

## Brain Challenge Purse Pattern Instructions

These instructions will probably be an overkill for most of you, but I wrote it like "Purse Making for Dummies". The dummy in this case would be me.. LOL Step by step, piece by piece or I lose it.

They are saved in jpg format. Patterns include a 1/4" seam allowance

Pattern pieces are printed, cut out, and glued together to make the large pattern. I left about a half inch extra paper at the edges to make sure I had a good overlap to glue or tape. When printing don't forget to uncheck the "fit to page" box on the printer setting before you print!

### Fabric Requirements and number of pieces to cut

Allowed 1" beyond pattern measurement. I scrounge through scraps. You may want more.

Pattern Piece	Cut	Size
Main	2	15 x 17
Upper Curve	2	12 x 15
Lower Curve	2	14 x 17
Lining	2	15 x 17
Inner	2	15 x 16
Gusset Main (Strip Cut..no pattern)	1	3 ½ x 26
Gusset Lining (Strip Cut..no pattern)	1	3 x 26
Muslin Fabric for Main Backing	2	15x17
Batting for main quilting sandwich	2	15x17

### Putting it together

The matching and center lines are **very important** to save a lot of frustration. Somehow that hole gets put together wonky and screws up the outer edges if you don't.. a little extra time but saves it in the long run.

If making solid **Main** piece make sandwich...**Main** piece, batting, muslin.

If making curved design sew curved **pieces** together then make sandwich. Don't clip tails until after you are sure they are right..screwed up there once.

Baste stitch around hole on both **Main** and **Lining** about ½" in. ..keeps it from warping and makes it easier to clip batting and backing out of seam.

Here's where that dreaded "quilt as desired" comes in..What else can I say? Whatever you do **DON'T QUILT IN THE SEAM ALLOWANCE** or you will be picking thread to remove batting and backing for smoother seams.

After quilting you should check the **Main** piece against the **Lining** to make sure they are a correct match or wait to cut your lining and pocket until after this step. The lining should still be a little smaller at the

bottom but match close at the top. I was shocked how much difference the quilting made...The **Lining** piece was adjusted to make it smaller...Hate baggy linings so hopefully it will work well. I found there was little difference in the upper part of the **Main** piece after quilting...much smaller area so didn't change much...lower part had much more quilting and shrunk more. I adjusted the bottom of the **Lining** pattern to make up for that.

**Gusset**... At one end fold over  $\frac{1}{4}$ " and press, then stitch down. Pin around bottom of **Main** center line to center line...When correct length has been established cut off excess leaving  $\frac{1}{4}$ " to fold under. Press and top stitch. Now stitch **Gusset** to **Main** joining them together.

### **Lining, Pocket and Gusset**

Press folded **pockets** and top stitch upper folded edge. Forgot to top stitch first on one and had to rip out...Line up center markings and edges. Glue or pin together... Sew to **Lining** at center seam. Just me but I went around the edges too, a little in from the  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance. This kept it in place and also was a good reminder when clipping curves not to go too far. Unfortunately I did this too.

**Gusset**... At one end fold over  $\frac{1}{4}$ " and press..stitch down. Pin around bottom of **Lining**..center line to center line...When correct length has been established cut off excess leaving  $\frac{1}{4}$ " to fold under. Press and top stitch. Now stitch **Gusset** to **Lining** joining them together.

At this point I cleaned up the seam lines by removing batting and muslin from **main** and clipped curves...I pressed the seams toward the **Gusset**.

### **Lining to Main**

The **Lining** is turned right side out...The **Main** is turned with wrong side out...Insert **Lining** into **Main**. Right sides should be together. Sew from one **Gusset** to the other. Repeat for other side. Reach into the opening on either side of center hole and pull through. Don't bring it up through the center hole.. it doesn't work.. Once it is turned, seams are straightened and pressed. I top stitched around the edges and hand stitched the **Gusset** tops together but they could be top stitched if desired. Hand stitched the bottom **Gusset**

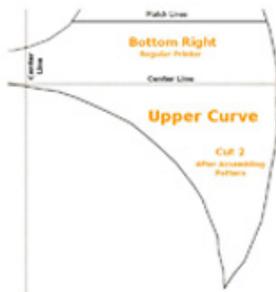
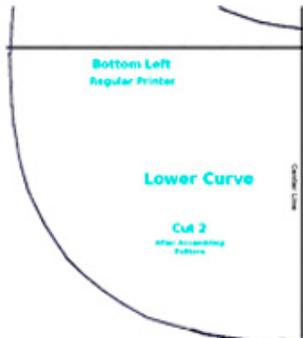
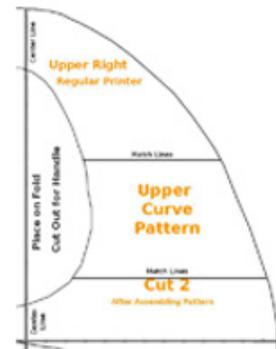
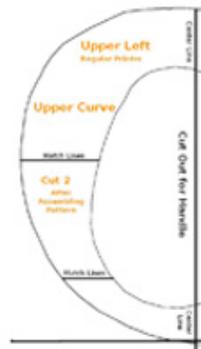
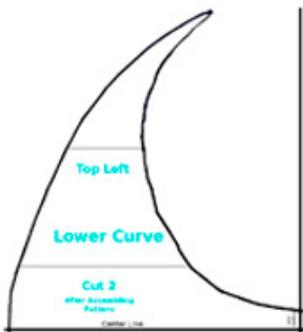
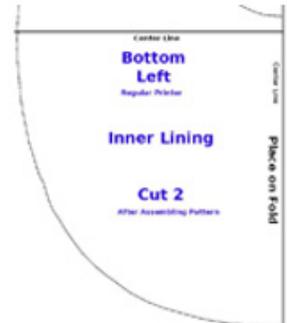
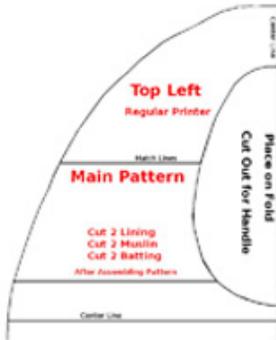
Last is the center hole. Fold seam allowance back  $\frac{1}{4}$ " and press. Top stitch or hand stitch together then remove the basting stitch. Lightly press and your done...

Going to do this one more time just to make sure I got it right and didn't leave anything out. I hate it when I get patterns or manuals that are written by someone who didn't think it through or never did it to start with....

**Happy Quilting**.....Cecelia

# Overview

## Brain Challenge Purse Pieces for Standard Format Printers



Center Line

**Top Left**  
Regular Printer

Match Lines

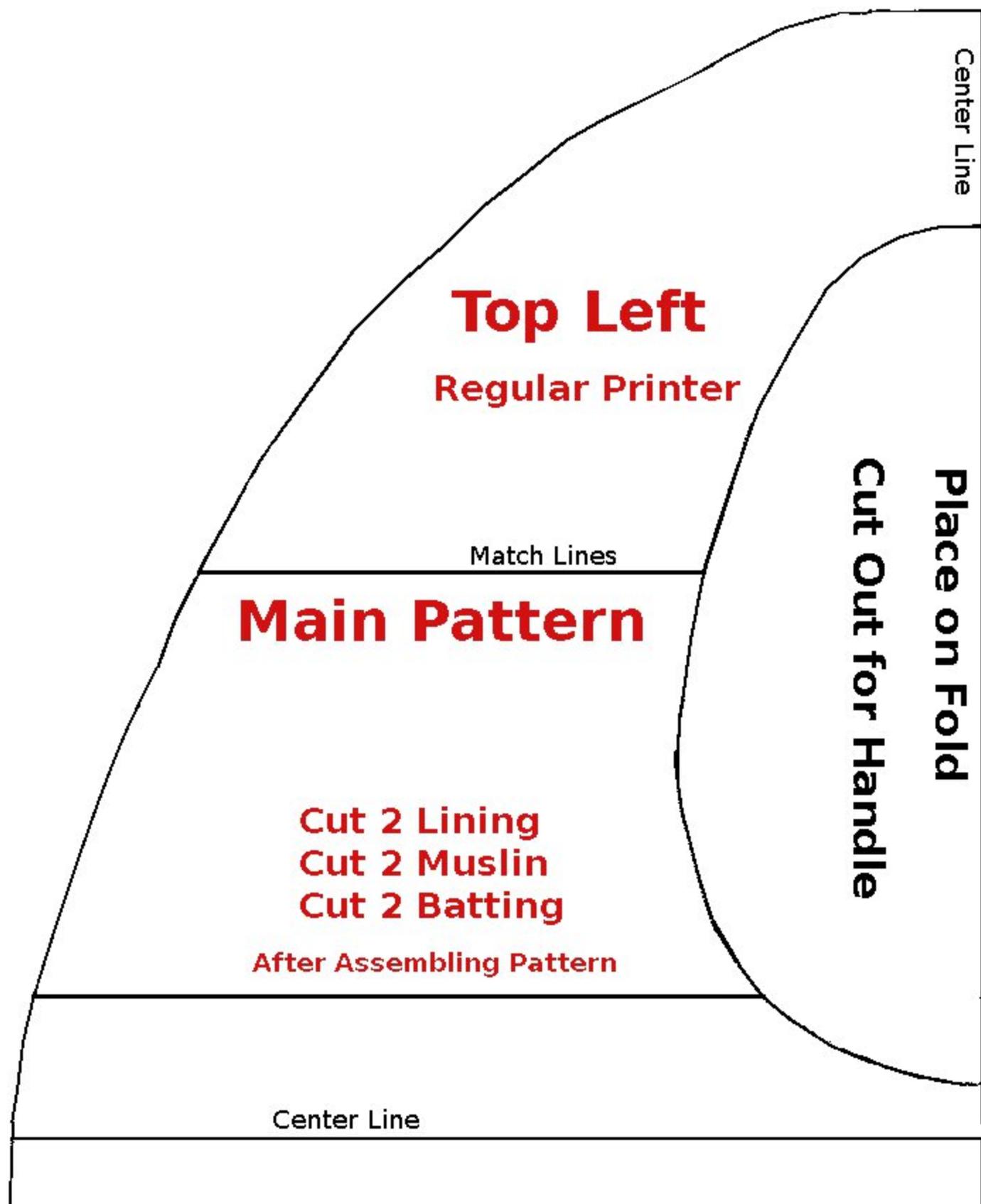
**Main Pattern**

**Cut 2 Lining**  
**Cut 2 Muslin**  
**Cut 2 Batting**

**After Assembling Pattern**

**Place on Fold**  
**Cut Out for Handle**

Center Line



Center Line

# **Bottom Left**

Regular Printer

# **Main Pattern**

**Cut 2 Lining**

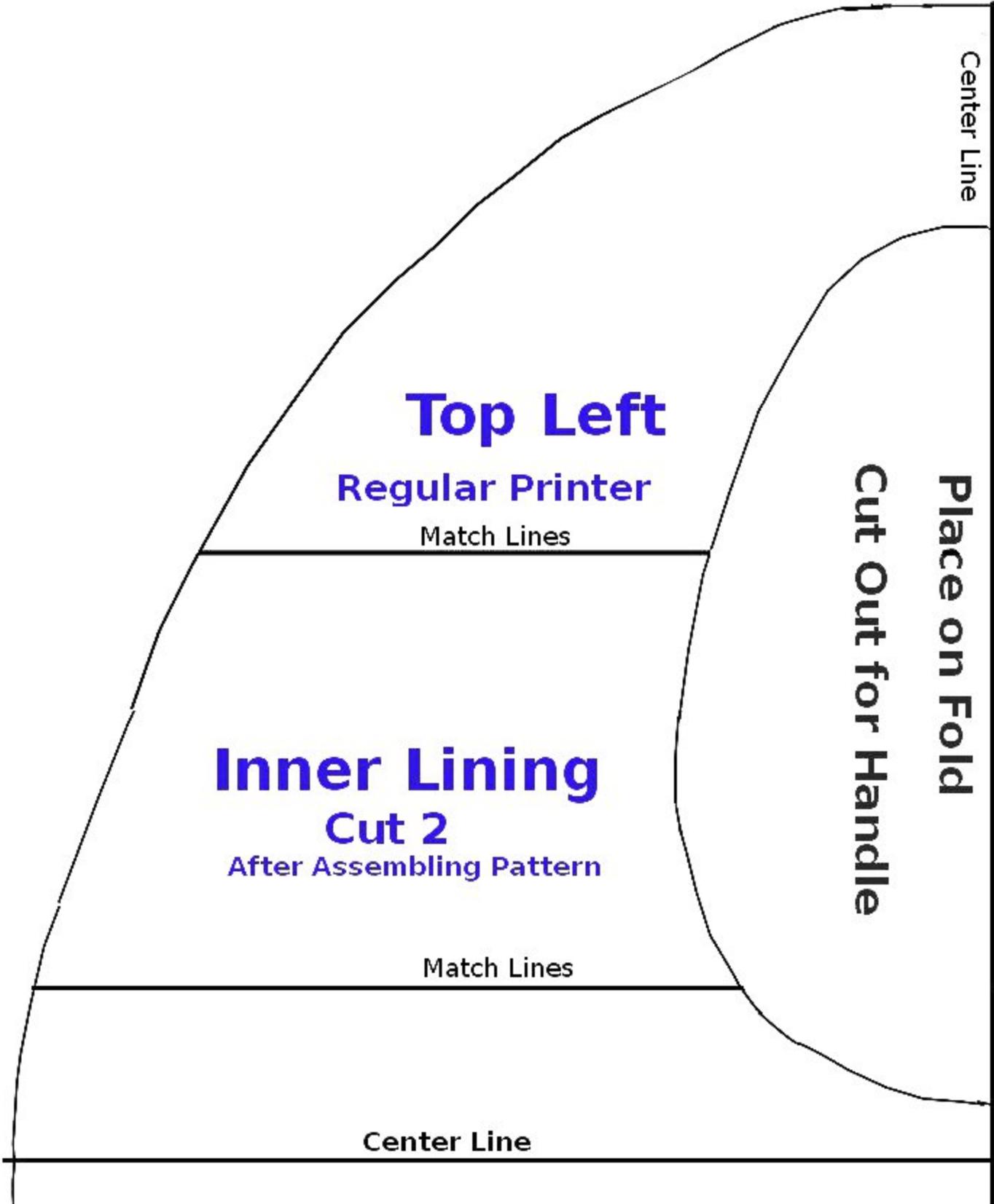
**Cut 2 Muslin**

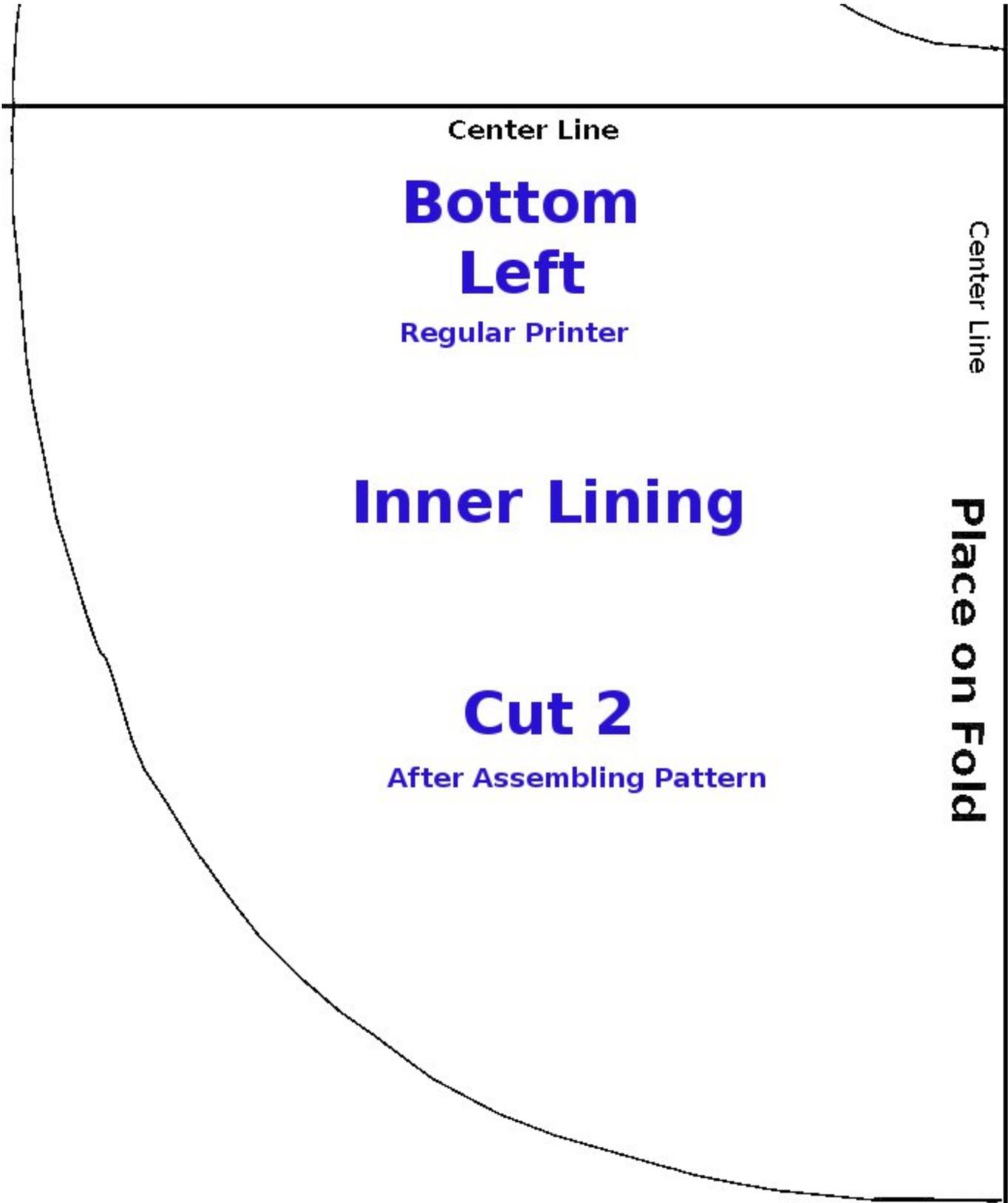
**Cut 2 Batting**

*After Assembling Pattern*

**Place on Fold**

Center Line





Center Line

**Bottom  
Left**

Regular Printer

**Inner Lining**

**Cut 2**

After Assembling Pattern

Center Line

**Place on Fold**

Center Line

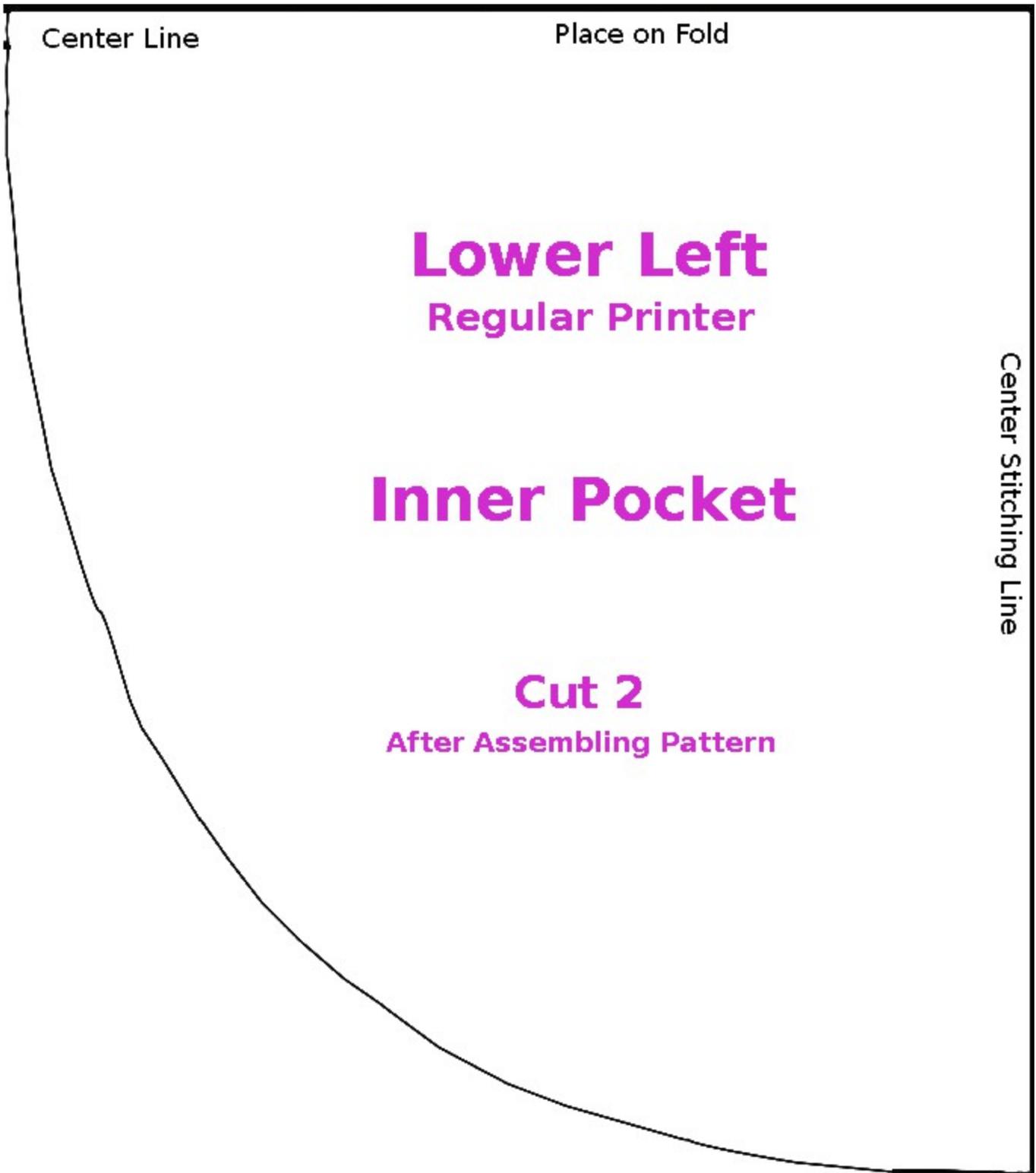
Place on Fold

**Lower Left**  
Regular Printer

**Inner Pocket**

**Cut 2**  
After Assembling Pattern

Center Stitching Line



Center Line

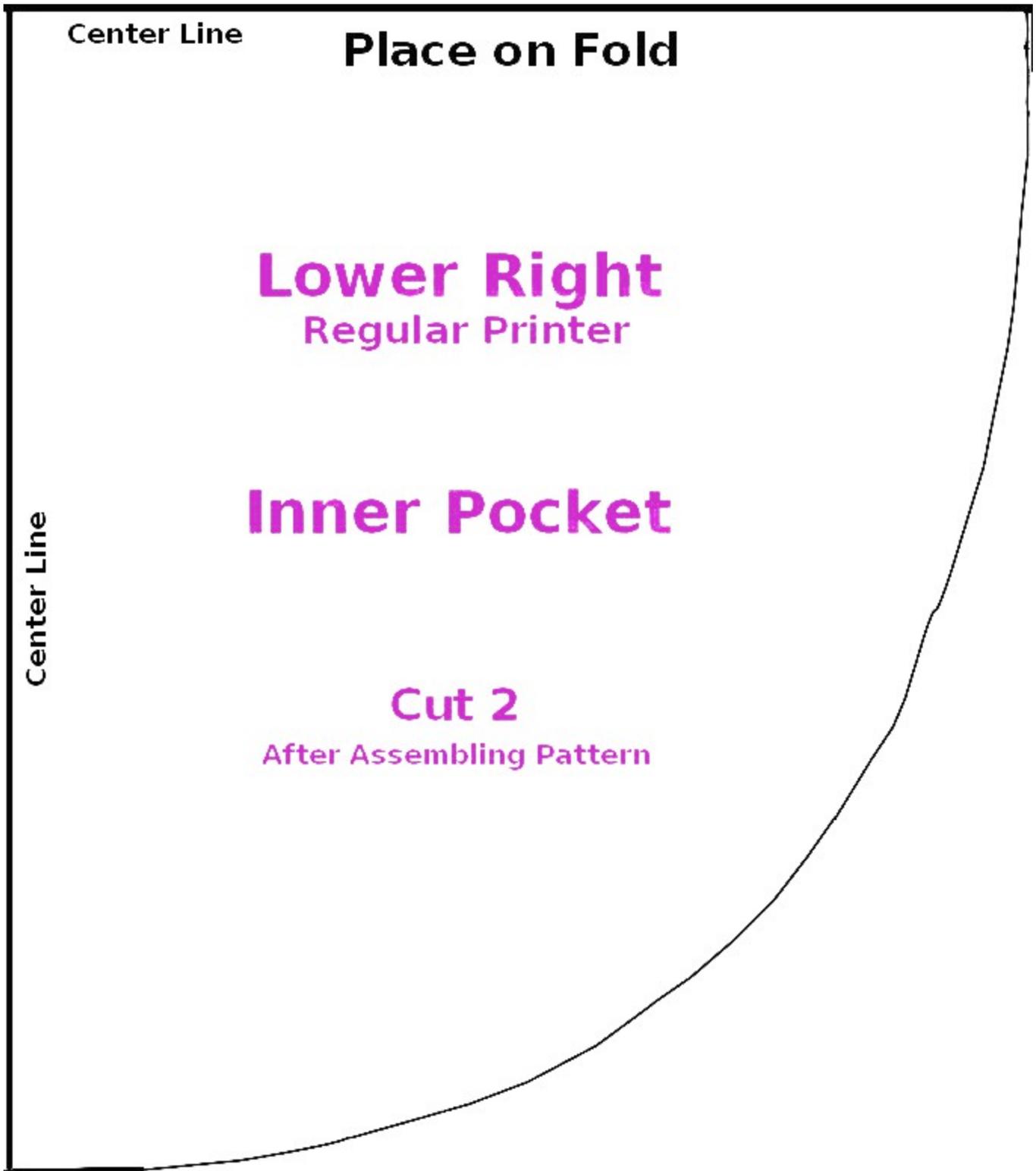
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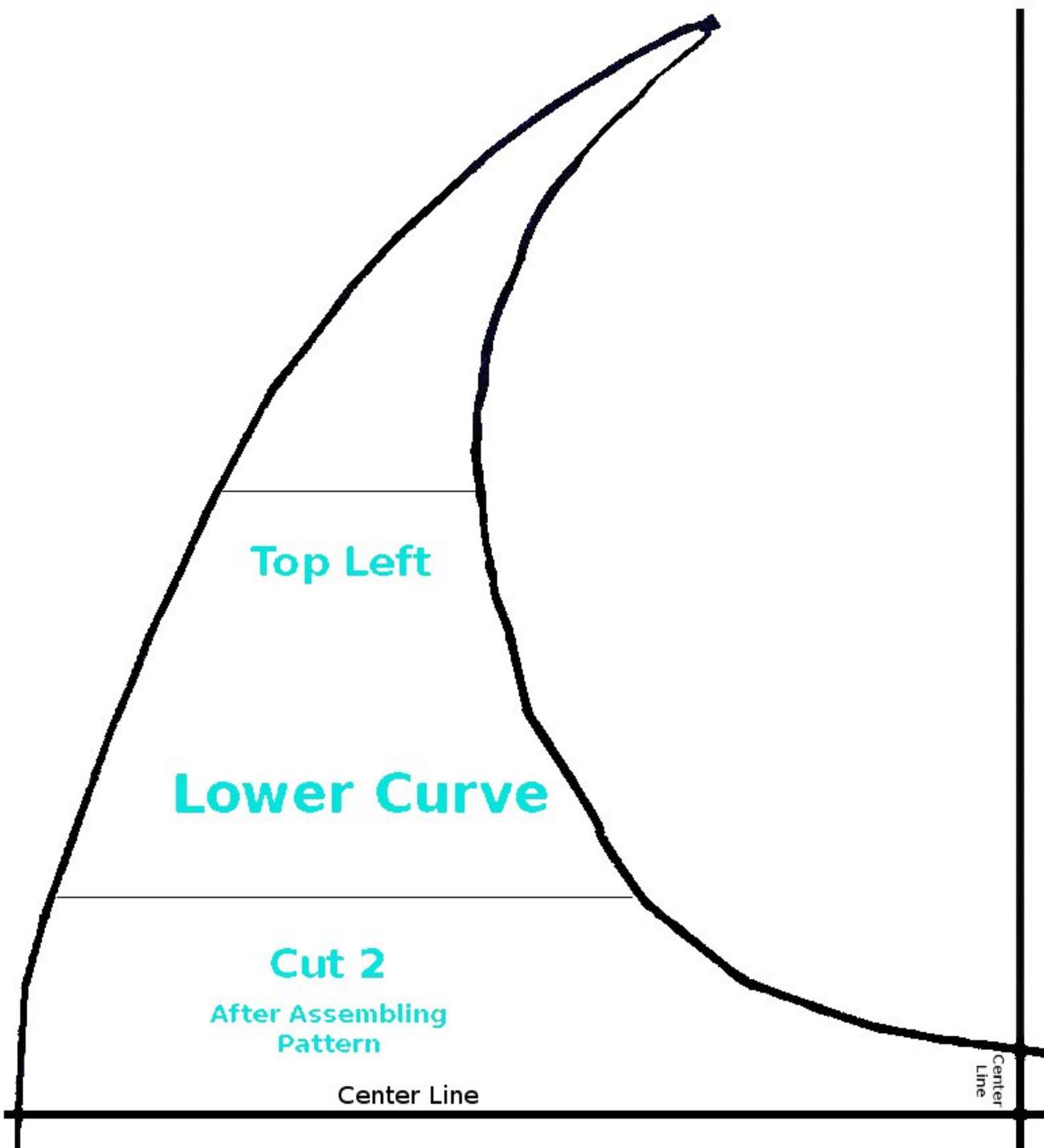
**Lower Right**  
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**Inner Pocket**

**Cut 2**  
After Assembling Pattern

Center Line





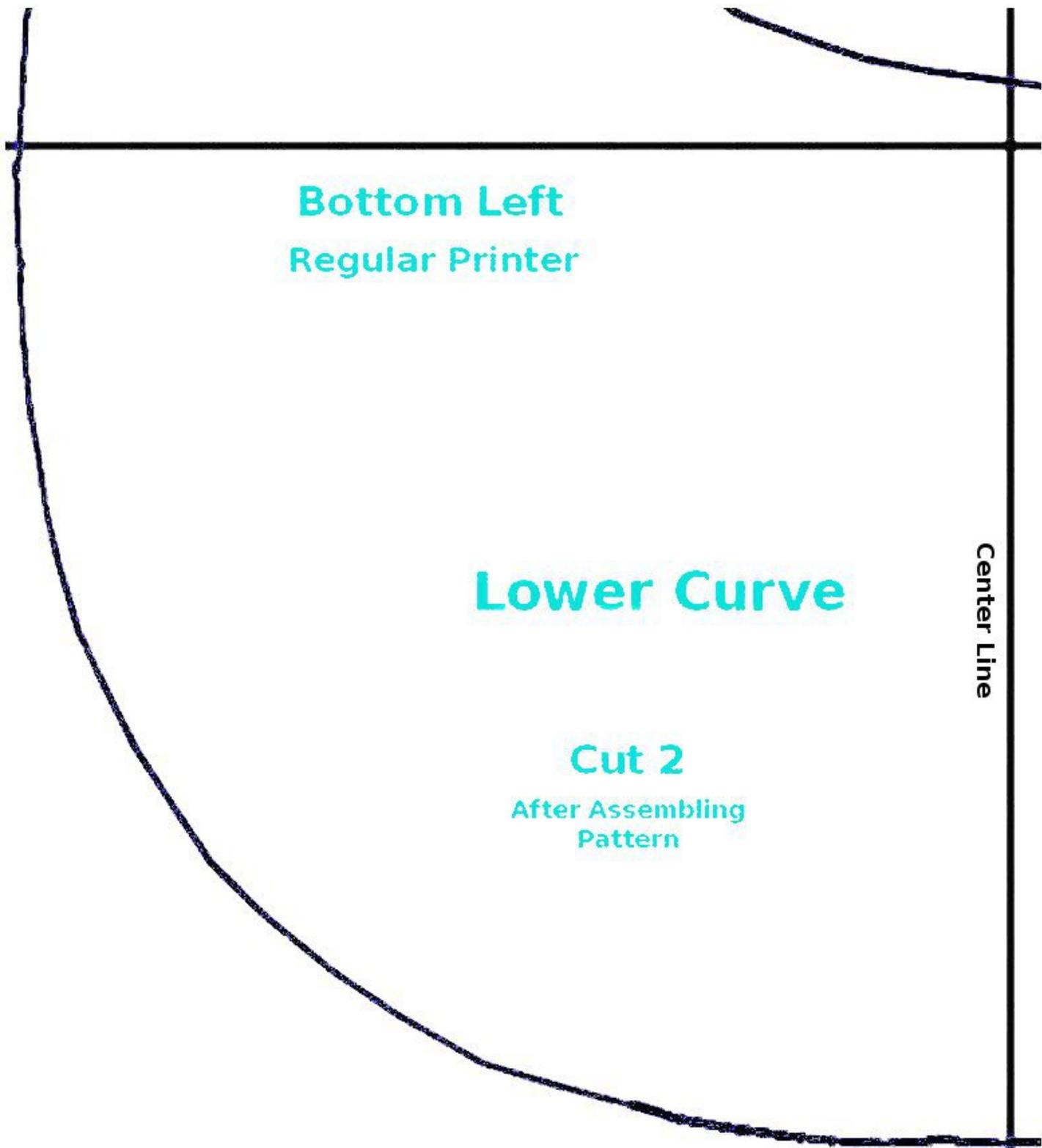
Top Left

Lower Curve

Cut 2  
After Assembling  
Pattern

Center Line

Center  
Line

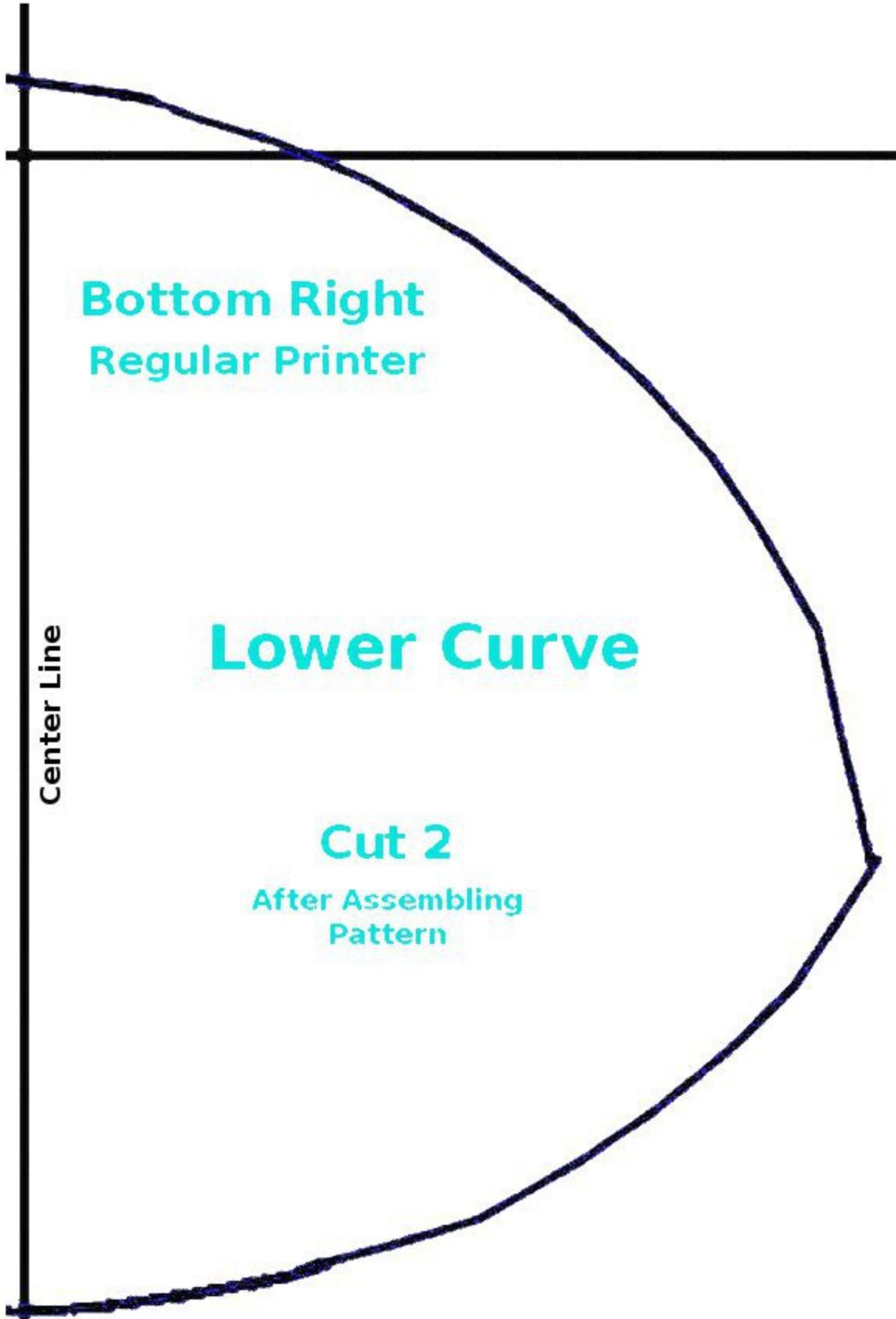


**Bottom Left**  
Regular Printer

**Lower Curve**

**Cut 2**  
After Assembling  
Pattern

Center Line



**Bottom Right**  
Regular Printer

**Lower Curve**

Center Line

**Cut 2**  
After Assembling  
Pattern

