

# Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Activity Book

Seminole people have a long history and a rich culture. Today they honor tradition as they thrive in a modern world. Discover more about Seminole life in the past and present with coloring pages, mazes, and more!

Color in the Museum's original logo!



# Word Search

Find the words below that are connected to Seminole art and culture.

Ah Tah Thi Ki

Canoe

Everglades

Red Barn

Alligator

Carving

Osceola

Seminole

Bandolier Bag

Chickee

Patchwork

Sofkee

Basket

Crawdad

Pottery

Traditions

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# Red Barn

Seminoles have herded cattle for hundreds of years! Red Barn, on the Brighton Reservation, is an important reminder of this history. Seminole also used Red Barn for important meetings about creating the Tribe's current form of government. It is on both the National Register of Historic Places and the Seminole Tribe's Tribal Register of Historic Places.

Help the horse get into the barn!



# Traditions

A medicine man tells stories as children listen in this painting called "Traditions." Seminole artist, Noah Billie, created this work in 1992.

Color in Noah Billie's painting "Traditions"!



# Archaeological Pottery

Seminoles and their ancestors have lived in what is now Florida for a very long time. Archaeologists find objects they left behind like animal bones, shell, and pottery pieces.

Be inspired by pottery designs and add your own to the pot below.



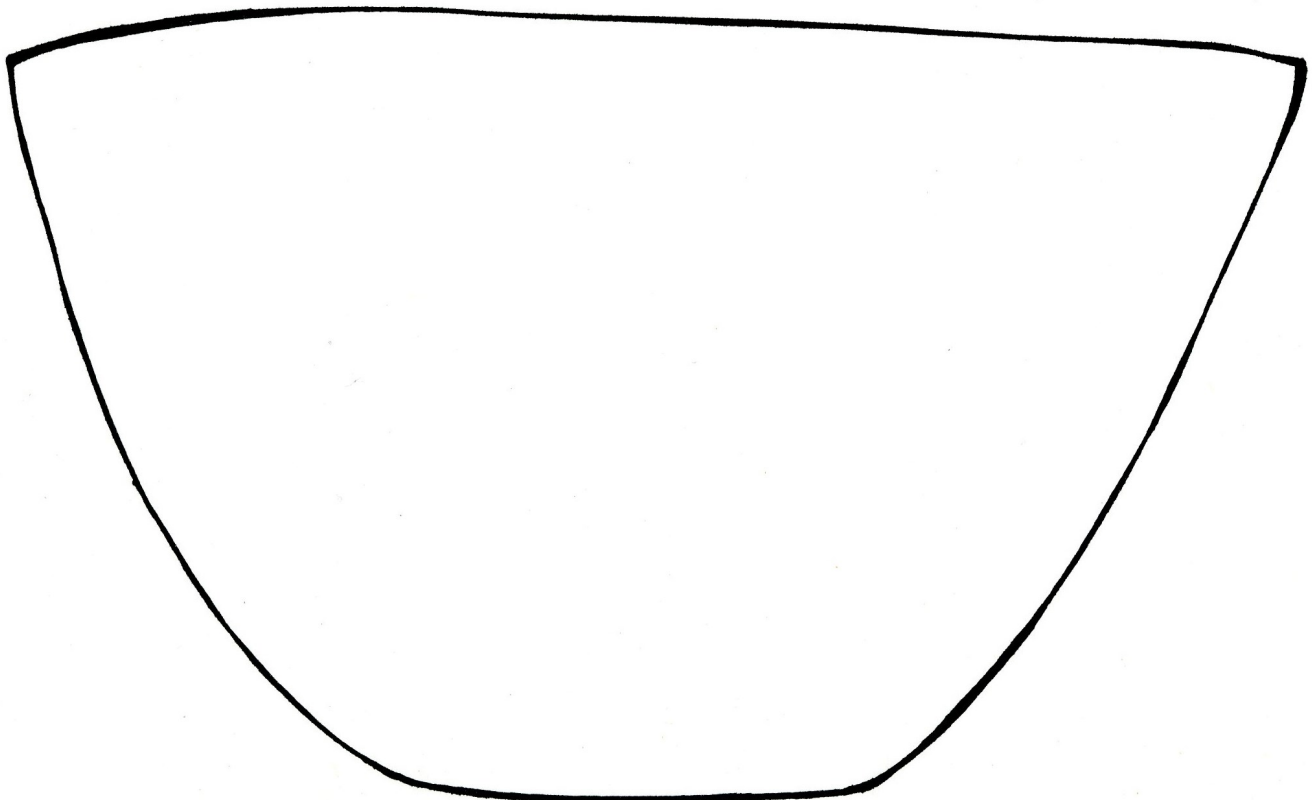
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AD 1200 -1400  
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# Bandolier Bags

Seminole people traditionally made bandolier bags. Over time the tradition was lost because of the many hardships the Tribe faced like the Seminole War. From 1817-1858, Seminoles were constantly fighting with and on the run from U.S. soldiers who wanted to take their lands. They survived and today Seminole people are bringing back this art, using historic bags for inspiration. Compare the historic and modern bags to the left.

Be inspired to color in your own bandolier bag!

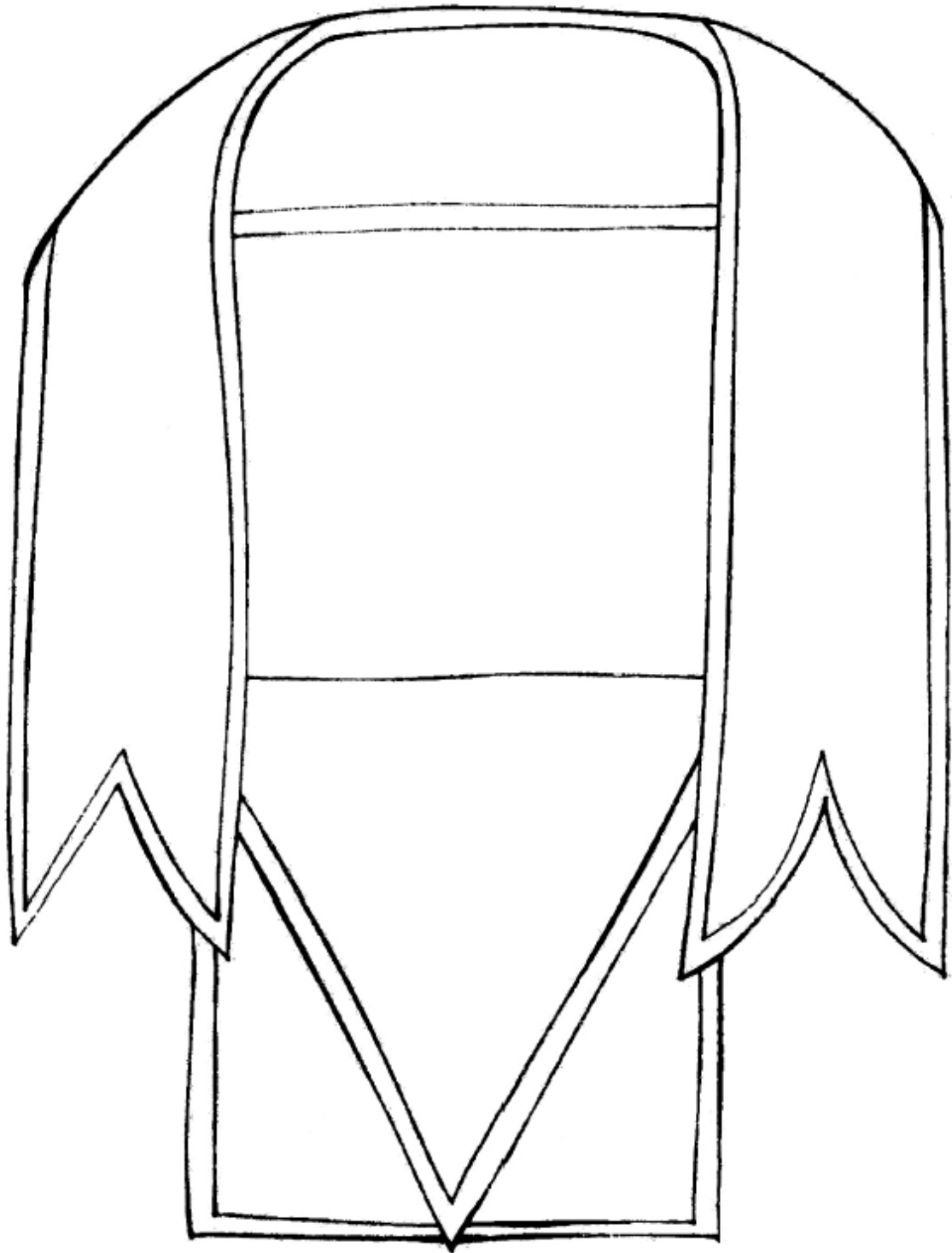


*Bandolier Bag from the early 1800s*

*ATTK 1997.30.1*



*Carol Cypress recently beaded this bag for her grandson, inspired by historic bags in museums.*



# Colorful Warrior

This painting by Elgin Jumper is part of a "Colorful Warrior Series." Jumper was inspired by Seminole War leaders like Osceola, but also southwestern Native artists, the colorful work of Henri Matisse, and the Fauvist movement.

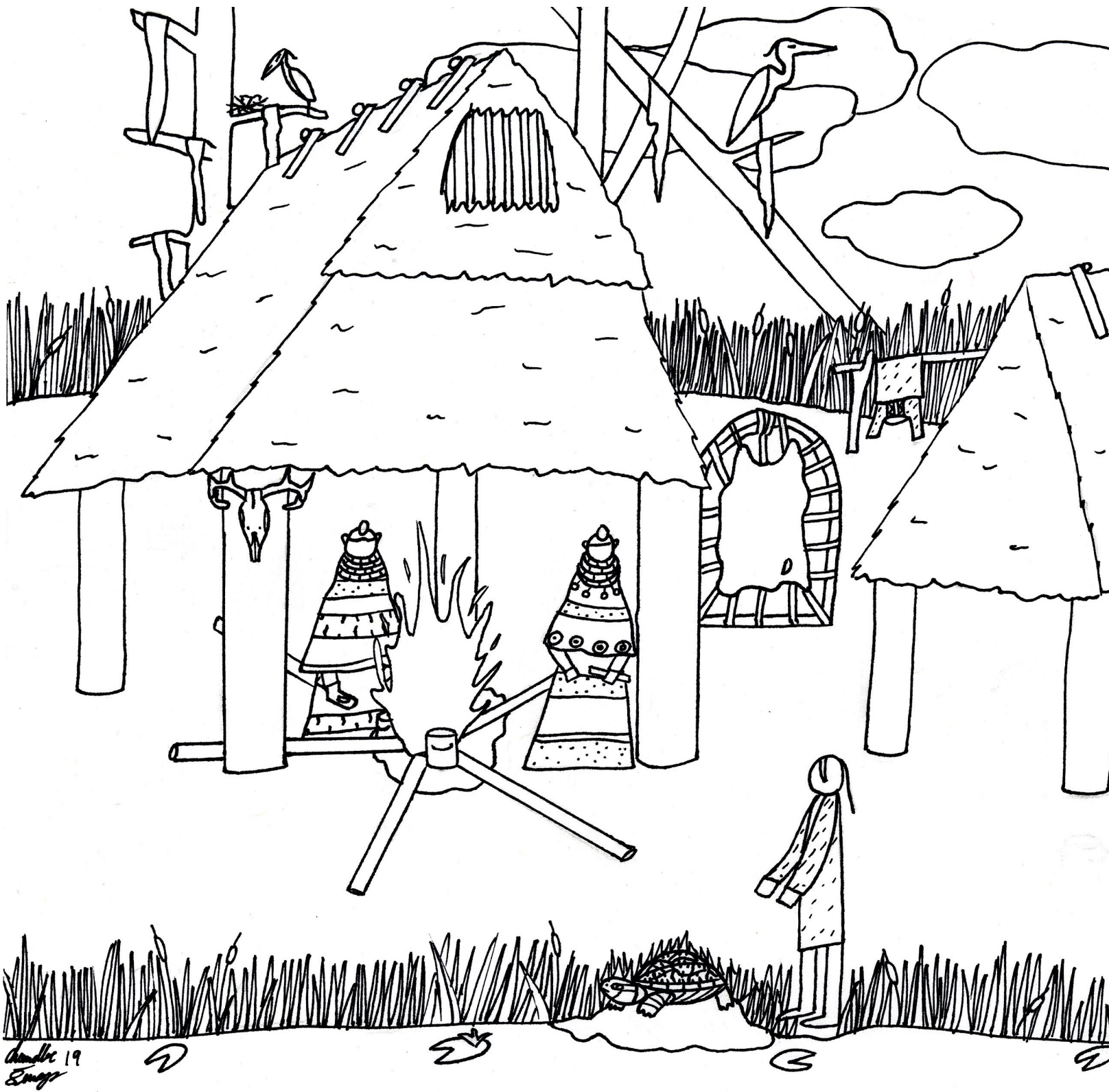
Use bright colors to color in the Warrior!



"Colorful Warrior" 2012

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# Camp Life

Traditionally Seminoles lived in camps in the Everglades. The Everglades provided materials for everything—food, shelter, clothing, medicine, and trade goods. This coloring page was created by Chandler Demayo during a Museum internship.

Color in the camp! Find each item in the picture and label it.





**Alligator:** a large reptile with sharp teeth.

**Banana Plant:** a large plant with big leaves and bananas.

**Canoe:** a traditional boat.

**Cypress Tree:** a tall tree with needles.

**Corn pounder:** a hollowed log Seminoles used to pound corn which they made into a drink called sofkee.

**Chickee:** a home with open sides and palm roof.

**Deer Hide:** a deer skin that would be made into clothes.

**Turtle:** a reptile with a hard shell on its back.

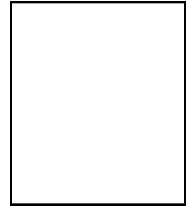
**Sabal Palm:** a tree with pointed jackboots and big fronds.

**Spanish Moss:** a grey plant that lives on tree limbs.

# Tourism

Color your postcard, cut it out, and send it to a friend!

*As more tourists started coming to Florida in the early 1900s, Seminoles created their own tourist camps and worked in others' tourist camps. They demonstrated traditional life and wrestled alligators. They created and sold beadwork, baskets, carvings, and palmetto fiber dolls to support their families.*



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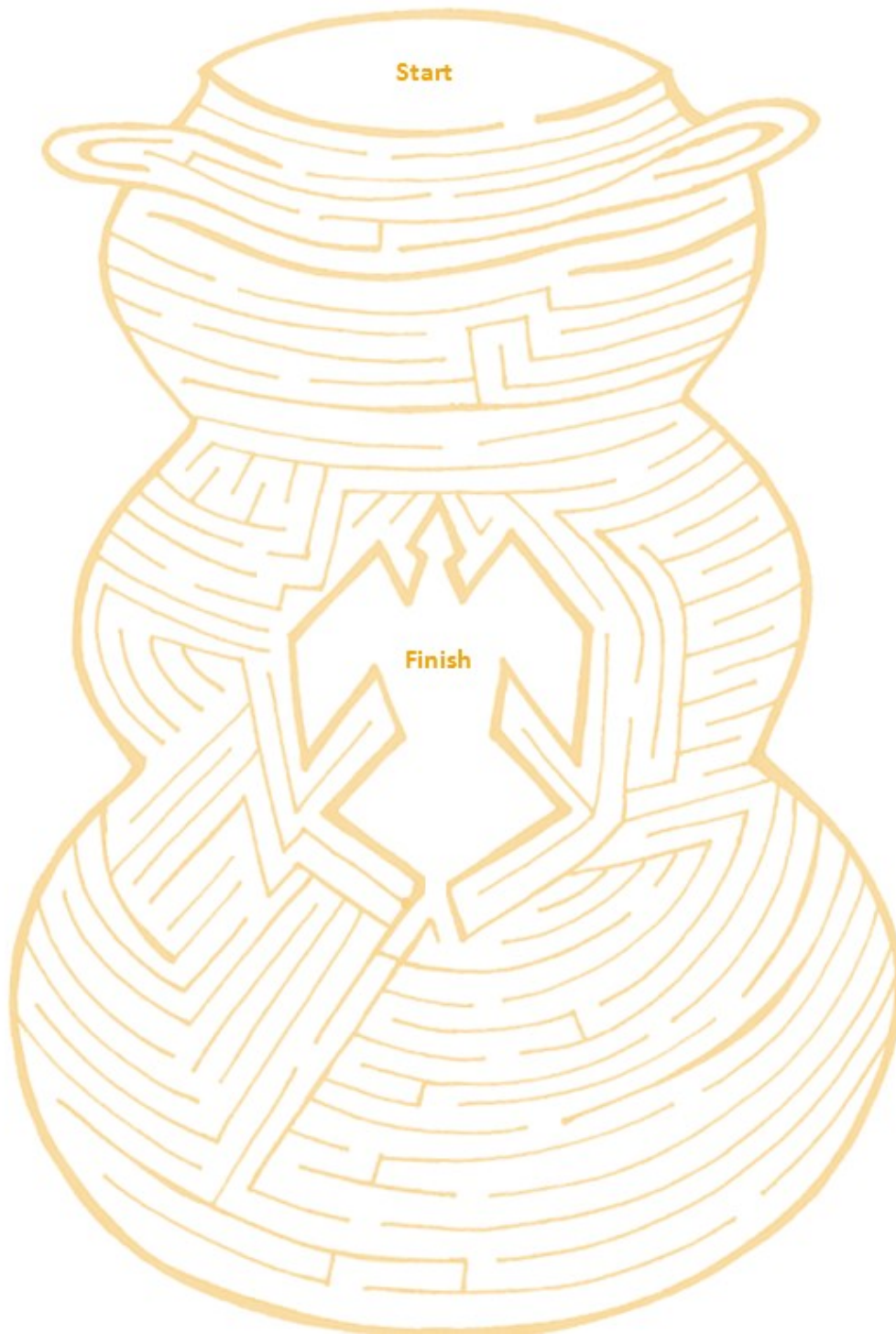


# Basketry

*Palmetto Basket*  
ATTK 1996.39.10

Traditionally, Seminoles wove baskets for every day purposes out of palmetto fronds. They began making sweetgrass baskets, like the one below, to sell to tourists in the last century. Designs can be simple or elaborate.

Weave your way through the maze from start to finish!



*In 1993, Linda Beletso spent 5 months creating this Anhinga bird design basket!*

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*Billy Walker wrestles a gator at the Museum's American Indian Arts Celebration, 2018.*



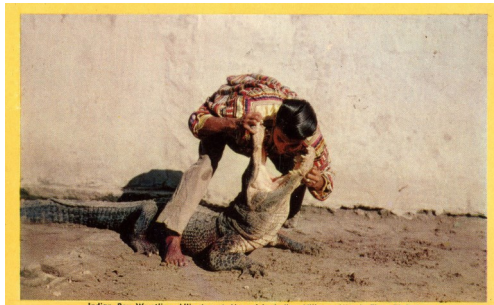
# Alligator Wrestling

Seminoles have hunted alligators for a very long time. Later, they wrestled gators, performing dangerous displays for awe-struck tourists, to support their families. Today, people like Billy Walker, continue the tradition.

Color in Billy Walker!



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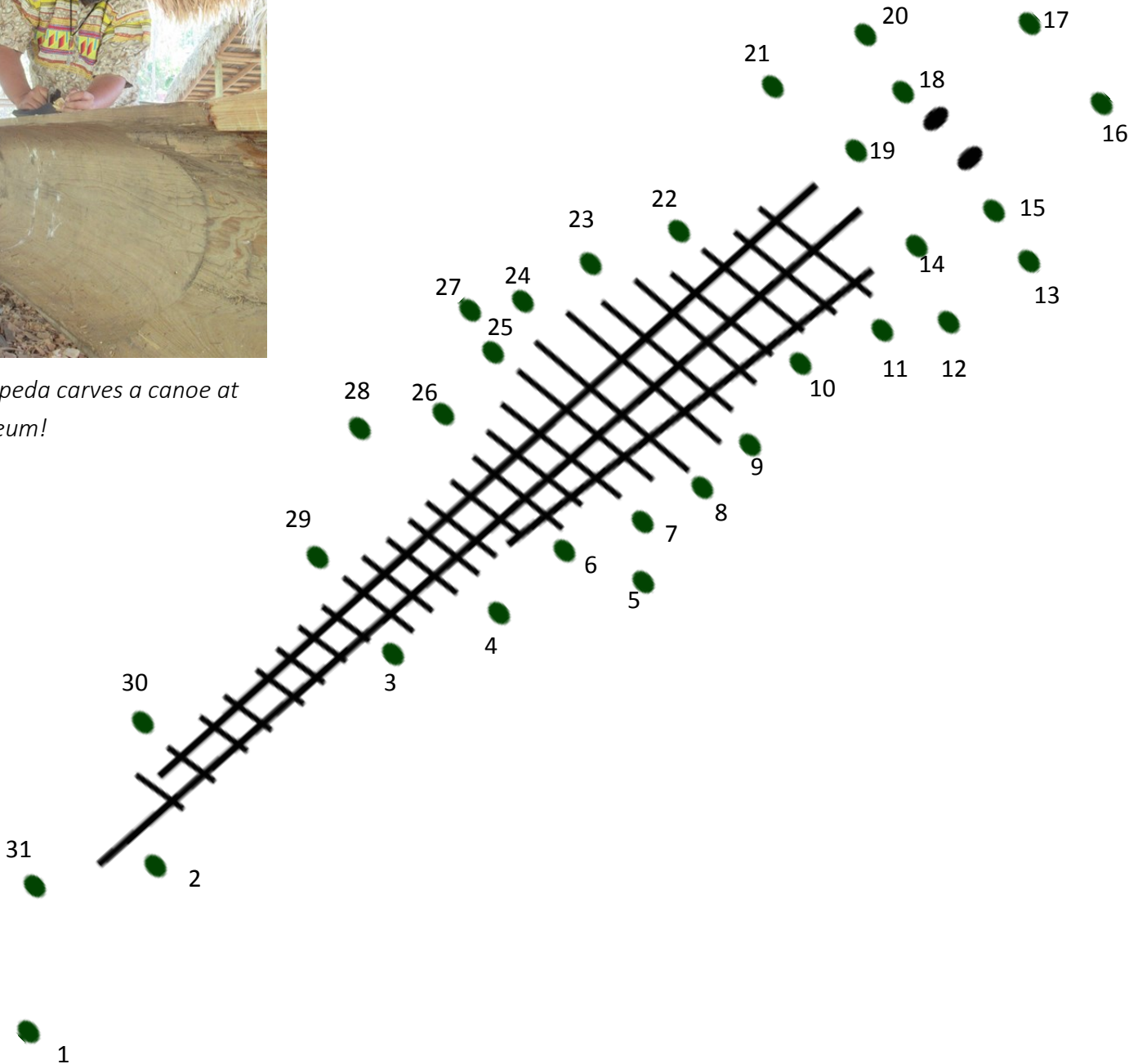
# Carving

Seminoles have a long tradition of carving. They carved canoes and spoons for sofkee, a corn drink. Later they made toy alligators and totem poles for tourists to buy. Today, Seminoles continue to carve both traditional items and new designs!

Connect the dots!



*Pedro Zepeda carves a canoe at the Museum!*



# Patchwork

Today, Seminoles sew and wear patchwork clothing. Patchwork is made by sewing different colors to create patterns. Some represent things like rain or fire. Today, at the Museum we sell patchwork - inspired ornaments in our store. Discover the different types of patchwork by looking at the dolls below and create your own ornament!



*Cheyenne Kippenberger proudly represents the Seminole Tribe as Miss Indian World 2019. Both she and the Tribal Council members who congratulate her are wearing patchwork!*

Draw a line from the patchwork to its name!

ATTK 2007.9.27



ATTK 2014.27.7



ATTK 2007.9.26



**Fire      Man on Horse      Diamonds      Crowdad      Rain      Telephone Pole**



ATTK 2014.30.60



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Create your own Patchwork inspired ornament!

Step 1: Cut out the patchwork patterns.

Step 2: Glue the patchwork onto the ornament.

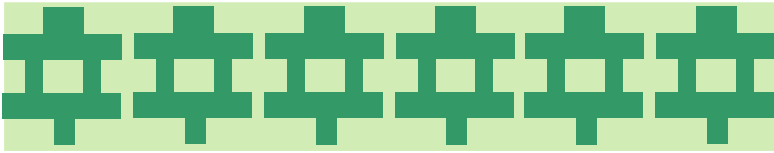
Step 3: Cut off the extra material around the ornament.

Step 4: Ask an adult to poke a hole through the top of the ornament and add string or a metal wire.

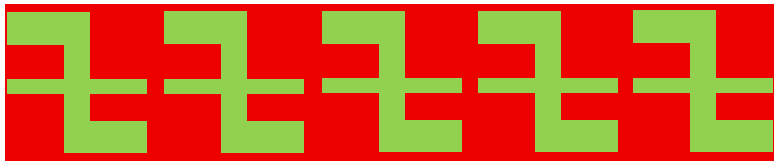
Step 5: Hang it up!



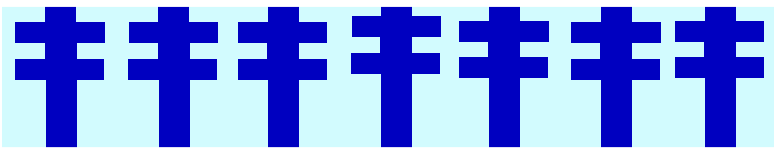
*Fire*



*Turtle*



*Man on Horse*



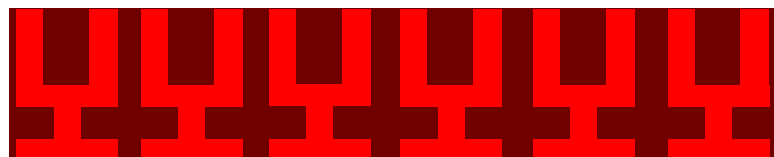
*Telephone Pole*



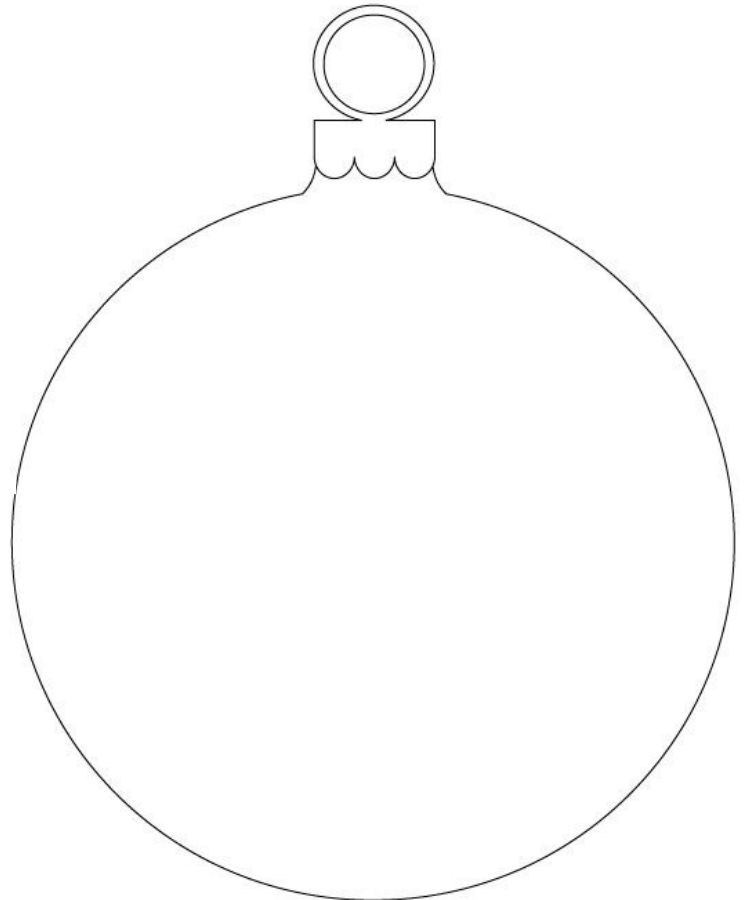
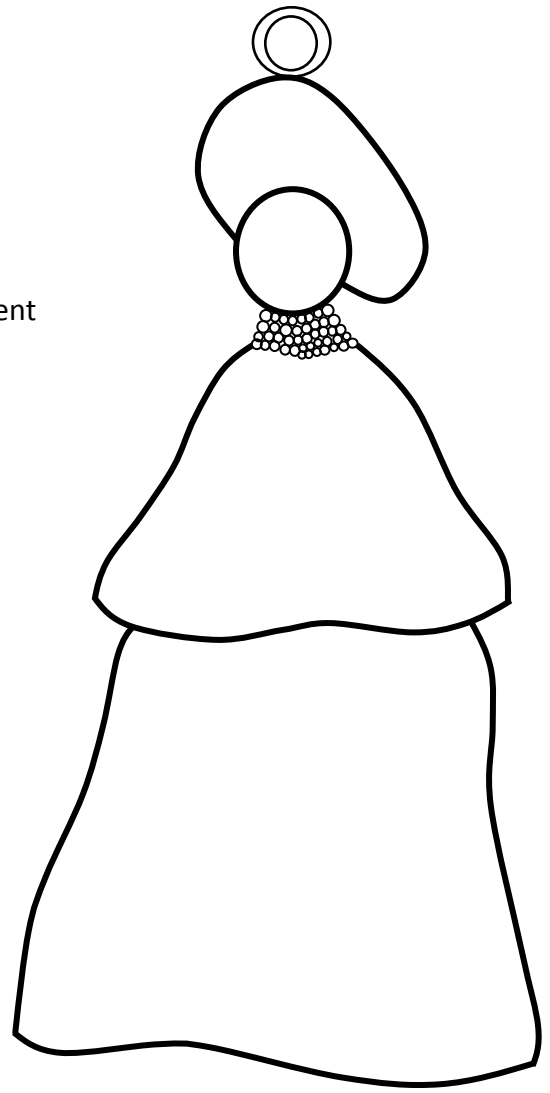
*Rain*



*Bird*



*Crawdada*



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