Tabernacle Paper Model

Model of the Tabernacle and Courtyard

The Tabernacle was a moveable "tent of meeting" that God commanded Moses to build. God wanted to dwell among His people, the Israelites. He longed to have fellowship with them and to communicate with them. The tribes of Israel camped around the Tabernacle during the Exodus. We study the Tabernacle to learn the steps that the LORD laid out for a sinful people to approach a holy God. (Exodus 25-30; Leviticus 1-9, 16; Hebrews 7-10)

Instructions for Making the Tabernacle Model

You will need: • Sharp scissors • Ruler or straight edge • Blunt letter opener • Glue (such as permanent glue stick) • Clear tape • Container for the small pieces

1. Photocopy the small pieces of the model (people, animals, furniture, veil) before cutting out anything. In case you lose a small piece, you can replace it with one of the copies. The pieces are identified below each item.

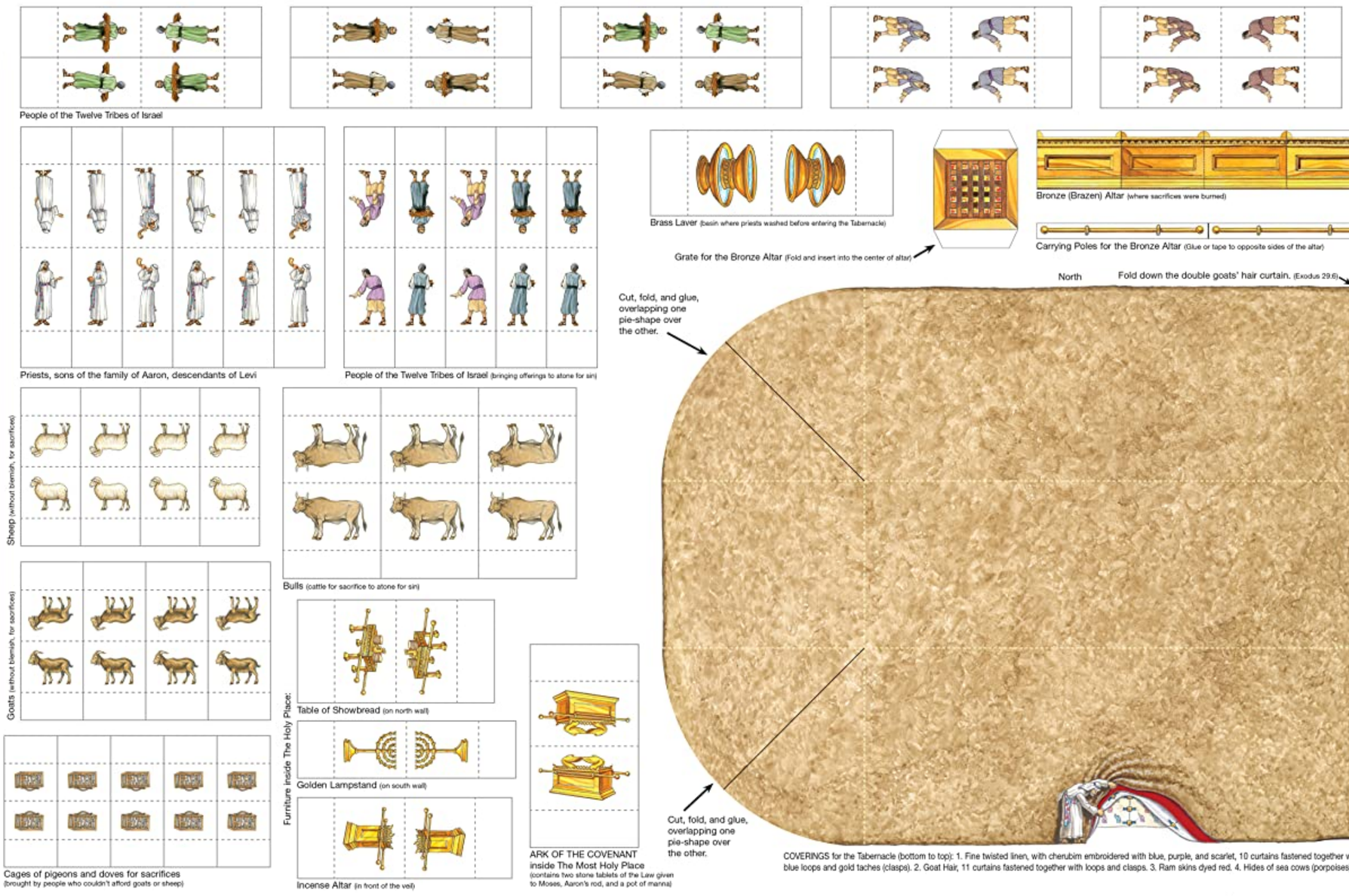
2. Start at the bottom and cut out the COURTYARD with its interior fences. Lay a ruler along the dashed fold lines on all pieces and use a blunt letter opener to crease the lines before folding. Fold fences inward to form the inside of the courtyard. Glue the corners with a glue stick. Press and hold. Add clear tape if necessary. Then cut out the **OUTSIDE FENCES** and glue them to the outside of the courtyard. Make sure the bronze bases are at the bottom, and silver at the top. If your glue does not hold, use clear tape along the edges of the fence. An adult may try stronger adhesive.

3. Cut out the TABERNACLE with THE HOLY PLACE and THE MOST HOLY PLACE (The Holy of Holies). Follow the procedure above to crease the fold lines. Glue with the walls facing inward. Then cut out and glue the OUTSIDE WALLS to the exterior. Make sure the silver bases are at the bottom. Place the Tabernacle inside the courtyard at the west end. See diagram.

4. Cut out the VEIL pieces and glue them back to back. Hang the veil between The Holy Place and The Most Holy Place with the posts facing The Most Holy Place. Glue it to one side of the wall to hold it in place.

5. Cut out and crease the FURNITURE and place it in the Tabernacle. Put the ARK OF THE COVENANT in The Most Holy Place. This is where God spoke to the High Priest. Once a year the High Priest would enter and sprinkle blood on the Mercy Seat between the two cherubim, to atone for the sins of all the people. The veil was a barrier between God and man.
Put the Altar of Incense, Table of Showbread, and Golden Lampstand in The Holy Place. See the diagram below for placement.
Put the Brass Laver and the Bronze (Brazen) Altar out in the Courtyard. See diagram for the placement. Insert the grate into the altar. Glue or tape the carrying poles to opposite sides of the Bronze Altar.

6. Cut out and crease the people (the High Priest, the other priests, and the people of the tribes of Israel). The animals (bulls, sheep, goats, and birds) for sacrifices. Use tape if glue does not hold. Arrange them in the courtyard outside the Tabernacle. Only the priests could go into The Holy Place and only the High Priest could go into The Most Holy Place.



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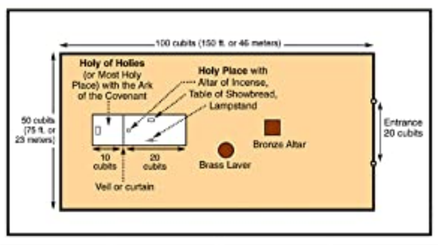

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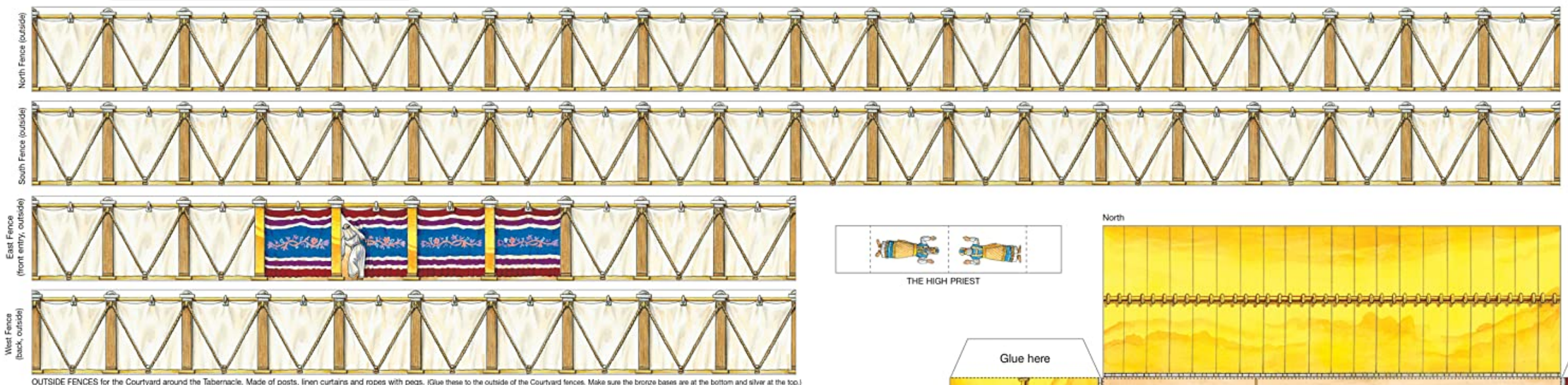

OUTSIDE FENCES for the Courtyard around the Tabernacle. Made of posts, linen curtains and ropes with pegs. (Glue these to the outside of the Courtyard fences. Make sure the bronze bases are at the bottom and silver at the top.)

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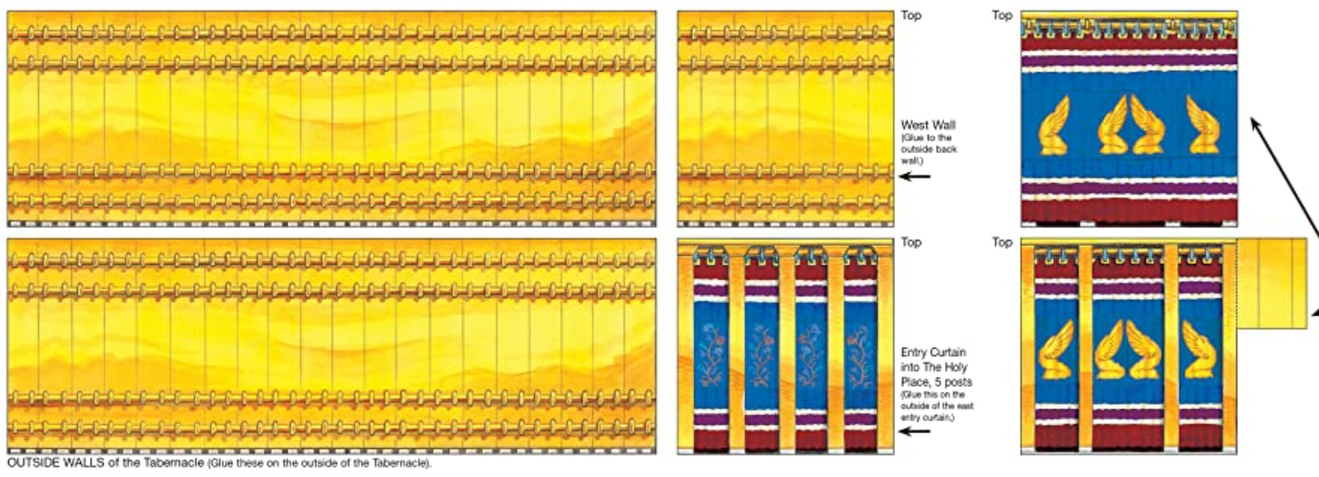
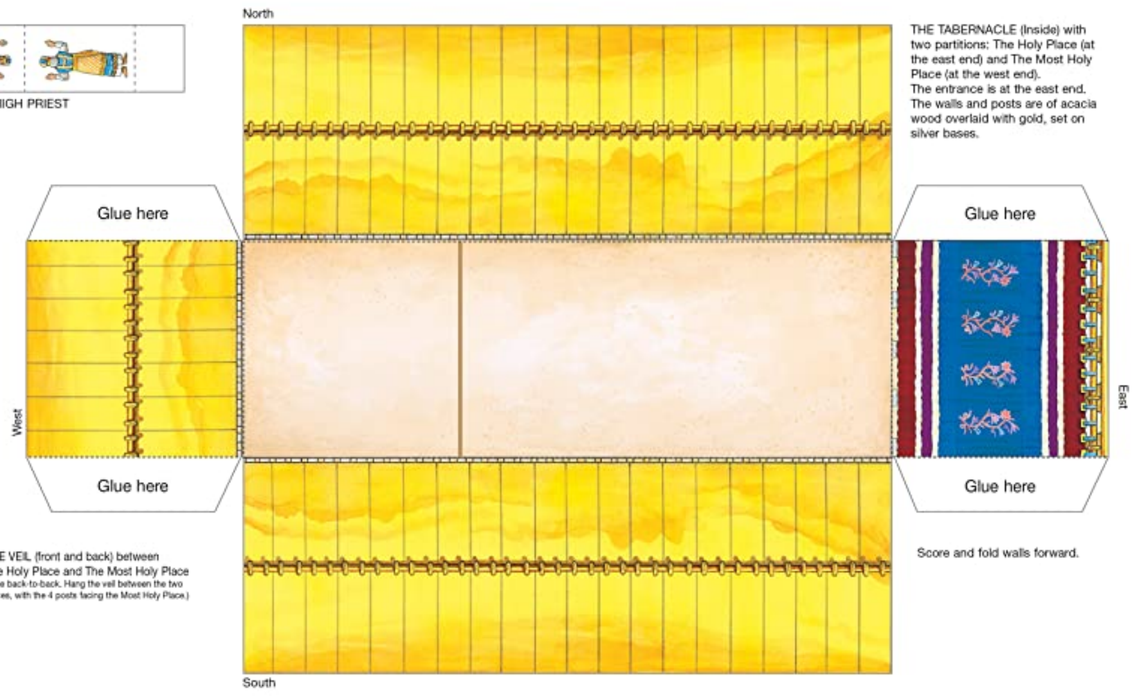
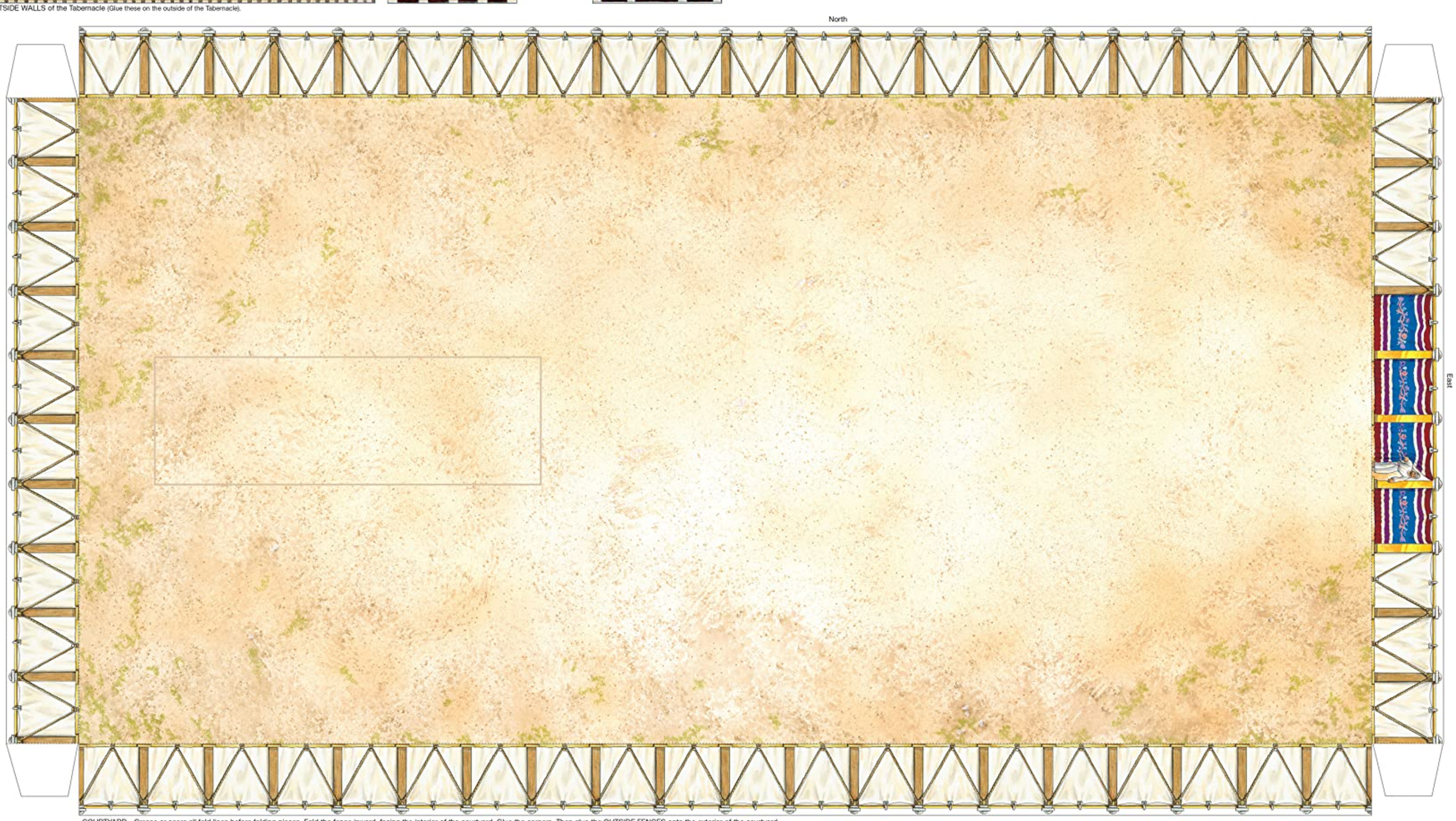


OUTSIDE WALLS of the Tabernacle (Glue these on the outside of the Tabernacle).



THE TABERNACLE (Inside) with two partitions: The Holy Place (at the east end) and The Most Holy Place (at the west end).
The entrance is at the east end.
The walls and posts are of acacia wood overlaid with gold, set on silver bases.



COURTYARD—Crease or score all fold lines before folding pieces. Fold the fence inward, facing the interior of the courtyard. Glue the corners. Then glue the OUTSIDE FENCES onto the exterior of the courtyard.

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