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THE TRÖPFCHEN DRESS



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Summery and breezy, this dress made from linen is a great addition to any summer wardrobe. The “droplet” back closes with a single statement button and the neckline and armholes are easily finished with matching bias tape. The short, mini dress length keeps little legs from getting too hot in the summer. This would also look ADORABLE with wool tights and tall boots for fall and winter.

Questions? Please contact me at:

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Materials:

1 statement button, 1-2” in diameter
 32-43” 1/2” double fold bias tape
 thread in coordinating color
 scissors

Quilting cotton, silk duponi, linen, linen look, lawn, lined eyelet, light cordoroy in the following amounts:

Size	Main Fabric Needed
6 mo	3/4 yd
12 mo	3/4 yd
18 mo	3/4 yd
2	1 yd
3	1 yd
4	1 yd
5	1 1/4 yd
6	1 1/4 yd
7	1 1/2 yd
8	1 1/2 yd
9	1 3/4 yd
10	2 yd
11	2 1/4 yd
12	2 1/4 yd

Sizing:

Please use chart below to determine size needed. As all brands vary, do not base size off of ready to wear garments or other brands and/or patterns. Pattern is based off of bodice measurements; length can easily be lengthened or shortened in the skirt.

Size	Height	Weight in lbs	Chest	Waist	Inseam
6 mo	22-25"	12-17	18"	17.75"	8"
12 mo	25-29"	17-22	19"	18.5"	9.25"
18 mo	29-31"	22-27	20"	19.25"	10.5"
2	33-36"	30-32	22"	20.25"	13"
3	36-39"	32-35	23"	20.75"	14.25"
4	39-42"	35-41	24"	21.25"	16"
5	42-45"	41-46	25"	22"	17.75"
6	45-48"	46-51	26"	22.5"	19.5"
7	48-51"	51-57	27"	23.25"	21.25"
8	51-54"	57-66	28"	23.75"	23"
9	54-57"	66-76	29"	24.5"	24"
10	55-58"	76-85	29"	25"	25.25"
11	56-60"	85-95	30"	26"	26"
12	58-62"	94-104	31"	27"	27"

Finished Measurements:

Size	Dress Length	Dress Width At Chest
6 mo	13"	10"
12 mo	14"	10.5"
18 mo	16"	11"
2	17"	11.25"
3	19"	12"
4	21"	12.5"
5	23"	13"
6	25"	13.5"
7	27"	13.75"
8	28"	15"
9	29"	15.5"
10	30"	15.75"
11	32"	16"
12	33"	16.5"

Print out and tape together pattern pieces. You will have a back, a front and a droplet piece. I do NOT include a hem facing piece.



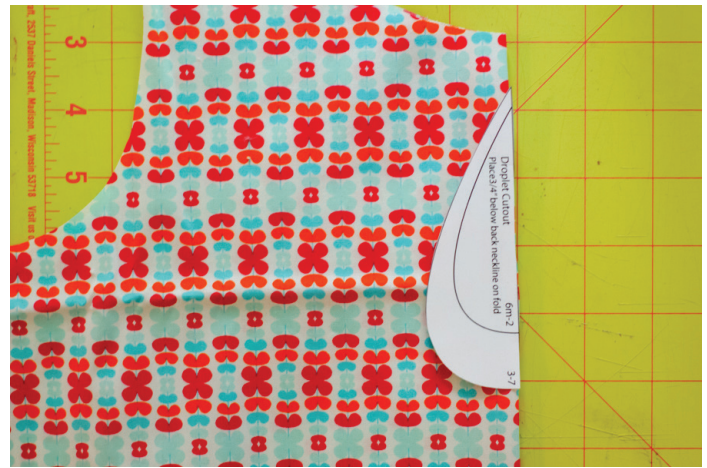
Cut out pieces. Use the bottom curve of your pattern to create a hem facing. I like to move the pattern down about 2" from where I cut out the dress and make an additional cut to create the facing strips. **If you would like to make an actual pattern piece for your hem facing, make a 2" curved strip following the bottom curve of your pattern pieces. Cut out that strip on the fold for both the front and back hem facings.



If you are making your own bias tape, make this now using whatever technique you prefer.



With your dress back still folded in half, place the correct size droplet $\frac{3}{4}$ " from the neck and cut. Open up the back piece and cut from the top of the droplet to the neck to open up that neckline.



Finishing the Droplet:

Open up your bias tape. Line the wider half edge up with the wrong side of the back dress panel and pin into place. Sew the pieces together along the fold line. Cut excess bias tape, leaving about 1" on either end of your seam.

Fold the bias tape over to the front and pin into place.

Topstitch $\frac{1}{8}$ " from edge of bias tape.

Fold extra bias tape over, even with the edges of the fabric (that cut you made above the droplet). Sew extra "flap" of bias tape over and trim extra off. Press bias tape to ensure that it lays smoothly.



Fold front dress piece in half right sides together and sew 1" from fold (dotted line on pattern piece) for 2". Open and center fold and pin into place. Topstitch 1/8" on either side of the pleat and across bottom.



Line up shoulders and pin. Sew or serge shoulder seams. Press seams open.



Measure 5" from edge of bias tape. Line that mark up with the right side (the left side if the dress is right side out). This extra will become your button loop in a later step. Line up the wider half edge with the wrong side of your neck opening. Pin into place. Sew along fold line. Cut excess bias tape on the other side, leaving approximately 1."

Turn dress right side out and fold bias tape over the neck line. Topstitch 1/8" from the edge of the bias tape. Topstitch the entire length of bias tape, including the long tail. Fold the shorter length of bias tape over and sew as you did on the edge of the droplet. Press the neckline to ensure that it lays flat. Leave the long tail for now.



Trim the armholes the same way. Do not fold over the extra bias tape on the edges in this step.



Line the sides of your dress right sides together. Pin. Sew or serge side seams.



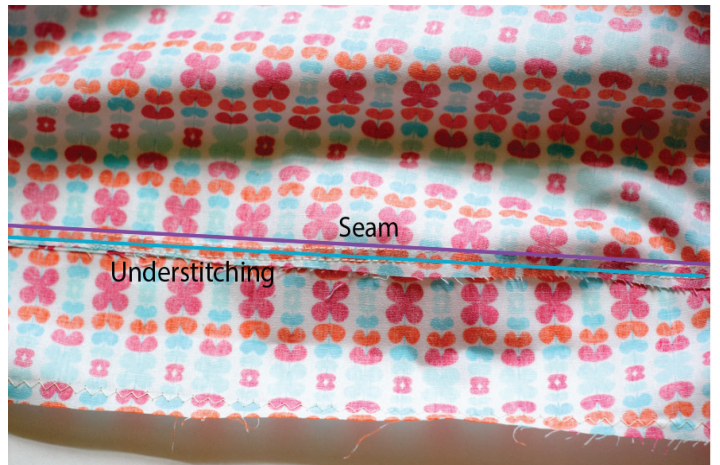
Fold your extra bias tape over towards the back of the dress and sew 1/8" from seam to tack loose ends in place and make the garment more comfortable to wear. Trim any extra bias tape.



Sew your hem facing strips together to make a long loop. Zig zag or serge the top (slightly shorter) edge of the hem facing. With the dress still inside out, match up the raw edges of the bottom of the dress and the bottom of the facing. Pin into place and sew.



Open seam and press allowance towards facing. Sew seam allowance to facing, 1/8" from seam. Fold facing up and under the dress and press.



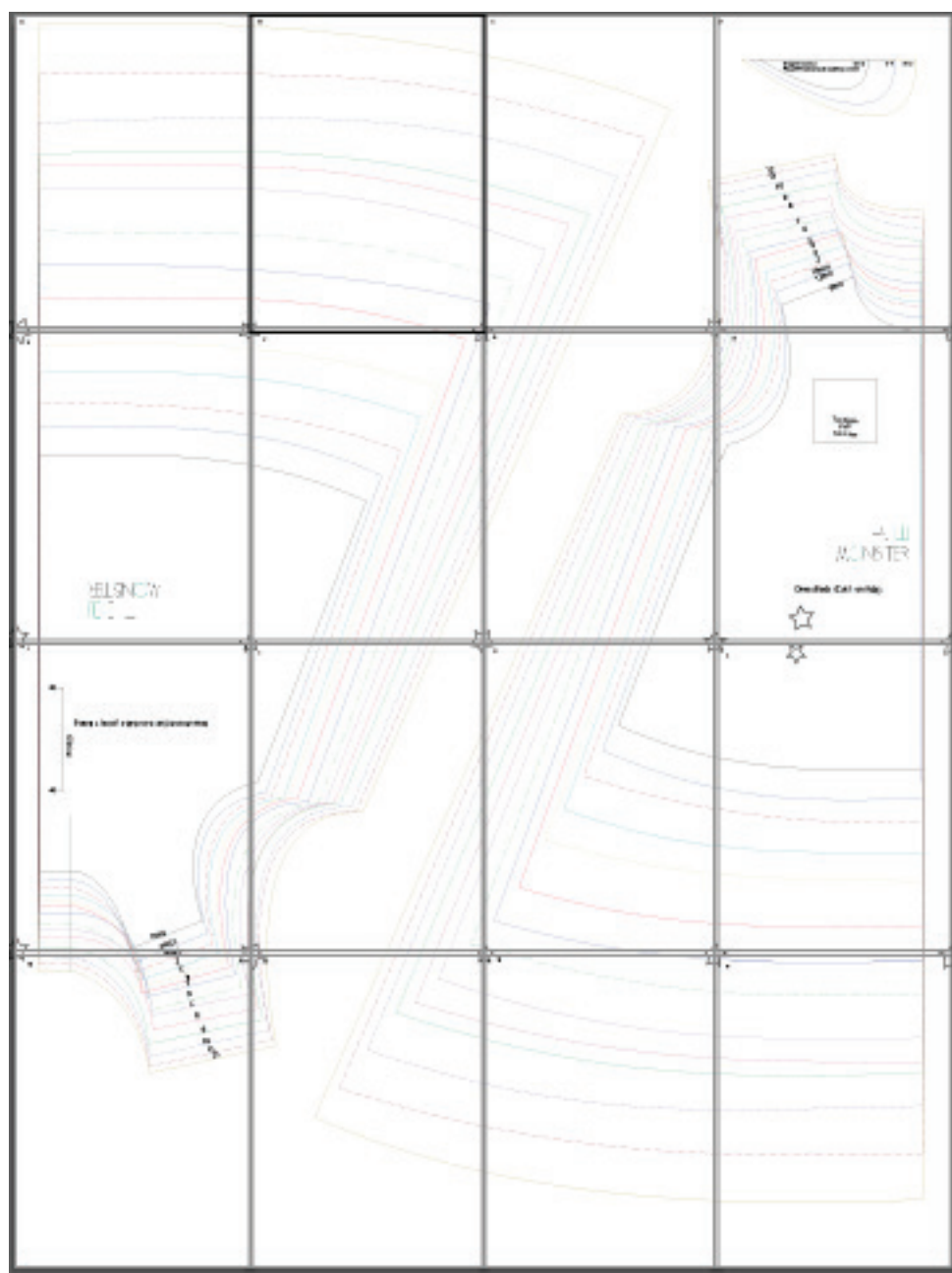
With the hem facing facing up, stitch close to the upper edge, giving your dress a nice, wide hem that lays wonderfully flat.



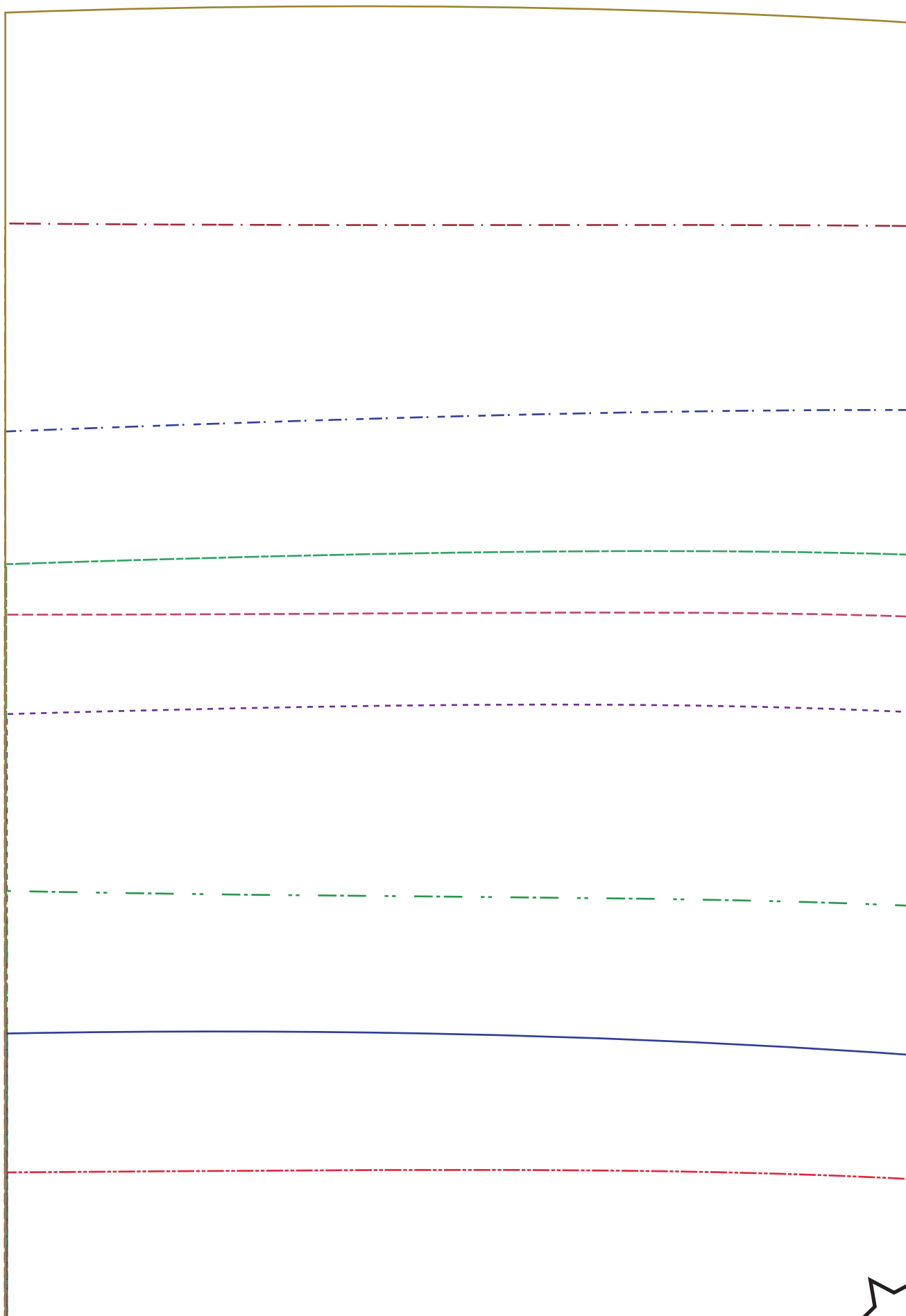
Place your button in a pleasing place on the dress back above and to the right of the top of the droplet. Hand Sew into place. Line up the edges of the dress back. Wrap your bias tape tail around the button and check to make sure you can fasten and unfasten. Sew the bias tape to the dress under the other bias tape you folded over. Trim any extra off.



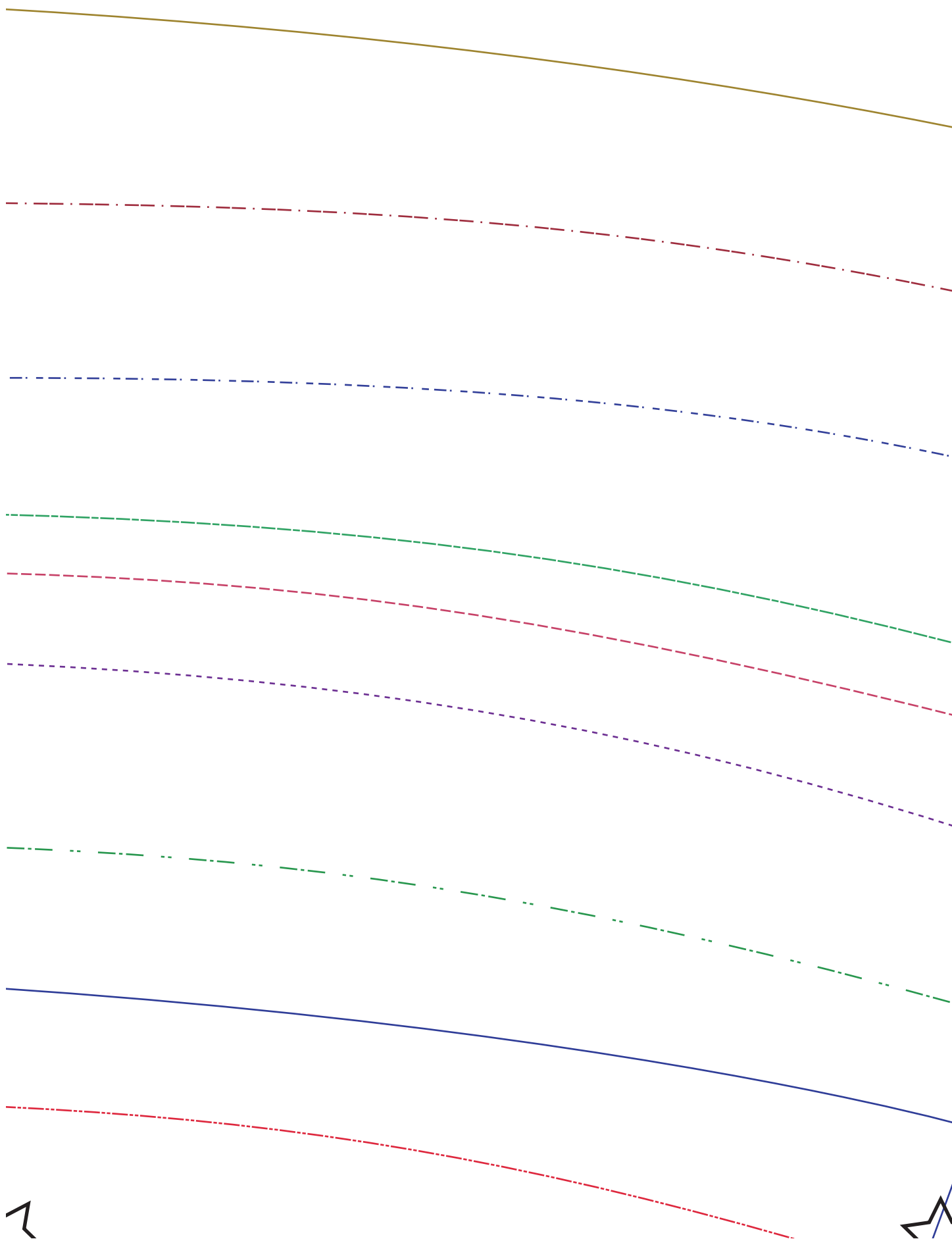
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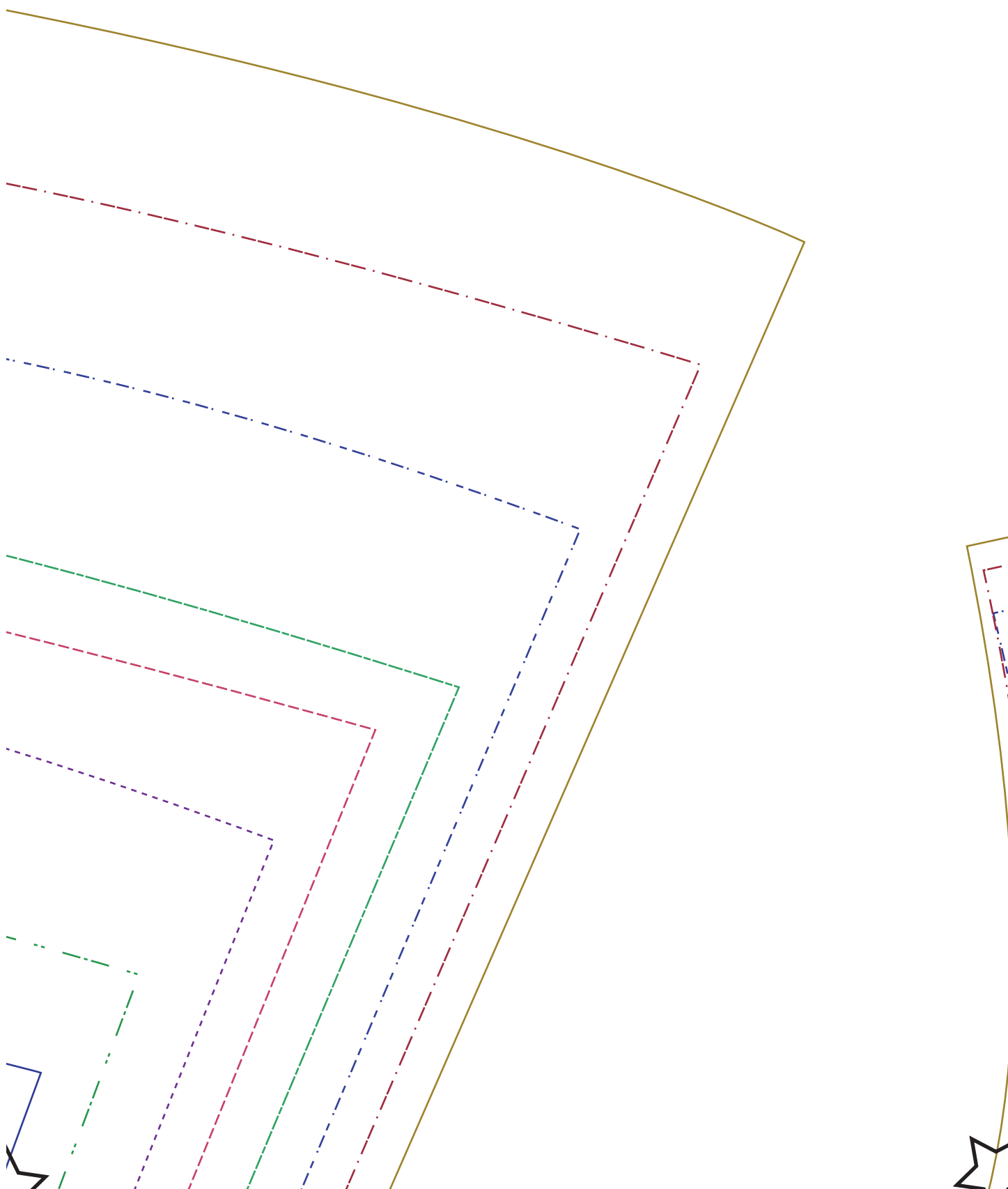
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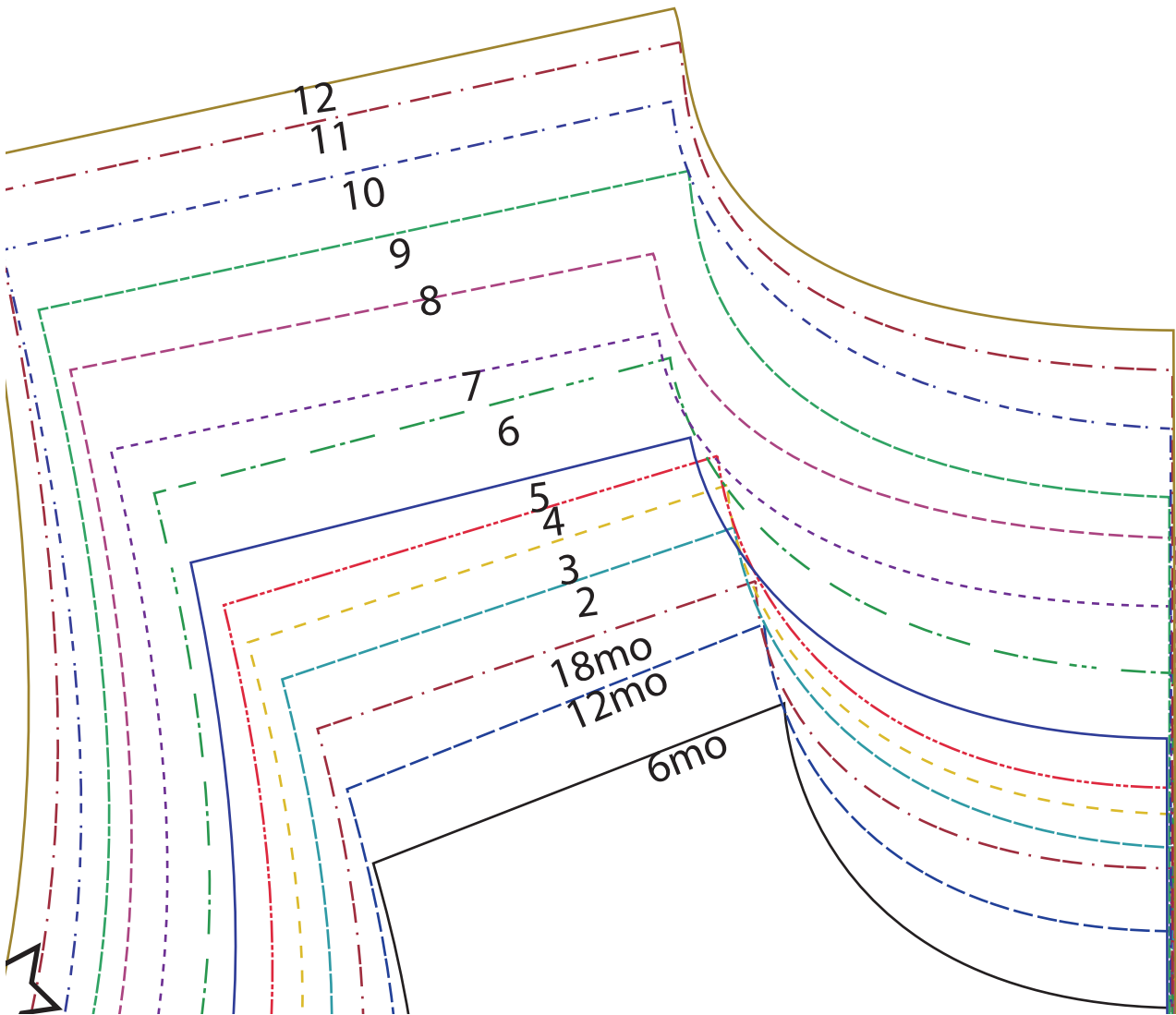
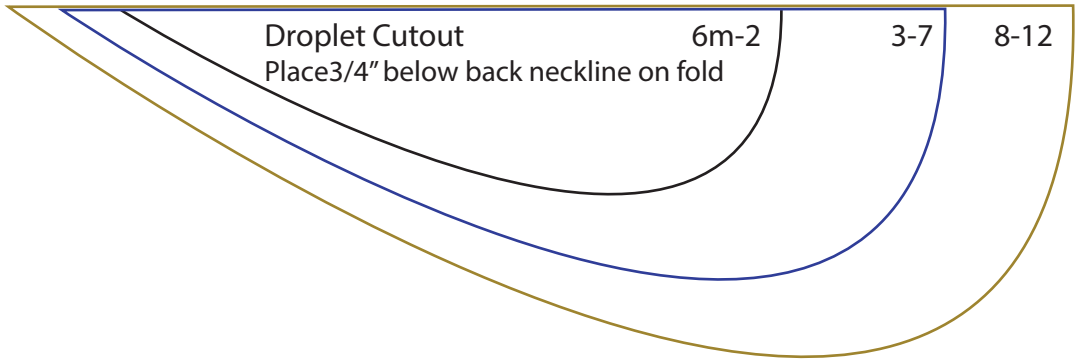
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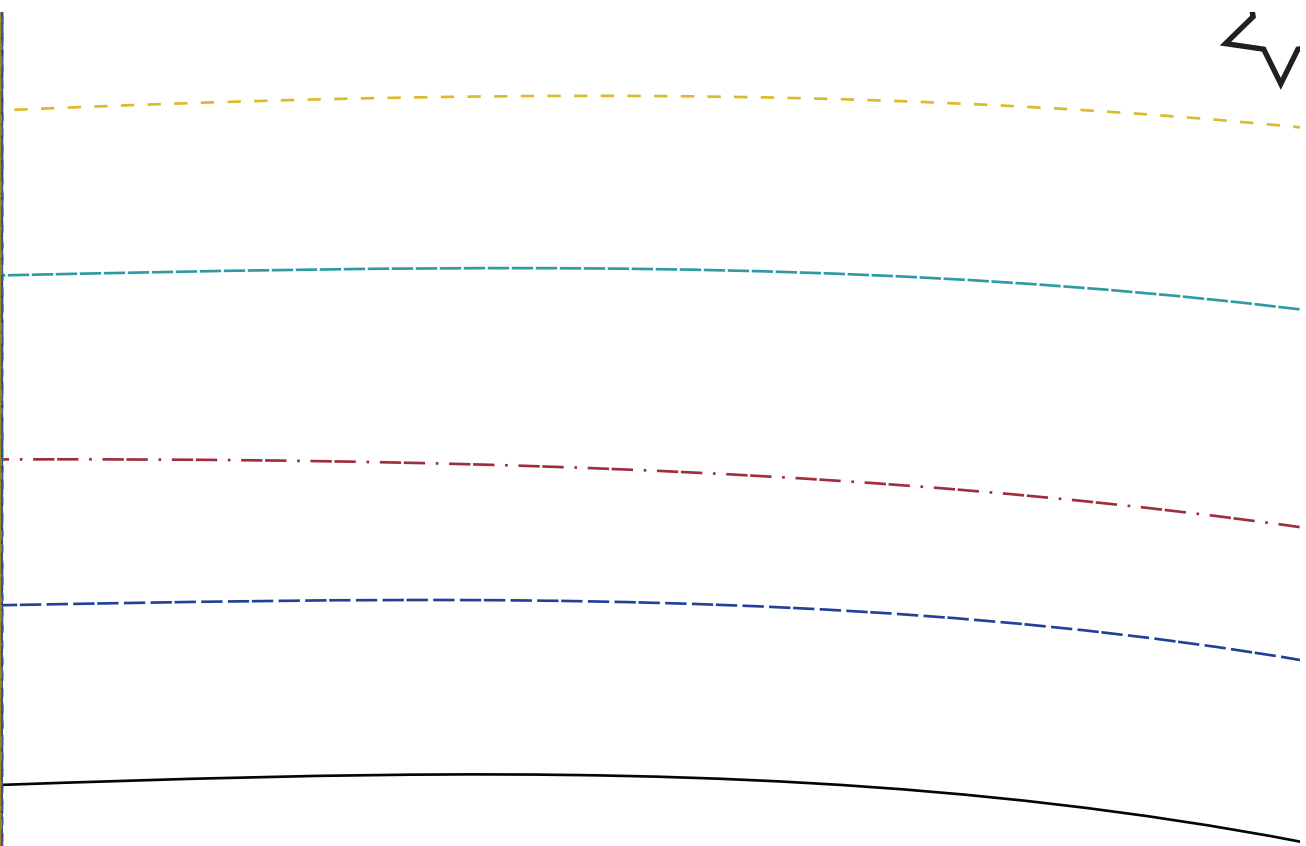


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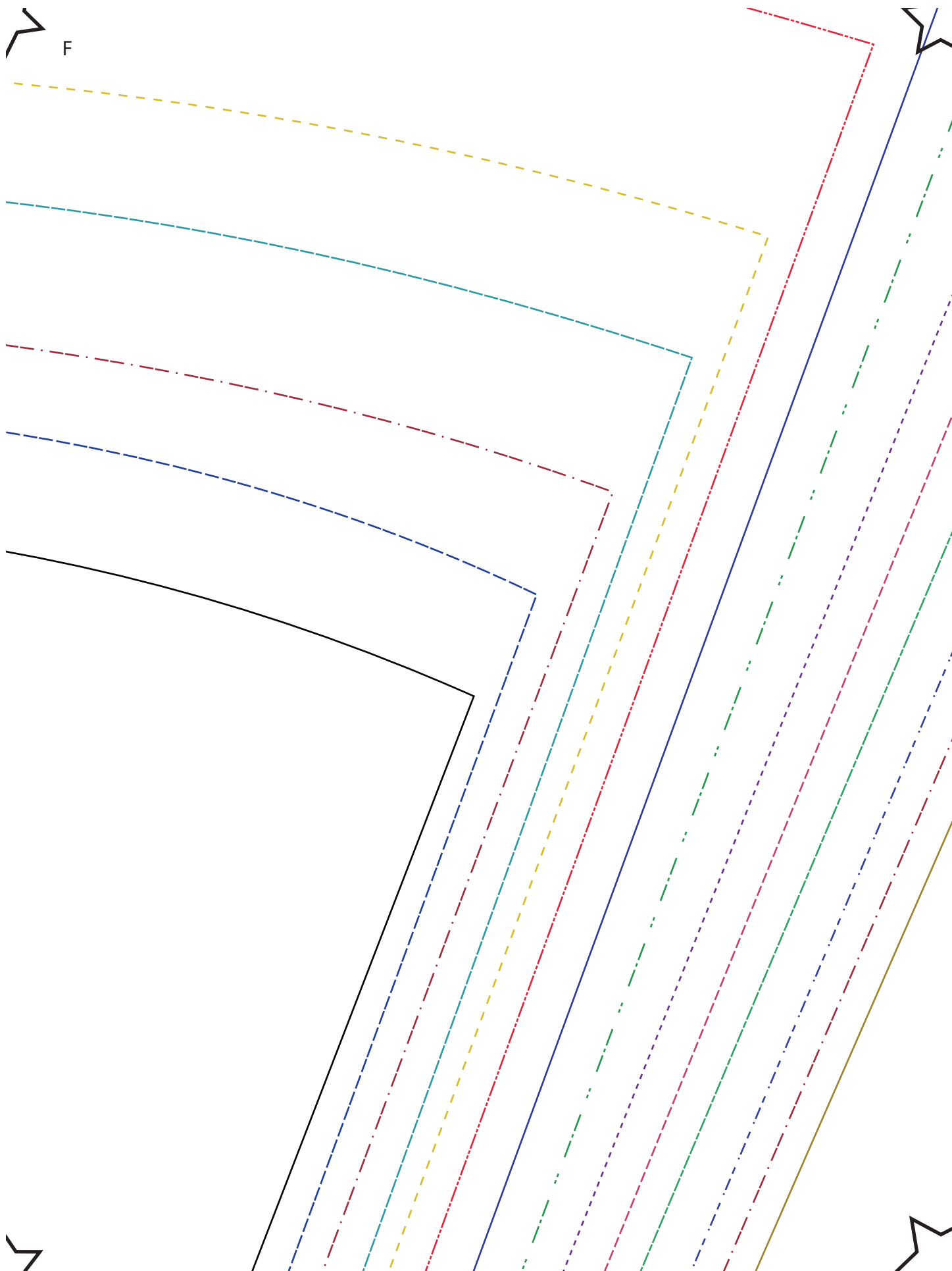
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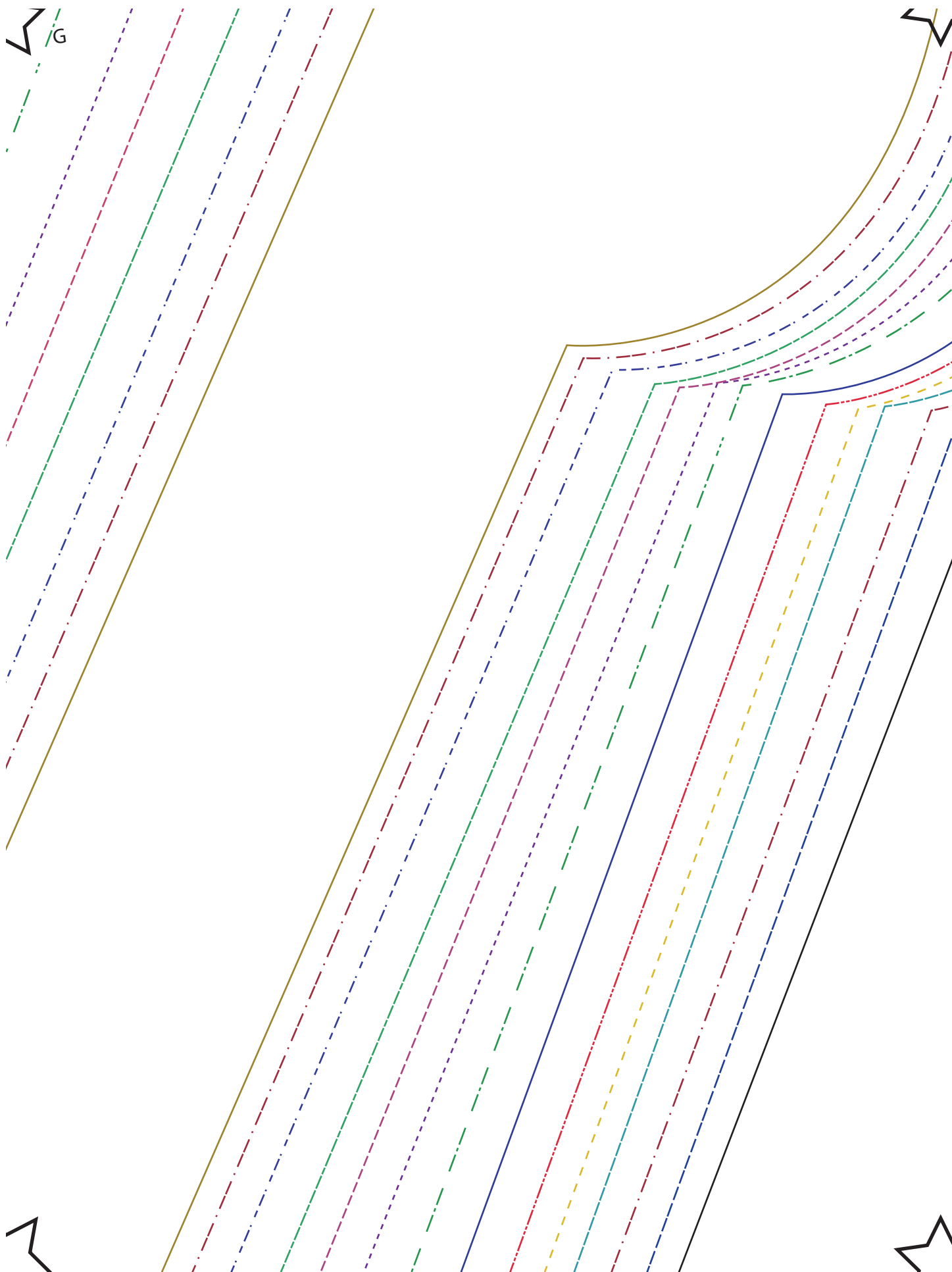


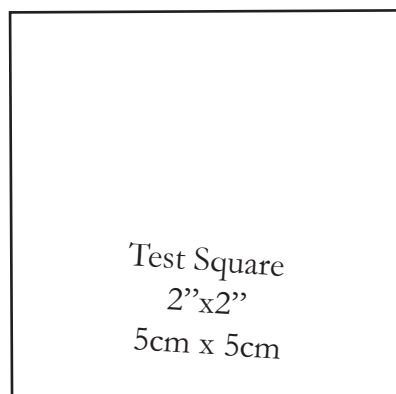
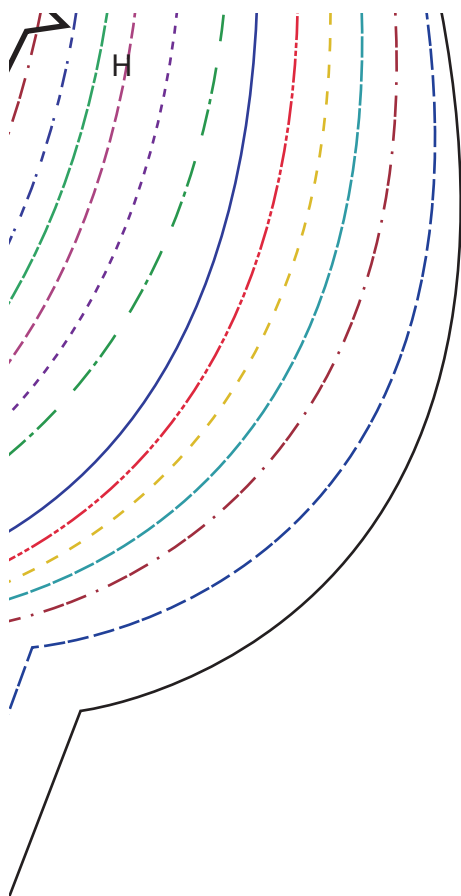


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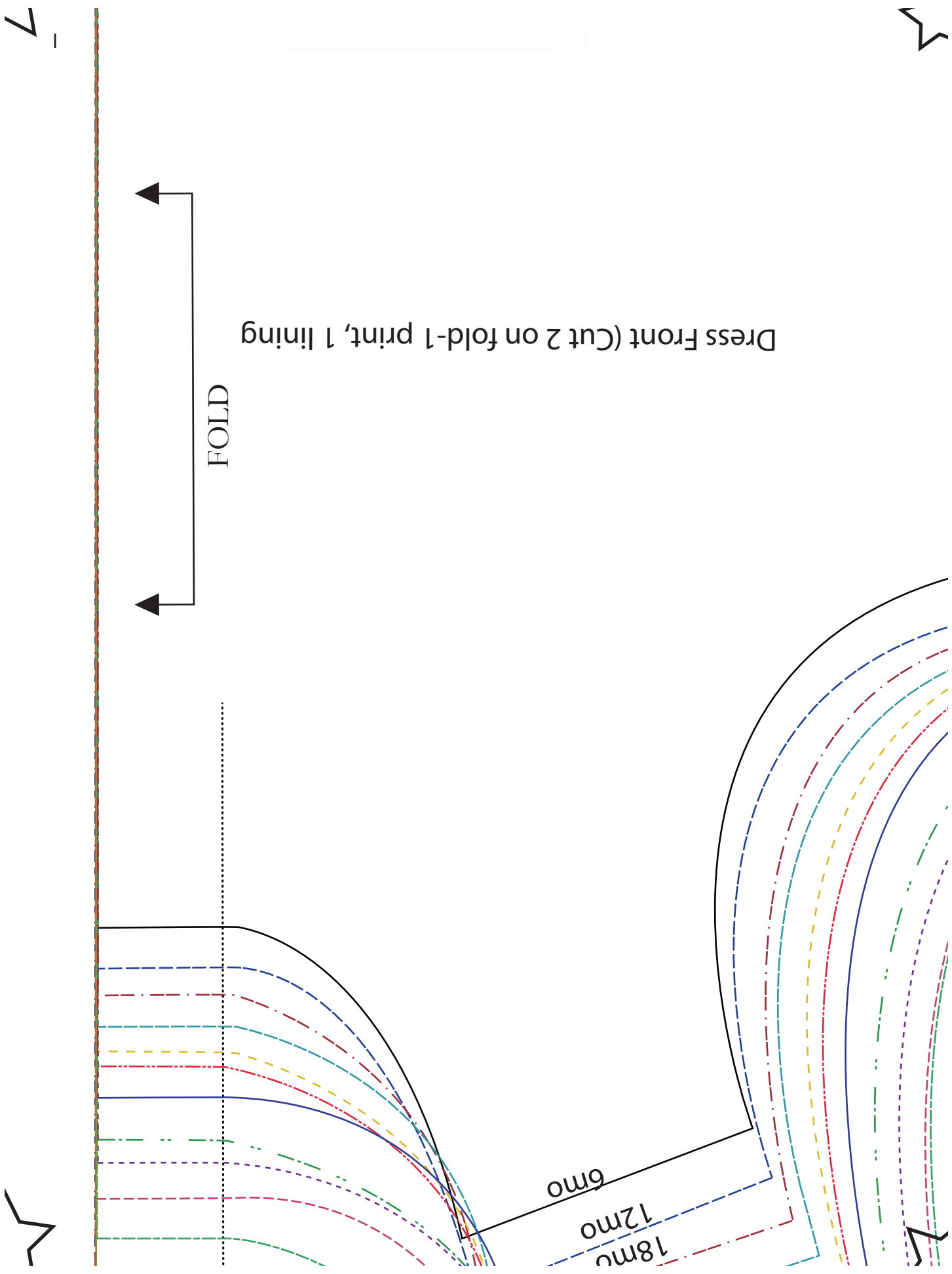


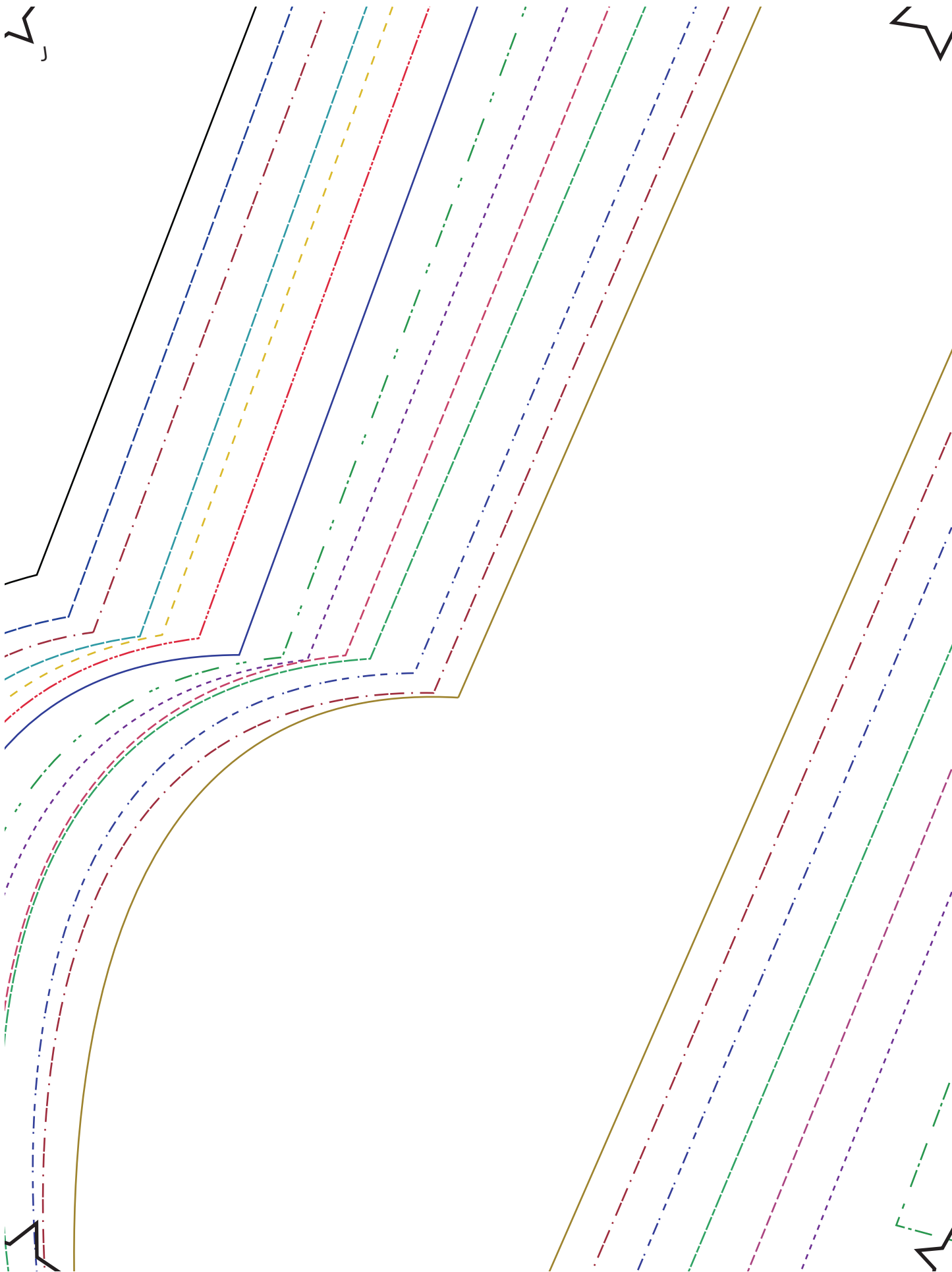


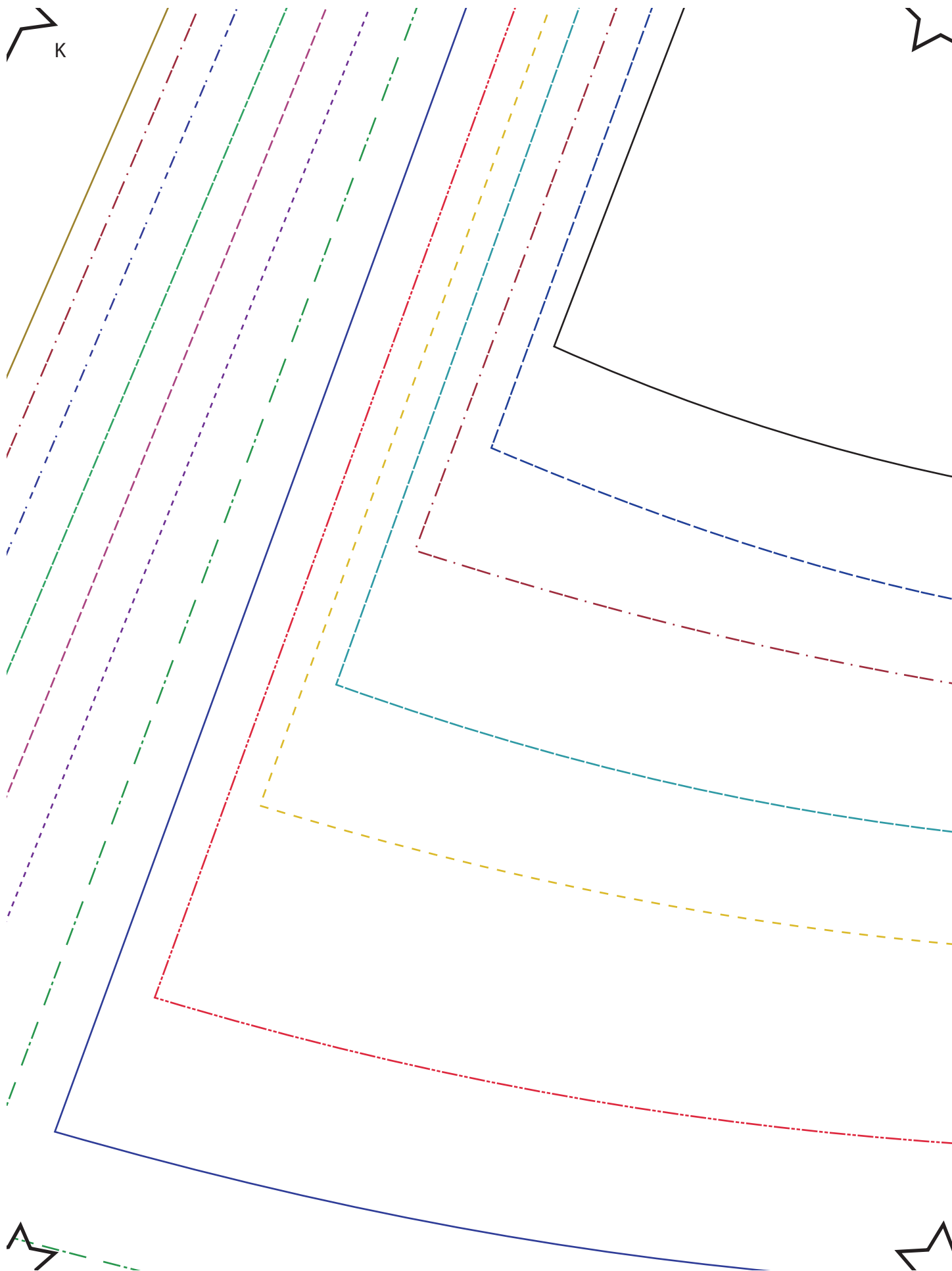


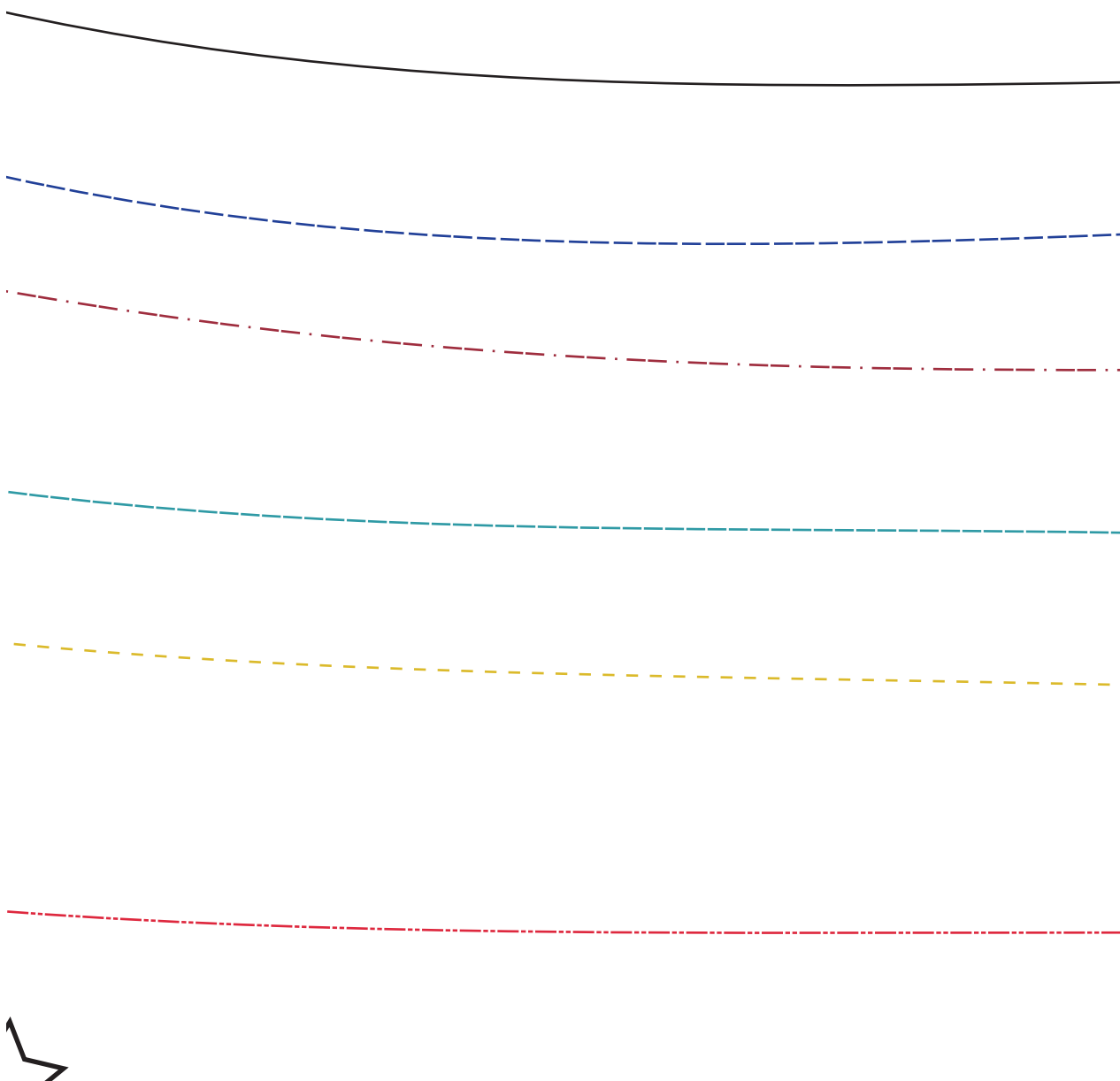
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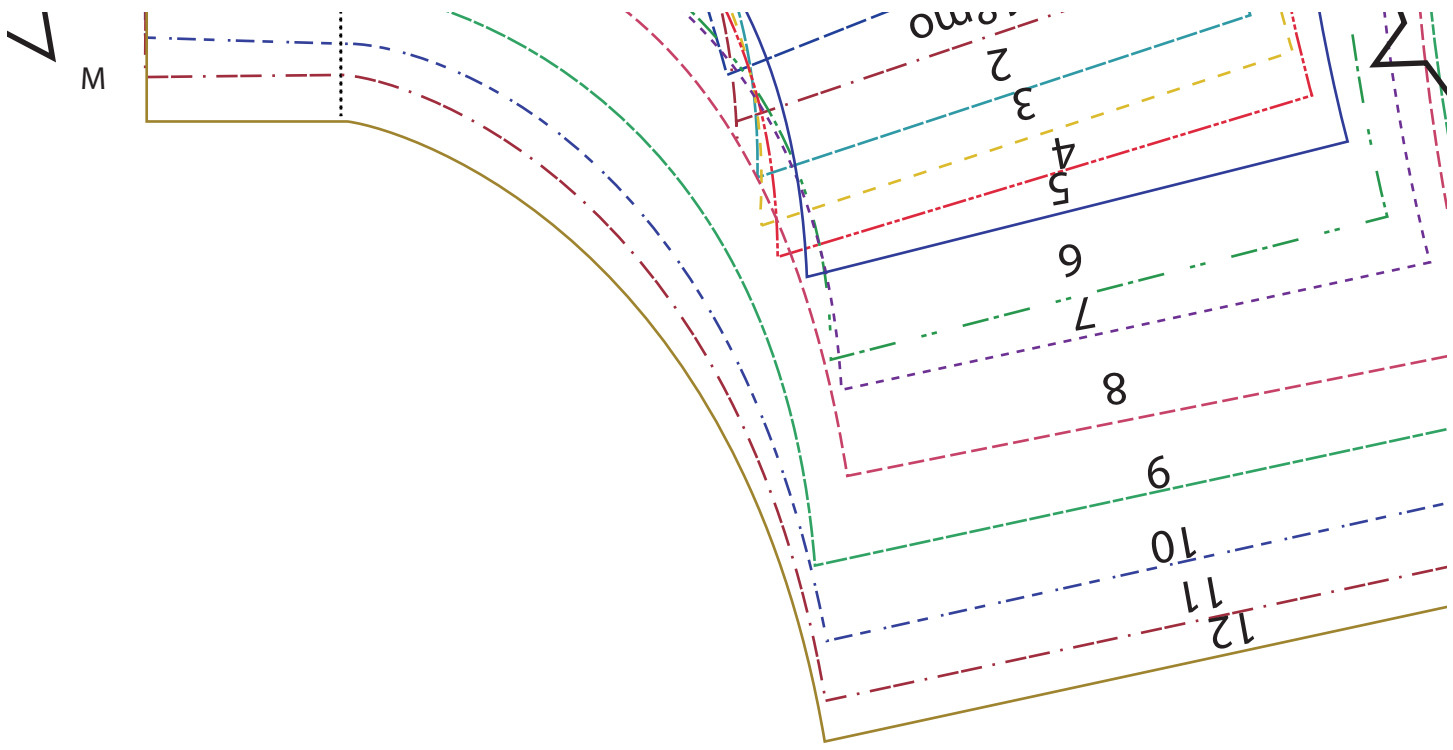
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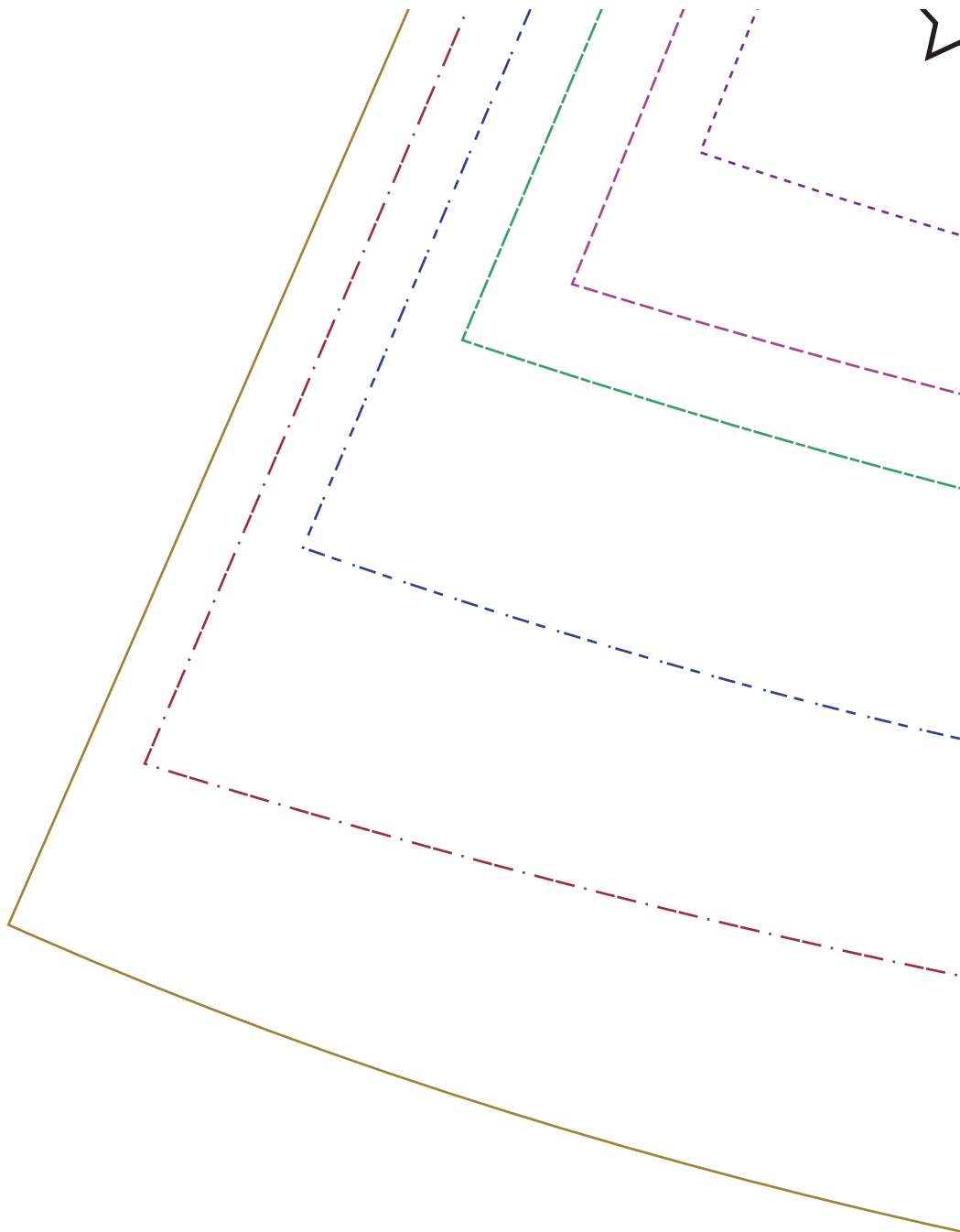
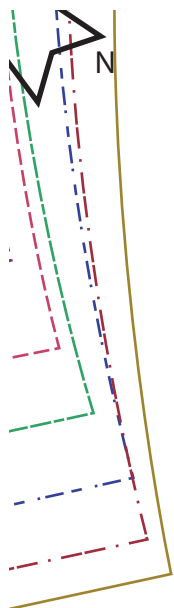












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