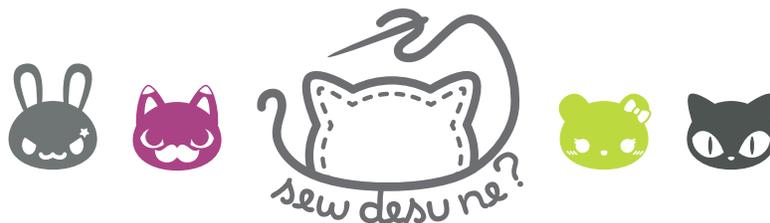


# zipper bucket bag



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I designed this because I'm a sucker for interesting pocket shapes and weird zipper angles. This is a very roomy bag with a circular bottom, perfect for taking to the beach or pool. The slanted front pocket gives it an interesting look and is perfect for stashing away your sunglasses or lotion.

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A few curves at the bottom, and the zipper is inserted at an angle, but all in all nothing too confusing.

MAKES:

one 10" x 13" bag that's about 6" deep

## MATERIALS & TOOLS

- 2/3 yd. of medium weight fabric for outer bag (denim, twill, suiting, or canvas is good)
- 1 yd. of lightweight fabric for lining (I used polyester lining fabric here)
- 16" zipper (at least)
- Matching sewing thread
- Sewing needle
- Basic sewing tools (sewing machine, scissors, iron, needles, pins, fabric marker, seam ripper)

### BEFORE YOU BEGIN:

1. Print out the project pattern, pages 8-15
2. Assemble the printed pattern pieces
3. Lay out the pattern pieces on your fabric and cut them out
4. Mark the fabric pieces with the guidelines from the pattern

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Sandwich the zipper between the outer fabric and lining of the front bottom, lining up the edges from the zipper and the slanted side of the bag pieces. Sew all the three layers together carefully with a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance, as the fabric will have a tendency to stretch while you sew. Press the fabric away from the zipper.

Repeat the same process with the front top pieces of the bag. Make sure the notches line up between the top and bottom pieces so that your slanted bag front pieces end up as a square with a zipper in between.



2

Layer one of the back lining pieces over the zippered piece you just finished. The size should be nearly the same, though it might be a few millimeters off here and there due to any stretching that might have happened in the previous step. Either way, trim off any excess fabric so both squares are the same size.

Baste the layers together all the way around the perimeter of the square. Be especially careful when sewing over the zipper.

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Sew the outer bag back to the bag front, similar to the previous step. However, only sew along the left and right sides. Leave the bottom and top open for turning the tube right side out. Once again, be extra careful when sewing over the zipper. Turn the tube right side out and press the seams.

3



Sew the bottom edge of the bag front and back to the circular bag bottom. Your side seams should match up with the notches on the bag bottom.

You may want to clip the seam allowances in the bag front and back so it stretches over the curves while you sew. Your end result should look something like this. Now repeat steps 3 & 4 for your lining pieces, being sure to leave an opening between the circles on the pattern for turning the bag right side out when you are finished.

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Make the straps by folding under each strap piece by 5/8" along the long sides. Iron the folds in place, then fold over the whole strap with wrong sides together lengthwise.



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Sew the strap in half by edge stitching along the folded edges.

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Baste the straps to your bag front and back where the pattern guidelines indicate. Be sure your straps aren't twisted when you do this.



Nestle the lining into your outer bag with right sides facing, matching up the side seams. Sew along the top edge all the way around, which will also anchor your straps in place. Turn the bag right side out through the opening in the lining and press the top seam. Also sew closed the opening in the lining either by machine or with a ladder stitch.



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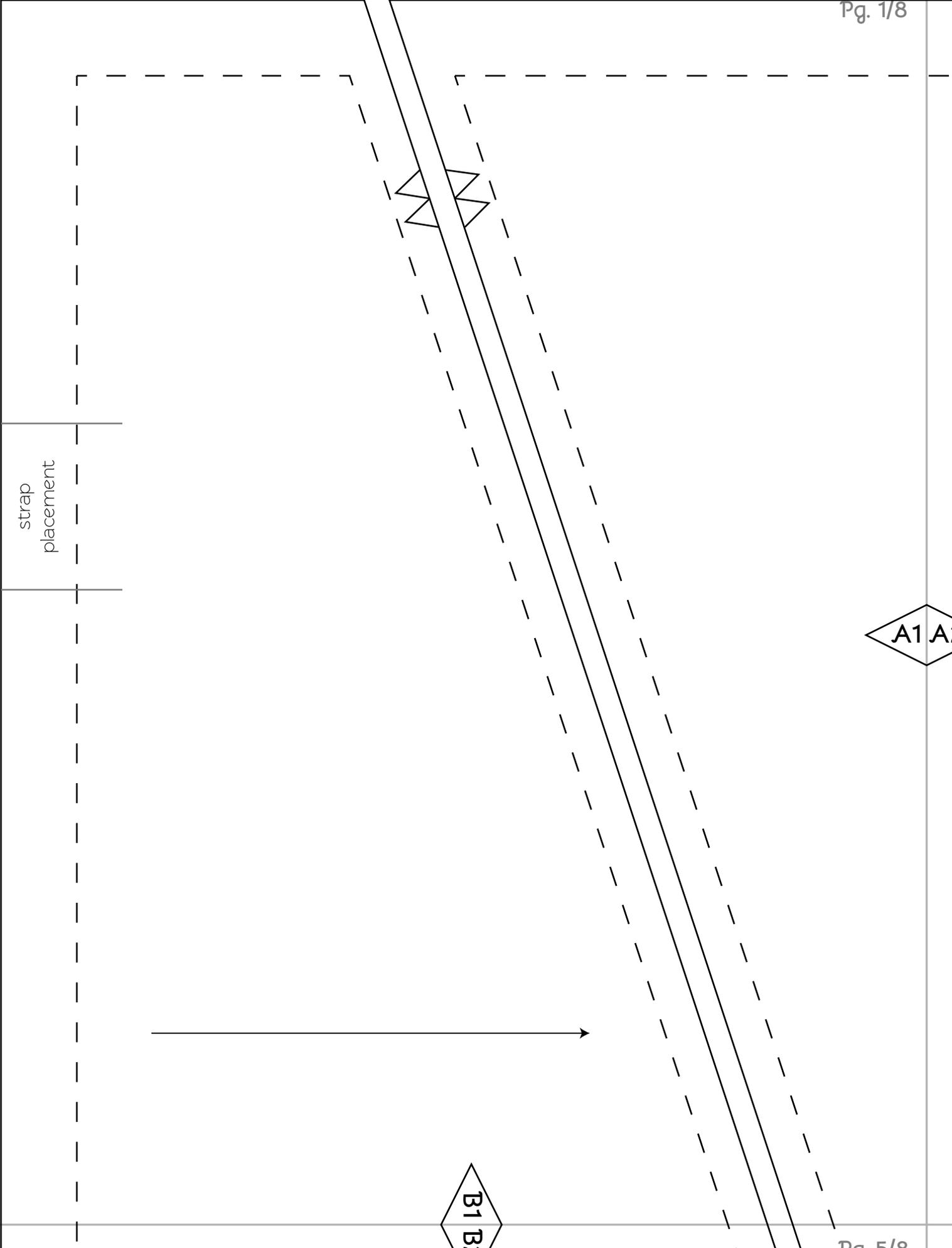
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If you want, I suggest you topstitch about  $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the top of the bag to keep the lining from occasionally peeking out.

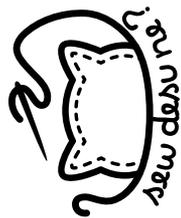


strap  
placement

A1 A2

B1 B2

A1 A2



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## FRONT BOTTOM

Cut 1 of outer fabric

Cut 1 of lining fabric (reversed)  
5/8" seam allowance



B3 B4

A3 A4

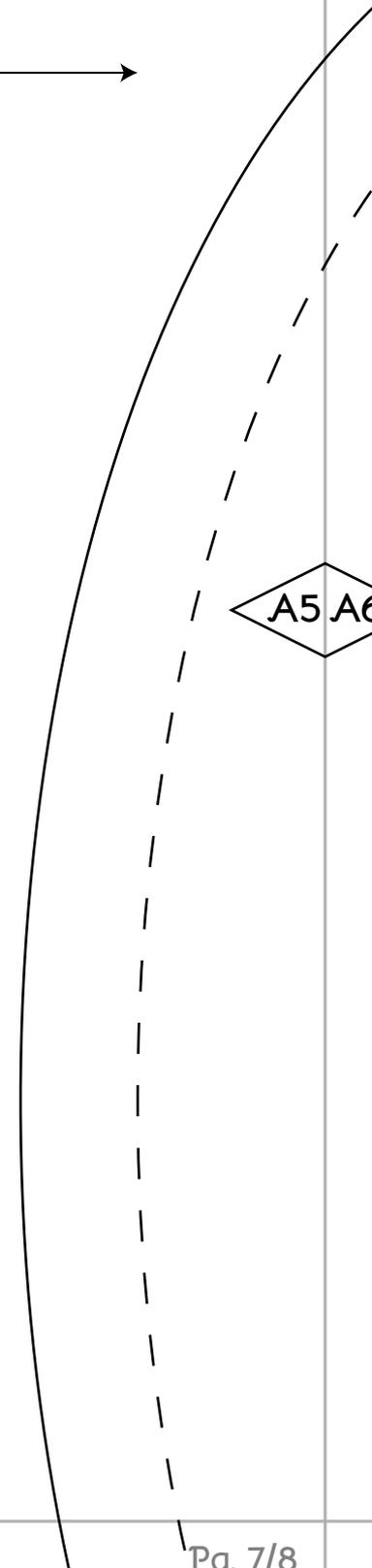
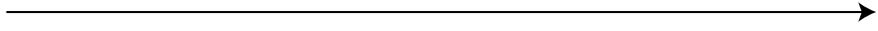
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strap  
placement

B5 B6

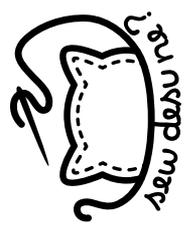
A5 A6

opening for  
turning



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A5 A6



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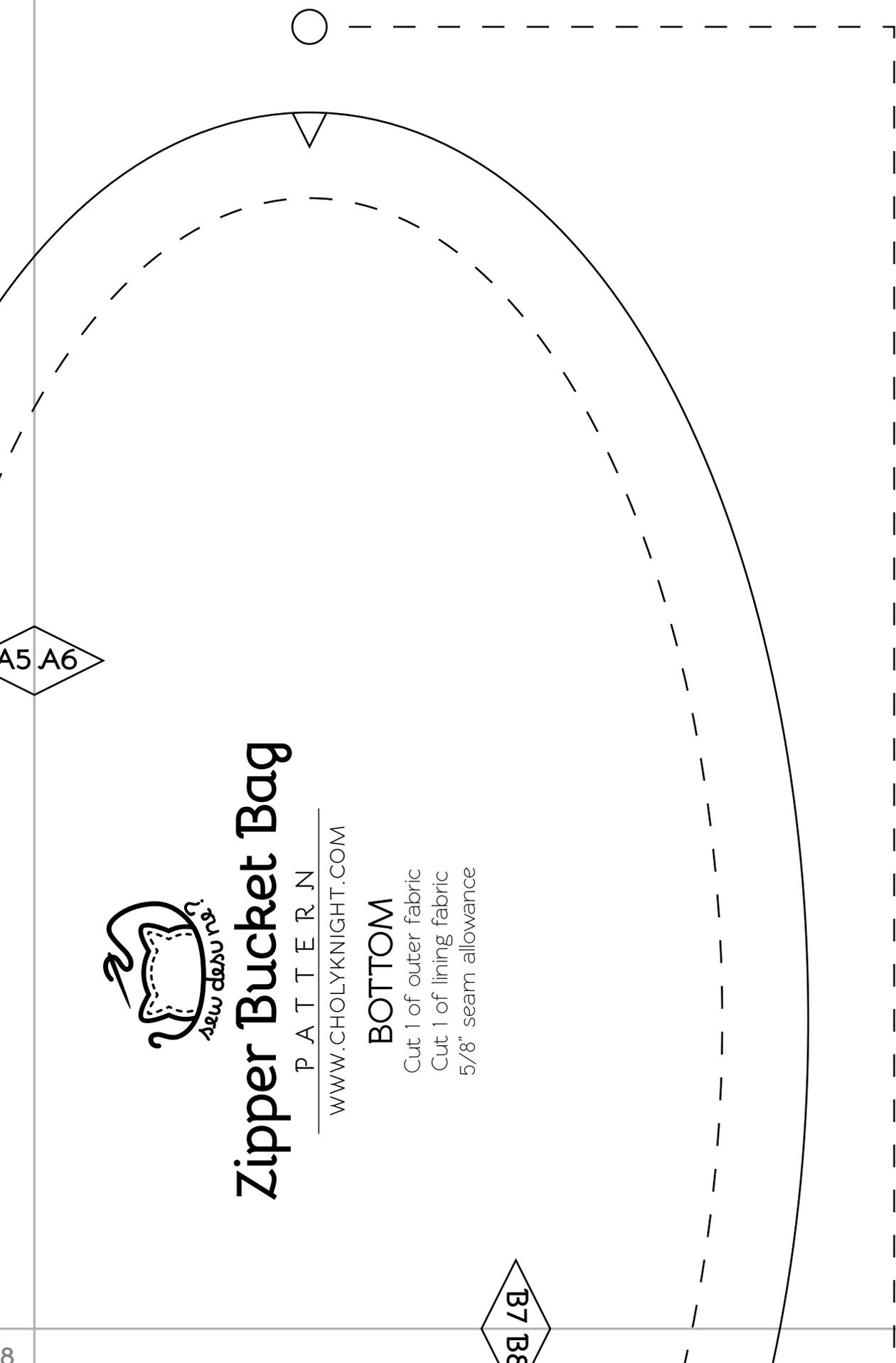
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## BOTTOM

- Cut 1 of outer fabric
- Cut 1 of lining fabric
- 5/8" seam allowance

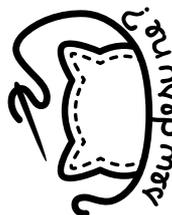
B7 B8



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B1  
B2

strap  
placement



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## FRONT TOP

Cut 1 of outer fabric

Cut 1 of lining fabric (reversed)

5/8" seam allowance

C1  
C2



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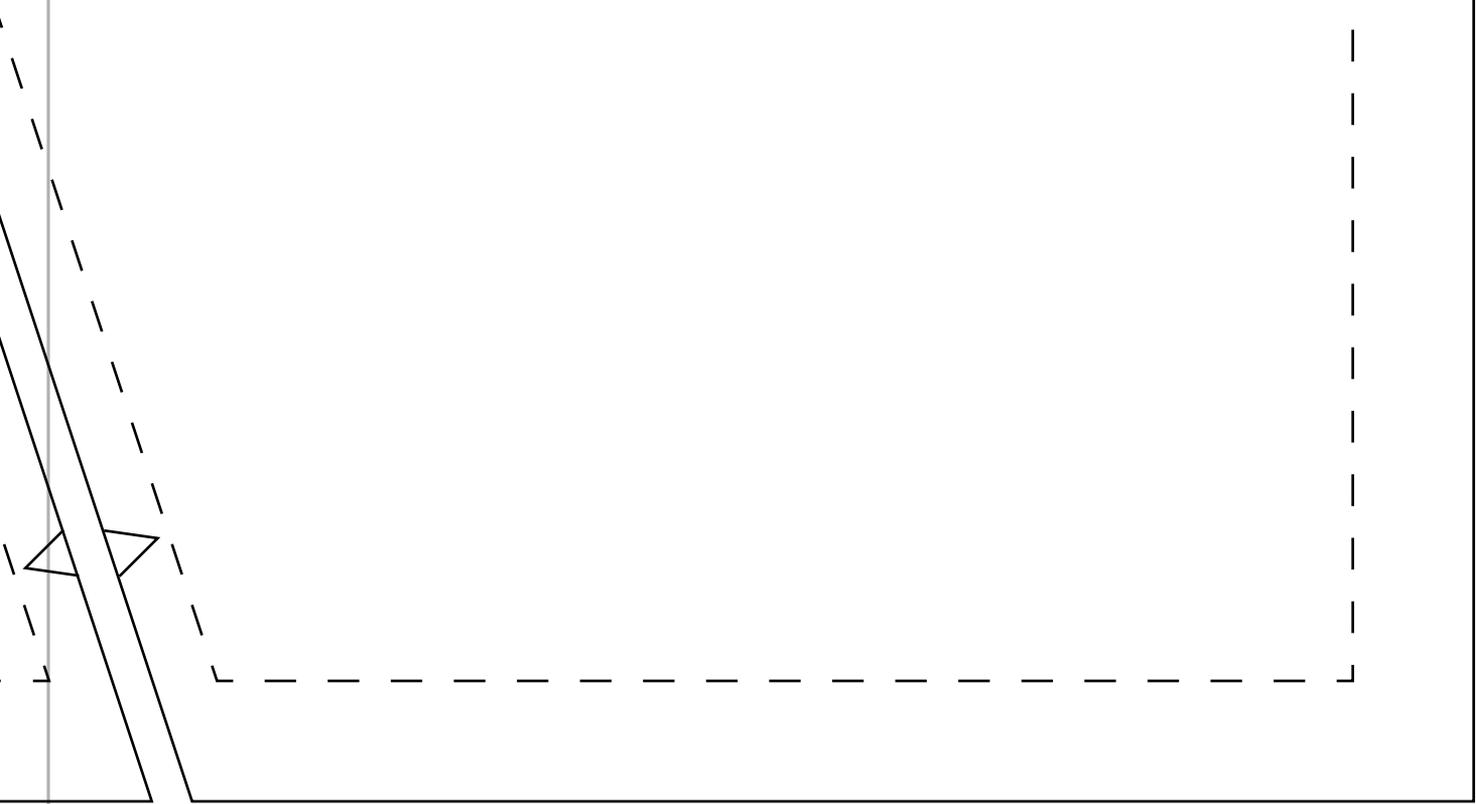
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## STRAP

Cut 2 of outer fabric

5/8" seam allowance

B3 B4



C1 C2

foldline

C3 C4



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## BACK

- Cut 1 of outer fabric
- Cut 3 of lining fabric
- 5/8" seam allowance

strap  
placement

B5 B6

C5 C6

C3 C4

8

B7 B8

C5 C6

