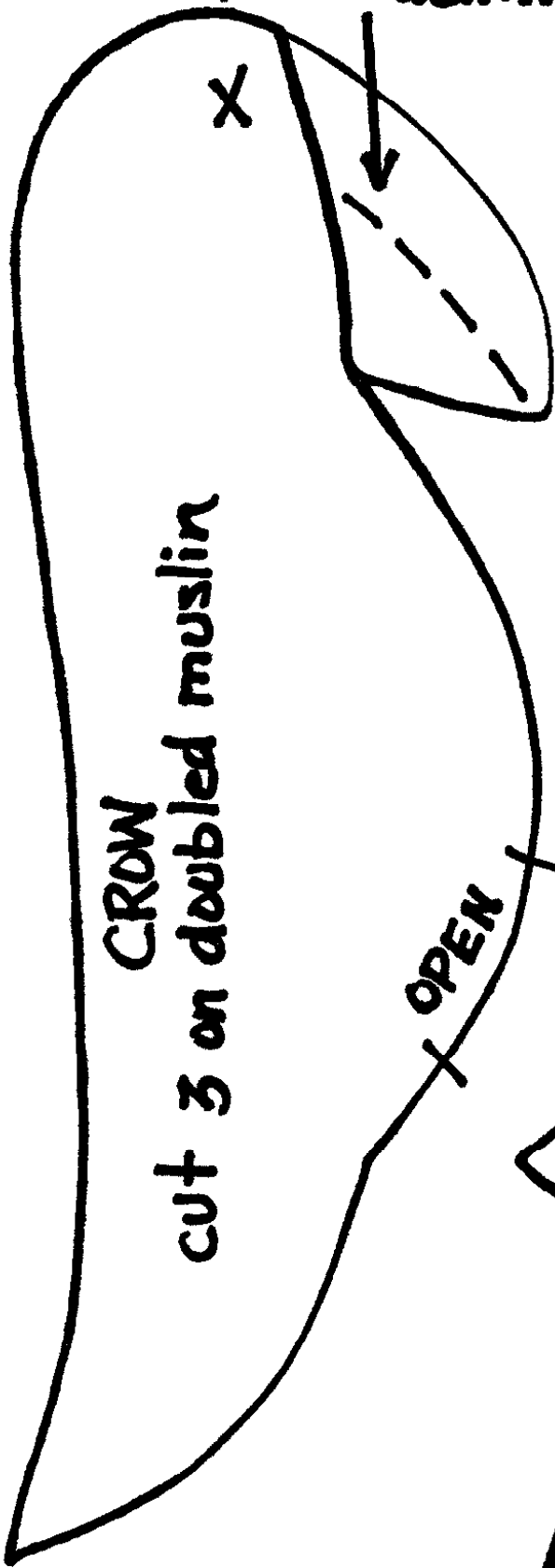
For the sack you need 2 pieces 10" tall x 7 1/2" wide. Cut one sack back out of muslin. Cut one sack front out of an old quilt. If you don't have an old quilt just cut 2 pieces 10" tall x 7 1/2" wide out of muslin, burlap, or your favorite homespun material. Sew with a 1/4" seam around 3 sides leaving top open. Turn and stuff to within one inch from the top with fiberfil. Spray sack with coffee mix and bake in the oven at 180 til dry. Now, trace three crows on to doubled muslin, sew, leaving open where indicated. Trim excess, turn and stuff beaks lightly. Machine stitch on the line indicated on pattern. Trim threads. Stuff the rest of the crow firmly and sew openings closed. Paint crows black. Let dry. Paint beaks antique gold. Let dry. Sand well with med. sandpaper and spray with coffee mix. While wet rub with cinnamon then bake in oven at 180 til dry. Cross stitch eyes on crows with black DMC floss. Thread rusty bells on to wire and make them little collars. Set aside. Trace three stars on to muslin. Tracing line is sewing line. Leave open where indicated on pattern. Trim excess, turn and stuff. Sew openings closed. Paint stars with antique gold. Let dry. Dry brush all over with thinned down burnt umber. Let dry. Cut 3 lengths of rusty wire approx. 20" long and wrap around stars several times. Twist and make "curlys" on the ends.

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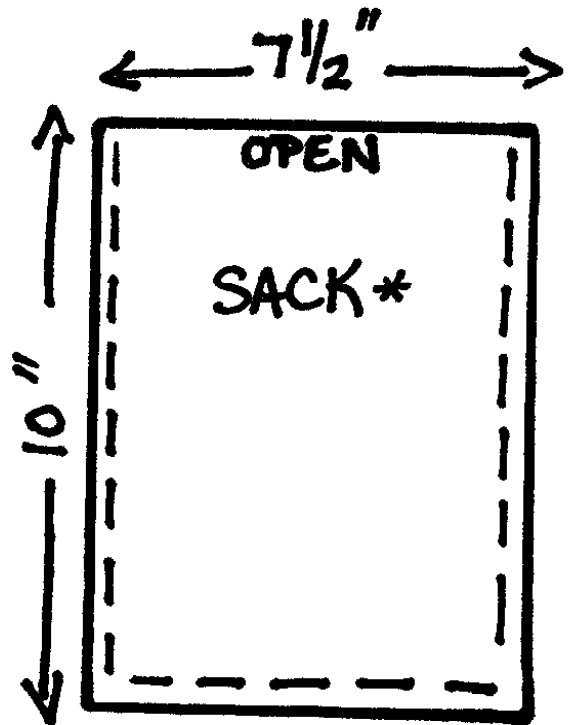
\*Puttin' It Together

Make three indentations in the fiberfil that you stuffed the sack with. Fit crows into the holes you made and position them the way you want. When you have them the way you like them, remove the crows and fill the indentations with white school glue. Replace the crows. Now take three sticks from the yard and cut to varying heights. Slip one end in between the wire on the back of the star so it is held securely. If you would rather, you may stitch the star on to the stick. Insert the sticks in the back of the sack behind the three crows. Stagger the heights and glue in place. Fill top of sack with moss and tie a strip of homespun around the top of the sack. Add your choice of grubby tag to the front. If you want your crow sack to hang just add a small loop to the back. You're done - You've got you're own sack of crows!

cross stitch eye  
machine stitch beak



tracing line is sewing lin  
on crow and star



\* you need 2  
pieces - a  
front and  
back.

