



Grades 3-7

# Little House in the Big Woods

Learning Lapbook designed to go with  
Little House in the Big Woods  
By Laura Ingalls Wilder



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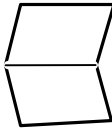
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## Things to Know

**Hamburger Fold**-Fold short-ways



**Hotdog Fold**-Fold long-ways



**Folds**-Labeled with a small line to show where the fold is and the words hamburger fold or hotdog fold.

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

**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 labeled "covered page" or "cover label."

### How Long Does it Take to Complete the Lapbook?

This lapbook is designed to follow *Little House in the Big Woods* written by Laura Ingalls Wilder. It is written to have your child read a chapter at a time before doing the lapbook activities. If you follow the reading assignments given at the top of each booklet and complete the lapbook booklet that goes along with the reading, your child should complete the lapbook in about a month.

### So where do the mini-booklets go?

A shape coded and labeled KEY is included. This key shows you where all of the mini-booklets go in each folder. Keep this page handy! You'll also see at the top of the mini-booklet pages another graphic that shows once again where to place the booklet in each folder. So there are TWO ways to see where to place the booklet. We made it easy!! You won't get lost.

### How to Use the Book with the Mini-Booklets

At the beginning of each mini-booklet template page, you will see the directions for cutting and assembling the template. Within these directions, you will find the name of the book you are reading and which chapter in the that book to read. After reading the selected text, cut out, assemble and glue in the mini-booklet that goes with it. Then fill out the mini-booklet with the correct answers. The answers will be found in the selected text.

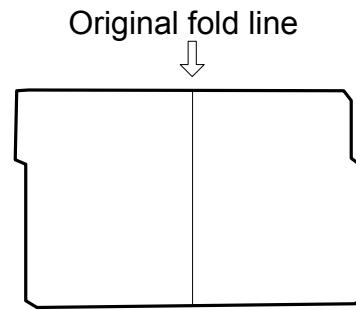
### Lapbook Assembly Choices

Choice #1 -Do not glue your folders together until you have completely finished both folders. It is easier to work with one folder instead of two or three glued together. You can keep the waiting folders in your binder that we will be mentioning later.

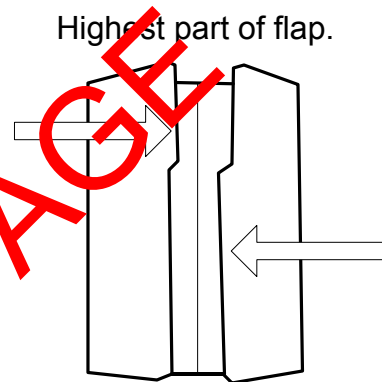
Choice #2 -Glue all of your folders together before beginning. Some children like to see the entire project as it is being done. Plus, it helps with keeping up with which folder you are supposed to be working in. The choices are completely up to you and your child!

# 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.*



Glue your folders together by putting glue (or you may staple) on the inside of the flaps. Then press the newly glued flaps together with your hands until they get a good strong hold to each other. Follow this step to add as many folders as you need for your project. Most of our lapbooks have either 2 or 3 folders.

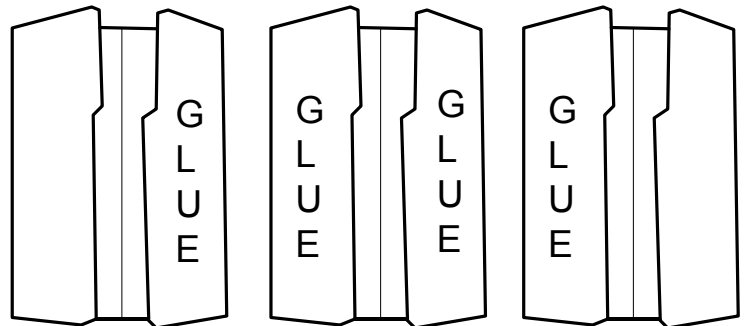
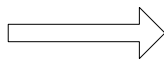


Photo of a completed lapbook base



## Tips and tricks to go the extra mile!

### Supplies Need:

½ inch three-ring binder

5 tabs (if you are using our copywork and/or notebooking pages, you will need to have 7 tabs. Label with copywork and notebooking)

Quart size baggies

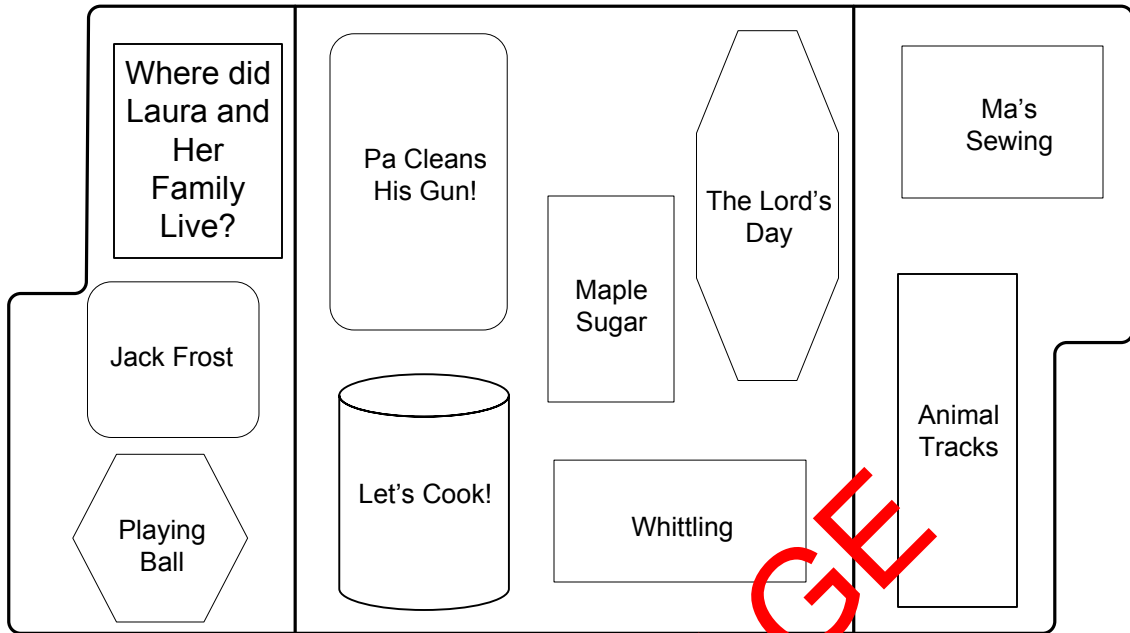
Duct tape

Your Little House in the Big Woods booklet printouts

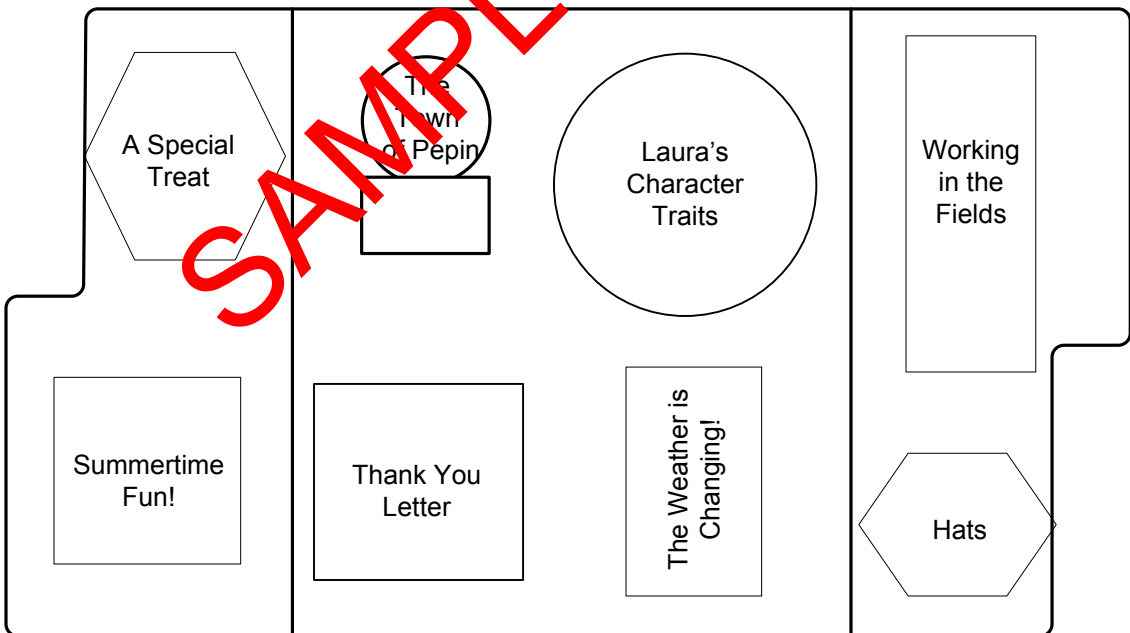
Office supplies-glue, scissors, brads, stapler, pencils, crayons, and ribbon (if needed)

1. Label your tabs: Retell, Book Log, NICK, Biography Reports, Outlines (Copywork and Notebooking, if using these).
2. Make copies of Retell, NICK notes, biography reports and outline forms and put them behind the tabs. Your child can use either the NICK notes form (easier) or the outline form (a bit harder) after any of the study guides. These serve as a good review of the material in the study guide.
3. Hole punch your mini-booklets sheets and place behind the Retell tab. You will read a page in the book, use the retell forms to “retell” what you have learned. Behind the retell is all of the booklets that go with that page in the book.
4. Keeping your office supplies handy-Measure the bottom of a quart size zip-lock bag. Then measure out a strip of duct tape that length. Lay the zip-lock bag on the lower edge of the tape. Fold the other end of the tape down on the zip-lock bag. Your duct tape should be sticking out from the bag. Now, you can hole punch the duct tape strip. **DO NOT HOLE PUNCH INTO THE BAG!** Then put it into your 3-ring binder. Use this bag to store items you will be using for your lapbook. Glue, scissors, hole puncher, stapler and extra staples, crayons, pencils, brads, ribbon, and any unfinished work. Doing this one step keeps you from having to constantly gather supplies every time you want to work on your lapbook!

## Folder 1



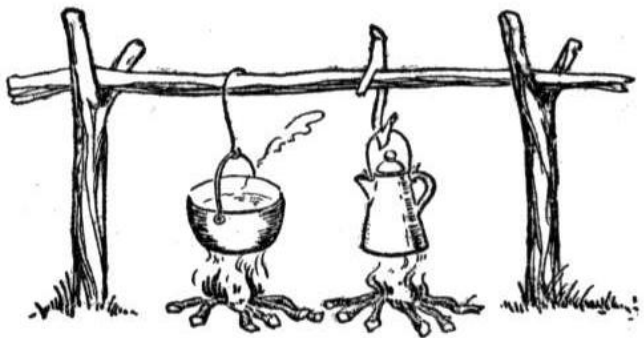
## Folder 2



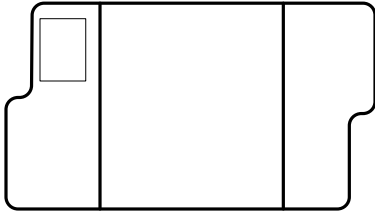
Cut on dotted line. Glue to the front of your folder. Complete the scene. Draw what your evening would be like with your family gathered around the fire.

# The Little House in the Big Woods

**SAMPLE PAGE**



**Folder 1**

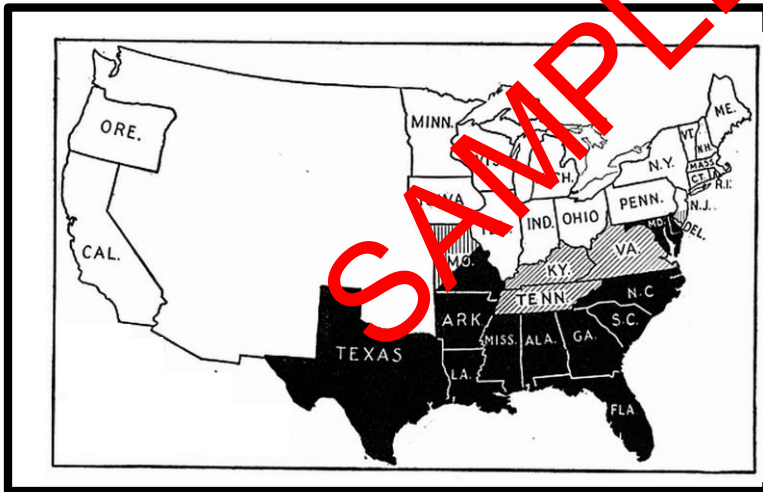


**Read Big Wood: Chapter 1**

Cut out the three pieces and staple together down left hand side with the cover sheet on top. Glue into folder. Laura and her family travel to Wisconsin to live.

**Directions:** Can you find Wisconsin on the map? Color it green. Once Laura and her family arrived in their new home, what type of home did they have?

Where did  
Laura and Her  
Family Live?

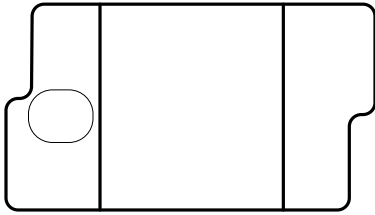


Draw a picture of Laura's home

What type of home did Laura live  
in? \_\_\_\_\_



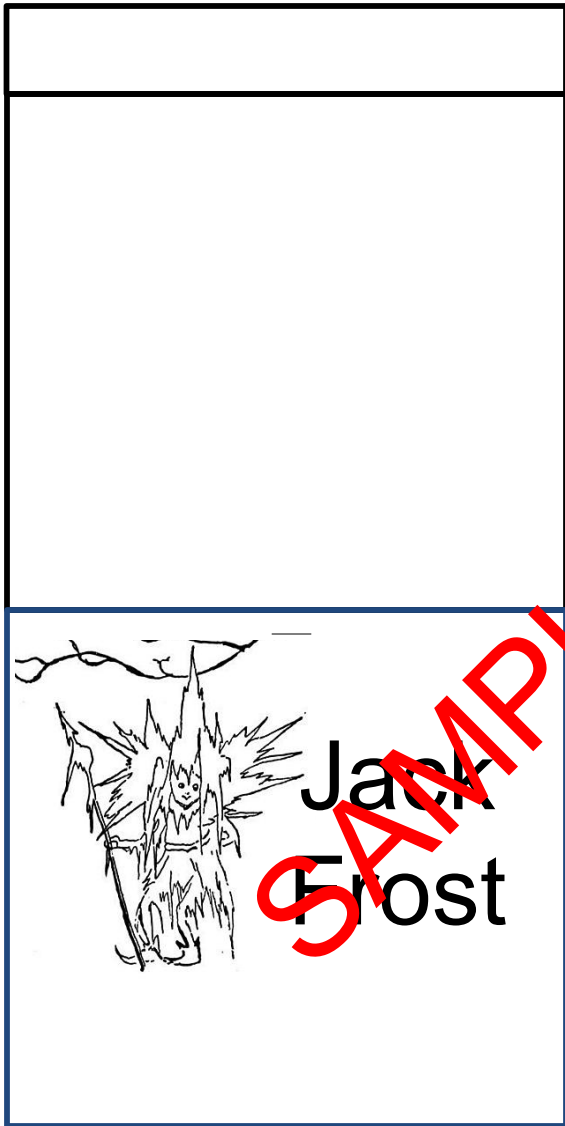
**Folder 1**



**Read Big Wood: Chapter 2.**

Cut out the large booklet as one piece. Fold the bottom half of the booklet up. Cut out the two smaller booklets. Stack on top of each other and place inside of the larger booklet. Staple. Glue into the lapbook.

Directions: Follow the directions.



What was on the windows when Laura woke up?

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Who did Ma say left the pictures on the window? Describe him

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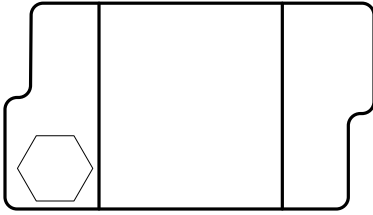
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**SAMPLE PAGE**

### Folder 1



### Read Big Wood: Chapter 2

Cut out the large booklet as one piece. Hamburger fold in half. Cut out the two smaller booklets. Stack on top of each other and place inside of the large booklet. Staple. Glue into folder.

**Directions:** Fill out the information.

**SAMPLE PAGE**

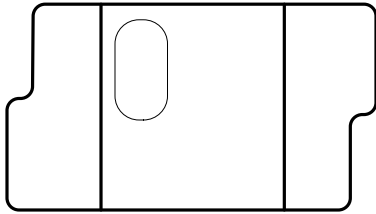
What did Laura and Mary use as a ball? What was it made out of?

**Playing Ball**



How did Ma make the ball?

### Folder 1



### Read Big Wood: Chapter 3

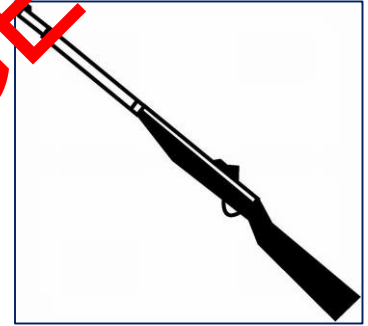
Cut out each piece. Stack them on top of each other according to length with title page on front and staple at the top. Glue into lap book.

Laura and Mary loved helping Pa to clean his rifle.

**Directions:** Fill out the information on each step of the cleaning process.

### Cover

## Pa Cleans His Gun!



First he, \_\_\_\_\_

Then he, \_\_\_\_\_

Next he, \_\_\_\_\_

Finally, \_\_\_\_\_

Draw a bullet



How did Pa make bullets?

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

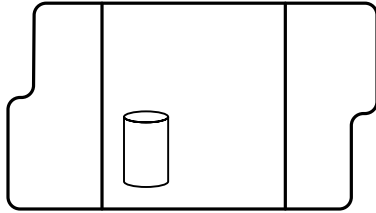
Write down the steps of how Pa cleaned his gun

Draw a picture of it or sew one and take a picture of it. Glue the picture here.



What did Pa store his bullets in?

## Folder 1



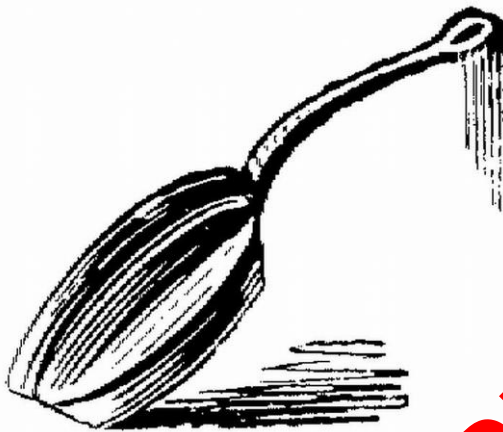
### Read Big Wood: Chapter 4

Cut out booklets, stack with title page on top and staple together at the top. Glue into folder.

Ma loved cooking and getting ready for the holidays.

**Directions:** Have fun cooking some of Laura and Mary's favorite recipes.

## Let's Cook!



### Salt-rising Bread

1/2 cups potatoes, sliced	1 1/2 teaspoons granulated sugar
2 tablespoons cornmeal	1 teaspoon baking soda
1 1/2 tablespoons salt	1 cup warm milk
1 quart boiling water	1 tablespoon shortening, melted
	11 cups flour

Sprinkle 1 tbsp. salt and cornmeal over potatoes. Add boiling water and stir until salt has dissolved. Cover and keep warm for 12 hrs. Drain liquid into a large bowl. Add the baking soda, 1 1/2 tsp. sugar and 5 cups flour to the liquid. Stir until ingredients should be about the consistency of cake batter. Set mixture in a warm place, and let rise for 1 1/2 hours. Scald milk and cool to lukewarm. Add shortening. Add milk and remaining flour to mixture you set aside. Knead for 10 to 12 minutes and shape into loaves. Makes 3 medium-size loaves. Let rise until light - about 1 1/2 hours. Bake at 350 degrees F for 1 hour.

### Rye'n'Injan bread

1 1/2 cups Grease drippings	Salt
1 1/2 cup Yellow cornmeal	2 Eggs
2 tsp. Rye flour	1 cup Buttermilk
1 tsp. Baking soda	3/4 cup Dark molasses

On the lower rack of your oven place a baking pan and fill with hot water. Heat oven to 200. Grease other pan with drippings. In large bowl mix well: meal, flour, baking soda and salt. In small bowl beat eggs; stir in milk, then molasses. Pour liquid into dry and mix. Pour into pan. Cover with a baking sheet. Place on top rack directly above water. Bake 12 hours.

### Vinegar Pie

**Pie Crust:**  
store bought pie crust

**Filling:**  
1/4 cups butter  
2 eggs  
1/2 cups brown sugar  
1/2 cup white sugar  
1 tsp nutmeg  
3 tbsp vinegar (any kind)

Fix pie crust according to directions on package. Let cool. Mix all of the filling ingredients together and pour into pie crust. Set oven to 400 degrees. Bake for 40 minutes