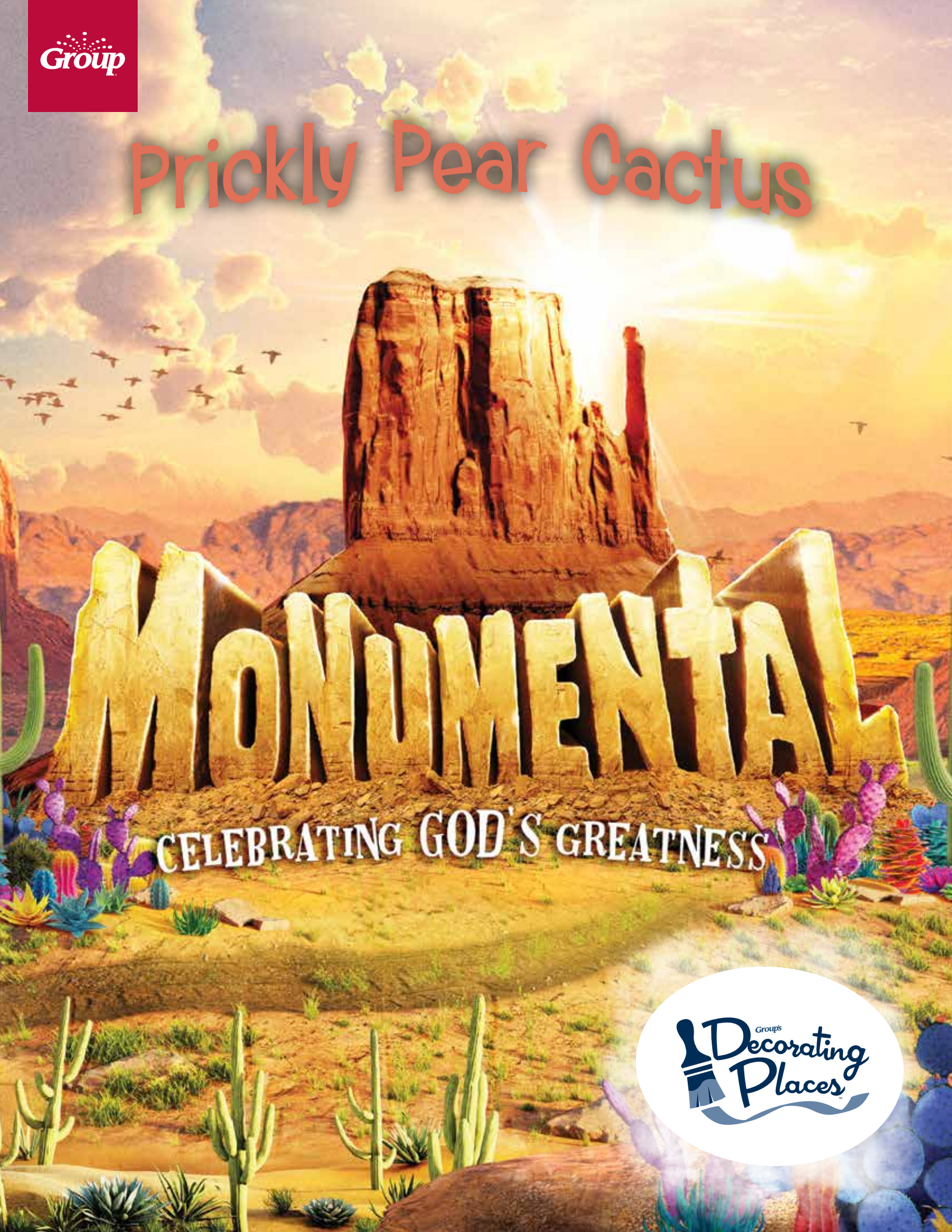


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# Prickly Pear Cactus



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## Materials:

- ♦ 1 sheet of foam insulation board (each Prickly Pear uses about a 2 ft. x 2 ft. area)
- ♦ 2-inch foam insulation board (1 ft. x 1 ft. per stone base—scraps from the Saguaro work great)
- ♦ marker
- ♦ Petal pattern from pg. 5
- ♦ 1 can of Great Stuff expanding foam insulation
- ♦ large craft sticks or small dowels
- ♦ paint stir stick
- ♦ 1 quart each of the following paint colors:
  - ♦ Bear Rug (brown)
  - ♦ Rusty Gate (dark orange)
  - ♦ Tart Orange (orange)
  - ♦ National Anthem (blue)
  - ♦ Lovebirds (pink)
  - ♦ Glitterati (purple/pink)
  - ♦ black
  - ♦ white
- ♦ paintbrushes
- ♦ paper plate
- ♦ paint sponge
- ♦ tarp
- ♦ gloves
- ♦ toothpicks
- ♦ God Sightings Flowers\*
- ♦ hot knife
- ♦ side cutters



## Directions:

### Prickly Pear Petals:

**Step 1:** Use Petal pattern and a marker to draw different size petals on the foam. For each Prickly Pear Cactus, it takes 4-6 petals.

**Step 2:** With a hot knife, cut out the petals. Bevel the edges to give dimension.

**Step 3:** Paint the petals. To add dimension, use a little white paint mixed with the base color here and there on the edges. Dry brush white on the edges as a finishing touch.

**Step 4:** On the “faces” of the petals, add X’s for quills. Dip the end of a paint stick in a small puddle of black paint, dab off a bit on a paper plate, and then press straight down in X patterns on the faces of the petals.



### Stone Bases:

**Step 5:** Cut stone-shaped bases out of 2-in. foam board. Each stone shape is roughly 1 ft. x 1 ft. On the top side of the stone, trim the edges. Paint with Bear Rug (Brown), and allow to dry. Then add texture by sponging on Tart Orange (orange) and Rusty Gate (dark orange) paint. Paint stones to match the stone of the main set.

**Step 6:** With Great Stuff, glue a stir stick to the back of a large petal, allowing the stick to stick out of the bottom 2-3 in. This is your base petal.



### Prickly Pear Assembly:

**Step 7:** Use side cutters to cut 3-in. lengths of dowel or craft sticks. Poke the dowels into the bottom of one petal and press the petal into the top of the base pedal. Build and stack petals until desired look is achieved.

**Step 8:** Add tooth picks as quill's to the black X patterns.

**Step 9:** Use a hot knife to cut a slot in the rock-shaped base just big enough for the paint stick to slide in. Press the paint stick of the base petal into the slot.



## Prickly Pear Petal Template

(Cut in various sizes)

