

Primitive Vintage Santa Claus

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Materials List:

- Muslin or any type of material you wish to make the doll from
- Cotton batting
- Terry cloth type fabric (for cuffs of boots and gloves)
- Black embroidery floss
- Sheep's wool
- Bells
- 4 dried sticks for attaching gloves and boots to body
- Acrylic craft paint. Always add a little water to your paint and sponge it on.
- Coffee mixture – 1 cup of water, 10 tsp. Instant coffee, 3 tbsp Vanilla. Sponge on.



This pattern is for fun or profit. You can sell the item on eBay, craft shows, etc., but you may not mass produce them or resell this pattern.

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Instructions:

First trace out your pattern. The trace line is the SEW LINE. Sew and turn. Stain with coffee mixture, let dry.

Body:

Stuff Vintage Claus. If you are not making him into a make do, stitch opening closed. Paint medium red in a primitive style – letting fabric show through (remember to add a little water to your paint). Leave the curve at the top of the hat and around the tip more natural (just a little bit of paint).

Do not paint your face area. When dry, lightly sand. Stain again – get your gook off the bottom of your coffee mixture and sponge it here and there. Also put it around his bottom and let dry. Rub cinnamon and ginger in and dust off excess. Stitch on eyes using black embroidery floss.

Pinch stitch nose. Sew on a wisp of hair at the top of his face. Add cotton batting all around his face and midway down his body. Use glue for this (glue sticks are great when you are working with cotton batting).

Gloves & Boots:

Paint black in a primitive style. Add a little water to your paint, and a drop or two of brown. Let dry, stain and let dry. Stuff. Rub with cinnamon and a little ginger to the gloves and boots, this helps to highlight the heel and toes of boots, and the palms of the gloves. Sew terry cloth fabric around the gloves and boots for the cuffs.

Belt:

Paint a little strip of fabric black – about a 1/2” wide by 11 1/2” long (or longer, depending on where you want his belt to go). Let dry. Sand lightly, stain, let dry. Now sew on a few bells. Sew to body (if you glue it, tack stitch in a few places).

Assembly:

You will need 4 dried sticks – sew or glue them into gloves and boots. Make 4 small holes in doll body where you want arms and legs to go – you can put them where you like. Remember this is primitives so have fun! Glue your sticks into your doll body. Adjust your legs as desired. If you want a shelf sitter, let them dangle. Sew on sheep's wool for beard and then sew on a mustache. Add a dirty, thick piece of twine with bells sewn on around hat brim. Let your thread show through around the bells. Let it dangle around his hat. Add a bell with some wire to the tip of his hat. Wind the wire around the hat a little. Tack stitch in a few places.

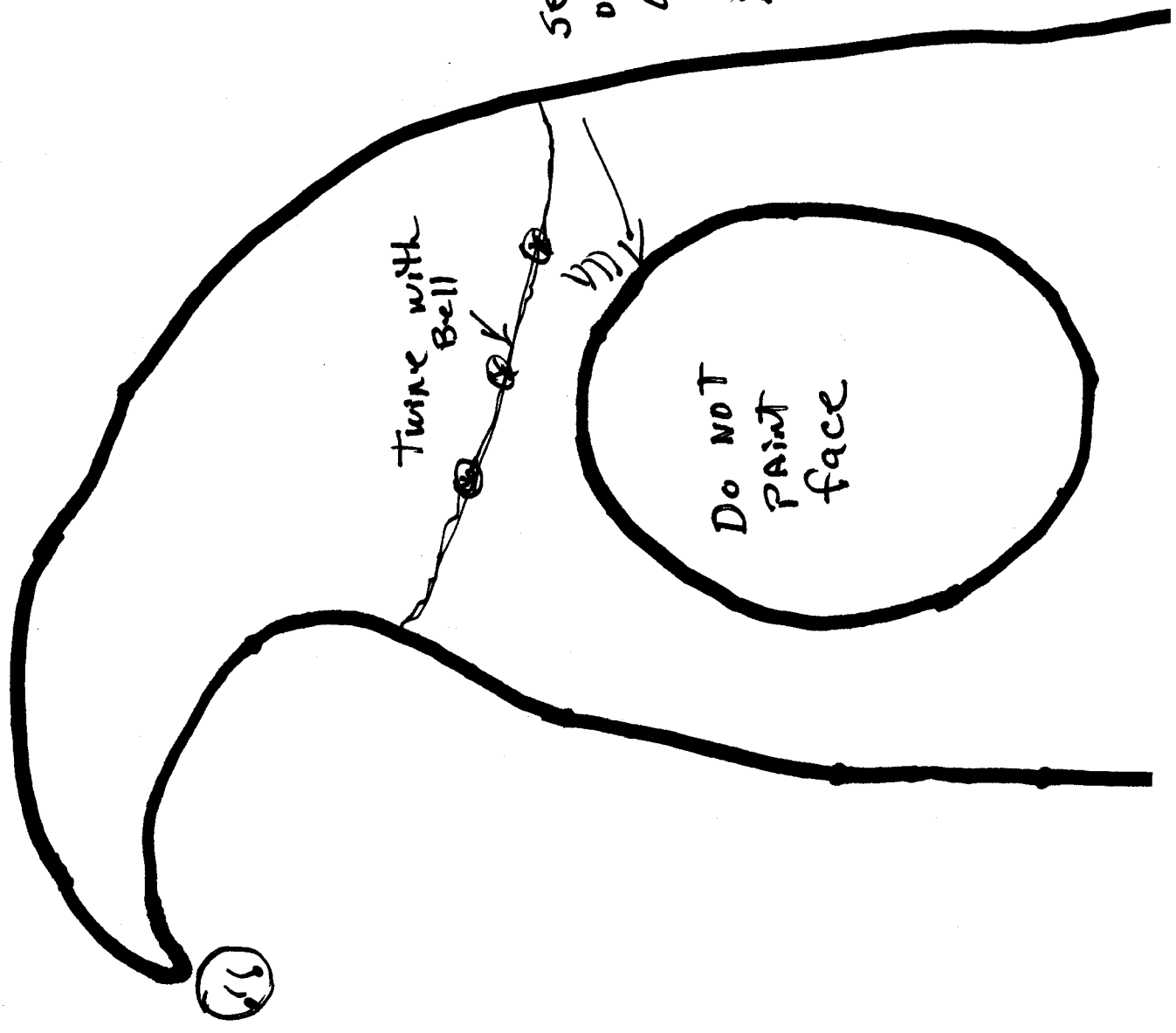
*Note – I sun bake my dolls, but if you need to speed up the process, put in 150 degree oven and turn as it dries. Use a glass pan. Sprinkle the pan with cinnamon.

**Tips on painting – Add a few drops of brown, especially when using black or red. It makes the colors not so “bright”. For a more primitive look to your paint, instead of a little water to the paint, add a little coffee mixture. You can choose not to paint the bottom of the Santa ornie at all, instead stain heavily. It will make it look older, as if the paint is worn off the bottom.

***Tip for prim staining, make sure you get your “gook” off the bottom of your coffee mixture and sponge it all over the doll. The more heavily this is applied, the more primitive it will look.

****Extreme Staining Mixture - Coffee mixture – 1 cup of water, 10 tsp. Instant coffee, 3 tbsp Vanilla, lots of cinnamon. Let sit a day until it gets thick and gooey in the bottom. Sponge on.

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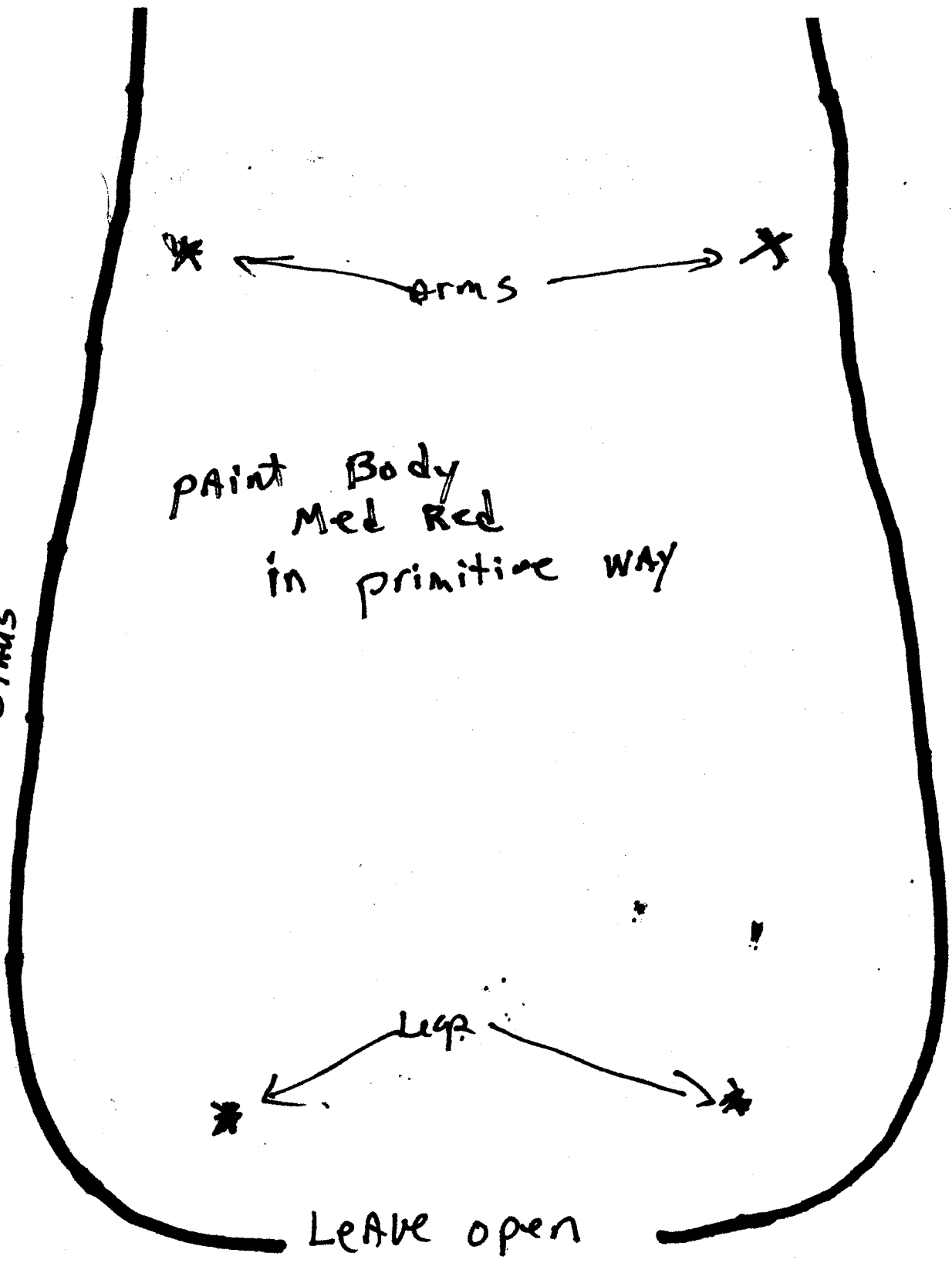
Tune with
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Do NOT
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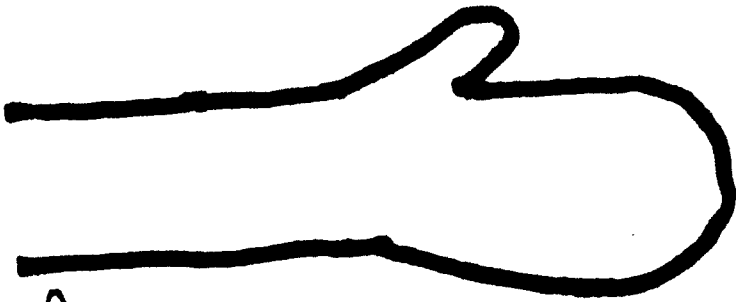


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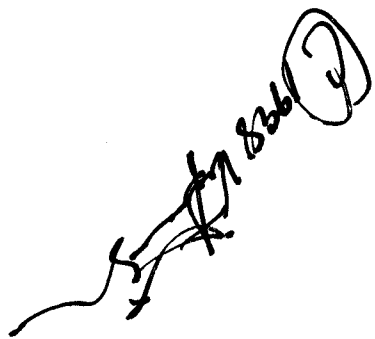
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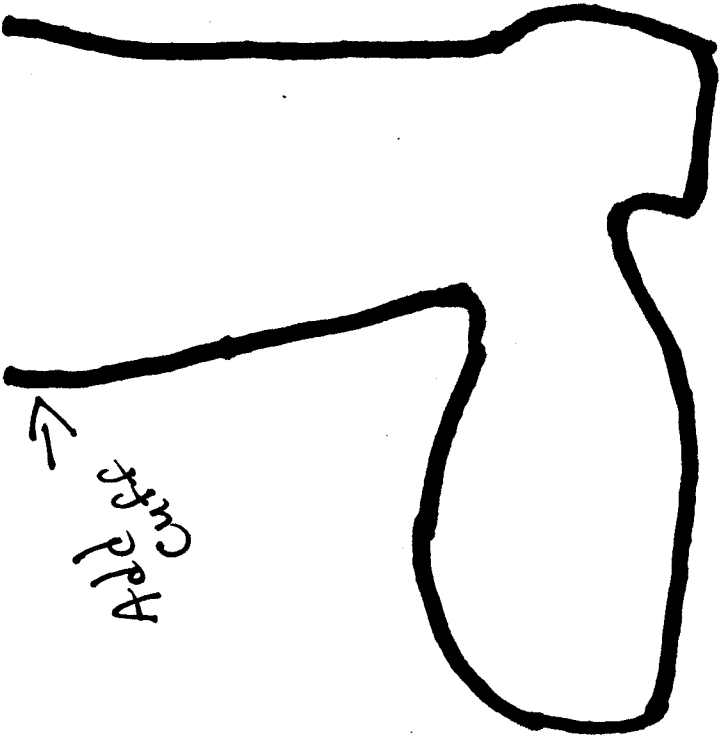
Leave open



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Add
Cuff

gloves

~~Hand~~ 



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Cuff

Boots

Paint BLACK in prim way

stuff 2/3 full