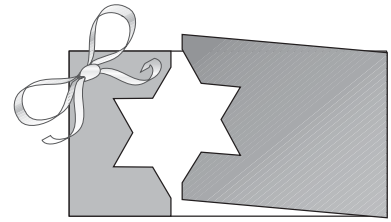
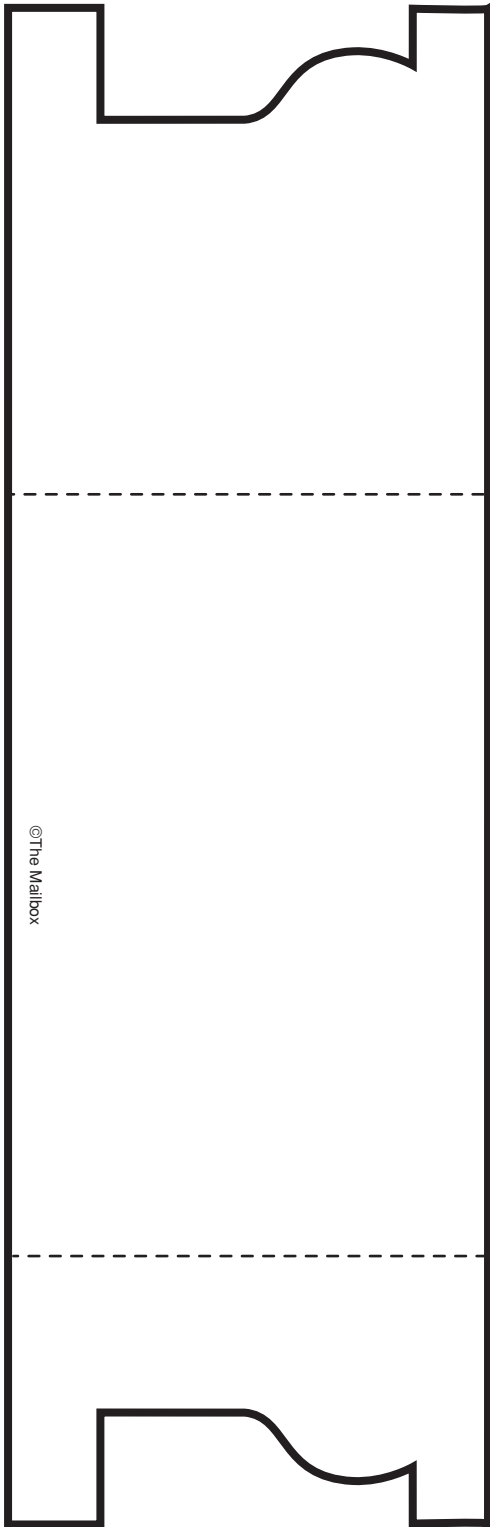


Holiday Gift Tags

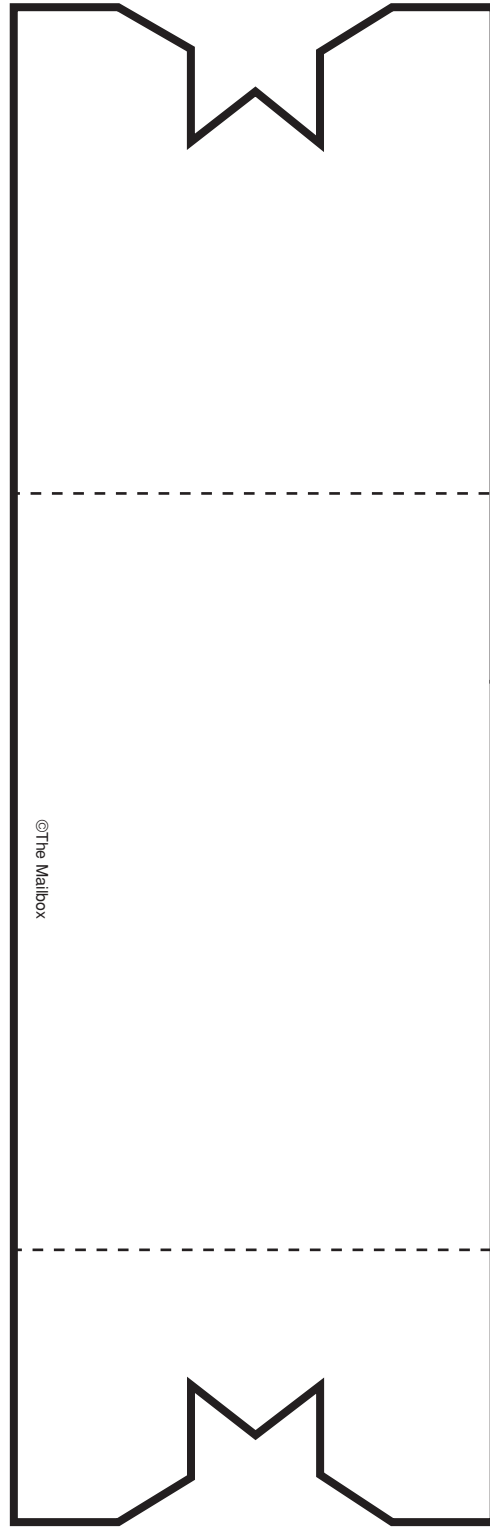


Finished Sample

Kwanzaa
(Unity Cup)



Hanukkah
(Star of David)



How to Use the Reproducible

Materials Needed for Each Student

- 1 colored construction paper copy of the gift tag of choice (Christmas = red, Hanukkah = blue, Kwanzaa = purple)
- one 2 1/2" x 4" colored construction paper rectangle inset to complement the gift tag of choice (Christmas = green, Hanukkah = white, Kwanzaa = orange)
- 12" length of yarn or ribbon
- scissors
- glue
- access to a hole puncher

Directions

Share information about various holiday gift-giving traditions using "Background for the Teacher: Gift-Giving Traditions" on this page. Then have each child make a gift tag using the following directions.

1. Cut out your gift tag along the heavy solid outline.
2. Glue the rectangle inset between the broken lines. Then fold the outer edges of the gift tag on the broken lines so the symbol forms atop the rectangle inset.
3. Use a hole puncher to make two holes in the upper left corner of your gift tag. Thread each end of the yarn up through a different hole. Tie the ends on the front side of the card to form a bow.
4. Write your name and the name of the gift recipient inside the completed tag.

Background for the Teacher: Gift-Giving Traditions

Hanukkah, a Jewish celebration, developed a gift-giving tradition in America during the 20th century. Gifts may be large or small and are given on any or all of the eight days of the celebration.

Christmas, a Christian holiday, hosts a gift-giving tradition because kings presented Jesus with gifts when he was born. Today, many people exchange gifts on Christmas Day (December 25) but some wait until Epiphany (January 6), which is said to be the day when the kings presented their gifts to Jesus.

Kwanzaa, an African-American celebration, features the giving of handmade gifts rather than purchased gifts as a gesture of love. These gifts, called *zawadi* (zah-WAH-dee), are presented on the sixth of the seven-day Kwanzaa celebration.

Christmas
(Christmas Tree)

