

Boost your daywear wardrobe for summer with the LARCHMONT TEE



This pretty top by Caroline Hulse is an easy-to-sew pattern that features dolman sleeves – where they are cut as one piece with the main body – and a locket closure along the back neckline. It can be made from lightweight drapery fabrics such as chambray, rayon or voile – simply choose the size based on your bust measurement.

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Get started

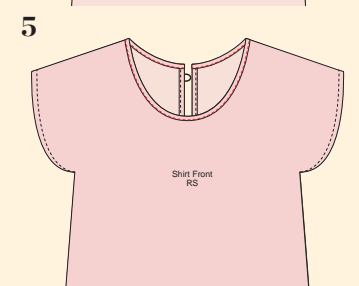
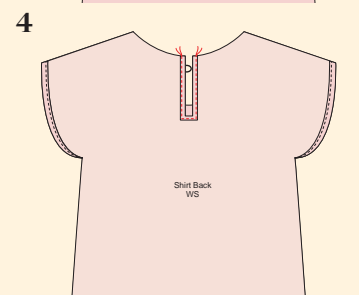
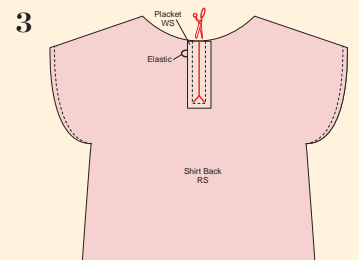
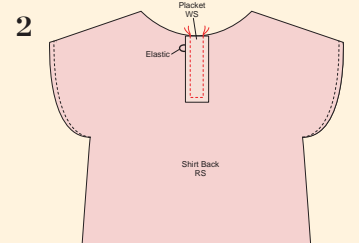
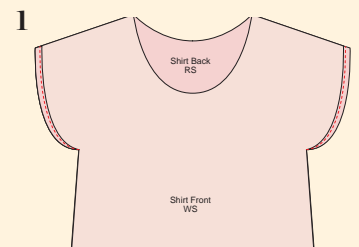
- Lightweight woven fabric; 112cm wide x 210cm (XS-M, L-XXL)
137cm wide x 140cm (XS-M)
137cm wide x 210cm (L-XXL)
- 3mm elastic
- One 1.3cm button

Sizes

	Bust
XS	78cm
Small	85cm
Medium	92cm
Large	100cm
XL	107cm
XXL	114cm

Cutting guide

- Front:** cut one on the fold
Back: cut one on the fold
Placket: cut one



1 Download and print the pattern at sewmag.co.uk/templates, cut out all of the pieces and transfer the markings. Lay the top front and back pieces right sides together, aligning the shoulders and side seams. Stitch in place along the shoulders and side seams, then finish these edges with a zigzag or overlock stitch.

2 Fold and press the sleeve hem at 6mm and again at 6mm. Edgestitch in place along the fold [1]. Turn the shirt right sides out. Fold a piece of 3mm wide elastic in half lengthwise and place it 2.5cm down from the neckline with the raw edges on the stitch line you transferred. Lay the placket piece on the centre back of the top, right sides together, aligning the stitch lines. Pin it in place, and sew around the designated stitch line. Be sure to catch the elastic between the top and the placket [2].

3 Snip in between the stitches on the placket from the neckline to almost the bottom row of stitches, and then at an angle in the corners, taking care not to snip through the stitches [3]. Fold the placket to the wrong side of the top, folding the raw edges under so they aren't showing. Press and topstitch in place through all the layers [4]. On the right side of the back of the top, stitch a button so it can easily be hooked by the elastic.

4 Make a length of narrow bias binding (see Core Skills panel below) or use pre-made single fold bias tape. Align the bias strip, right sides together, with the neckline of the tee, starting at the centre back. Stitch in place, starting 2.5cm from the end of the strip (leaving that fabric loose) using a 1cm seam allowance. When you reach 2.5cm away from the starting point, trim the ends so they overlap by 1cm. Move the ends of the bias strip away from the garment and with right sides facing, sew the short ends together at 1cm.

5 Finger press the seam allowance open, lay it back along the neckline of the garment, and finish stitching the bias to the neckline, leaving a 1.3cm overhang at the beginning and end of the opening. Tuck and press this 1.3cm in towards the garment before proceeding. Trim the seam allowance just made to 6mm and clip the curves. Press the seam allowance towards the bias strip.

6 Turn the tee inside out and work from the wrong side. Fold the narrow bias strip towards the wrong side and create a clean, sharp edge at the neckline. The seam should be right along the edge of the fold. Press this in place, using pins if necessary.

7 Using coordinating thread, stitch along the folded edge of the narrow bias strip as close to the fold as you can, pulling taut as you go. Turn the garment out and press the neckline. Fold and press the bottom hem of the top towards the wrong side at 6mm and again at 1cm, then edgestitch in place [5].

Core skill: MAKING BIAS BINDING

To create your own narrow bias strip for finishing the neckline, take a small square of fabric and cut several 3.2cm wide strips on the bias (a 45° angle) until they start becoming too short. Join them by placing right sides together, creating a 90° angle at the short end on the far-right side of the horizontal strip.

Sew from the top-left corner to the bottom-left corner and snip the seam allowance.

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PRINT THE PDF

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2. When preparing to print the PDF, make sure that you are printing it at "Actual Size" (100%) and that there is no scaling. Check the settings for page scaling (should be "None") and check the preview to make sure that you will be printing at full size. Make sure that the box labeled "Auto-Rotate and Center" is unchecked. (These instructions apply specifically to Adobe Reader. If you're using another PDF reader, check for similar settings.)
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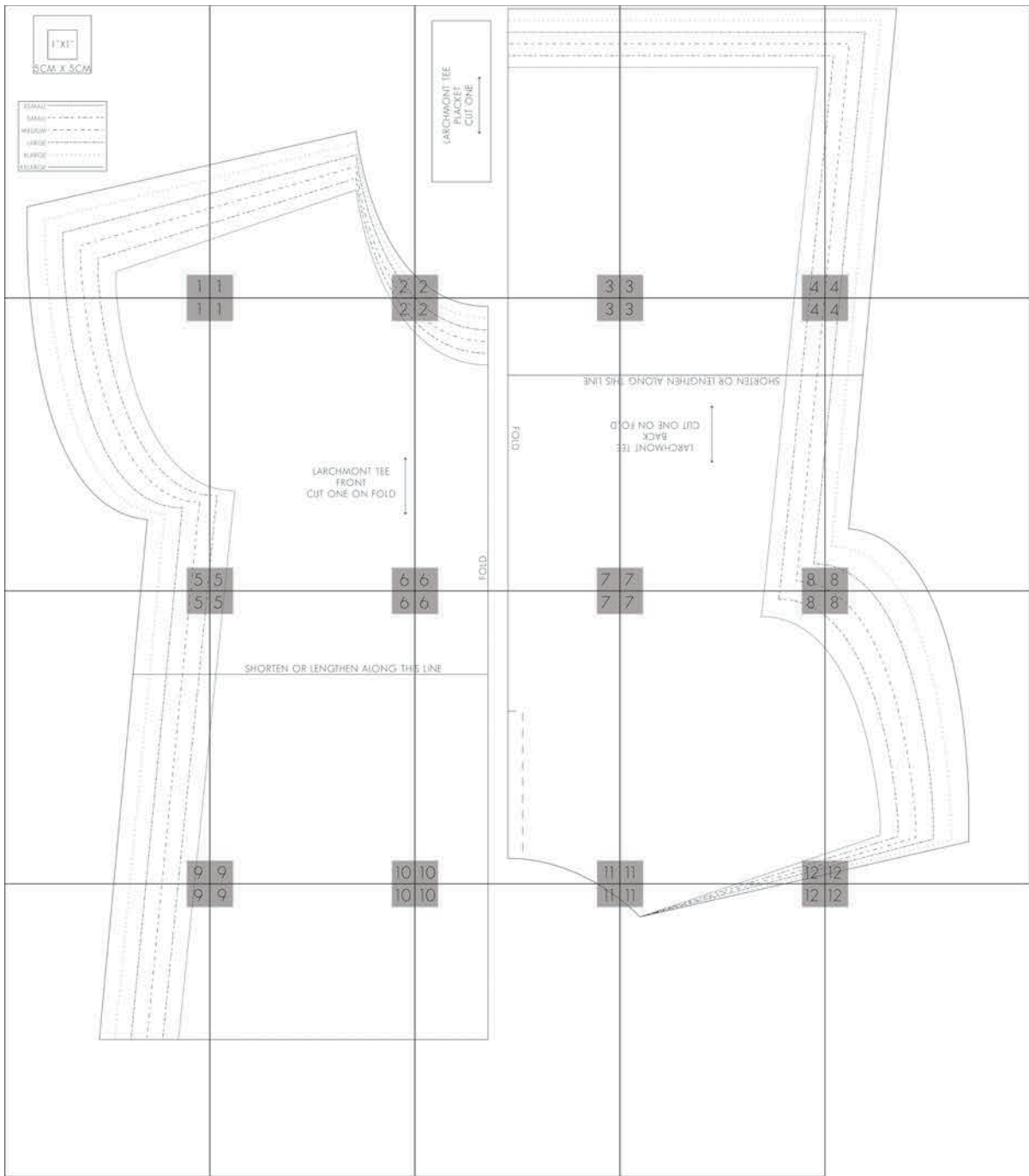


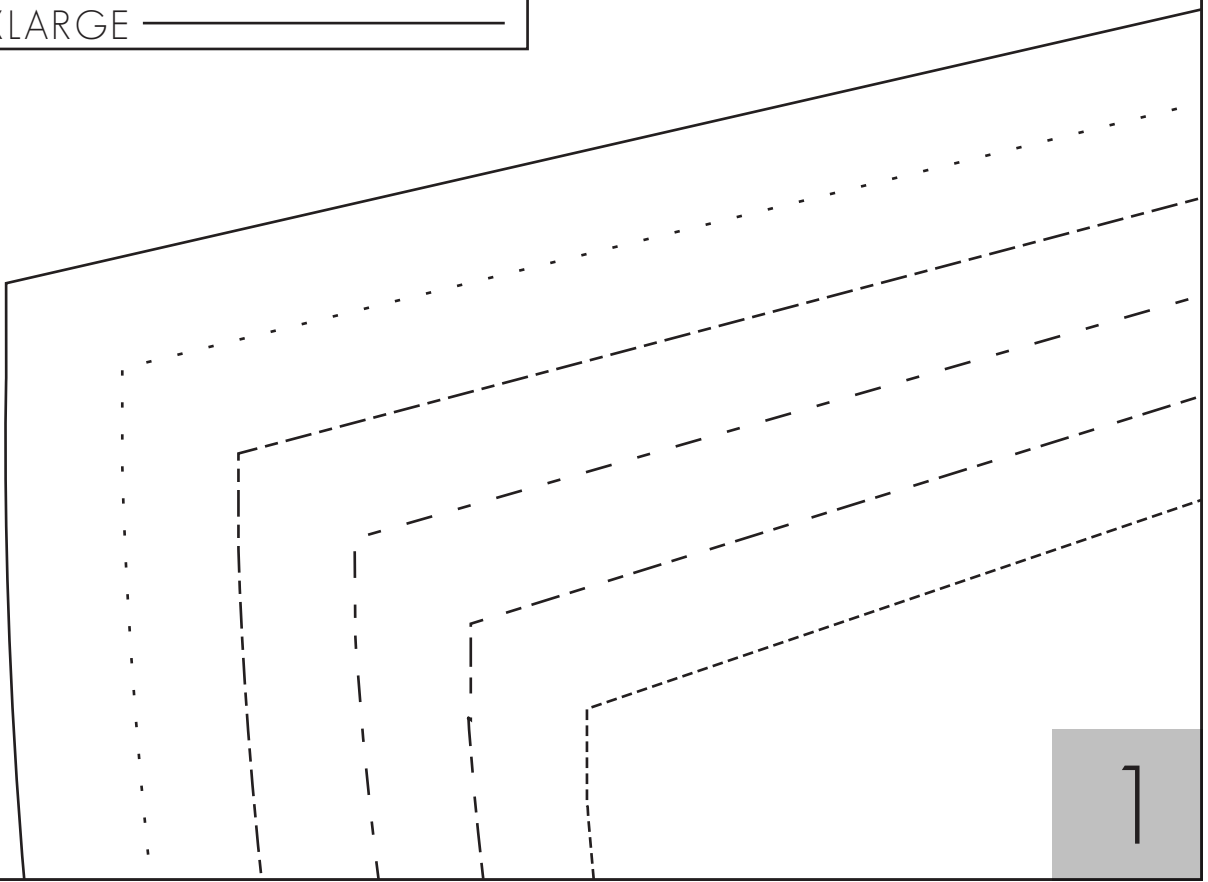
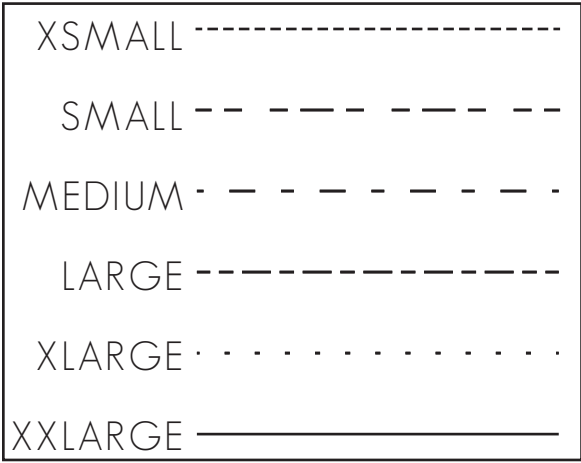
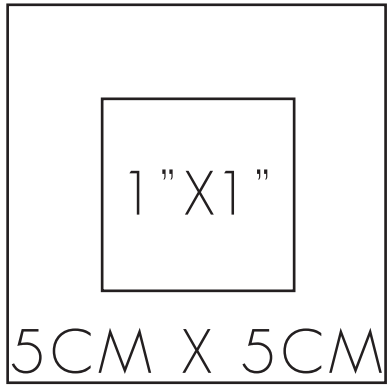
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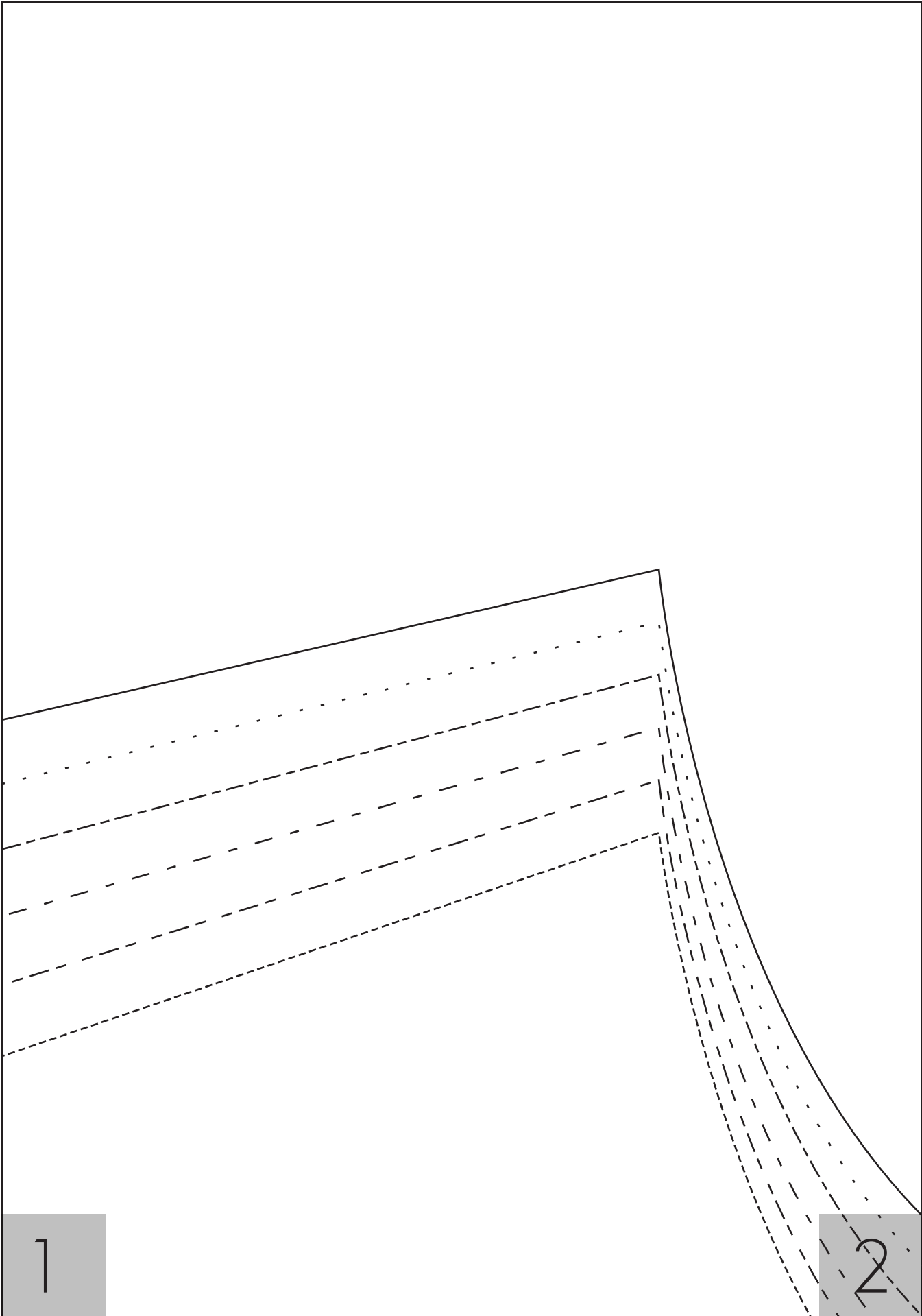
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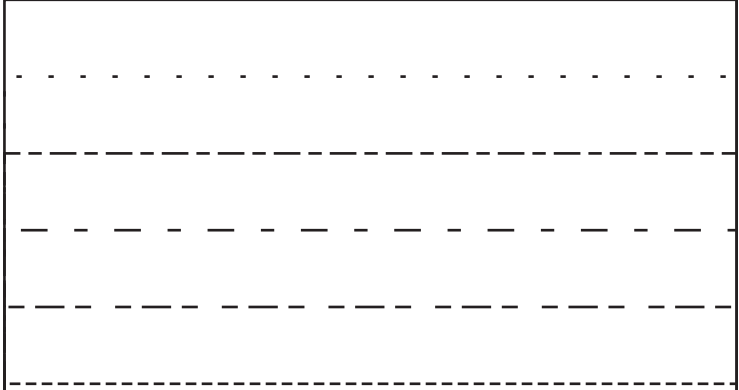
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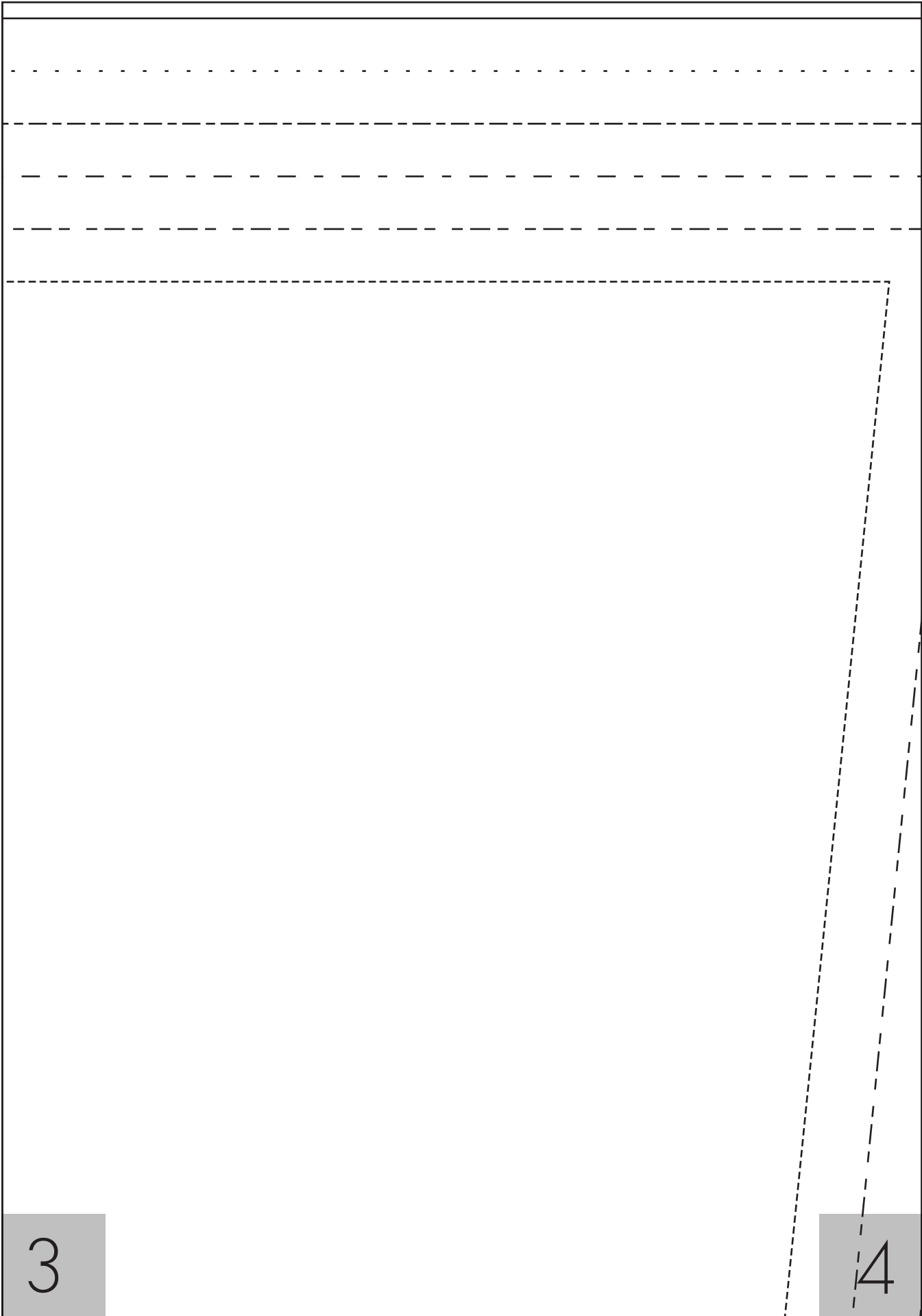


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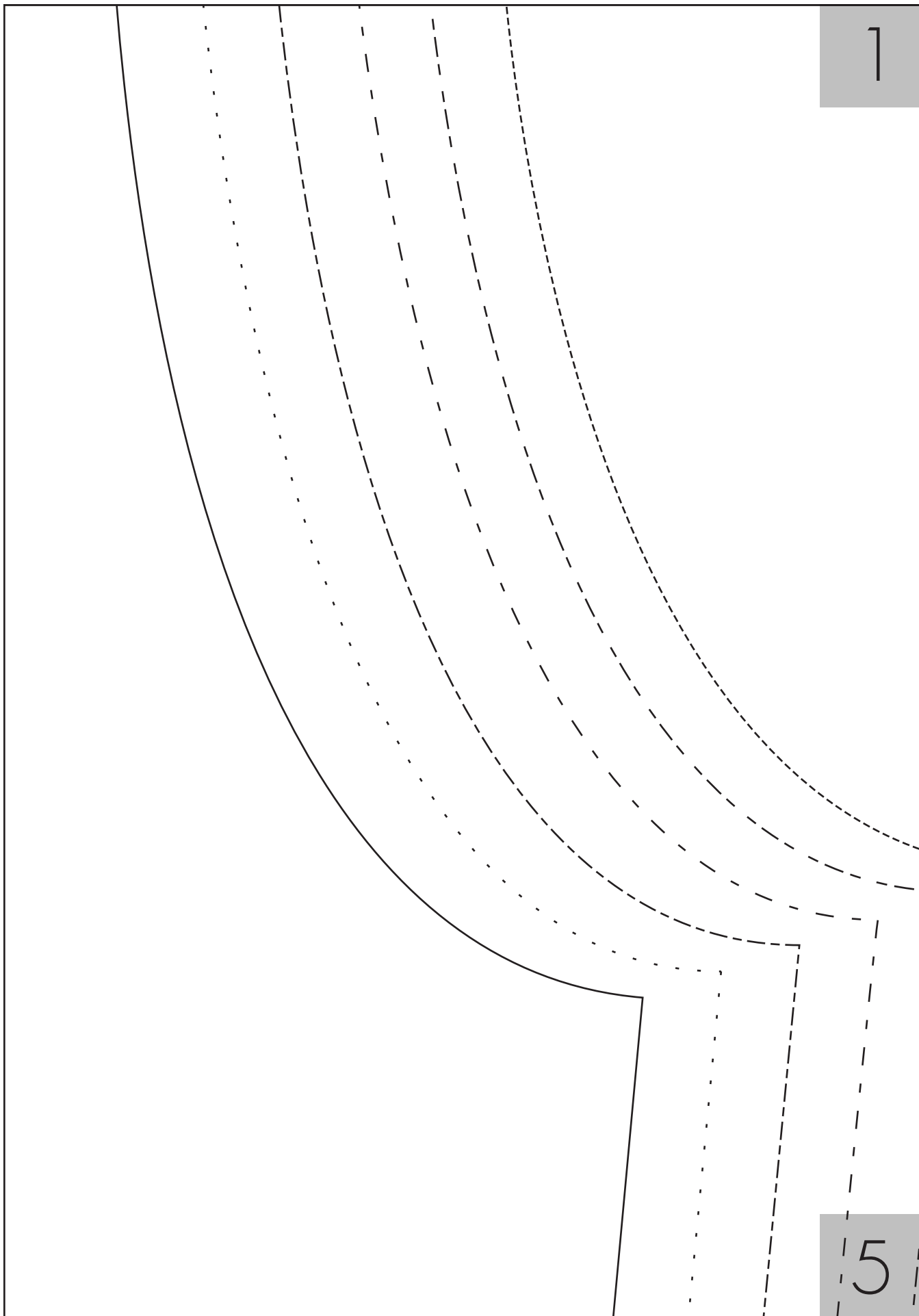


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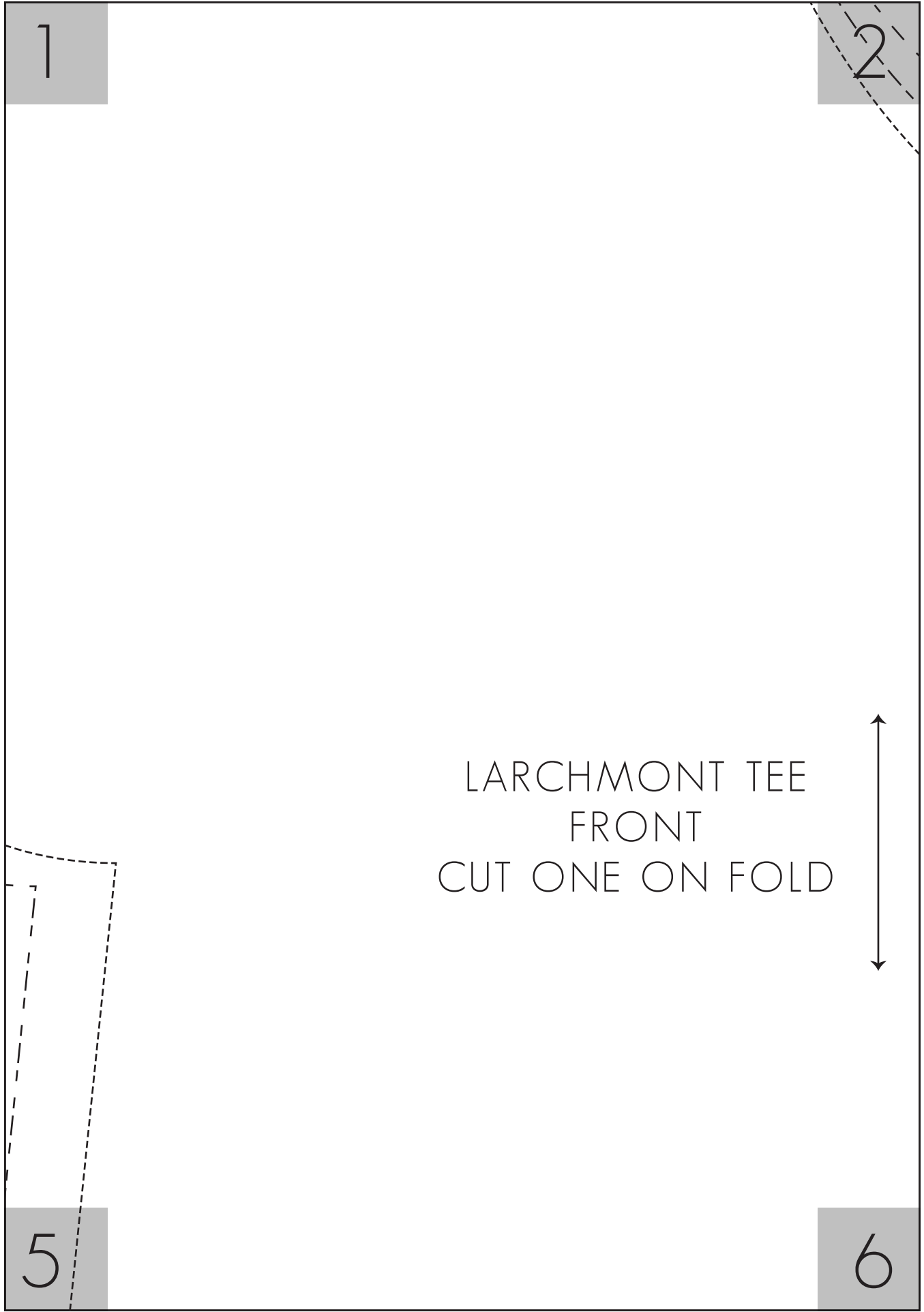
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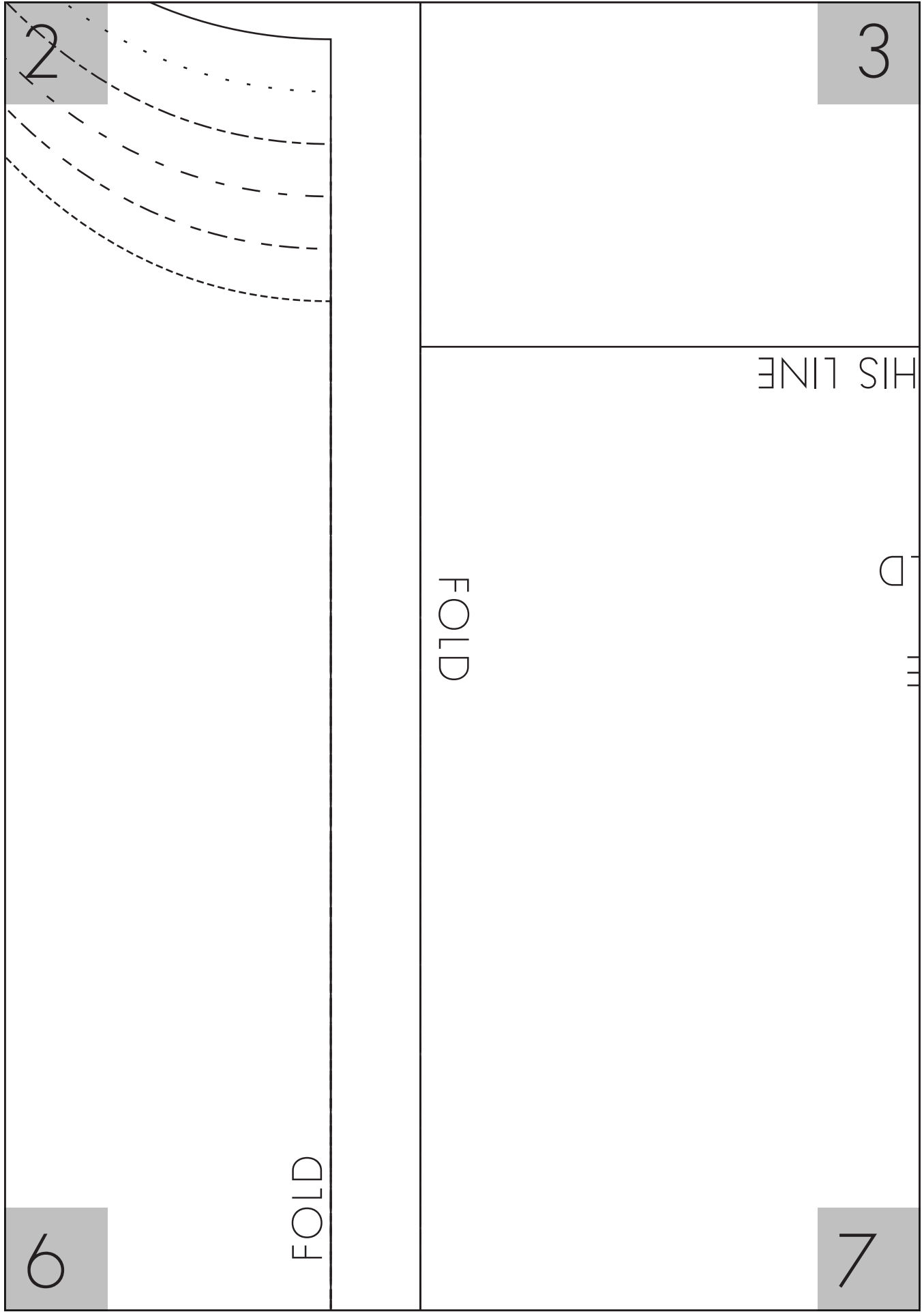
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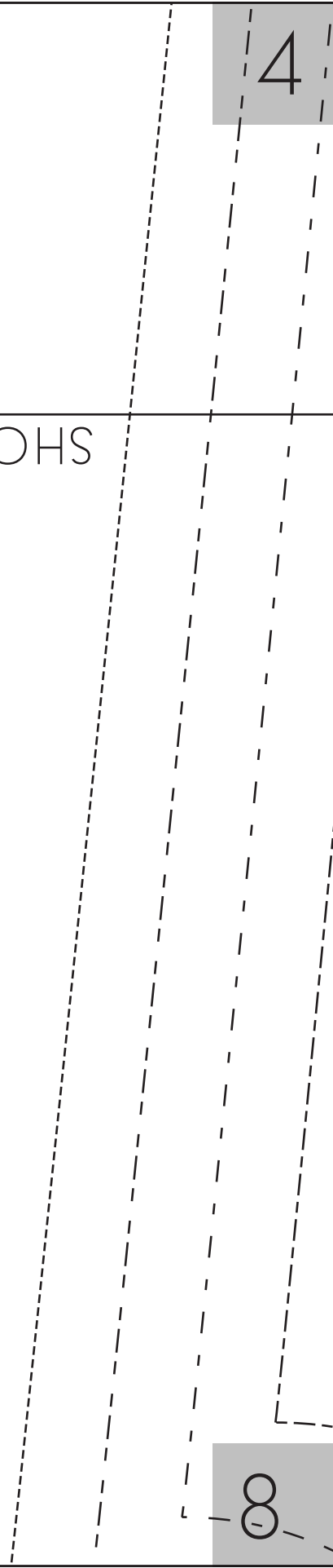
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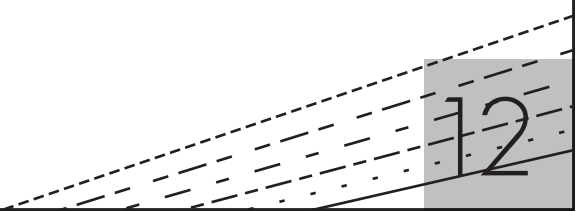
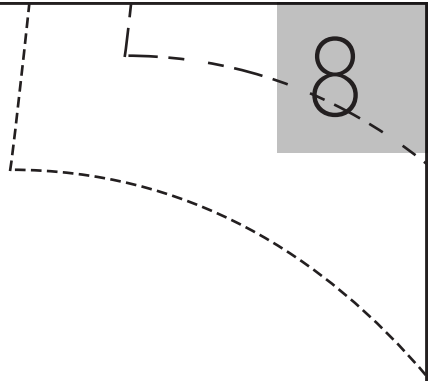


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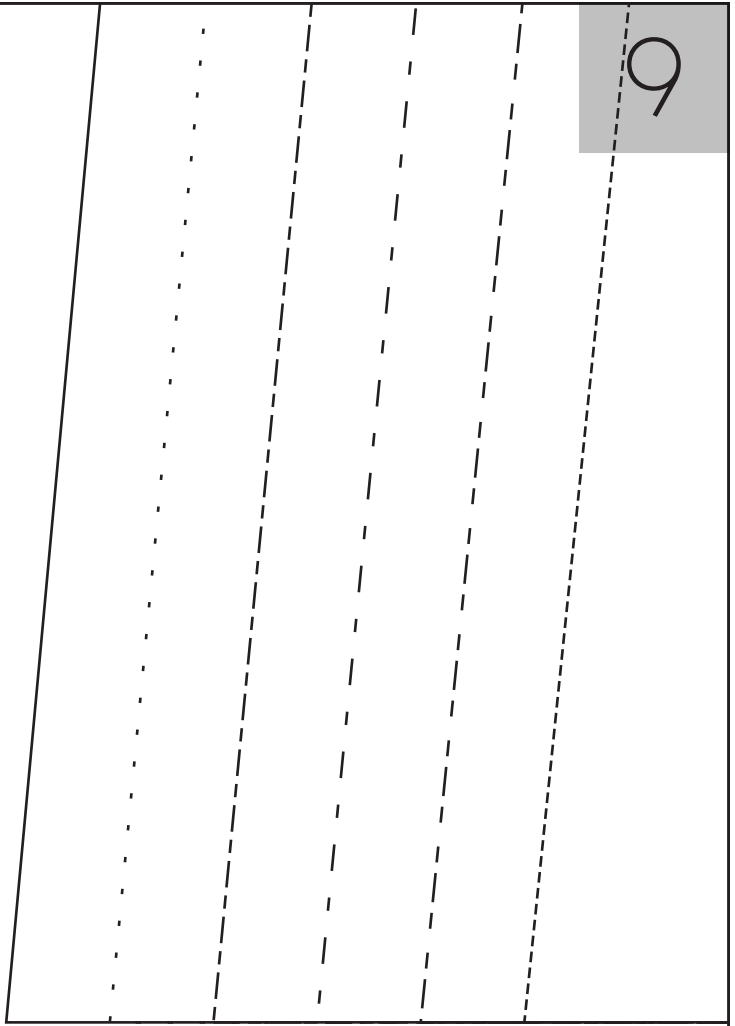
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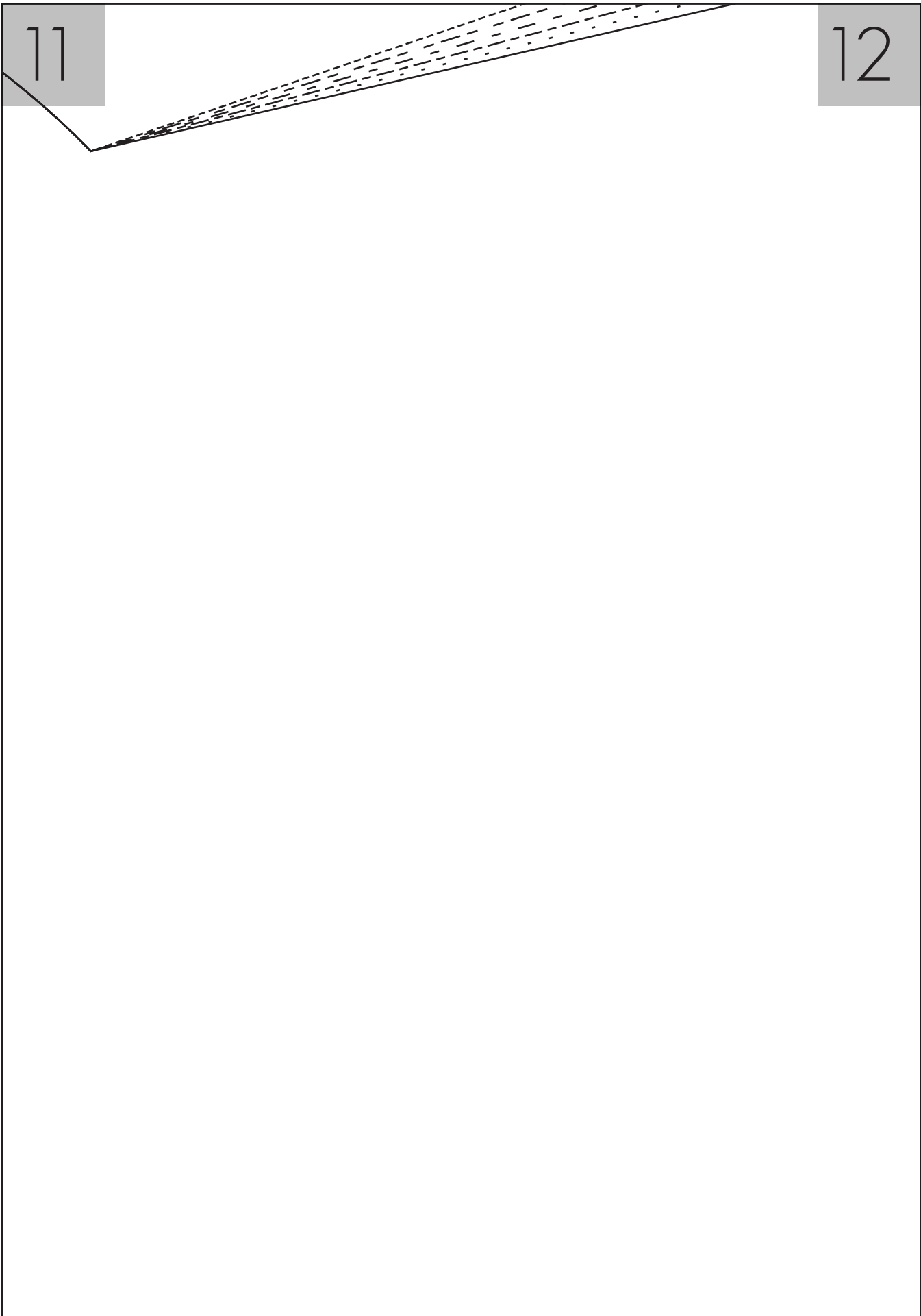
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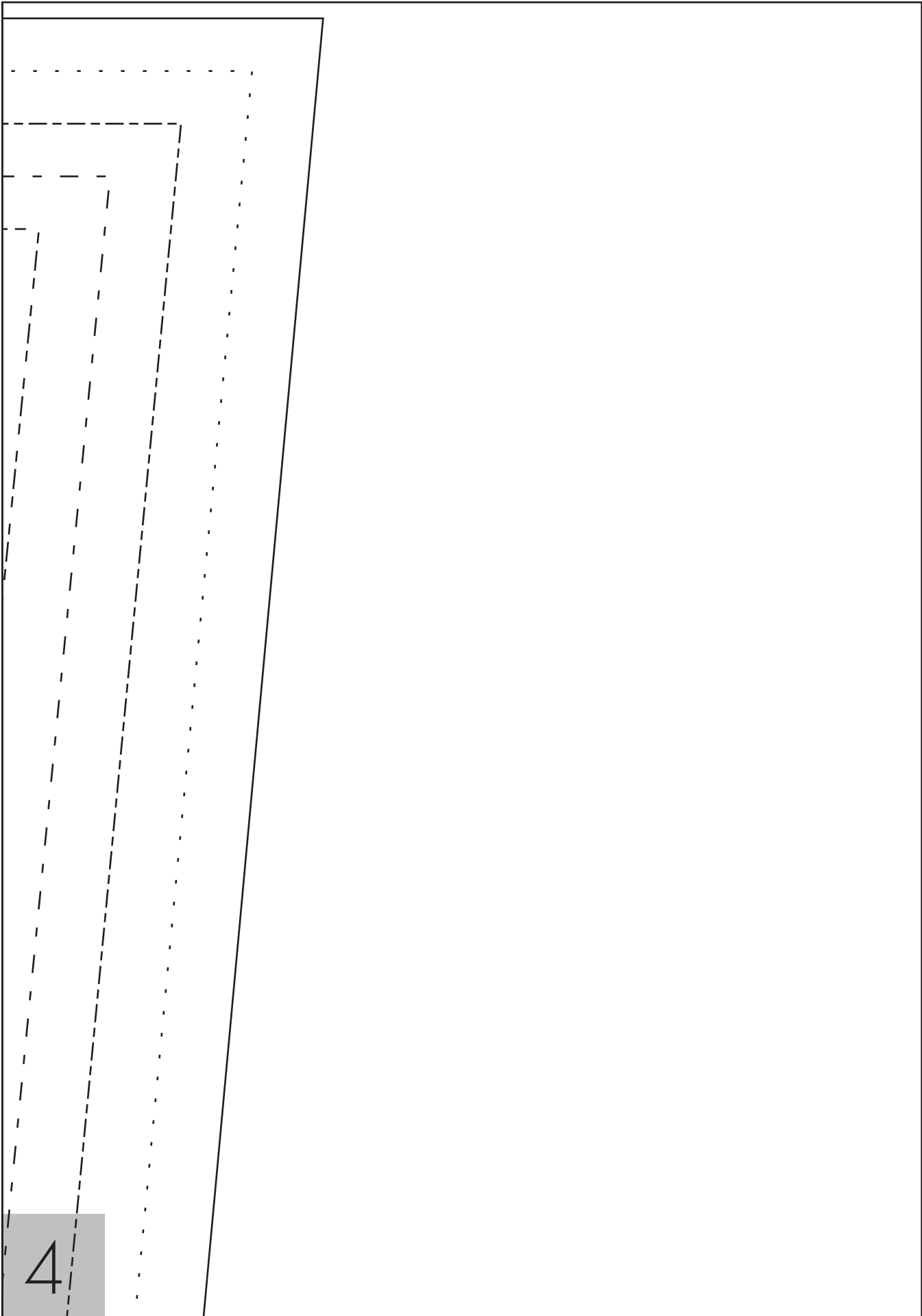
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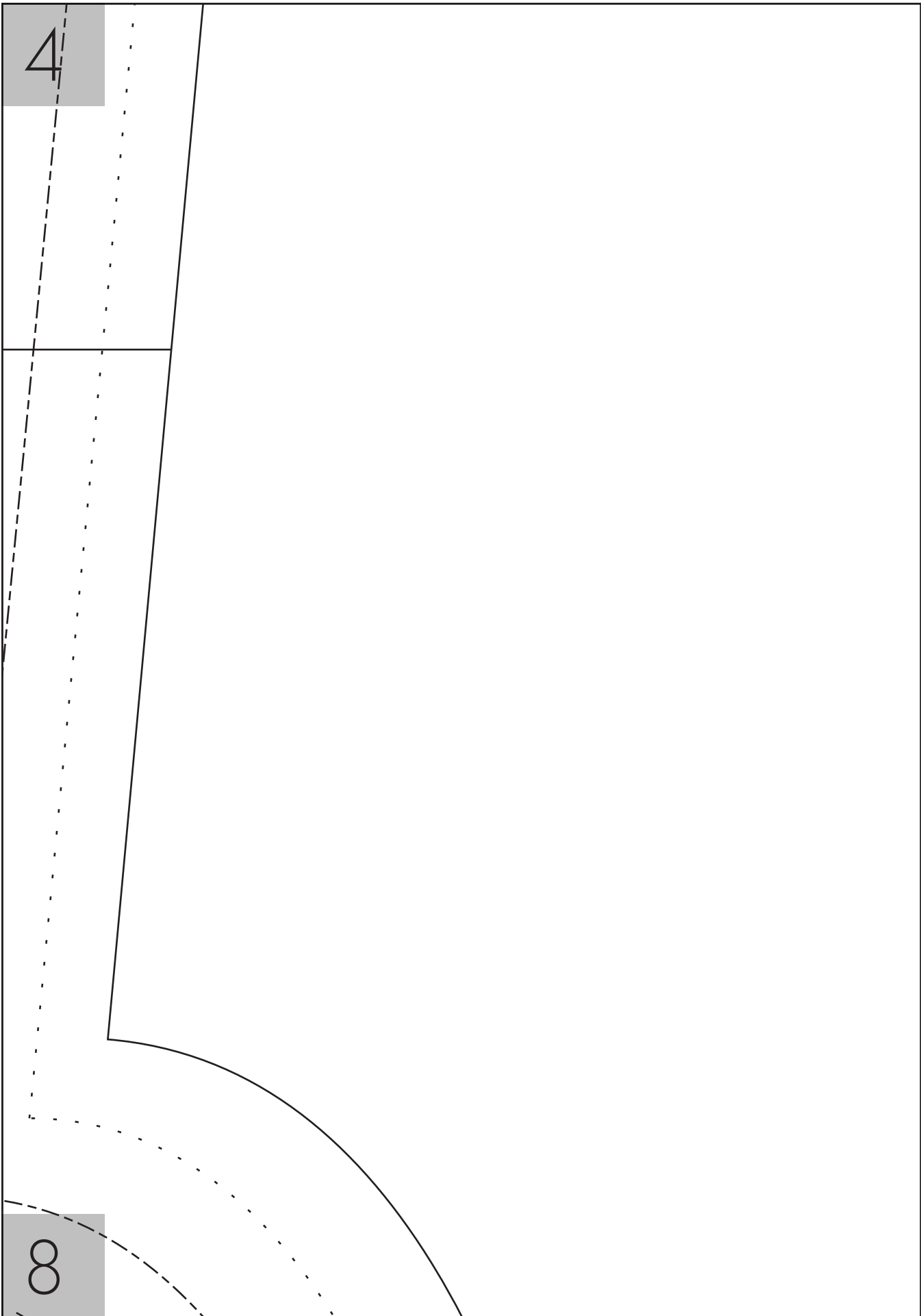




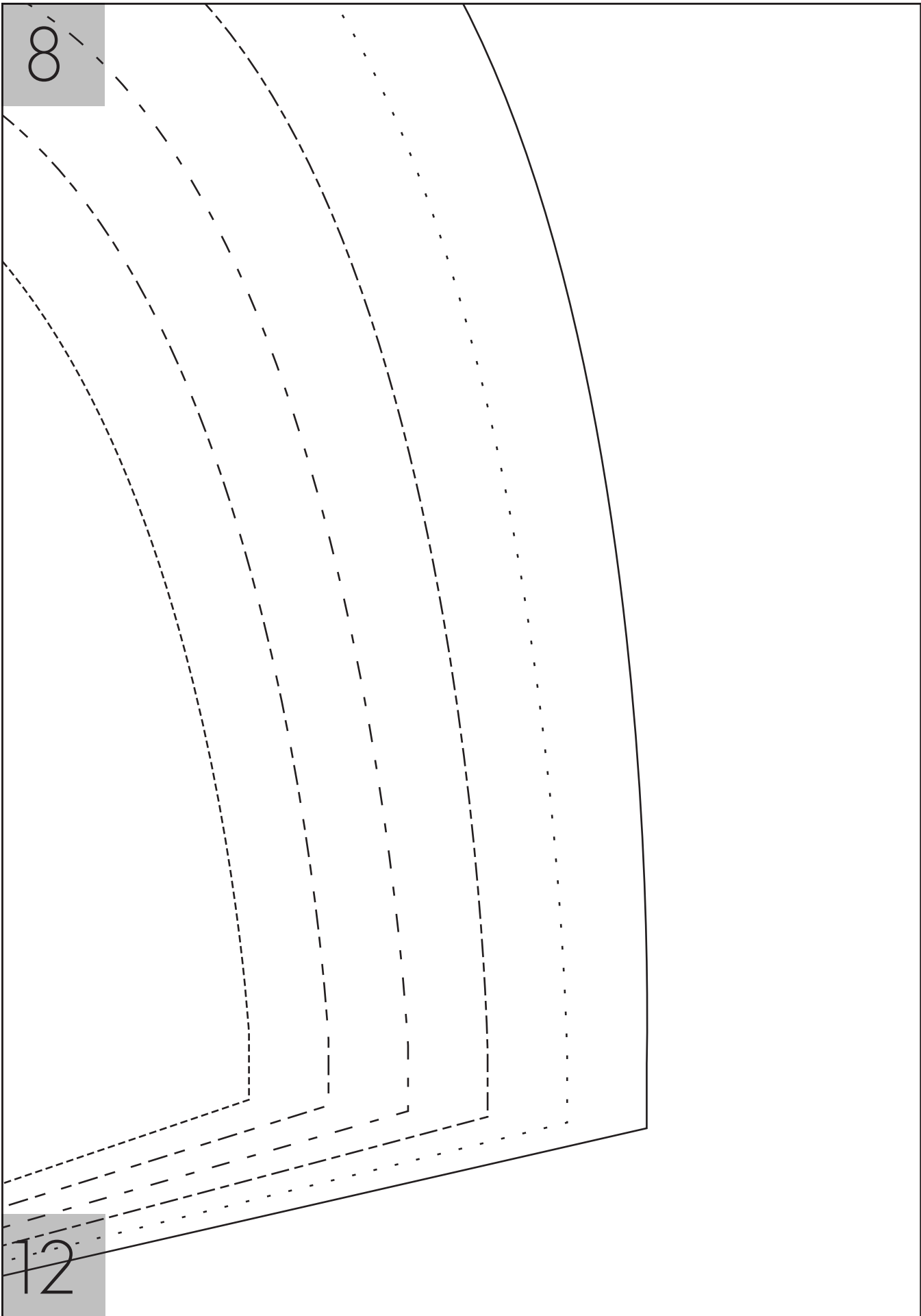
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