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- Elmer's® foam board • Elmer's® paint pens • Brown acrylic paint
- Paint brush • Clear packing tape • Scissors and X-ACTO™ knife

## Instructions:

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2. Cut out the canoe shape using scissors or an X-ACTO™ knife (under parent's supervision). Then use this shape to trace an identical one on your piece of foam board, again using an edge for the canoe bottom and cut out.
3. On remaining scraps of foam board, sketch two paddles, two seats, and two end pieces, using the templates as reference. Then cut out shapes.
4. Cut two slats in each canoe shape to insert seats. Measure 1/2" down from the top and make a horizontal pencil mark 1" wide x 1/4" high. Cut out slat with X-ACTO™ knife. Insert seats into slots.
5. Using clear packing tape on the inside, affix the two end pieces between the two canoe pieces. Position them at the far end of each side, tilting in slightly to follow canoe shape.
6. Paint entire canoe with light brown paint. Use horizontal brush strokes to simulate wood grain. (Or, you may leave the canoe white, and use black paint pen to simulate markings on birch bark.) Allow to dry. Decorate with traditional design elements, using paint pens.
7. Display as is, or place a small container of fresh or dried flowers in the center.

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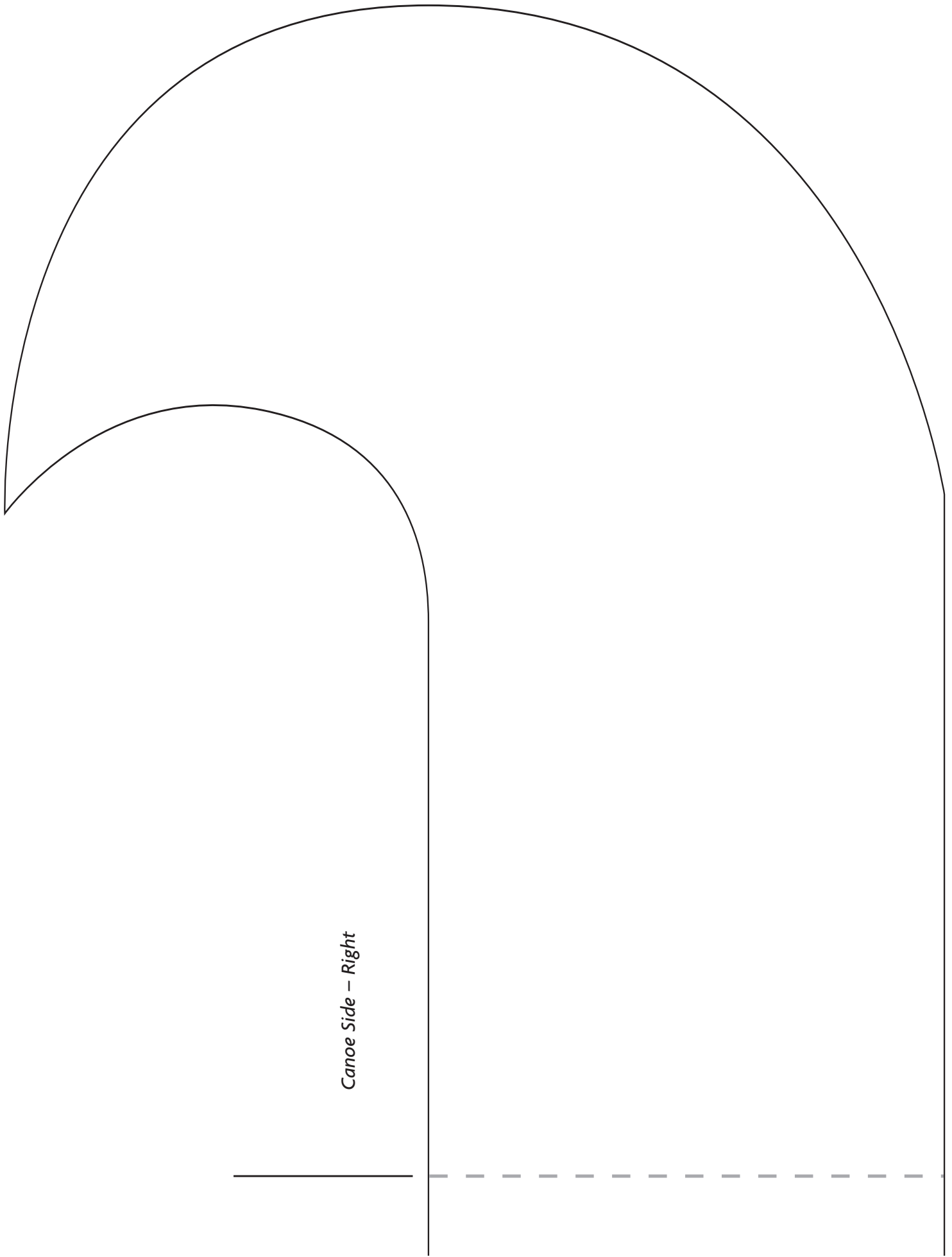
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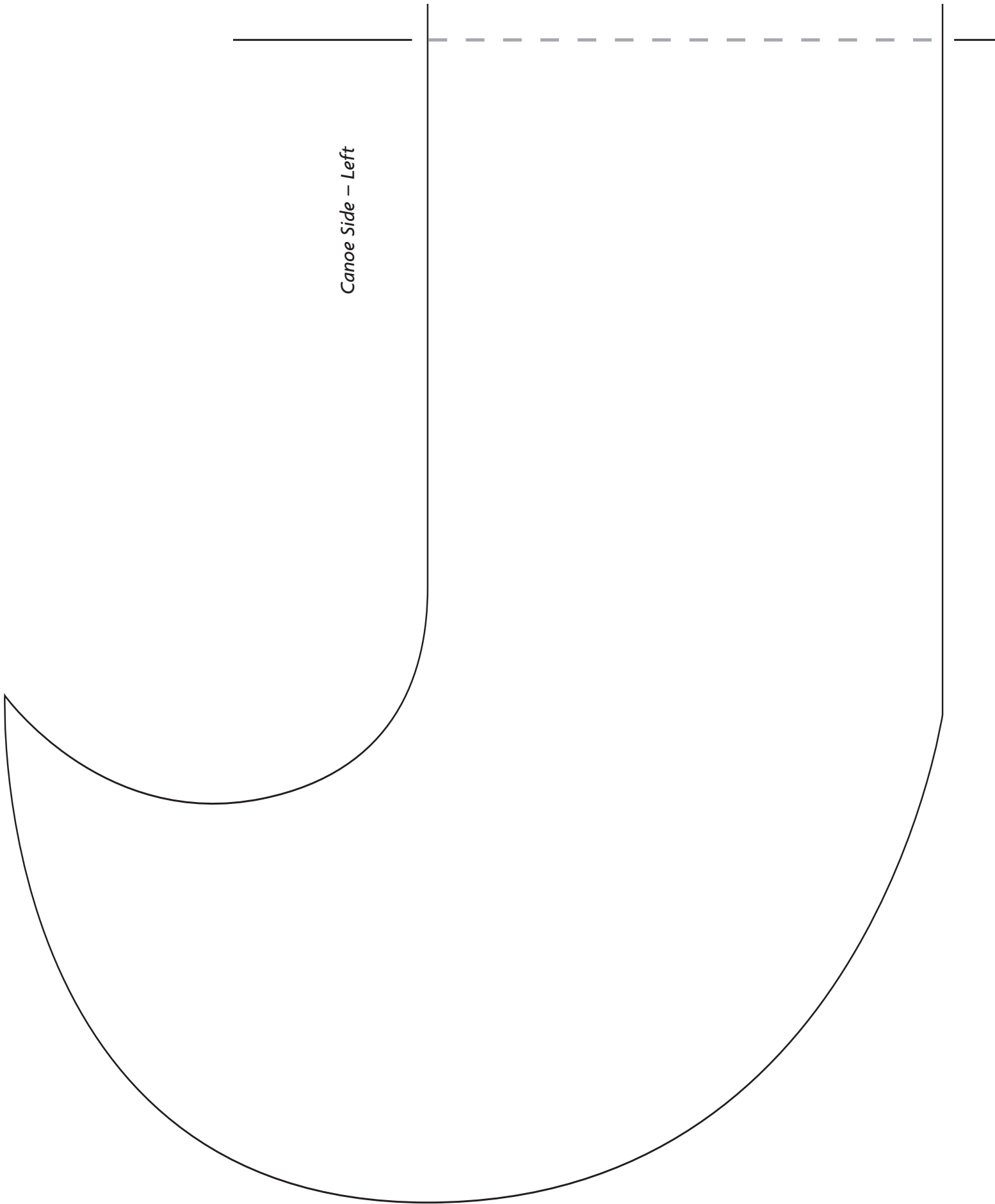
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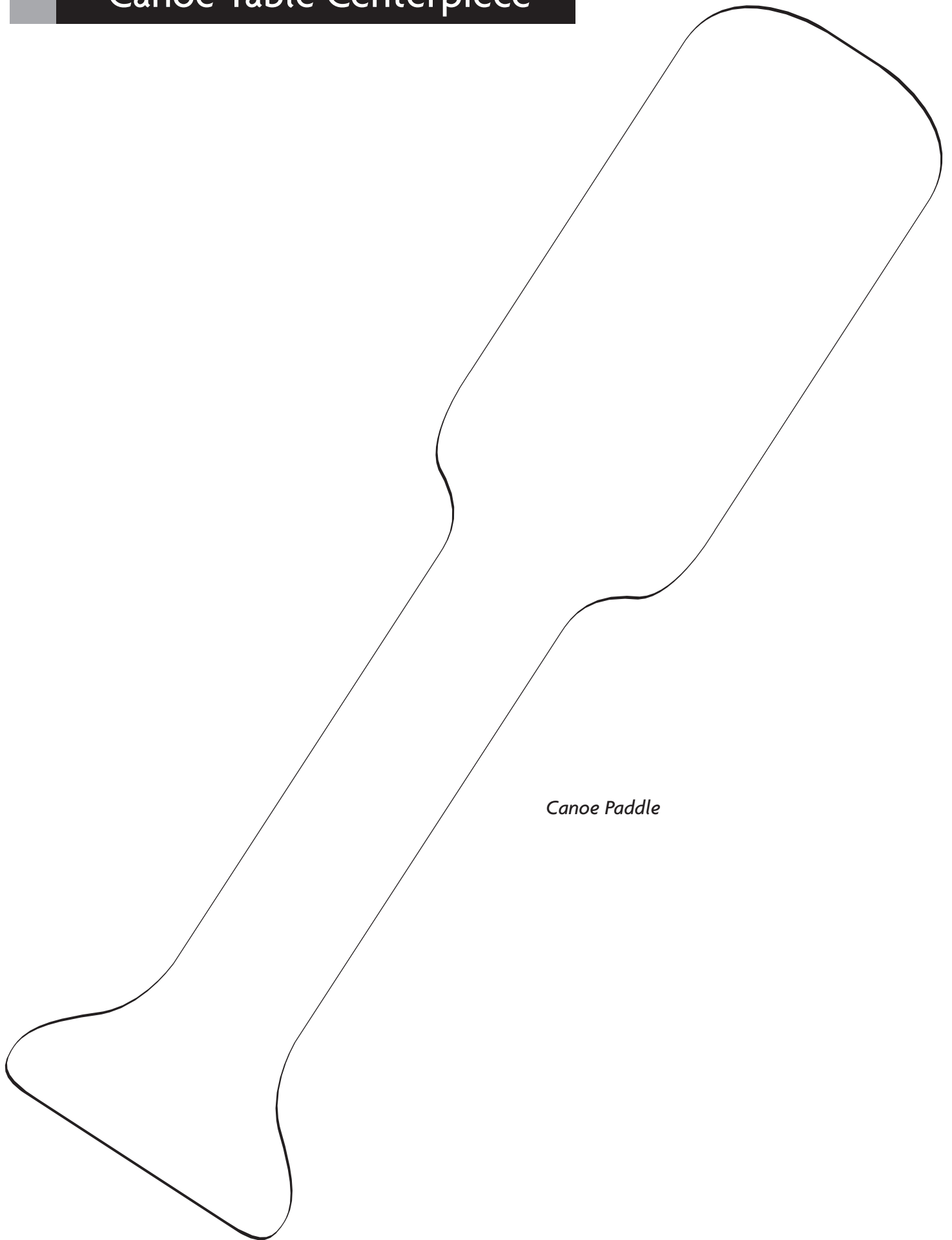
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*Canoe Side – Left*

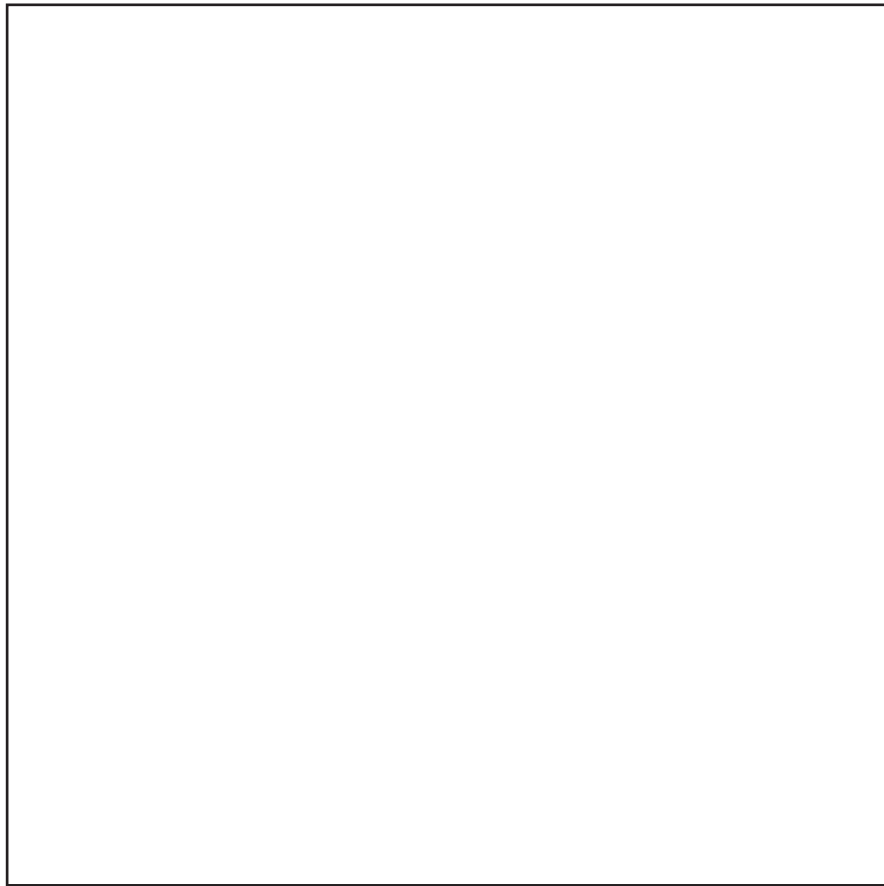


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*Canoe Paddle*

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*Canoe End*



*Canoe Seat*