

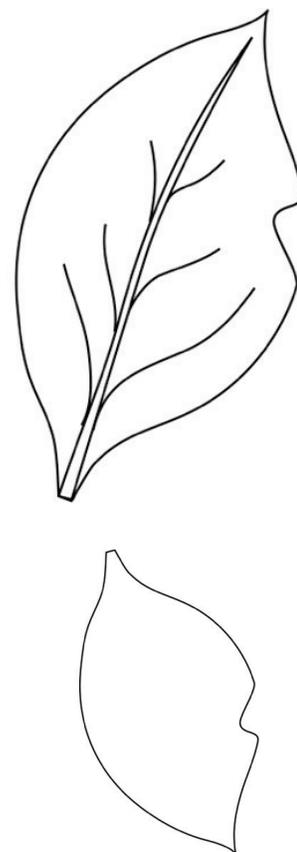
SKILL LEVEL



BEGINNER

this pattern
makes
a pillow roughly
18" or 45cm
long and 11" or
28cm wide

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Tumbling Leaf Trapunto Pillow

Such a cute design, this leaf-shaped accent pillow is designed for almost any firm, medium-weight fabric...try linen, denim, velvet, corduroy, brocade, real or faux suede or of course, classic home-dec fabrics. The topstitched leaf vein trapunto detail can be done in the same or a contrast color as your pillow fabric...totally fabulous, and a really lovely home decor piece.

Trapunto pillow is done in a leaf shape and features a padded & topstitched front, with a plain back. Pillow is stitched closed; no buttons or zippers here! Make this as a stunning home accent for your fall home decor; this will also make a great scented pillow if you use sachets of your favorite dried herbs amongst the pillow stuffing for a fragrant finish.

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SEAM ALLOWANCES & OTHER INFO

Seam allowances are 3/8" or 1cm wide.

You can sew the seams right sides together for a classic look, or if you'd prefer a more rustic finish, sew the outer seams wrong sides together...if you do this, we suggest cutting the leaf shape with pinking shears.

Skills needed include: satin or zig-zag stitch;
hand sewing an opening closed.

ABOUT THIS STYLE

This is a shaped pillow with trapunto-style details to give a textured finish. The pillow is sewn closed with the batting or stuffing sealed inside- you'll need to make sure you use a washable/ dry-cleanable fabric.

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.

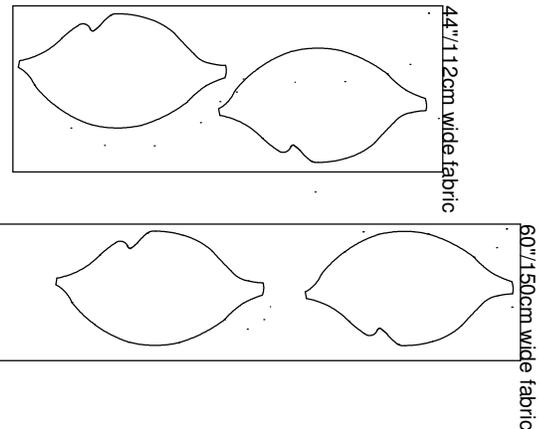
FABRIC & NOTIONS REQUIRED

You'll need around 1/2 yard/ 45 cm of 60"/150cm OR 44"/ 112cm wide fabric for the pillow, plus a scrap of muslin or lining, about 17"x 8"/43cm x 20cm; if you wish to pad out the pillow back, add the same size scrap of thin batting.

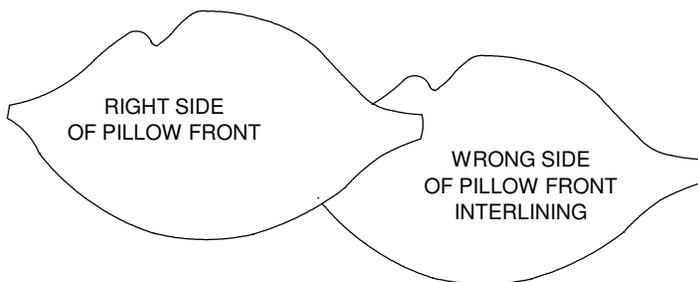
You'll also need some pillow stuffing, plus contrast or self colored topstitching thread.

SUGGESTED CUTTING LAYOUT FOR THE PILLOW

lay the fabric out flat & unfolded for this layout



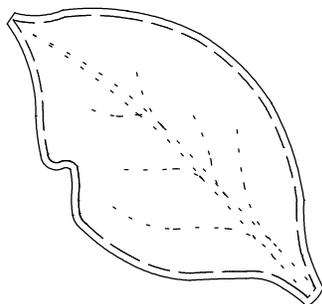
1a Start by applying your (muslin or lining) underlining to the wrong side of the pillow, around the outer edges only.



1c Following the stitchlines you've marked, work lines of satin or zig-zag stitch to make the 'veins' on the leaf shapes.

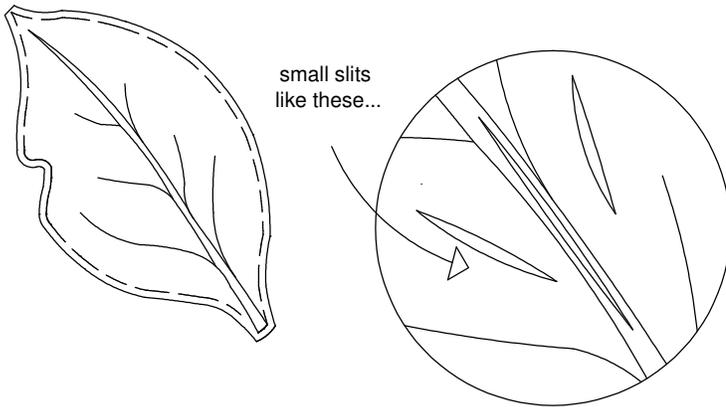
You'll get the best results doing the side 'veins' first, then the center 'vein'.

1b Carefully mark the leaf 'veins' on the wrong side of the underlining, using light pencil or chalk strokes.



2a Here comes the tricky part, but don't worry, it's not too hard...

Carefully cut a few slits in the underlining, between the 'veins' you've already stitched.

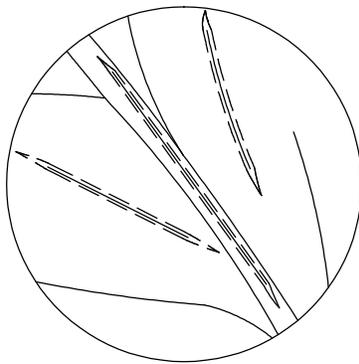


2b Now you're going to push small amounts of your batting through these slits...take it slowly, and if you need to, use a knitting needle or a chopstick to push the batting all the way across the leaf shape, and into any corners.

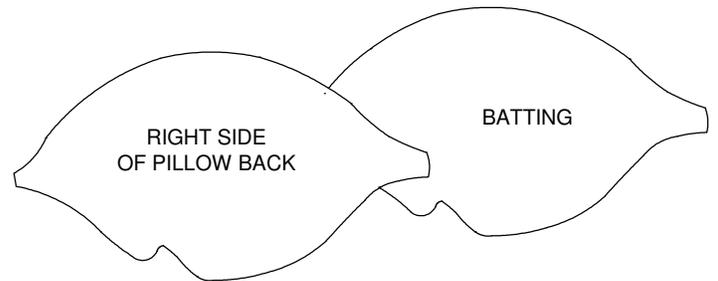
Be **VERY CAREFUL** not to put too much batting towards the leaf edges, and try not to make the leaf too plump!

You want the batting more or less evenly distributed across the leaf shape.

2c Close up the slits that you used to push the batting through...we **REALLY** recommend that you do this by machine, but of course, you can always hand-sew these openings closed... if you must!

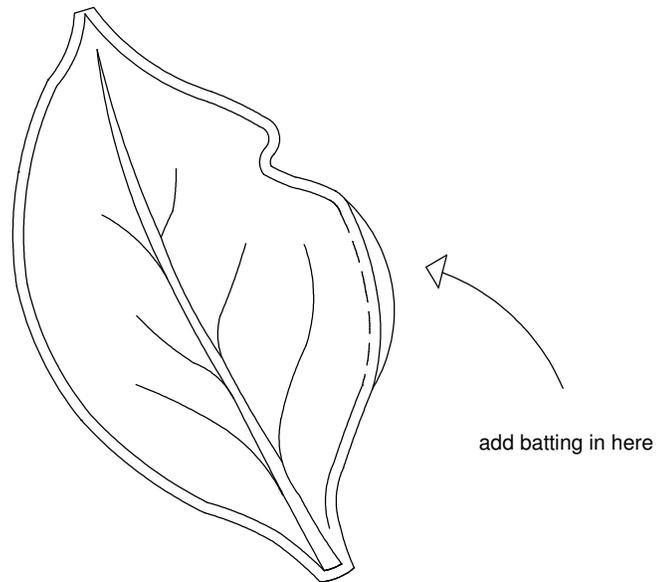


3 For the back, you can either leave it as one layer of fabric, or, for a lovely 'plumptious' look to your leaf pillow, simply apply a piece of very thin to the wrong side of the pillow back, around the outer edges only.



4a Let's finish up, shall we? Join the front to the back of the pillow, leaving a 4" or 10cm opening along one side of the pillow.

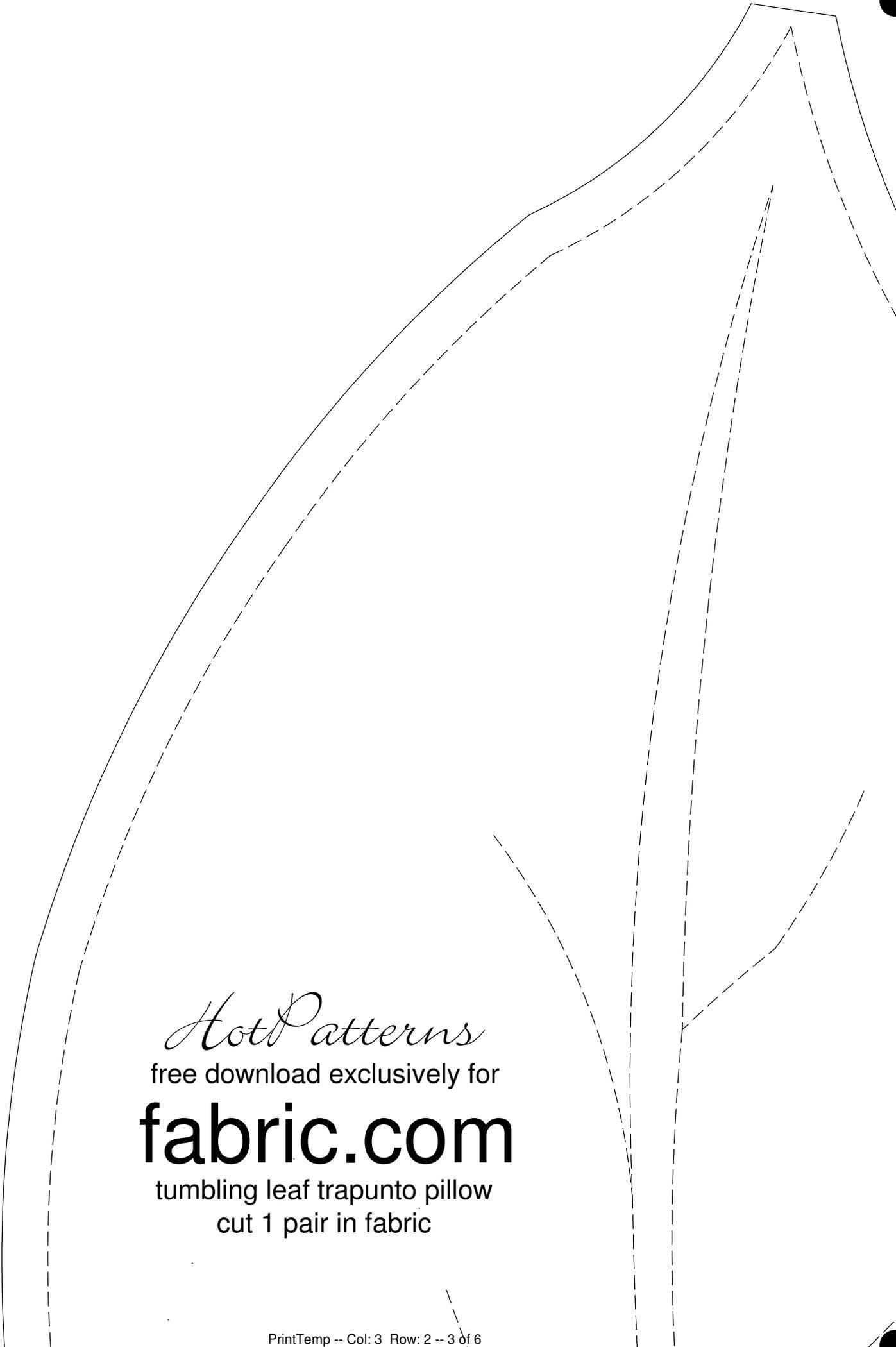
EITHER sew the shapes together right sides together, (clip all the corners, press the seams open and turn out as usual) OR sew the shapes wrong sides together, which leaves the seam allowances on the outside-you may want to trim the raw edges with pinking shears for this method.



4b Stuff the pillow with the batting, making sure you get right into the corners of the pillow, but be careful not to overstuff!

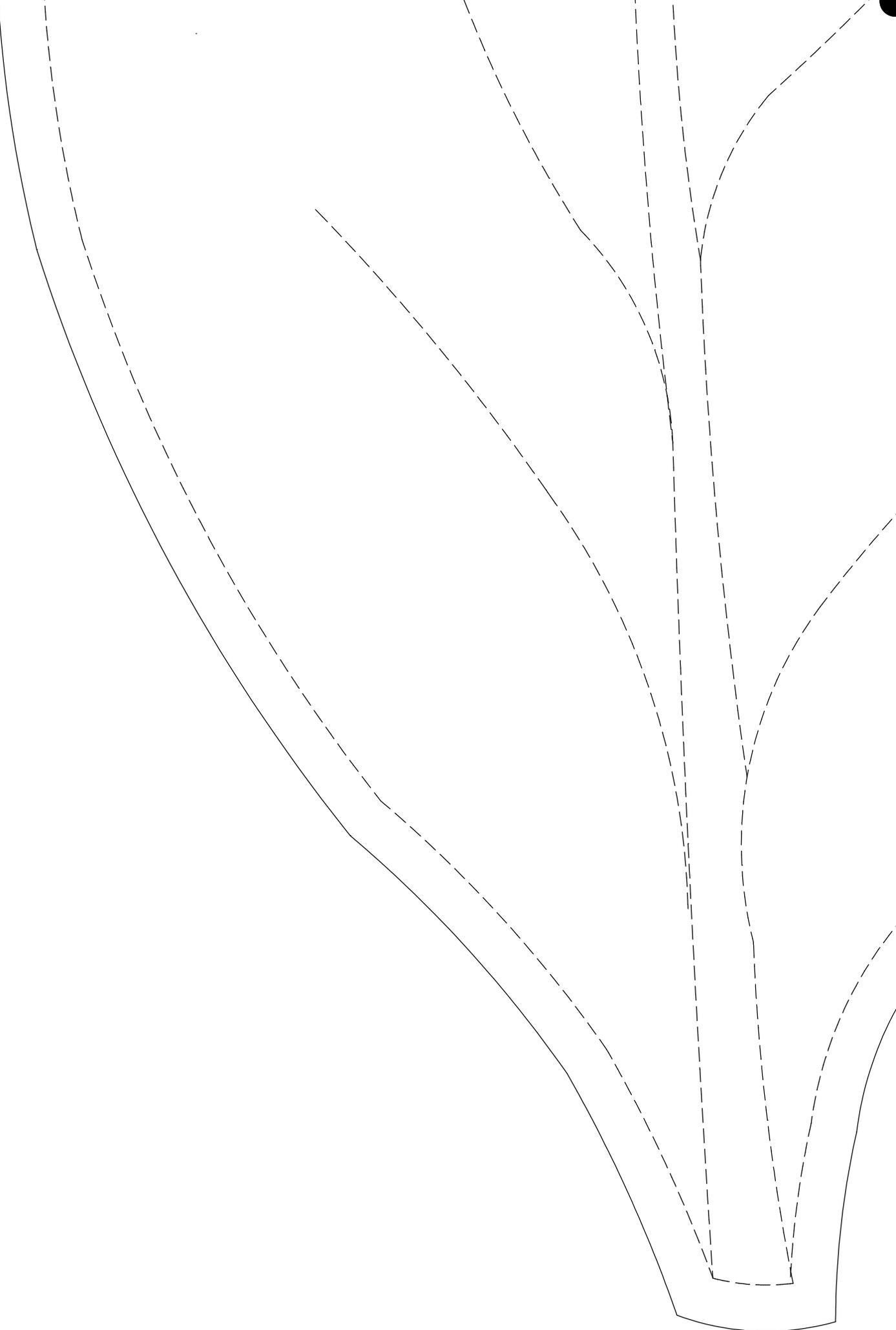
Close up the opening that you used to push the batting through, by machine, and give your pillow a nice plumping.

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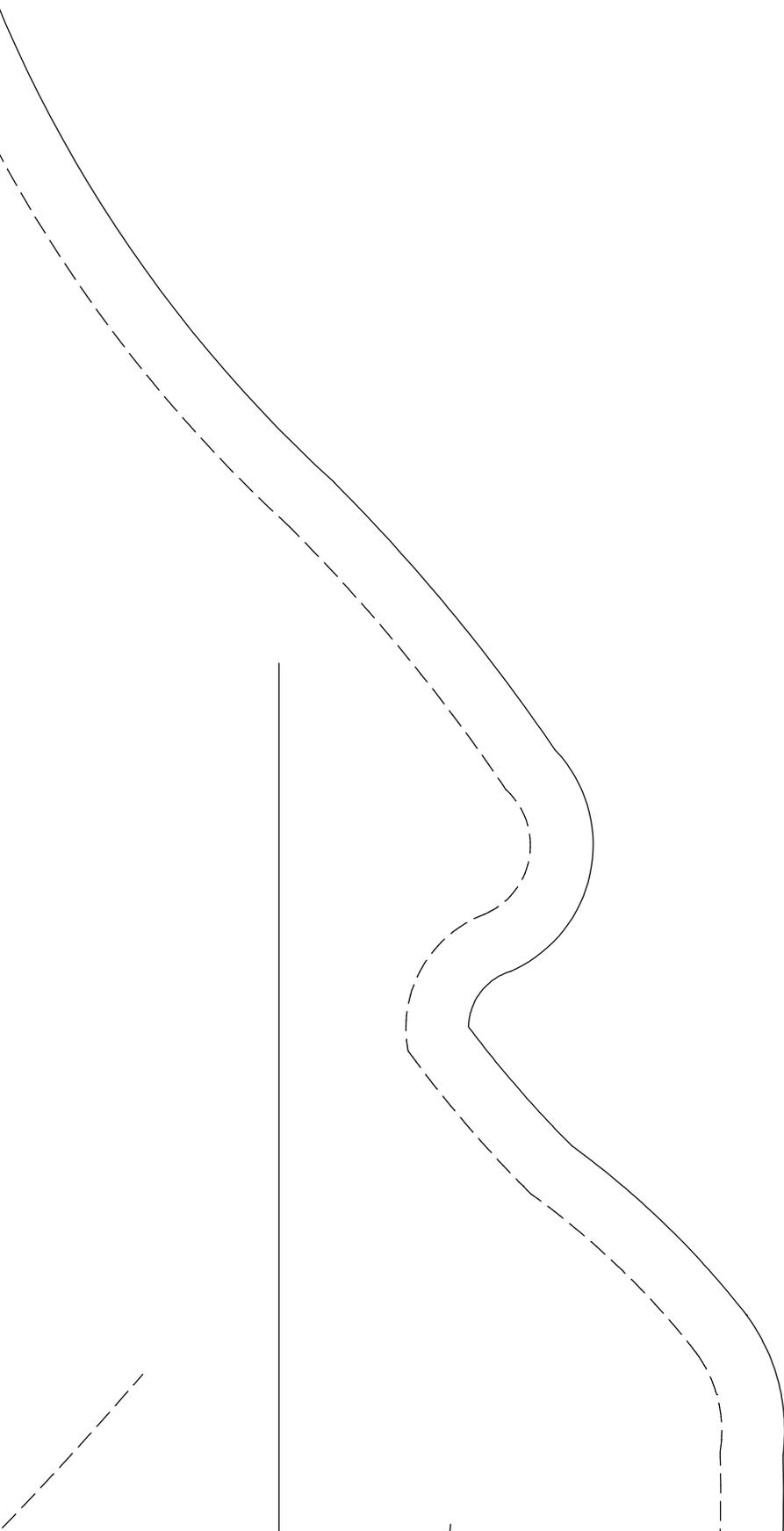


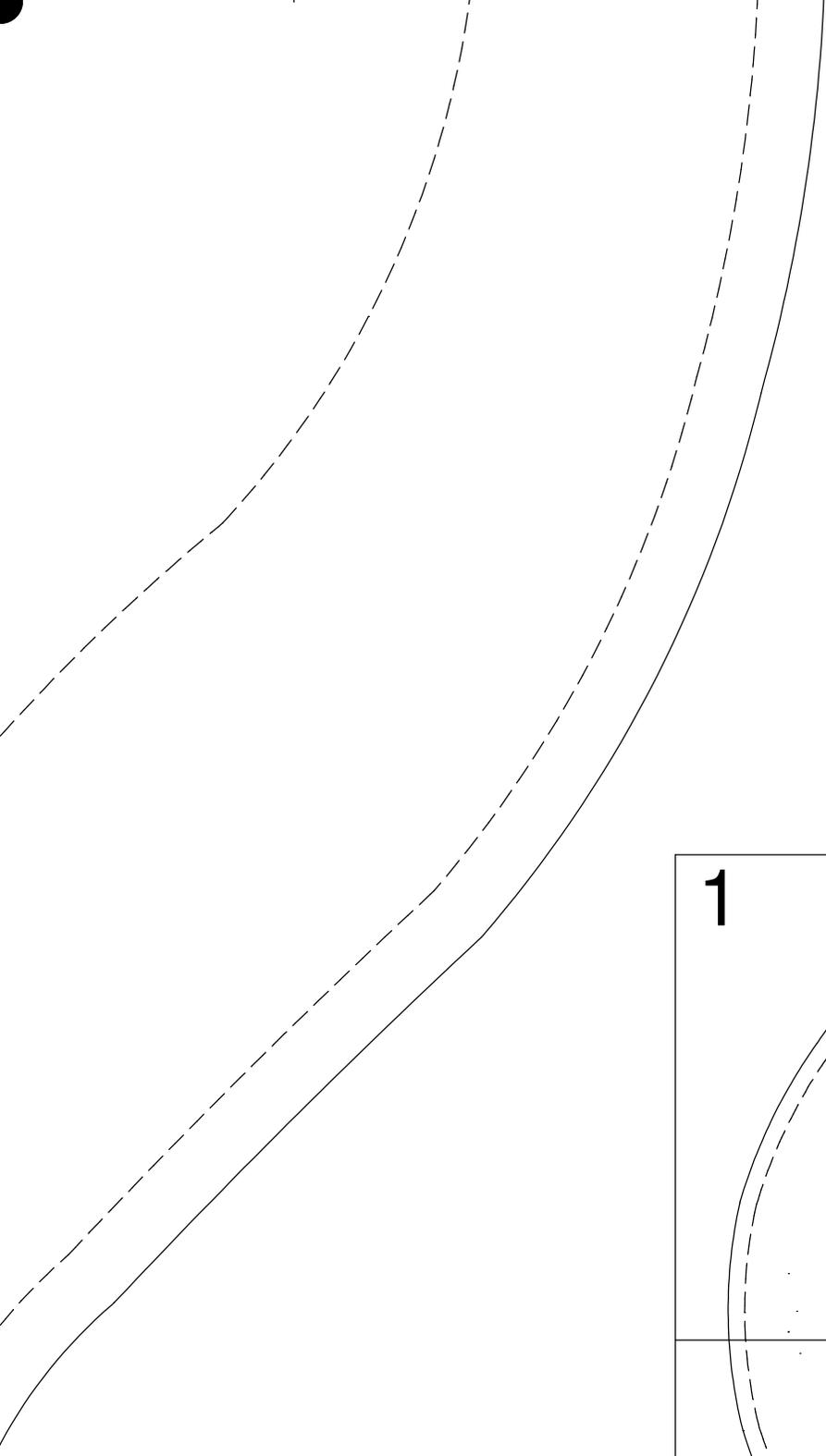
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cut 1 pair in fabric

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