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Japanese Knot Purse (page 1 of 10)



*Two versions of the clever Japanese Knot Purse
Version 1 has a curved bottom and optional sashiko quilting motifs,
and version 2 has a circle bottom, which allows it to sit flat.*

Side Part A

Japanese Knot Purse Sides

****After taping Pattern Parts A
and B together****

Cut 2 of outer fabric
Cut 2 of lining fabric

**Note: If you are stitching the
sashiko patterns, remember to
reverse one Pattern Side Part A
before cutting.**

Tape Pattern Side Part A to Pattern Side Part B on the dotted line.

Japanese Knot Purse Sides

****After taping Pattern Parts A
and B together****

Cut 2 of outer fabric
Cut 2 of lining fabric

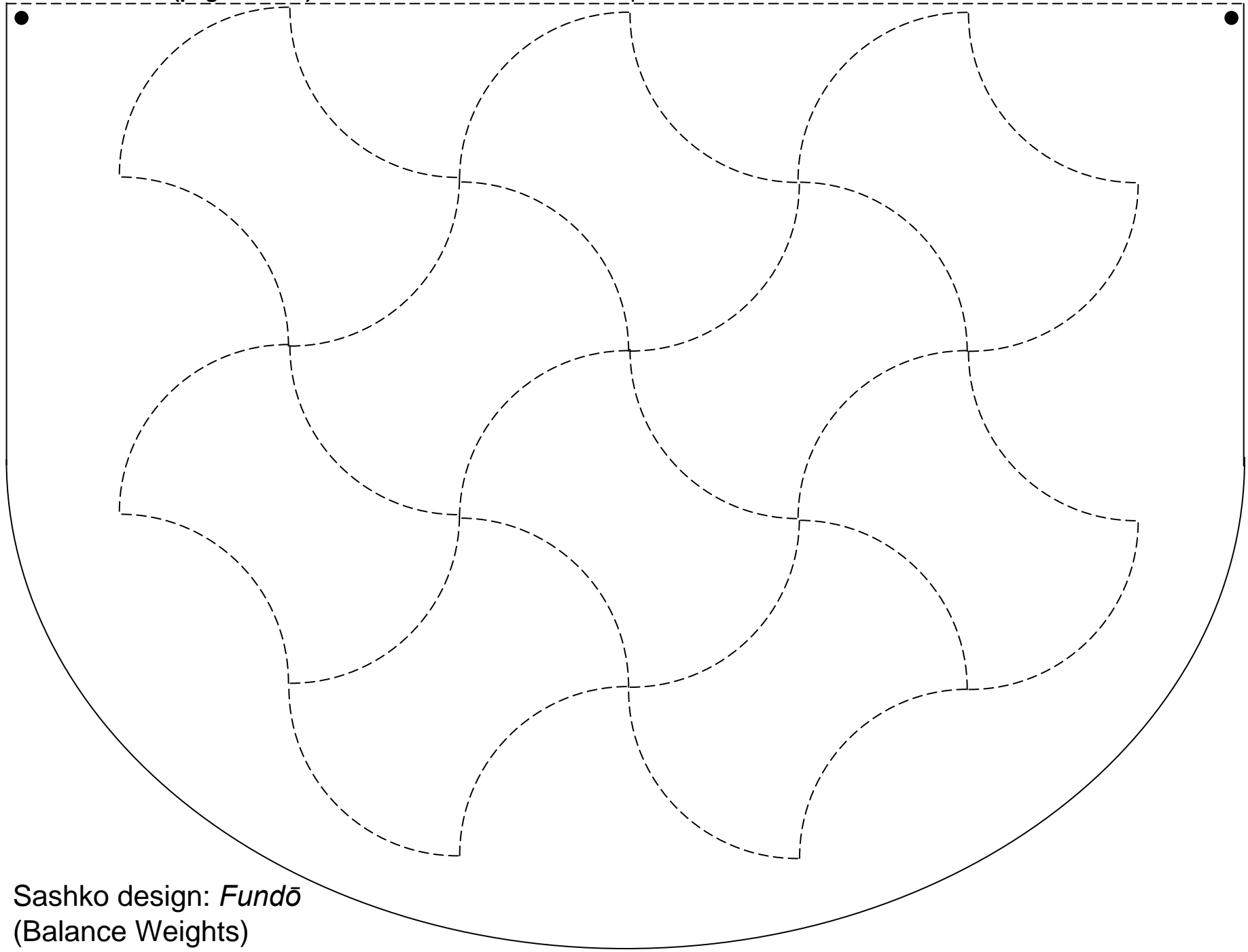
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sashiko patterns, remember to
reverse one Pattern Side Part A
before cutting.**

Side Part A

Tape Pattern Side Part A to Pattern Side Part B on the dotted line.

Side Part B
Curved Version

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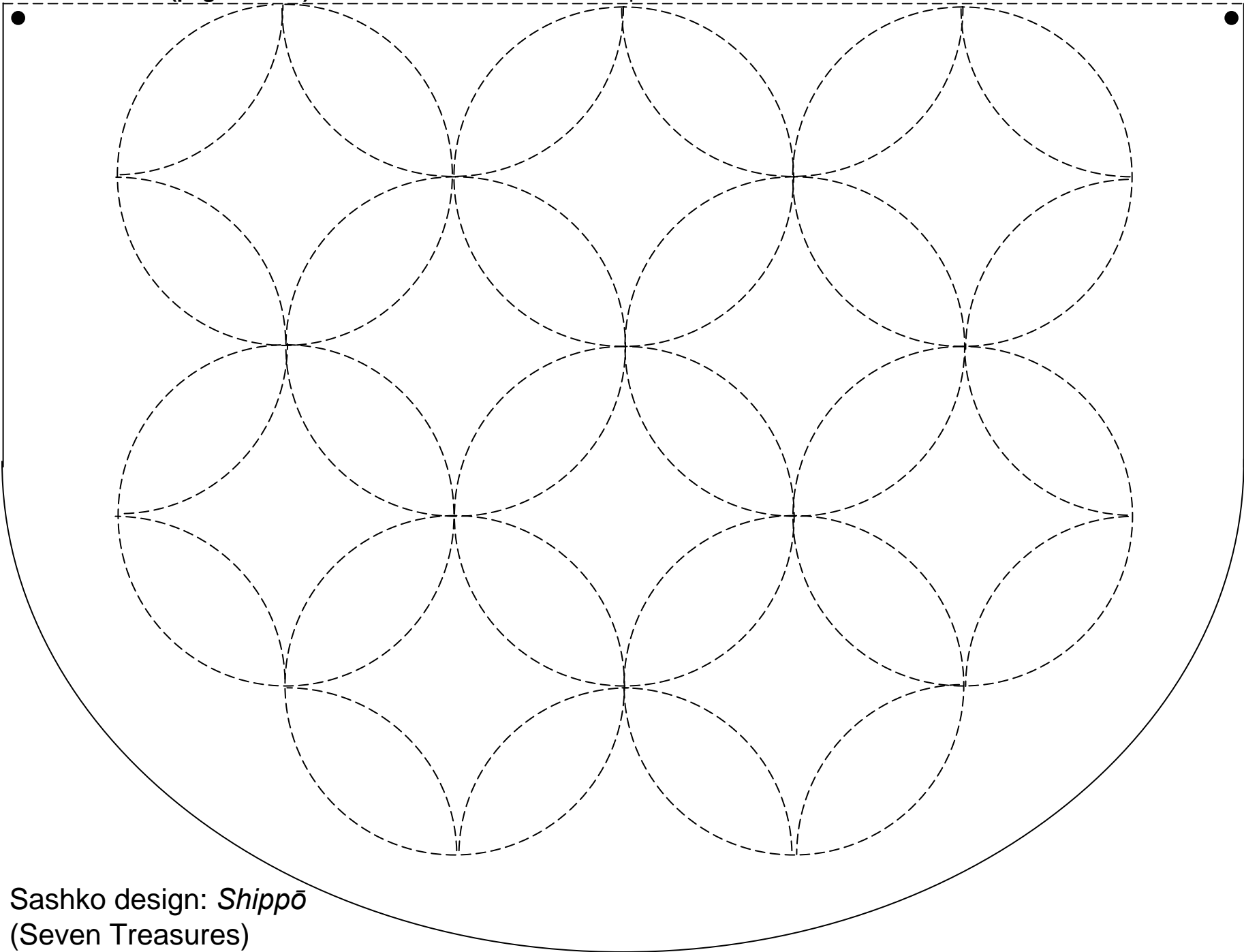


Sashko design: *Fundō*
(Balance Weights)

Side Part B
Curved Version

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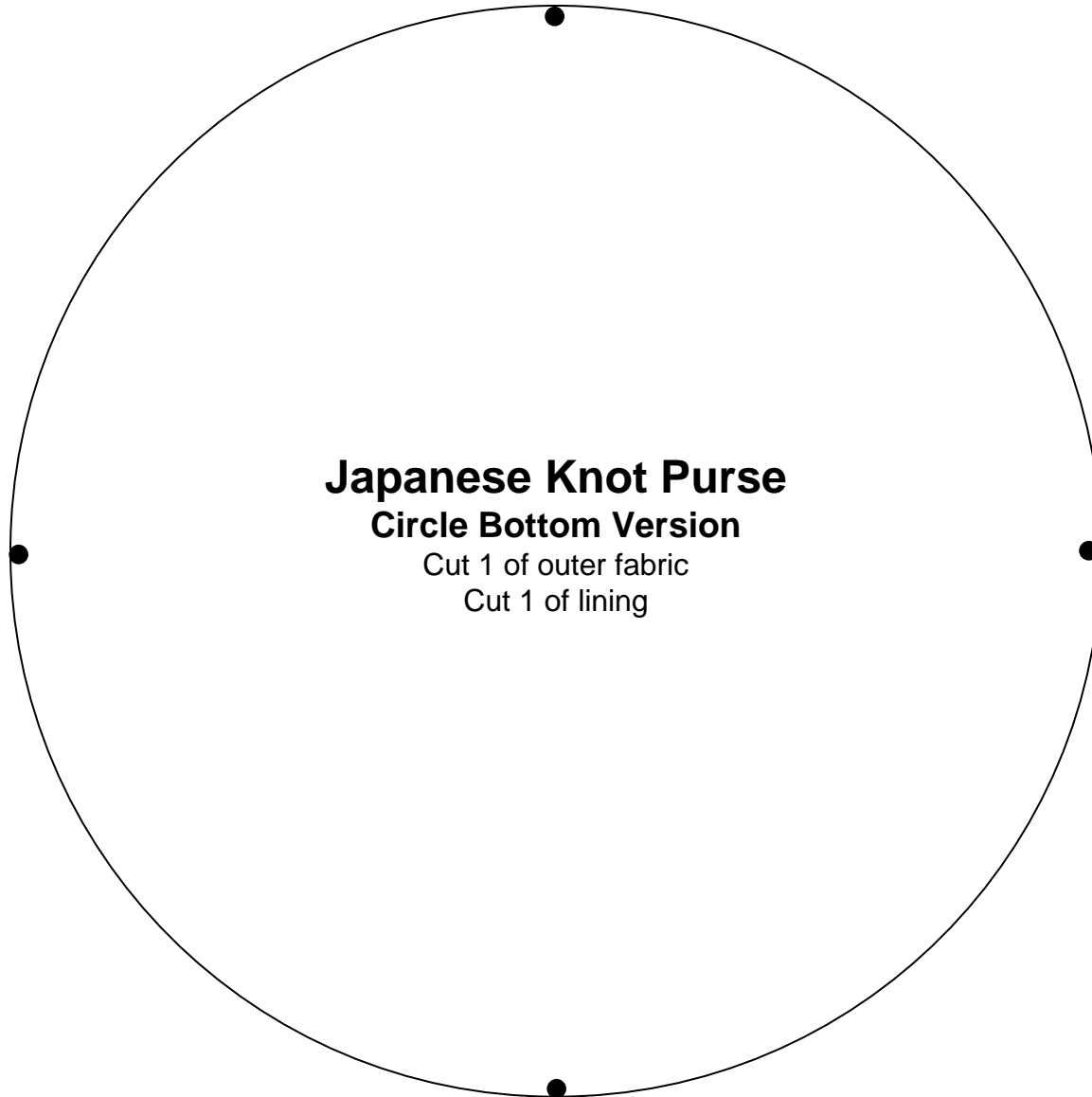


Sashko design: *Shippō*
(Seven Treasures)

Side Part B
Round Version

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Japanese Knot Purse

Circle Bottom Version

Cut 1 of outer fabric

Cut 1 of lining



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Note: All seams are ¼ inch.

Knot Purse With Curved Bottom

1. Use pattern pieces on pages 2 and 4. If you are stitching the sashiko designs, also use the pattern pieces on pages 3 and 5.
2. Tape the pattern pieces together as indicated.
3. Cut two of outer fabric, two of lining fabric, and two of thin batting (or you can use flannel).
4. Mark the two dots on the sides of the pattern onto the fabric.
5. If you are stitching the sashiko designs, mark and stitch using the patterns on pages 4 and 5. (Very basic sashiko stitching instructions are on the following page:
<http://www.mirkwooddesigns.com/projects/sashiko.pdf>)
6. Place the two outer fabric pieces together and stitch from dot to dot around the curved bottom. (Figure 1) Repeat with the lining fabric.
7. Pin the outer fabric and the lining right sides together along the handle edges. Along the narrowest two sides, fold the lining fabric in ¼ inch. (Figure 2)
8. Sew the lining and the outer bags together on each side, from A to B, then from B to C, on both sides. (Figure 3)
9. Sew around the curve on each side and clip the curve close to the stitching. (Figure 4)
10. Carefully pull the purse right-side out through one of the handle openings.
11. Sew the handles together and hand stitch the openings closed. (Figure 5)

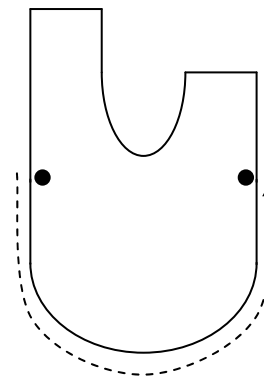


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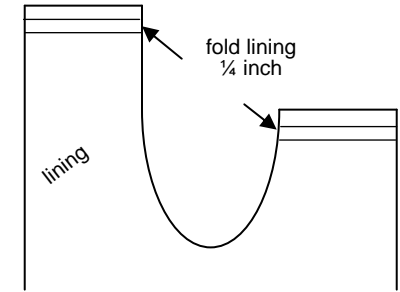


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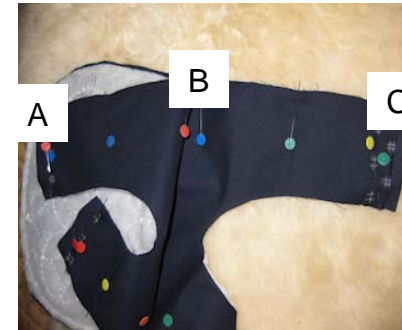


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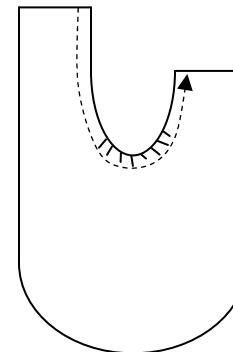


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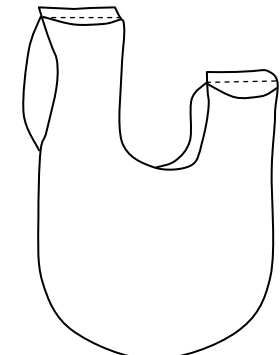


Figure 5.

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Note: All seams are $\frac{1}{4}$ inch.

Knot Purse With Round Bottom

1. Use pattern pieces on pages 2, 6, 7, and 8.
2. Tape the pattern pieces together as indicated.
3. Cut two of outer fabric, two of lining fabric, and one of Peltex (sturdy interfacing) for the bottom.
4. Mark the two dots on the sides of the pattern onto the fabric.
5. Place the two outer fabric pieces together and stitch from the bottom to the dot. (Figure 1) Repeat with the lining fabric.
6. Mark the dots on the circles and pin to the open bottoms of the lining and outer fabric, matching dots and side seams. (Figure 2). Sew the circles.
7. Pin the outer fabric and the lining right sides together along the handle edges. Along the narrowest two sides, fold the lining fabric in $\frac{1}{4}$ inch. (Figure 3)
8. Sew the lining and the outer bags together on each side, from A to B, then from B to C, on both sides. (Figure 4)
9. Sew around the curve on each side and clip the curve close to the stitching. (Figure 5)
10. Carefully pull the purse right-side out through one of the handle openings.
11. Sew the handles together and hand stitch the openings closed. (Figure 6)

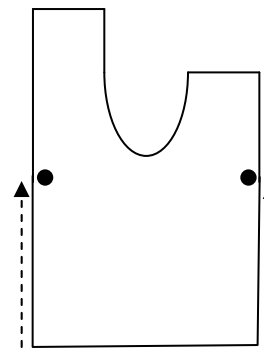


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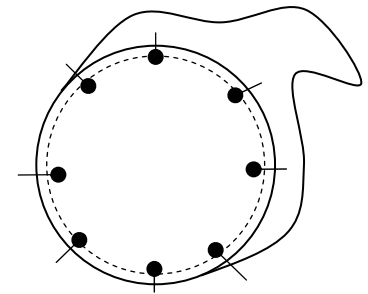


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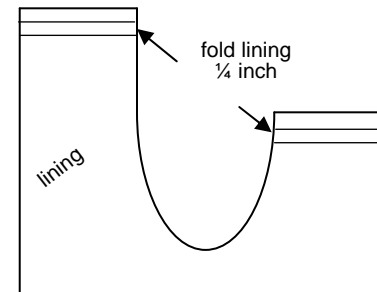


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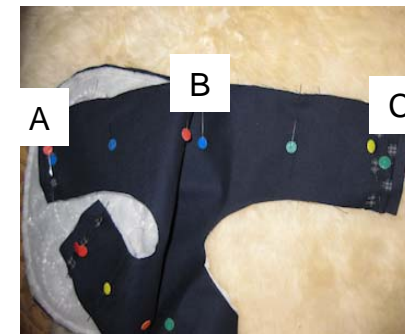


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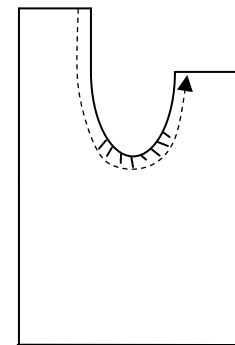


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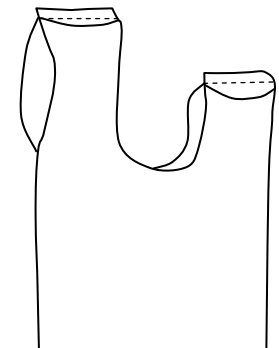


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