

MoNA

Museum of Northwest Art

Age: Preschool to Kindergarten

Lesson Duration: 1 hour

Subjects: Art, Science & Fun

Build A Barn

A HANDS-ON ART
ACTIVITY DESIGNED BY
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Description

Every year, from 1987-2003, a special art exhibition would take place in Conway, Washington: The Barn Show. A group of artists would display their artwork in a barn for their friends and family to see. Today you will build a barn, create your own paintings and sculptures and host a Barn Show of your own!



This is the original barn where The Barn Shows took place. Photo credit: Lavone Newell-Reim

Materials

- Templates of the barn's sides/roof and picture frames to cut out (included at the end of this lesson)
- Tape
- Kid-friendly scissors
- Pencil
- Crayons, markers, colored pencils or other drawing tools

Instructions

- Watch the [Video of Howard Shapiro](#) to get you started!
- Begin by cutting out the barn template.
- Then, color the sides and roof of the barn. Get creative, you can use any colors and patterns you like!
- Tape the sides of the barn together and carefully cut open the doors.
- Fold the lines on the roof and tape the folded shape to the sides of the barn.
- Using the picture frames, create mini-artworks to decorate your barn.
- Finally, cut out and hang your art display in the barn using tape. Celebrate, your Barn Show is complete!

Step 1) Color



Step 2) Fold & tape

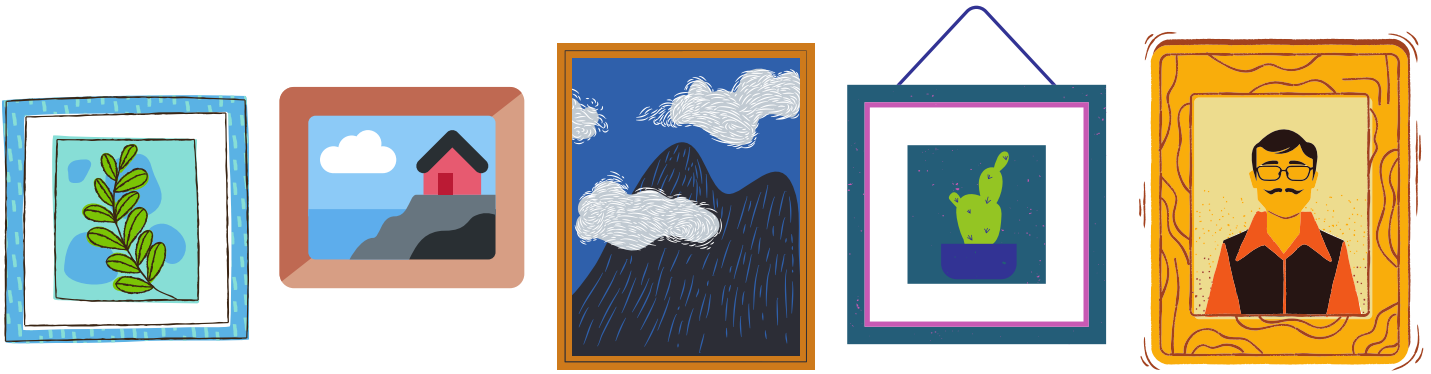


Step 3) Display your art!

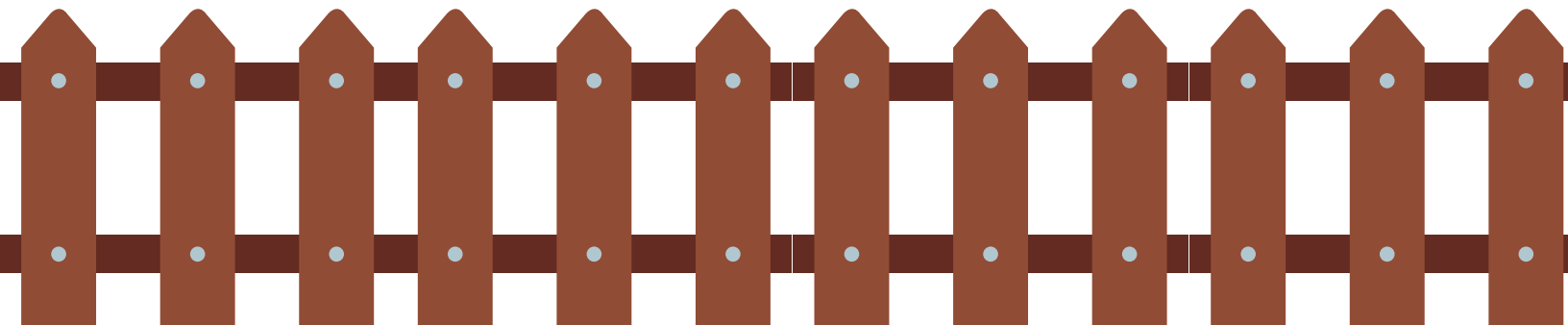


Further Exploration:

Check out [this video](#) to learn more about the Barn Shows, artist [Charles "Larry" Heald](#) and the art-making activity with MoNA educator Howard Shapiro!



Additional inspiration: You can draw animals and people that will visit your art show, or you can cut out these examples as guests to your grand opening!



Washington State Arts Learning Standards

Fulfills **Washington State Arts Learning Standards:**

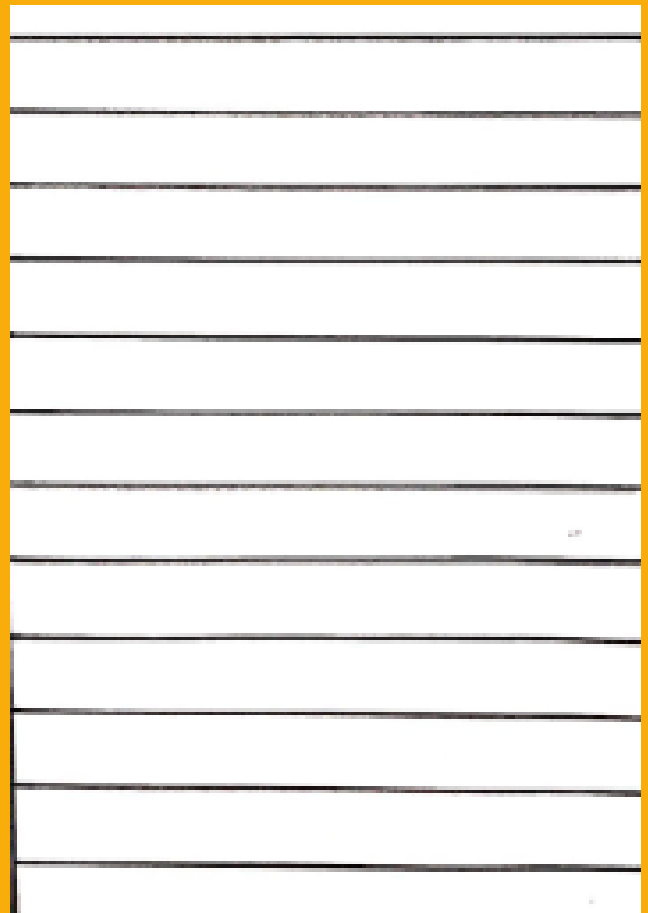
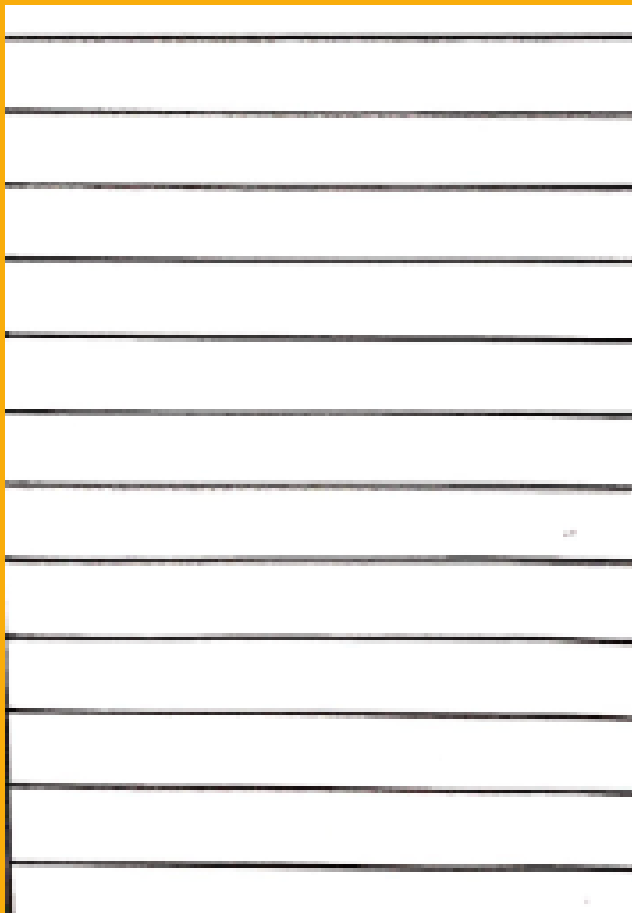
- **VA:Cn10.1.Pk** Explore the world using descriptive and expressive words and art making.
- **VA:Cr1.1.K** Engage in exploration and imaginative play with materials.
- **VA:Cr1.2.Pk** Engage in self-directed, creative art making.
- **VA:Cr2.1.Pk** Use a variety of art making tools.
- **VA:Cr2.3.Pk** Create and tell about art that communicates a story about a familiar place or object.
- **VA:Cr3.1.Pk** Share and talk about personal artwork.
- **VA:Pr5.1.PK** Identify places where art may be displayed or saved.
- **VA:Re7.2.K** Describe what an image represents.



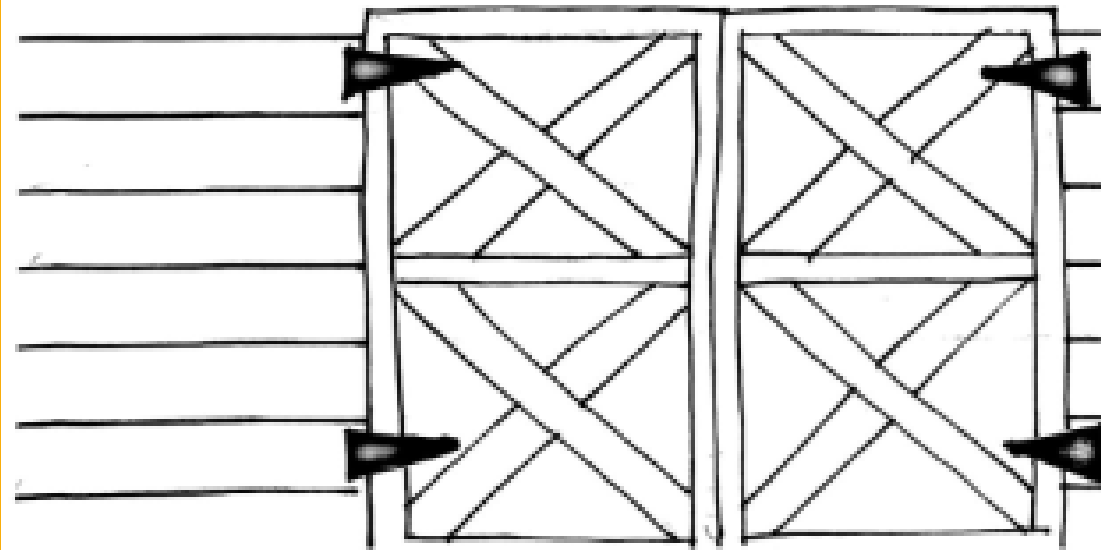
**Don't forget to send a picture of
your finished art work to the
museum for sharing at
education@museumofnwart.org**



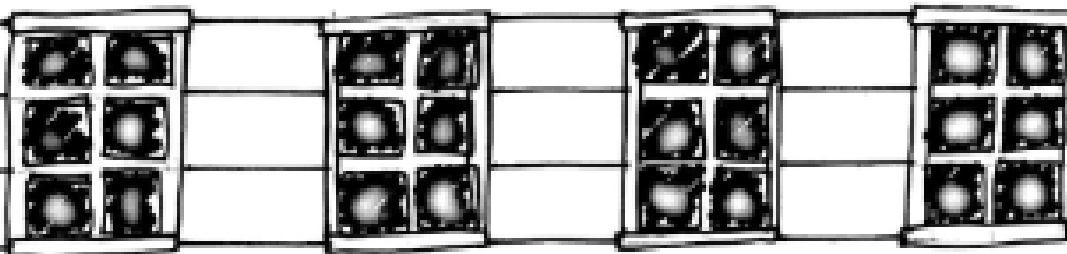
**Here are all the templates
you need to create your own
barn. Grab your scissors and
have fun!**

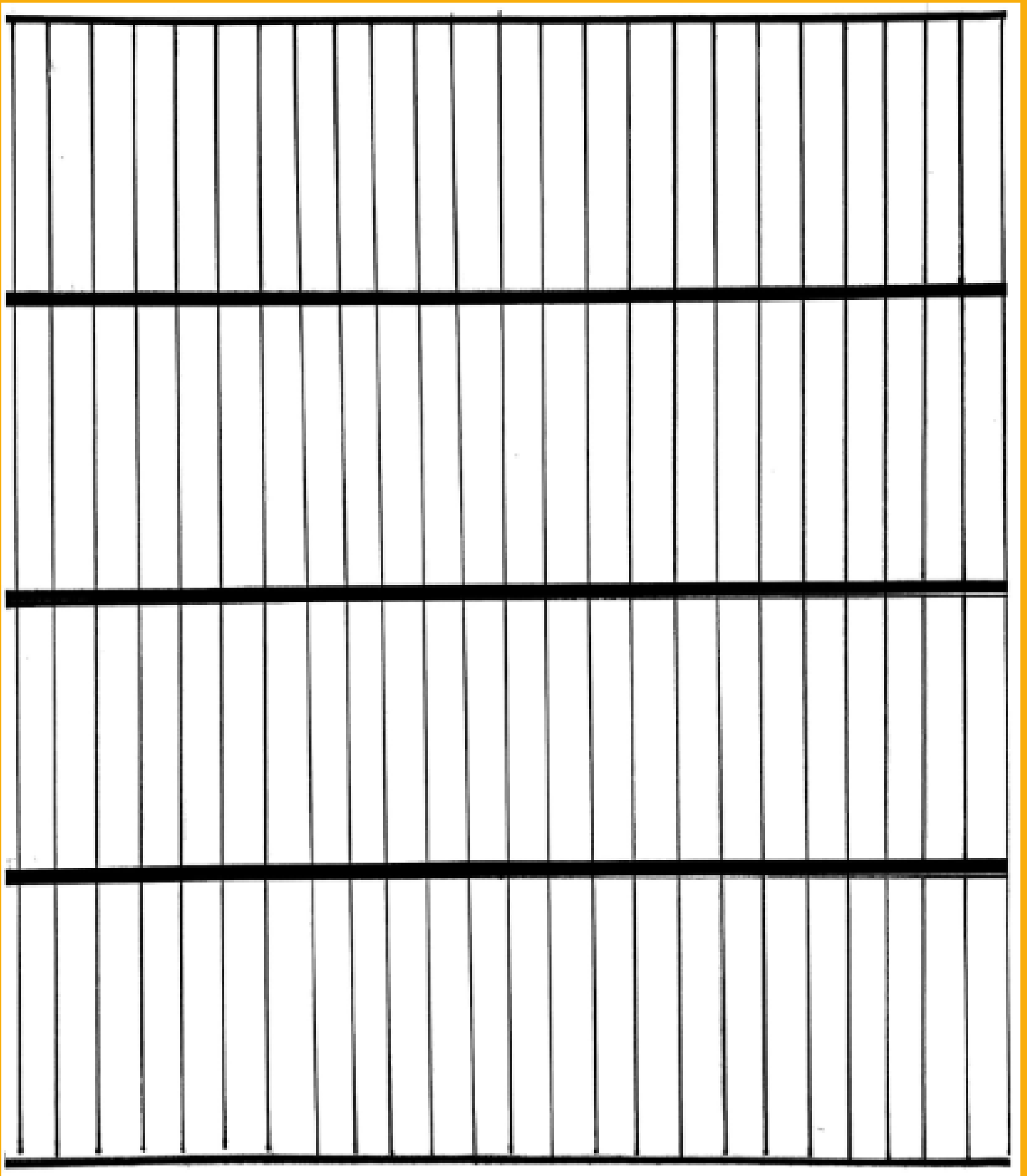


Cut these pieces out to make the sides of your barn.

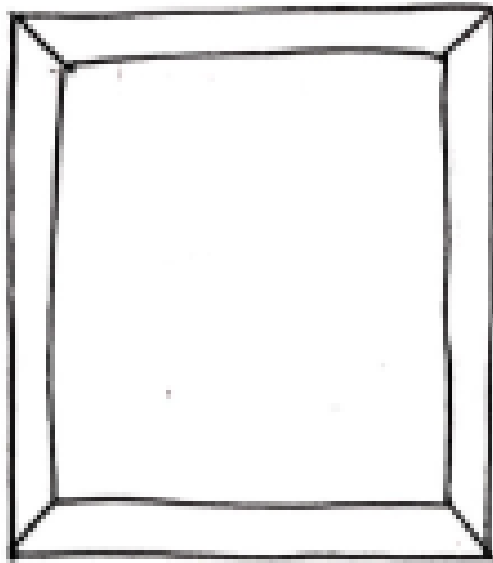
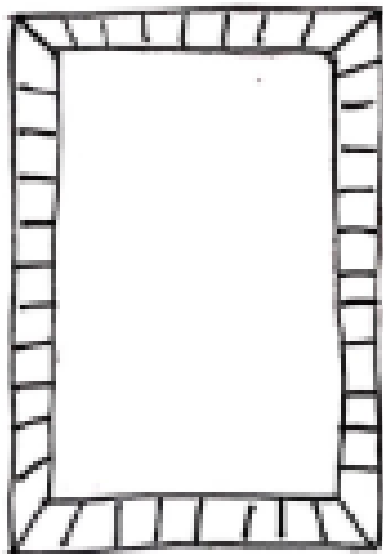
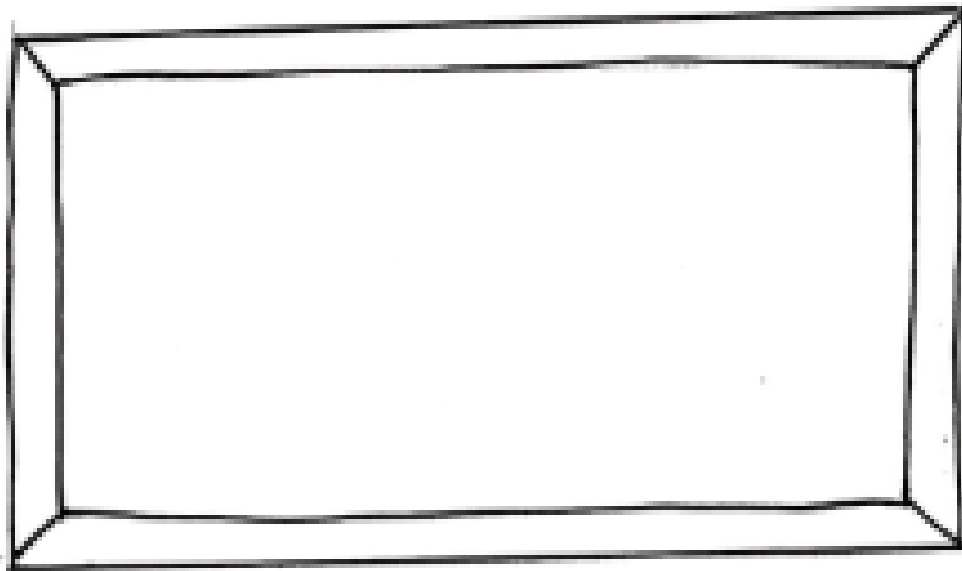
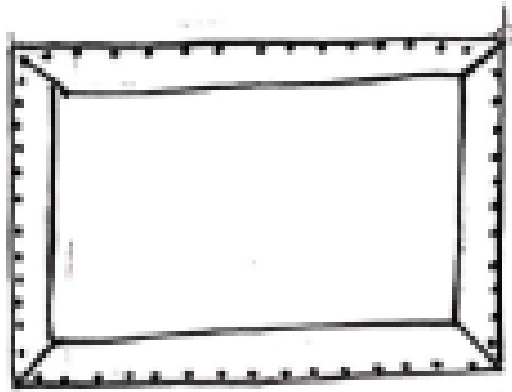
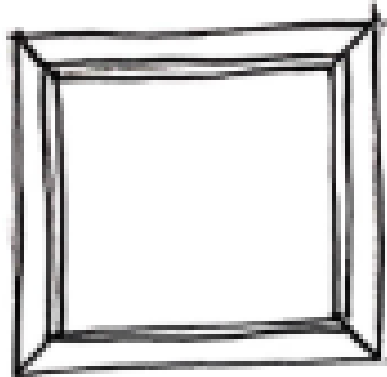


Cut these pieces out to make the front and back of your barn.





Cut this piece out and fold along the thicker lines to make the roof of your barn.



**Cut these out
and create
some art to
hang in your
barn!**