



Any Age

# Life on a Cowboy Ranch

## Express (Quick) Lapbook

Mini Lapbook, Study Guides, Activities, and Coloring Sheets



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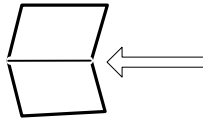
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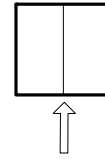
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## Things to Know

### Hamburger Fold-Fold horizontally



### Hotdog Fold-Fold vertically

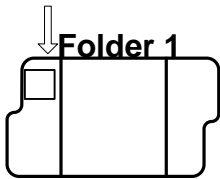


**Dotted Lines**-These are the cutting lines.

**Accordion Fold**-This fold is like making a paper fan. Fold on the first line so that title is on top. Turn over and fold on next line so that title is on top again. Turn over again and fold again on the next line so that title is on top. Continue until all folds are done.

**Cover Labels**-Most of the booklets that are folded look nicer with a label on top instead of just a blank space. They will be referred to as “cover label.”

### How do I know where to place each template in the folder?

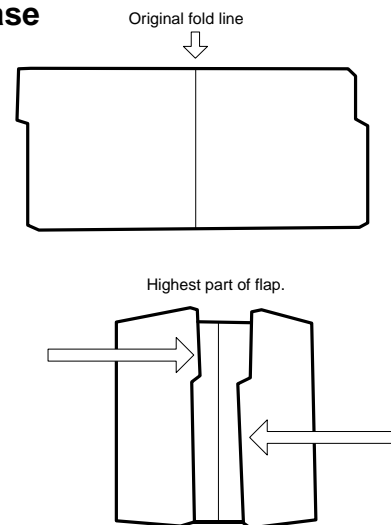


This placement key tells you the template goes in the first folder at the top of the left flap.

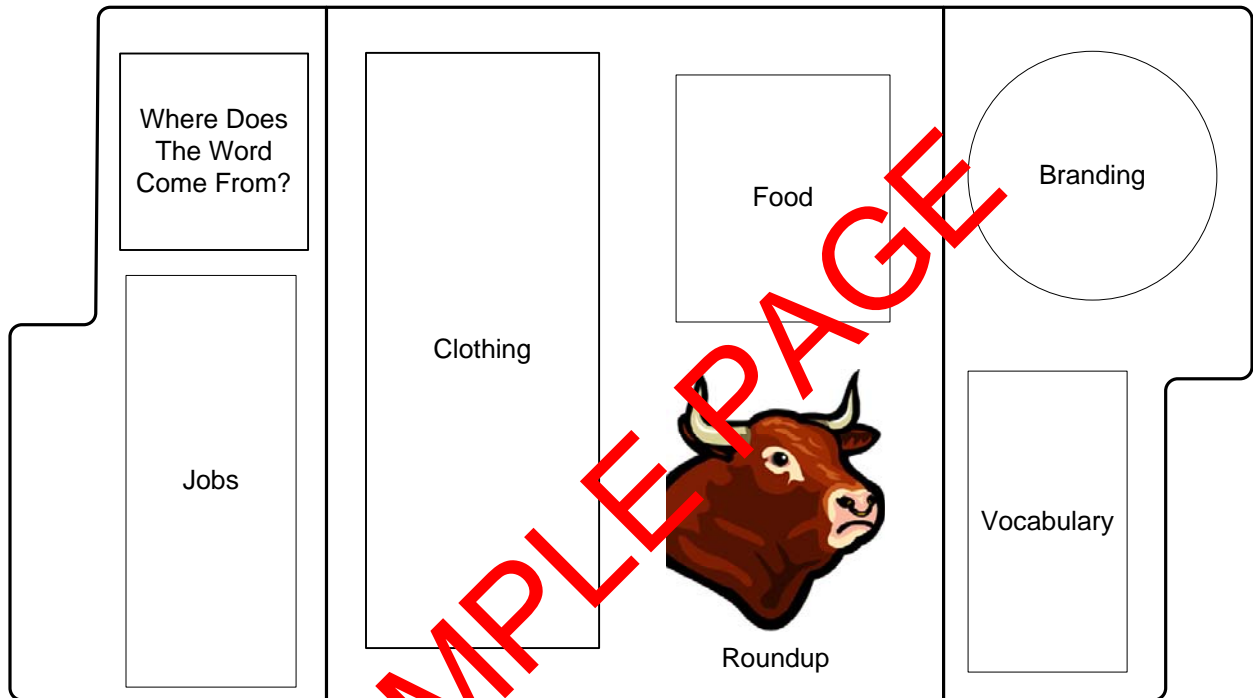
### Folding a Lapbook Base

Gather the number of folders required for the project. Fold them flat as seen here.

For each folder, fold the left and right sides inward toward the original line to create two flaps. Crease so that the highest part of each flap is touching the original line. It is important not to let the two flaps overlap. *You may want to take a ruler and run it down each crease to make it sharper.*



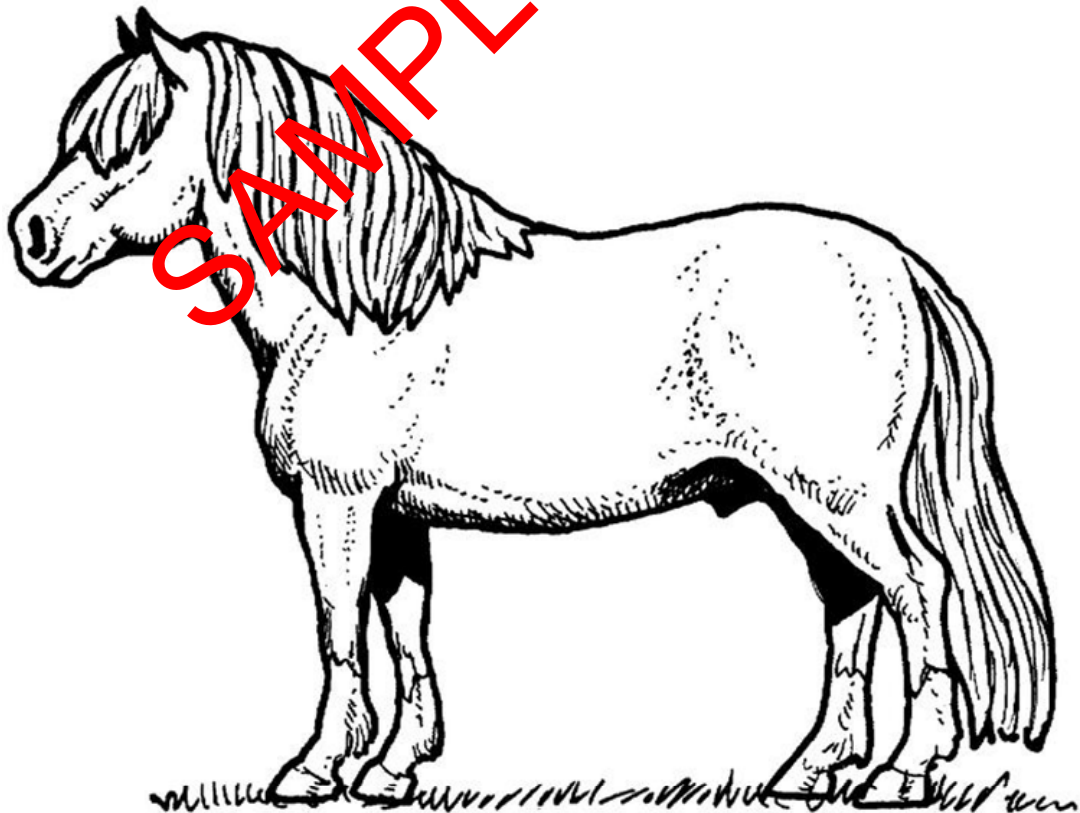
## Booklet Placement Guide



## Complete the Scene

Cut out the scene on the dotted line. Draw a cowboy on the horse. Glue on to the front of your lapbook.

# Life on a Cowboy Ranch



## A Cowboy's Life

"Cowboy" comes from the Spanish word *vaquero* (*vaca* means "cow"). Cowboys did just about everything on the ranch. They took care of the horses and cattle (cows). They made sure the cattle had lots of good grazing land and fresh water. They branded the new calves with the ranch's brand mark. That way nobody could steal them. A brand mark is made with a hot iron pressed into the calf's rump.

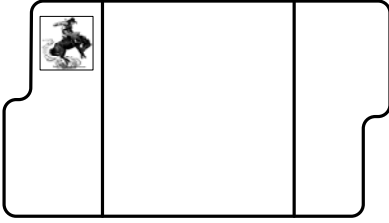
Cowboys also fixed fences and cleaned out stalls. They went on roundups (to round the cattle up to brand them or sell them). They worked hard for very little money. In 1874, cowboys earned about \$25 a month.

A cowboy's main tools for work were his horse (the most important tool), a rope, and his good sense. He wore sturdy denim pants, chaps (worn over pants for extra protection), a shirt, a vest with pockets, boots, a hat, spurs, and a rain slicker for bad weather. He hardly ever carried a gun.

Cowboys lived on the ranch in the bunkhouse, which is a large building. They slept on bunk beds in one big room. Cowboys ate in the cookhouse, which was run by a ranch cook. The rancher's family ate in the house, away from the hired hands. The ranch cook was the boss of the cowboys' meals. If anyone complained about the food, that cowboy was in for a bad surprise the next meal. He might get hard biscuits or something else that made the cowboy a little more grateful for the cooking.

During a long trail drive (herding the cattle to a new place), the ranch cook came along. He cooked in the "chuck wagon." A chuck wagon is like a little cookhouse on wheels. Sometimes a young boy worked for the cook. He fetched firewood and did anything else the cook told him to do.

## Folder 1



Cut out the booklet as one piece. Fold in half. Glue into lapbook.

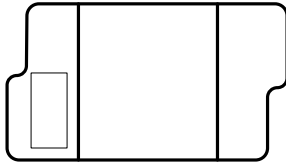
**Directions:** Inside of the booklet, write what you have learned.

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"cowboy" come  
from?

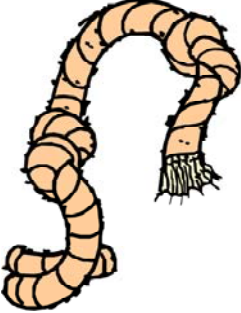


**Folder 1**



Cut out each booklet. Stack on top of each other and staple. Glue into lapbook.

**Directions:** On each booklet, write or draw about the different jobs that a cowboy does on the ranch.



**Jobs of a  
Cowboy**

**Round Up**

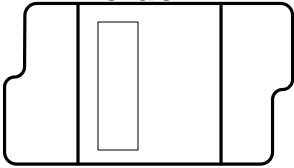
**Salary**

**Cattle and  
Horse Care**

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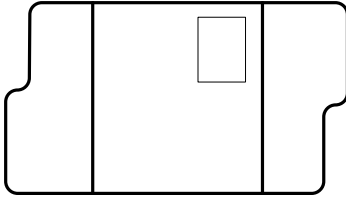
Cut out the booklet. Glue into lapbook.  
**Directions:** Dress the cowboy!

# Clothing

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### Folder 1



Cut out the booklet as one piece. Fold the back section up and then glue down the flaps to make a pocket. Glue into lapbook. Cut out the recipe cards on the next page. Place them in the pocket.

**Directions:** Have fun cooking!



Hamburger fold

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