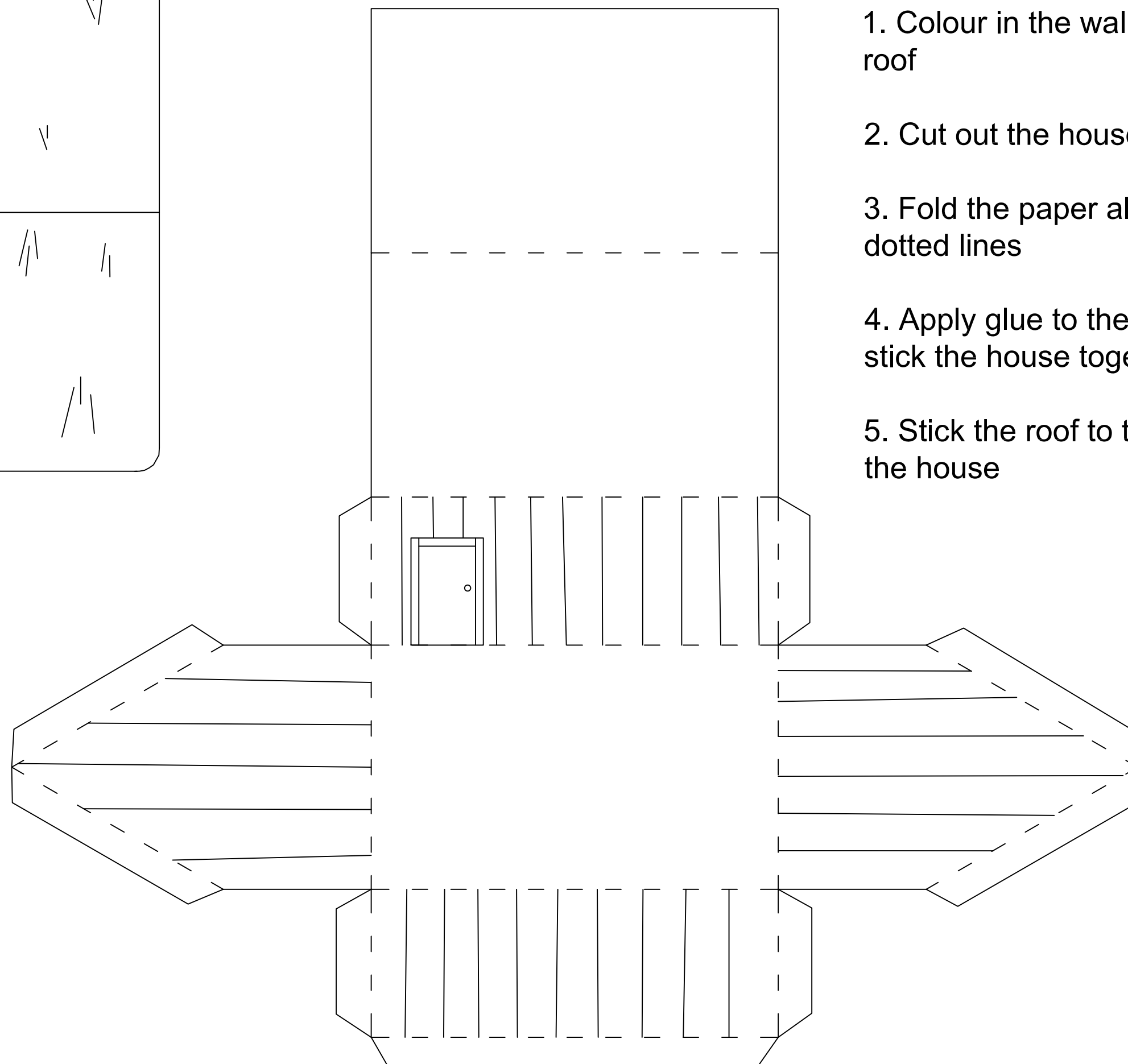
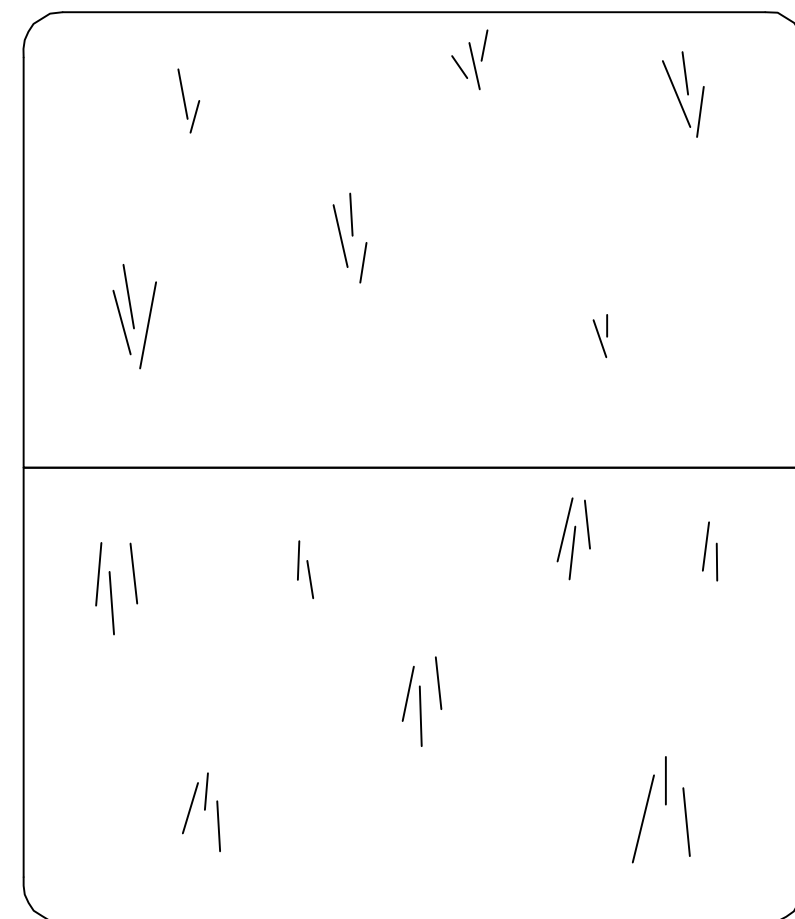


Build an Anglo-Saxon House

- Anglo-Saxons built their houses out of wood and thatch. There would have been lots of trees at that time so they would have had plenty of timber to build their houses.
- The house would have only had one room where everyone ate and slept although there was loft storage.
- There would have been a fire in the middle in a grate or box of sand. This fire was never allowed to go out because it would have kept the house warm and dry and the smoke would have kept bugs, bats and birds out of the thatch.
- The house would have been built facing the sun so it would have got as much heat and light as possible.
- The floors of wood or earth would have been swept clean and some might have had mats of reeds as a floor covering. The internal walls would have been covered in a type of plaster that was made by mixing mud, straw, horse hair and cow dung together. This is called daub and once it is dry it does not smell. It was then spread on the walls and once it was dry it was very hard and tough. When cracks appeared they would have been covered over with more daub. Sometimes the walls were painted.
- Can you imagine a whole family living in such a small space? Do you think they must have been very organised to live in one room together?



- Now it is your turn to make an Anglo-Saxon house
- Carefully cut out the Anglo-Saxon house.
- Colour in the walls and the roof.
- Fold the house along the dotted lines.
- Use glue to stick the house together along the flaps.
- Cut out the roof and stick it to the top of the house.



1. Colour in the walls and the roof

2. Cut out the house

3. Fold the paper along the dotted lines

4. Apply glue to the tabs and stick the house together

5. Stick the roof to the top of the house