



Leprechaun Directions

Each child needs paper cut to the following dimensions:

- 1 Jacket: green 6" x 9" (Pretrace or xerox the attached pattern onto the paper.)
- 1 Arm: green 6" x 4" (1 piece makes two arms. Pretrace or xerox the attached pattern onto the paper.)
- 2 Hands: pink 2" x 2"
- 1 Head: pink 4" x 4" (Save the scraps for the ears.)
- 2 Legs: yellow 6" x 2.5"
- 1 Hat: black 5" x 6" (Children trace hat from the attached pattern. Save the scraps for the shoes.)



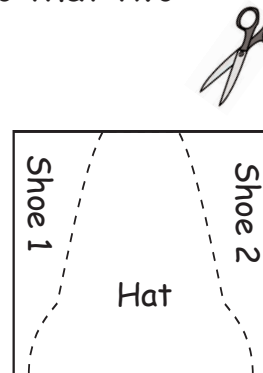
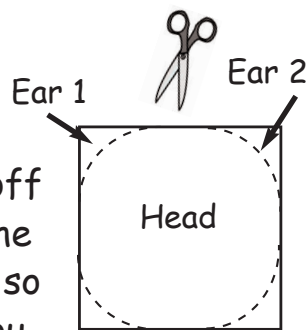
Note: The shoes are simply the scraps left over from the hat, so no extra pieces are needed. The ears are also just the scraps from the head. Also needed: Two cotton balls each for the beard.

Instructions:

We usually do this project over two days, since it takes quite a while to complete the entire project. We usually do the head and hat on day one and the rest on day two.

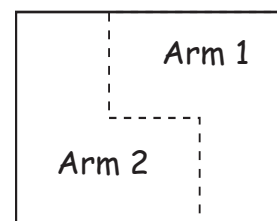
1. For the head, show the children how to cut the corners off of the pink rectangle to make it into an oval. Save two of the corners for the ears. Glue them onto the back of the head so that they are pointy and look like ears. Draw the face as you like. Show the children how to stretch the cotton balls out so that two of them will cover the chin to form a beard.

2. For the hat, you will need to make some tracer patterns for the children out of card stock or old file folders so that they can trace them onto black paper with a white crayon. Show the children how to trace around the hat pattern and cut it out, reserving the scraps for the shoes. We paper clip the shoe pieces to the hat to keep them from getting



lost before the project is completed the next day.

3. For the jacket, you may either pre-cut the paper and provide a tracer for the children or xerox the pattern onto the paper. Or, another way to do it is to simply give them the 6" x 9" paper and tell them to cut off the upper corners and cut a triangle out of the bottom center. (This is how we did it in my class room.) Then have them draw a capital Y down the center of the jacket as shown, and then add buttons on either side to make it look like a double breasted suit. Draw rectangles on either side for pockets, adding an extra line on top for the top stitching of the pocket.



4. For the arms, first pre-cut the paper 4" x 6", and then have an adult pre-trace it using the tracer provided. (Just from experience, I have found that although some children can place and trace this arm piece down correctly, about half of the class usually cannot. So we always pretrace it for

them.) The other alternative is to xerox two of the arm pieces onto green paper and give them two of them, rather than one 4" x 6" piece of paper.

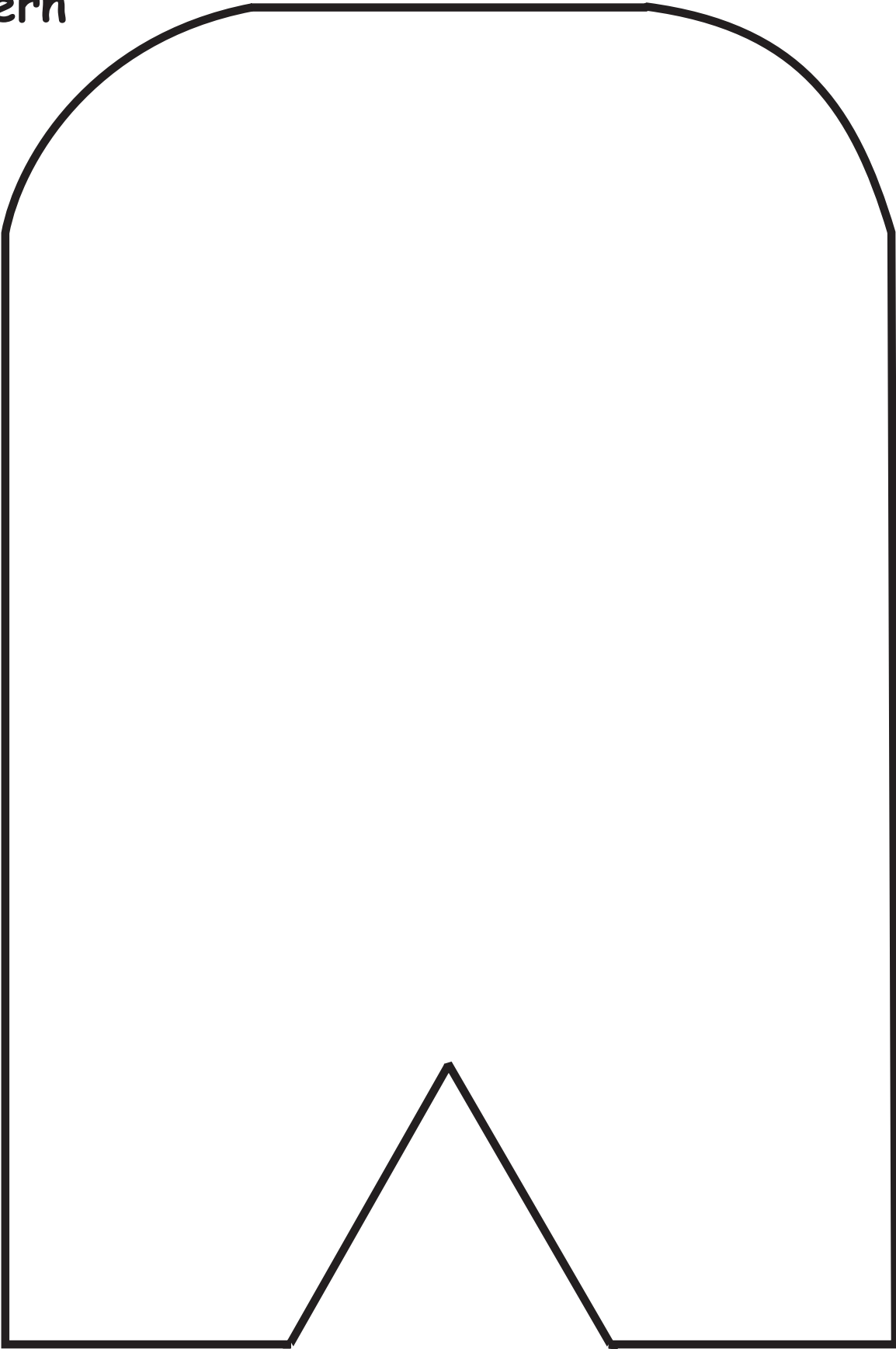
5. For the hands, cut the corners off of the pink square to form circles. Glue them onto the arms.

6. For the legs, glue the yellow rectangles onto the back of the jacket. Draw black stripes on them with a crayon.

7. Use the reserved scraps from the hat and glue them onto the bottom of the legs for the shoes.

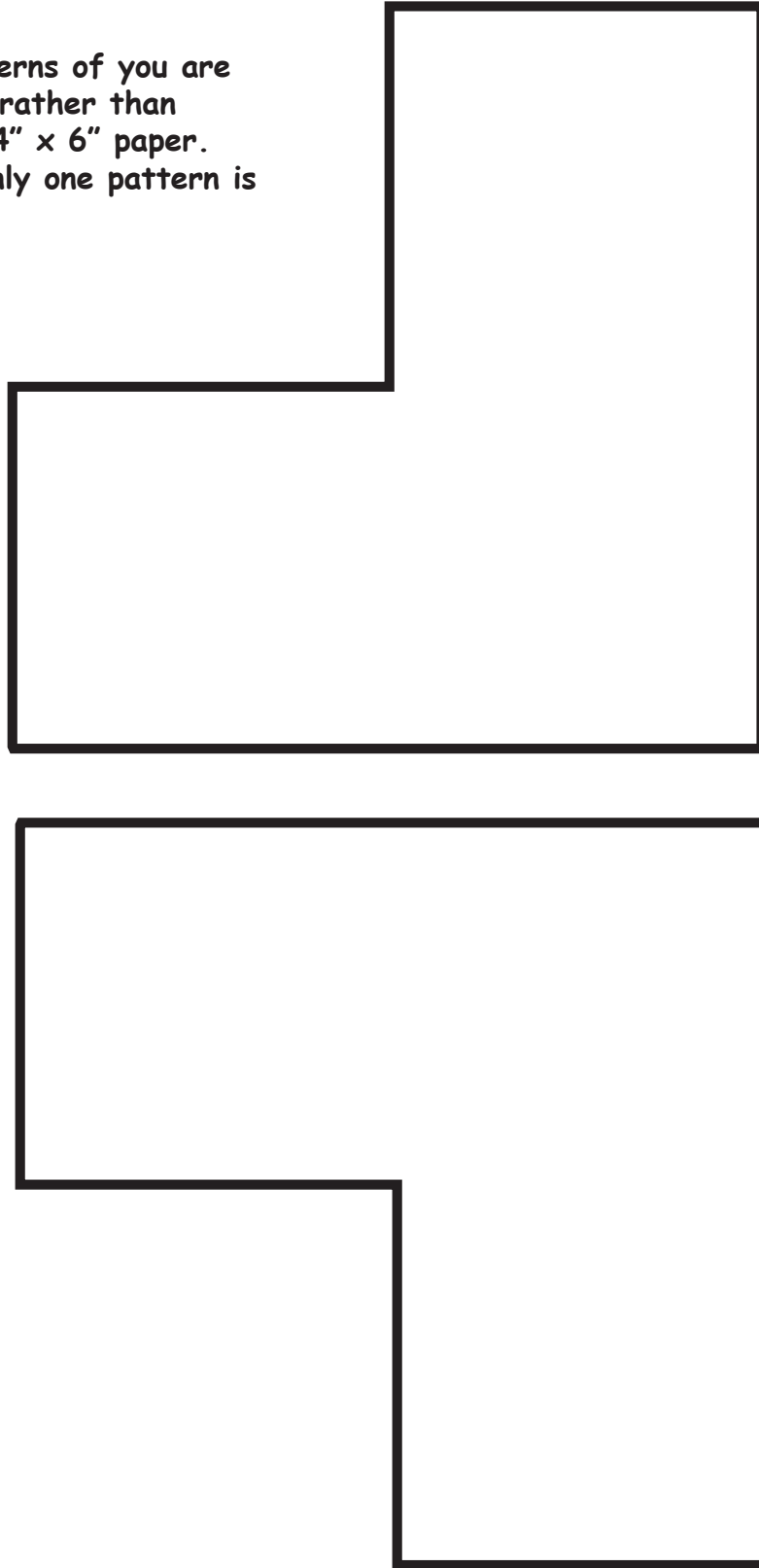


Leprechaun Jacket Pattern



Leprechaun Arm Pattern

(You only need both patterns if you are going to xerox the arms rather than pretrace them onto the 4" x 6" paper. If you are pretracing, only one pattern is needed.)



Leprechaun Hat Pattern

