

Americana Pride Star Pocket

Approximately 17 inches tall & 14 inches wide.

Supplies:

- Muslin, cranberry and navy blue material
- Paint: Black, yellow
- Small paintbrushes
- Embroidery floss: #738 (light tan/light yellow) and #413 (gray)
- Embroidery needle & Beading needle
- Stuffing
- Card stock
- Mechanical pencil
- 2 Large rusty bells
- Cheesecloth
- Tape
- Sandpaper
- Spanish moss
- Hot glue gun and glue sticks
- Two black seed beads
- Ground Cinnamon
- Twine
- Small twig of red berries
- Two Popsicle sticks
- Optional: See step #9. Small plastic spritz bottle, cinnamon, iron used only for crafts (purchased mine at Goodwill).
- Rusting:** White vinegar, peroxide, salt, paper towels, sprits bottle, and large plastic container.
- Staining:** Instant coffee, vanilla extract, fragrance oil. Optional for staining: Old cookie sheet, rags, wax paper, glass jar with lid.

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Read through all directions before beginning.

For illustrations of the different steps and techniques as well as the stitches visit my "Stitch 'n' Stuff" page on my web site at <http://www.lilliemaescrafts.com>

Star:

1. Front of star: Print off stripe pattern on card stock. Trace 7 cranberry and 7 muslin stripes being sure to place on fold where indicated on pattern. Cut out.
2. Using 1/4 inch seam allowance, pin them all together alternating cranberry with muslin; sew seams.
3. Print off star back pattern x 4 (so that you have 4 of this pattern). Tape together as indicated on pattern. Trace on muslin; cut out.
4. Stain both with recipe and instructions given at the end of these directions.
5. Center this over front of star and pin.
6. Print off all 4 star patterns and tape together as indicated on patterns. Pin to the back of star and trace; do NOT cut out.
7. Sew on traced lines; do NOT leave an opening. Cut out about 1/4 inch away from sewn lines.
8. On center back, cut an opening for turning. Clip curves and turn.
9. At this point I wanted it grubbier. So I loaded a small plastic spritz bottle with stain, sprayed parts of the star at a time, sprinkled cinnamon on top and ironed it dry with an iron that I use only for crafts purchased at Goodwill. I did this over and over until it was as grubby as I wanted.
10. Stuff until full but not stiff.

Pocket:

1. Print off pocket pattern; cut out. Trace on double layer navy blue material being sure to place on fold where indicated on pattern; cut out 2.
2. With right sides together, sew 1/4 inch seam completely around; do NOT leave an opening. Cut out about 1/4 inch away from sewn lines.
3. On center back, cut a small slit for turning. Clip curves and turn.
4. Print out small star pattern and pin to 6 places on pocket as indicated on pattern and in picture. Trace with mechanical pencil. Thread embroidery needle with a double strand of embroidery floss #738 and embroider each star with a back stitch.
5. Stain with recipe and instructions given below at the end of these directions.
6. For a grubbier look, see step 9 under star directions.
7. Pin in place on star about 1/8 inch from edge (see picture) with straight pins. Thread embroidery needle with a double strand of embroidery floss #413 and using a simple running stitch, stitch pocket onto star.

Small Pocket Heart:

1. Print out small pocket heart pattern and trace on double layer muslin. Do NOT cut out.
2. Sew on traced lines; do NOT leave an opening. Cut out about 1/4 inch away from sewn lines. On center back, cut a small opening for turning. Clip curves and turn.
3. Stain with recipe and instructions given at the end of these directions. If you want it grubbier, see step #9 under star directions.
4. Stuff firmly and sew opening shut.
5. Sew rusty bell to center.

Crows (Make 2):

1. Print off crow pattern; trace on double layer muslin; do NOT cut out.
2. Sew on traced lines; do NOT leave an opening. Cut out about 1/4 inch away from sewn lines. On center back, cut a small opening for turning. Clip curves and turn.
3. Stuff firmly and sew opening shut.
4. Attach a small piece of thread to one end of the crow (to hang for drying, see below) and paint crow black being sure not to paint the beak. Let dry thoroughly. Paint second coat if desired.
5. Sand lightly.
6. Paint beak yellow and let dry thoroughly. Paint a second coat if desired. Sand lightly.
7. Print off crow wing pattern and trace on double layer muslin; cut out. Attach a small piece of thread to one end of the wings (to hang for drying) and paint black. Let dry thoroughly. Paint a second coat if desired. Sand lightly.
8. Sprinkle cinnamon all over crow and wings and rub it in.
9. Glue wings in place on crow (see picture)
10. Sew black seed beads in place for eyes.

Americana Pride Banner:

1. Print off banner pattern. Cut 2 pieces of muslin about 2 inches wider on each side than the banner.
2. Using a light box or sunny window, trace the banner pattern only on one layer of the muslin with a mechanical pencil.
3. Put the other layer of muslin underneath this layer and, using a backstitch, embroider "Americana Pride" with embroidery thread #412.
4. Cut banner out.
5. Stain with recipe and instructions given at the end of these directions. If you want it grubbier, see step #9 in star directions above.
6. Glue 2 Popsicle sticks to back of banner to stabilize it.

Finishing:

1. Place a little stuffing in bottom of pocket to fill out.
2. Glue heart in pocket and fill pocket all around heart with Spanish moss.
3. Center the banner on star (see picture) and glue to top of star.
4. Glue crows on either side (see picture).
5. Arrange the red bead flowering.
6. Cut a small piece of twine (for hanger) and glue to top center of star.

Staining Instructions:

Staining Before Stuffing: There are times when I feel I would have more control over how stained my project is if I stained it before it was stuffed. To do this I have an iron, for drying, which is only for craft projects. It is a little travel iron which is easily stored and perfect for both large and small items. Once stained, I lay it on a rag and iron the front, turn and iron the back, etc., and I will do this continuously until completely dry. If I want it grubbier, I will add a little of my stain to a small spritz bottle. Spray the project, sprinkle on cinnamon, and continue to iron again, as above, until dry.

Staining After Stuffed: Line an old cookie sheet with old rags and lay what you're staining here. With a sponge brush or spray bottle thoroughly coat. Bake for 10 minutes at 200 degrees. Check often as this can catch on fire. If you have to bake longer, only bake at 5 minute increments and always KEEP checking the oven. Store left over stain mixture in glass jar with lid for your next primitive project.

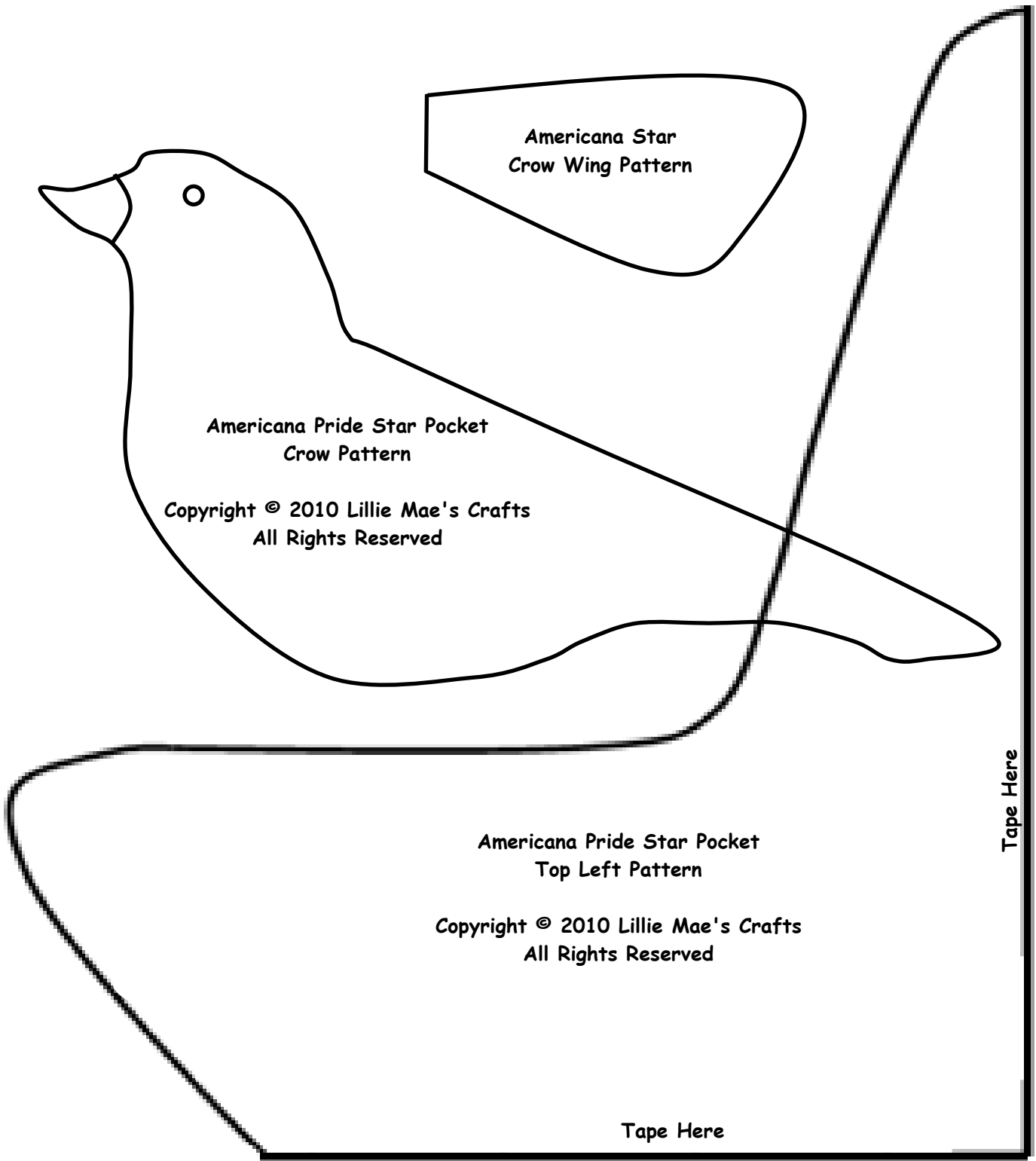
Rusting Recipe: Combine 2 cups white vinegar, 1/4 cup peroxide and 2 tablespoons salt in a large plastic container; soak for 4 hours. Remove to paper towels, spritz with peroxide and spread salt on them. Let sit for another 2 hours. NOTE: This recipe calls for a large container as this recipe foams up pretty quickly.

Hang to Dry: Attach a small piece of thread to one end of your piece. Hang on a wire hanger to dry somewhere where possible drippings will not cause harm; I usually hang mine in the garage. If you have several pieces you need to hang to dry, bend the two arms of the hanger upwards; hand one piece on center top and the other two pieces on the two sides.

You're done with Americana Pride Star Pocket. I hope you enjoyed making it as much as I enjoyed designing it. If you have any problems or questions at all, please don't hesitate to e-mail me or visit my "Stitch 'n' Stuff" page at <http://www.lilliemaescrafts.com>

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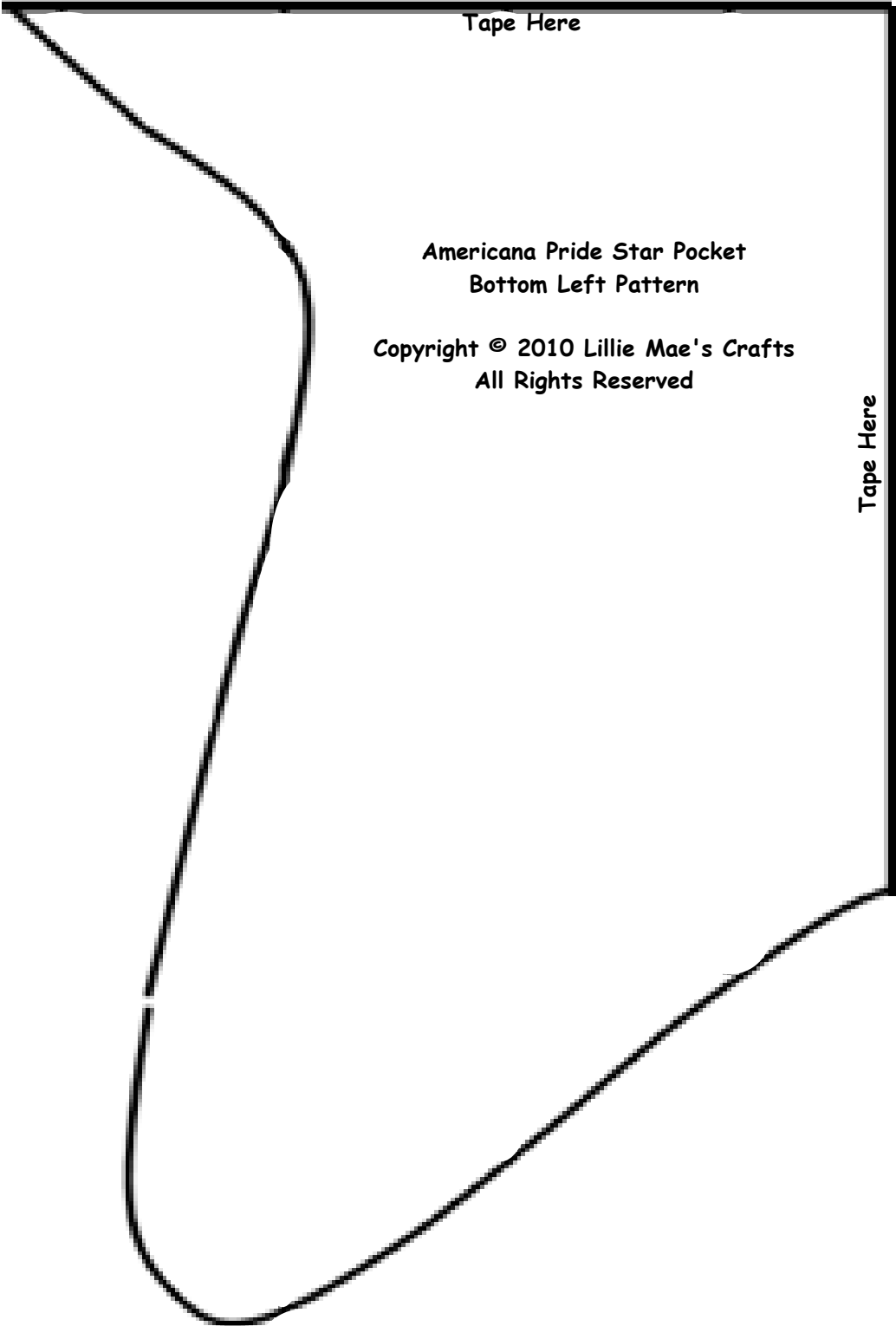
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Top Right Pattern

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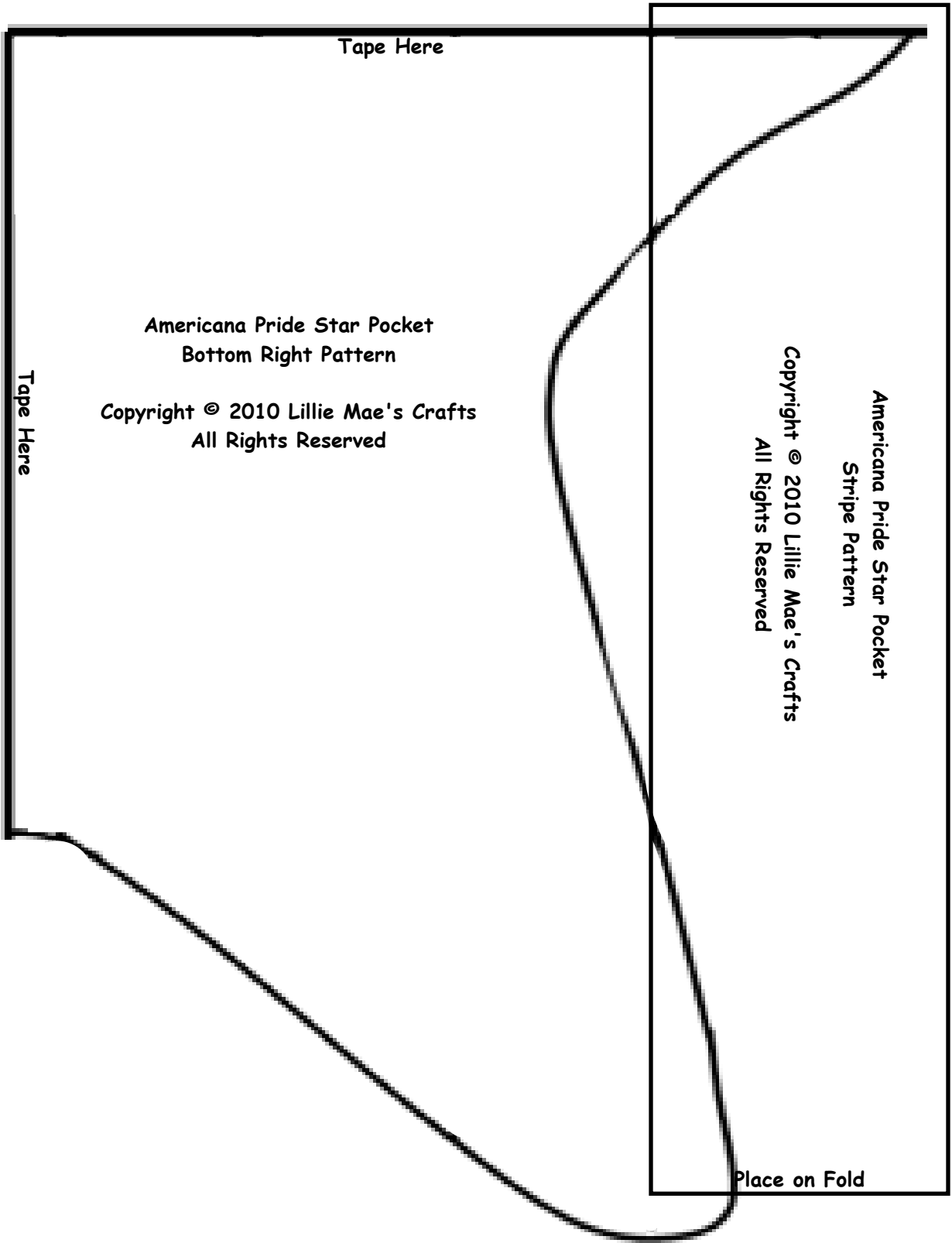


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Bottom Left Pattern

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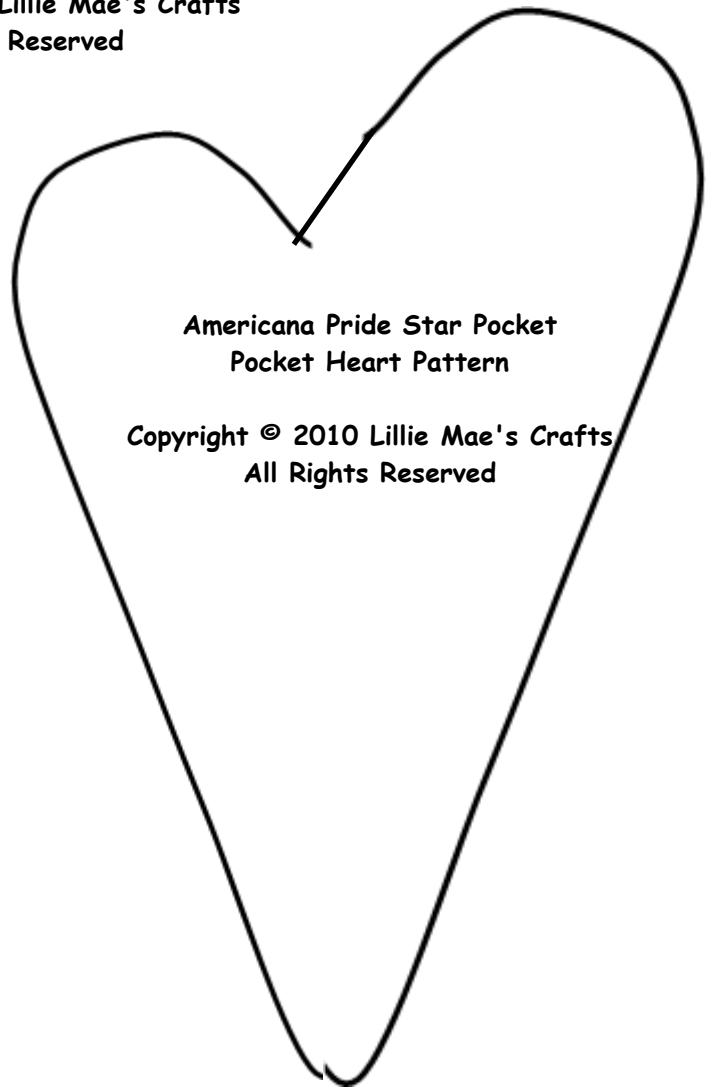
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Stripe Pattern
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Place on Fold

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Star Back Pattern**

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Pocket Heart Pattern**

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