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POKÉBALL PILLOW

A SEWING PATTERN BY



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This project was developed as a way to use up some minky scraps I had from other blanket projects. I let the size of the scraps dictate how big it would be. That's how this bugger ended up 24" wide! If you want to make a more manageable size, I've included a scaled down 16" version in the pattern as well.

I would recommend a plushy knit fabric for this (for extra squishability). Minky or fleece is ideal, but wovens like flannel or corduroy would work as well.

DIFFICULTY: 

Aside from the difficulty of working with plush fabrics like minky, and a bit of applique, this one is pretty basic to put together!

MAKES:

one pillow, either 24" wide or 16" wide

MATERIALS & TOOLS

FOR 24" PILLOW

- 1/3 yd. of 60" wide red fabric
- 1/3 yd. of 60" wide white fabric
- 1/4 yd. of 60" wide black fabric
- OPTIONAL: 3/4 yd. of 60" wide quilt batting (see STEP 4)
- 9" x 12" piece of light or heavy duty fusible web

FOR 16" PILLOW

- 1/4 yd. of red fabric
- 1/4 yd. of white fabric
- 1/8 yd. of black fabric
- OPTIONAL: 1/2 yd. of 60" wide quilt batting (see STEP 4)
- 7" x 10" piece of light or heavy duty fusible web

FOR EITHER PILLOW:

- Matching sewing thread
- Batting
- Basic sewing tools (sewing machine, scissors, iron, needles, pins, fabric marker, seam ripper)

BEFORE YOU BEGIN:

1. Print out the project pattern, **PAGES 7-14** for the 24" pillow, **PAGE 15-18** for the 16" pillow.
2. Assemble the pattern pieces by lining up the page markings (A1 to A2, B3 to B4, and so on)
3. Lay out the pattern pieces on your fabric and cut them out
4. Mark the fabric pieces with the guidelines from the pattern

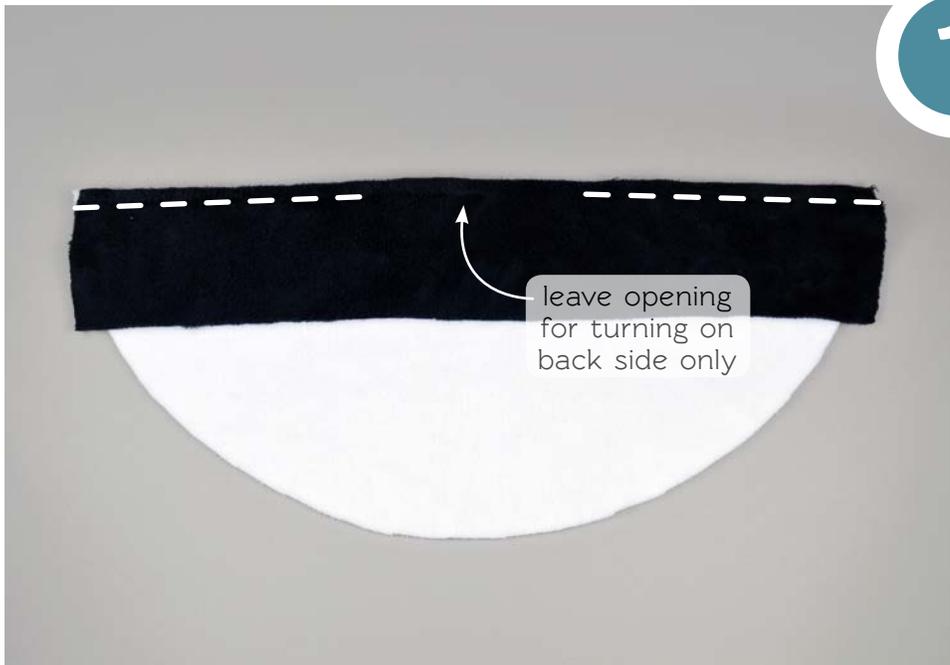


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Take one of your middle section pieces and one of your white bottom section pieces. Line them up along the long straight edges as shown, then sew them together along this edge.

You now have the bottom half of your pillow!

Repeat this for the other black middle section and white bottom section, but this time leave a 5" gap where the pattern indicates for turning the pillow right side out later. If you're using quilt batting in this project, you'll want to mark this opening with a safety pin or something else noticeable.



2

Take one of your red top section pieces. Line up the long straight edge with the remaining edge of the middle section you sewed previously.

When you unfurl the pieces, you should have something just like a Pokeball! Red half on top, white on bottom, black stripe in the middle.

Repeat this with the other half of your pillow and the remaining red top section for two sides total.

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If you haven't already, mark the placement lines for the center panel/button on one side of your Pokeball.

3

Following manufacturer's directions for the fusible web: trace the panel and button outlines to your fusible web paper, fuse the adhesive to the fabric, cut out the pieces, then remove the paper.

Place the center panel/button where indicated and fuse it in place (I suggest using a press cloth to be safe). When everything is adhered, sew around the center panel/button with a zigzag stitch.



This part is optional, but I like to think of it as an insurance policy for really big pillows. A layer of quilt batting between the outer pillow and stuffing prevents lumpiness and saves you a bit of stuffing as well.

Fold your quilt batting in half and lay one side of your Pokeball down on it. Using it as a template, cut around the circle.

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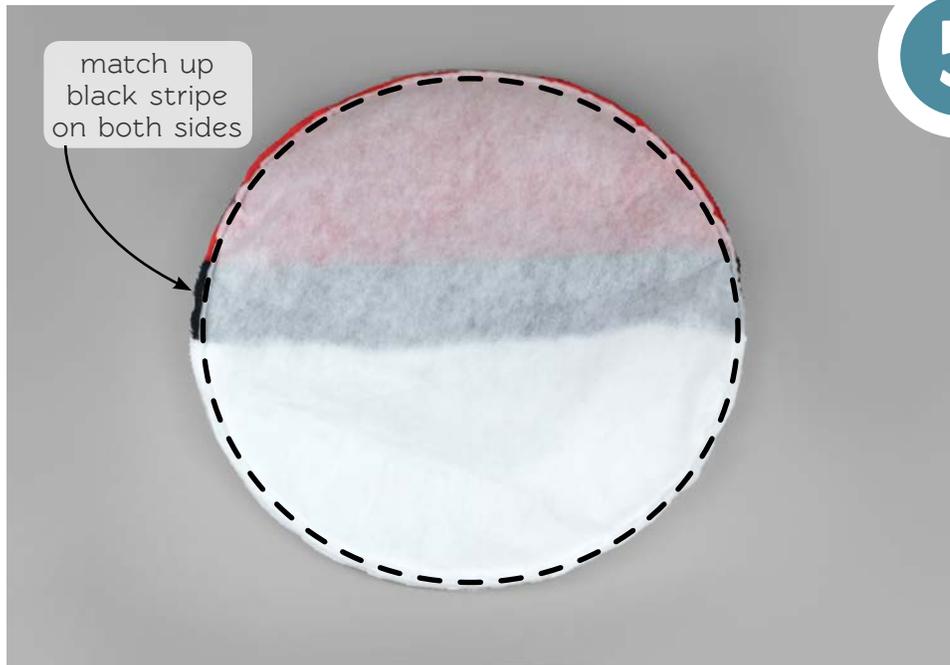
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5

Layer your two pillow pieces together with right sides facing and side seams matching. This way you're sure the black middle section matches front and back.

If you're using it, put one layer of quilt batting on top and another on bottom to create one big sandwich.

When finished, sew around the perimeter of the pillow.



6

If you're using quilt batting, you'll need to cut a small slit in the batting on the same side as the opening you left in step 1. This should be easy if you left a marker of some kind, if not you can feel around for it.

Through this opening, turn your pillow right side out. Don't forget to remove the marker if you left one.



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Stuff the pillow pretty firmly with batting to achieve a nice round shape. You might need more than you think, since batting likes to compress the more you squish it.

When you've finished, tuck under the seam allowances in the opening you left in step 1 and sew the opening closed with a ladder stitch.

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Congrats!
You have a finished
pillow!



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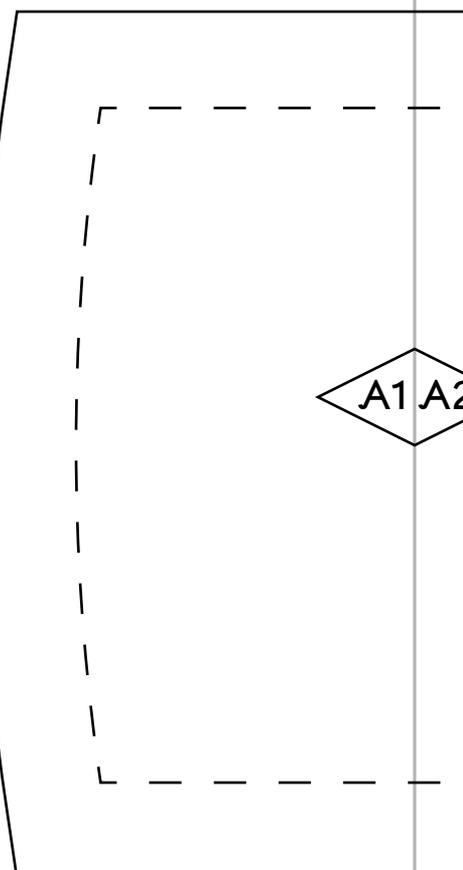
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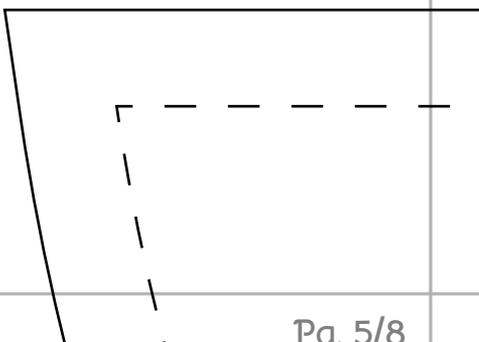
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CENTER BUTTON APPLIQUE

Cut 1 from white fabric



A1 A2



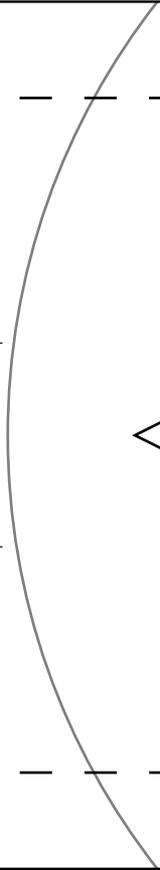
B1 B2

A1 A2

A3 A4

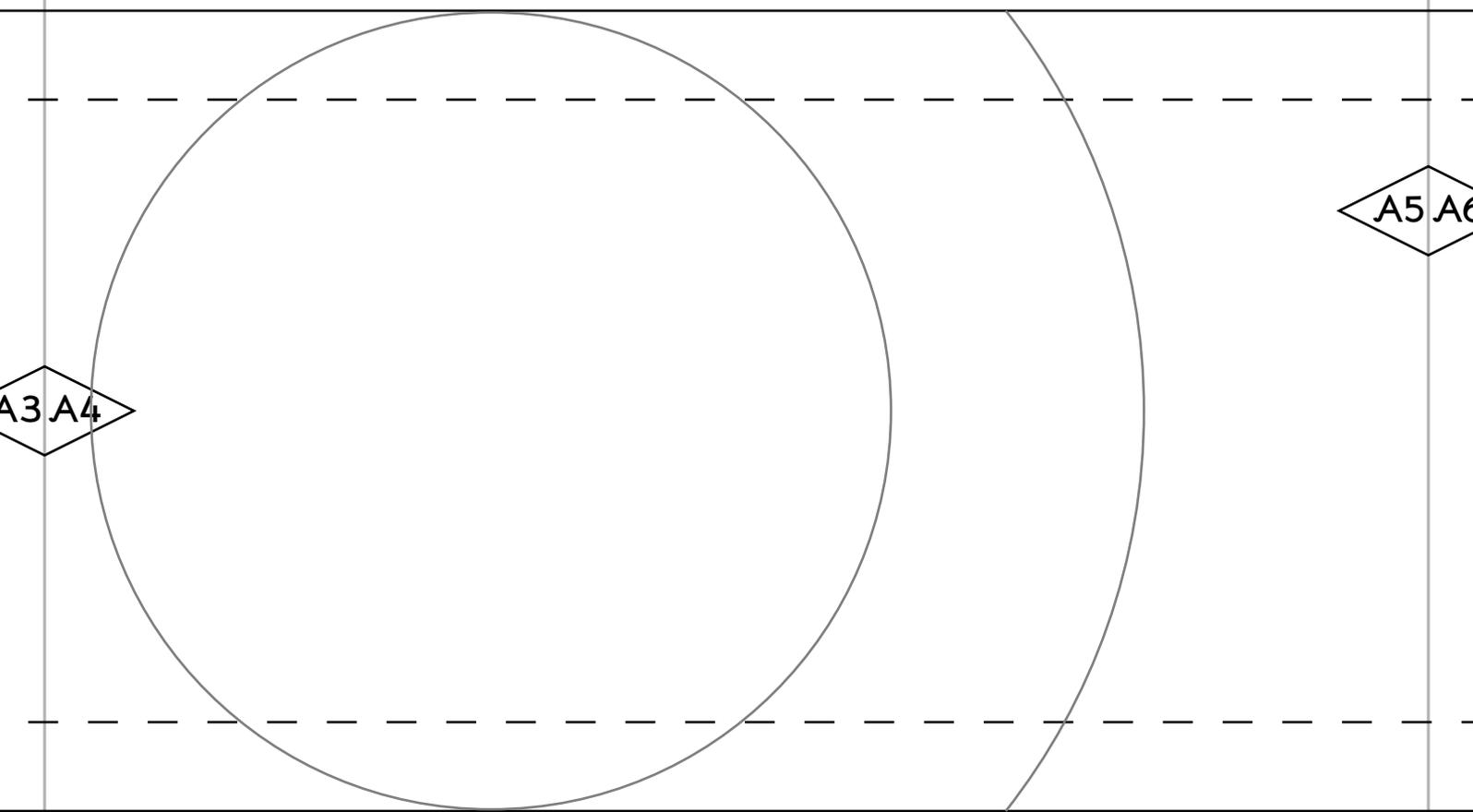


center panel/button placement



B3 B4

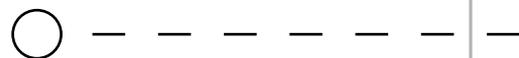




A3 A4

A5 A6

opening for turning (back bottom only)



B5 B6

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MIDDLE

Cut 2 from black fabric
1/2" seam allowance

B7 B8

B1 B2

C1 C2



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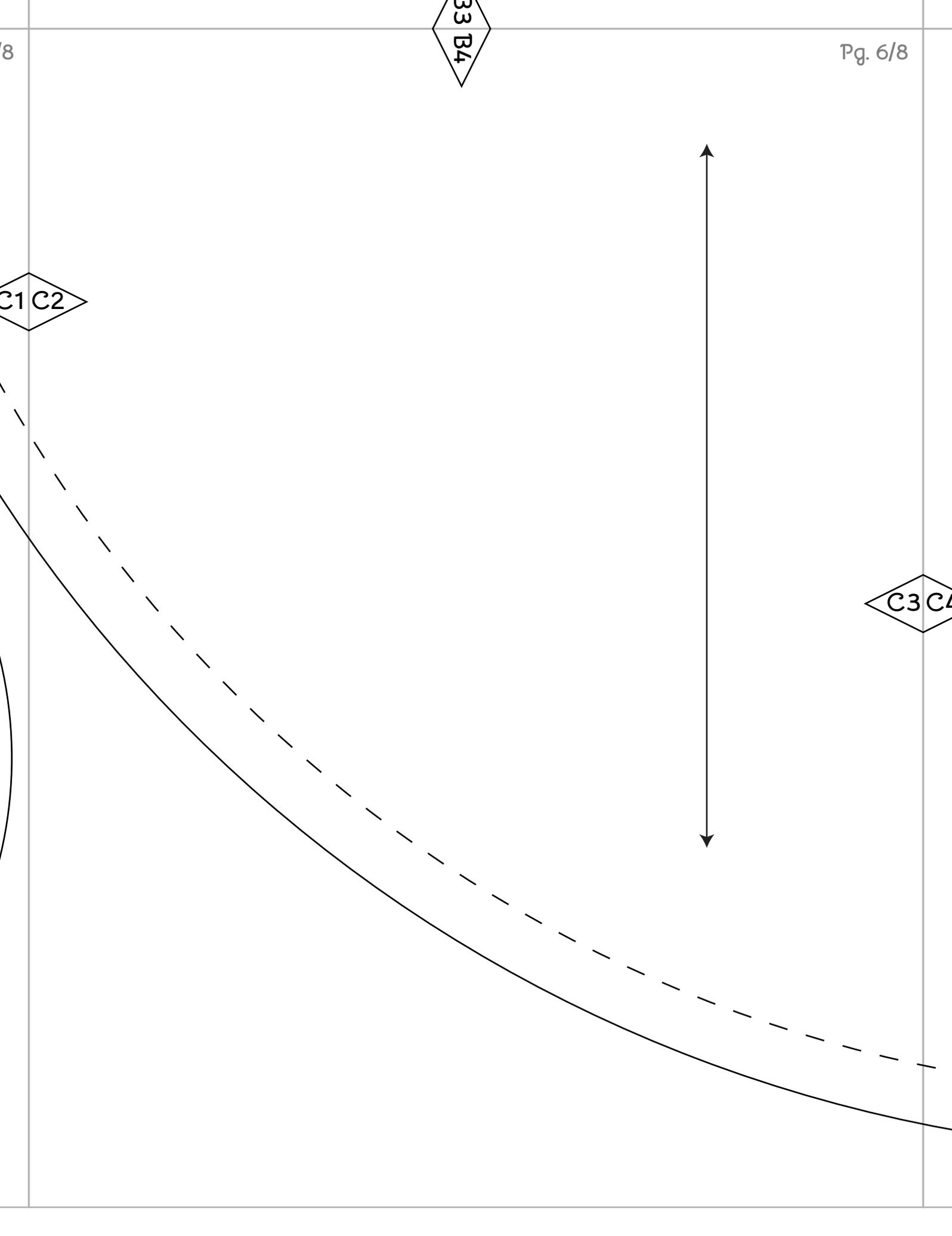
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Cut 1 from black fabric

33 B4

31 C2

C3 C4





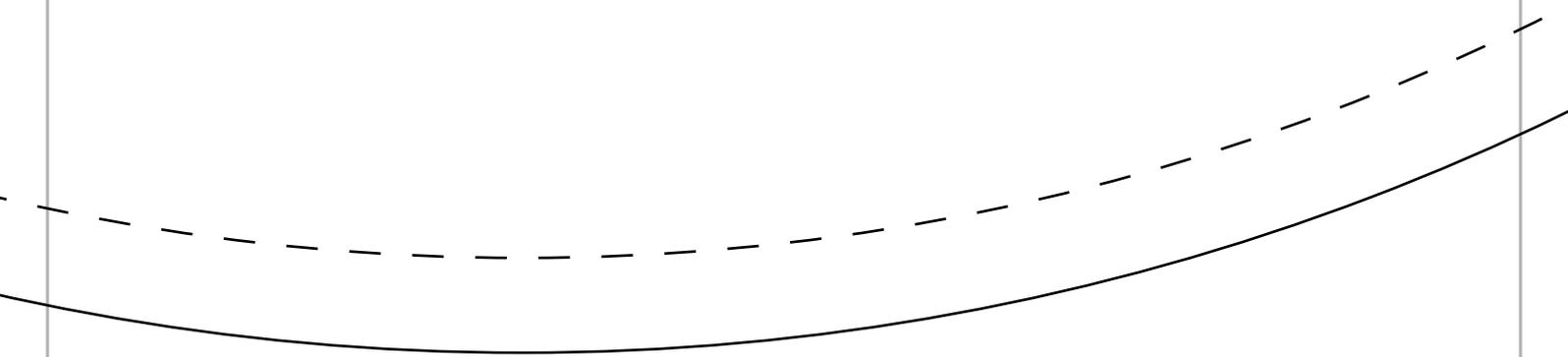
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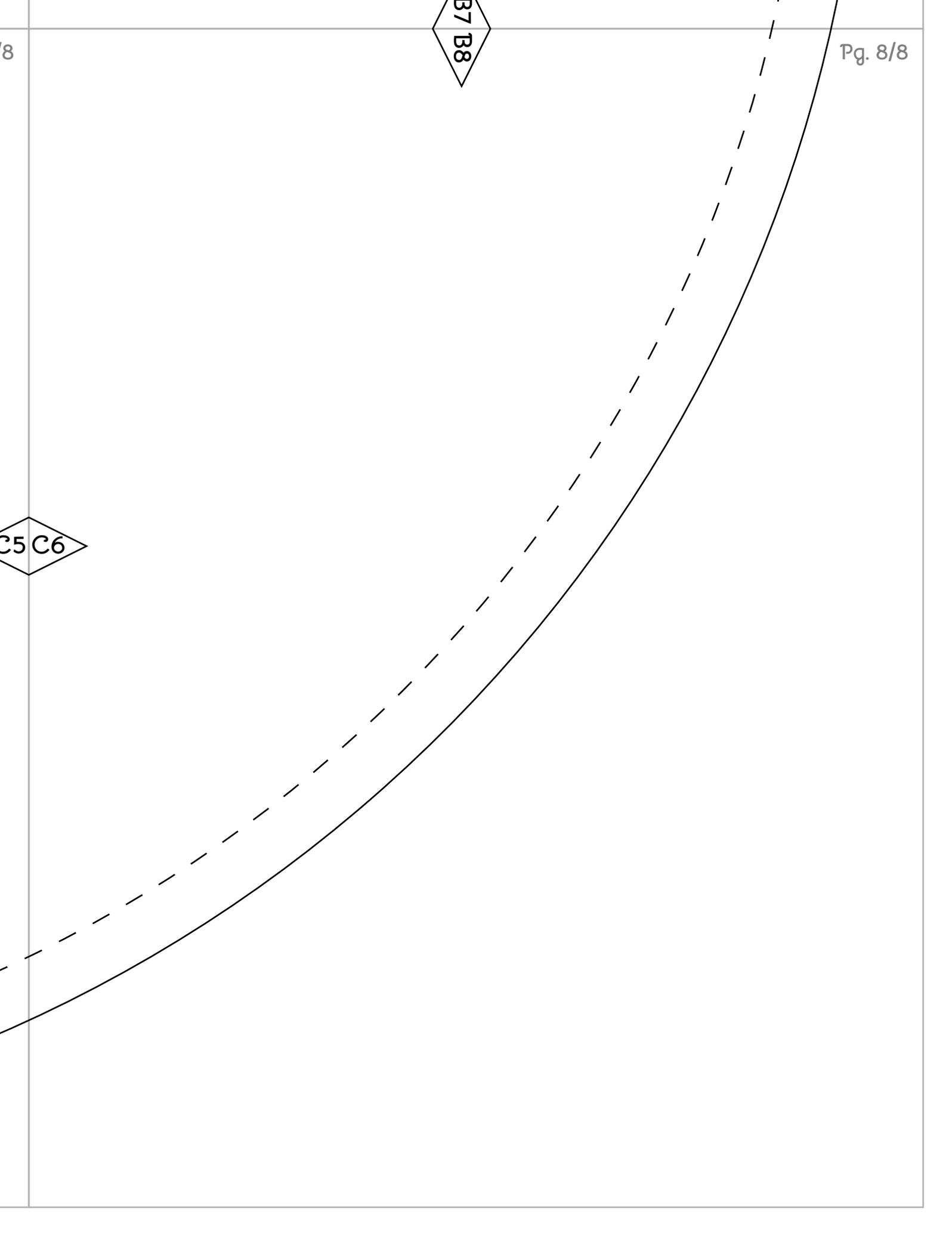
TOP/BOTTOM HALVES

- Cut 2 from red fabric
- Cut 2 from white fabric
- 1/2" seam allowance



B7 B8

C5 C6





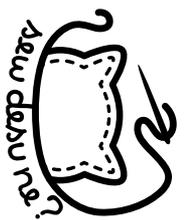
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CENTER BUTTON APPLIQUE

Cut 1 from white fabric



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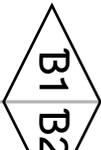
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1/2" seam allowance





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opening for turning (back bottom only)



B1 B2

C1 C2



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CENTER PANEL APPLIQUE

Cut 1 from black fabric

C1 C2

B3 B4

