

Cattle Drives in Kansas

Cattle were first brought to the United States from Spain. By the mid-1700s, cattle were well established in the Texas region. Cattle drives from Texas began as early as 1836. During the Civil War, shipping routes were blocked and ranchers had no way to move beef to the east coast. This resulted in an overabundance of cattle in Texas and a shortage in the east. Ranchers then began driving cattle north.



The first cattle drives were to Sedalia, Missouri because of its railroad access. Missouri soon passed a law banning cattle from Texas because longhorns carried a tick which infected local breeds. Kansas passed a similar law in 1861. A portion of the law was later repealed which allowed cattle west of the sixth principal meridian. An early trail from Texas to Kansas became known as the Chisholm Trail.

Abilene saw the first cattle drive in August 1867 and shipped the first load of cattle out via railroad the following month. Ellsworth, Newton, Wichita, Caldwell, Hunnewell, and Dodge City were also large cowtowns. The Western Cattle Trail which led to Dodge City later became the most utilized trail.

In 1885, Kansas again banned drives from Texas due to the Spanish fever and the hoof and mouth disease. These diseases along with barbed wire fencing which prevented mass drives and pasturing ended cattle drives in Kansas. By this time, Texas had its own railway which could be used to ship cattle.

Cattle Headband

Supplies:

- scissors
- crayons, markers, or colored pencils
- stapler, glue, or tape
- headband template



1) Print templates on cardstock. Color template pieces and cut them out using scissors.



2) Connect headband pieces using stapler, glue, or tape. Make sure it fits around your head.



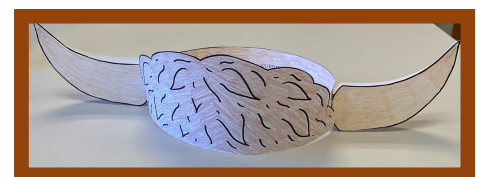
3) Fold tabs attached to horns. Connect two horns by overlapping the tabs and adding staples.

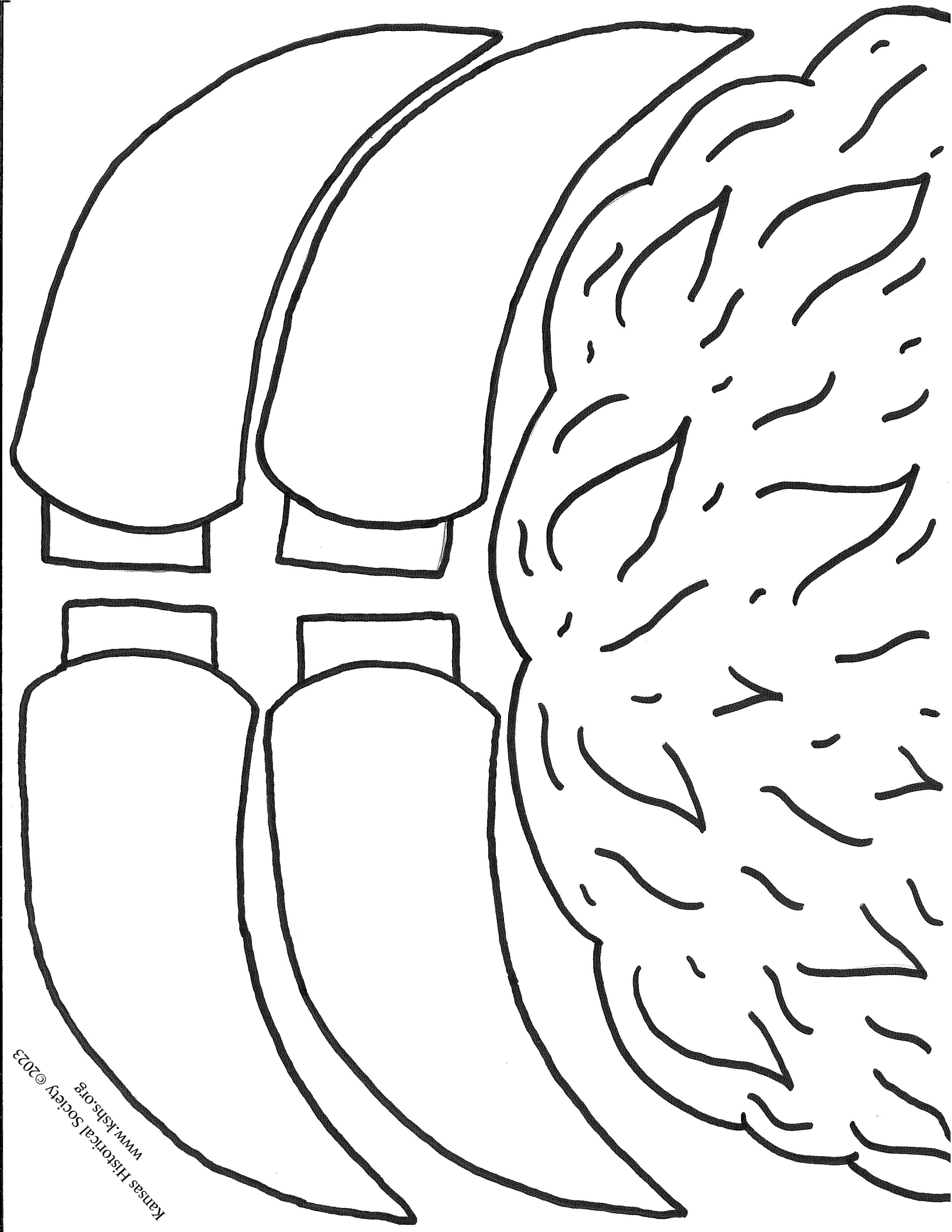


4) Connect horns to headband with staples. Staple the top of the horns together.



5) Add hair to headband by stapling it to the front.





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