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Cypripedium acaule Moccasin Flower



The Moccasin Flower or Pink Lady's Slipper is widespread in parts of the northern United States and several provinces in Canada. This orchid

prefers acidic, nutrient-poor soils and grows in a variety of habitats including the edges of swamps and bogs and drier oak woodlands and pine barrens.

The bright pink color and sweet scent of the flower may trick a hungry, young bee to enter the pouch through the narrow slit in the front. Once inside, the bee finds no food but is trapped. To escape, the bee begins climbing upwards and brushes against the stigma where any pollen on its back is rubbed off. Further up, just as the bee squeezes out of the small hole at the top of the flower, fresh pollen is smeared onto the bee's back and carried off to the next flower it visits.

Unfortunately, the bee quickly learns from this experience and soon avoids the Moccasin Flower, and like other orchids that practice deception, this orchid rarely produces fruit.

To learn more about the Moccasin Flower, scan the QR code with your phone or visit the species page on *Go Orchids* at goorchids.northamericanorchidcenter.org

Paper is fragile so be gentle when you push out the shapes. Construct the separate pieces before assembling them together.



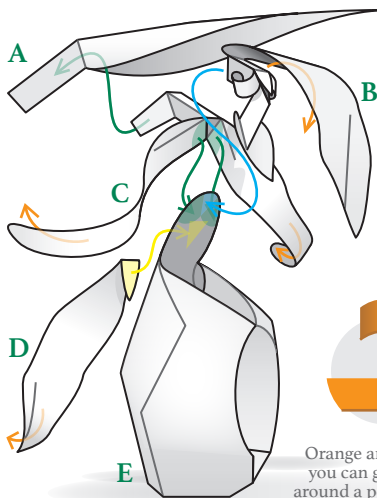
Model Difficulty

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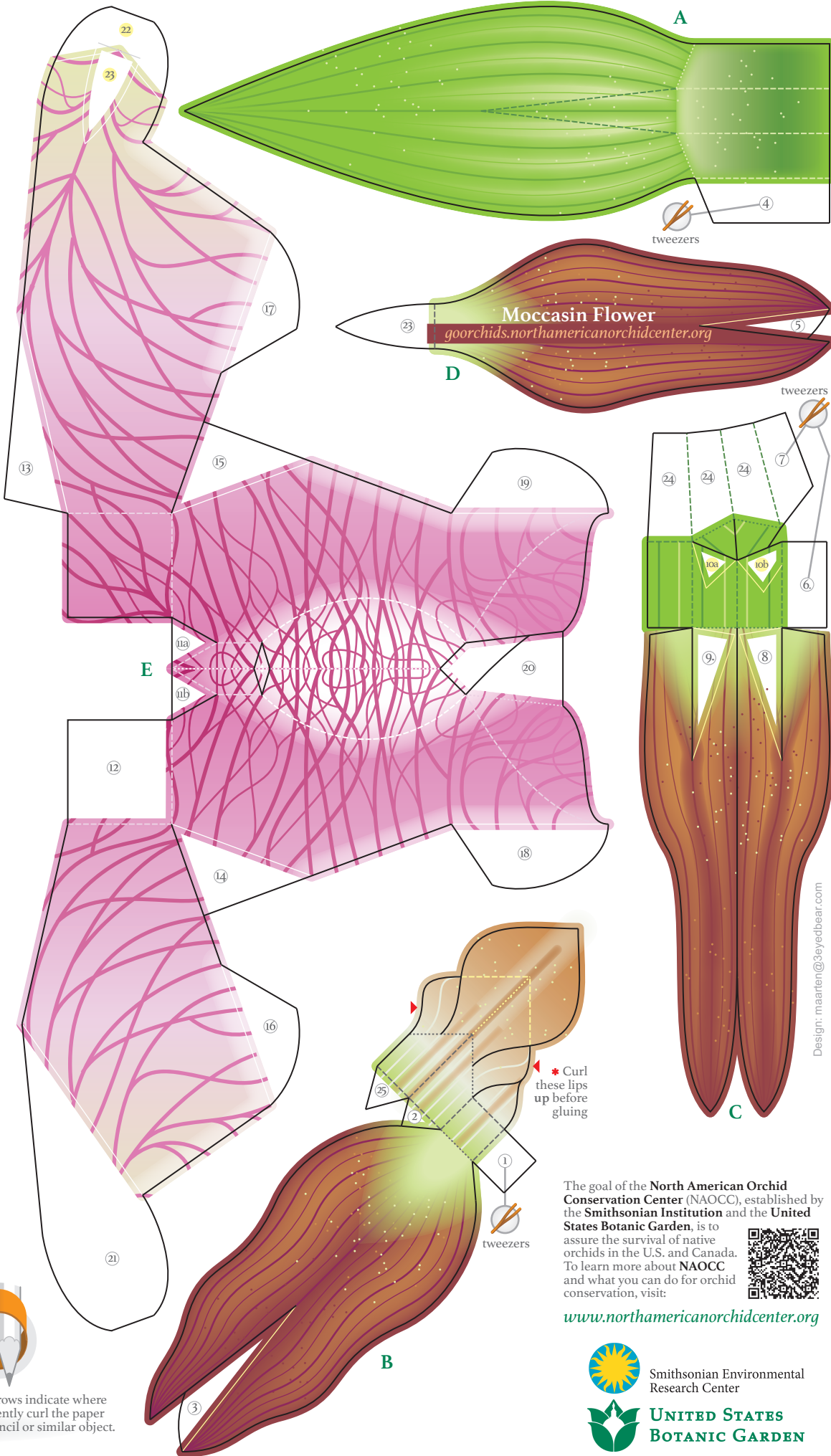
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Glue Guidance

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 ... Glue Order



Orange arrows indicate where you can gently curl the paper around a pencil or similar object.



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This is what the paper Moccasin Flower will look like when built:

