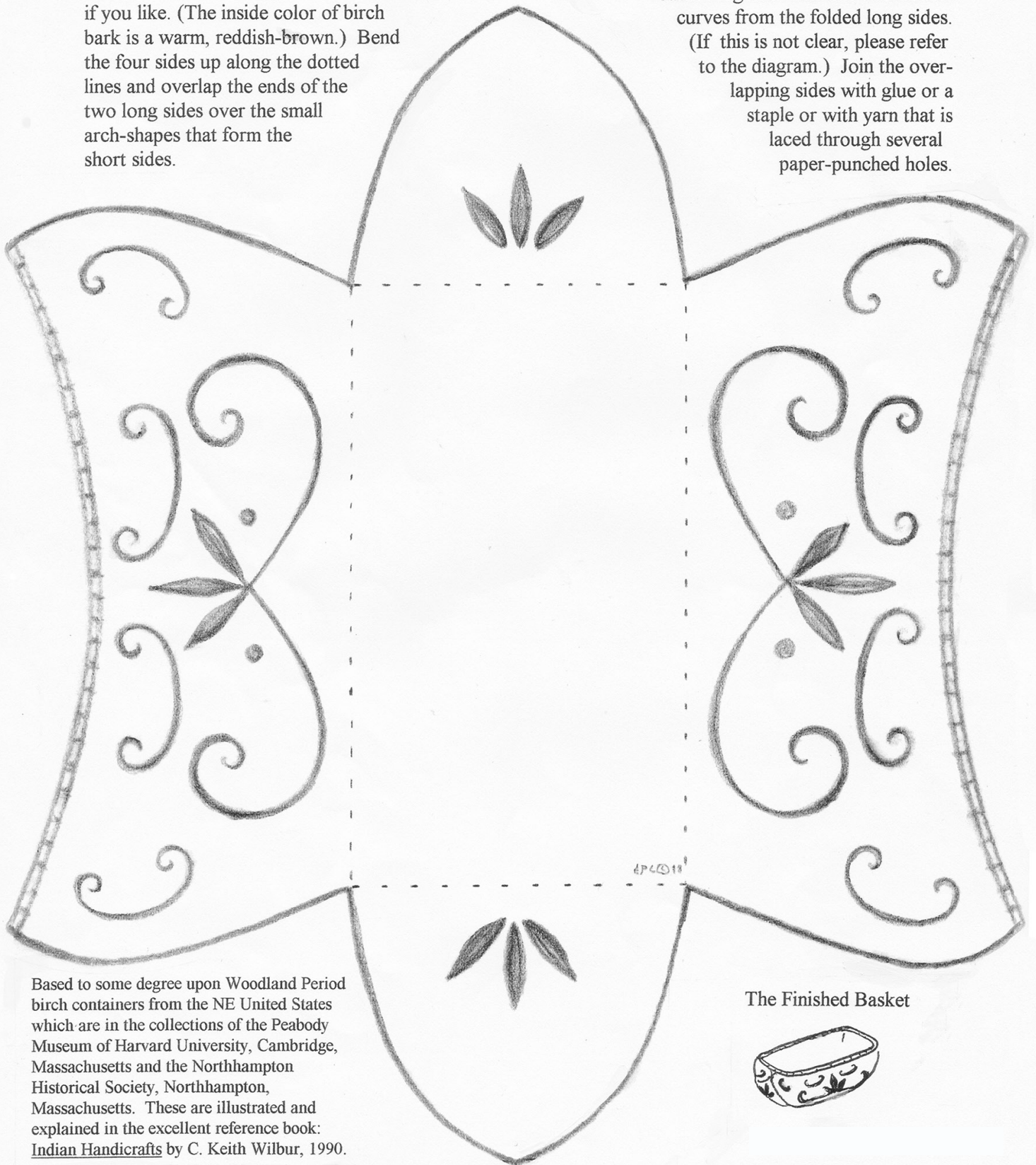


# A Model Birchbark Container

- Directions: Add a little color to the basket if you like. (The inside color of birch bark is a warm, reddish-brown.) Bend the four sides up along the dotted lines and overlap the ends of the two long sides over the small arch-shapes that form the short sides.

The small, three petaled flower should show on the short side of the completed basket together with the two double curves from the folded long sides. (If this is not clear, please refer to the diagram.) Join the overlapping sides with glue or a staple or with yarn that is laced through several paper-punched holes.



Based to some degree upon Woodland Period birch containers from the NE United States which are in the collections of the Peabody Museum of Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts and the Northhampton Historical Society, Northhampton, Massachusetts. These are illustrated and explained in the excellent reference book: Indian Handicrafts by C. Keith Wilbur, 1990.

The Finished Basket

