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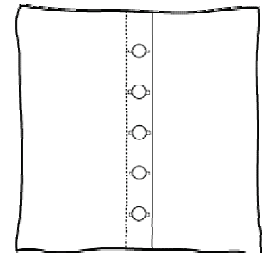


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this pattern  
makes  
a 17" or 43cm  
square pillow

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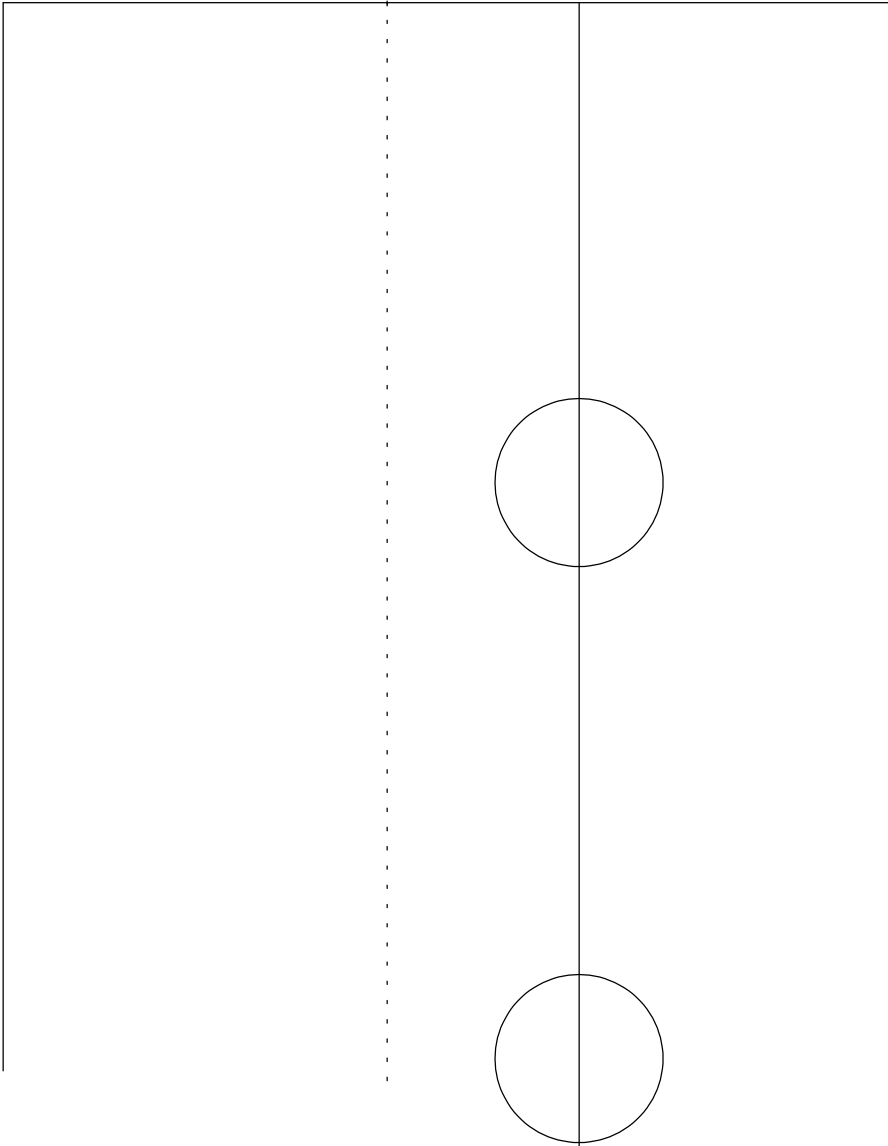
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Giving Thanks Pillow



An utterly gorgeous and chic-ly modern design, this accent pillow is designed for almost any firm, medium-weight fabric...try linen, denim, velvet, corduroy, brocade or of course, classic home-dec fabrics. The contrast applique can be done in solid or print fabrics of the same or similar weight & type as your pillow fabric...fabulous!

Square pillow sham fits a standard 17"/43cm square pillow form, and features a 'thanks' applique. Pillow buttons closed at the center back.

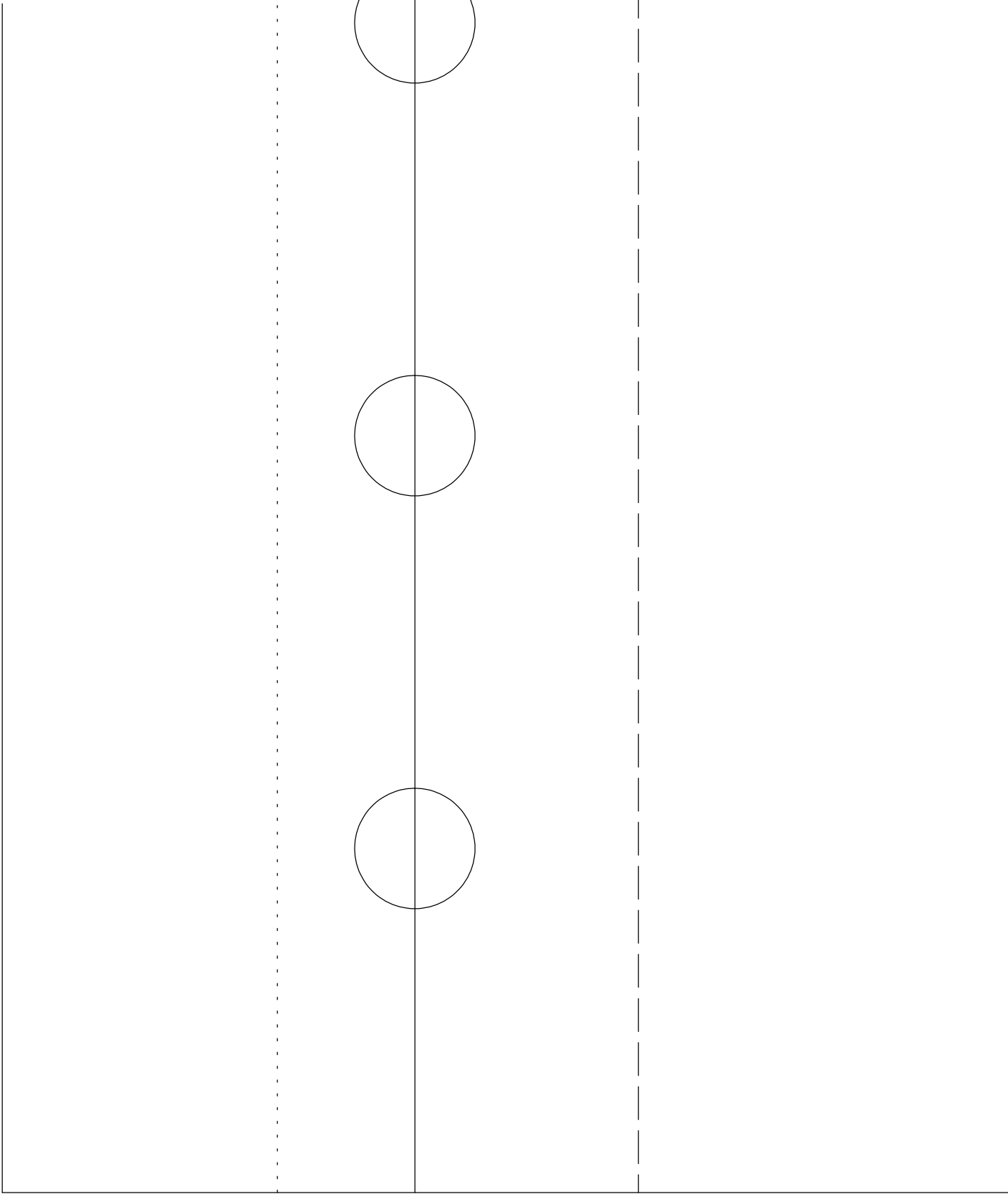
Make this as a special holiday treat for yourself, or as a stylish and thoughtful hostess, housewarming or 'thank you' gift.



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### SEAM ALLOWANCES & OTHER INFO

Seam allowances are 5/8" or 1.5cm wide;  
all seams are sewn right sides together  
unless otherwise stated.

Skills needed include: making & applying a contrast  
applique; working buttonholes & applying buttons.

### ABOUT THIS STYLE

This is a simple pillow cover for a 17" or 43cm square  
pillow; the front of the pillow features a contrast applique,  
and the back of the pillow buttons closed.

It hardly needs to be said that you \*won't\* need to make  
& fit a muslin for this one (as if!)...we suggest you simply  
pin the pattern together so you understand the method  
of construction before you start making your pillow.

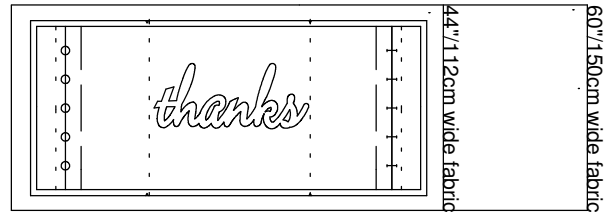
### FABRIC & NOTIONS REQUIRED

You'll need around 5/8 yard/ 57 cm of 60"/150cm OR  
44"/ 112cm wide fabric for the pillow, plus a scrap, about  
17"x 8"/43cm x 20cm of contrast fabric for the applique.  
You'll also need 5 x 1"/2.5cm diameter buttons, plus some  
interfacing...about 1/4 yard or 45 cm.

You'll also need one 17" or 43cm square pillow form...  
or make your own from 5/8 yard/57cm of cotton poplin  
(or similar) plus some pillow stuffing, and our instructions  
at step 6.

### SUGGESTED CUTTING LAYOUT FOR THE PILLOW

lay the fabric out flat & unfolded for this layout



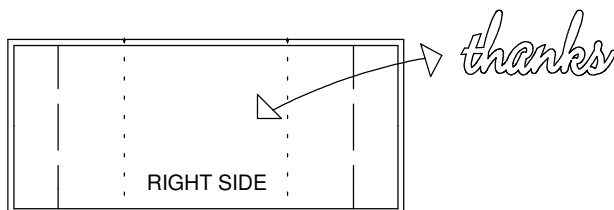
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Start by applying interfacing to the wrong side of the  
pillow...see the pattern for the position...and to the  
wrong side of the contrast applique fabric.

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Prepare your applique...carefully trace off the shape  
of the applique, making sure that you place the applique  
pattern on the right side of the fabric.

Cut out the applique, and position it on the pillow...  
please see the pattern for the suggested position...  
we used a few dots of textile glue in the center of the  
applique to hold it in place, as well as pins around the edges.



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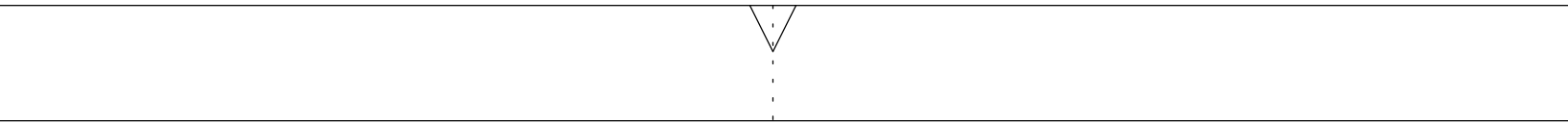


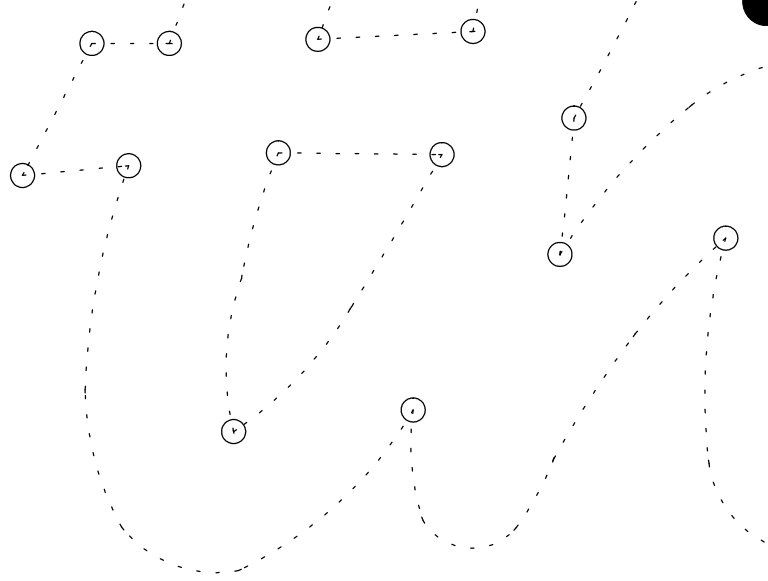
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Using a wide, closely spaced zig-zag stitch, slowly and  
carefully sew the applique onto the pillow...we suggest  
that you practice the zig-zag stitching on scrap fabric  
first, as you \*do not\* want to be unpicking stitches!

We used a contrast (white) heavy topstitching thread  
for our stitching, but you can of course use whatever  
color suits your project best.





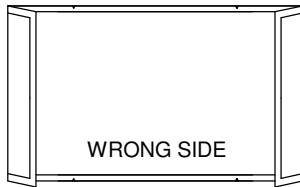


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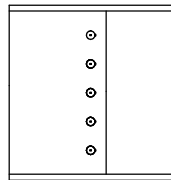
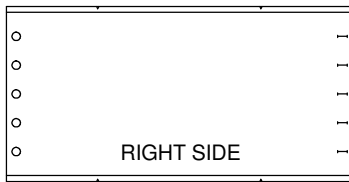
Now the applique is out of the way, it's time to construct the pillow cover!

Following the dotted lines on the pattern, press the ends of the pillow strip under, and to the wrong side...you can topstitch these into place if you wish, but you certainly don't \*need\* to; the buttonholes & buttons will keep these facings in place.



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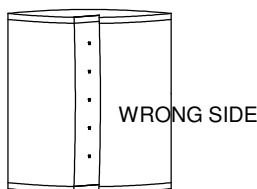
Following the markings on the pattern, work your buttonholes and apply your buttons, then button the strip closed so it becomes a loop.



REAR VIEW OF PILLOW BUTTONEED CLOSED

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Turn the pillow 'loop' inside-out, an position it so the buttoned center back and the appliued front 'line up'... just fold along the notches at the top and bottom edges of the pillow; this should make a square shape.



WRONG-SIDE VIEW OF PILLOW BUTTONEED CLOSED

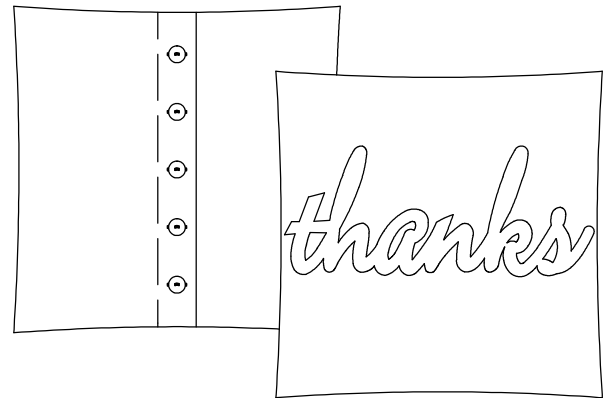
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Unbutton the pillow cover, and turn it out to the right side.

Give the pillow cover a nice top-pressing and...

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...insert the pillow form, and button the back of the pillow closed.



Now stand back and admire your handiwork!

NO PILLOW?

Here's how to make one...

Cut 2 x 18"/xxcm squares of cotton poplin (or similar), and join the squares right sides together around all 4 edges, leaving an opening about 4"/10cm along one of the edges.

Clip the corners, press the seams open and turn out.

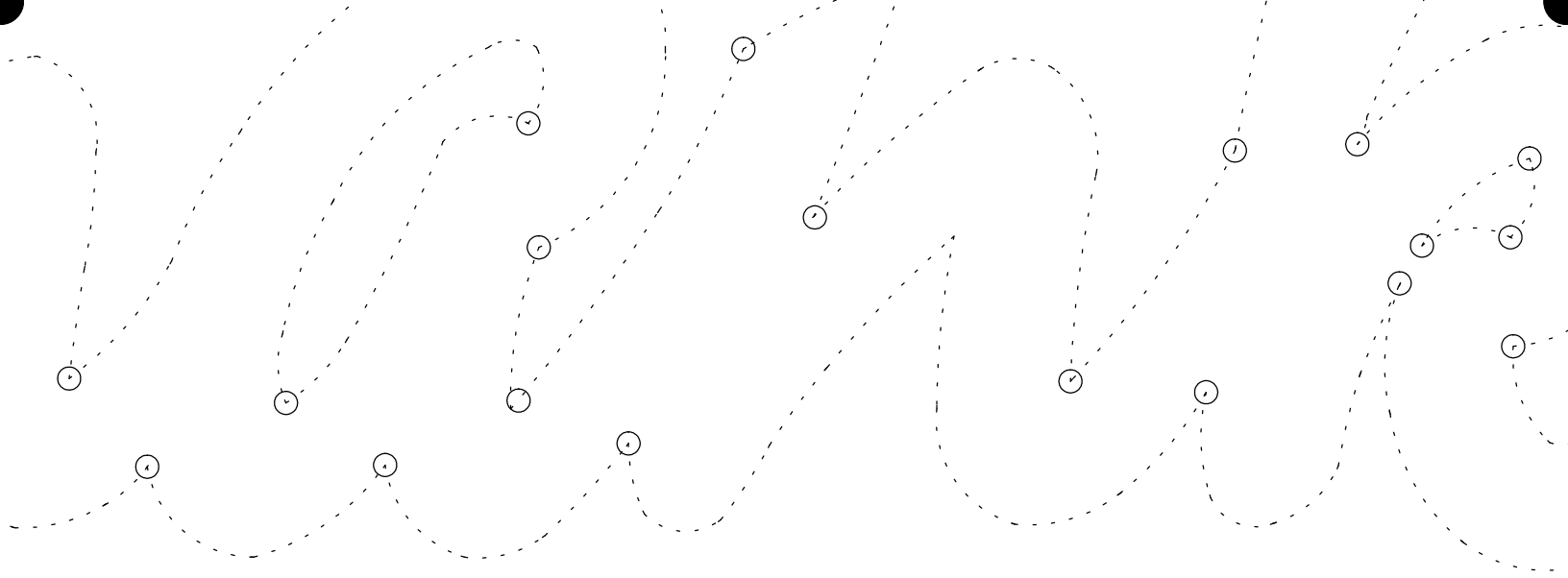
Fill the pillow with fibrefill or similar, or even shredded scrap fabric (t-shirting scraps make for a super-comfy pillow)... make the pillow as plump or as flat as you like.

Close up the opening by hand or machine.

Voila! One pillow...



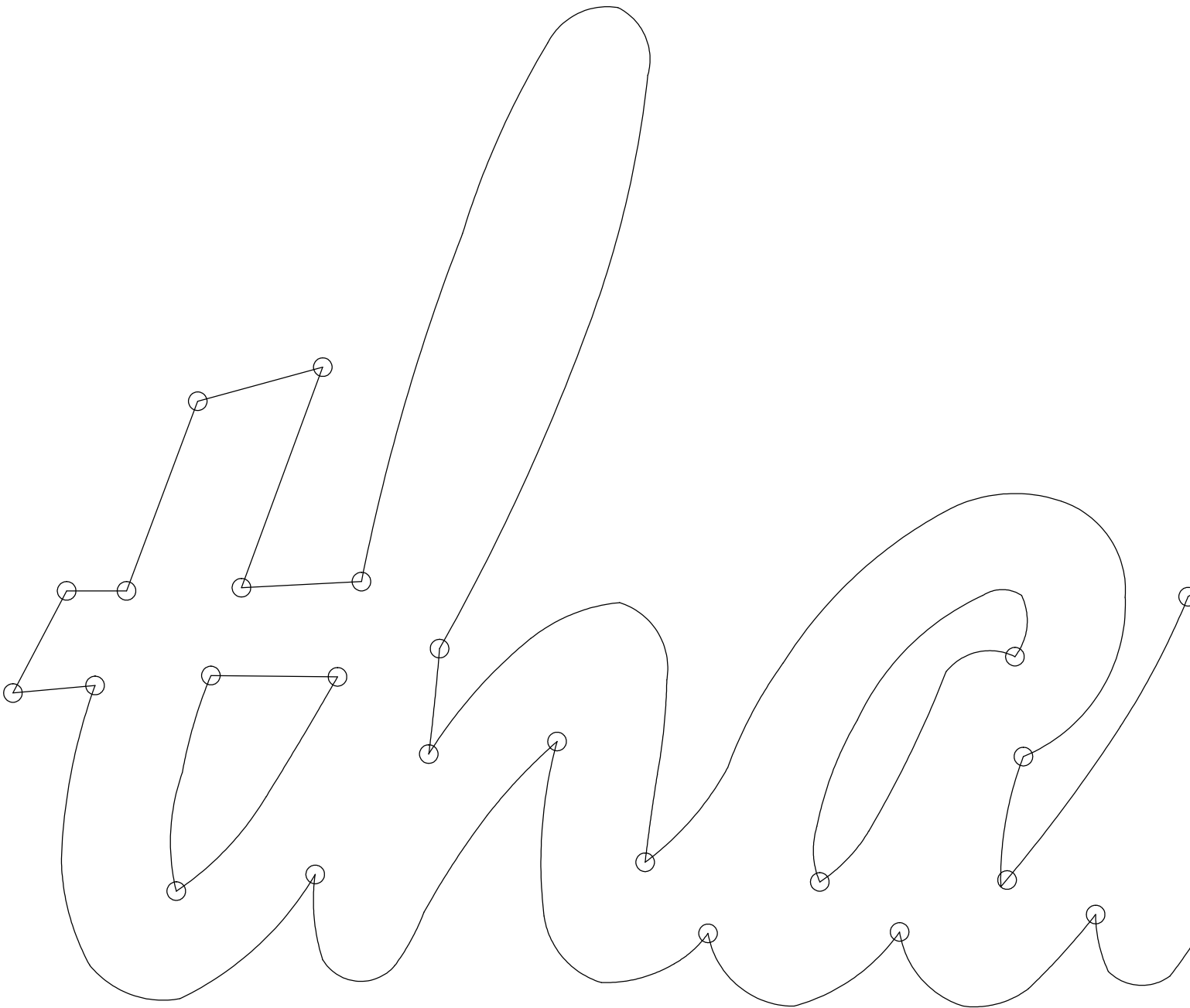




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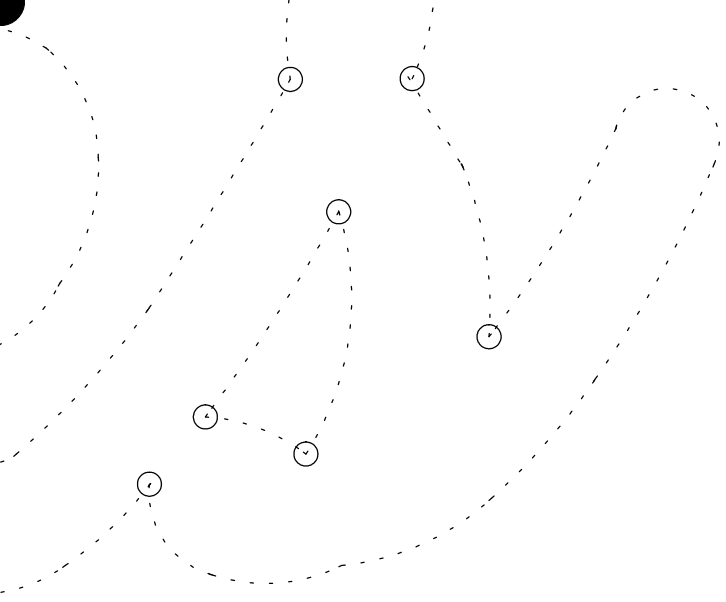
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pillow front & back  
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**1** this is your applique template..  
make sure that you trace and cut  
this shape c-a-r-e-f-u-l-l-y,  
using your interfaced contrast fab



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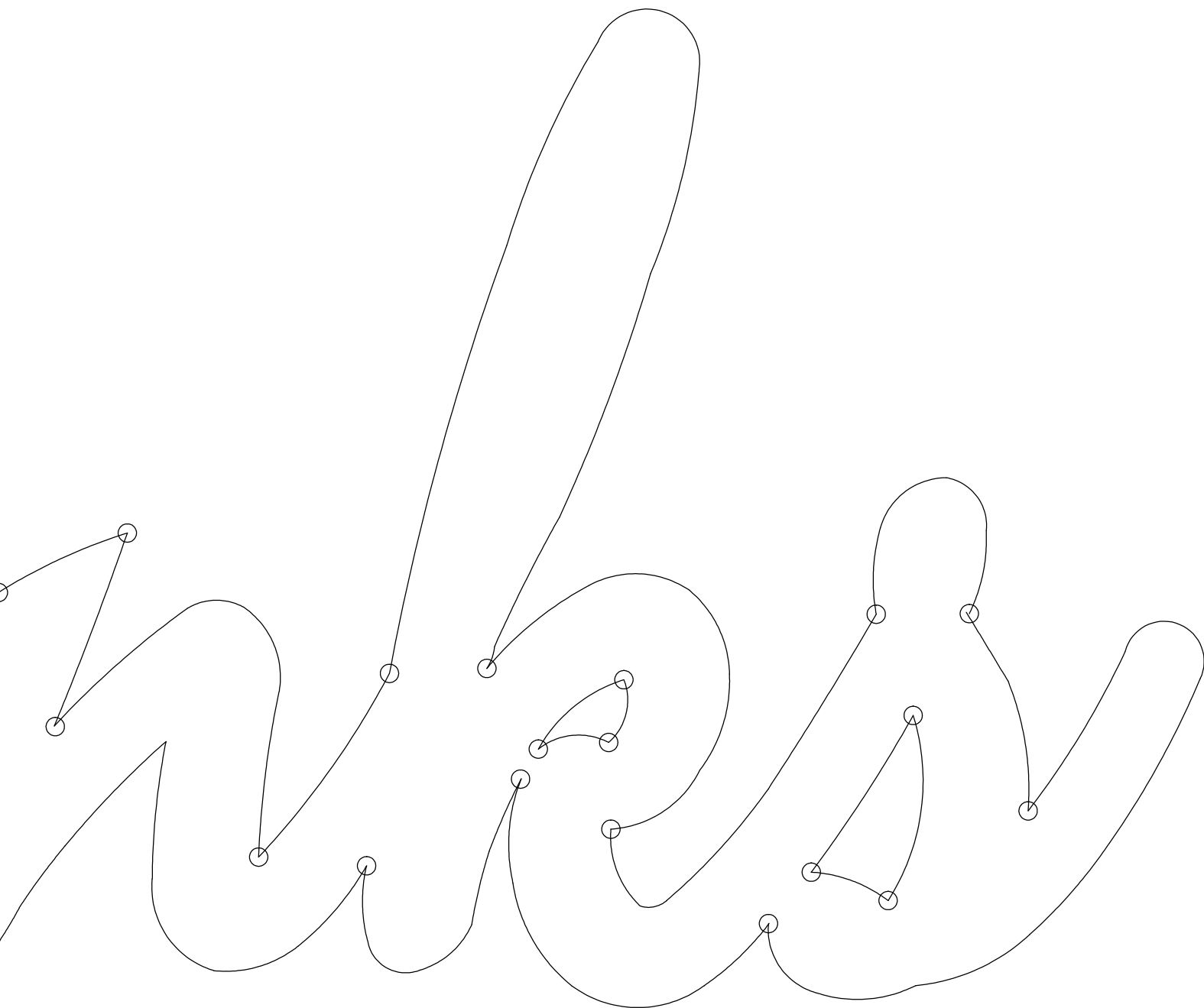


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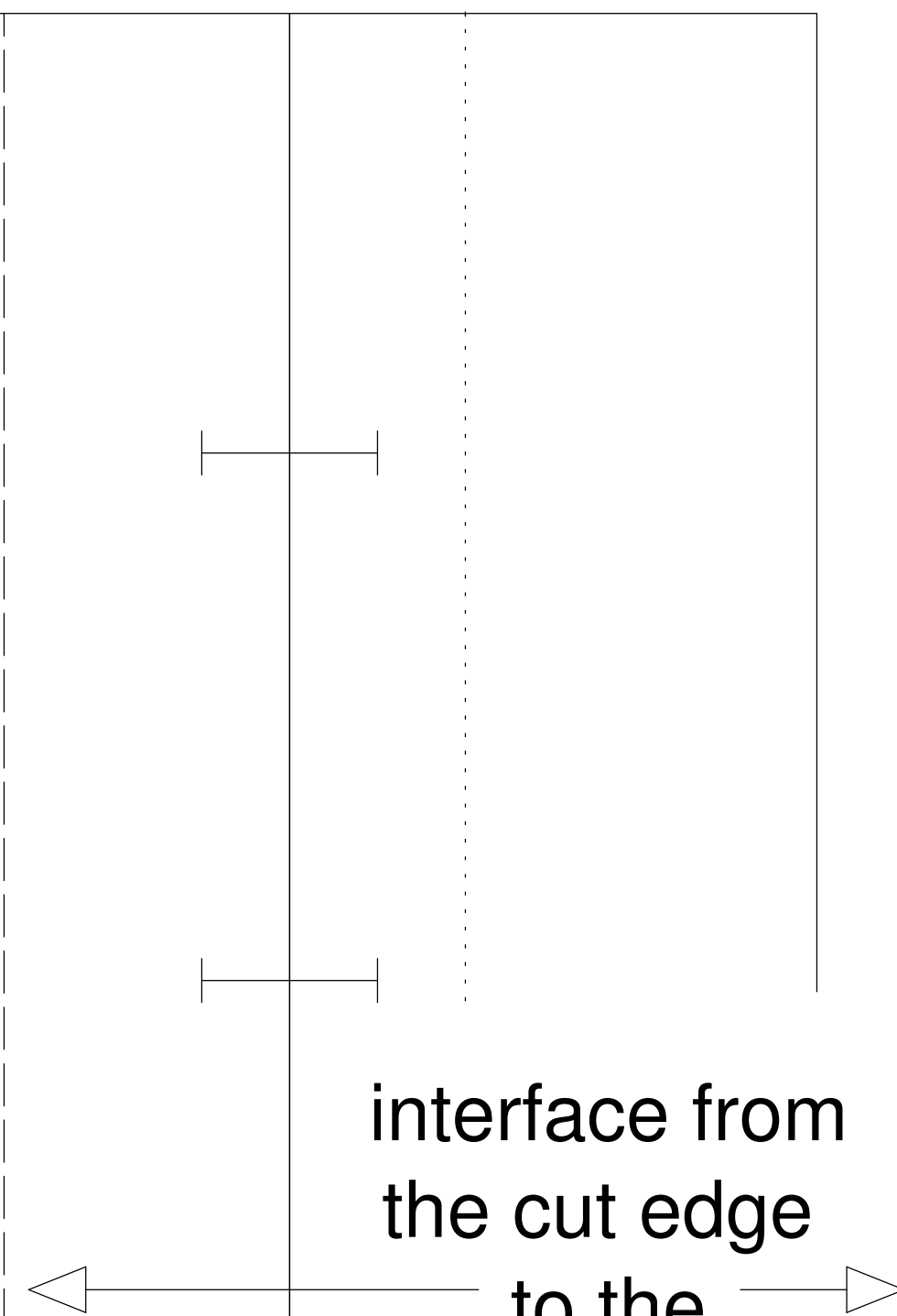
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