

Noun Basics Mini-Lapbook

This mini-lapbook covers:

- *Definition of a Noun
- *Common and Proper Nouns
- *Abstract and Concrete Nouns

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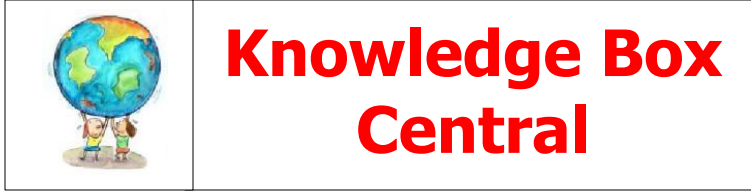
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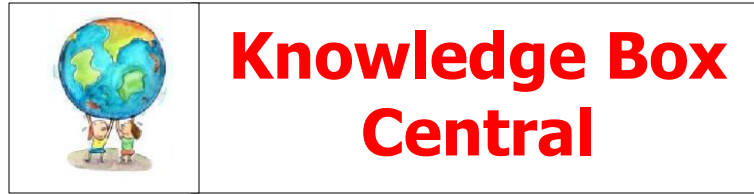
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Teacher's Guide

**This is only one of several
mini-lapbooks that deal with
the topic of NOUNS.**

**Each min-lapbook is composed of
only 1 folder.**

**This allows you to choose which mini-
lapbooks you want to use in your classroom,
and then connect them to create a larger
lapbook project.**

Watch for more mini-lapbooks that deal with
other parts of speech – coming soon!

How do I get started?

First, you will want to gather your supplies. Depending on which format you purchased from us, you will need different supplies. Please take what applies, and skip over the rest.

*** Printing:

*Print instructions and study guide on white copy paper.



*Print the booklet templates on 24# colored paper or 110# cardstock.

For some booklets, we have suggested specific colors or cardstock. You may choose to use those suggested colors, or you may choose to print on any color that you like.



*** Assembly:

***Folders:** We use colored file folders, which can be found at Walmart, Sam's, Office Depot, Costco, etc. You will need between 2 and 4 file folders, depending on which product you have purchased. You may use manilla folders if you prefer, but we have found that children respond better with the brightly colored folders. Don't worry about the tabs - they aren't important. If you prefer, you can purchase the assembled lapbook bases from our website.



***Glue:** For the folder assembly we use hot glue. For booklet assembly we use glue sticks and sometimes hot glue, depending on the specific booklet. We have found that bottle glue stays wet for too long, so it's not a great choice for lapbooking.




***Other Supplies:** Of course, you will need scissors. Many booklets require additional supplies. Some of these include metal brad fasteners, paper clips, ribbon, yarn, staples, hole puncher, etc. You may want to add decorations of your own, including stickers, buttons, coloring pages, cut-out clipart, etc. The most important thing is to use your imagination! Make it your own!!




Ok. I've gathered the supplies. Now how do I use this product?

Inside, you will find several sections. They are as follows:

1. **Teacher's Guide:** This section includes ALL of the information that you need to teach the information within this mini-lapbook. You may teach directly from the guide. You will be prompted when it is time to have your child create a booklet to go into his mini-lapbook. This section is a great resource for the parent/teacher because it also provides extra activities that you may choose to do in order to reinforce the topic. Don't feel that you MUST do EVERYTHING that is listed. Pick and choose what works best for your student.

Activities that are JUST suggestions, from which you may choose what works best for your student, are marked with a circle like this: 

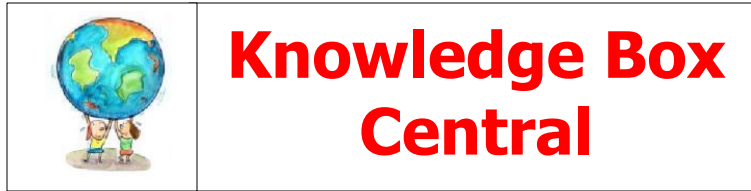
When it is time to create a booklet for your mini-lapbook, you will see a folder shape like this: 

If you are a "box checker," like me, you can check inside the circle or folder when you have completed that activity.

2. **Student Instructions:** This section is written directly to the student in language that he or she can understand. However, depending on the age of the child, there may be some parent/teacher assistance needed. These instructions will tell the student exactly how to assemble the lapbook base and how to cut out and assemble each booklet. Here they will find a layout of where each booklet should be placed in the lapbook and pictures of a completed lapbook. They will also tell the student exactly what should be written inside each booklet as he or she comes to it during the study.

Remember – the *Student Instructions* are written directly to the student...but YOU will probably need to assist. The assembly instructions are NOT repeated within the Teacher's Guide.

3. **Templates:** This section includes all of the templates to make the booklets for the mini-lapbook. Within the Student Instructions, the student is told on which page to find each template.





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
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Nouns:

A noun can name a person, place, thing, or idea. When we say that it can name an "idea," we mean that some nouns cannot be seen, such as feelings, emotions or abstract ideas.


 **ACTIVITY SUGGESTION:** Allow your child to look around the room and find nouns. You may need to give him a little nudge by saying, "Do you see a 'thing' in the room?" Then let him list some things. It just takes a little nudge, and he will begin finding lots of nouns. You may even choose to make this a little more fun by saying, "Do you see a monkey in the room?" You can continue this by listing other crazy items that, of course, are not in the room.


 **ACTIVITY SUGGESTION:** If your child reads well, have him open a book and find a few nouns in some sentences. This will reinforce what he is learning.

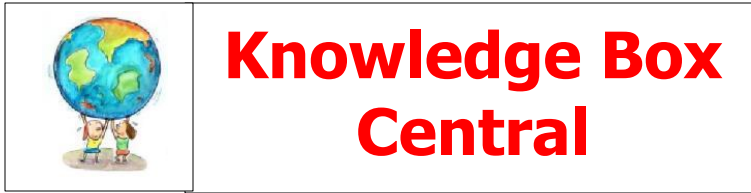
 **ACTIVITY SUGGESTION:** Here are 2 websites that each have games that will help with finding nouns:

<http://www.ezschool.com/Games/Nouns.html>

http://www.softschools.com/language_arts/grammar/noun/balloon_game/

 **MINI-LAPBOOK Booklet #1:** Have your child complete Booklet #1, entitled "What is a noun?" The definition is VERY simple, so don't go into any more detail in this answer than what you have taught.

 **MINI-LAPBOOK Booklet #2:** "Noun Field Trip" - Ready for some fun??? Allow your child to go from room to room (and even outside!) to discover nouns everywhere! Have him write the nouns inside this booklet.



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Lapbook Base Assembly:

First you will need to assemble the "Lapbook Base" for your project. This is not such an easy task, so you will want to ask for some assistance with this part. Also, you should NEVER use hot glue alone.

For this mini-lapbook you will need only 1 file folder. Open the file folder, and lay it flat in front of you. Fold both sides of each folder toward the middle. The edges (or tabs) of the folded sides should touch the center original fold line on the folders. See **Figure 1** below.

If you choose to create several mini-lapbooks and connect them together, you will need more than one folder. This is how to connect them. Lay all file folders (2 or 3...or however many you want) out in front of you after you have folded them all to look like **Figure 1**. Now glue the smaller "flaps" of each folder to those of the next folder as in **Figure 2** below.

Figure 1

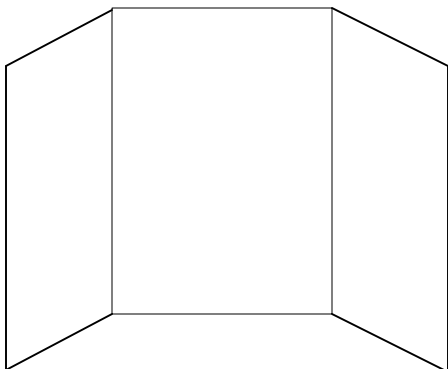


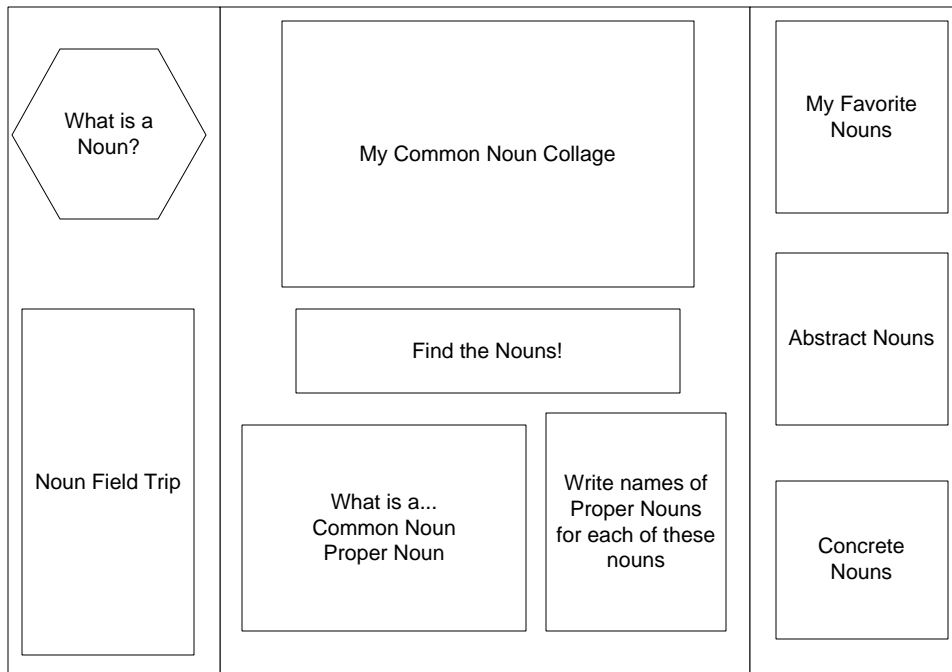
Figure 2



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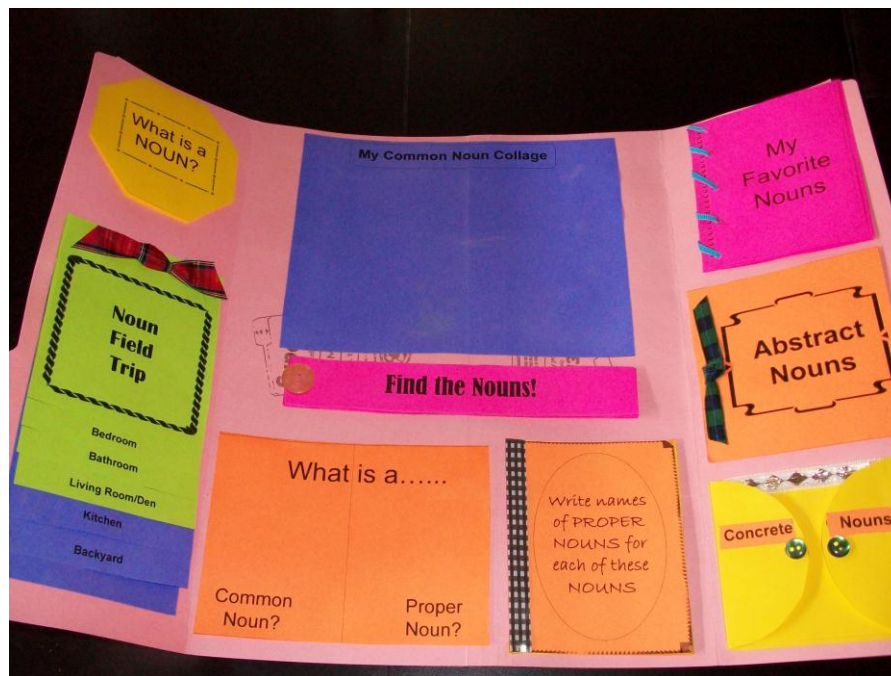
Lapbook Layout:

Below you will see a layout for this mini-lapbook. You may choose to glue the booklets into your Lapbook Base in any order that you like. However, you may have trouble fitting all of them in unless you follow the layout below. Some of the shapes aren't exactly the same on the layout as the booklets themselves.



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Below you will find pictures of how the lapbook should look when you have completely assembled it.



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Booklet #1

***Booklet Title:** “What is a Noun?” Booklet

***Student Instructions:** Now that you understand the definition of a noun, write it inside this booklet.

***Template is on page 20**

****Assembly Instructions:** Cut out the booklet along the outer black line edges. Now fold along the center line so that the title is on the outside.

Booklet #2

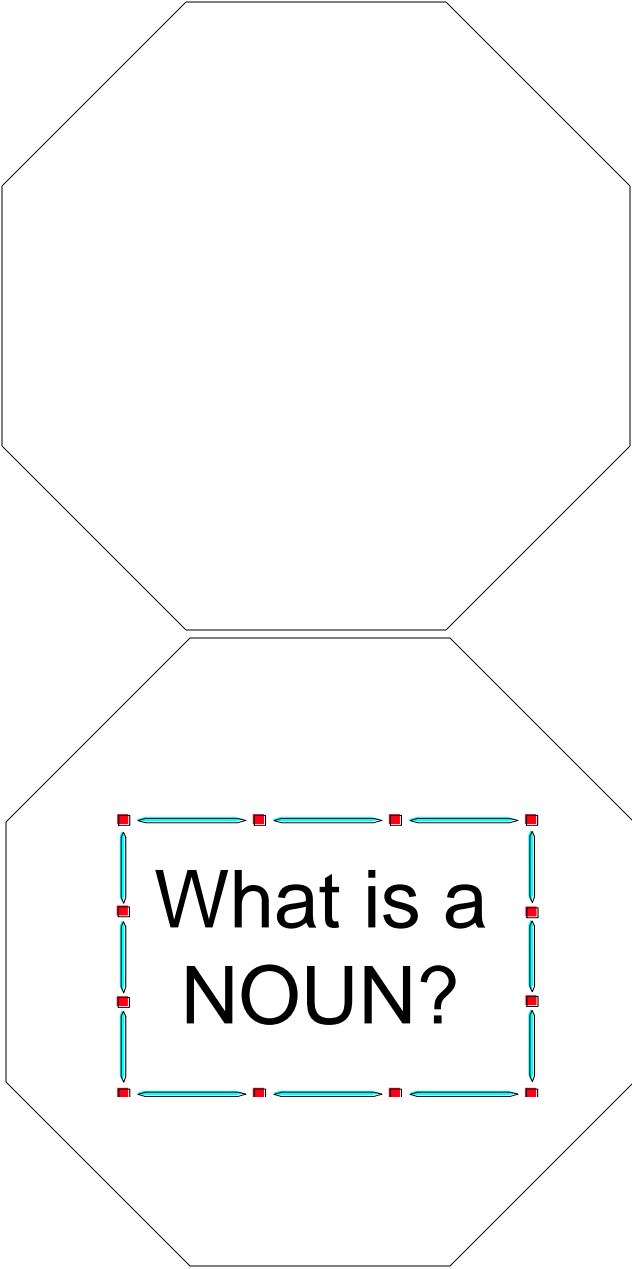
***Booklet Title:** “Noun Field Trip” Booklet

***Student Instructions:** Do you like field trips? Well, get ready to go on one at your own house! Take this booklet with you, and go into each of the rooms listed in the booklet. Look around and find all of the nouns that you can, and write them inside the booklet.

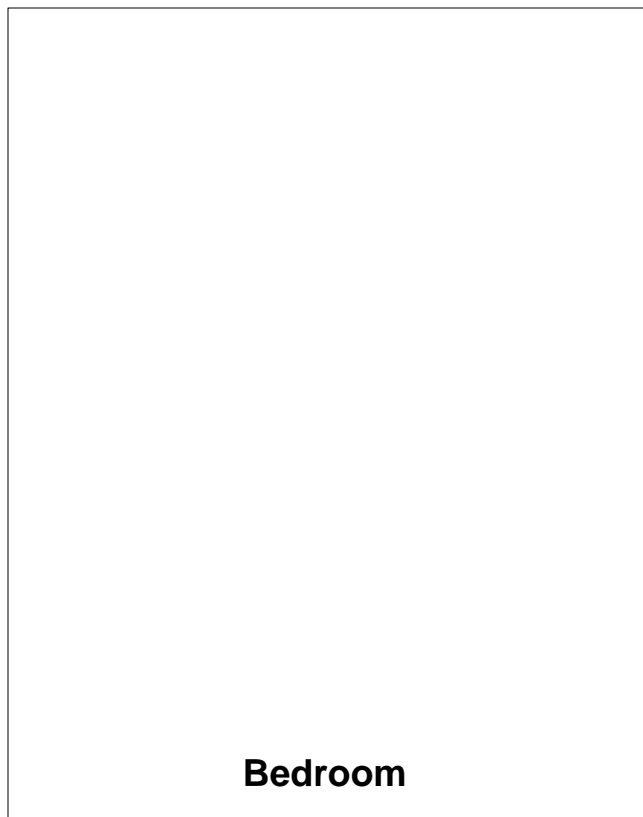
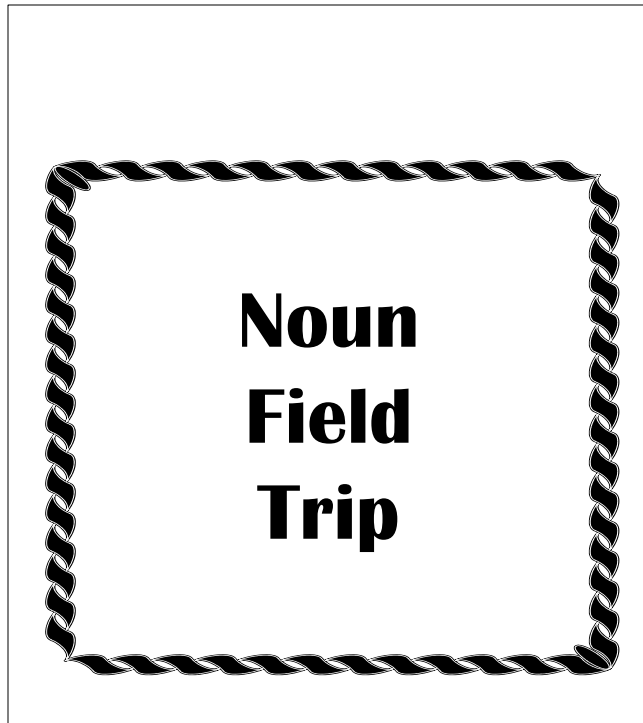
***Template is on page 21-24**

****Assembly Instructions:** Cut out the booklet along the outer black line edges of each page of the booklet. Stack the pages so that the title is on top, and so that each page gets a little longer toward the back of the booklet. Now punch 2 holes through the top of the stack, and secure with a ribbon or metal brad fasteners. If you'd rather, you can just staple at the top of the stack.

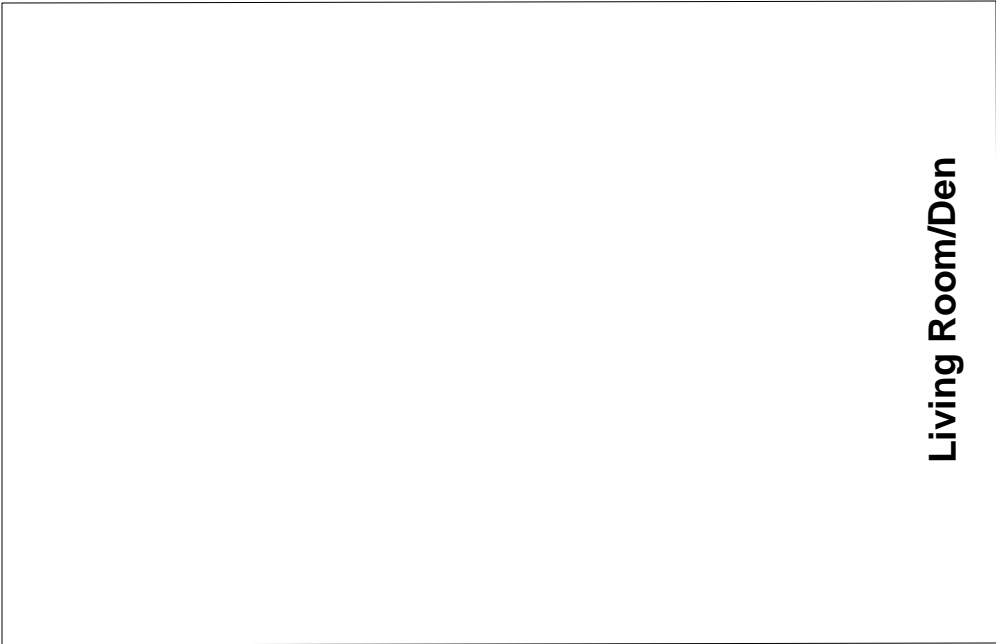
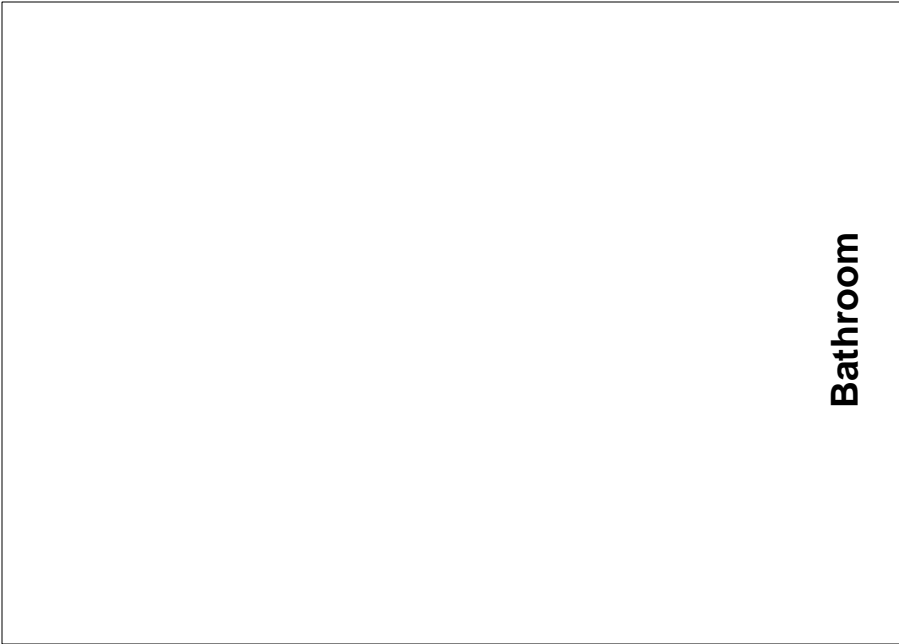
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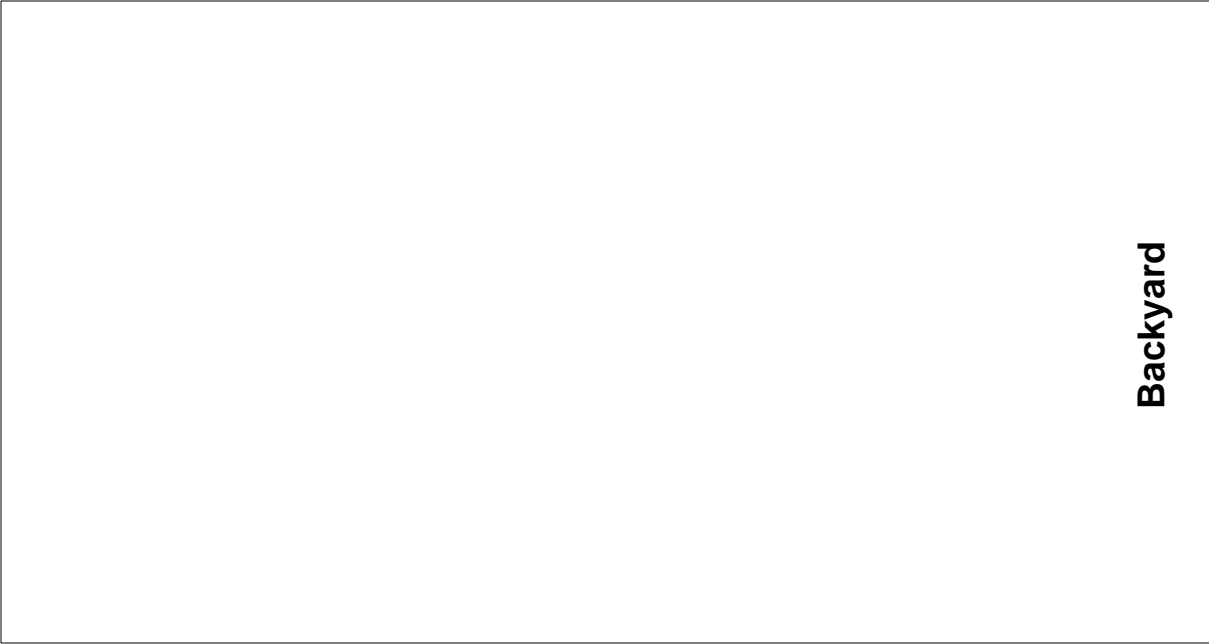
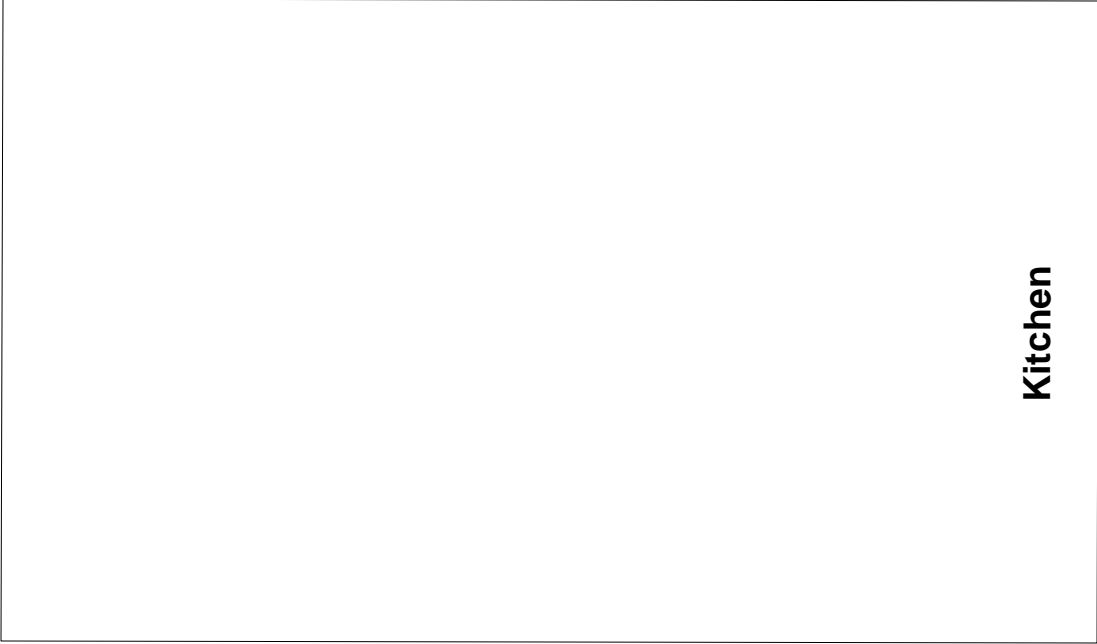
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