Carcassonne Paper Castle

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Complete packet to make the Carcassonne paper castle including:

- Step by Step instructions with pictures
- 7 pages of actual castle parts in color
- Alternate version uncolored so you can color it yourself

Print it up and put it together. All you need is card stock heavy paper, scissors, glue, and a ruler.

This is a pretty simple build. You don't need any particular paper working skills to make this castle. I recommend it for adults or children age 12 and up. Or someone younger with the help of an adult.

Overview

This paper castle is based on the actual medieval walled town of Carcassonne France. It is commonly simply referred to as Carcassonne.

The whole thing fits on a single standard sheet of printer paper. But I recommend you use Card stock for this project. I used 110 pound card stock. This card stock will fit in your printer just like printer paper. But it is thicker and will make for a better and more durable castle. It is also easier to work with.

- 20 sheets of 110 pound card stock on Amazon: https://amzn.to/3NdN3Bc
- 250 sheets, I have bought this one many times on amazon: https://amzn.to/4a35ZMM

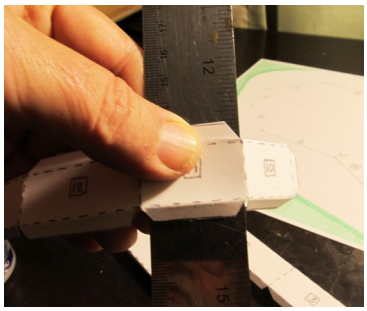
110 pound card stock comes in packages just like printer paper and it is available in every Walmart or online. To save money you can go with a lighter card stock. 90 pound is quite good too.

Recommended tools and techniques.

Glue - You can use any glue that is suitable for paper. And you can use glue stick. These all work very nicely. My preference, and what I use is a tacky glue. Beacon 3 in 1 glue is my glue of choice. Beacon 3 in 1 on amazon: https://amzn.to/3RrCInL (it's also on the shelves in Walmart).

Scissors and Hobby Knife - Any pair of craft scissors will be okay for this project. If you have a pair of small, accurate scissors it makes the work much easier. There are some moderately small pieces in this project. I use a pair of Ionic 5" Micro serrated scissors. These are spectacular. The exact ones I use daily are on amazon here: https://amzn.to/3T5AKux

A hobby knife or x-acto knife will come in handy for this project.



A metal straight edge or ruler is a really good tool for this project; both for cutting straight lines and for folding the paper along straight creases.

Saving Ink in your printer

You can save printer ink by only printing the pages you need for the castle. You can read the instructions on your computer without printing them up (Instructions are pages 1 - 14).
And there are two versions of the printed parts. The first version is full color and ready to go.
For the **full color version** print pages 15 thru 21.

This booklet also includes a full version of the paper castle that is black and white. You can color in the parts any way you like - for fun and for your own custom Carcassonne. This also saves on printer ink.
For the **colorable black and white version** print pages 22 thru 28.

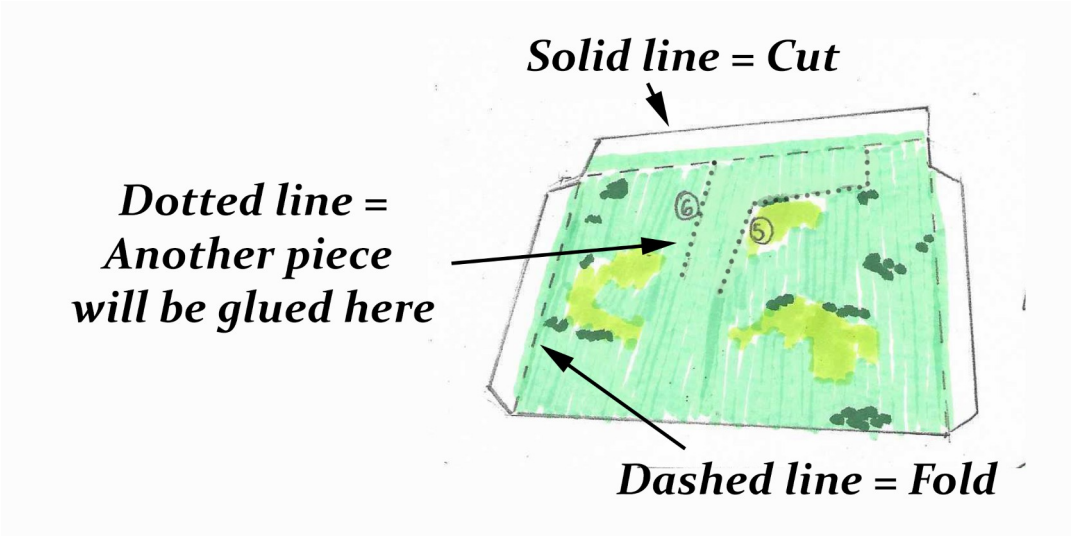
Simple assembly rules

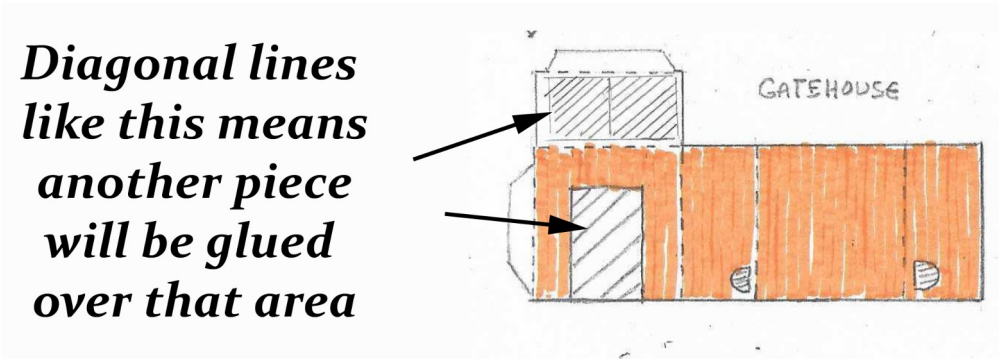
Solid lines are where you cut.

Dashed lines are where you fold.

Dotted lines show where another piece will be glued to.

Diagonal lines in an area means that area will have another piece glued over it.





Let's Get Started

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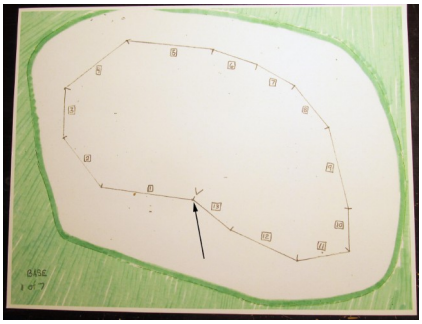
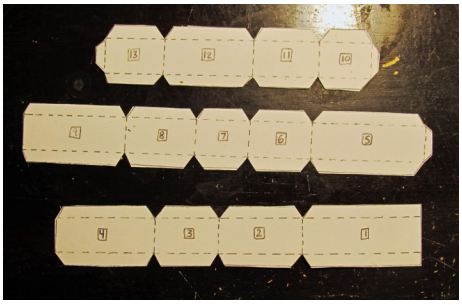
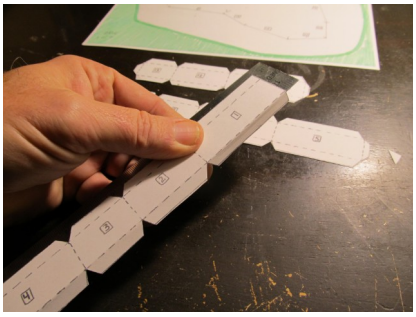
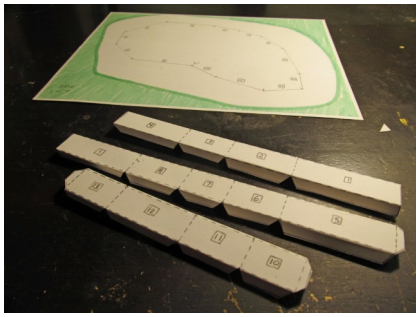


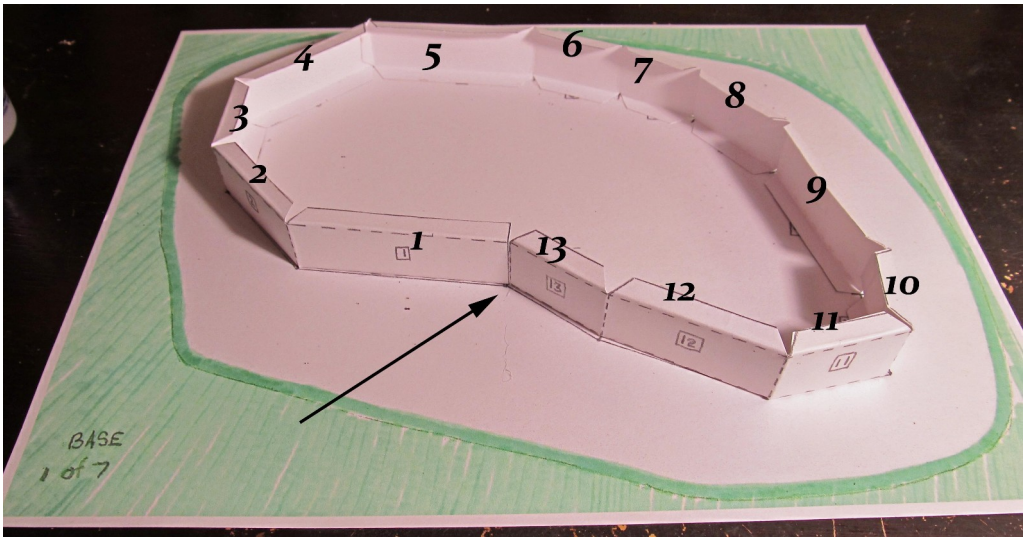
Cut out the three standoffs on page ****
And fold them, using a straight edge or ruler along all the dashed lines.







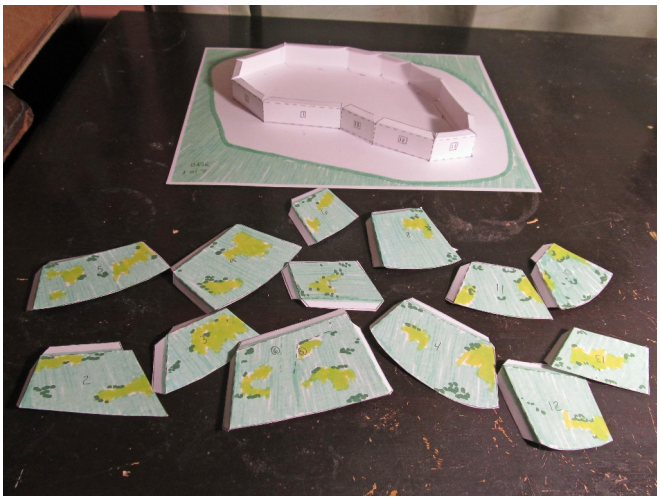
Glue them to the base page. The arrow in the picture shows you where to start. This is where the section labeled 1 begins. Go all the way around the line on the base in order.

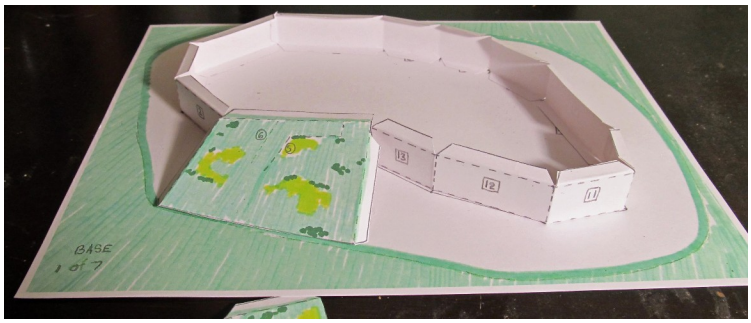


Let's add the hills around the castle.

We follow the same process as we did with the standoffs. Cut out the 13 hill parts. Fold them along the dashed lines then glue them to the tops of the standoffs - starting at "1" and working your way around all the way to 13.

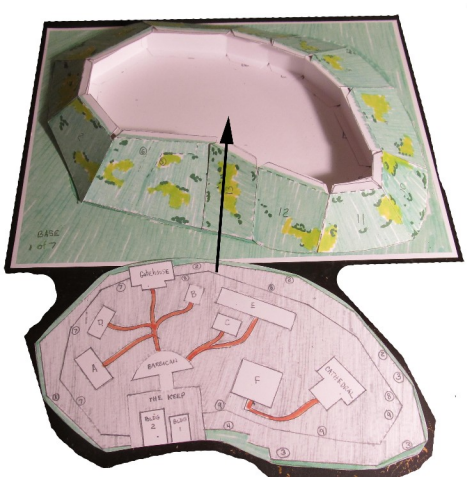
The flaps of the hill glues right to the flaps on the top of the standoffs
This next picture shows the 13 Hill parts have been cut out and folded/creased along the dashed lines.

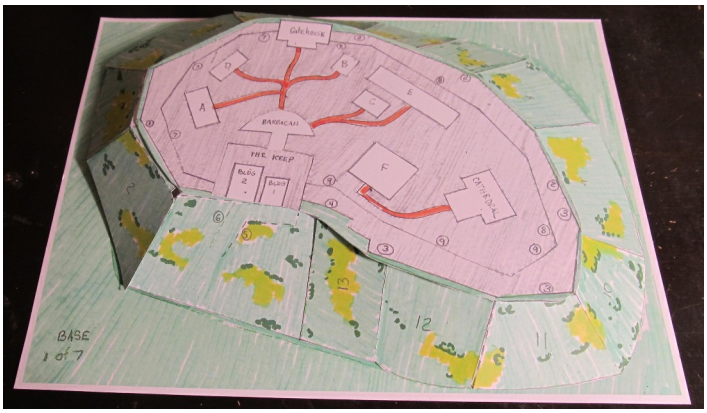




Each of the thirteen hill pieces has a number written on it. When you glue them to the standoffs alway orient the piece so that written number is upright and readable as normal. It will not be sideways or upside down as you see it.

Cut out the top platform on page XX XXXX.

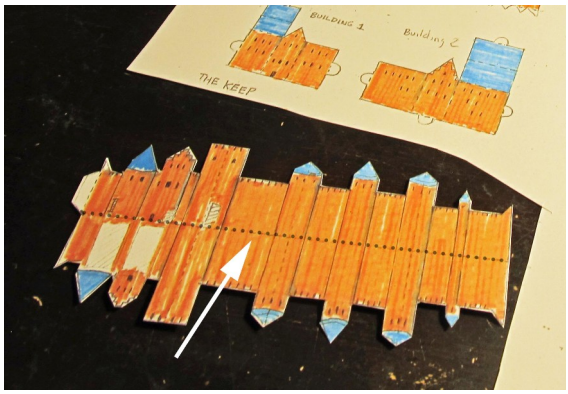


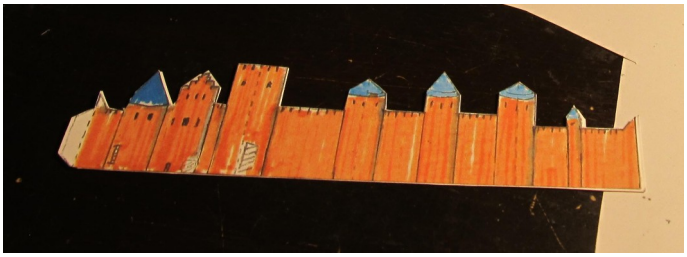


Now let's have some real fun and start building and adding the various castle pieces!

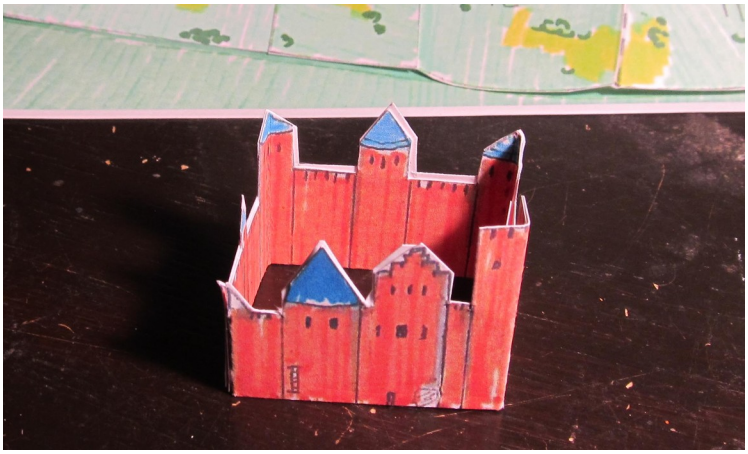
Cut out the castle keep as you can see in the next picture.

In the picture there is a white arrow showing you a dotted line going right across the whole keep. In the packet you printed up that is a dashed line which means it is a fold line. Fold the whole thing right along that line and glue it. The second picture shows how it will look after folding and gluing.

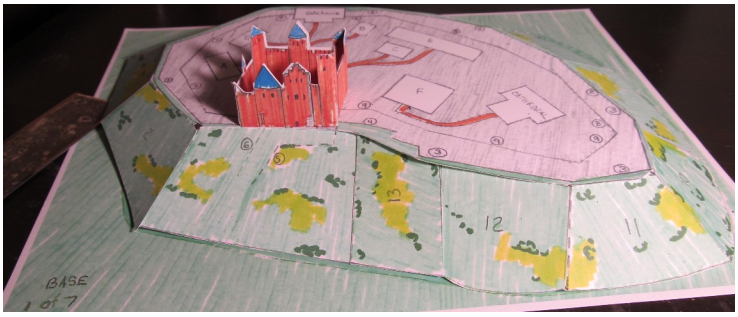




On the keep there are three vertical dashed lines. Fold on those lines, forming the keep into a rectangle. Glue it.

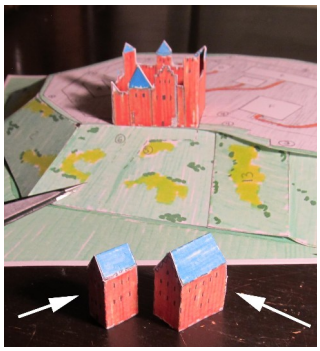


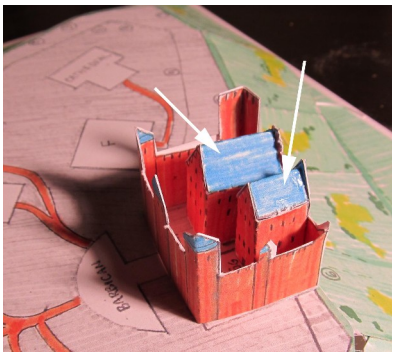
Glue that castle keep right to the top of the mountain.



Hey! Look at that! You have cleared the mountain top, figured out your design and blueprints, and have built your keep and put it on top of the mountain! You are officially a castle builder. Let's continue!!

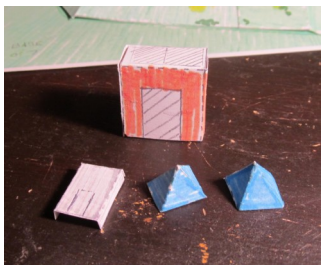
Cut out buildings 1 and 2. Fold and glue them. Then glue them into the keep. Now you, as the king or queen has an actual place to sleep :)



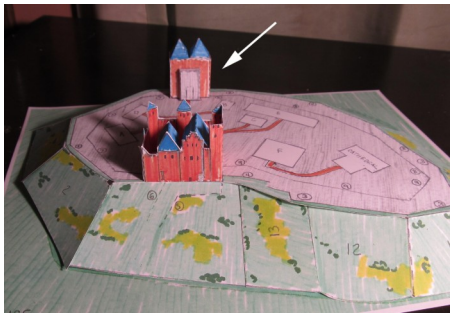


The Gatehouse

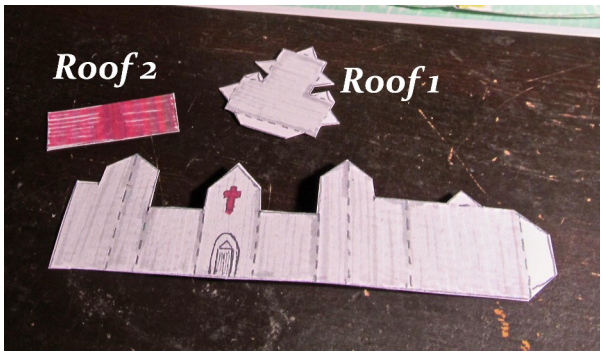
Cut out the four pieces that make up the gatehouse. Fold and glue them as you see in this first picture. Then glue the blue roofs and the doorway onto the gatehouse as you see in the second picture.



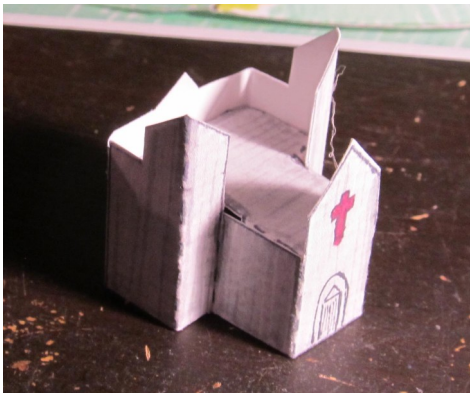
Then Glue that assembly to the mountain top.



The Cathedral

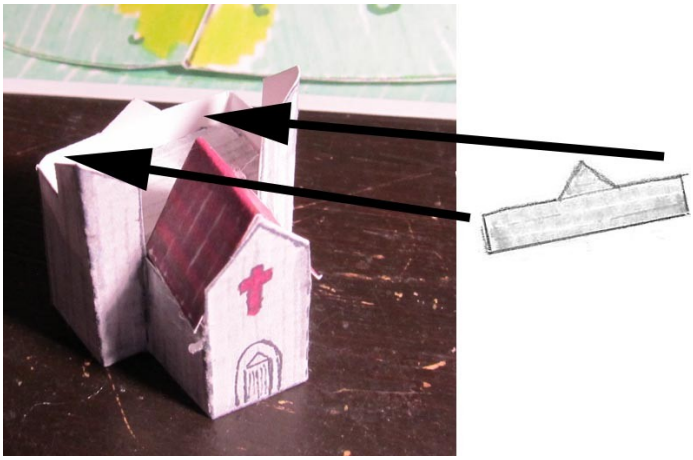


Cut out the three parts that make up the cathedral.

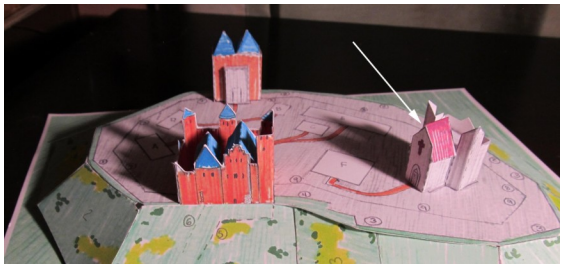


Glue the body of the cathedral around roof 1 like you see here.

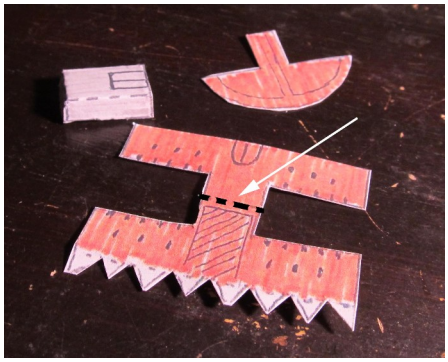
Then glue the red roof (roof 2) in place. And there is an additional piece not previously shown in this tutorial. It is gray in color. Cut that out and glue it in place like the black arrows show here.



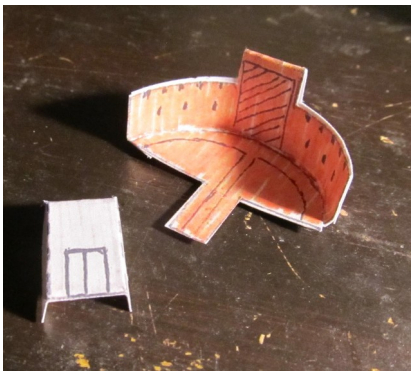
Glue the cathedral into place.



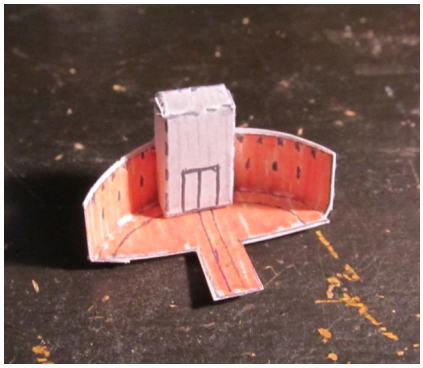
The Barbican



Print up the three pieces that make the Barbican. Notice the dashed line in the center of the large piece. That is a fold line. Fold that piece over on that line and glue it firm together.

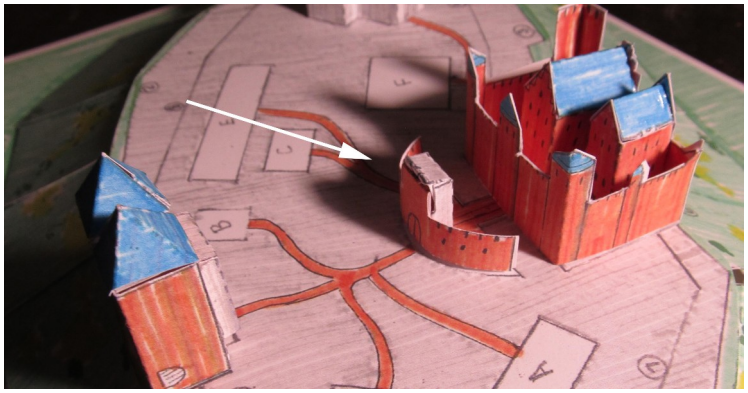


That piece you folded over and glued can now be glued to the circular piece - using the triangular tabs. and fold/glue the gray doorway.



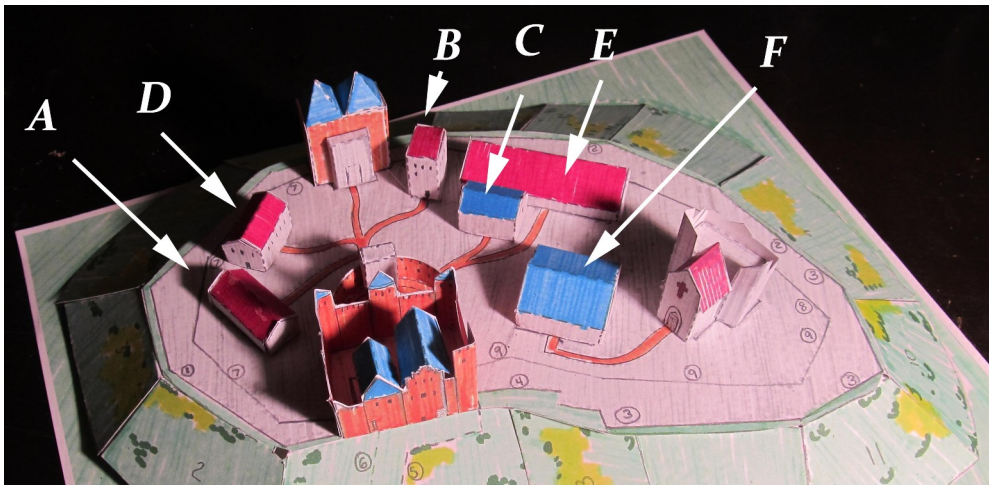
Glue that gray doorway into the barbican like this.

Glue it into it's place within the castle grounds. You now have a fortified barbican to protect your keep,



Placing the small buildings. There are six of them.

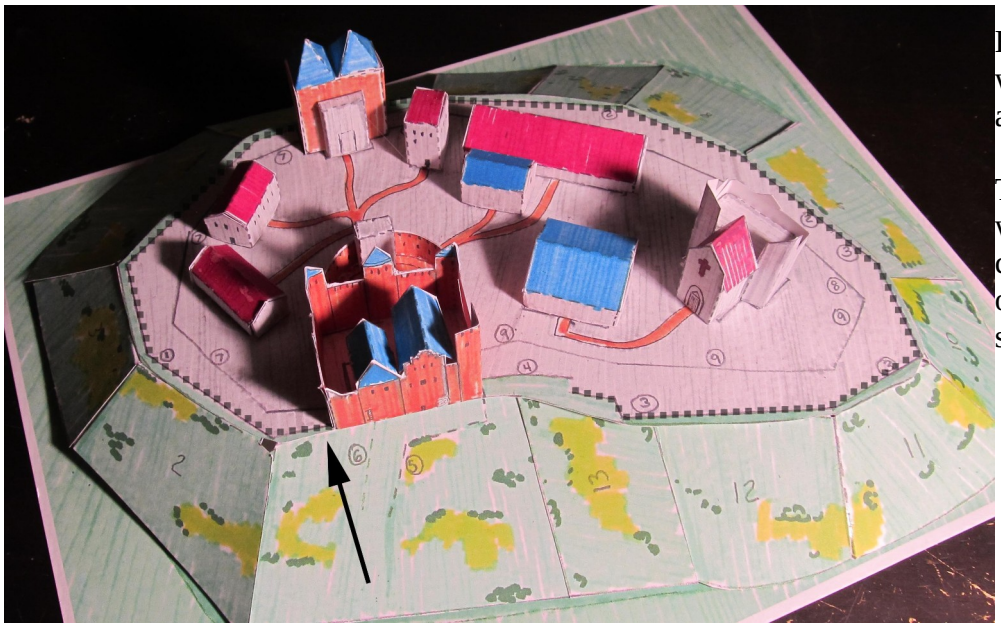
Each one of these buildings is a single piece that is cut out, folded, and glued, into a building shape. They are labeled A thru F but just for fun we will give them fancy medieval names. They are the blacksmith, the cooper, the cartwright, the potter, the weaver, and the gongfarmer.
If you don't know what a gongfarmer is you should look it up :) You will be hilariously surprised.



The Walls

There are two sets of walls that go all the way around the whole castle grounds -an exterior wall and an interior wall. We will start by placing the exterior wall . Note the next picture. The dotted line on the picture shows where the wall will be glued into place. Although your paper castle doesn't have a dotted line. It has a solid line. We will start the building of the wall right on the side of the keep. The black arrow shows where to start.

Notice also that this wall doesn't quite go all the way around and back to the keep. It fall short about an inch. That's correct.



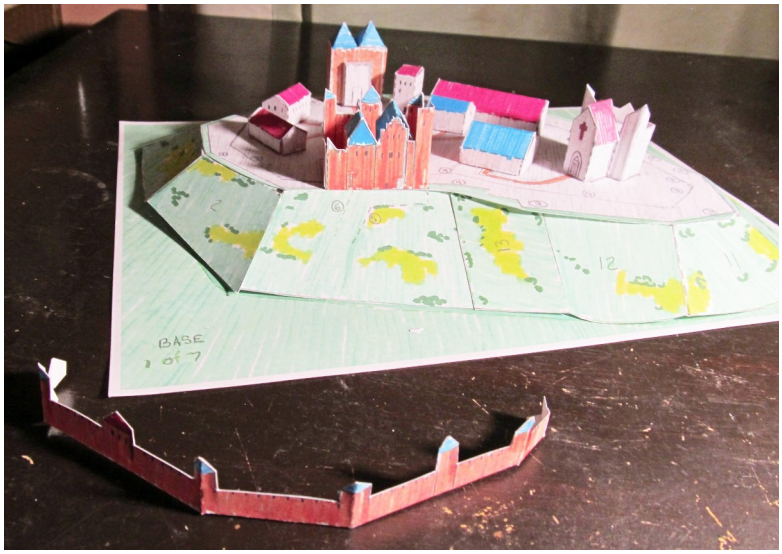
Exterior walls 1, 2, and 3

These castle walls are colored on only one side. That is

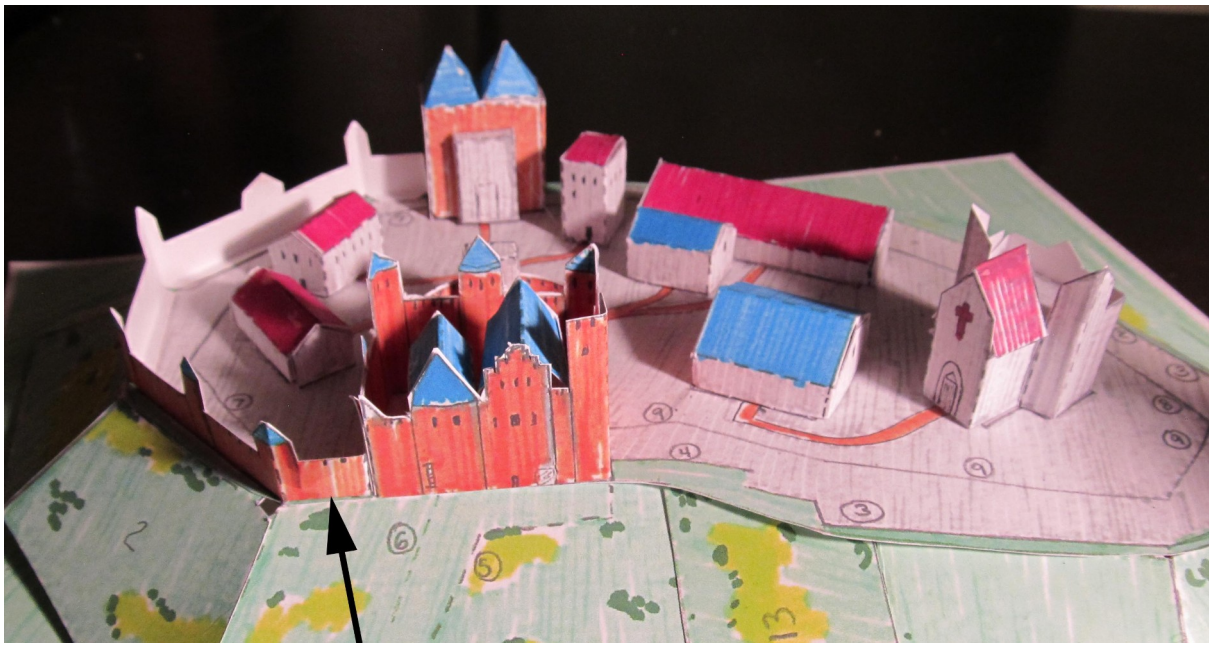
by design. The colored side will face out. The blank white side will face in toward the center of the castle grounds.

Do these three sections one at a time. Do not cut them out all at once.

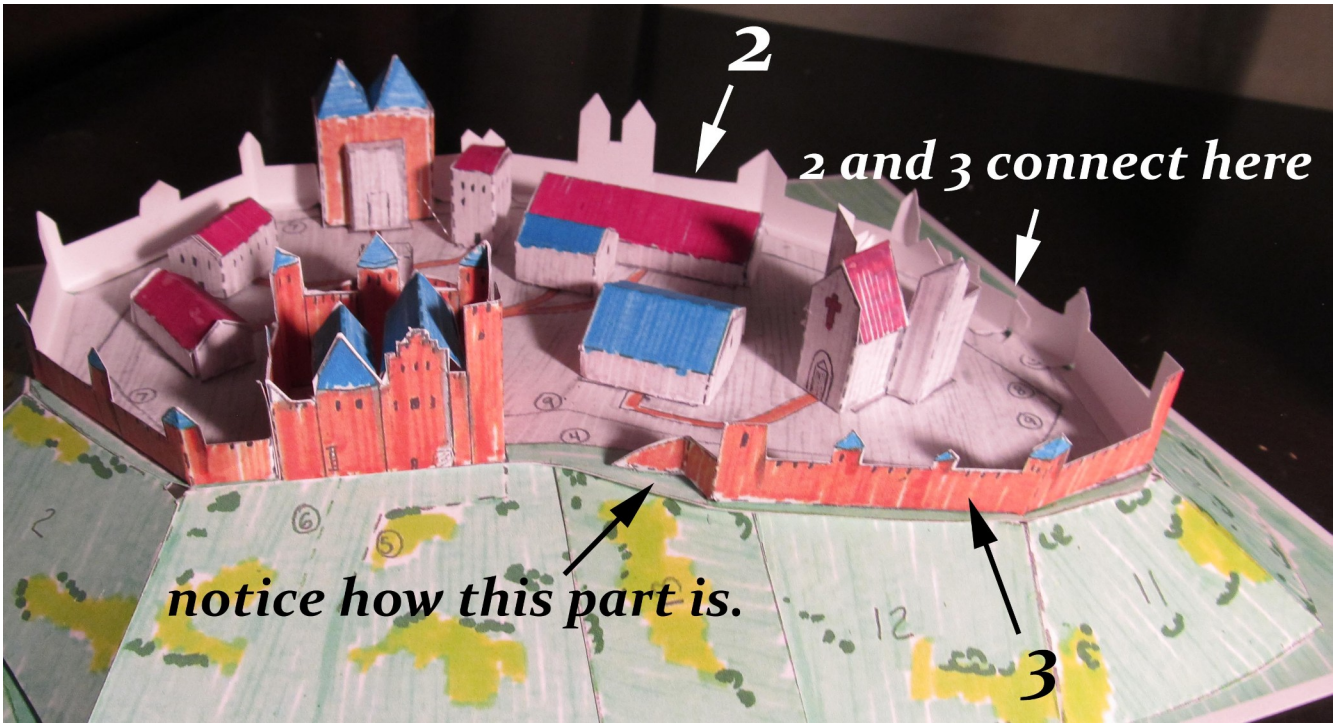
Cut out exterior wall 1.
Crease it on the dashed lines.



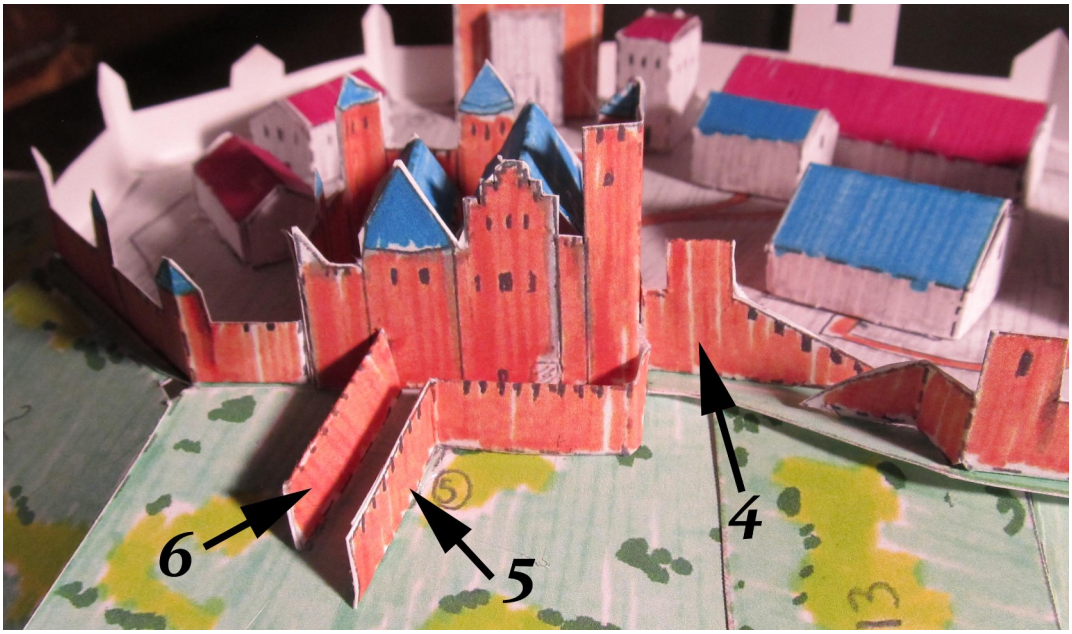
Glue it into place. This piece extends from the keep all the way to the gatehouse.



Next cut out exterior wall 2, crease it on the dashed lines, and glue it in place - starting at the other side of the gatehouse and continuing around.
Then cut out exterior wall 3, crease it on the dashed lines. Attach it to wall 2 and continue it all the way around to the front. gluing it down to the base.

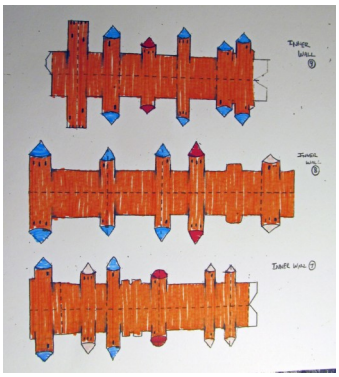


Next place the wall parts 4, 5, and 6. These parts are double sided. You cut each one out, fold it on the dashed line and glue it. This way both sides show color.

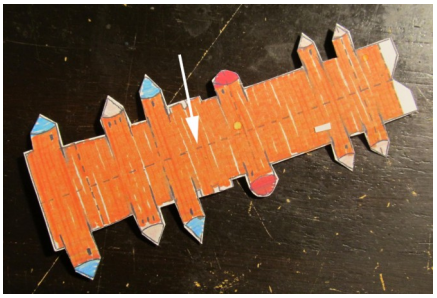


I think it is pretty amazing what you have built so far! We have a full fledged walled medieval city. And there is only one more thing to do. It needs an interior wall that goes all the way around. This gives our castle an amazing amount of defense. If enemies manage to break though the outer wall they still have to get through another wall - the interior wall.

The interior walls

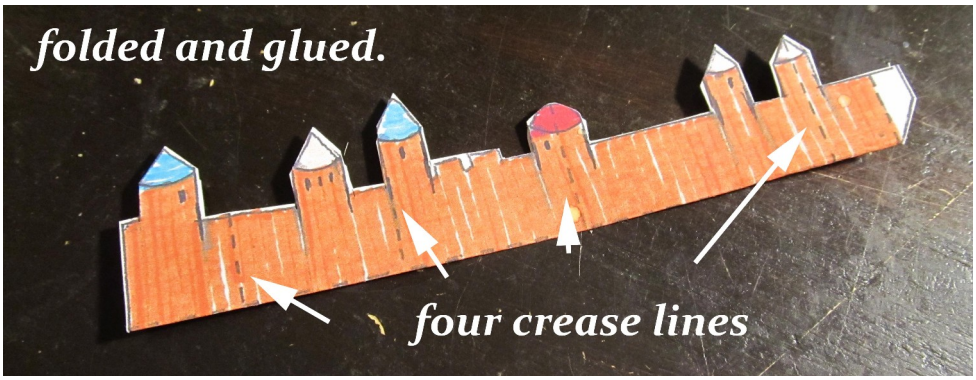


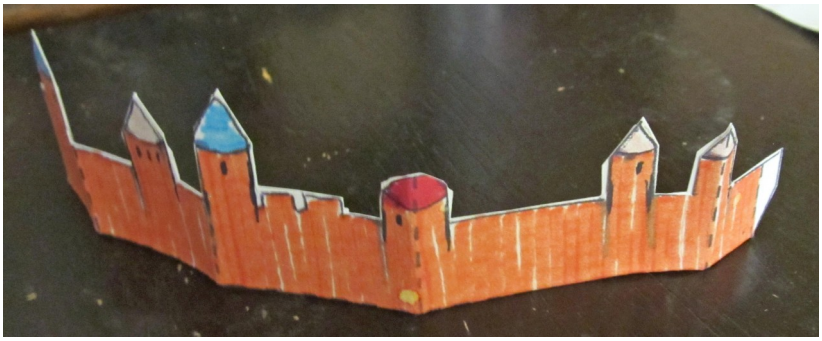
There are three sections that make up the interior walls. These are double sided so they will have color both on the inside and the outside. Just as you did with the exterior walls you should do these one at a time.



Cut out interior wall 7

Fold it along the center line (the white arrow shows the center line) And glue it to itself.

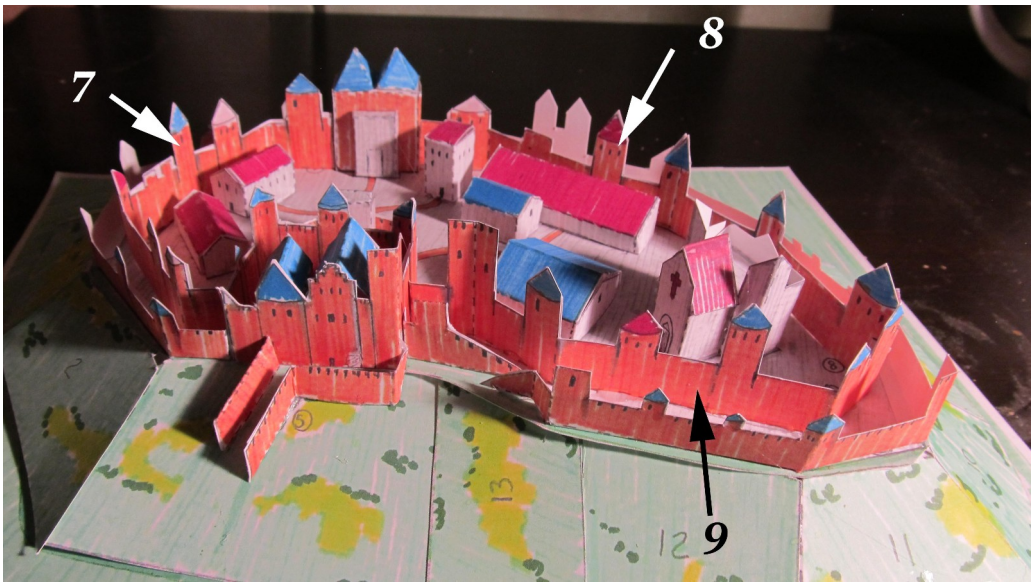




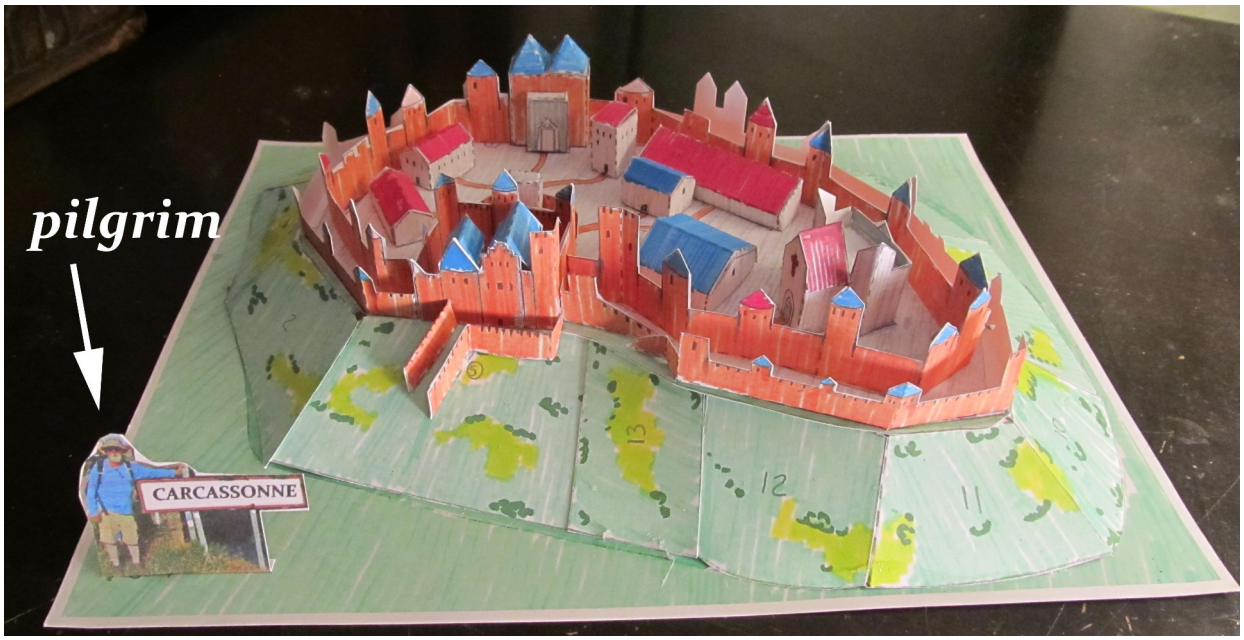
Glue it into place. (interior wall 7) It attaches to the left side of the keep and to the left side of the gatehouse.

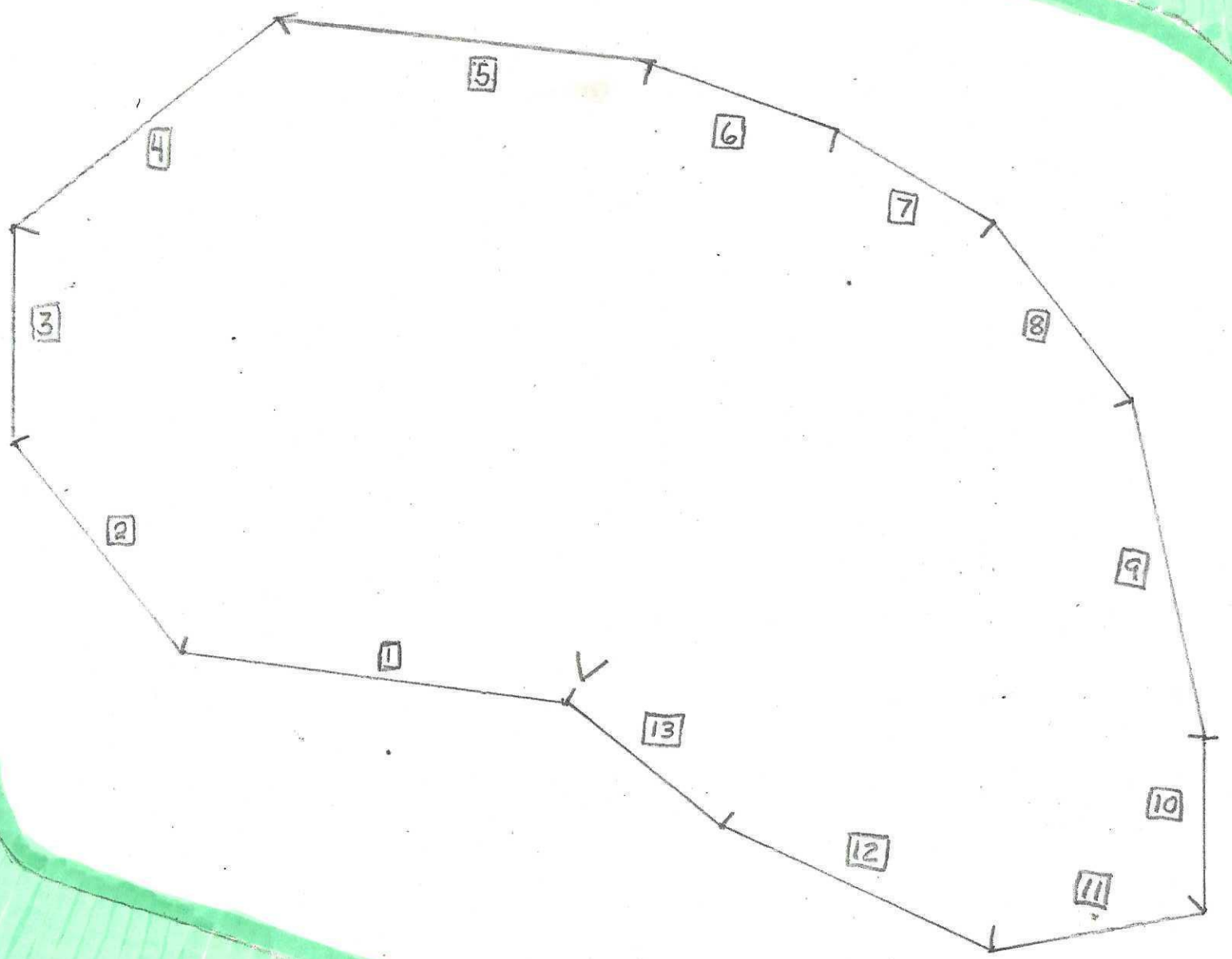
Repeat this exact process with interior walls 8 and 9.

One at a time cut them out, fold and glue along the center line so they are colored on both sides. Then crease along the vertical creases and glue them into the castle. 8 starts at the right side of the gate house and extends almost to the sharp turn. 9 attaches to 8 and continues around to finally attach to the right side of the keep.



And that's it! You have built a medieval walled city out of paper. Just one more thing. Let's add our pilgrim. Cut Will out, fold him on the flap, and glue him to the front hill.





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CARCASSONNE

Hills Around Carcassonne

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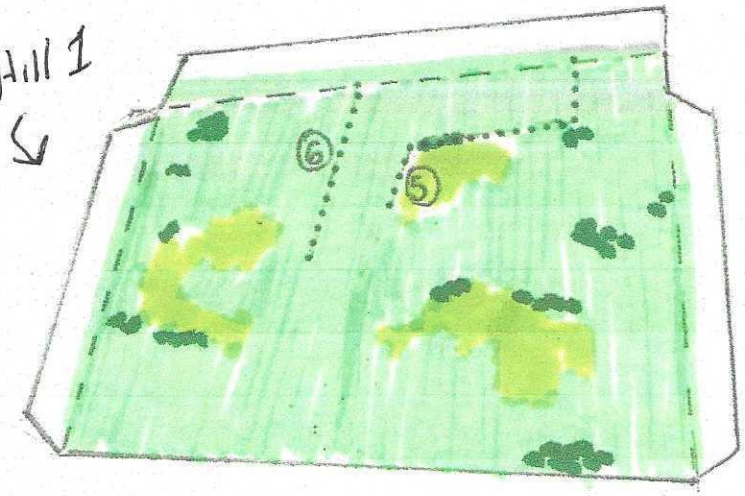

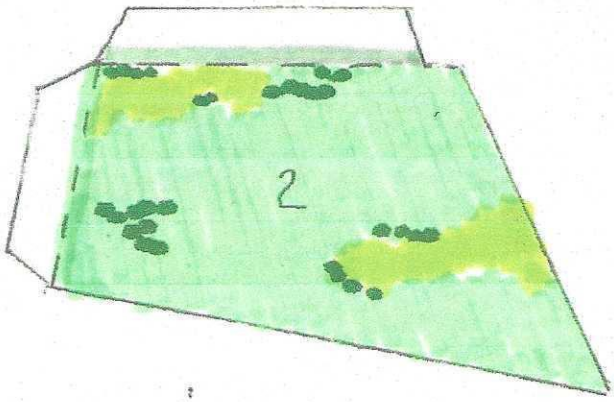

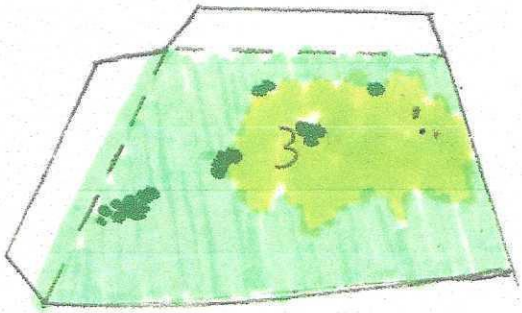

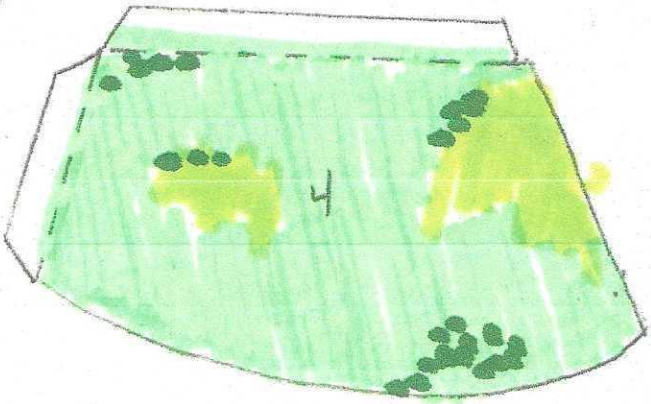

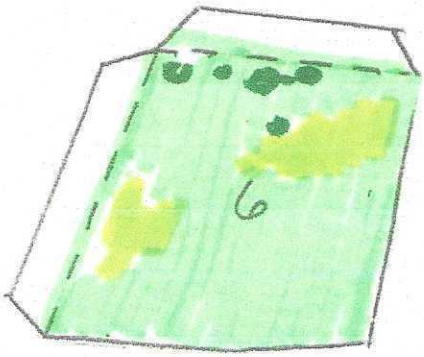

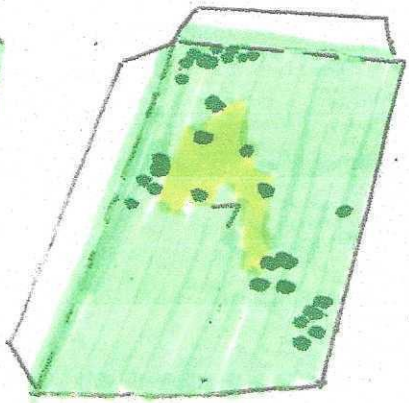

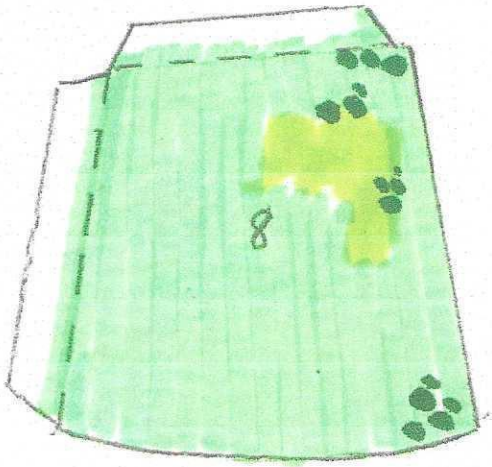

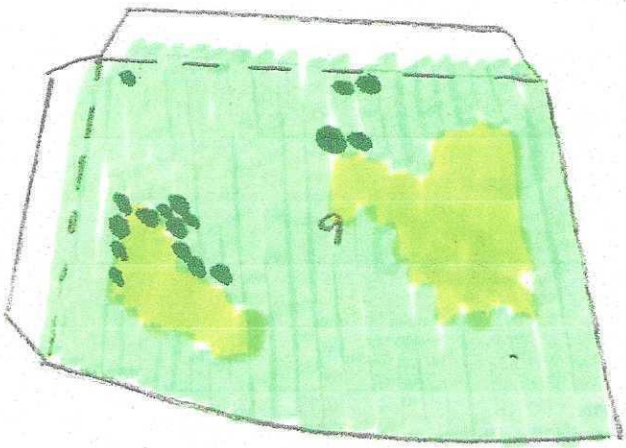

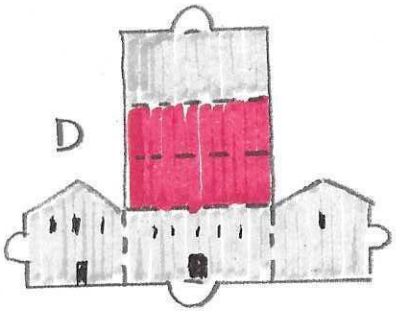

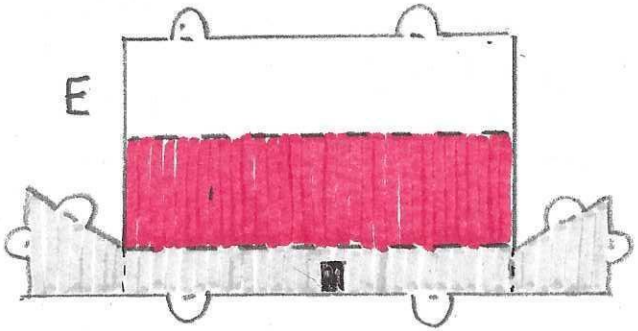

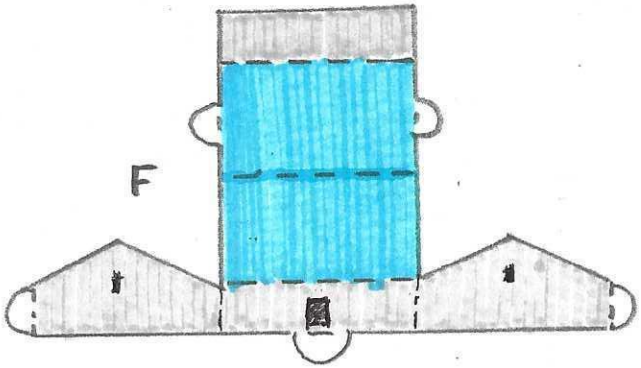

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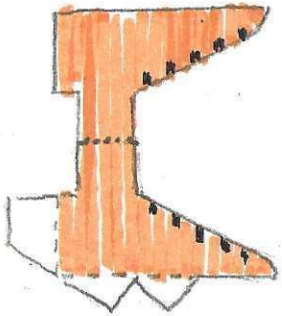

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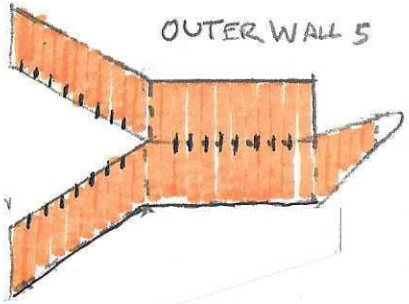

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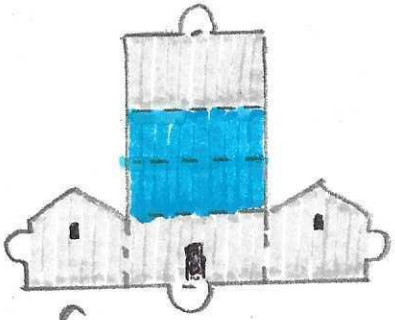

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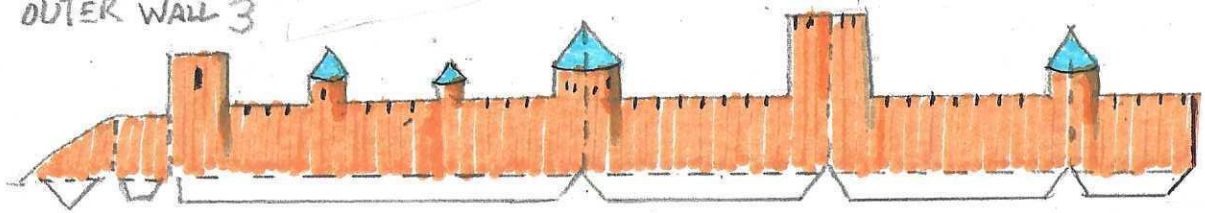

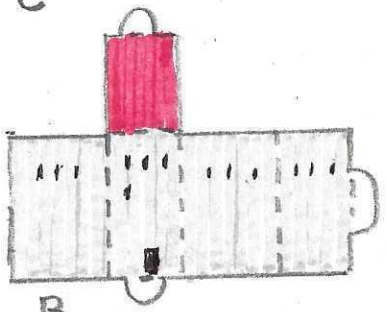

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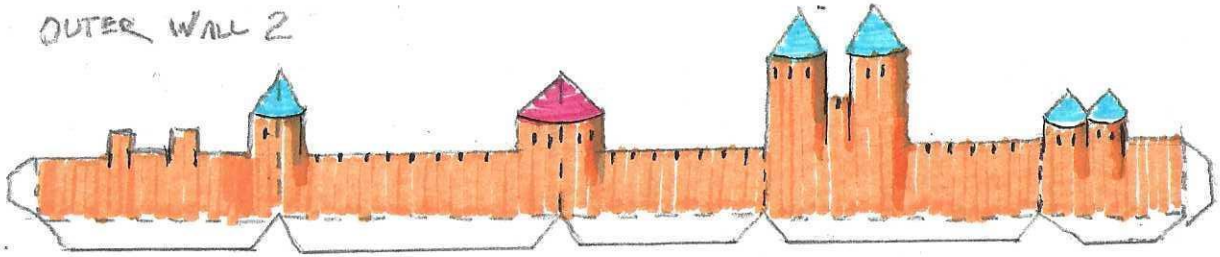

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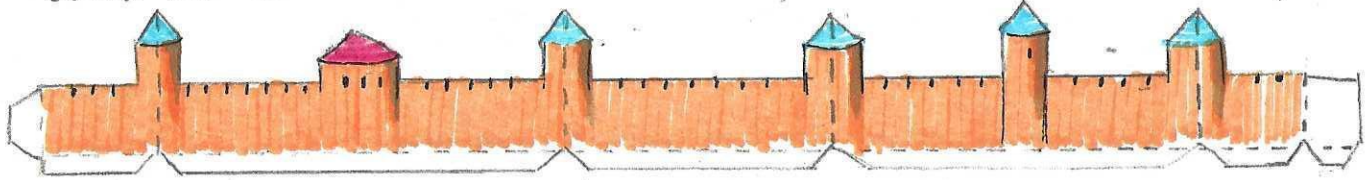

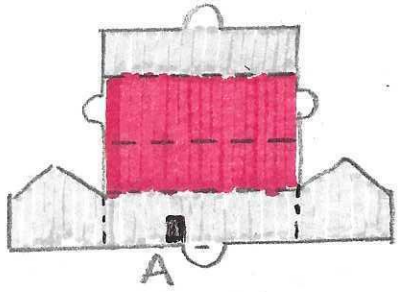

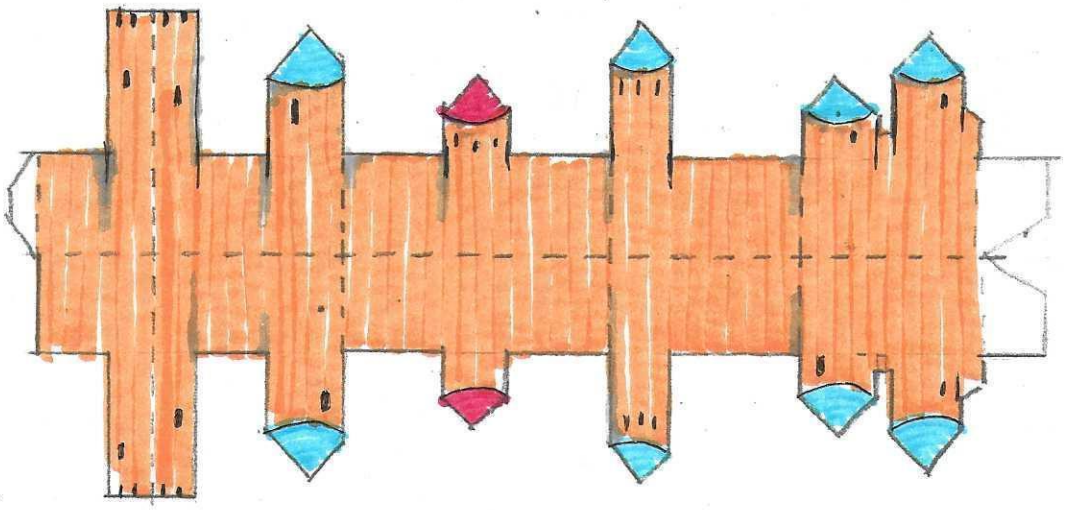

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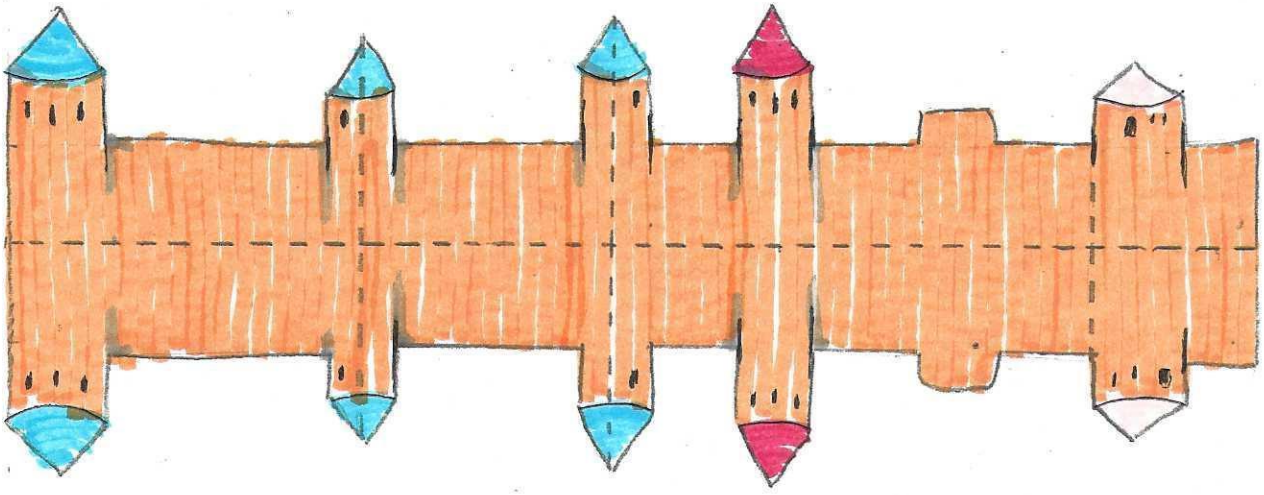

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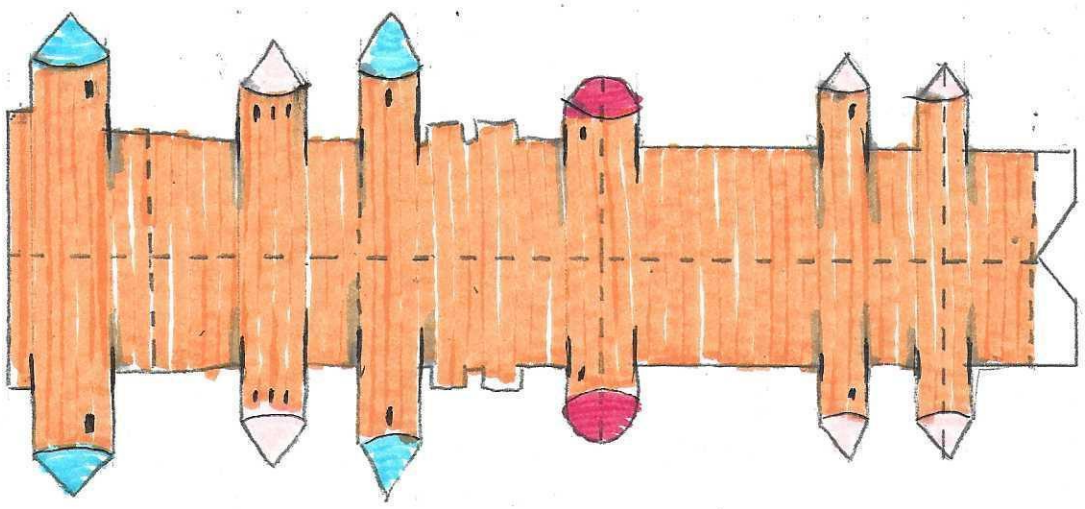

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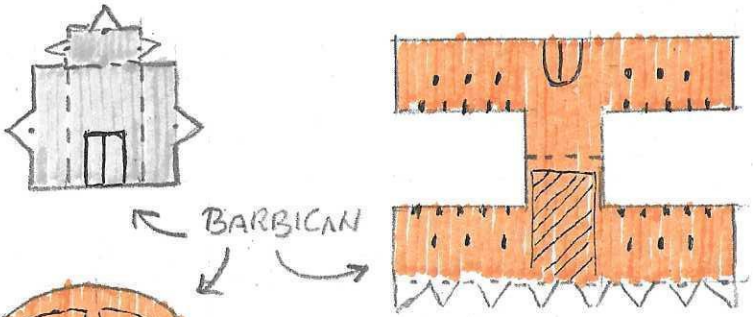

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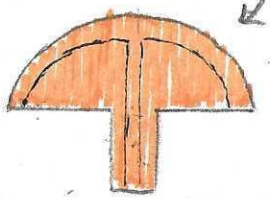

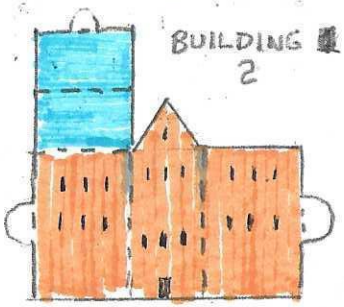

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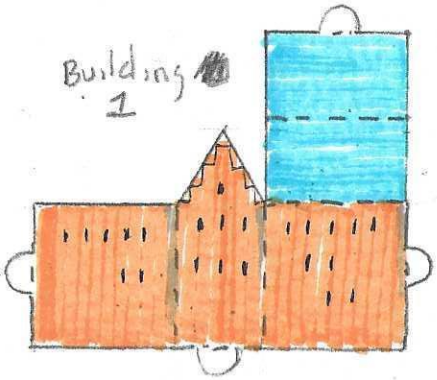

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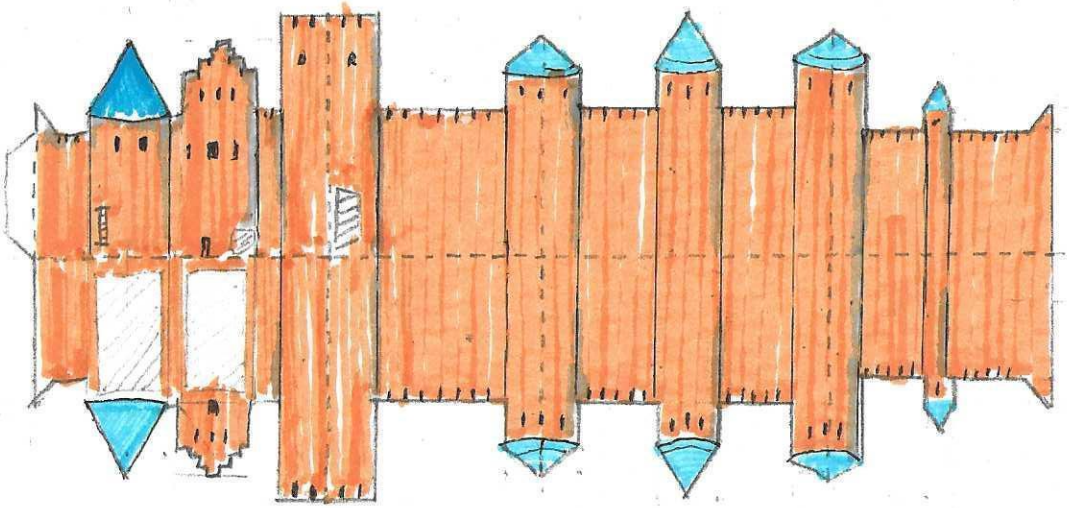

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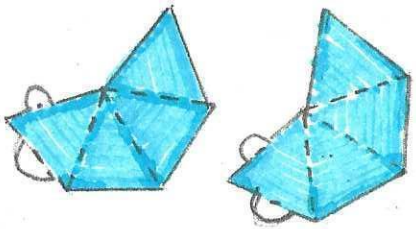

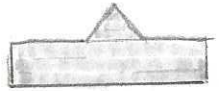

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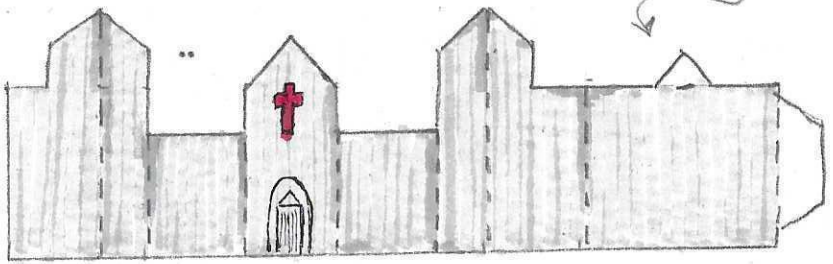

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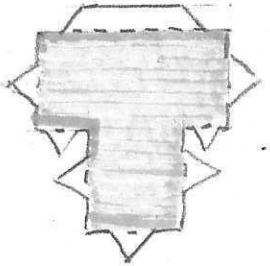

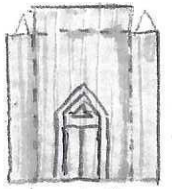

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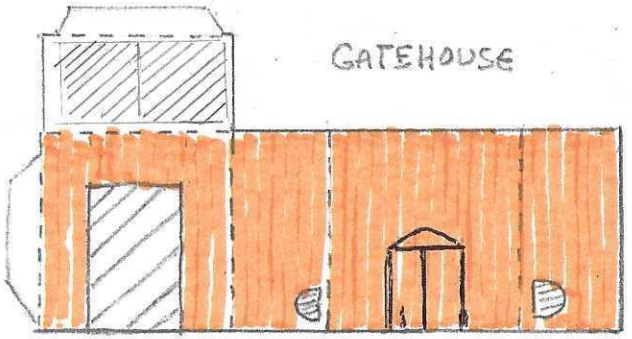

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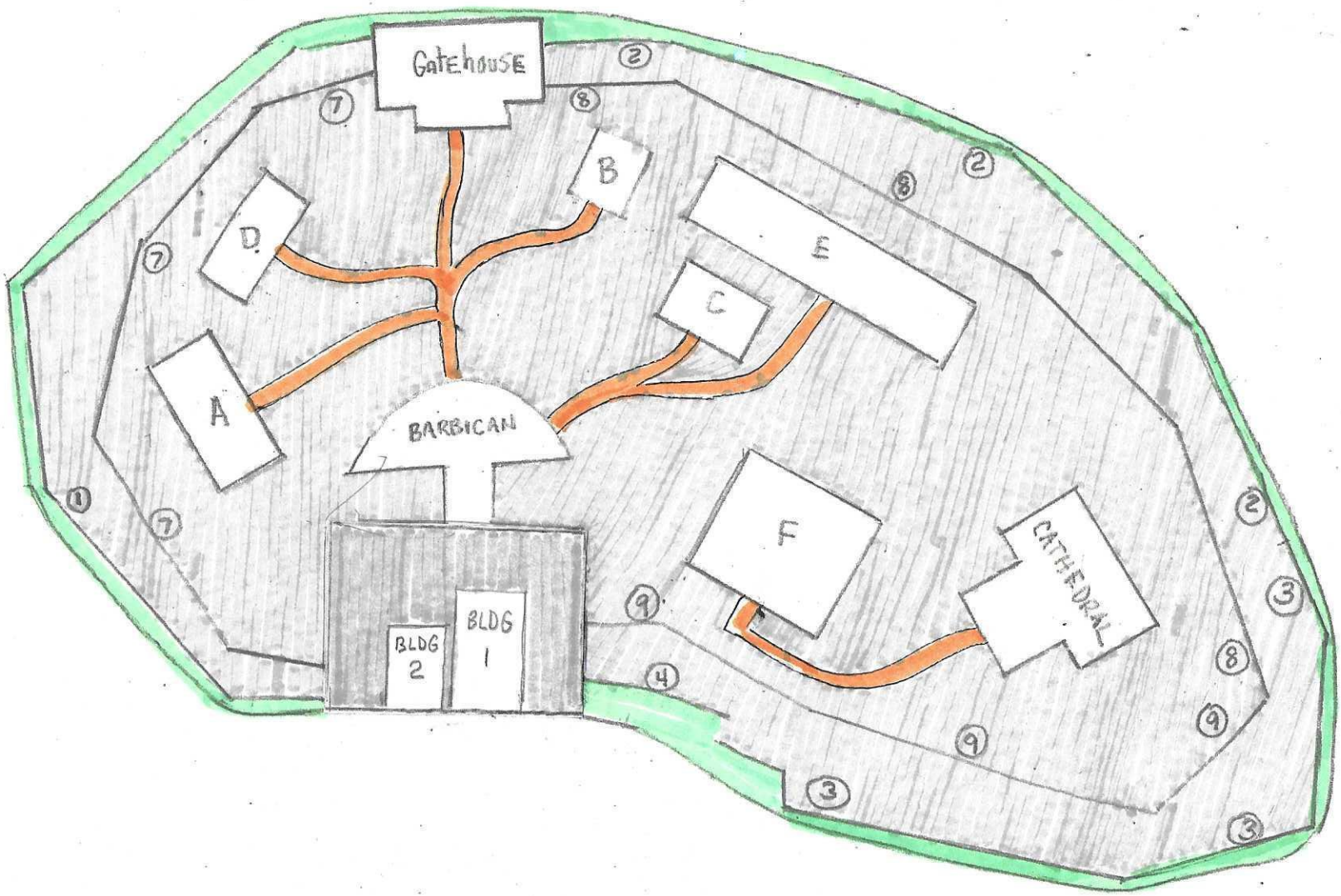
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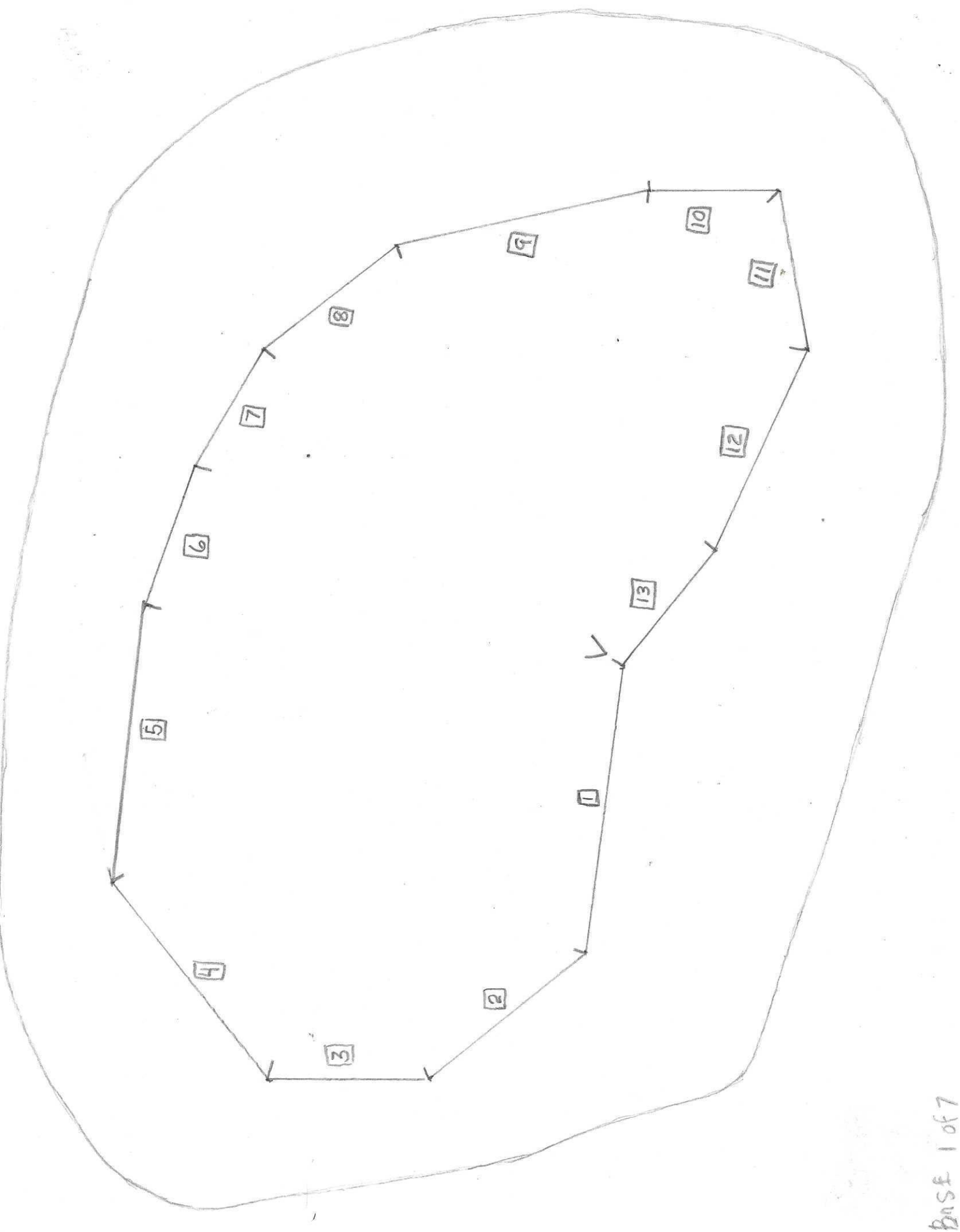
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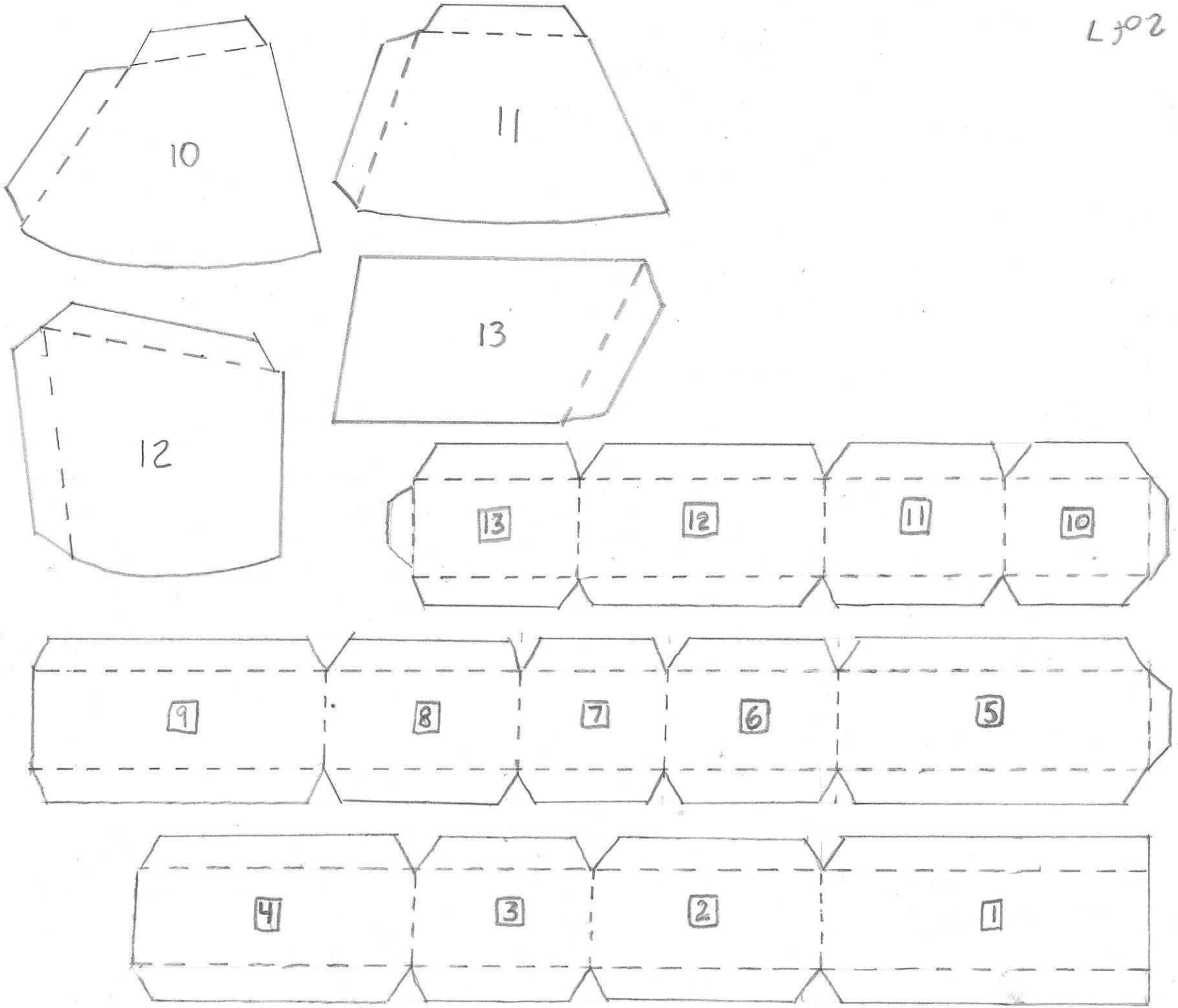
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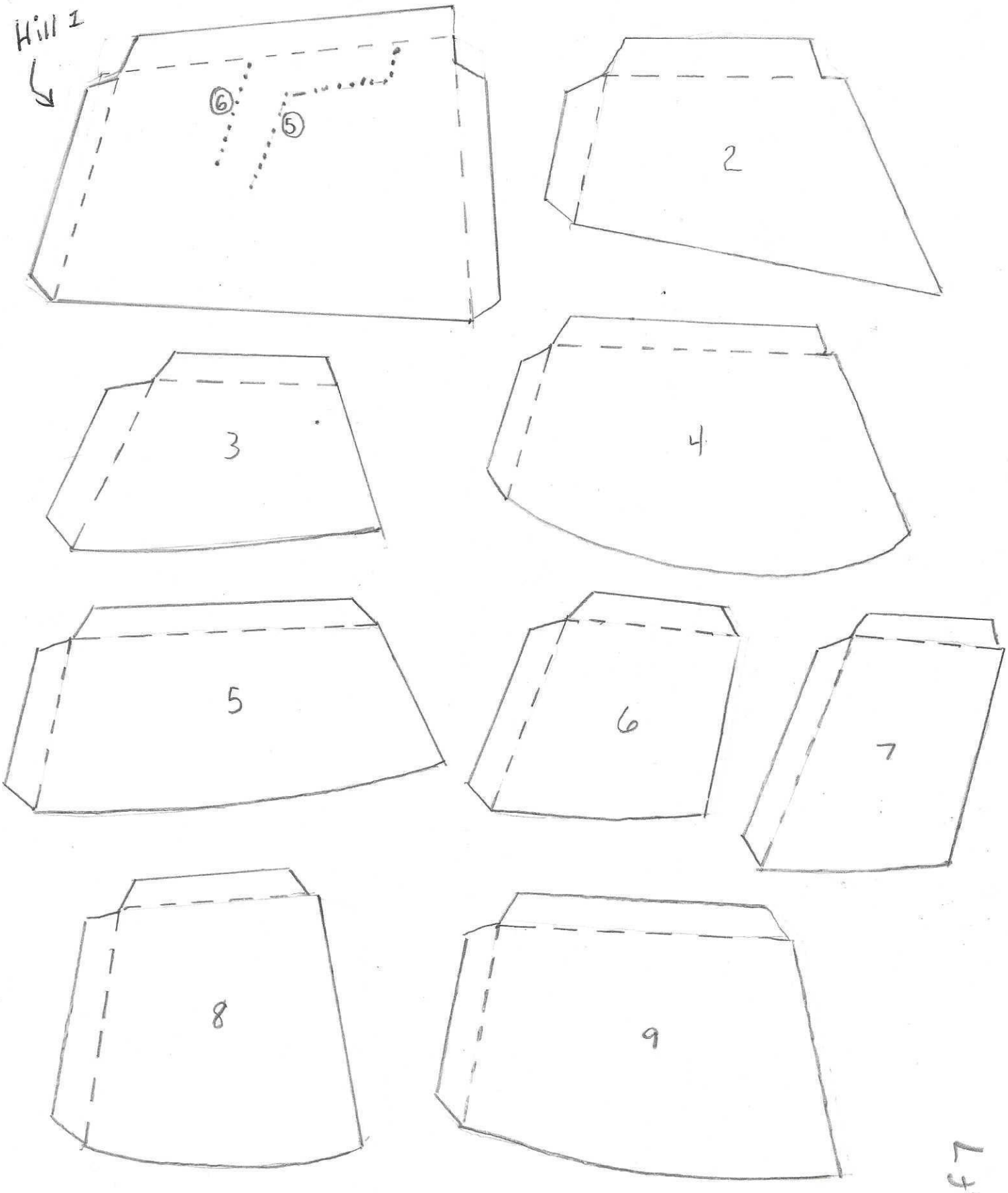

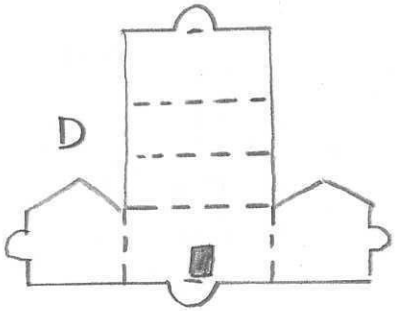

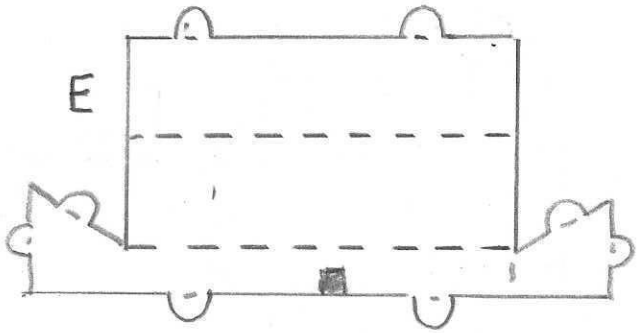

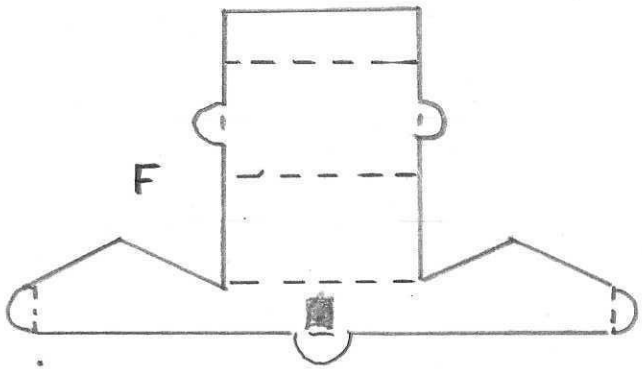

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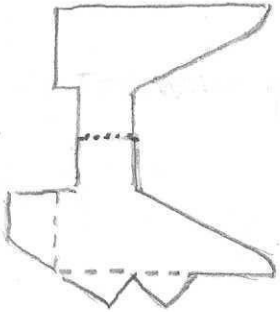

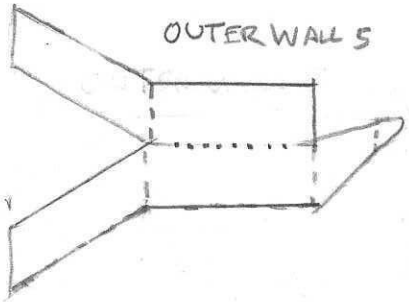

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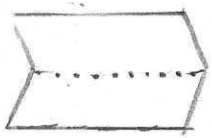

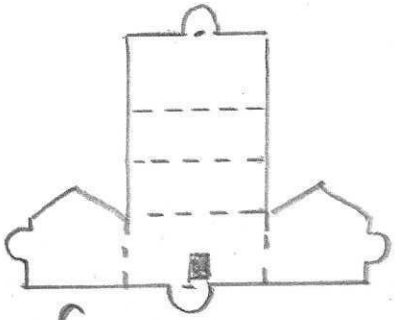

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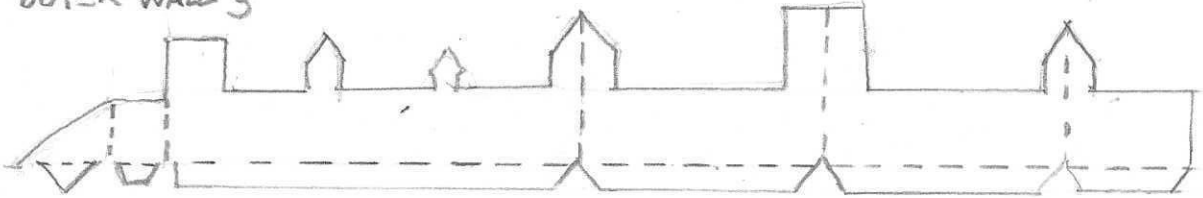

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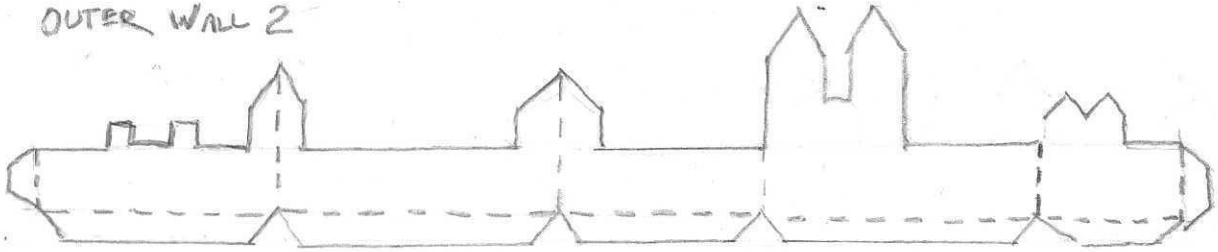

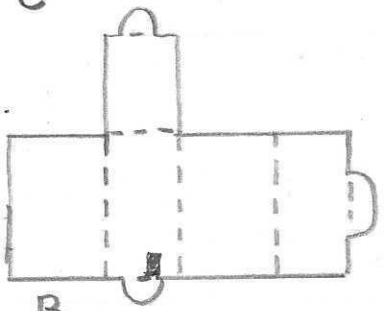

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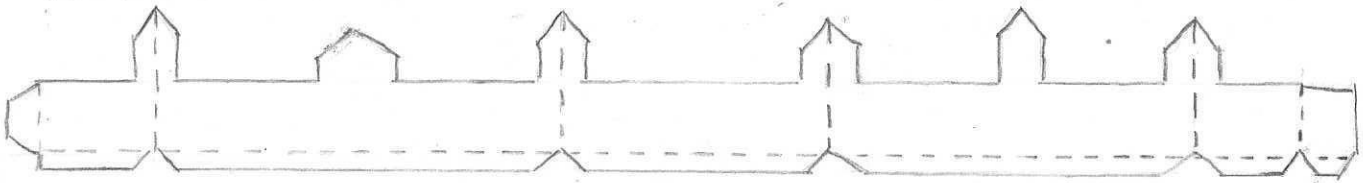

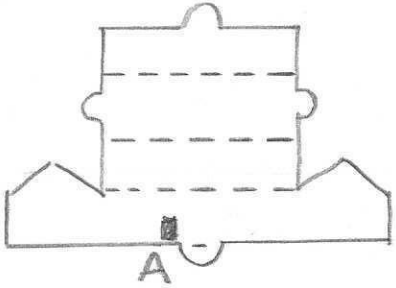

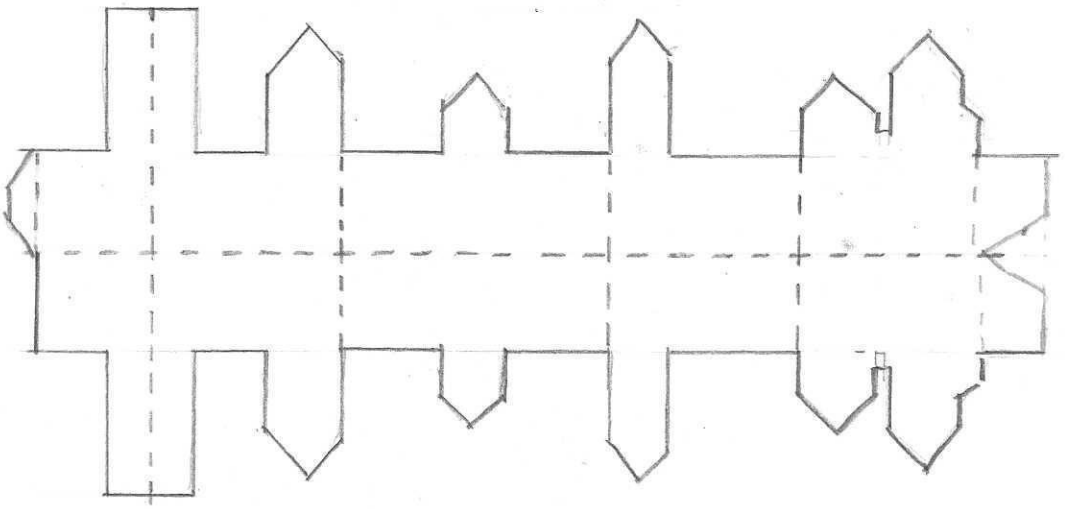

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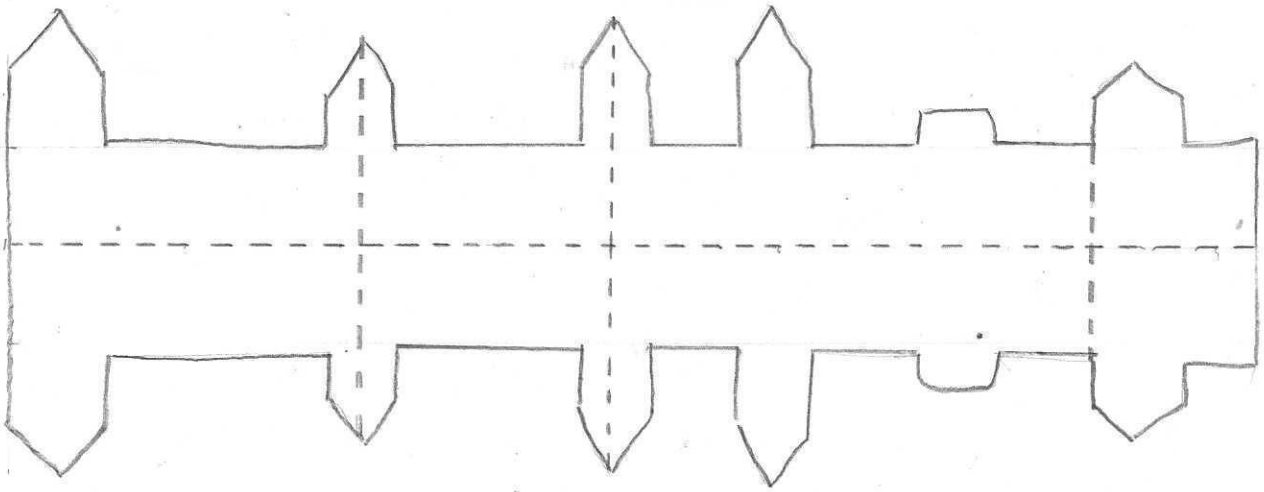

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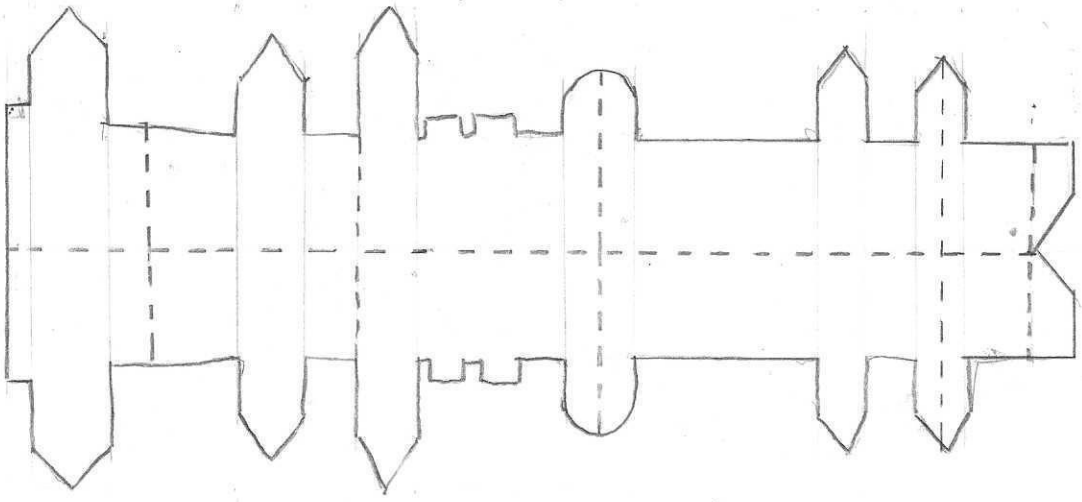

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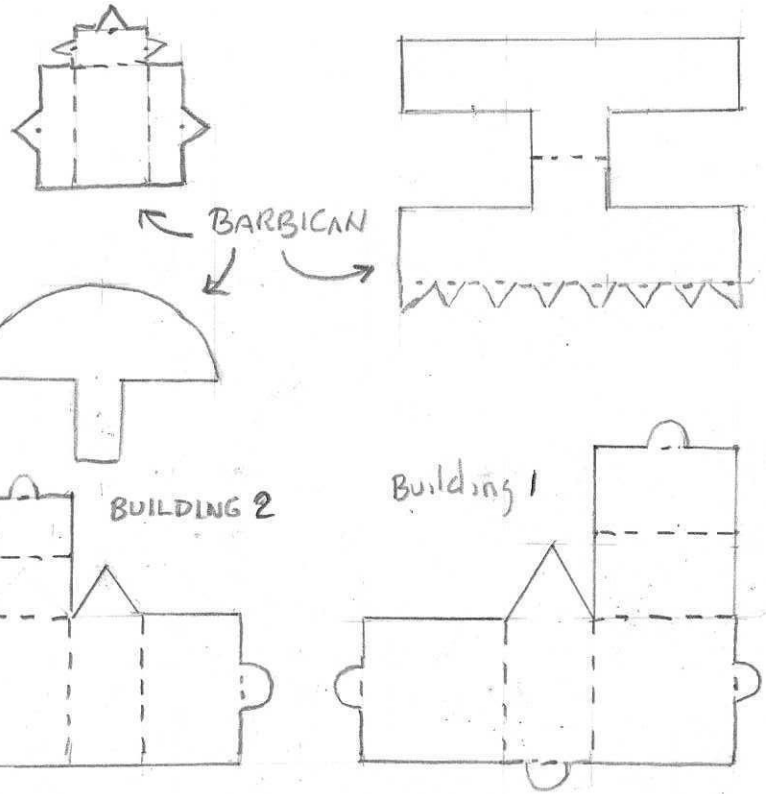
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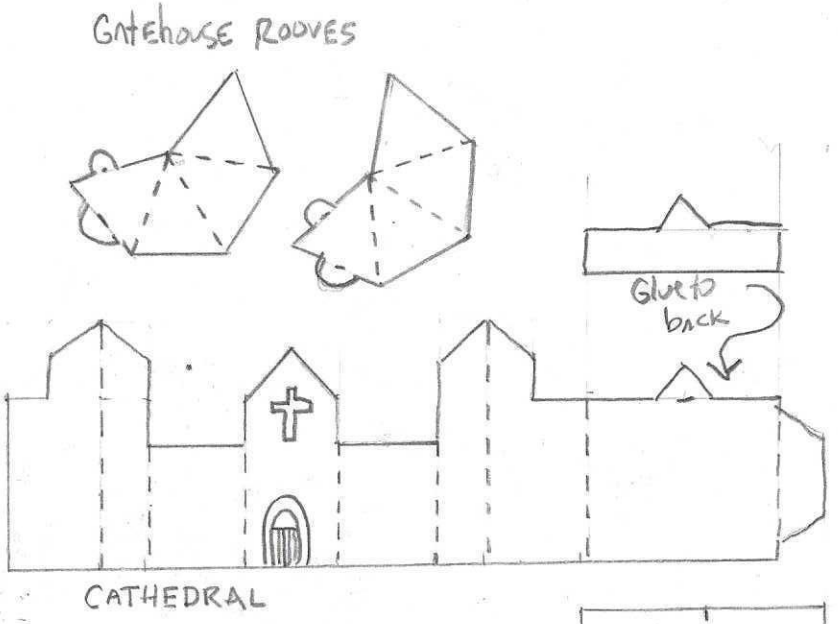
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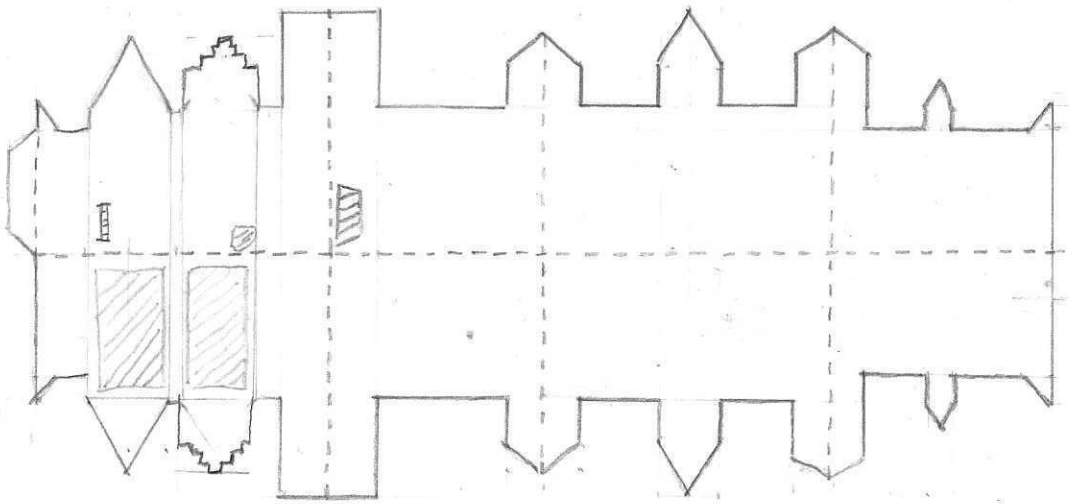
Glue to back
CATHEDRAL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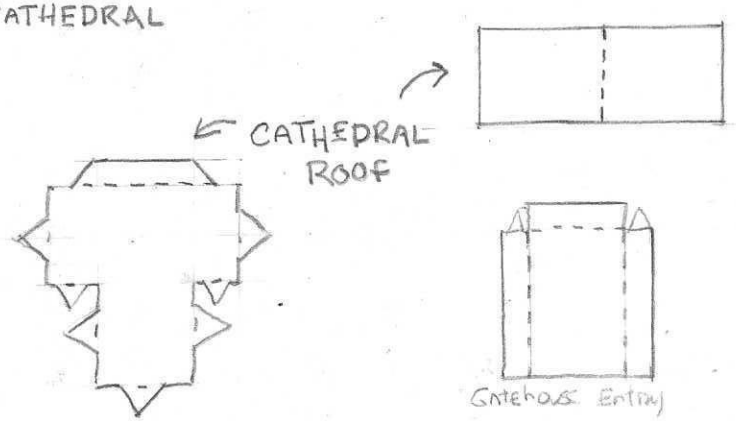
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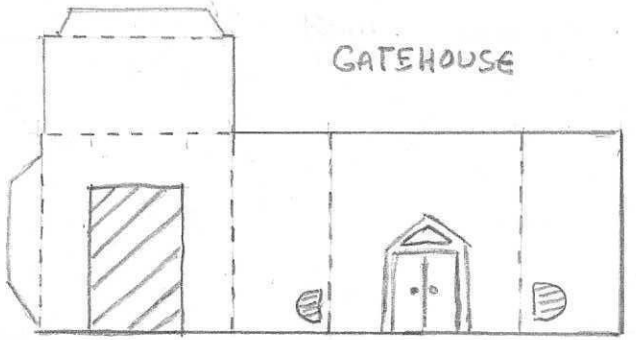
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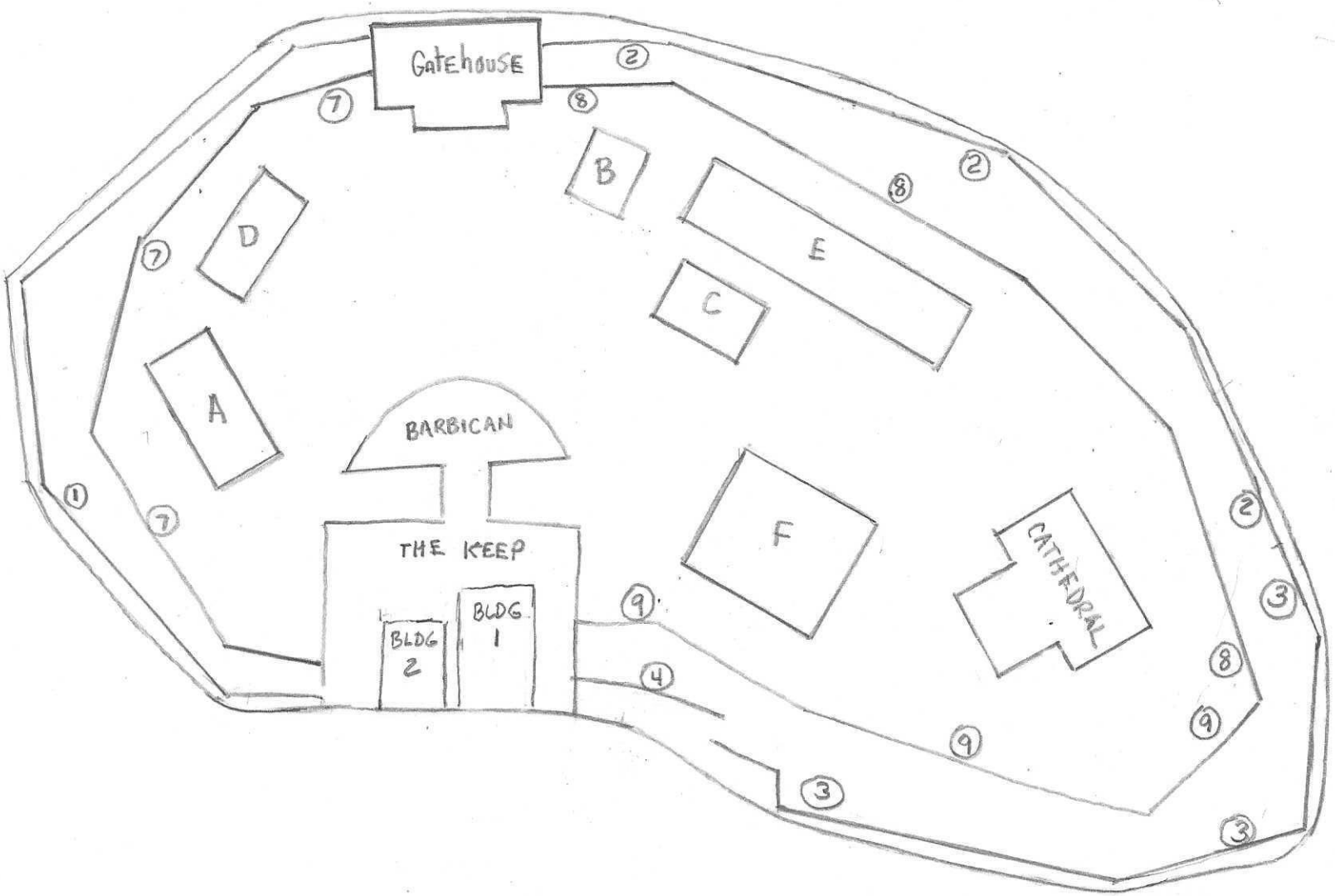
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