

Free Pattern Instructions



Thread Den's lined sling bag with darts

This Sling Bag is also reversible! Making this accessory is a great project to practice sewing at seam allowance and making darts.

Supplies Required:

- ✓ 1 metre of quilting cotton for the bag's main fabric
- ✓ 1 metre of quilting cotton for the bag's lining
- ✓ 200m of cotton thread to match the lining fabric

Pattern Assembly Instructions

1. Ensure you print your pattern on A4 paper with scaling at 100%
2. Cut out rectangle lines
3. Tape together in alphabetical order
4. Cut out your two pattern pieces

Cutting Instructions

Seam allowance = 1.5cm (this can be reduced to 1cm for a larger bag).

1. Trace and cut out your bag pattern piece twice on both the main and lining fabrics
2. Trace and cut out the pocket pattern twice from your choice of fabric

Sewing Instructions:

Pocket Assembly

1. With right sides together, pin and stitch around the pocket – ensuring to leave a gap to turn out.
2. Clip curves, turn and press.
3. Top stitch across the top straight edge .5mm or 1/4" from the edge.
4. Place centred on one side of bag main or lining. Top stitch around curved edge .5mm or 1/4" from the edge.

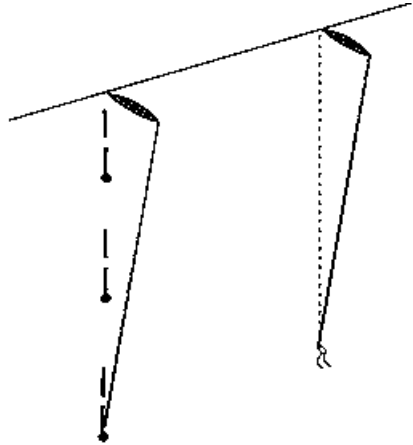
Bag Assembly

Step 1

Pin darts as per notches and markings on lining pieces.

Tip for a beautiful dart;

Rule a line to guide you from the tip of the dart down the dart legs with tailors chalk, to help sew in a straight line. When pinning them together, check that the pins pass through your dart markings on both sides of the dart.



Stitching Darts:

- Stitch your darts, starting from the notch end.
- Don't start on the notch, which is likely to get knotted up in the hole the bobbin thread passes through, start almost 1cm in from the edge.
- Stitch in a straight line to the point of the dart.
- 1cm from the edge, change to a stitch length of 1 and continue, hand wheeling one stitch over the edge.
- Pull your dart free with generous thread tails and tie a knot by hand.

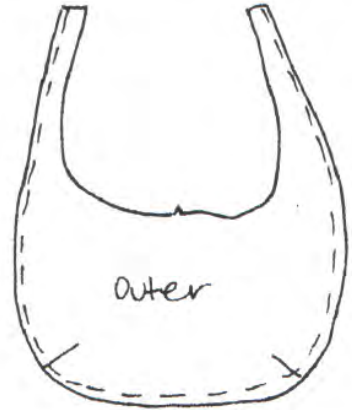
Repeat for all darts.

Press all darts.

Step 2

With right sides together and notches matching, pin around the outside edge, then stitch starting from the top of a strap. Sew all the way down one side, around the bottom of the bag and up to the top of the other strap.

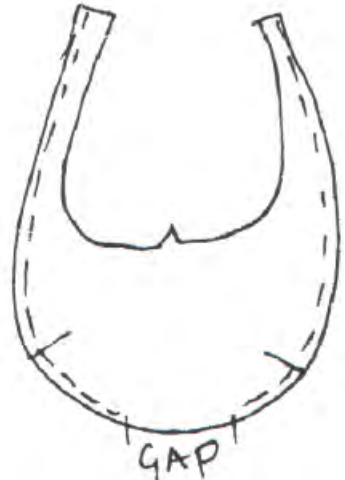
Press the strap seams flat and open.



Step 3

Repeat step 2 for the lining fabric pieces, **but leave a 10cm gap at the bottom for turning**. Remember to backstitch on each side of the gap so the stitching doesn't come undone.

Press the strap seams flat and open.

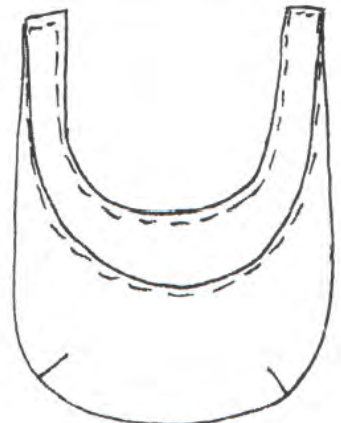


Step 4

Insert the lining into the outer bag shell with right sides together.

Matching notches, pin and stitch lining to main around opening of the bag.

Clip curves and strap corners, then turn bag right way out through gap in lining.



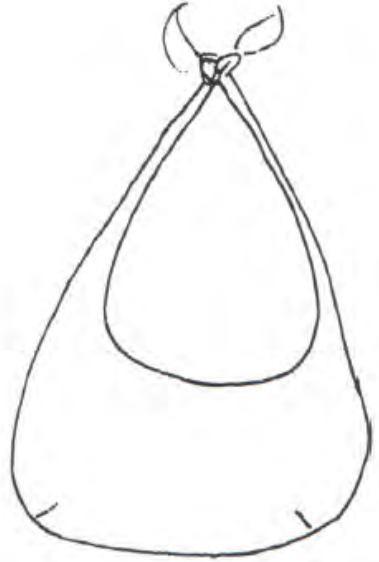
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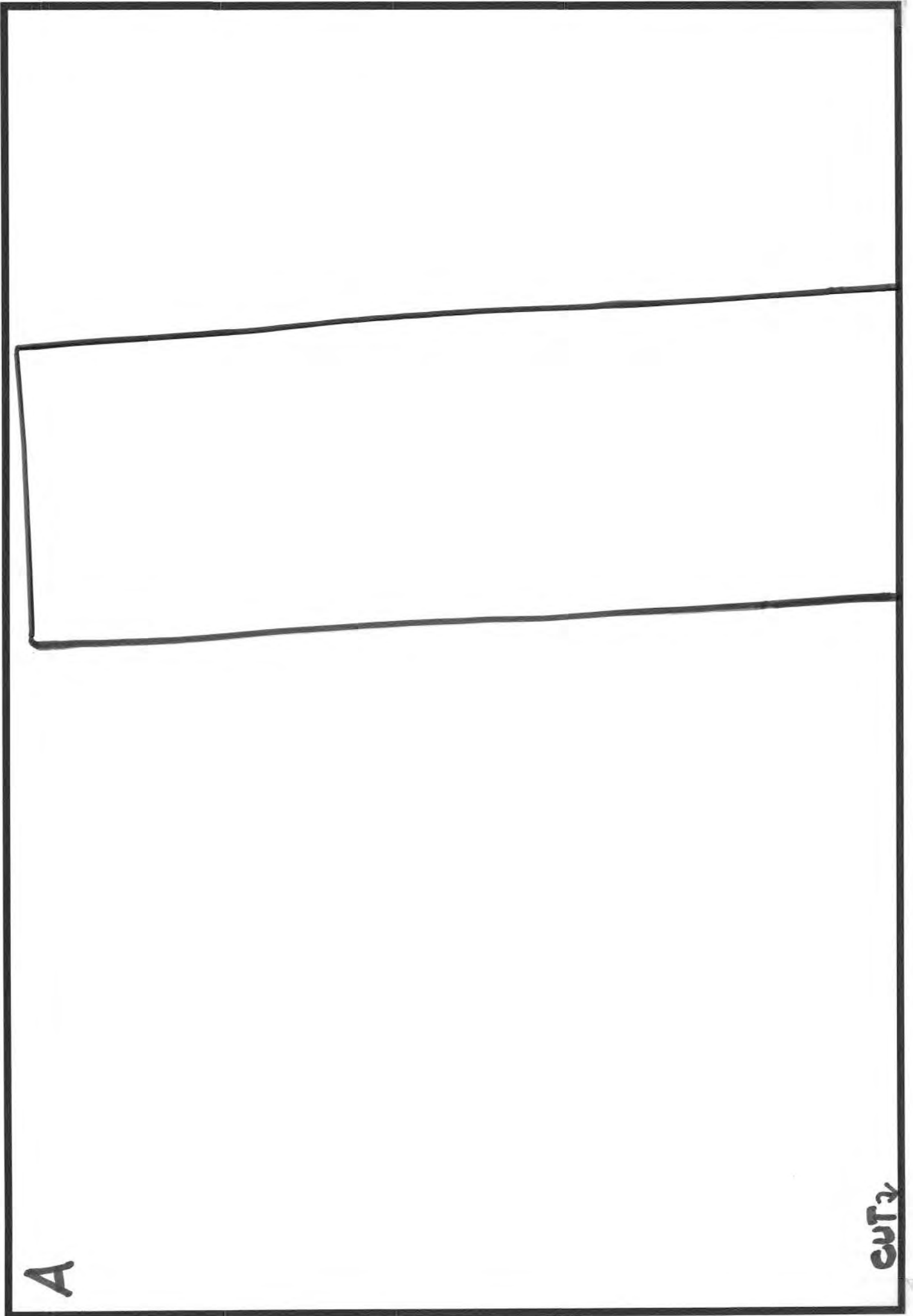
Edge stitch or hand stitch gap in lining.

Pressing Notes:

Roll the lining under and press firmly so you won't see the lining. Press straps flat.

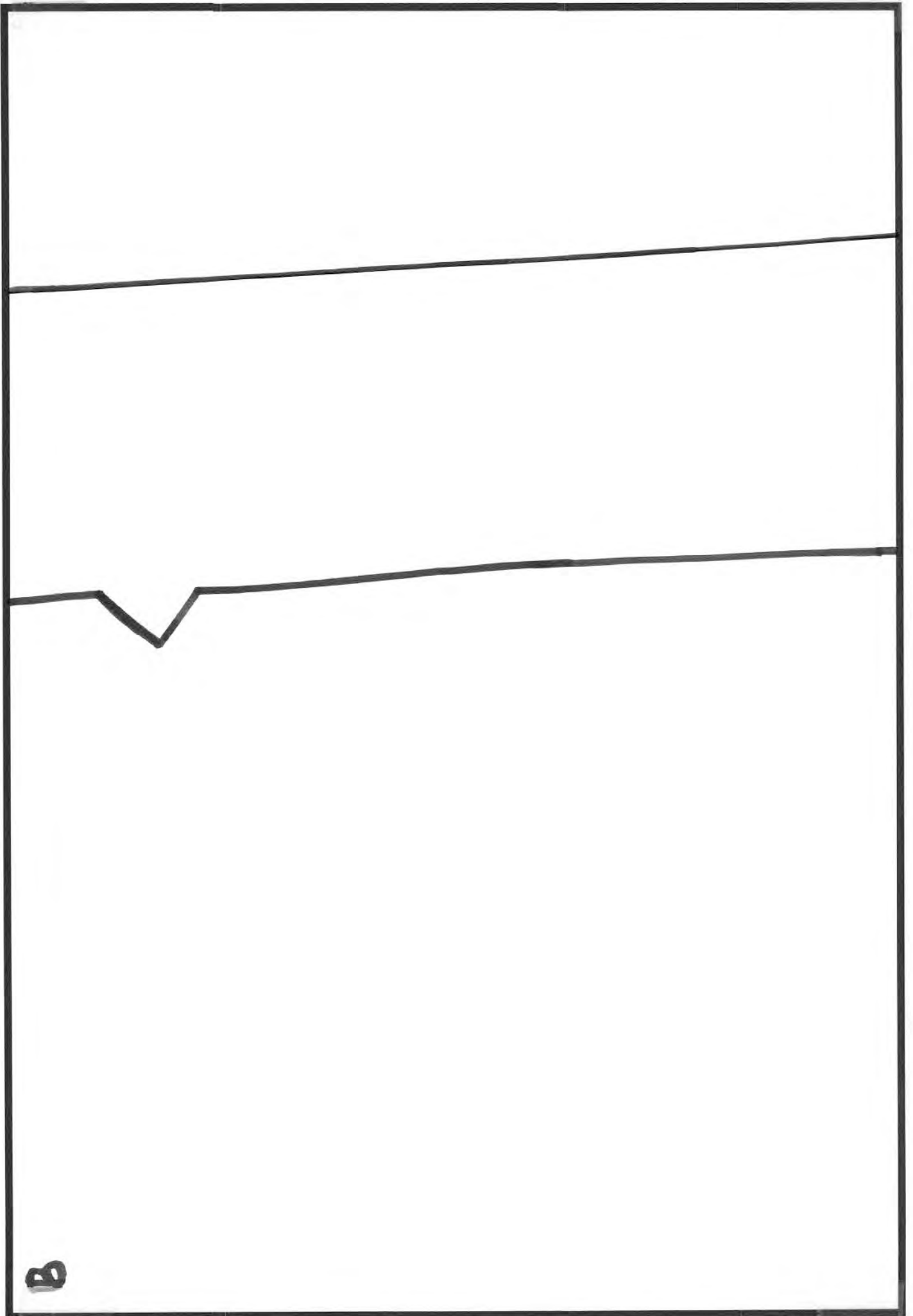
To tie the straps to look like a cute bow, fold the straps in half first and pull out the bow 'ears' as you tighten the knot.

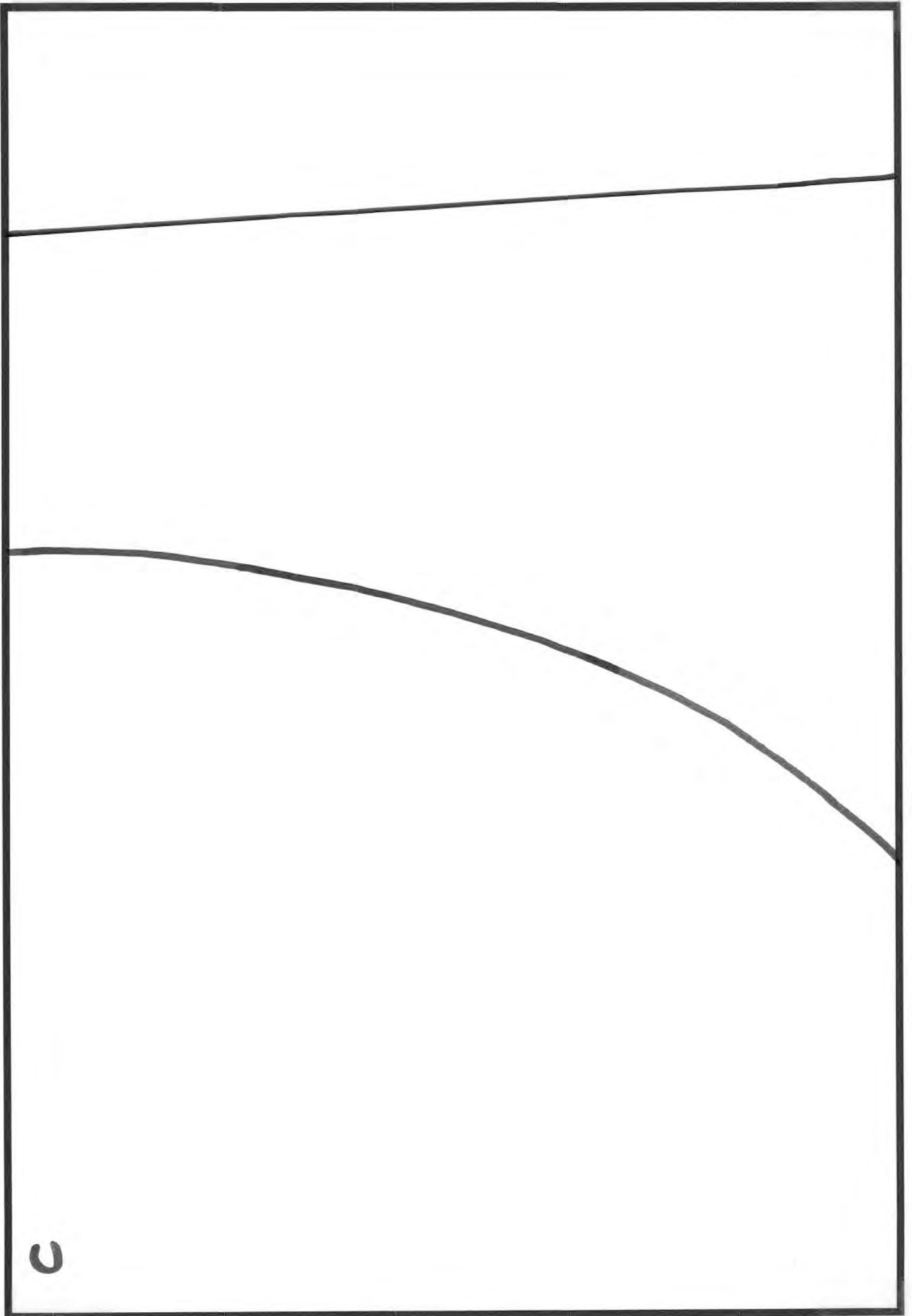




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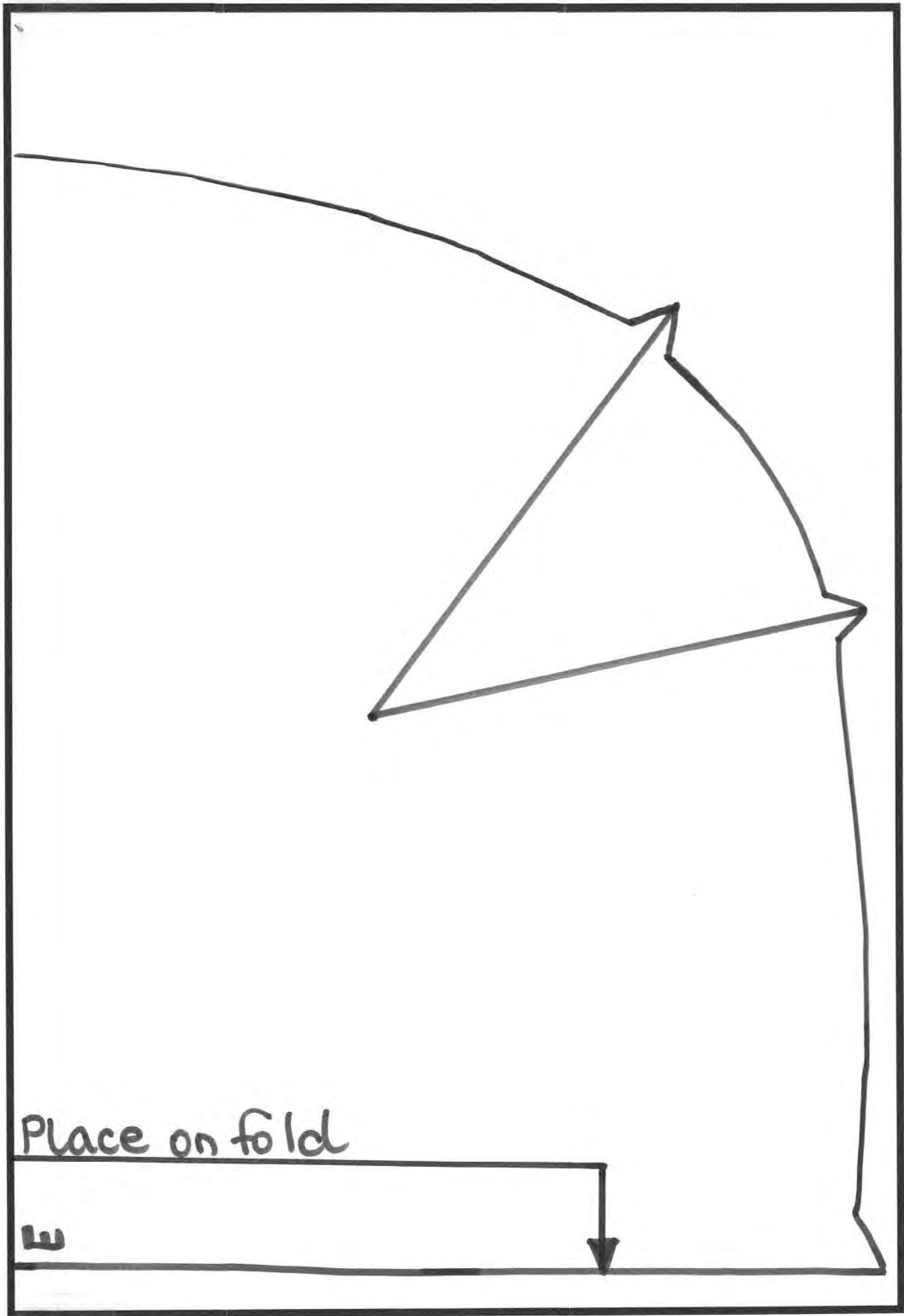




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