Envelope Parfleche
Directions for 1 Envelope Parafleche

Materials:
• A copy of the envelope parfleche pattern on tan or beige card stock
• Scissors
• Your choice of crayons, markers, colored pencils, or paint and paint brushes
• Hole punch
• Pencil
• Ruler
• *optional*: If you have access to pattern blocks or tangrams they may come in useful in creating geometric shapes for a design.
• String or colored yarn (beige, red, or blue)
  2 pieces 10”
  1 piece 6”
• Time and patience

Directions:

1. Please read all instructions before starting this project.
2. Trace or make a copy of the envelope parfleche pattern on tan or beige card stock.
3. Use a scissors to cut out the envelope parfleche pattern following only the **SOLID BLACK** lines.

![Envelope parfleche pattern cut out](image)

4. You will fold on the dotted lines using them as your guide. (*Note: I folded so I could see the lines on the outside, and then reversed the folds when I was done so they were on the inside).*

![Envelope parfleche folded](image)

5. Using a pencil and a ruler, or your pattern blocks or tangrams, design the pattern you would like on the blank side of the envelope parfleche.

![Envelope parfleche design](image)
6. Color your design. The colors typically used were blue, red, yellow, green, brown and black.

7. Following the pattern on the inside of the envelope parfleche, use the hole punch to punch the holes on the triangular part and the two holes on the rectangular part. Be careful not to get too close to the edges.

8. For the remaining holes you will need to reverse the fold so you can see where you will need to punch the holes. The paper should be folded together.
9. Holding the fold together punch the 3 holes on each side.

10. When you are done, open up the fold and you should have 6 holes on each side now.

11. Reverse the fold so the color side is facing out. Match up the holes and attach one of the 10 inch strings or yarn to the top hole by tying a knot through both holes.
12. Start lacing the string or yarn through the remaining two holes. Tie a knot at the end. You will have extra string. That is OK. (*Note: Please be gentle when stringing and tying as you can rip the card stock if you are not careful).

13. Repeat steps 11 & 12 for other side of the envelope parfleche.

14. When you have both sides completed you will notice that there is extra string or yarn hanging through the holes. You may leave it if you like or you can trim the extra off.

15. Taking the 6 inch piece of string or yarn, put it through the two holes on the rectangular part.
16. Fold down the triangular part of the envelope and put the string or yarn through the two holes.

17. Tie the string or yarn together gently so you don’t rip the paper between the two holes.

Notes:
* You may enlarge the pattern if you would like to make a larger envelope parfleche. You will need a larger string or yarn for a larger pattern.
* By using stiff paper such as card stock, pattern will be more sturdy than that of copy or construction paper, and will give one the idea of how stiff rawhide is.