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II. Building the Base

The base has three layers:

- The ground floor
- The core mechanism
- The top-sheet



Do not forget the damage dials, which fit into the mechanism; you have to be very careful to place in the right location or your ship will be all messed up.



There is no artwork on the site for the ground floor. The Great Forge council had determined that it would be a little bit confusing. You don't want to have a bunch of paper stuck between your cardboard layers, so you'd have to remove it like the Core mechanism stencil. The Council saw that as too much to remove, and so the decision was made to simplify.

The shape of the ground floor is made at the same time as the Top-sheet, as you'll soon find.



The Base Making steps:

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A. Dial Crafting

1. Print the dials making sure that you have a full set: Stem, Stern, and both side
2. Double check the scale guide, to determine they are the right size
3. Mount the dials on white illustration board using Super 77 adhesive.
4. Cut out the damage dials completely removing all of the black wedges from the artwork.
5. Use a knife tip to boar a hole for the center pin.





B. Making the Layers

1. Take the two Topsheet prints and glue them along their overlap area.
2. Take both Mechanism pages and glue them along their overlap area as indicated on the prints.
3. Double check the scale reference to make sure that the artwork has been scaled correctly by your printer/computer.
4. Cut three identical sheets of Letramax Jet Black Illustration board, making them slightly over sized compared to the topsheet artwork.
5. Attach the topsheet Artwork using Super 77, you never want this to come up, so make sure it's well attached
6. Attach the Mechanism stencil with a lower tact spray adhesive: **you're going to peel it off later**, so you **DON'T** want to use Super77.



Step 2 Detail: Trim excess white area from the artwork you plan to put on top, then check the alignment of the artwork; know how you're going to put it together. Add glue, and then join. Your illustration board should be slightly oversized; trim that down later (remember to use removable adhesive when attaching the mechanism art to it's illustration board).



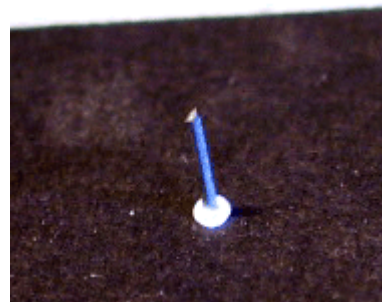
The three layers

By now your artwork is simply mounted to two of your three identical rectangles of the "superblack" Illustration board. You should really go over your topsheet with a roller several times to ensure a good bond.



C. Center Posts

1. Using one of your paperclips and a pair of dykes (diagonal cutters) cut four sections being cautious to keep them the same length – 1/4” long.
2. Bore holes at each center point mark on the stencil layer. Make sure the holes go all the way through
3. Bore the marked holes in the topsheet.
4. Bore the holes in the topsheet completely
5. Stack the groundfloor beneath the mechanism layer, and mark the holes again
6. bore the holes more delicately in the groundfloor – they need only seat the posts, and not go all the way through the illustration board.
7. Using a touch of glue - permanently affix the center posts into the groundfloor layer, and allow them to dry completely
8. It's okay if they stick out the top, the ships hull will cover the posts.



Note: the posts may come out a few times during construction, just be judicious about using glue to fix them later: if you manage to adhere the damage dial to the basefloor you're going to wish you hadn't.



D. The Mechanism

1. Cut away the gray areas making sure that your edges are precise and your cuts are as straight up and down as possible.
2. It's easiest to remove the areas in sections. Straight cuts with rulers first, and then the arched cuts.
3. Remember to score your cuts: this is very dense board; cut it by making several passes, each time applying light pressure.



When you are finished clearing the gray areas, you should have the mechanism core, be sure the rounded cuts are at least smooth, so that they don't catch on the dials.

The whole point of this exercise is to have a working mechanism, right? So make sure this is going to work.

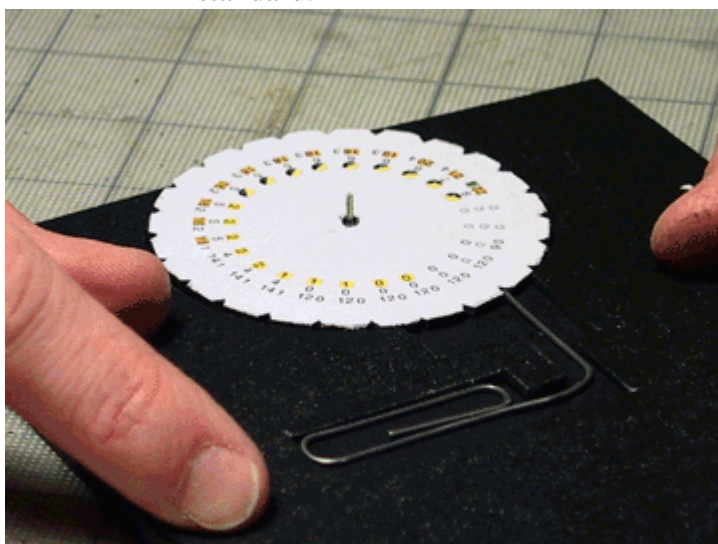


It is absolutely vital that you peel the artwork off of the mechanism level; if you fail to do this, the base will not adhere properly, and your ship will be a failure.



E. Checking the Mechanism

It's tempting to check one dial in all of the mechanism holes, isn't it; don't do it. **Check the specific dial in the specific hole**, because this is all hand made, and therefore non standard.



The heart of the mechanism

A jumbo sized "gem" paperclip is what provides the beloved click to the Paperforge Ship mechanism.

The arm of the Paperclip catches in the notches and clicks as the damage dial is rotated. eventually this will cause your dials to be irreparably worn, but not before countless maritime battles have transpired.

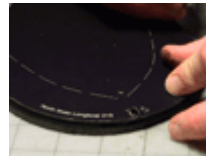
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outer wind actually needs to move, remember this when you are going ape crazy with glue later: the entire arm needs to be able to yield to the dial.



F. Making it Oval

1. Set aside the damage dials, do not have them in your stack!
2. **Stack the three layers** using the posts as a guide
3. Holding them firmly, trim along the edge of the topsheet artwork.
4. Remember to score repeatedly, keeping your knife upright!



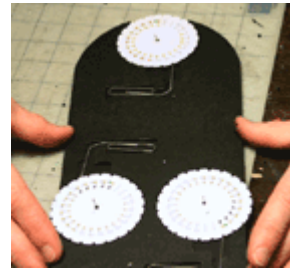
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1. Apply glue to the underside of the Mechanism layer.
2. Attach the Mechanism layer to the groundfloor, and double check the mechanism as the glue dries
3. Place the damage dials
4. clear all glue from the dial wells.
5. carefully glue the paperclips into place
6. Apply glue to the top of the mechanism layer
7. Attach the topsheet.





This is your last chance to check your mechanism, and I suggest you make sure that it is clicking in the right direction, and that everything will work.



Glue will help to hold the paperclips, but don't be afraid to add cardboard in the center of the paperclip, that's a better hold.

JUST REMEMBER! Any glue or cardboard limiting the motion of that outer arm will impact the mechanism, and probably cause it not to work.



When you go to attach the topsheet, and you have drying glue all over the place, and you're tired and hungry, be sure to exercise caution, and carefully align your center rods. This will be a royal pain in the ass, and we're very sorry.



Congratulations! You have made a working Paperforge Mariners Base!

Now would be a good time to get some rest and leave this to dry over night.





SHIP BUILDING

If you have made it this far it means that you must be intent on actually building one of our fine ships; an effort we at the Paperforge applaud heartily. We wish you the best of luck building, and a terrific time playing MAGE KNIGHT with Paperforge ships.

-- The Ancient Mariner, and the Forge Master



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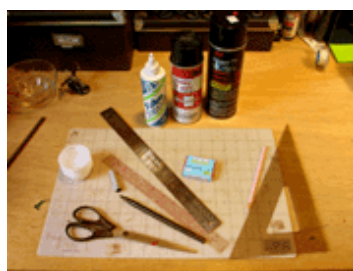
i. This model is for Advanced and Expert Modelers ONLY. A novice does not stand a chance completing this model, and should not attempt it until they have made several other models, and feel confident with their abilities.

ii. Europeans: the Forge Smiths regrets that all of our artwork is presently made for 8.5"x11" paper, the US standard, and not A4 the World standard. Also, the instructions call for use of Foam Core, or Foam board. The Forge masters have seen a great many things in our travels, but Foam Core is not one of them: it is an ultra-light EPP foam sandwiched between two sheets of paper making it both rigid and lightweight. You can substitute balsa wood, but do not use other cardboards.

iii Time: Allow enough time for this model to be built. It takes the great Forge Master himself two whole days to complete this boat model, and he designed it. It is an intricate model, and requires time to assemble it well. If you try to rush, you will certainly end up with a mess.

iv. Necessary Supplies

- Cutting mat, so you don't destroy the kitchen table.
- T-square at least 16" long.
- # 11 x-acto knife. Shaped like a pencil or pen
- An entire box of #11 x-acto blades, that's 100 blades. You'll use over twenty.
- A steel, cork backed ruler at least 12" long



- A clear plastic ruler is very helpful, because it allows you to measure very precisely.
- A triangle will help getting square corners.
- A light colored marking pencil like a PRISMACOLOR pencil for marking on black board.
- Scissors are helpful, although not essential, especially if you are handy with a knife.
- 3M Super 77 Adhesive spray glue for long lasting bonds.
- 3M Spray mount Artists adhesive for temporary bonds.
- A white glue like Sobo made for paper adhesion
- Small, disposable plastic cups for pouring glue into
- A long tipped marker, in brown, black or gray for “edging”
- 1 box of natural brown file folders
- 1 box jumbo paperclips
- 18 x 20 sheet of Bainbridge/Letramax Superblack illustration board
- 11x 14 sheet of black foamcore



The weight and thickness of the illustration board is absolutely essential. Foam Core (Foam Board) is recommended for the most although balsa wood of equivalent size is an acceptable substitute; corrugated cardboard is not. Under no circumstances is this model to be attempted using dime-store poster board.



v. Better Cuts

To get better cuts you need to leave the scissors behind. Which means you enter the perilous world of X-acto knives.

LEARN BY WARNINGS NOT BY INJURIES.



The **Forge Master** himself bears many scars from x-acto knives, and he wishes better for you:

These knives are sharp, and will cut you easier than a thick piece of paper.

Always respect the blade. It will cut you if you are careless.

Make sure your other hand isn't in the flight path: if the knife slips will it land in your hand?

To make a straight, clean cut:

Always use a steel ruler with a cork backing, and a proper cutting surface underneath your knife. Not Aluminum. Never a plastic edge.

Place the ruler over the artwork you want to protect, so that if the knife strays from the ruler, it will not cut important artwork.

Buy a box of blades and replace them often. They get dull quickly.

Apply light pressure repeatedly, **never use excessive pressure** to try to cut through something quickly.



vi. Spraying Glue

It shouldn't take a genius to figure out that spraying glue indoors is a downright bad idea, the overspray is invisible and catastrophic. It can get all over unintended surfaces, It can get inside important places like your computer or - most of all - YOU!



The Forge Masters have called for the use of two types of spray glue, which, if nothing else, should let you know that we are sitting on stock piled arsenals of adhesives, build up during the mutually assured adhesion phase of the cold war. You should always have 3M Super 77 for permanent bonds, and then 3M Sprya mount or Removable spray mount for removable bonds.

You are just being stupid if you don't use some kind of a spray hood, and spray everything out of doors. That's all there is to it. A spray hood can be as simple as a box, and it isn't just to keep the spray from going onto your precious sidewalk or whatever. It helps keep the spray going in the right direction, such as: away from you. It cuts down on cross breezes and insures a better consistency of sprayed coating.

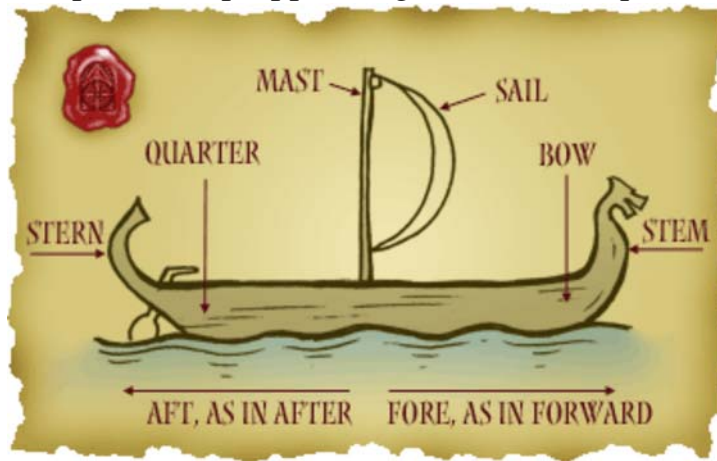


For spray glues line the box with paper, regularly to keep artwork from sticking to the box. Then when you're done you still have a usable spray box.





In order to build a boat you actually have to know what to call all of the parts, or else you won't be able to follow the instructions. The most important terms are the Stem and Stern. All Paperforge ships have symmetrical sides, so there is no need to learn port (left) or starboard (right), but there is bonus points for proper usage on the final quiz.



The Steps:

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I. Inventory

Make sure you have all of the pieces that you need by using the following Guide:

Part 1: Topsheet Stem

Part 2: Topsheet Stern

Part 3 & 4: Mechanism Stencil 2x

Part 5 & 6: Side 1 (print two copies)

Part 7 & 8: Side 2 (print two copies)

Part 9: Subfloor

Part 10 & 11: Deck (print twice)

Part 12: Mast

Part 13 SailFront, and Sailback on the same paper

Part 14: Stem and Stern

Part 15: Deck items

Scale is of critical importance, be sure to be vigilant about checking the scale indicator that is part of each page of artwork: be sure that they are consistent. Constant Vigilance!





III. Securing the Sides

1. [Backing](#)
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1. Backing

Most of the remaining parts of the boats (except for the sail) require what we call “backing” meaning a reinforcement of the paper with a light cardboard, in this case, file folder weight is very good for increased rigidity without going overboard. Most office supply stores offer a manila color, which is light tan, but often you can find a natural or brown folder, and those are the best to buy because they look the most like wood, and are therefore exceptionally cool.

Backing is easy;

1. examine the folder, and decide how you’re going to place the artwork on top of it.
2. spray the Super77 onto the back of the artwork, and then lay it down onto the folder.
3. Use a roller to really make the two surfaces bond.

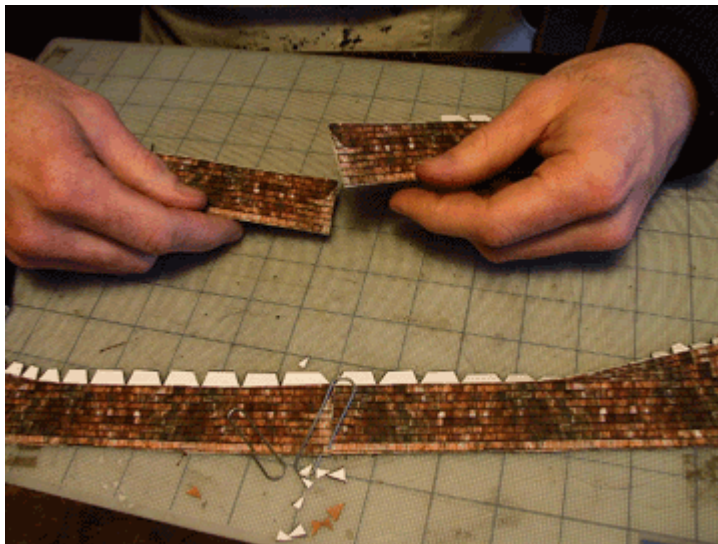


2. Cut the Artwork out carefully

After cutting that illustration board this is going to seem like a breeze, but remember to keep cool, take your time, and do not try to rush and force the cuts. Replace your blades often.



score the tabs **lightly** so they bends easily



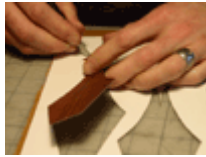
3. Attach the sides to the base:

1. The sides have an overlap, just like the Base topsheet or mechanism, and they need to be joined into continuous sides, before they can be attached.
2. Attach the sides to the ship one side at a time; do not be afraid to use tape as well as glue, as long as the tape is on the inside of the hull.
3. Appearance on the inside is not an issue, as the deck will cover it up.
4. Try to make the sides symmetrical if possible
5. temporarily hold the sides together with tape at the Stem and Stern, keeping it below deck level if possible.



4. Stem and Stern

1. Decide which Faction artwork you wish to have on your ship
2. Once backed, and cut out, the Stem and Stern is folded over, and glued.
3. Affix to the Stem and the Stern of the ship, trimming excess artwork as needed.



One of the biggest assembly problems we at the forge have faced has been the Stem and Stern buckling up from the base. If this happens to you DO NOT place weight on the deck - there's no support at stem and stern, and you'll wreck the ship. DO form a paperclip chain and clamp that down to you desk then secure the boat in the opposite direction so there is tension on the chain of paperclips. this will force the stem and stern back down selectively.

NOTE: this porcedure can only be done once the stem and stern have been affixed.

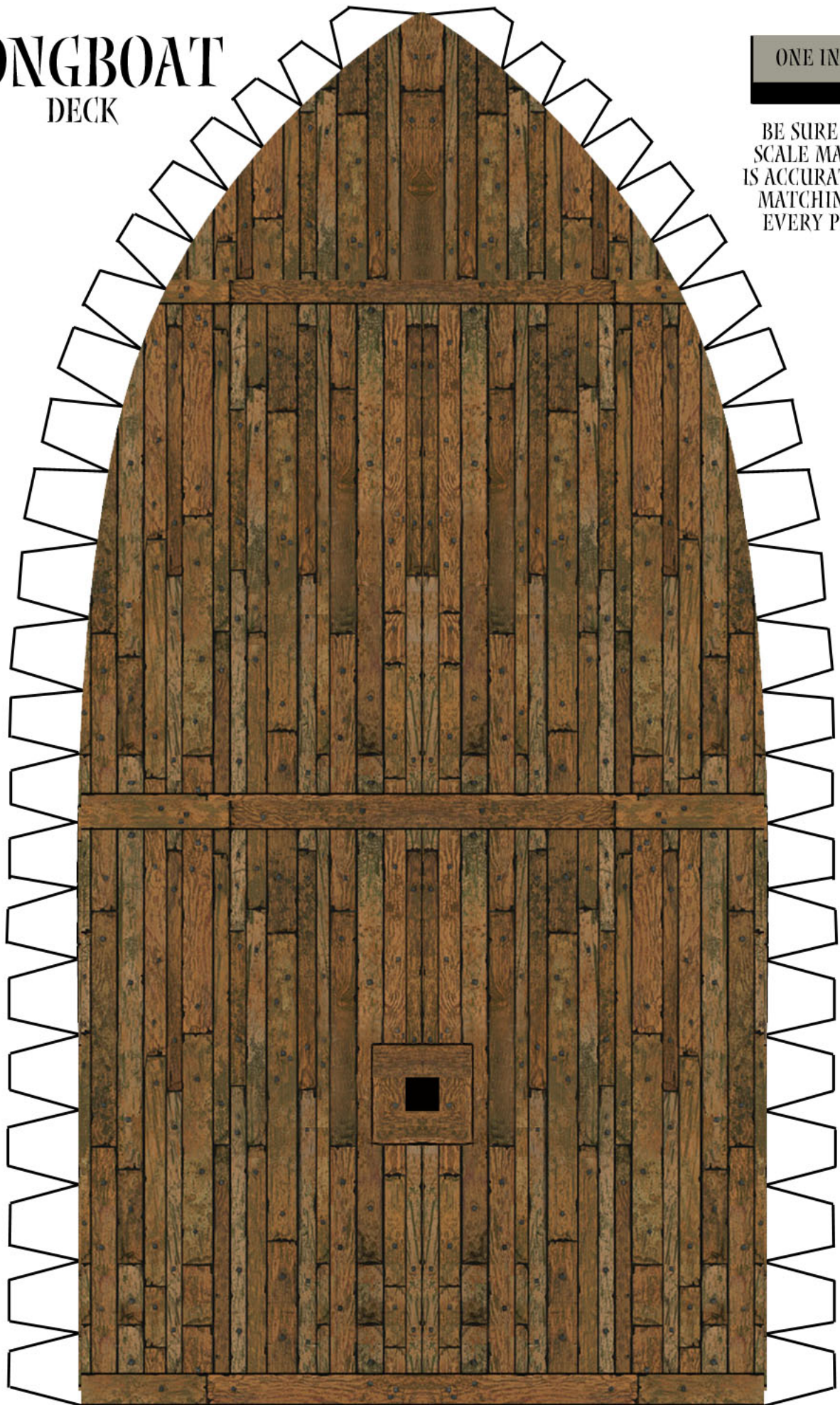
You can avoid this by really securing the sides to the base during the side luing phase, but who has the patience for that?



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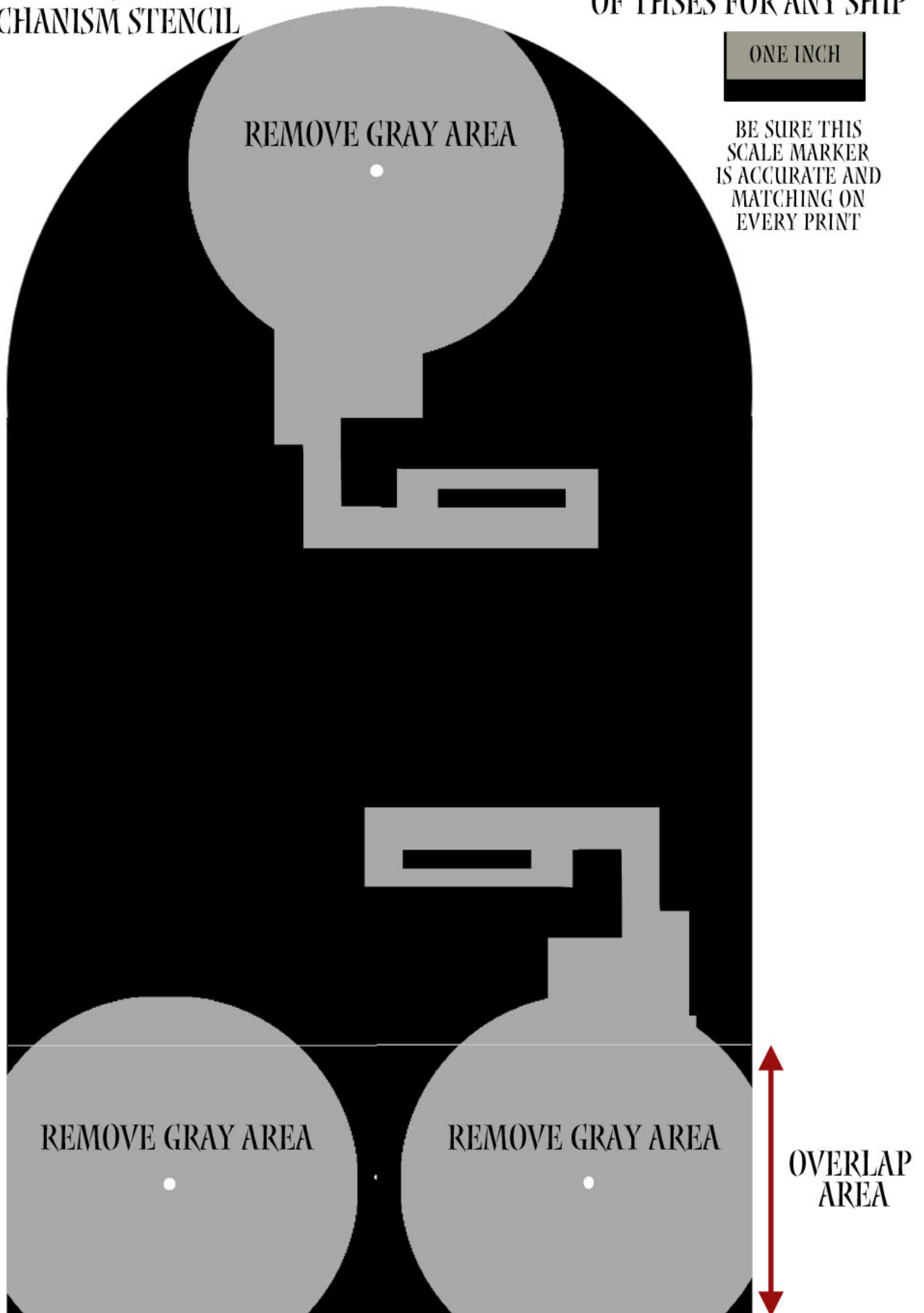
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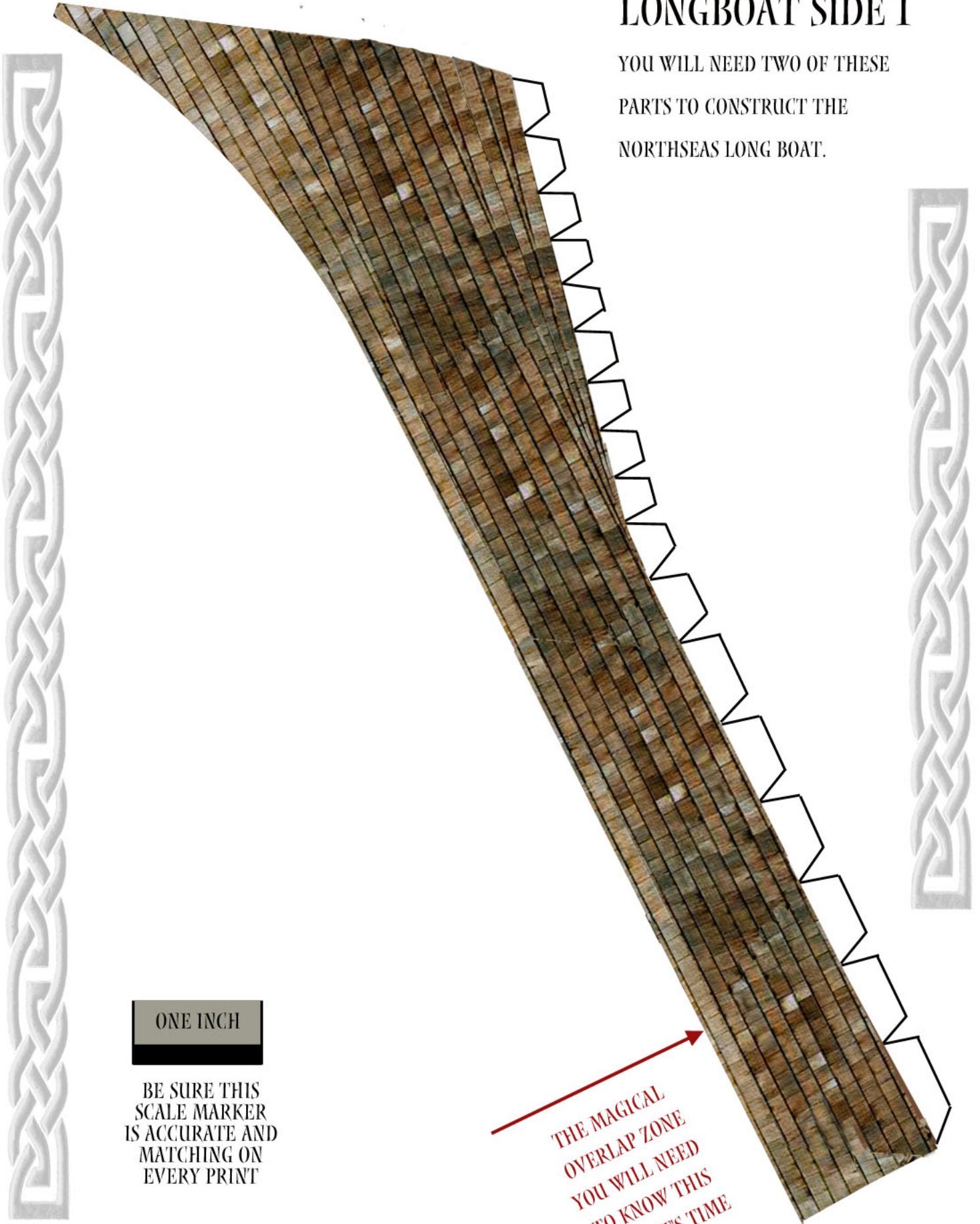
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THE MAGICAL OVERLAP ZONE YOU WILL NEED TO KNOW THIS WHEN IT'S TIME TO BUILD

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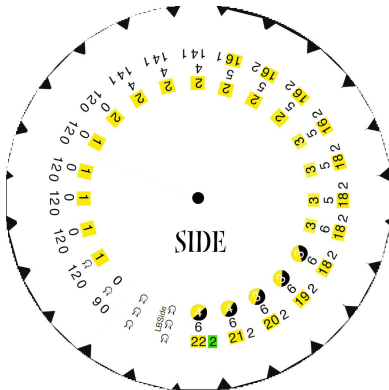


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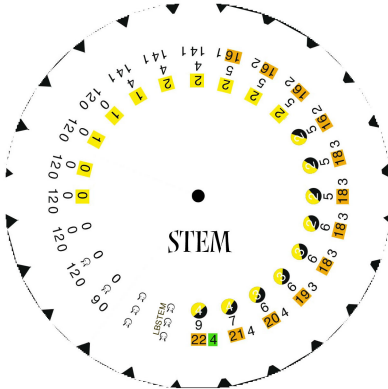


PLACE AT SIDE



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PLACE AT STEM



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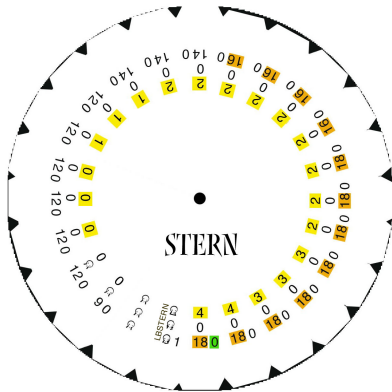
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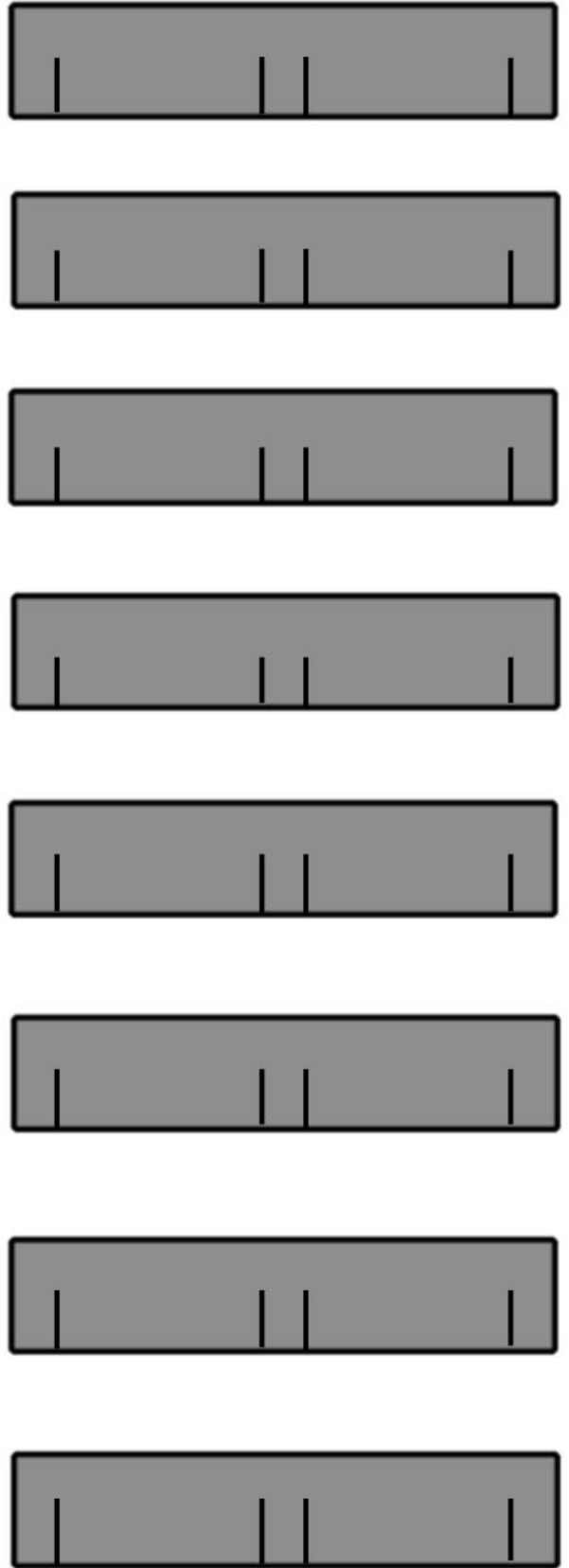
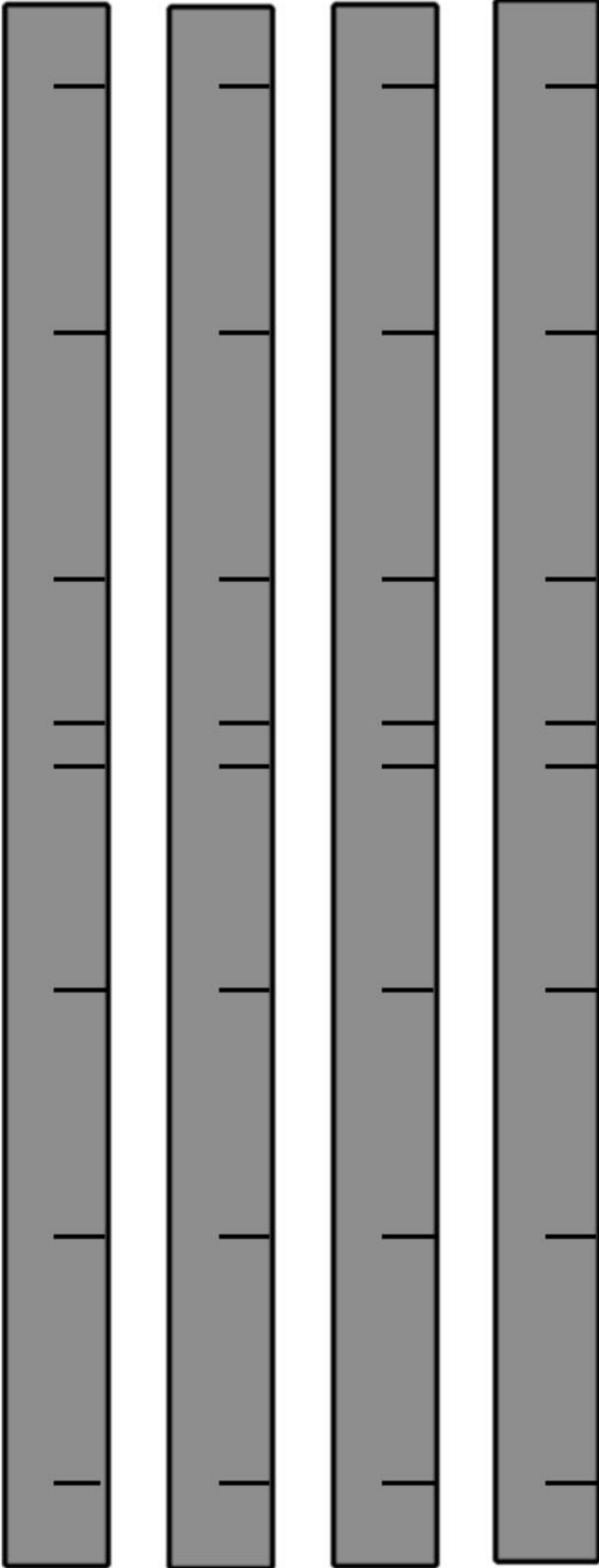


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LONG BOAT UNDER DECK SUBFLOOR

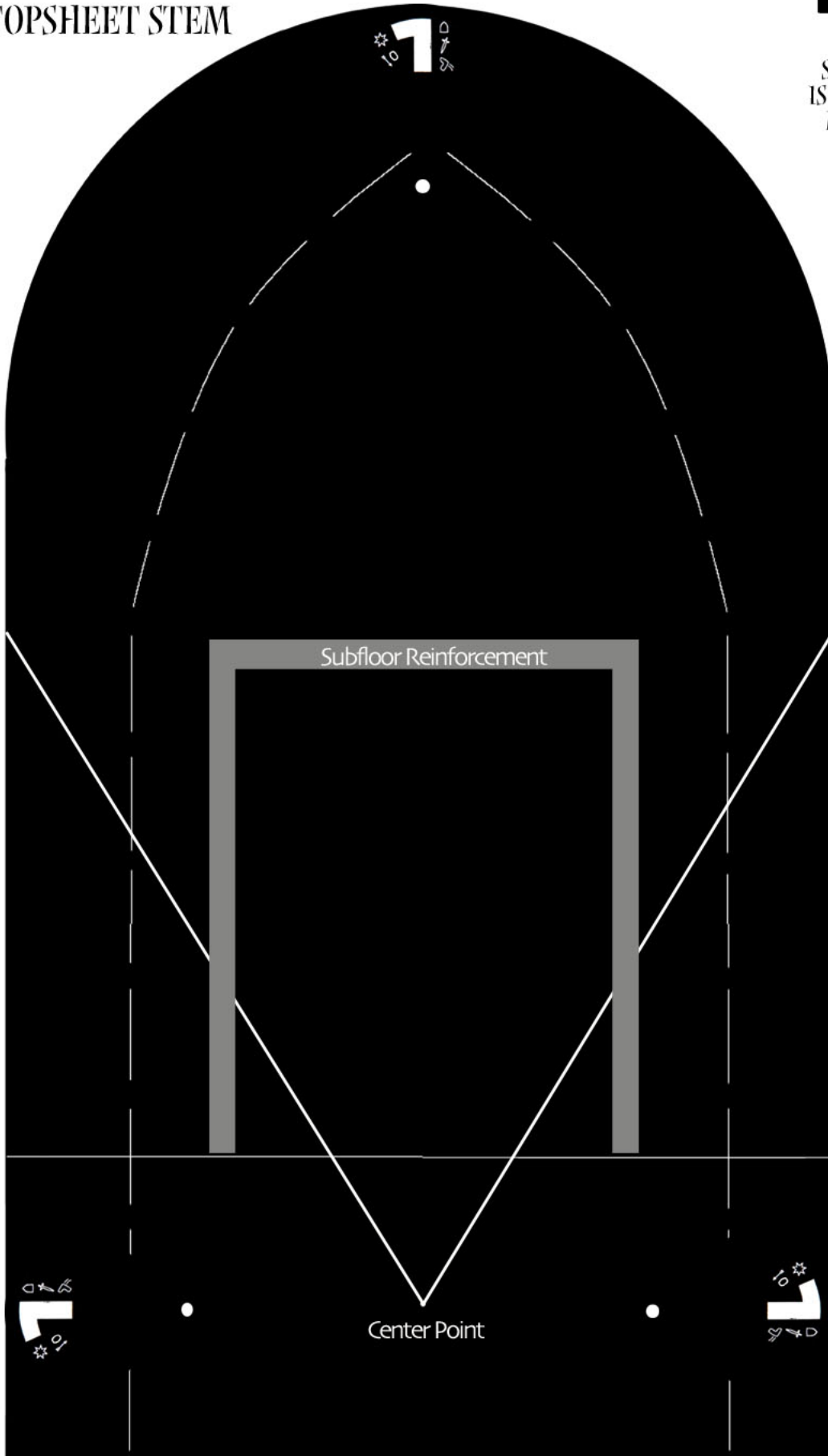


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LONGBOAT BASE TOPSHEET STEM

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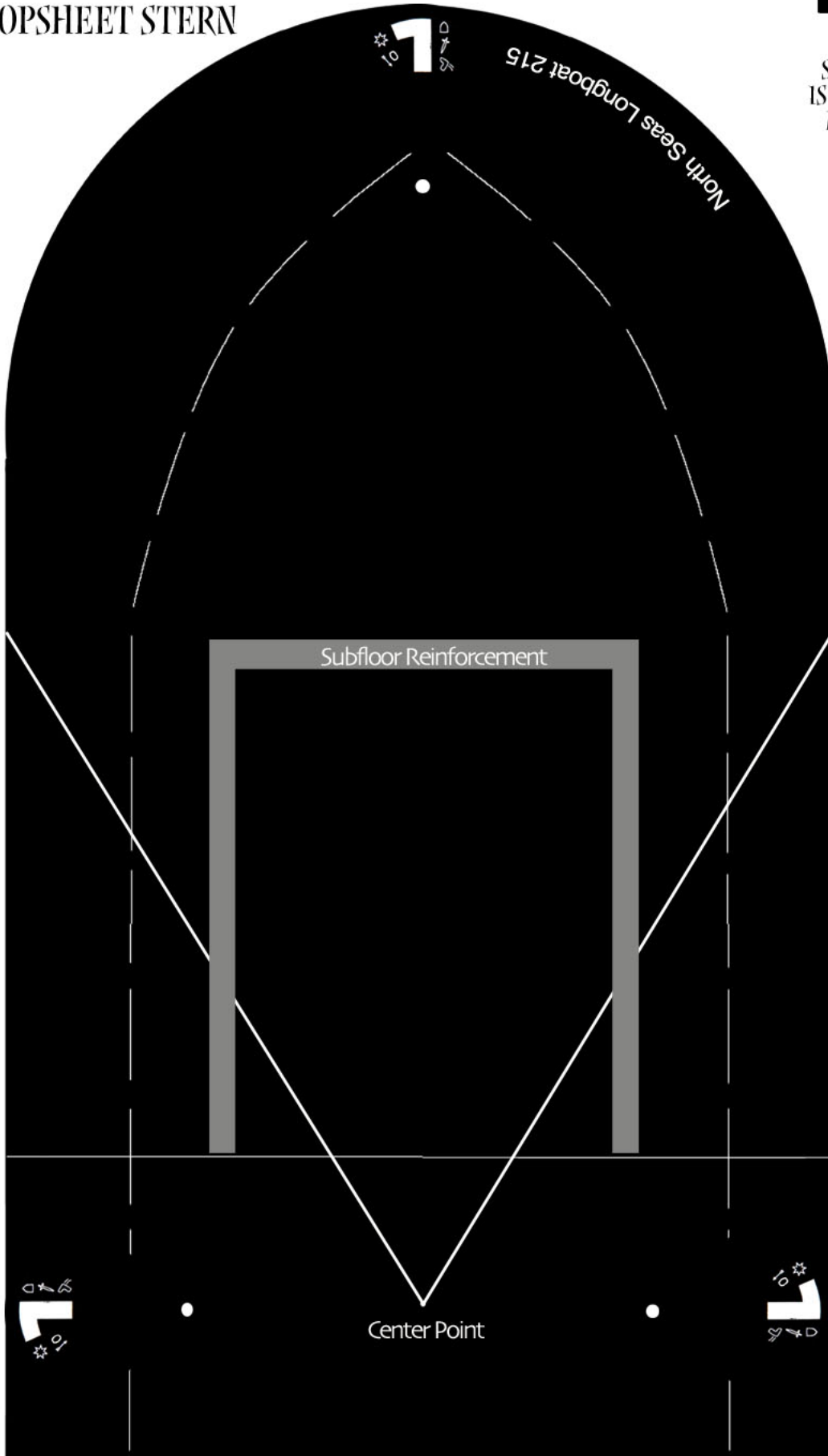


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