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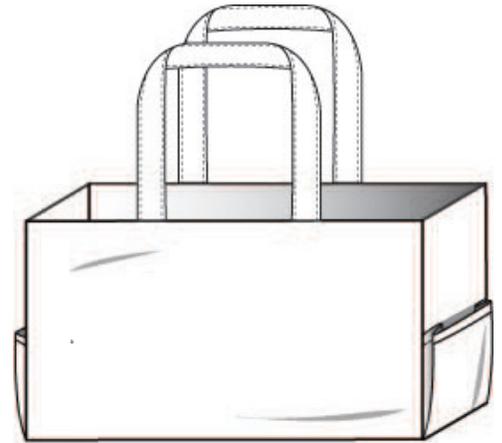


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BEGINNER

tote measures
21.5"/ 35cm long,
13"/ 33 cm high, &
5.5" or 14cm deep

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Lif'es a Beach Tote



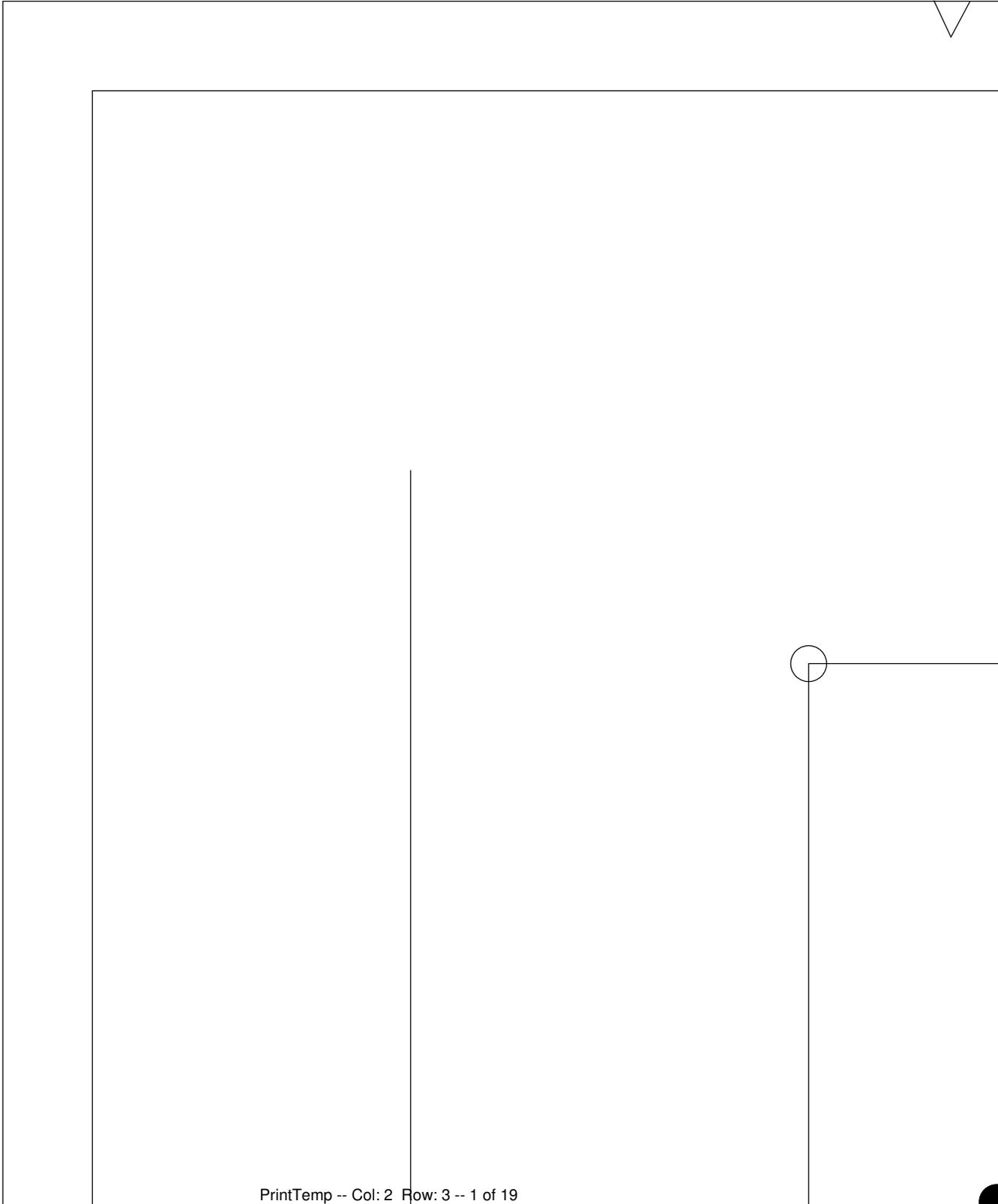
Get ready for Summer with this super-useful Tote, designed for firm, medium weight fabrics like denim, canvas, or home-dec materials.

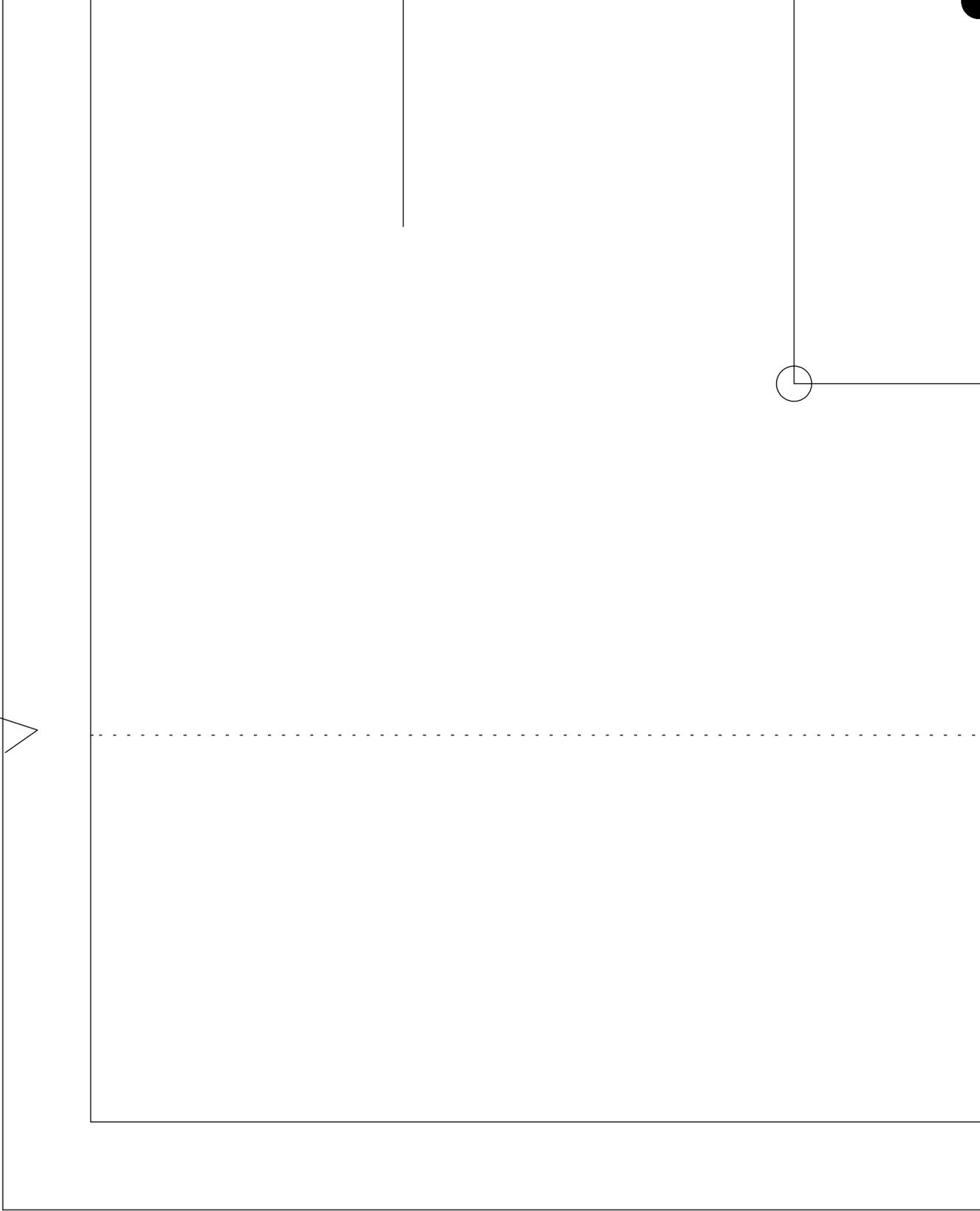
Classic lined tote features interior phone & small pocket with stitched dividers, plus a larger zippered pocket.

Open-topped Tote has pleated side pockets, plus contrast fabric handles.

Use this essential bag all Summer long for a simple but fabulous way to carry all your beach, pool-side or vacation essentials...spare shades, sun-pro, your music player and a good book!

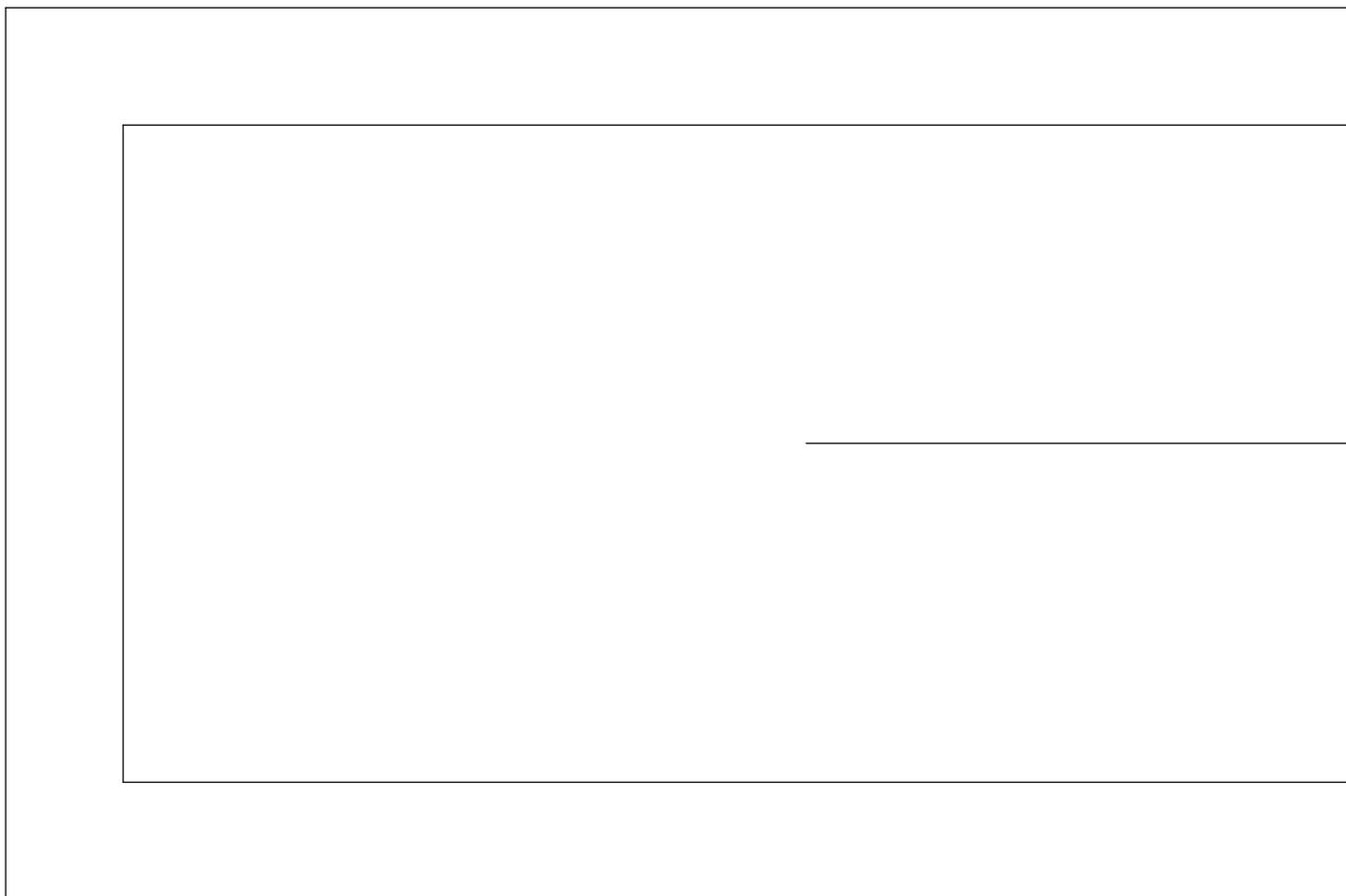
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SEAM ALLOWANCES & OTHER INFO

Seam allowances are 5/8" wide APART FROM the zipper seam allowances on the interior pocket, which is 3/4" or 2cm wide. All seams are sewn right sides together unless otherwise stated.

Skills needed include: inserting a centered zipper; attaching pockets (easy!); making & inserting a bag lining (outrageously easy!); making & applying handles.

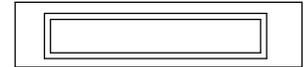
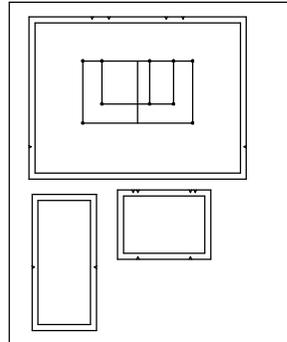
ABOUT THIS STYLE

This tote is a simple open-top style, with interior pockets. It is suitable for all manner of fabrics, but please don't use a really stiff fabric!

The interior pockets are optional, but super-useful; if you don't want to have them, then don't! It's your bag after all...

Don't bother making a muslin for this (as if you would!) but we do recommend that you pin the pattern together before you start cutting your fabric, just to see how it goes together.

SUGGESTED FABRIC CUTTING LAYOUT fold the fabric in half from selvedge to selvedge for this layout.
SUGGESTED CONTRAST CUTTING LAYOUT fold the fabric in half from selvedge to selvedge for this layout.



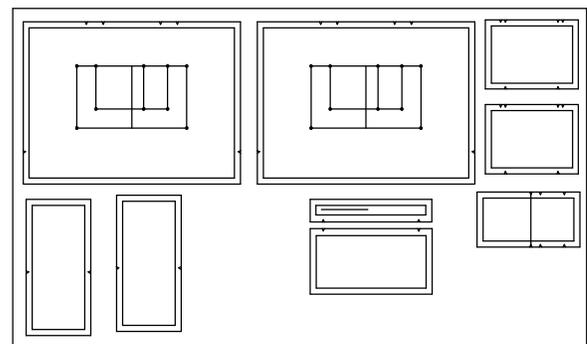
FABRIC & NOTIONS REQUIRED

You'll need around 1 yard or 92 cm each of 60"/150cm wide fabric, lining & interfacing.

You'll also need about 1/4 yard or 23cm of contrast fabric for the handles.

The interior zippered pocket needs a 10" or 25cm zipper.

SUGGESTED LINING CUTTING LAYOUT
lay the fabric open for this layout.



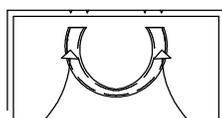
1 Interface the front & back, the exterior pockets & handle pieces.

Prepare the handles...press each long edge under 5/8" or 1.5cm.

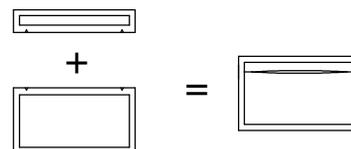
2a Fold the handles in half lengthways **WRONG SIDES TOGETHER** and sewing through all thicknesses, edgestitch along both edges of the handles. Press the handles flat.



2a Baste the handles to the top edges of the back & front pieces; follow the notches on the pattern.



3a Prepare the lining zippered pocket...join the upper & lower parts of the zippered pockets from the cut edges to the notches, so you have a large opening for the zipper.



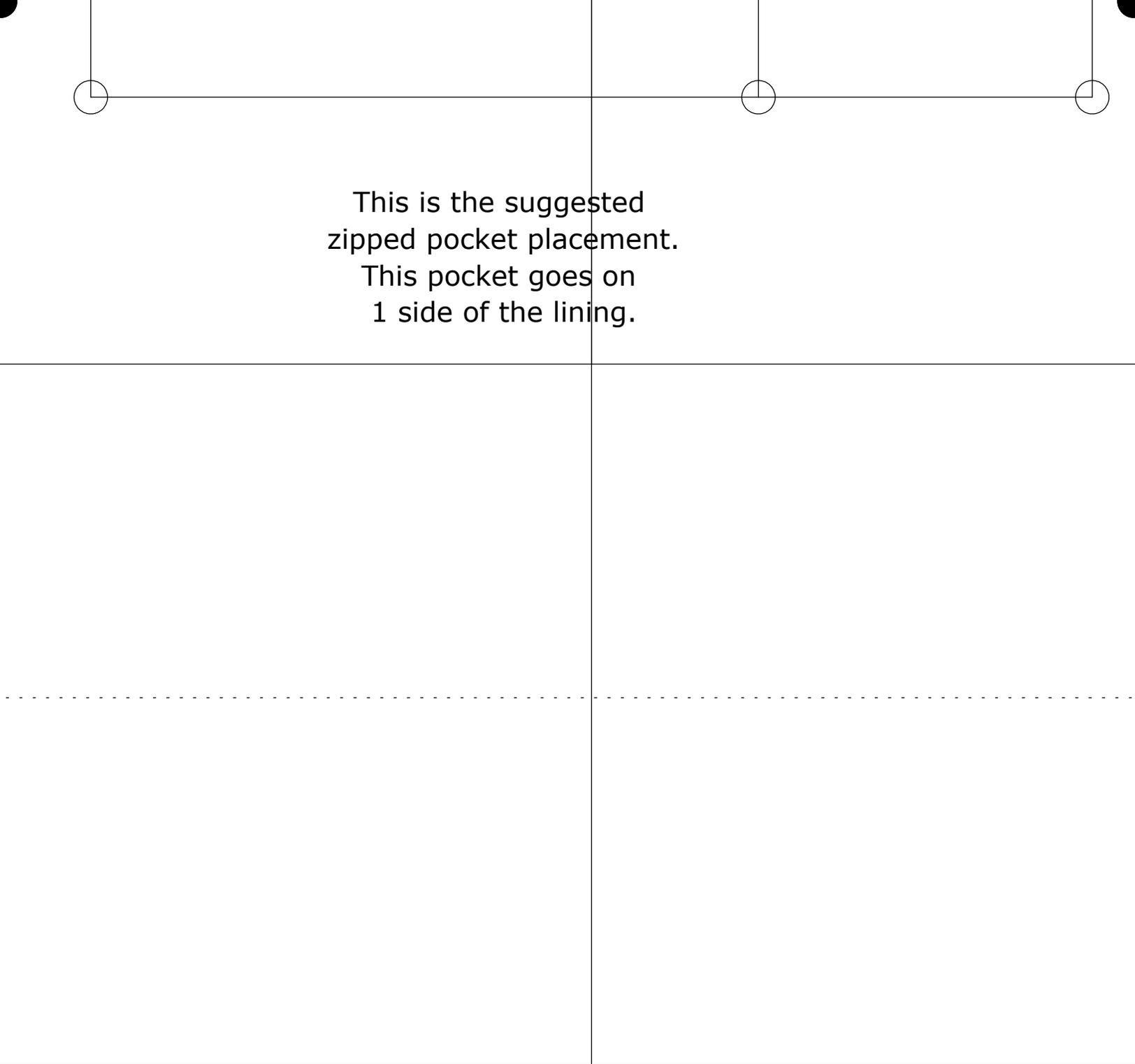
Baste the large zipper opening closed along the same line, and press the seam allowances open.

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cut 1 pair each

This is the suggested
small pocket & cell phone
pocket placement.
This pocket goes on
1 side of the lining.



This is the suggested
zipped pocket placement.
This pocket goes on
1 side of the lining.

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upper zippered pocket

cut 1 in lining



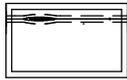
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Working on the wrong side of the pocket, center the zipper over the basted seamline. Pin or baste the zipper into position.



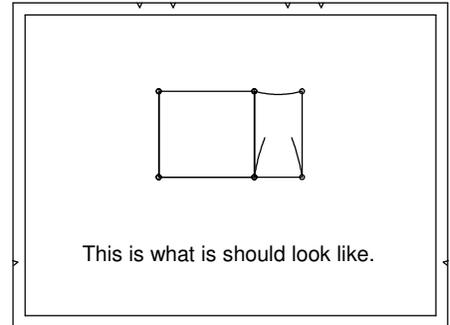
Flip the pocket over to the right side. Sewing through all thickness, apply the zipper to the pocket. Press the pocket flat, then remove all basting stitches.



The pocket should look like this.

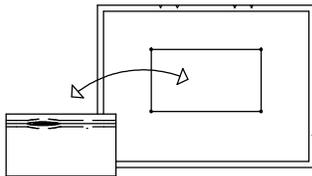
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Following the notches on the remaining flap of the pocket, pleat the bottom edge of the pocket, then stitch the remaining bottom and side edges of the pocket onto the lining-voila! cell phone & small pocket!



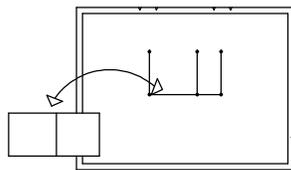
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Press the edges of the pocket under 5/8" or 1.5cm, and edgestitch the pocket to one side of the bag lining-see the pattern for the correct position.

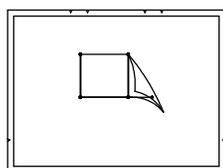


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Prepare the lining cell & small pockets...turn the top edge of this pocket under 5/8" or 1.5cm and stitch this hem down, then press the remaining 3 edges under 5/8" or 1.5cm.



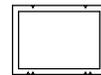
Apply the left side of the pocket to the remaining tote lining piece, following the stitch lines indicated on the pattern: you'll end up with an applied pocket, plus an unattached flap...it should look like this:



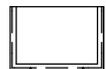
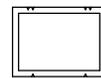
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Prepare the exterior pockets...start by joining the lining to the pocket along the top edge. Press open, then understitch the on the lining side along the seamline.

Baste through all thicknesses around the 3 raw edges.



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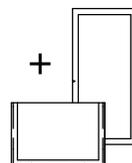


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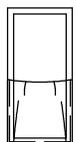
Lay the pocket on top of the side panel.

Following the notches on the pattern, pleat the bottom edge of the pocket to meet the bottom edges of the side panel.

Baste the sides and bottom of the pocket to the side and bottom of the side panel.



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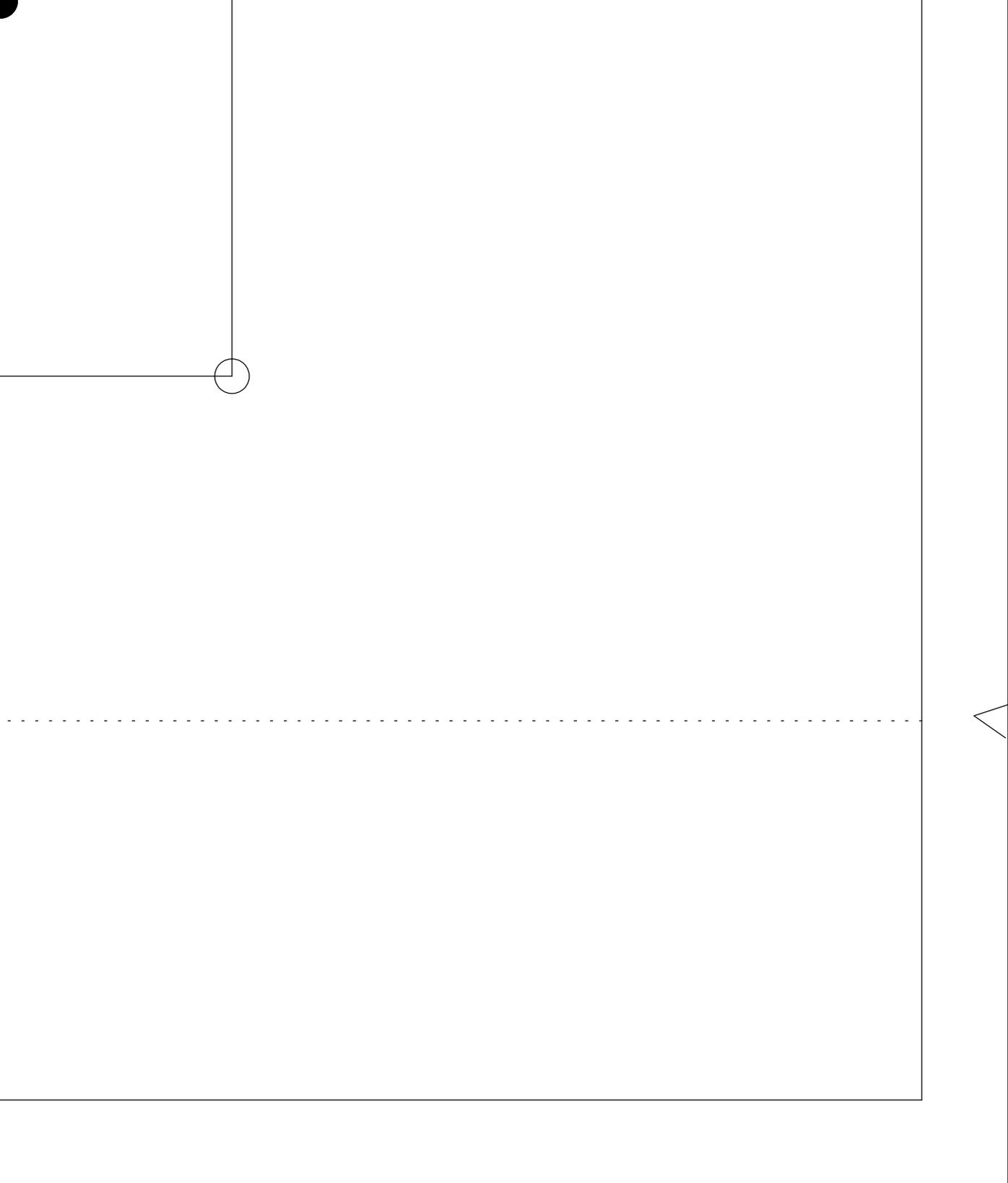
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front & back

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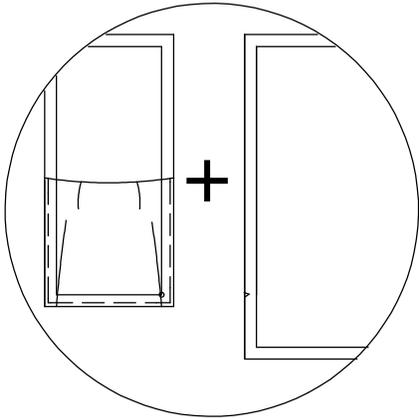
handles

Match in contrast & interfacing

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- 7a** Time to assemble the tote...join the side panels to the front & back tote pieces; start at the top, and sew to the notch on the front & back...this should match up with the circle mark at the bottom of the side pieces.

Press the seams open.

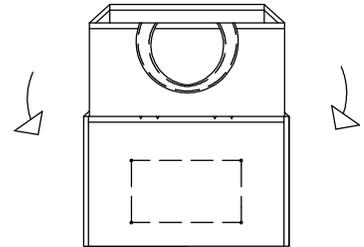


- 8a** To complete the tote, you'll need to join the lining to the tote along the top edge.

Turn the lining inside out, and drop the tote inside the lining.

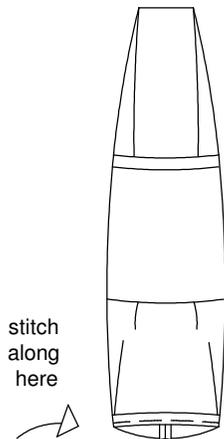
Making sure that the handles are tucked out of harm's way(!) join the lining to the tote along the top edge.

Press the seam open.



- 7b** Join the front to the back along the bottom seam. Press open.

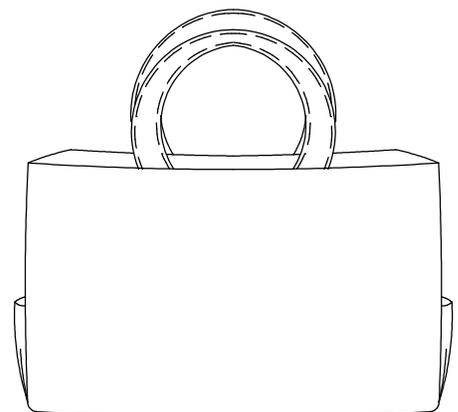
- 7c** 'Box out' the bottom ...sew the bottom edge of the side panel to the bottom part of the front and back, making sure the bottom seam is centered along the bottom edge of the side panel. Press open.



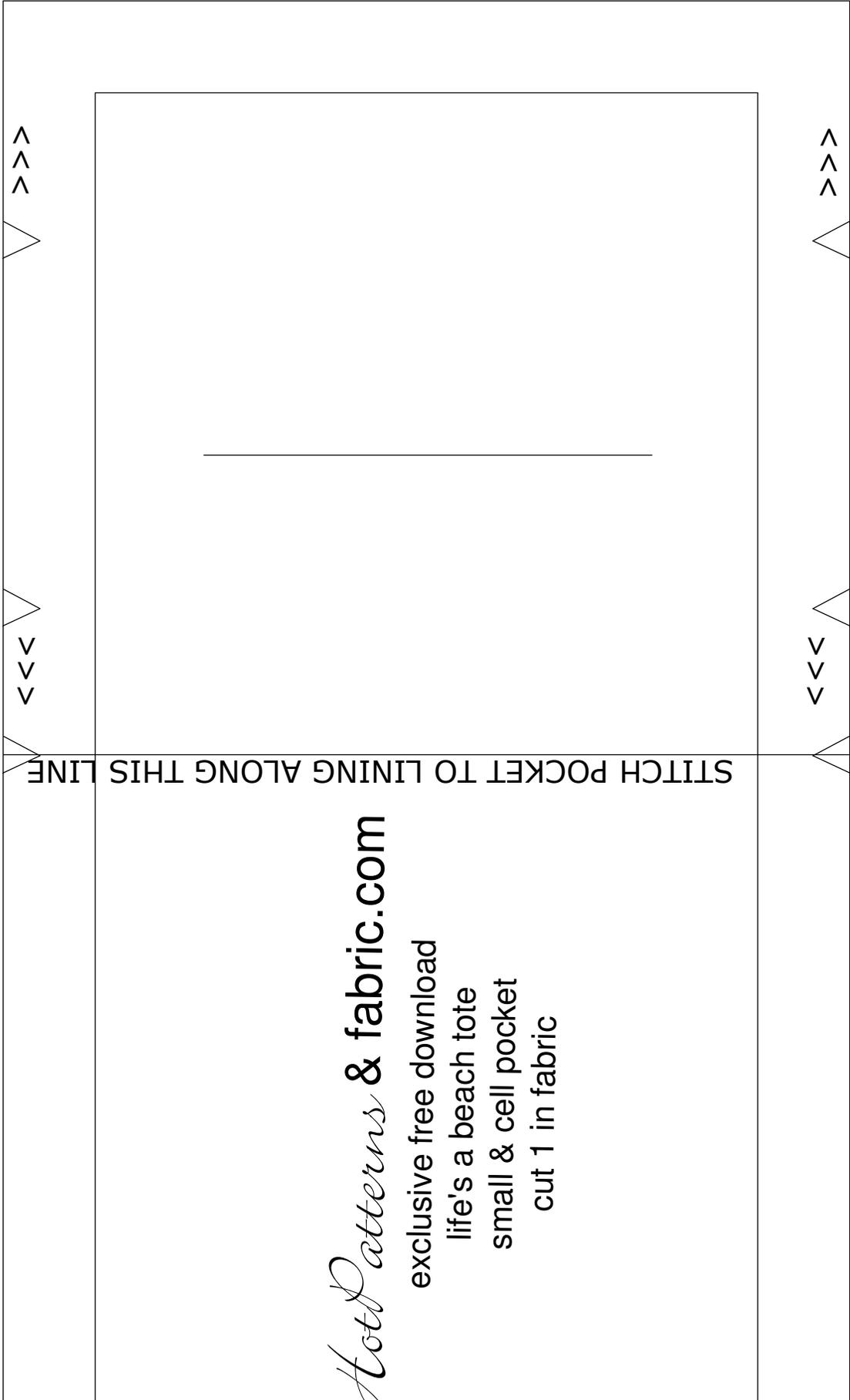
- 8b** Turn the tote out through the opening at the bottom, understitch through all thicknesses on the lining along the seamline.

Close the opening along the bottom lining seam by hand or machine.

A quick final pressing and...you're done! F-A-B-U-L-O-U-S!



- 7d** Repeat steps 7a, b & c with the lining, but this time, leave an opening about 8" or 20cm along the center of the bottom seam... you'll use this to turn the bag out through.



STITCH POCKET TO LINING ALONG THIS LINE

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small & cell pocket
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side exterior pleated pocket

cut 1 pair each in fabric, lining & interfacing



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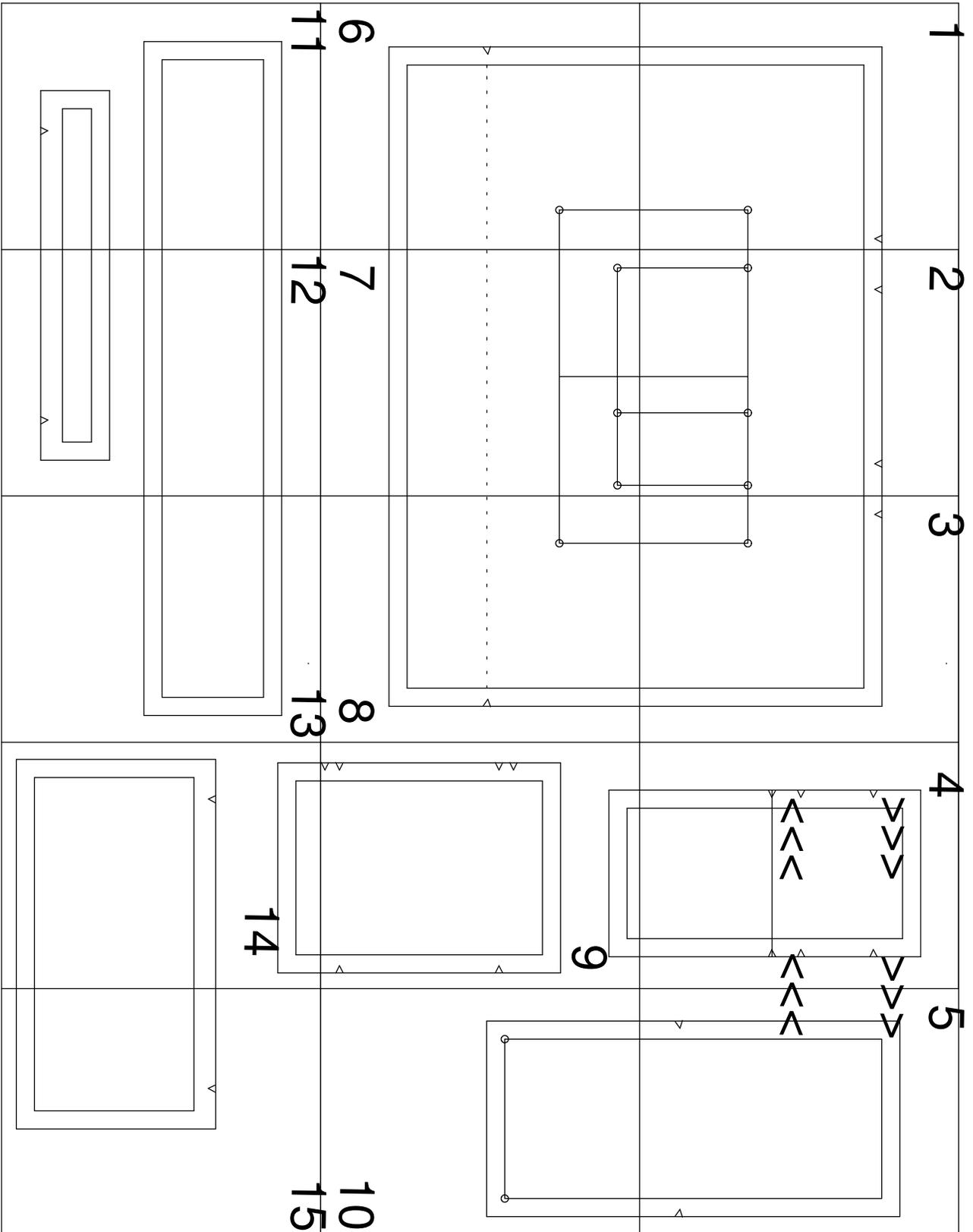
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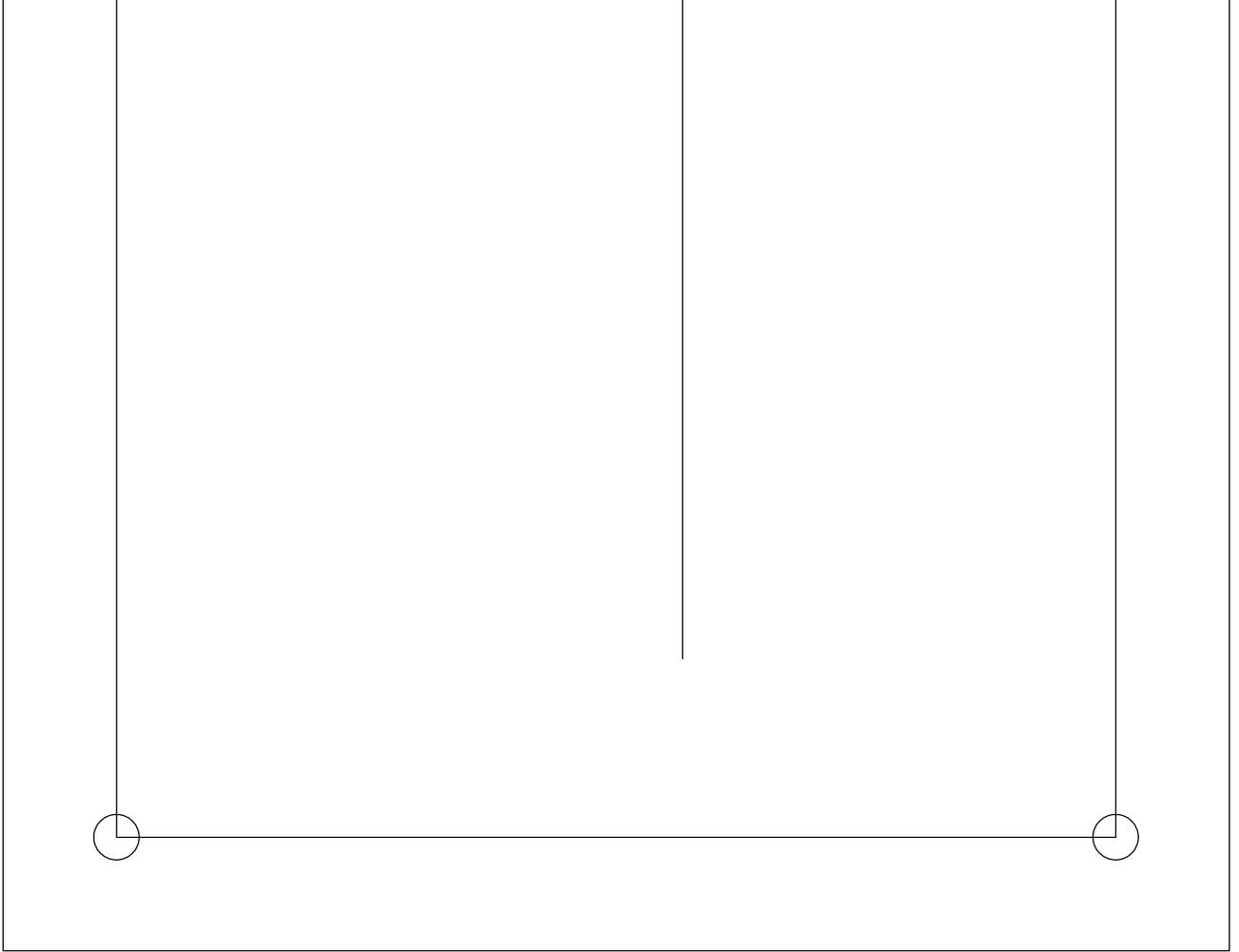
lower zippered pocket

cut 1 in lining



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side panel
cut 1 pair each in fabric, lining & interfacing





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