

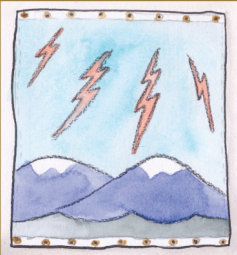
Make your own copy of HERO GIRLS of the FOREST. Here's how:

1. Cut out the eight pages below on the solid lines.

2. Fold each piece in half, with the dotted line on the outside.

3. Nest the pages together in two sections. One section should have pages 1-16 (letters A, B, C, and D) and the other section should have pages 17-32 (letters E, F, G, and H). Make sure the pages are in order!





Here is the sail of Ivy's ship

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not ready for that. I eat a pure carnivore diet.”

Sara took a cookie out of her pack. “Are you sure? Look! It’s perfectly crispy and the chocolate chips are still gooey from the oven. It is the best food in the whole forest.” Sara broke the cookie in half to demonstrate how gooey the

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tummy ache.”

“But I always eat the tiny creatures of the forest,” said the tiger.

“Well, don’t you want to try something new? For example, my favorite food is oatmeal chocolate chip cookies. Have you ever tried them?”

The tiger licked her paw. “I am

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Nº1. Star Bright

Star Bright, the bravest bunny girl, lived in a snug little cabin with her baby sister Twinkles. In their forest home they

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gave her a different kind of soup, really more of a stew. Ivy made them her type of soup and they loved it! They said they had never tasted anything so strange and delicious. Ivy realized that it was all a matter of perspective.

Ivy stayed with the animals

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chips could be. She laid it on a stump near the tiger.

The tiger sniffed the cookie, then licked some of the chocolate, then gobbled it right up! Sara shared some more cookies from her pack. They talked a little. The tiger’s name was Mabel and she was from the other side of the

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played frogball in the golden afternoon. Around dinnertime, Sara packed up some cookies and her frogball, gave Hope a hug, and went home. As she went, she sang a walking song:


Skippy hop skip,
Right left right -
A froggy took a dip
On a balmy night!

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the sisters went to sleep, they could hear the wind whistling and the hailstones thudding on their roof. When they woke up, the windows were dark because snow had covered their whole house!

Star Bright dug a tunnel from their cabin window to the surface, so they could have

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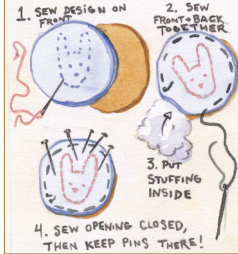
Ivy Benedetto sails the open sea

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said she would bring Mabel more cookies, the next time she made some.


As Sara T. Toad continued home, she considered: “I could have hopped away as quick as a flash! I am definitely faster than any tiger. But I do like to win hearts and minds.”

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The pincushions the sisters made

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Star Bright sets forth

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She walked and walked. When she got to the farthest hills she could see, she found some strange little houses. But there were the same kind of plants and animals and the same kind of soup. The animals there were nice to Ivy. But Ivy was an explorer and after a day or two, she kept on walking.

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Nº3. Ivy Benedetto

Born in a storm by the rocky cliffs of the sea, the goat was a restless girl. Ivy was her name. When she grew up and became

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snow tunnel, put it in her knapsack, and trundled home on her snowshoes.

At home, Twinkles had messed up her pincushion a little and was, in fact, cranky about that. The sisters ate some corn bread. Then they untangled Twinkles’s pincush-

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field. She headed toward the stream, where she could see some treetops sticking up through the snow. It was hard to recognize her oak tree without any leaves or acorns, but Star remembered that its boughs made a fork with four points, and that there was a woodpecker’s house in one of

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4. Fold the cover card along the dotted lines. Then staple the two sections of pages onto the spine of the book.

5. Cut the golden sticker to size along the dotted lines. Then stick it onto the spine of the book, adding the ribbon bookmark between the cover and the sticker, if desired.

6. Read to your dolls and animals about the Hero Girls!

For more detailed instructions with photos, visit our blog: www.hazelvillage.com/blogs/news

found all the food they needed, and their cabin kept them warm and dry. Sometimes in the winter though, a big blizzard would come and make them stay inside.

One winter night, Star Bright and Twinkles heard a blizzard blowing outside their cabin. As

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Just before Sara started the second verse, what should she hear but a growl from behind a bush. It was a tiger! The tiger said, "Oo! ooh! It's a tasty toad! Come here, toad, I will eat you up!"

"Tiger! That is NOT NICE!" said Sara T. Toad. "Moreover, I am slimy and will give you a

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Sara discusses with the tiger

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of the distant land for a few months. And then, what should she find but that she missed her home. So she stocked her boat with food and a cozy raincoat, said goodbye to her new friends, and headed back for the hills of home.



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some light and fresh air. In the dim, snowy morning, the sisters started a craft making animal pincushions. Then Twinkles said she was hungry. But there was no food left in their cabin! Star Bright knew she had a stash of beechnuts and corn buried under the oak tree by the stream, if she

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Nº2. Sara Thomas Toad

Sara went to her friend Hope's house. They baked oatmeal chocolate chip cookies, worked on their drawings, and

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forest.

Sara said, "Mabel, I am happy I met you. Now do you see why you should never eat a helpless creature? The creature might become your good friend and share her favorite food with you, which is not slimy at all!" Mabel purred in contemplation. She shook Sara's hand. Sara

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When the hills of the farthest shore came into view, Ivy anchored her boat. She trotted onto the beach and onto the fresh, green grass. She galloped up the hill and cavorted in the strange greenery. Then she said hello to the animals of that place. They were nice to her and they

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could only get there through the snow.

Star Bright told Twinkles to make up ideas for their next pincushions, and that she would be back in about an hour. She put on her snowshoes and her coziest coat and mittens, and scampered out the tunnel and into the dazzling, snowy

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ion, and worked on their crafts while they listened to the birds chirp in the snow. Later, they made igloos and snow bunnies outside. Star Bright was glad she had planned their food stores so well for the winter. She decided to stash them closer to home next year.



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• MIX 1½ C FLOUR, 1 TSP SALT, AND 1 TSP BAKING SODA IN A LARGE BOWL.
• MELT 2 STICKS BUTTER + MIX WITH 1 C BROWN SUGAR, ½ C WHITE SUGAR, 1 TSP VANILLA, + 2 EGGS.
• MIX TOGETHER FLOUR MIXTURE + SUGAR MIXTURE.
• ADD 1½ C CHOCOLATE CHIPS, 3 C OATS, NUTS IF YOU WANT.
• PUT ON COOKIE SHEET, BAKE AT 350° FOR 10-12 MINUTES.

Sara's oatmeal chocolate chip cookies

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Past the hills, Ivy came to the sea. She bought a boat and set sail for the open ocean. She sailed and sailed. She sang a sailing song:

Oh, a grimy sheep he smells so bad!
Heave away, heave away!
Give him a bath and he won't be sad -
With a splash and a thrash
and a baa doo day!

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the middle points. Star Bright dug down through the snow to the base of the tree. She scraped away the snow and found pebbles she had arranged in the shape of an S, like this:



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The crust of the frozen ground was hard and not great for digging. But Star Bright knew Twinkles was waiting for her and probably getting extremely cranky, so she dug faster. Soon she found the beechnuts and corn, wrapped neatly in an oilcloth bag. She hoisted the bag up through the

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a teenage goat, she went to town and got a job cooking soup for the other animals. She liked to cook and make her friends happy. But she soon got bored cooking soup. Then, she got a job taking care of baby goats and sheep. They were cute, but she got bored watching babies. Then she

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helped the other animals at the library, but she got bored with that too and the dust made her sneeze. Ivy was an explorer. She yearned to know what lay beyond the far hills of the horizon. So she packed her knapsack, gave her mommy and daddy a hug, and headed for the open road.

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