

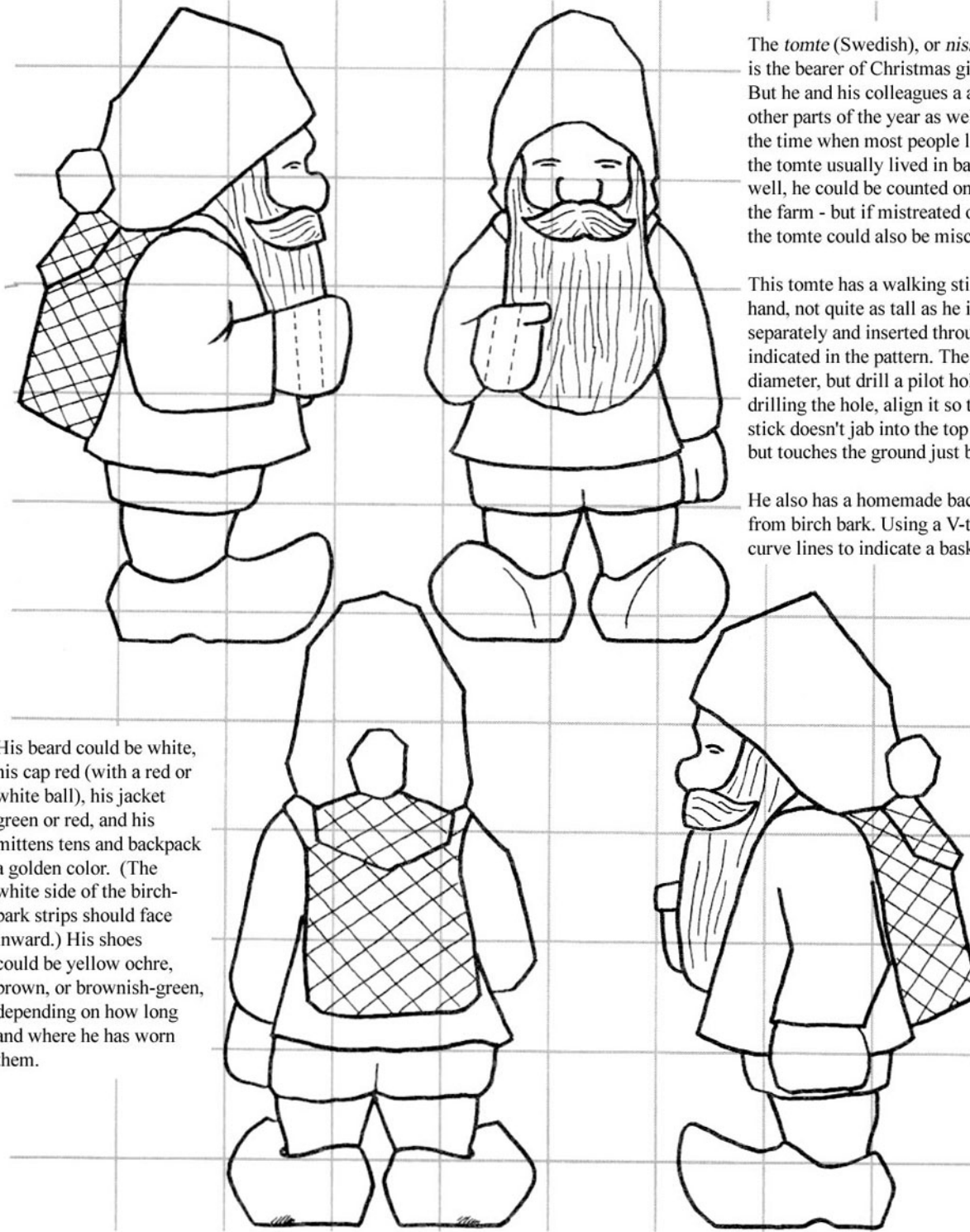
## Nisse

As with his Swedish cousin, the *tomte*, this Norwegian *nisse* is the bearer of Christmas gifts in his country. Dressed quite regally here, he looks almost like Father Christmas, with his red coat and hat trimmed with white. His

beard and hair are also white, but different texturing on the hair will distinguish it from the trim. (Use a V-tool on the hair and a small rounded gouge to texture the trim.) His clogs can be painted yellow ochre, darkened slightly with brown.

## R Nisse 1





The *tomte* (Swedish), or *nisse* (Norwegian), is the bearer of Christmas gifts in Scandinavia. But he and his colleagues are around during other parts of the year as well. Back during the time when most people lived on farms, the tomte usually lived in barn. If treated well, he could be counted on to help around the farm - but if mistreated or scoffed at, the tomte could also be mischievous.

This tomte has a walking stick in his right hand, not quite as tall as he is, whittled separately and inserted through the hole indicated in the pattern. The hole is 1/4" diameter, but drill a pilot hole first. When drilling the hole, align it so that the walking stick doesn't jab into the top of his foot but touches the ground just beside it.

He also has a homemade back pack woven from birch bark. Using a V-tool or knife tip, curve lines to indicate a basket-weave pattern.

His beard could be white, his cap red (with a red or white ball), his jacket green or red, and his mittens and backpack a golden color. (The white side of the birch-bark strips should face inward.) His shoes could be yellow ochre, brown, or brownish-green, depending on how long and where he has worn them.

## Nisse Mor

The *nisse mor* (*mor* means mother) featured here can have a gouge-grooved skirt, described in the instructions for carving Sara

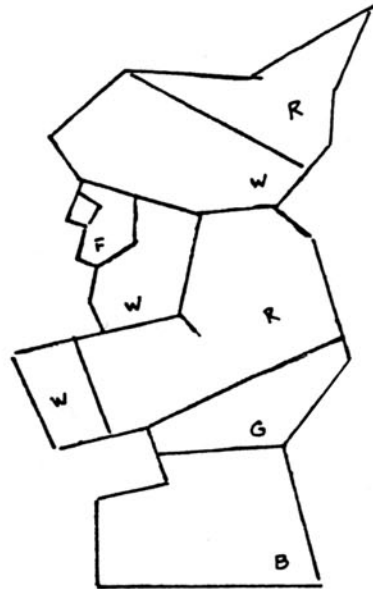
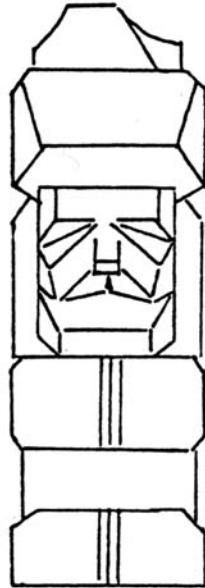
on page 97. Note that her face is not rugged and angular but softly rounded. Her hands are tucked under her apron, which can be decorated with stripes or floral designs. Her hat could also be decorated,

perhaps with a border near the bottom. The colors could be somewhat brighter than those on an immigrant figure, but earth tones would still be most appropriate.

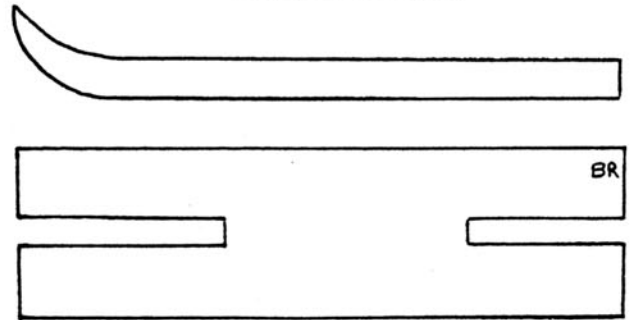


COLORS

- W-WHITE
- R-RED
- B-BLACK
- BR-BROWN
- F-FLESH
- G-GREY, NORDIC BLUE, ETC

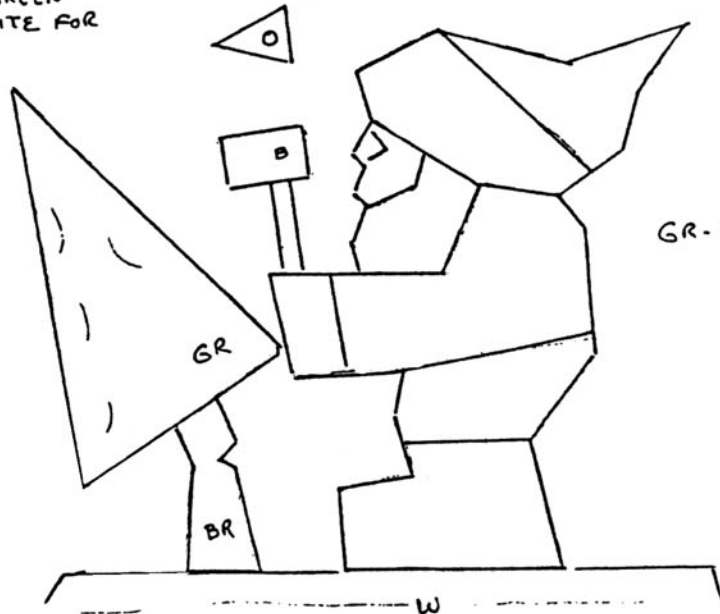
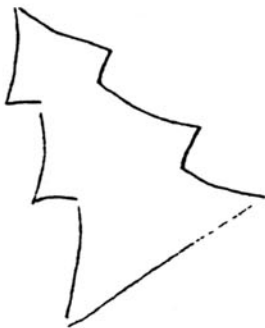


1" BASSWOOD  
 BREAK ALL CORNERS  
 CARVE ALL SURFACES  
 TO REMOVE SAW MARKS  
 USE ROUND TOOTHPICKS FOR  
 SKI POLES



SCALE TREE TO  
 SIZE DESIRED

STIPPLE GREEN  
 TREE WHITE FOR  
 SNOW



GR-GREEN

R Nisse 5

