



Vintage Cape



This cape is a vintage inspired rendition and comes with two options. First is the ruffled cape with collar, second is the option of making a one sided fleece cape with collar. You want to read through this tutorial first before you begin and select the options you wish. Skipping pages in order to get your options instruction might be inevitable.

List of required materials:

- Fabric (fleece, minky, fun fur or other thicker material for one-sided cape or for one side of a reversible one - quilters cotton, any other lightweight material, also premade ruffle fabric is possible to use)
- Thread and hand sew needle
- Pins
- iron
- Measuring tape
- One button
- Decorate trim for second option (trim length varies between 4-5 yds depending on cape size)

Ruffle fabric width: 4"

Ruffle fabric length: has to be calculated, find instructions on page 11

Seam allowance: 3/8" unless otherwise stated

Select your size: S = 18m – 3t, M = 3t – 5t, L = 5t -8 (sizes will fit a wide range and selecting a bigger size might result in a longer cape)

Fabric yardage: all sizes require 1 & 1/8 yd for each side of the cape plus ½ yd for collar and hood

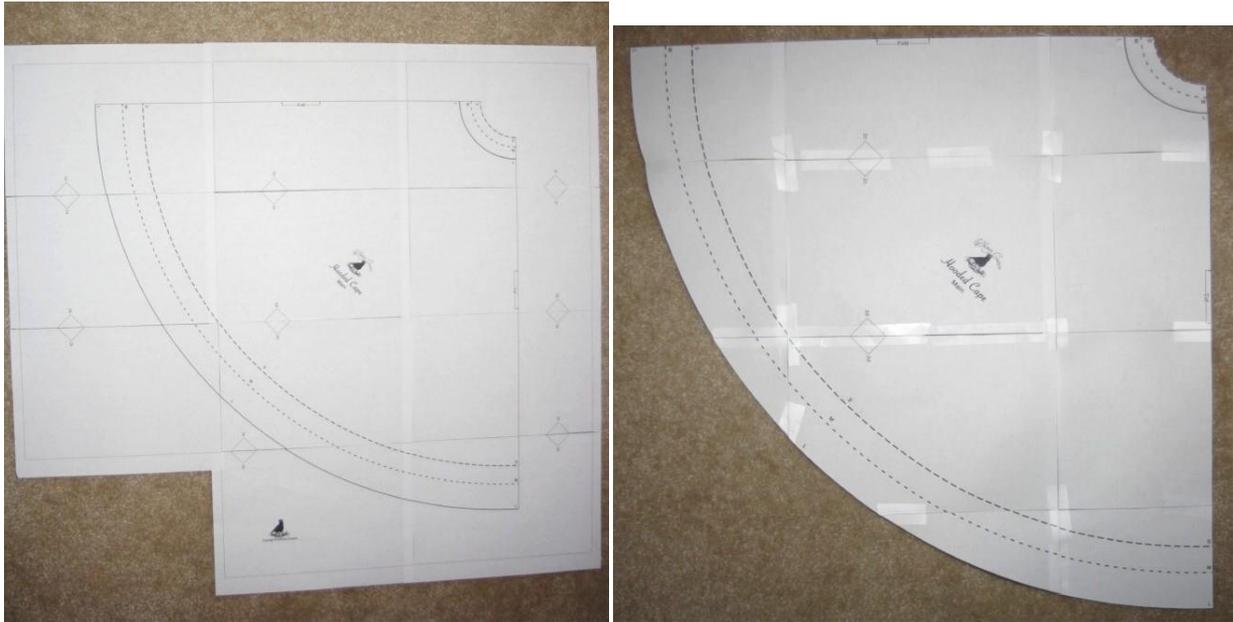
Select your option:

Page 1 - FIRST OPTION – COLLARED CAPE non-reversible, made with 2 layers

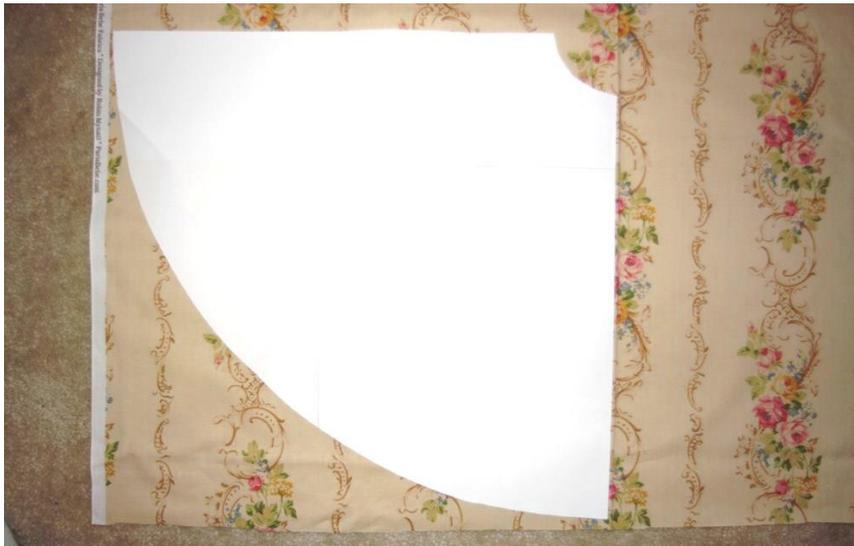
Page 25 - SECOND OPTION – COLLARED CAPE one-sided with decorative trim

To begin:

Print your templates such as quarter circle and collar and cut/piece them together with tape matching the diamonds on each page. Here is the quarter circle template:

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Place your quarter circle onto your spread out fabric aligning circle edge with left fabric edge (print direction vertical/ facing you), pin:



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Trim around curve and cut the VERTICAL edge on the right, don't cut HORIZONTAL edge!:



Remove pins and flip the quarter circle over to the top and repin:



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Keep trimming around the template and do so as well on the neckline opening:



Remove pins and remove template. This is now your half cut circle:



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Flip your half circle over to the right side (my photo is vertical now):



Trim around folded over half:



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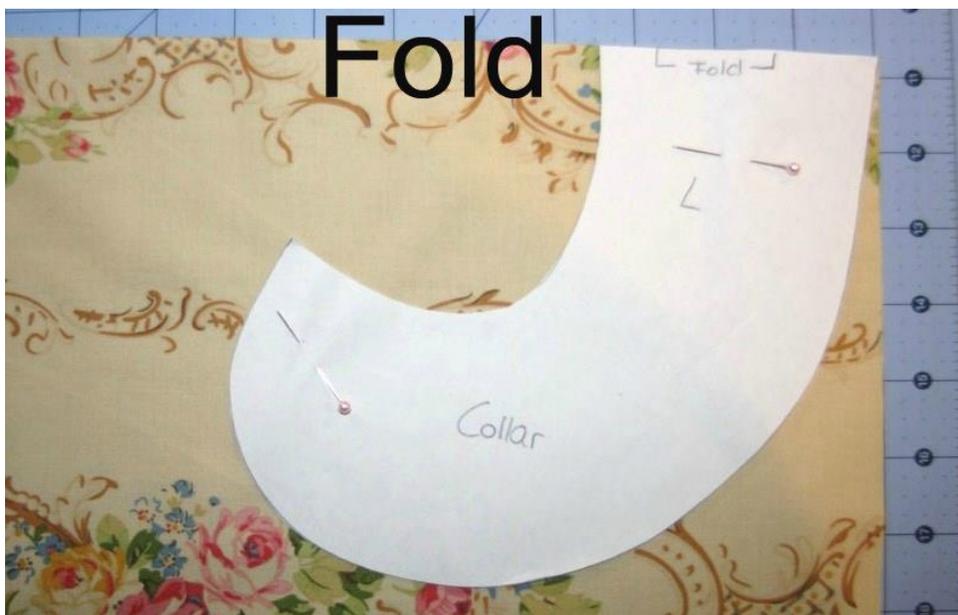
This is now your circle:



Cut a second circle from your reverse material!

To make the collar:

Select your collar template size (I chose size L for my size medium cape to have more room on the neckline front) Fold your fabric over lengthwise paying attention that your fabric print is going horizontally. Place your collar template onto your fabric aligning the FOLD edge with the folded fabric edge. Pin:



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Trim around template:



Repeat once more so you'll have 2 collar pieces as shown:



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Place collars with right sides together and pin along the outer edge. Then sew along the dashed lines from one pointy corner over to the other corner. Sew a continuous line. Backstitch beginning and end:



Trim off some of the raw edges to reduce bulk when turning collar around later:



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Turn your collar with right sides out and press:

NOTE: you may top stitch along the outer edge if preferred.

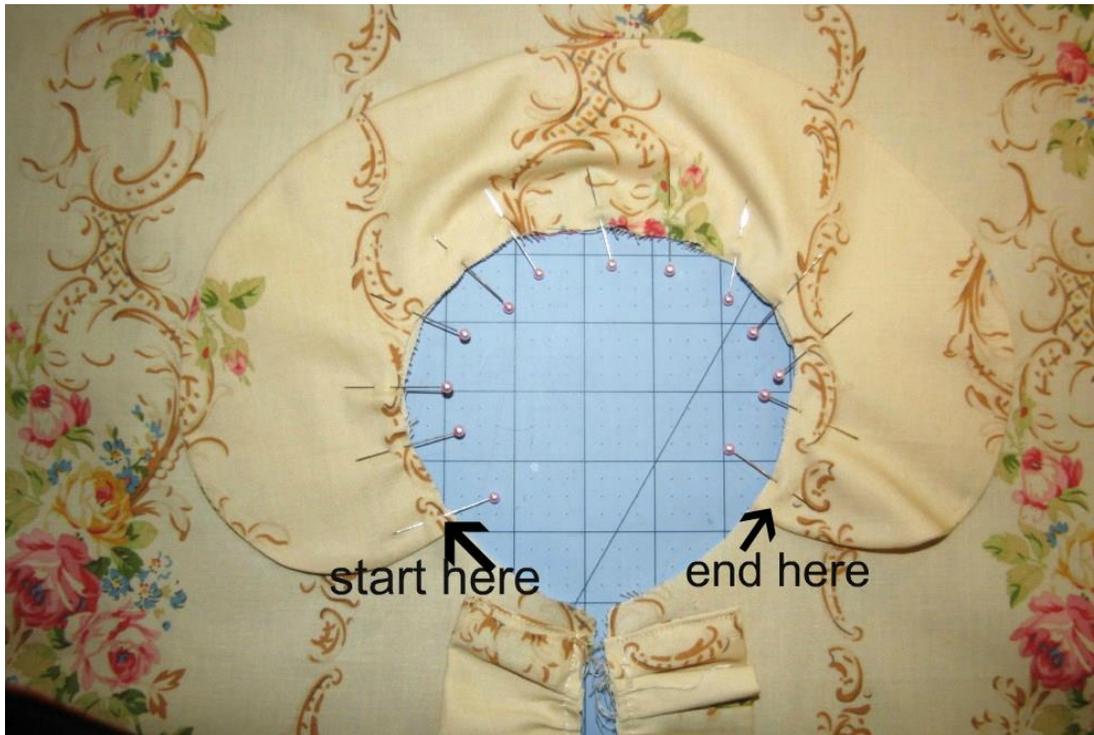


To attach collar:

Place your cape piece in front of you with right side up and mark the center back with a pin. Now pin the collar starting at the center towards the outside.



Repeat on other side. Sew collar to cape with backstitching beginning and end:



This is now your sewn collar:



To make ruffles:

First you want to measure the entire outline of your cape piece to determine the length of the ruffles (width is 4"). Take this measurement x 2.5 = ruffle fabric length. Most fabric measures 42" wide. My sample ruffle cape in size L measures 170" on the outline. I multiplied it by 2.5 and that brought me to 425 roughly " so that's 10 strips of 42" wide fabric and a little bit more for slack. You want to end up with the approximate amount of your calculation. It's best to have more ruffle length than calculated!

Once you have cut your ruffle fabric place two strips with right sides facing onto it. Match fabric print direction:



Pin and sew along dashed line:

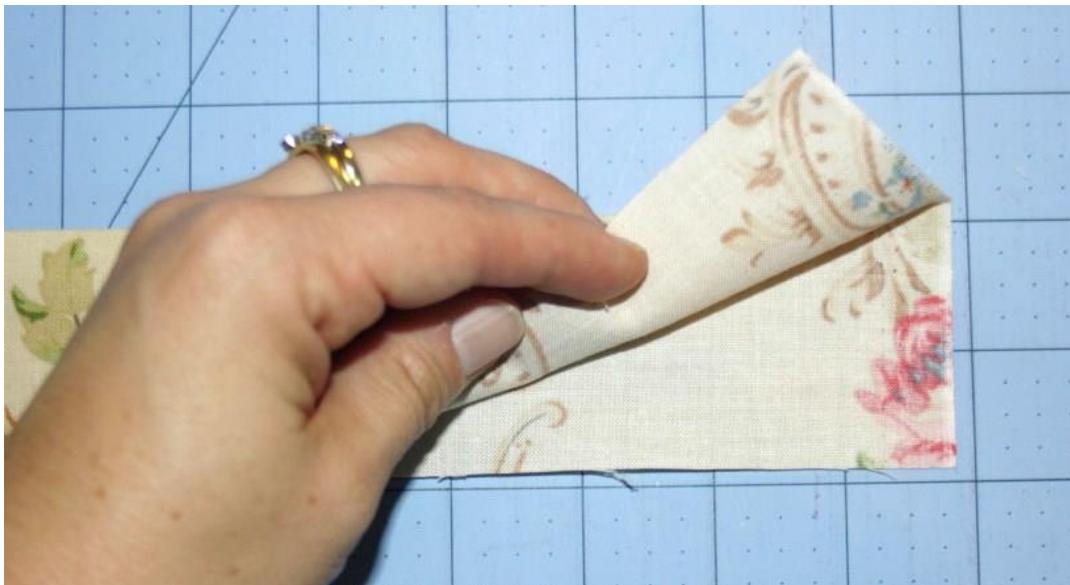


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Repeat with all remaining ruffle fabric strips. This should be your continuous ruffle fabric strip:



Fold it over lengthwise with right sides out.



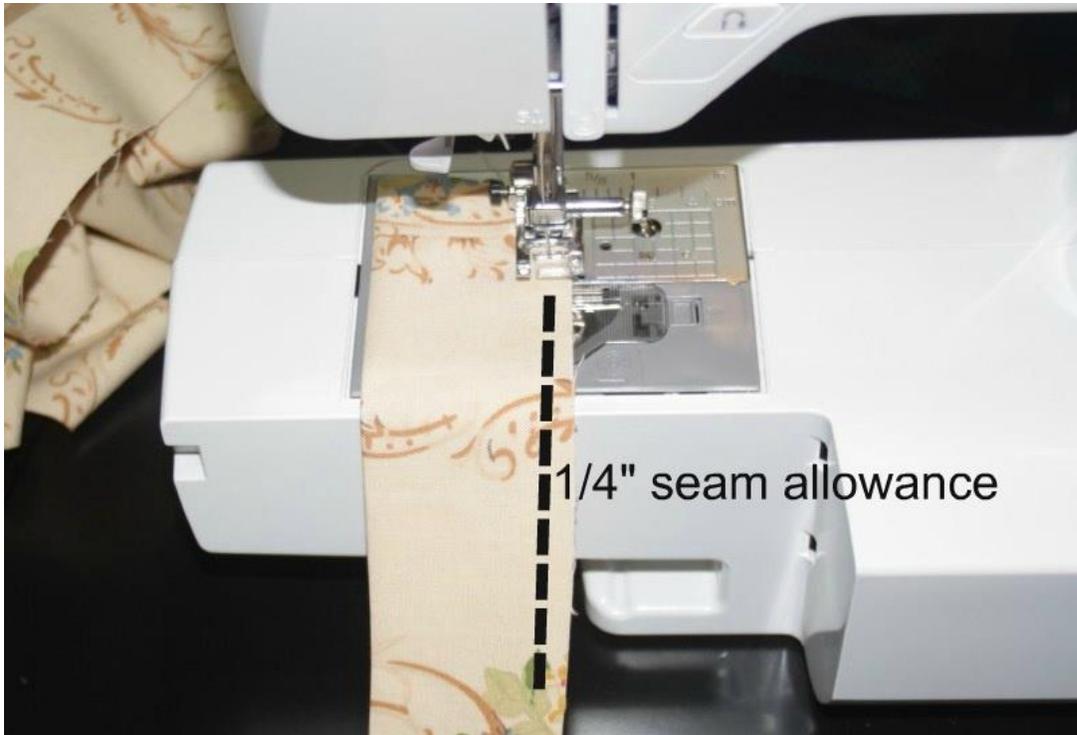
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Press entire fabric strip:



To ruffle your fabric:

Set your machine to the longest stitch and tension to the highest number. Sew along the raw edge with a seam allowance of $\frac{1}{4}$ ". This should automatically ruffle your fabric. Sew the entire strip.



This is now your ruffled fabric:



Place your cape side (if you are making a two sided one with a stretchy material, use the non-stretchy material for this step!) in front of you with wrong sides down. With the middle of the ruffle strip positioned at the back center of the cape start pinning the ruffle alongside the outer edge downwards until you reach the back center of the cape. Repeat on other side. You will have some of the ruffles hanging over:



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Trim off excess ruffles at 0.5" past the top edge:



To finish the ruffle ends:

(to take the picture better I took the ruffle off the cape) you want to tuck in the outer ruffle edge $\frac{1}{4}$ " as shown:



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Pin opening only through ruffle layers!



Top stitch closed with your machine. Backstitch beginning and end:



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Sew right over the gathering seams!! Give some extra ruffle fabric/gathers to the corners and sew carefully over the corners.



This is how your ruffle ends should like once the ruffle is fully sewn on:



To sew the reverse cape side on:

Place your reverse cape side (in my sample it's fleece) with right sides down onto your other cape piece:



Pin entire cape together leaving a 5" opening at the back center. Sew all the way around the edge starting at the back center opening. Sew along the outer edge and up the front, around the neckline curve and back down. Finish sewing until you reach the back center opening:



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Trim down the neckline seams to prevent bulk:



Trim off all corners:



To turn the cape with right sides out:

Reach into your back center opening and grab the other end. Pull cape through:



To close the opening:

Fold in the fleece side.....



.....and pin the opening closed:



You can use a slip stitch to close the opening which is almost invisible.

It's a great stitch for hemming, finishing off pillows, stuffed animals, waistbands and anything where you need to make a closure that can't be done with a sewing machine.

To make the slip stitch simply thread your needle and tie a knot at one end.

Hold your opening in one hand, working from right to left and bring the needle and thread through one folded edge.

Going in on the opposite side catch 1 or 2 threads, then bring the needle back into the fold and slip about 1/4" of material onto the needle before bringing it back out again along the same edge. Continue until seam is finished. Stitch in place several times to secure thread. Cut off thread closely to fabric.

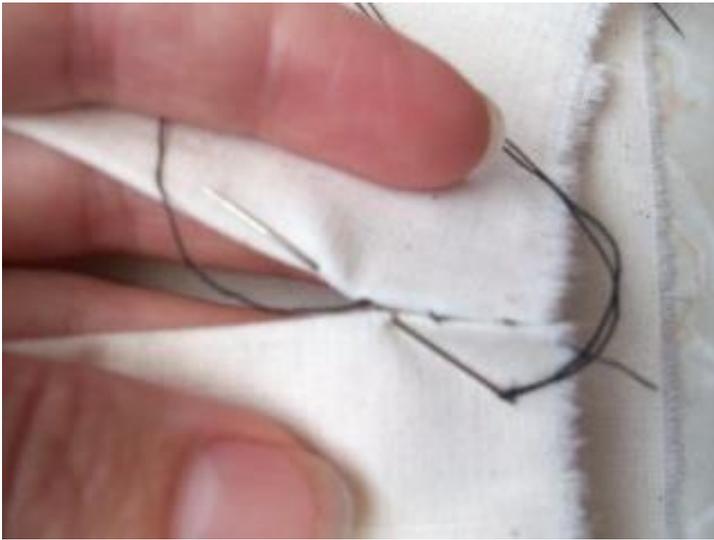


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TIP: you may also use STITCH WITCHERY to adhere/iron the opening closed!

Or use your sewing machine to sew the opening closed:



To make the buttonhole:

Mark the buttonhole with your pen. Follow your sewing machine's buttonhole instructions.



If making a vertical buttonhole (which is preferred for this style cape due to the bulky outer edge) position it 1 to 1 1/4" away from outer edge. Use seam ripper to open hole. This is now your finished cape with button:



Second OPTION – COLLARED CAPE one-sided with decorative trim

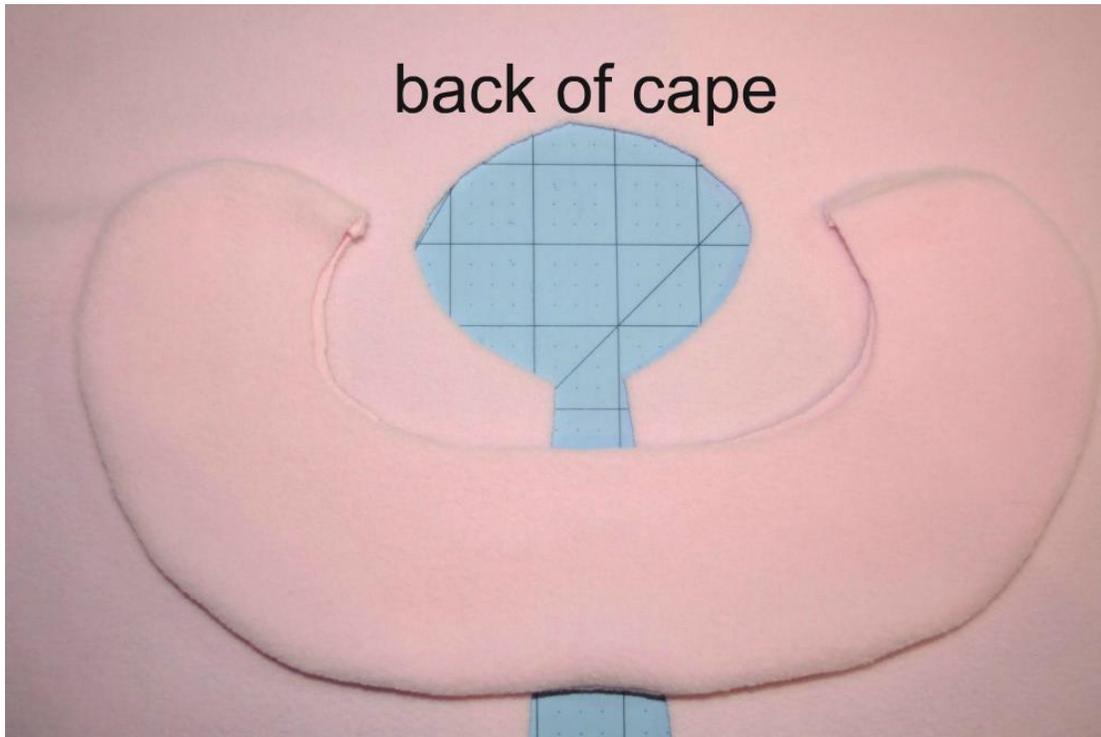
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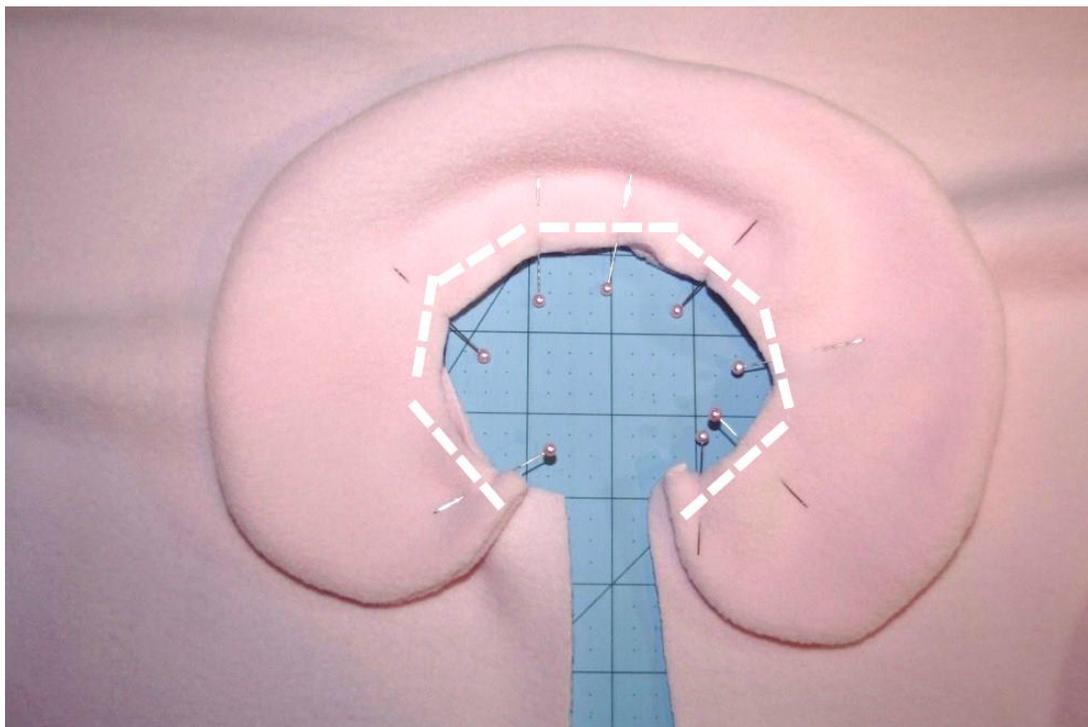
Finish your collar from all fleece following instructions on page 6 through 9.



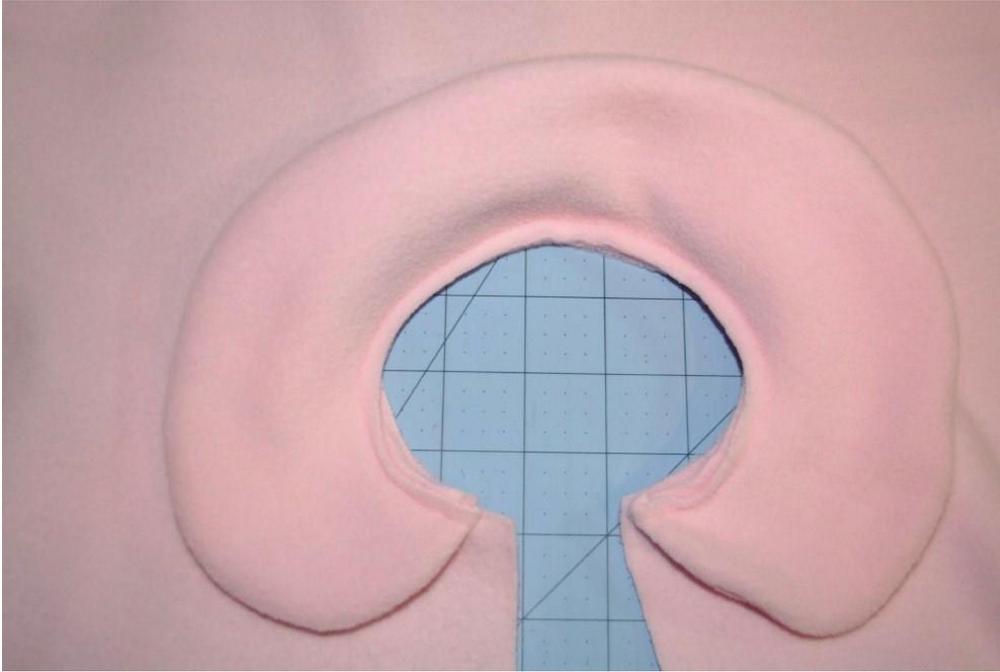
Cut out one cape from fleece. Place cape with right side down. Place collar onto cape.....



.....and pin:



Sew collar on:



To add decorative trim:

In order to conceal the raw fleece edges you can use trim such as pom pom trim, lace trim or simple grosgrain ribbon.

Pin trim on to the right side of the cape by tucking under the beginning and start at the top front. Pin all the way through to the other side's top front. Then sew in place:



Flip your collar over to the right side of your cape and hand stitch the underside (don't stitch through the entire collar) of the collar on to the cape:



Sew buttonhole and button as described on page 23 through 24.

This is now your finished one-sided cape!



All done!

Design examples:



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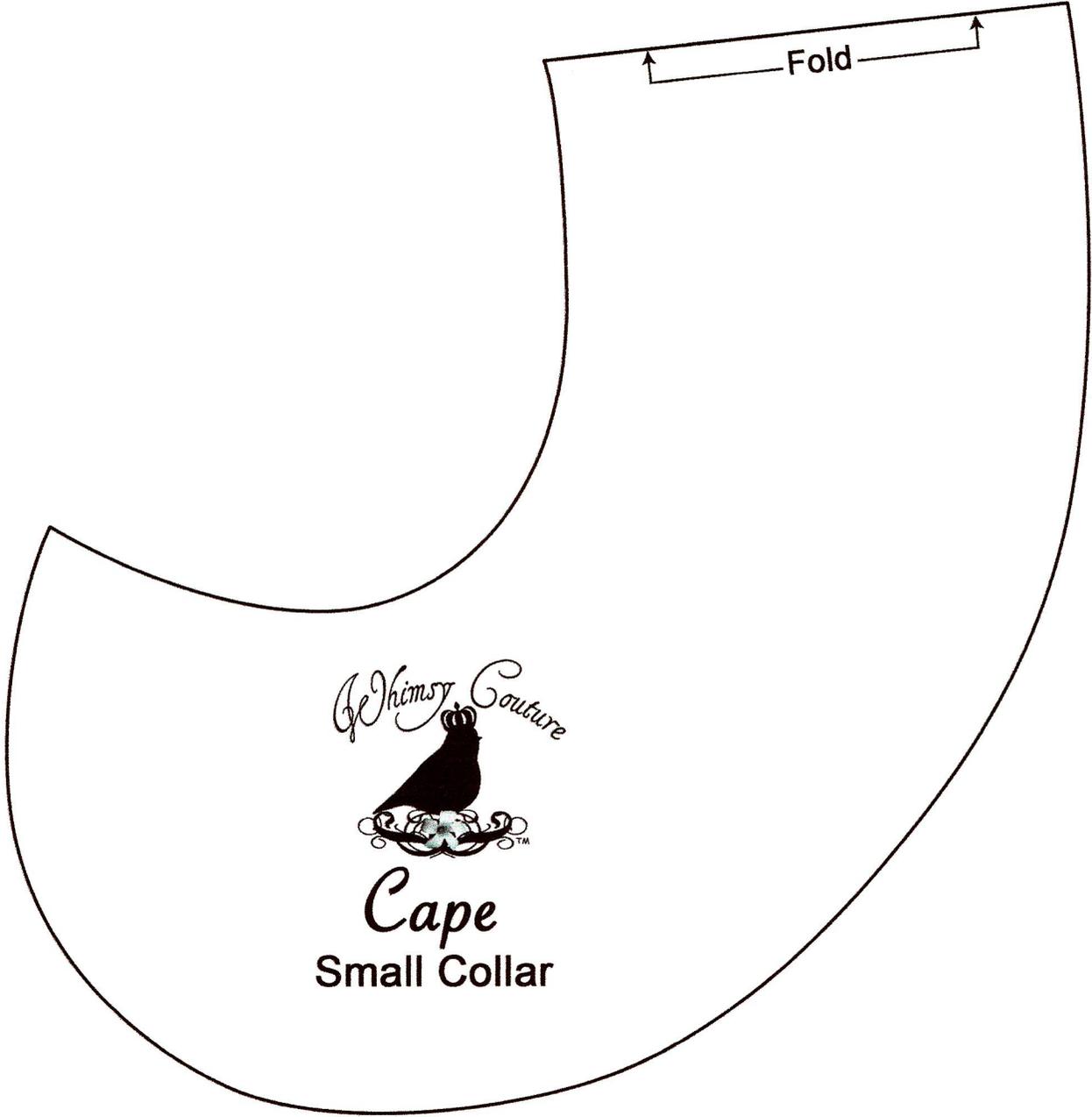
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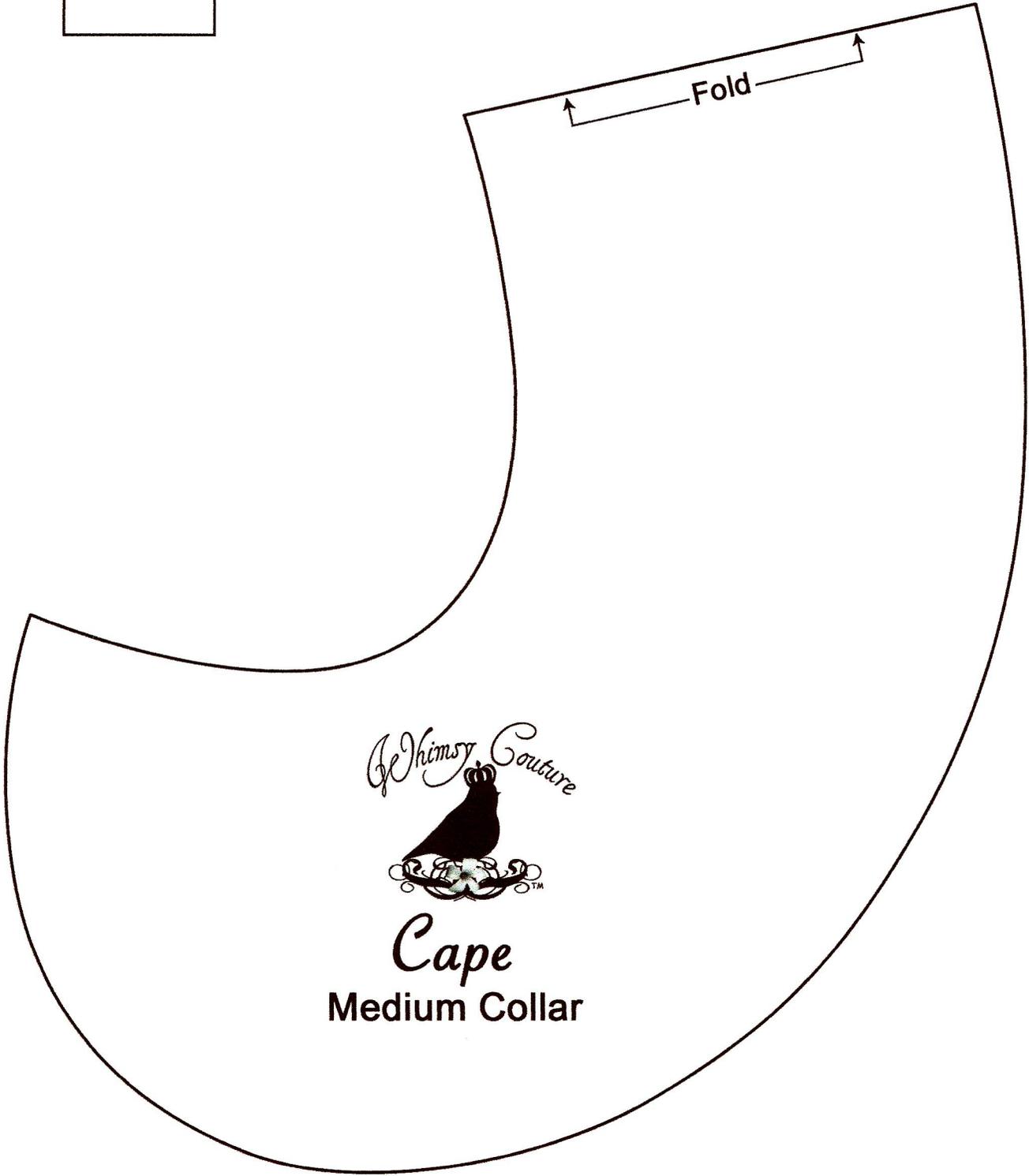
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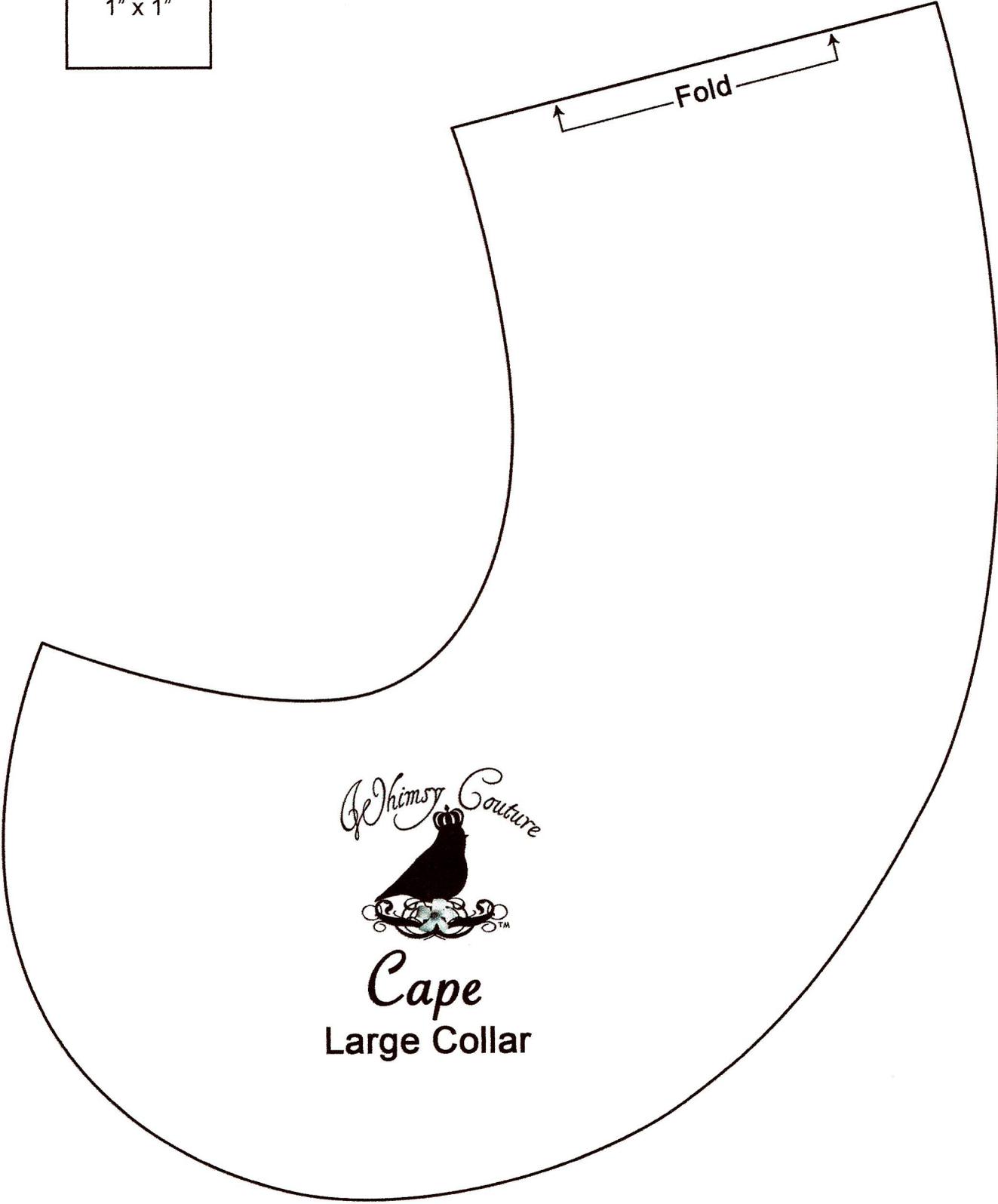
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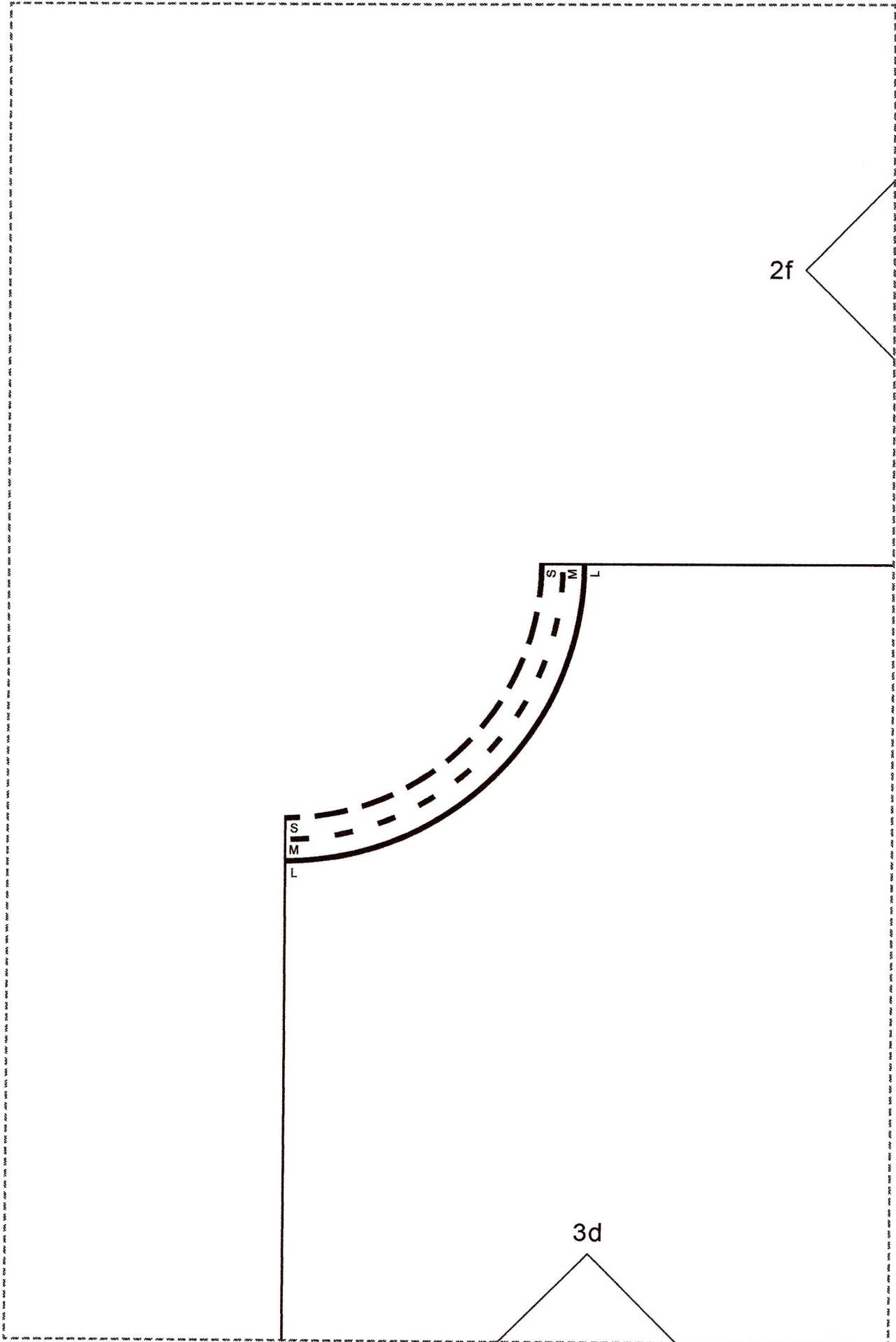


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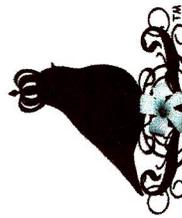
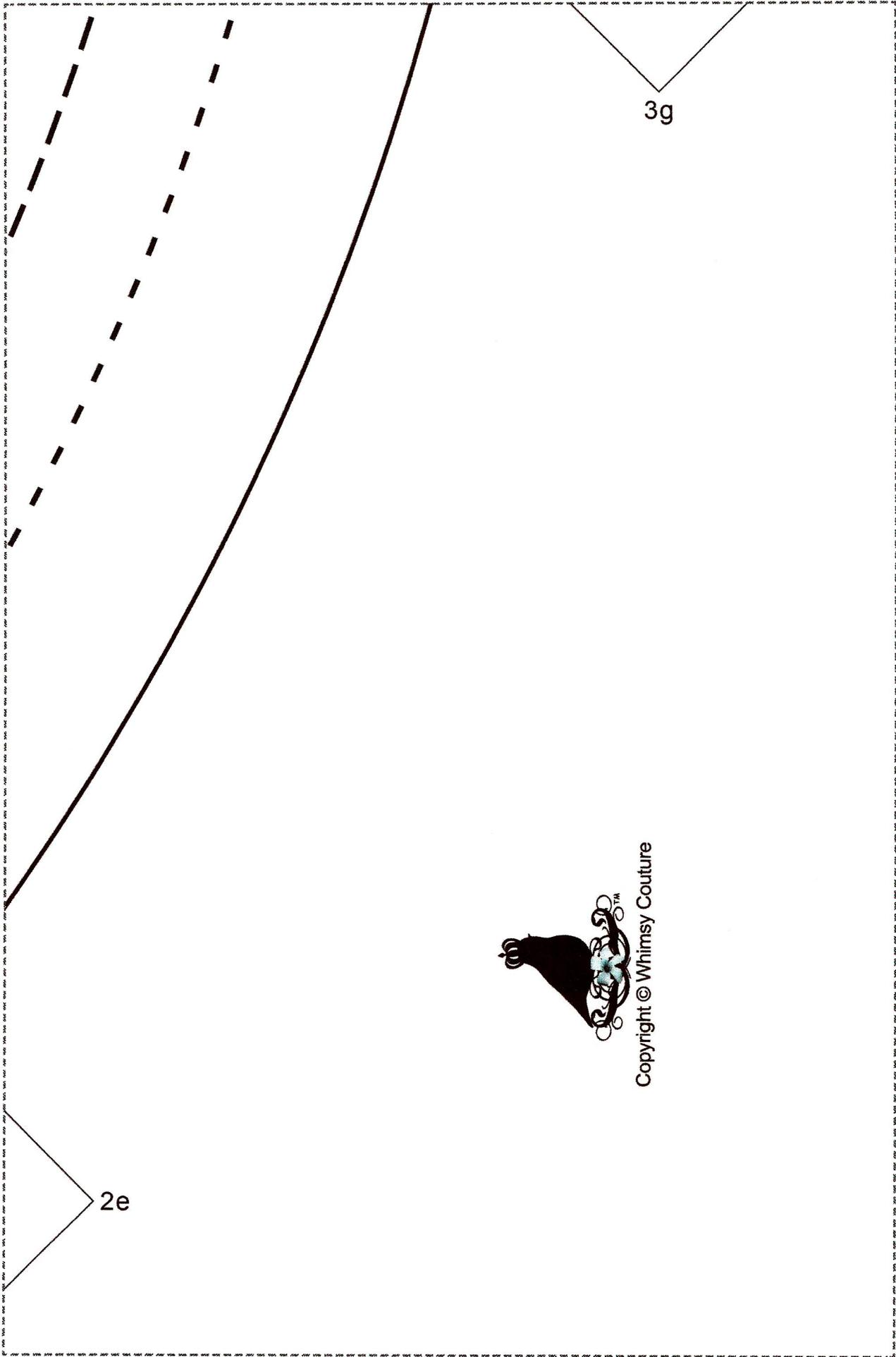
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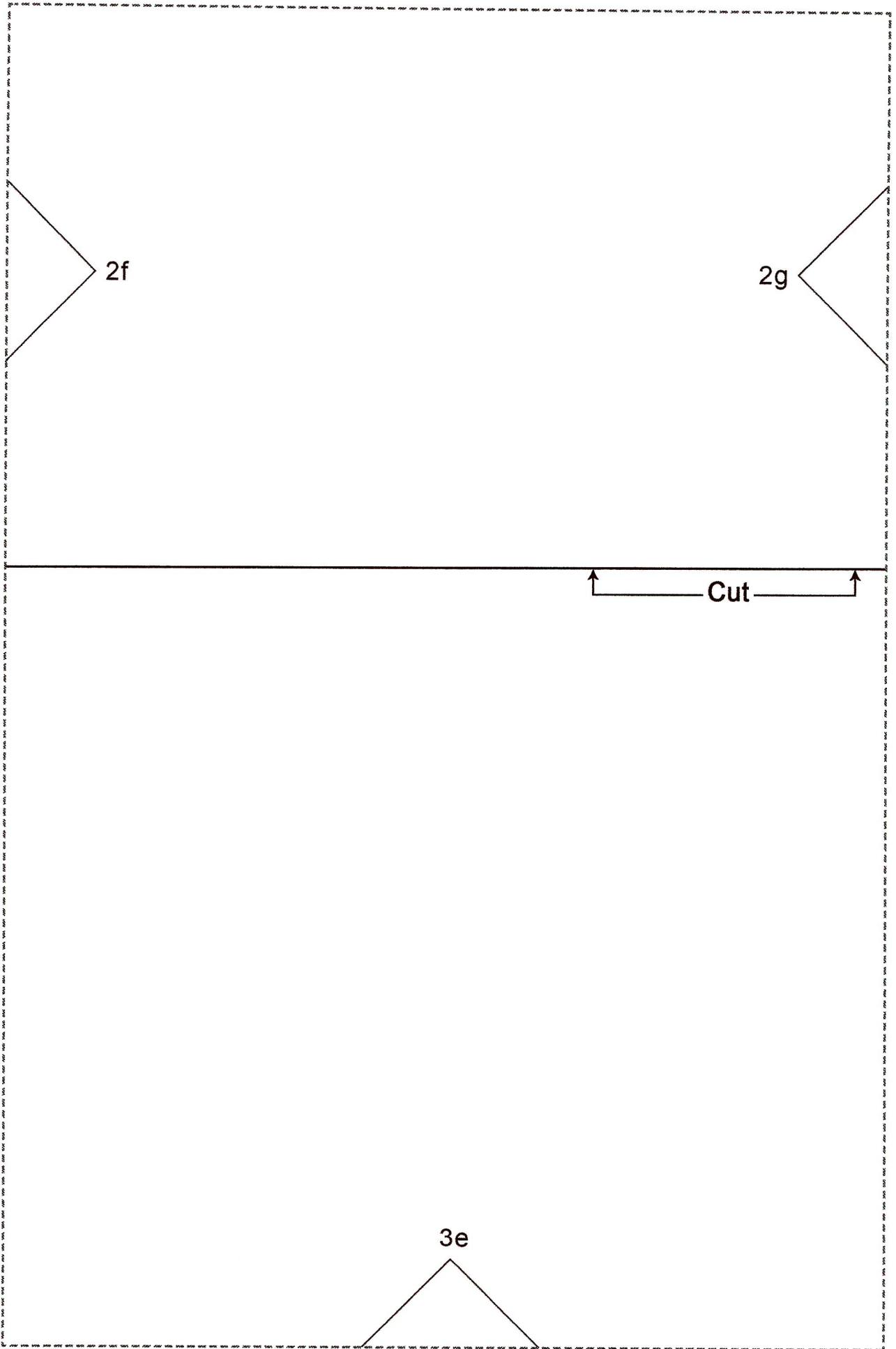
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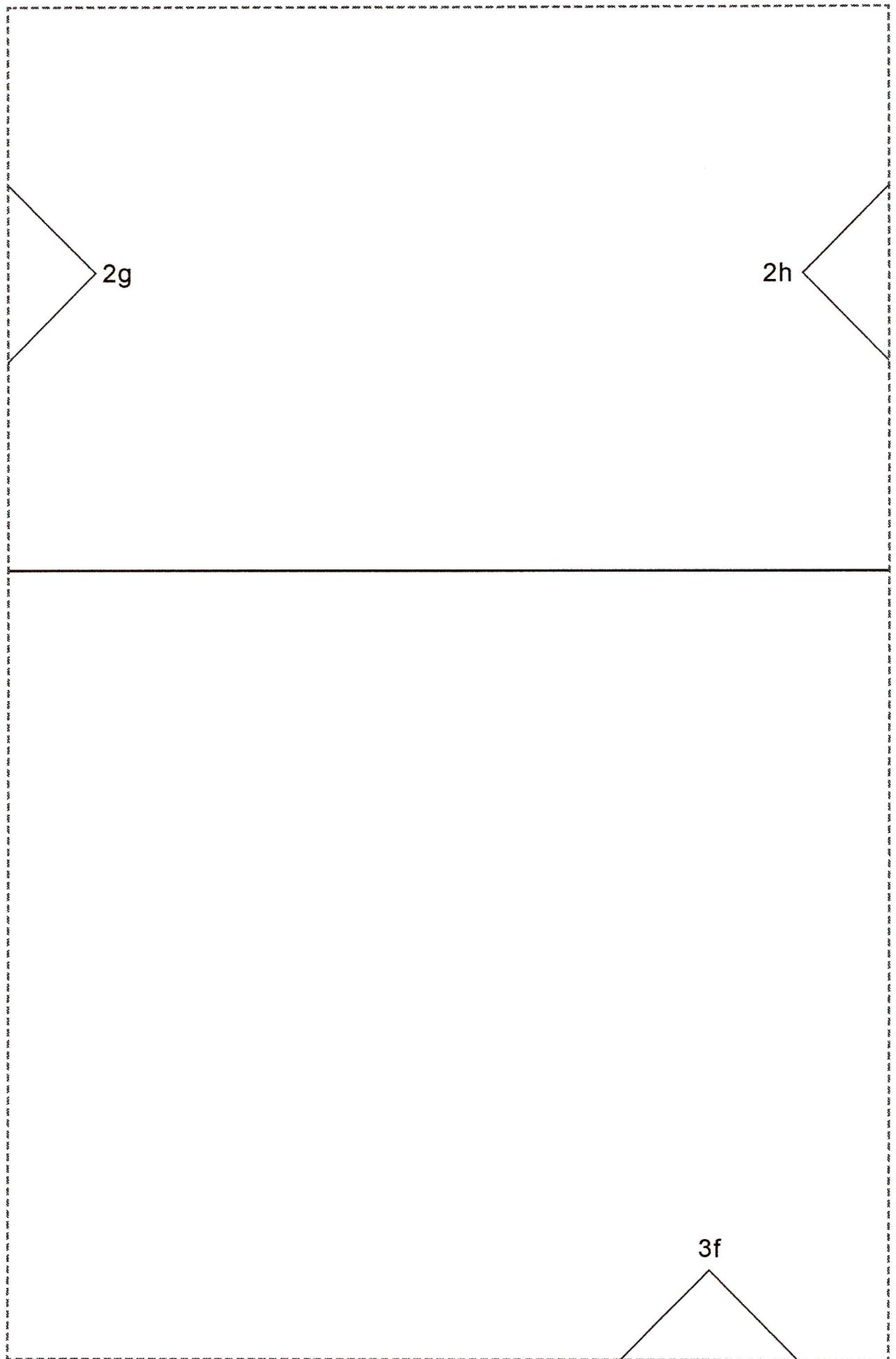
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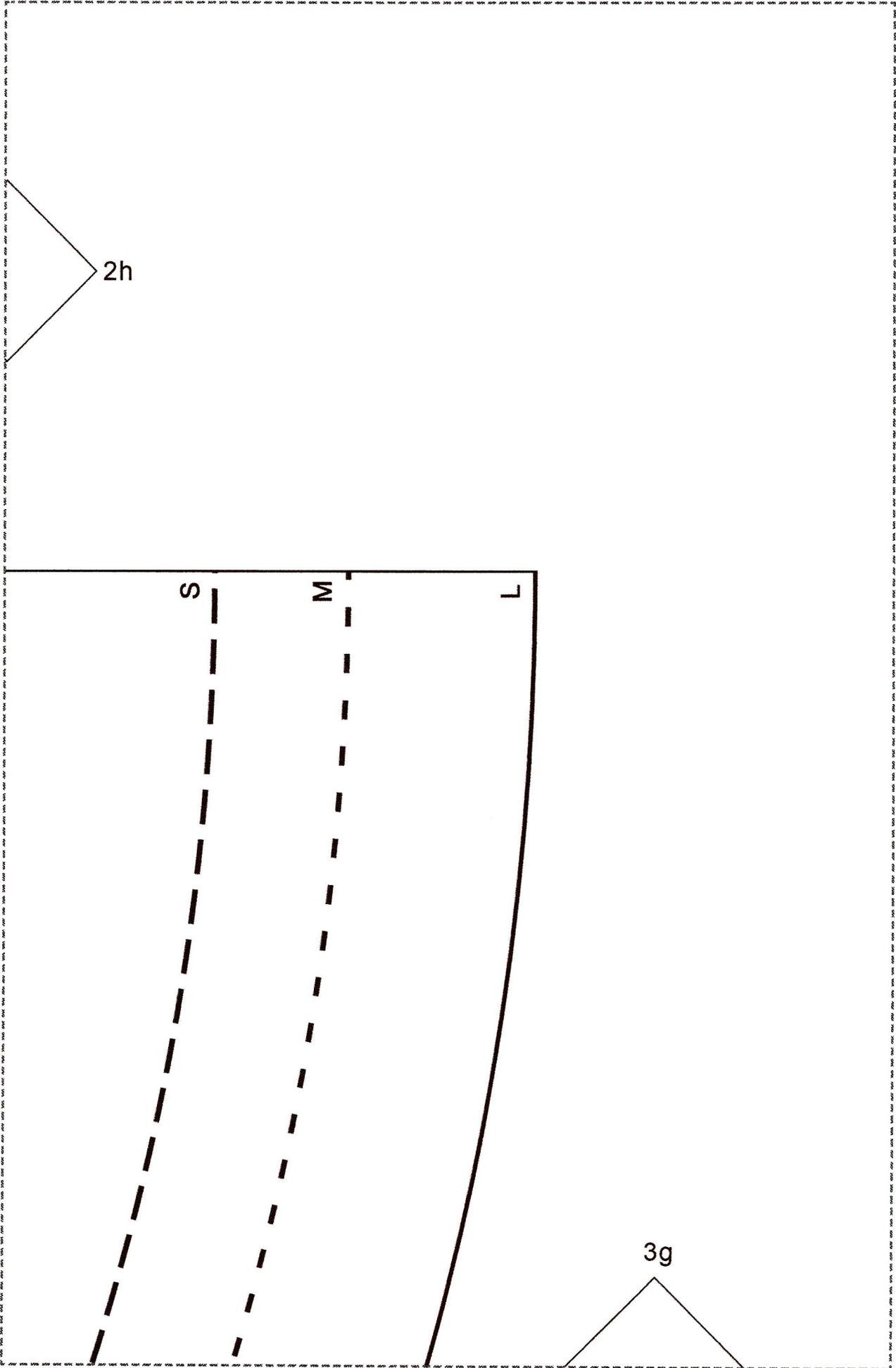
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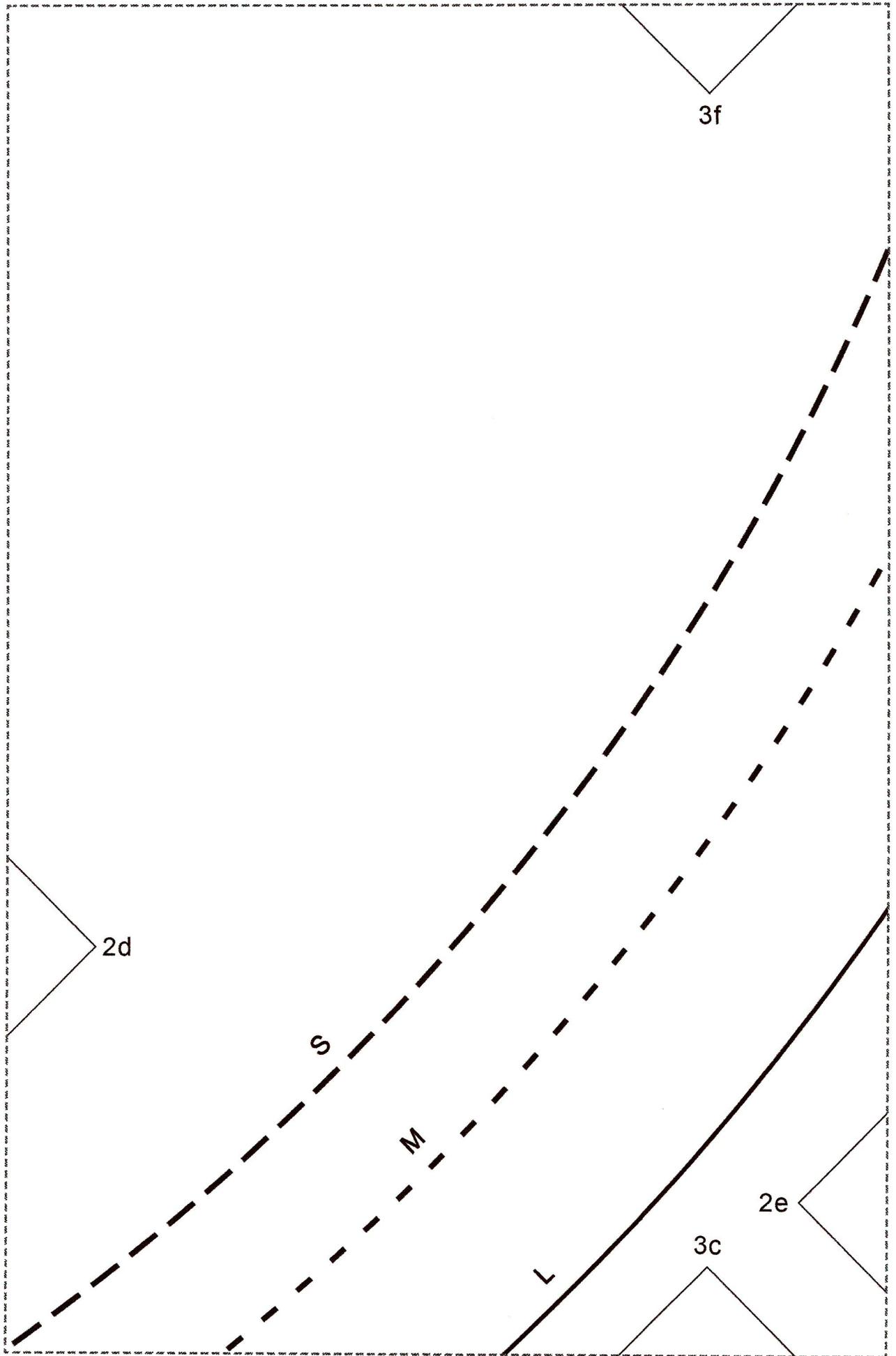


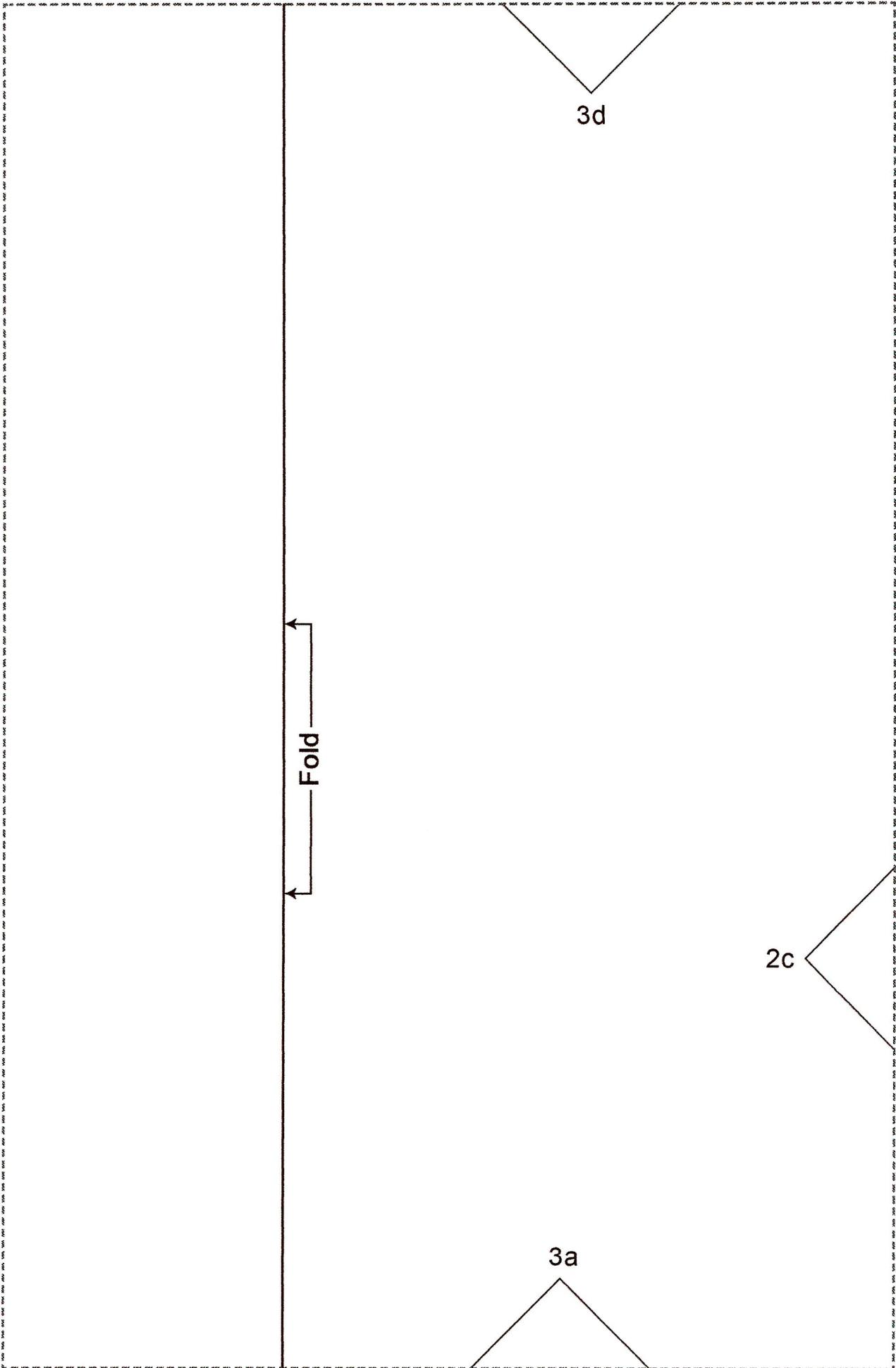
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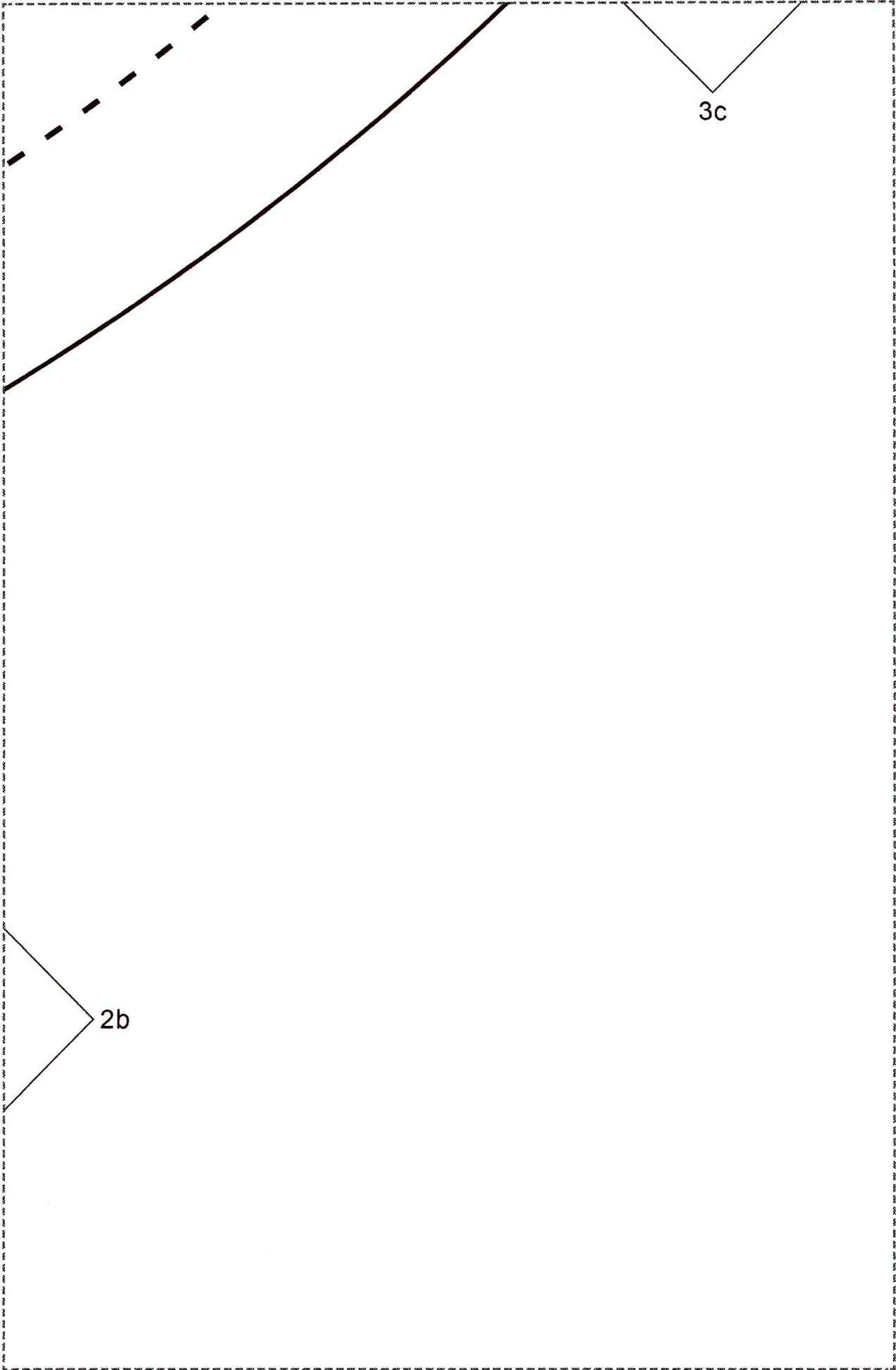


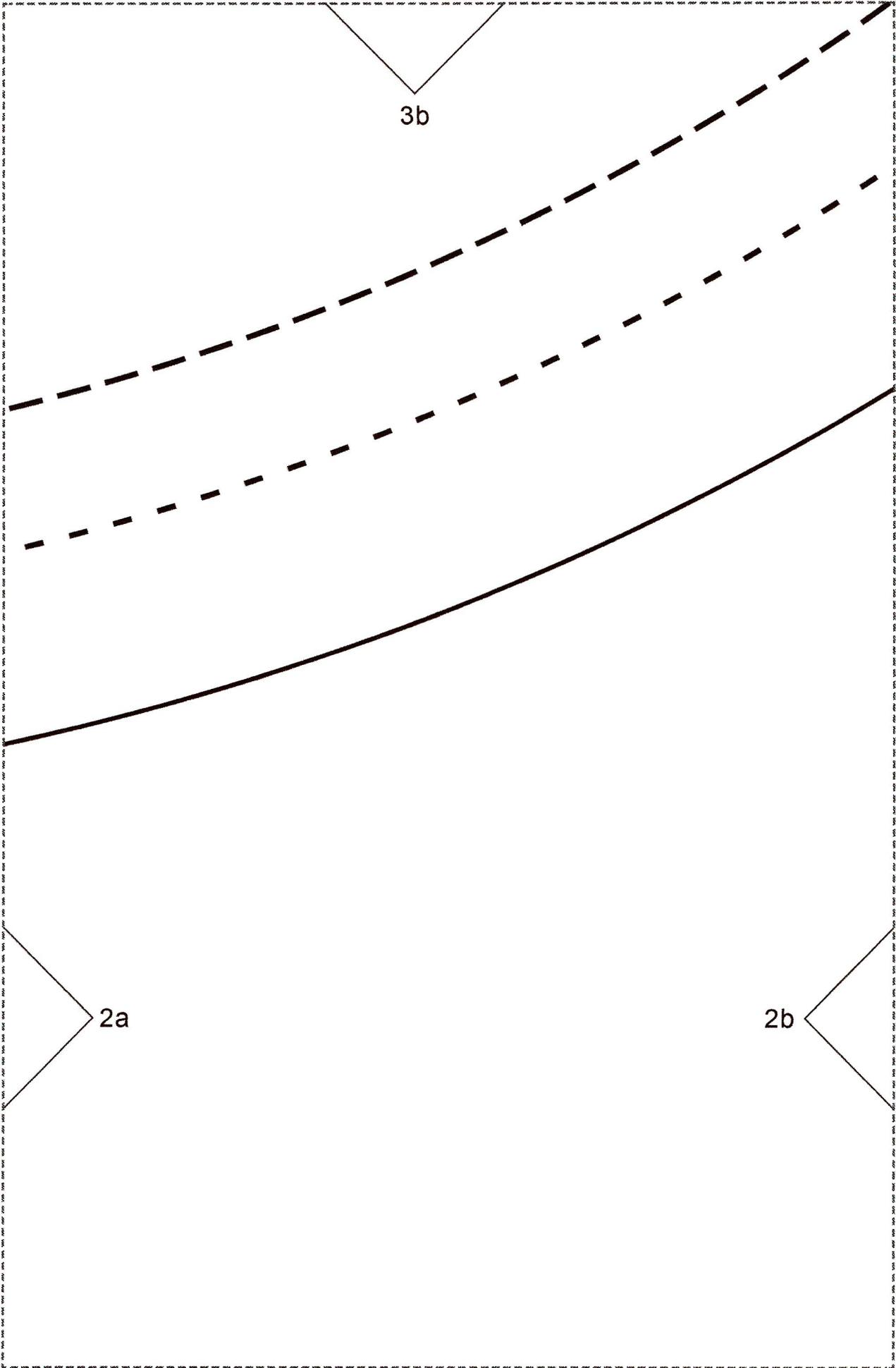












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