

Gingerbread Wall Cards

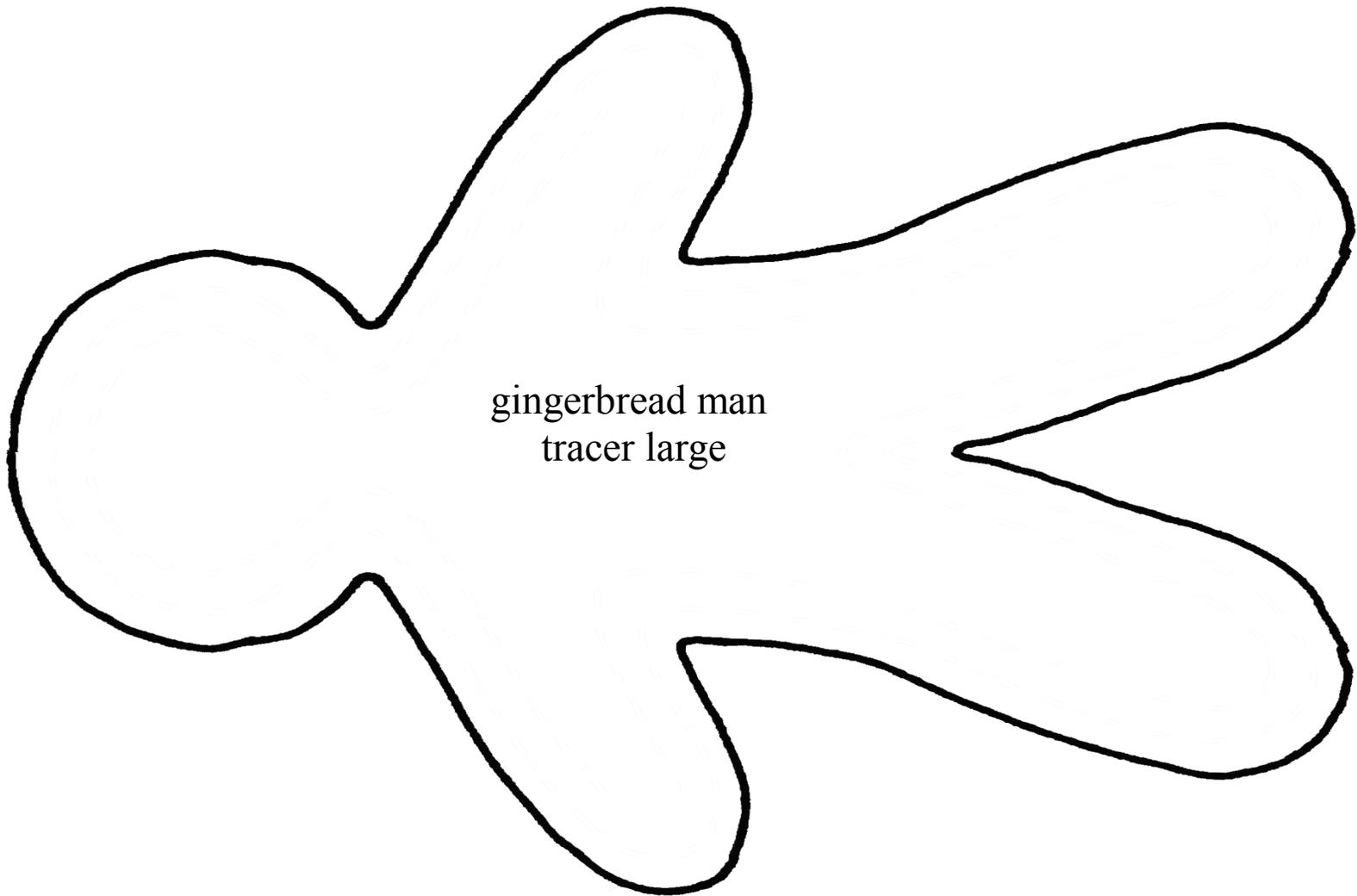
Materials:

- 6x9 inch construction paper in brown (2) and white (1)
- construction paper scraps—black, red
- gingerbread boy OR girl tracers (3)
- paste
- scissors

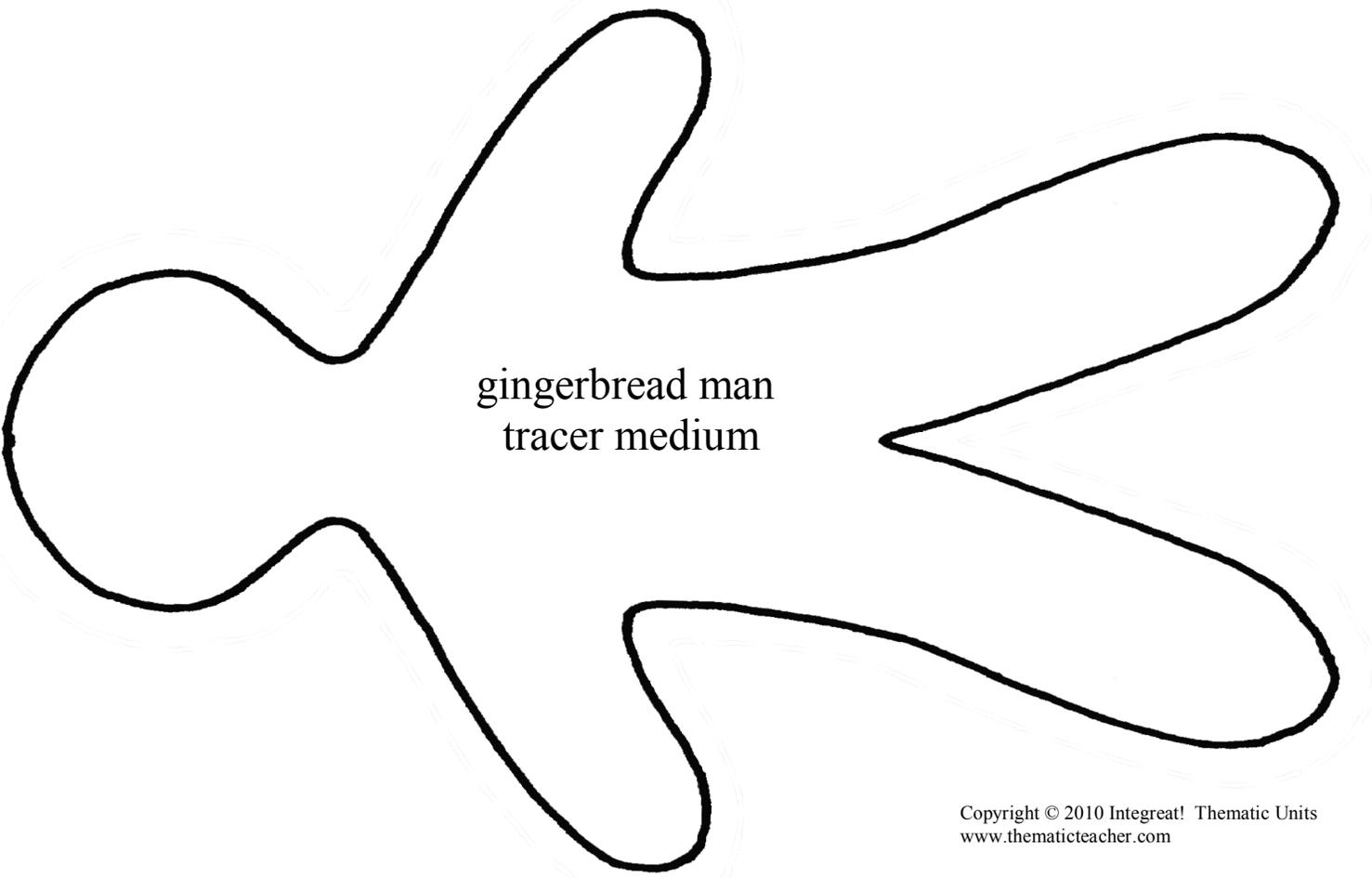


Directions:

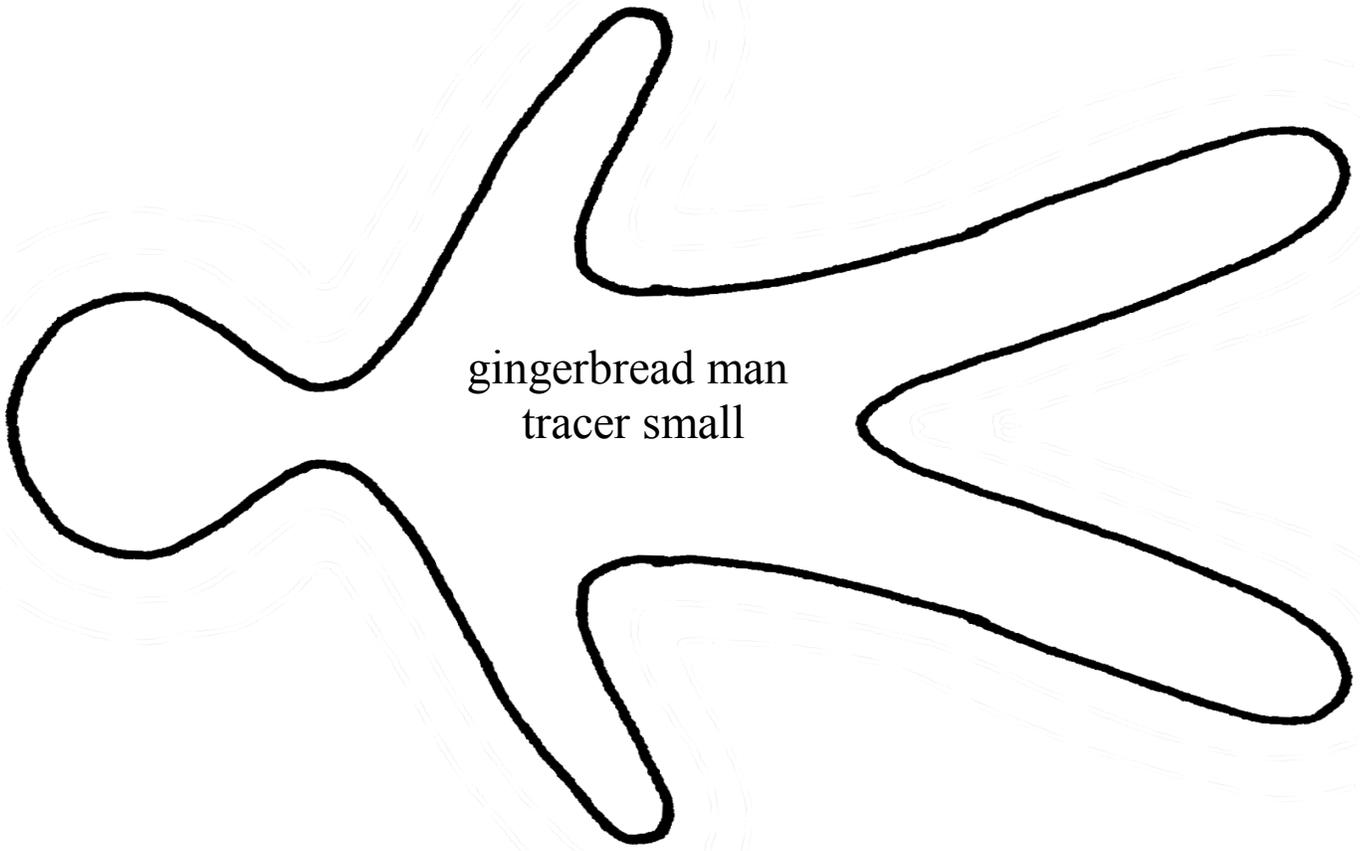
1. Get 2 pieces of brown construction paper for the gingerbread bodies, and 1 piece of white construction paper for the icing.
2. Trace around the large body tracer on brown paper. Cut it out.
3. Trace around the small body tracer on brown paper. Cut it out.
4. Trace around the medium sized body tracer on white paper. Cut it out.
5. Cut small red circles for the eyes.
6. Cut small black circles for the nose.
7. Arrange the parts and paste them together. Be sure the white "icing" shows clearly. Add anything else you want to, using cut out scraps of colored paper.
8. Clean up your mess.



gingerbread man
tracer large

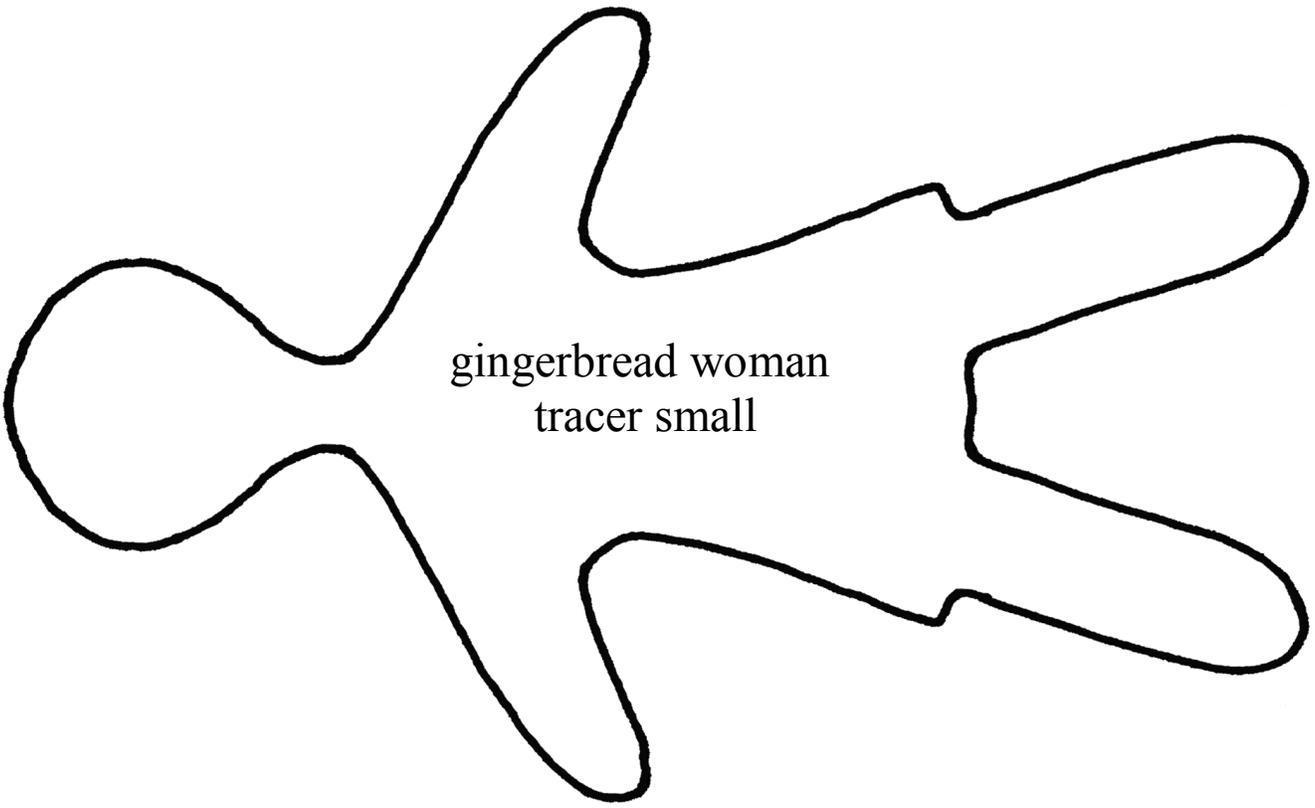


gingerbread man
tracer medium



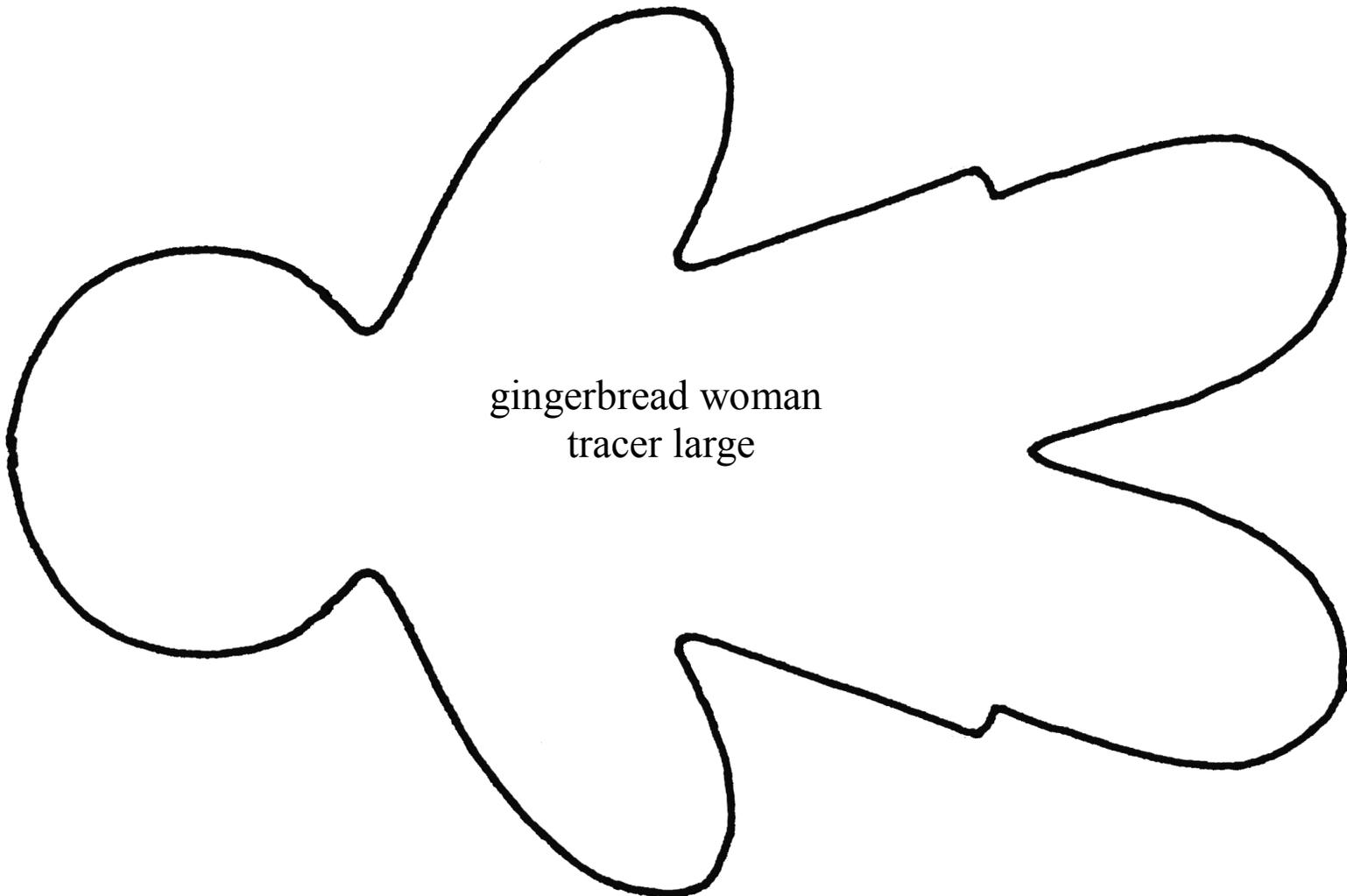
gingerbread man
tracer small

Copyright © 2010 Integreat! Thematic Units
www.thematicteacher.com

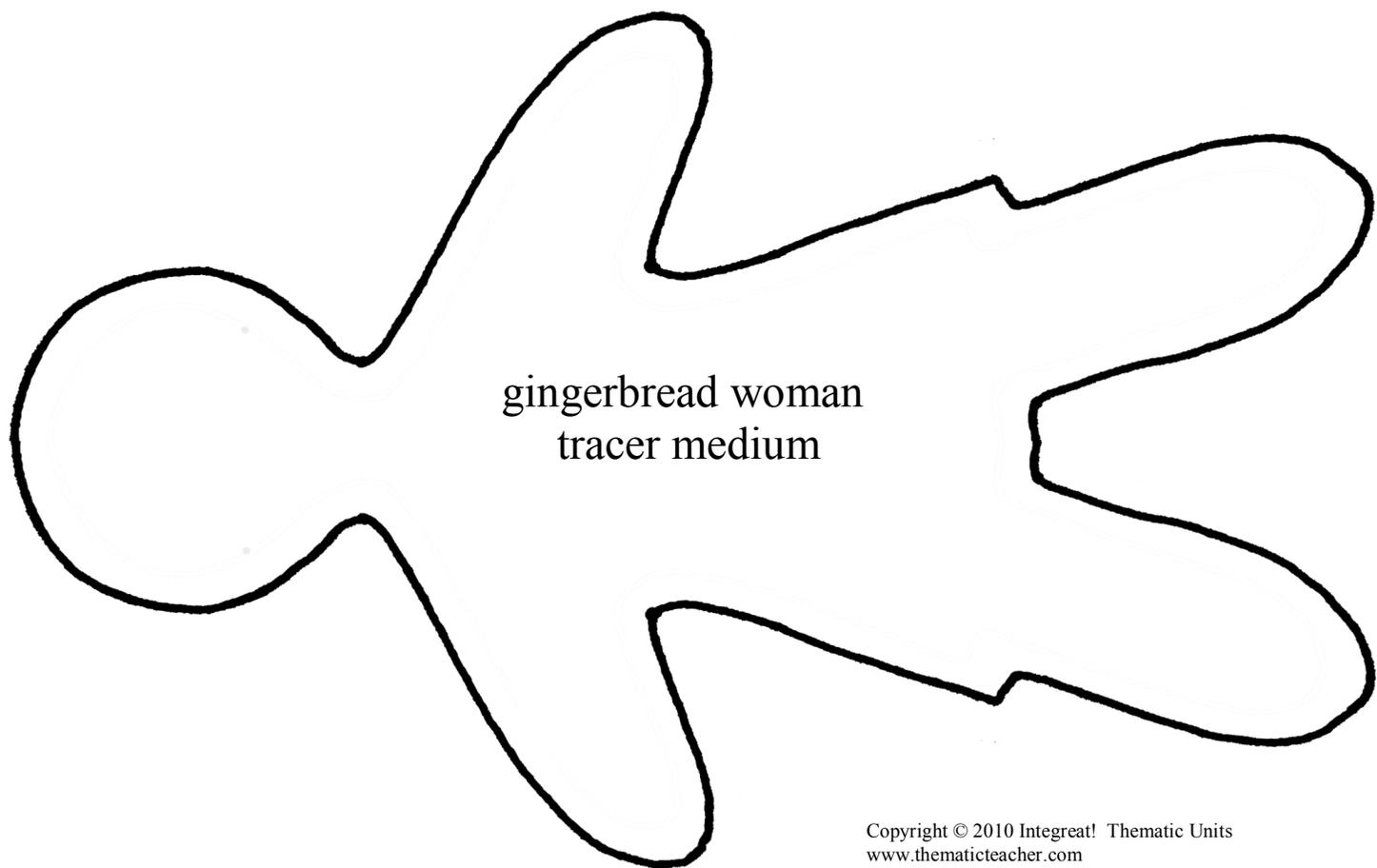


gingerbread woman
tracer small

Copyright © 2010 Integreat! Thematic Units



gingerbread woman
tracer large



gingerbread woman
tracer medium

Handwritten text in a cursive script, oriented vertically. The text is highly stylized and difficult to decipher, but appears to be a list or series of entries. The words are written in black ink on a white background.

Gingerbread Wall Cards



Tips and Suggestions

You can hang your wall cards anywhere you like, but if you have a “real” Christmas tree in your classroom, you can hang them on that. It makes the games even more fun to play. Hang them through a hole punched in the top with ornament hangers. The kids won’t tire of playing with “the real thing!”

To make the tree:

Project the tree image (page 5) and trace it onto butcher paper, or a classroom mural. It’s best at 5-6 feet in height. Hang it on the wall before you cut it out, staple some newspapers under the bottom and overlap them on the floor, so that your students can paint it with tempera paints. Mix up several colors of green paint in large, disposable cups. Start with plain green, and then add a little white, yellow, or brown in each cup to give you 4-5 different shades of green. Let each child choose one color to paint one section, starting from the top and working down. After it’s dry, you can take it down, cut it out and staple it to your wall. Stick some pins on the branches of the tree and around the bottom to hang the wall cards on. You’ll be able to use this tree for years to come!

You can also make lovely spruce trees out of hand prints cut out of butcher paper. Have the students trace their hands, cut out the prints (you’ll need 4-5 hands per student) and the curl the fingers over a pencil. Staple the hand prints so the fingers curl up and out. Attach pins to the wall and hang the wall cards on them.

Using Wall Cards

Use monthly wall cards to practice repetitive skills such as math facts and formulas, sight words, vocabulary, science and social studies facts, etc. Hang them on the wall or lay them out on the floor like a life-sized game board. To use this art project as flashcards for the wall, just write the word, fact, or formula that you want the children to rehearse in the center and then laminate, cut out, and punch a hole in the top so it can hang on a pin.

Go to www.thematicteacher.com and click on [Tips ‘N Tricks](#) to get some ideas of games to play using these materials. Click on [Flashcards](#) under [Category Archives](#) to see all the titles.

Whatever you do with a flashcard you can do with wall cards. The children will be able to think up fun new games to play with them. You can use the cards whenever you need a quick 3-5 minute activity or as the children line up for something. It may also be used as a free time task for those who finish early, small group instruction, or small groups can work with classroom volunteers. It’s a fun way to practice tedious drills and you might be surprised at how effective they are when children use them independently to help each other. Kids are GREAT teachers!