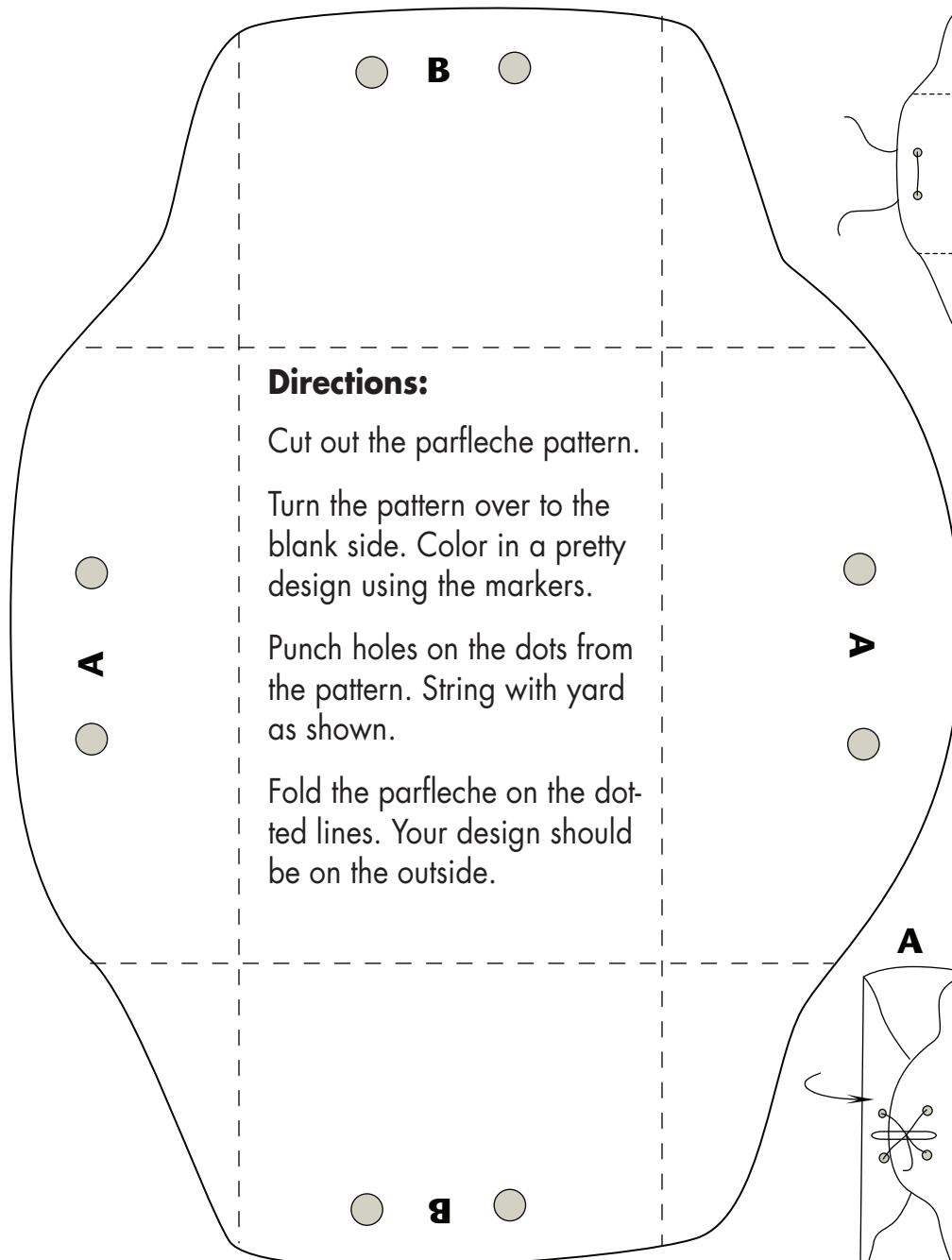


# Parfleche

A parfleche is a large envelope of rawhide used by Plains Indians to pack dried food and other things. Rawhide is untanned buffalo skin. When it is wet it can be bent and molded. For many Indians it takes the place of pottery, wood, and bark. You can make a paper parfleche.

**Materials:** Parfleche pattern, scissors, markers, and yarn or cord



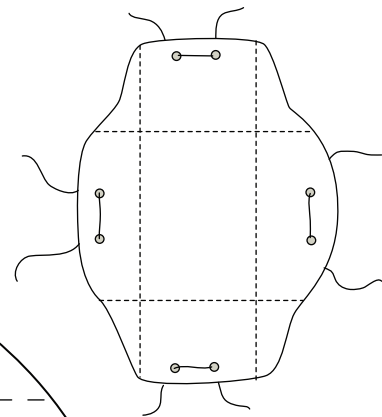
### Directions:

Cut out the parfleche pattern.

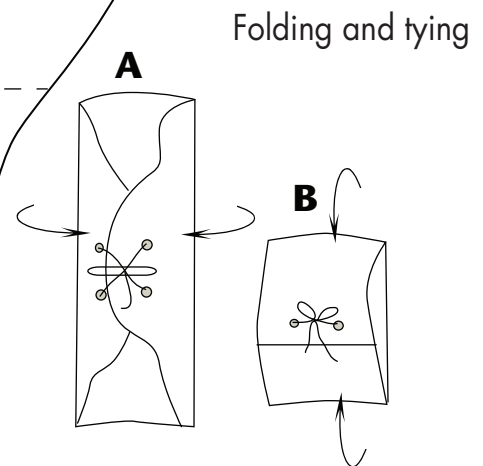
Turn the pattern over to the blank side. Color in a pretty design using the markers.

Punch holes on the dots from the pattern. String with yard as shown.

Fold the parfleche on the dotted lines. Your design should be on the outside.



Stringing the yarn



Folding and tying

Parfleche pattern