

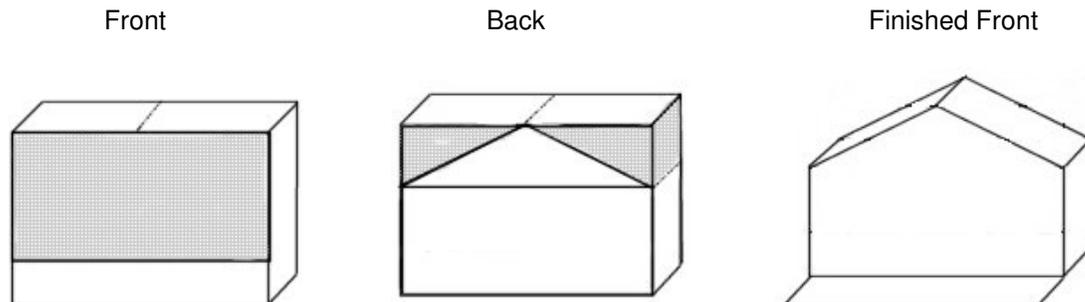
## A Christmas Crib

The two templates contained in this pack can be used to provide the figures, animals and sundry scenery for a Christmas Crib.

The templates can be photocopied or traced onto some form of stiff card, preferably white so that they can be coloured in for a better effect. If this can not be done they could be stuck onto the back of a cardboard carton, i.e. a cereal box.

### Making the Crib

You then need another cardboard box preferably an old shoe box for the stable. This should be assembled as below.



Cut away shaded areas, fold down top flap and stick in place as roof, cut and fold down front flap to make base for figures and animals to stand on. The interior and exterior of the Crib can be painted to suit you individual tastes.

### To construct the animal figures

Cut them out from the card, and then cut along the dotted line to split the base tab. Then score and fold half the base forward and half the half the base backwards to allow the cow, ox and camel to stand. The sheep only require scoring and folding and then they will stand up. The animals can be stuck into the Crib base if you choose.

### To construct the figures

Cut out all of the figures, then cut out sufficient triangular props one for each figure. Fold across the small strip on the triangles and stick this to the back of the figures and adjust until the stand. You may need to increase the small flat area on the bottom of the figures if they prove difficult to stand.

The Angel should be stuck to the back of the Crib, so that it appears over it, and the star should be stuck at the front of the Crib. Some glitter on the star will make it stand out.

### Displaying the Crib

You may set your Crib up at any time, but remember if you do put it out before Christmas do not put the Baby in the Crib until the night of Christmas Eve.

The Three Wise Men, or Kings if you choose, do not appear in the Crib until 6<sup>th</sup> January. It is traditional now to put them some where away from the Crib to indicate there journey, and they can be moved daily closer as the 6<sup>th</sup> draws near.

Enjoy your Christmas Crib.

