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Whale

pillow

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This darling from the deep brings a seaworthy sweetness to any room. Measuring in at 23" from head to tail, this pillow is the perfect size for porch swings, club chairs, or nursery room shelves.

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WHALE PILLOW

What You'll Need

- 1/2 yard print fabric* for body
- 1/2 yard coordinating fabric* for bias-cut side strip
- 4 yards bias piping in a coordinating color
- Two 12" lengths of baby rickrack
- Black perle cotton or embroidery floss for eye
- 12 oz. polyester fiberfill (or other stuffing material)
- Thread

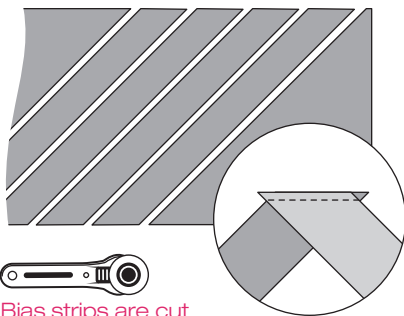
*Yardage is based on 44/45" quilting-weight cotton fabric with at least 42" of useable width.

Note: All seam allowances are 3/8".

Cutting

From the print fabric, cut:
1 and 1 reverse whale body

From the coordinating fabric, cut:
Four 2 1/2"-wide bias strips to seam together to create one continuous strip measuring 2 1/2" x 72".



Bias strips are cut at a 45° angle to the straight fabric grain. Place strips right sides together, perpendicular to each other, then stitch across the angled end. Press the seam open to reduce bulk.

Assembly

1 Use dressmaker's tracing paper and a tracing wheel to transfer placement lines for the whale mouth and eye on each body piece.



2 Align one 12" length of rickrack along the mouth placement lines on one whale body. Fold the rickrack back on itself at the mouth corner and using a short stitch length, sew the rickrack in place. Repeat for the remaining whale body.

3 Use a hand sewing needle and perle cotton or floss to chain stitch around the eye outline on each body piece. Use a satin stitch to fill the outlined eyes.

4 Use a piping or zipper foot to sew piping around the perimeter of each body piece. Keep the raw edges aligned and stitch close to the piping cord. Begin the piping at the tip of the tail fluke and when you come back to that point, extend the piping into the seamline.

5 Square one end of the bias strip. Fold the squared end 1/2" to the wrong side. Beginning along the bottom edge where the body narrows before the fluke, and with right sides together, pin the strip to the perimeter of one whale body. Trim off any excess strip length, allowing for a 1" overlap. Sew the strip to the body, following the same stitching line you created when sewing the piping.

6 Pin, then sew the opposite side of the strip to the remaining whale body, making sure body pieces align.

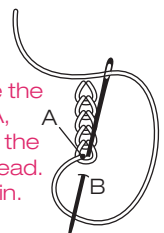
7 Turn the pillow right side out through the overlapped opening and use a point turner or other tool to smooth the seams. Stuff the pillow with fiberfill, taking care to push the stuffing into the extremities. Hand-sew the opening closed.



SATIN STITCH
A satin stitch is a series of straight stitches worked closely together.

CHAIN STITCH

Bring the needle up at A. Form a loop, take the needle down next to A, and back up at B, with the needle tip over the thread. Repeat to make a chain.



Note:

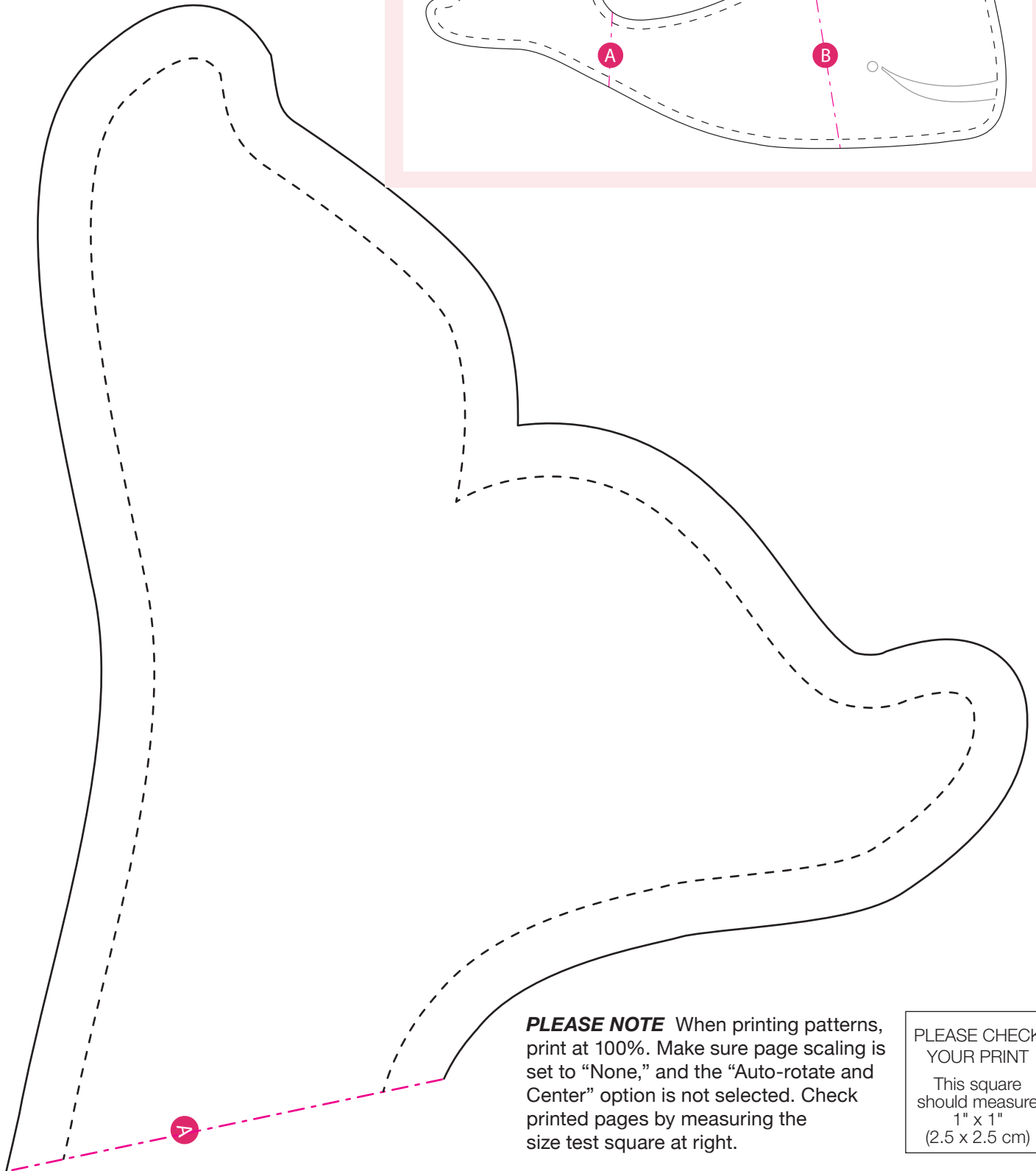
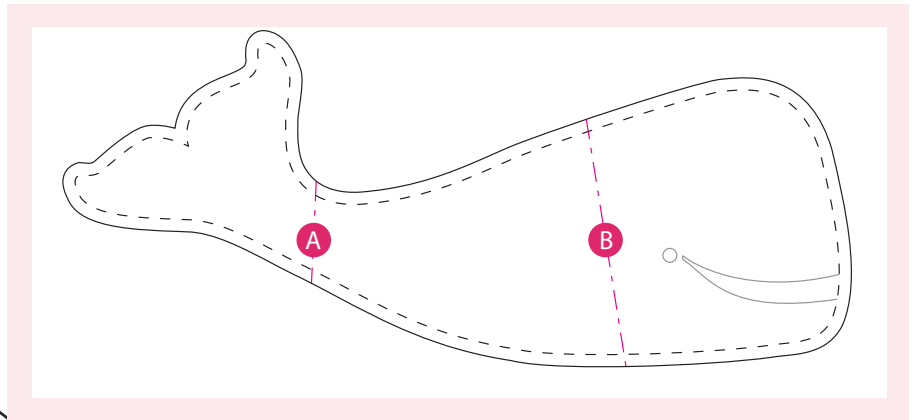
If you're using a directional print, be certain the motifs are right-side-up on both whale body pieces.



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PATTERN KEY

Follow the pattern key at right to assemble the whale body pattern, matching and taping sections together along the dot-dash lines, as indicated.



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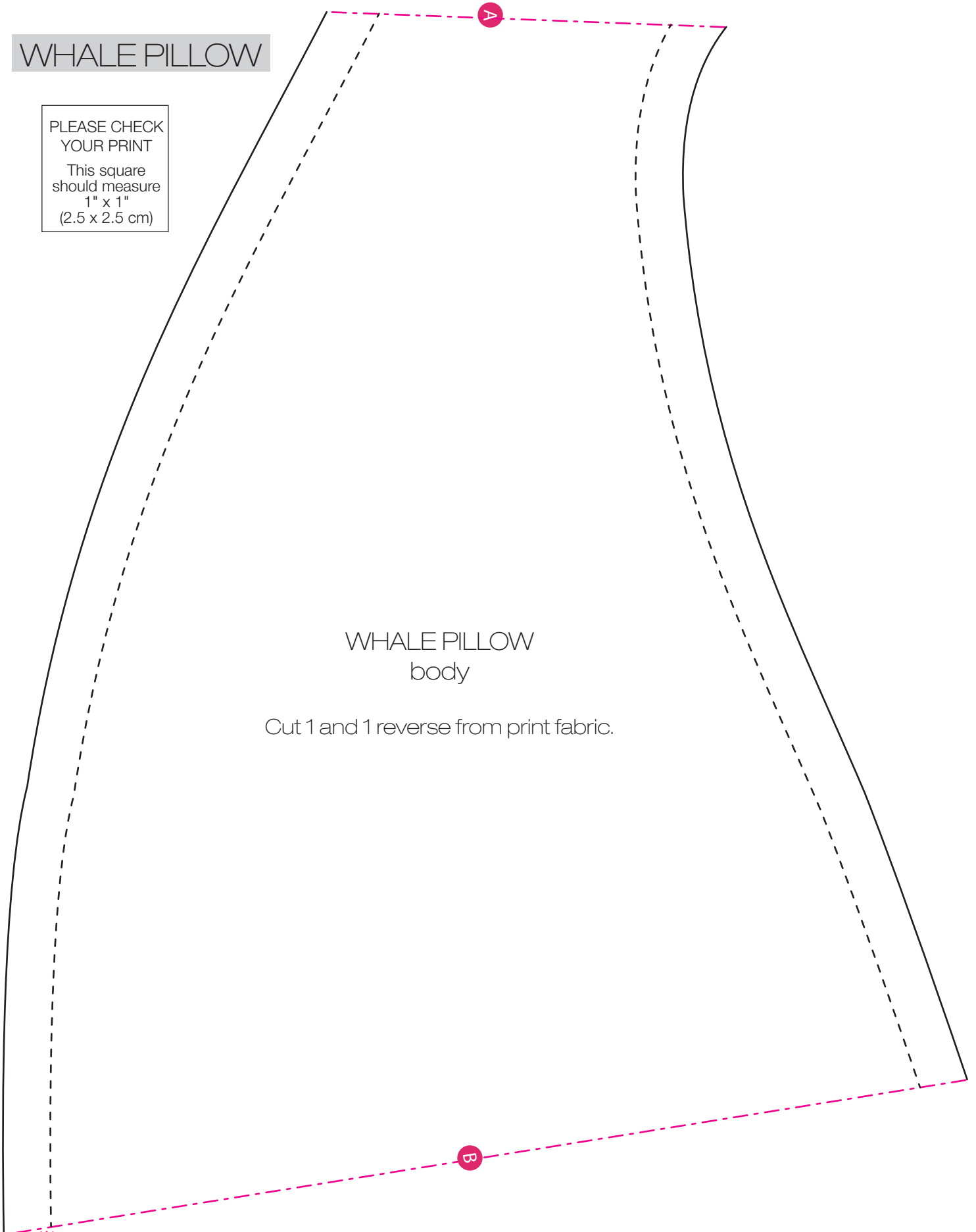
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WHALE PILLOW
body

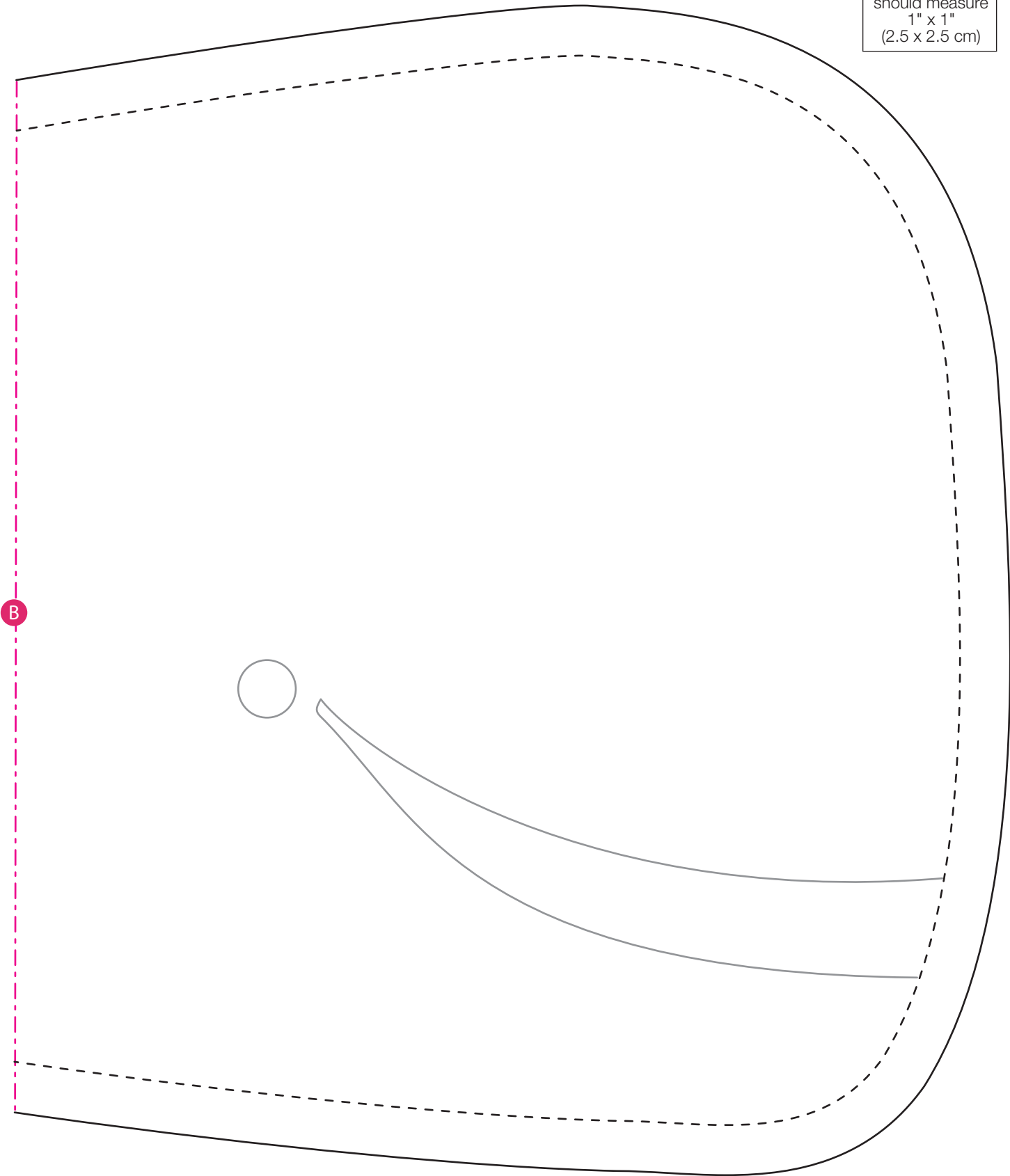
Cut 1 and 1 reverse from print fabric.



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