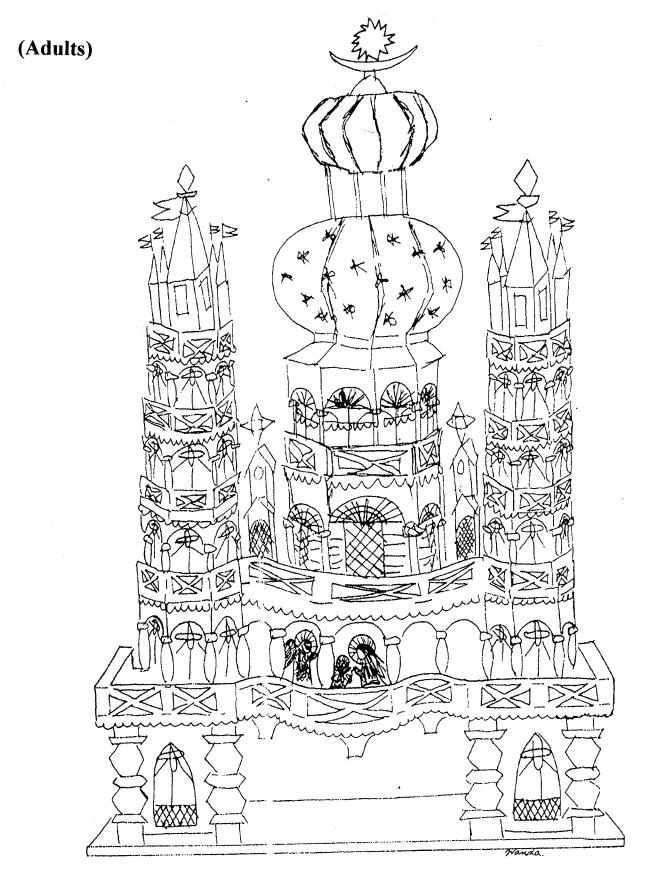
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A fancier version of the Nativity scene is called a *szopka*. This custom began in 1240 when Queen Kinga of Poland asked the children of Kraków and members of the choir to present the Christmas story as a play. The *szopka* is actually an elaborate homemade puppet theatre. Today, a *szopka* competition is held in Kraków in early December, with some creations reaching five to six feet tall.