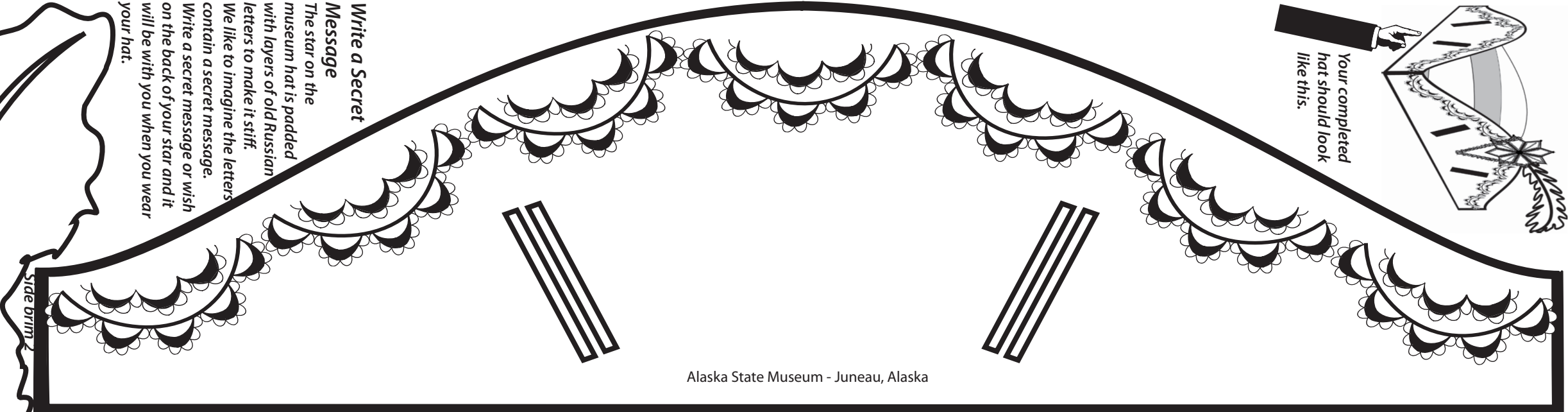
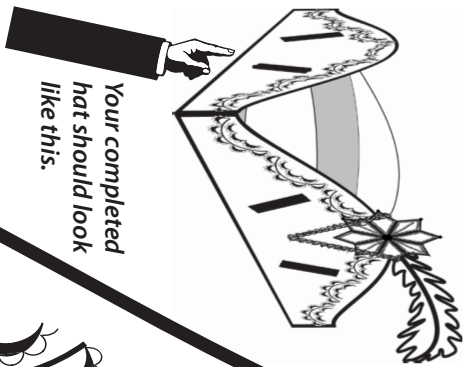


Russian Tricorner Hat

Alaska State Museum - *Alaskan Hat*
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Cut on the dotted lines and use borders to make hatband.

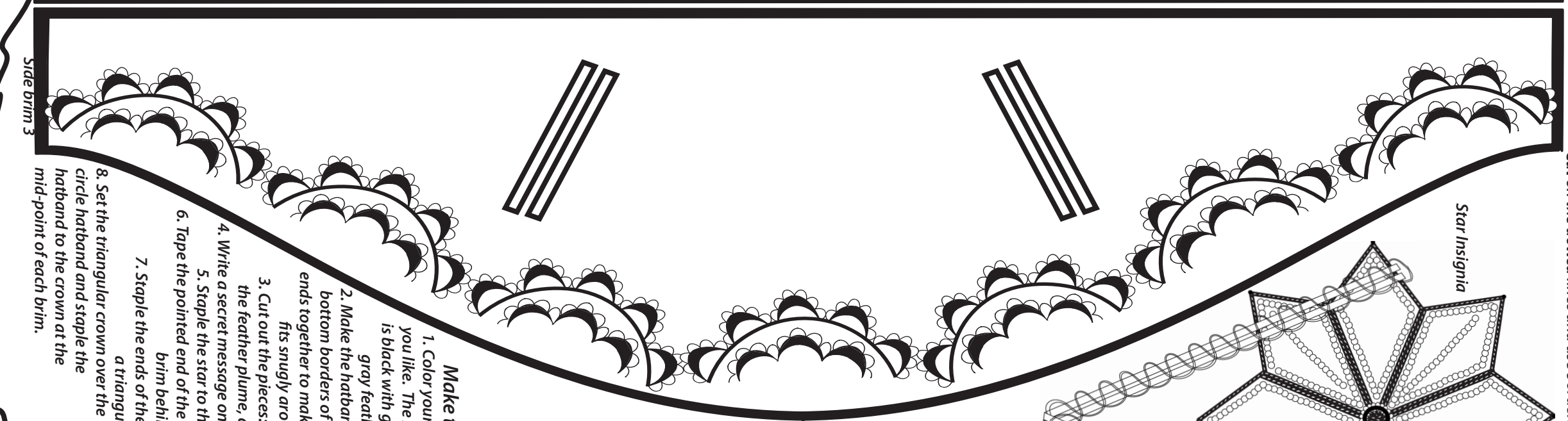


Write a Secret Message

The star on the museum hat is padded with layers of old Russian letters to make it stiff. We like to imagine the letters contain a secret message. Write a secret message or wish on the back of your star and it will be with you when you wear your hat.

Side brim 2

Side brim 3



Star Insignia

center

Front brim
Fasten star insignia here

Make the Hat

1. Color your hat any way you like. The museum's hat is black with gold trim and a gray feather plume.
2. Make the hatband from the top and bottom borders of this page. Tape the ends together to make a circular band that fits snugly around your head.
3. Cut out the pieces: the three side brims, the feather plume, and the star insignia.
4. Write a secret message on the back of the star insignia.
5. Staple the star to the front brim as shown.
6. Tape the pointed end of the feather to the back of the front brim behind the star.
7. Staple the ends of the brims together to form a triangular crown.
8. Set the triangular crown over the circle hatband and staple the hatband to the crown at the mid-point of each brim.

Front brim 1

Feather plume

Cut on the dotted lines and use borders to make hatband.

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Three hundred years ago tricorner hats were worn around the world. The leader of Russia, called the Czar, and Russian military leaders wore tricorner hats decorated with golden trim and great feather plumes like the one in the museum. Long after the tricorner hats were no longer popular, Russians operated a fur trading company in Alaska called the Russian America Company. A Tlingit clan leader named Koox'aan (Koo-con) from Sitka, Alaska was friendly to the Russian

The hat continued to be worn for over 100 years by clan members at important events. The faded and old tricorner hat and kaftan are now carefully stored in the Alaska State Museum.