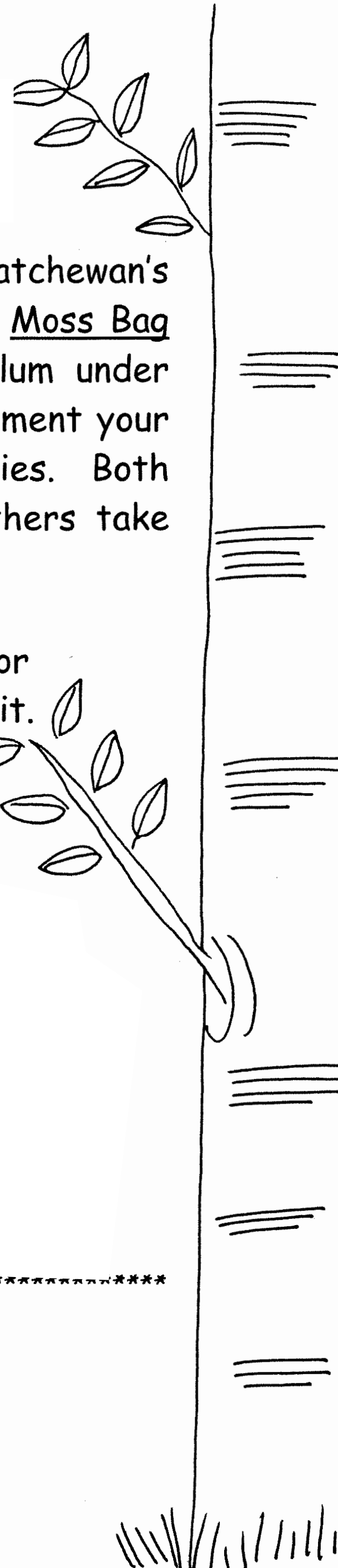




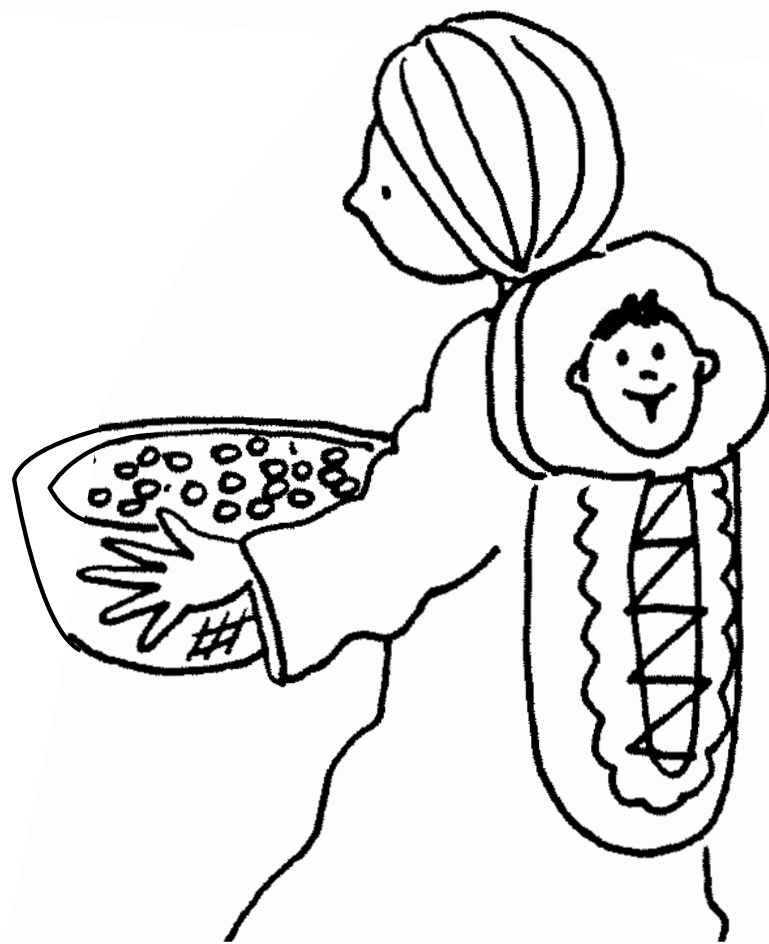
Moss Bag Stories

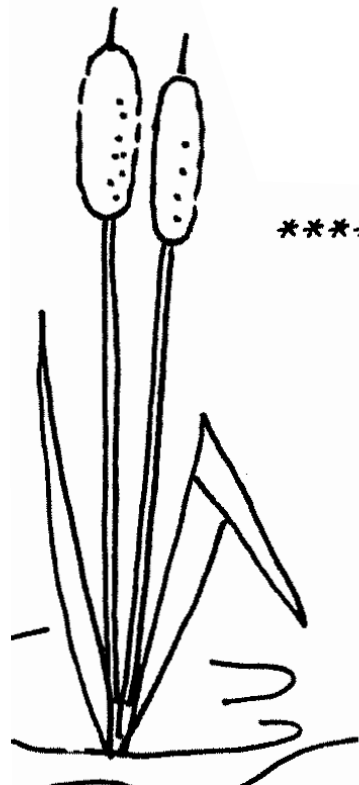


This unit consists of two stories about Saskatchewan's aboriginal culture(s). Kokum's Moss Bag and Moss Bag Babies can be integrated into your curriculum under family studies. Kokum's Moss Bag can supplement your science curriculum under environmental studies. Both stories tell about one way that Native mothers take care of their young children.



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baby



Kokum



Pow-wow

How to Assemble the Patterns for Storytelling of Kokum's Moss bag



1. Colour the patterns.
2. Cut them out.
3. Laminate.
4. Apply a self adhesive flannel backing. (available at teacher supply stores.)
5. If you are using a magnet board for storytelling, apply self adhesive metal strips.

Telling the Story, Kokum's Moss Bag

A fun way to tell a story is to use a story apron. Put the pattern pieces in a large pocket on an apron. Pull the story pieces out of the pocket as you tell the story.

Read the story from the pages. When you see a word in bold print, there is a story picture to go with it. Place the story picture on the flannelboard. When you come across that word again in the story, point to the story picture already placed on the flannelboard.

Story Recall Activity for Kokum's Moss Bag

Students can take turns wearing the story apron to retell the story.

Culminating Craft Activity for Kokum's Moss Bag

Idea given by Pauline Rungtvedler

Photocopy the moss bag pattern pieces. Photocopy the bag onto blue and the head and laces onto brown construction paper. Students can draw a face on the head and glue the head and laces onto the moss bag piece. Provide coloured scraps of paper for students to cut and glue flowers onto the moss bag.

Moss bag Song

Orange , blue .

Yellow and red.

Sew them on

With a  and 

Sew on the ,

1 by 1.

I'll sew until the job is done!

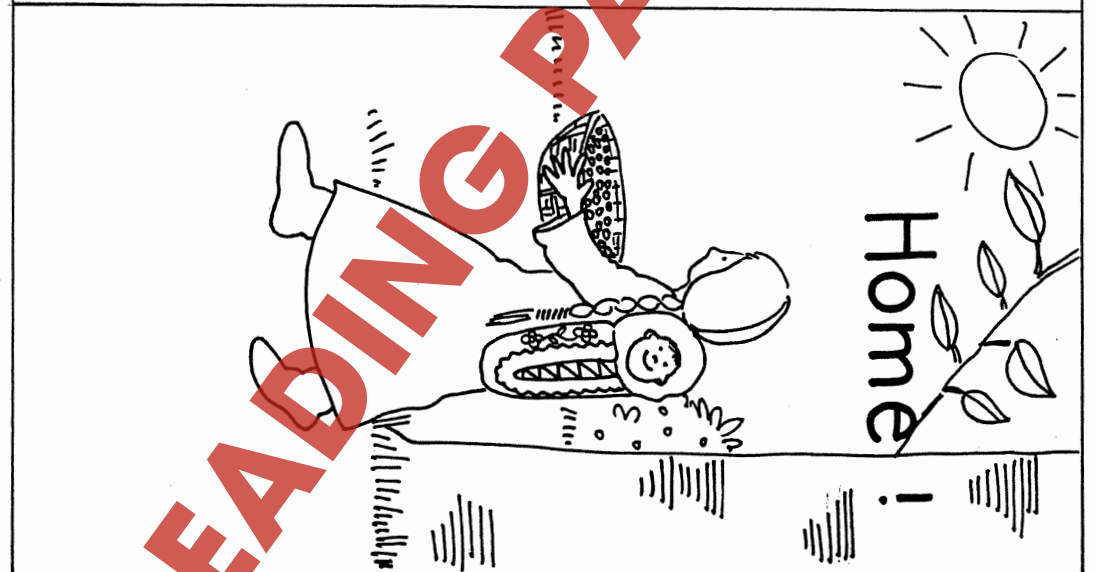
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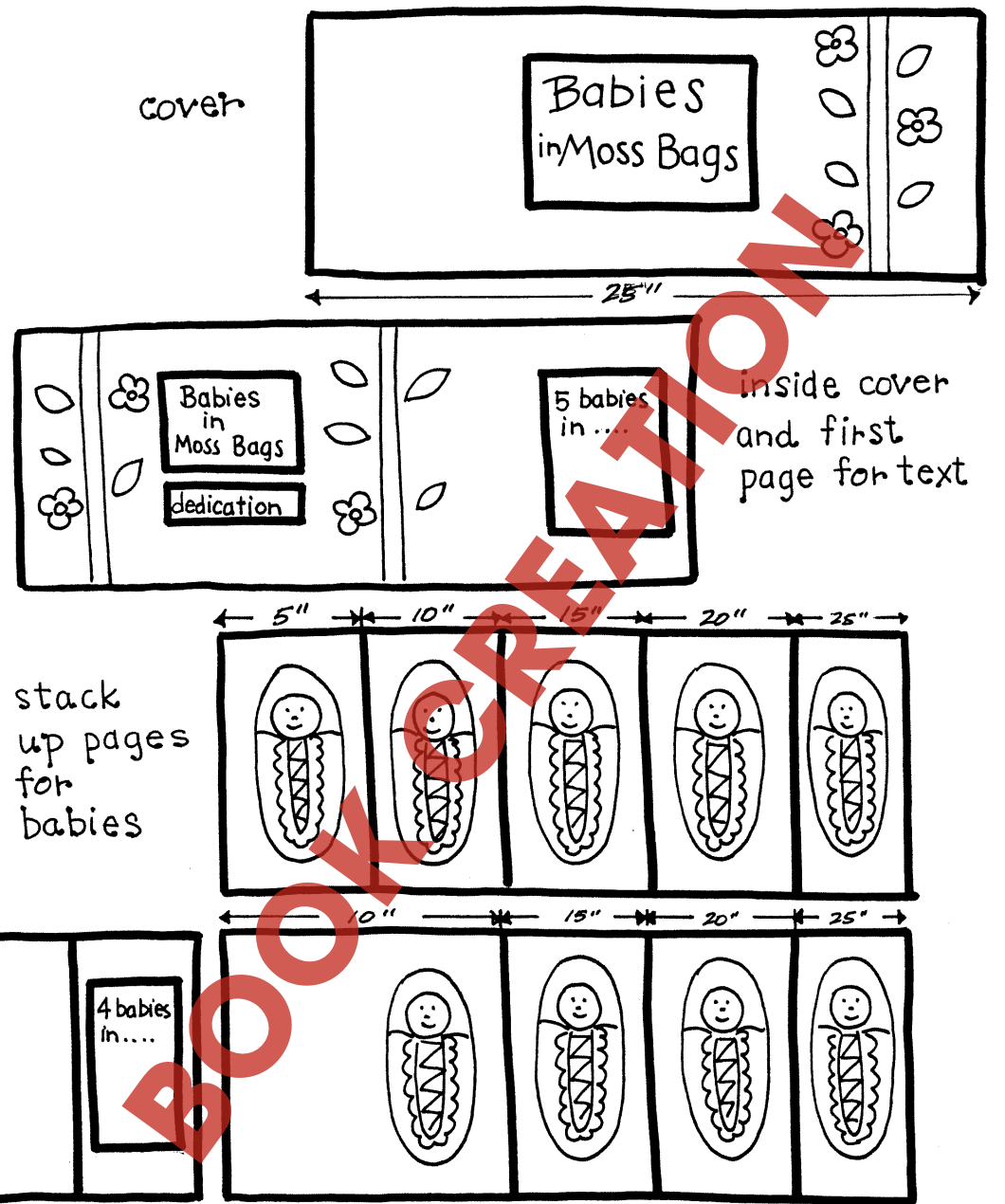
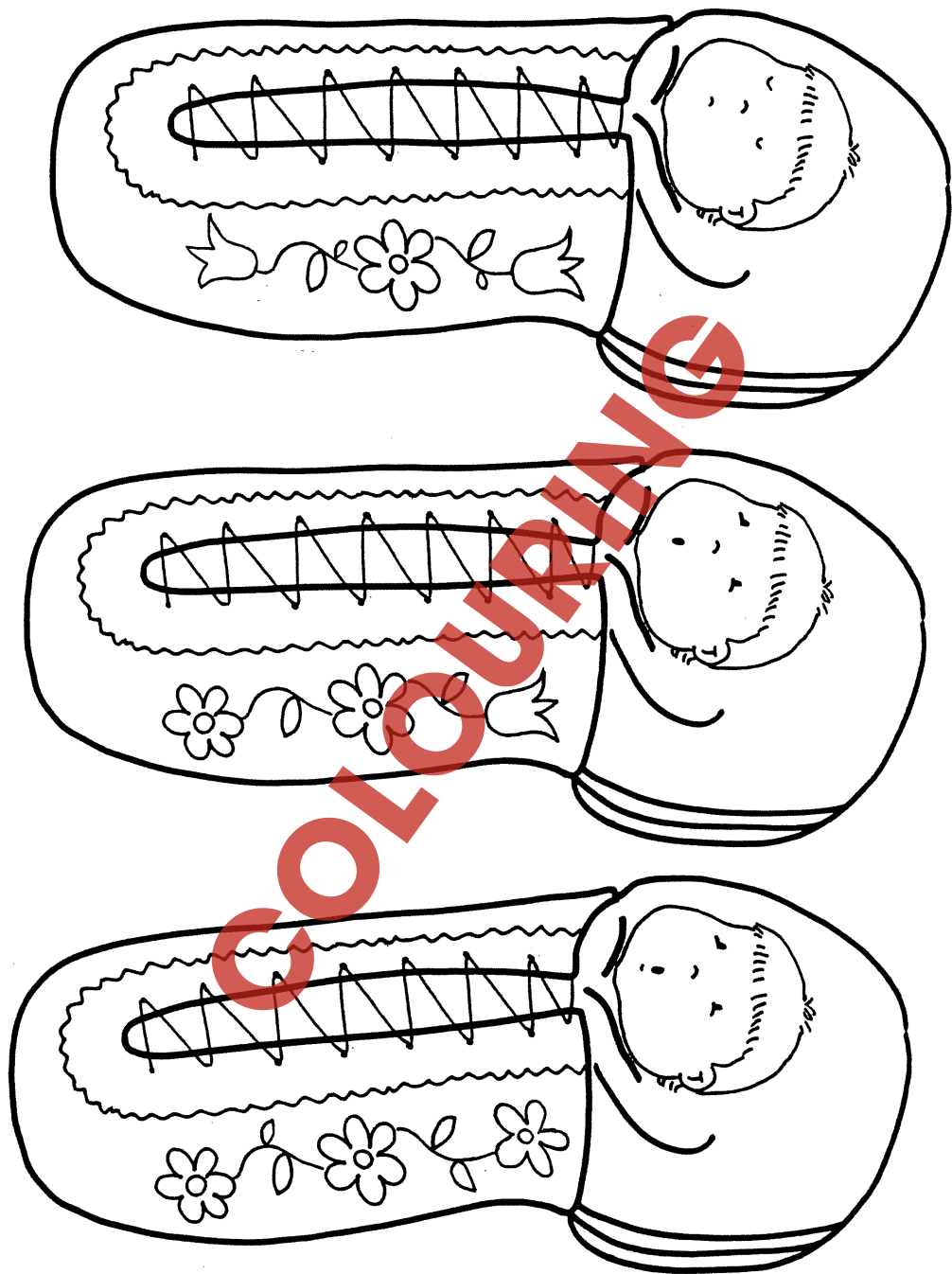
Yellow and red.

Sew them on

With a  and .

I baby in
 I moss bag,
 Waiting
 All alone.
 Then a mother
 Comes along,
 To take him...





stack up pages for babies

inside cover and first page for text

Telling the Story, Babies in Moss Bags

Introduce your children to the moss bag before reading this story. Kokum's Moss Bag makes a good introduction in story form.

Read the story through for enjoyment.

Reread again, pointing out spelling conventions such as baby it's plural, babies, the use of are and is. Students can practise counting from five down to one.

Culminating Language Arts and Art Activity for Babies in Moss Bags

Use the pattern on the following page for the cover of a Big Book made by your class about the moss bag.

Hands On Activity: Match up the moss bag babies!

Objective: Students will match the moss bag babies that are the same.

Photocopy two sets of the babies in moss bags, each set on a different colour of coloured bond paper. Cut out and mount on a bristol backing. Color and cut out the objective card and mount on a bristol backing. Laminate and store all the pieces in a zip close bag at your Learning Centre.

Note: To make this activity more challenging, include more moss bag babies. Make a photocopy of the babies and white out the flowers to make a new pattern to add to the number of babies in the activity.

Hands On Activity: Take away the moss bag babies!

Objectives: 1. Students will use the mossbag babies to find the missing number in the subtraction equations. 2. Students will write the equation filling in the missing number.



My name is _____

Moss bag Word Search

Can you find the words that tell about a moss bag? Circle the words when you find them.

The words to find are:
diaper, moss bag, sew, beads,
cattail, warm, dry, mother, cloth.

