MOV Memorial Gowns
Sleep Sack Style Gown

Use ½" seam allowances on all seams.
Backstitch to begin and end all seams.

Pattern pieces to cut (six total):

- Back – cut one each of gown and liner (lay pattern piece on the fold)
- Front – cut two each of gown and liner (make sure to flip pattern to create left and right sides)

Front:

- Line up liner and gown, right sides together.
- Sew full length of inside curve on both left and right side pieces.
- Sew from dot to top corner of sleeve on both left and right side pieces. (Top and bottom seams will be left open.)
- Clip curves.
- Turn front pieces, right side out.

Back:

- Line up liner and gown, right sides together.
- Sew from dot to the top corner of sleeve on both sides.
- Clip curves.

Assemble liner and front pieces:

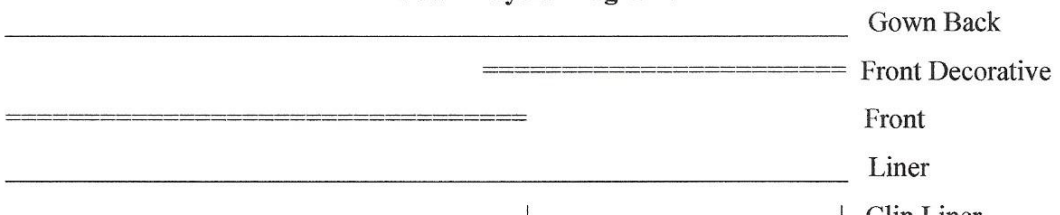
- Lay the back piece flat (still right sides together).
- Insert both front pieces between liner and gown, facing front liner to back liner.
- Line up top seams of all pieces (**tightly** nest the side seams on outside edge of front pieces) across the shoulder – pin in place. (Do this for both left and right sides.)
- Sew from tip of one sleeve, up the shoulder, across the neck, and down the other shoulder. (Shoulder seams will have four layers of material, neck will have two.)
- Clip neck curve seam. Trim shoulder seams (not the neck area) and along the sleeve.
- Clip all four layers of side seam at the last stitch at the dot.
- Flatten all layers at the side seam dot and sew the side seams, starting from the dot and going all the way down to the hem. Make sure to have the front pieces lying flat so as not to catch the wrong edge in the seam. This seam will have four layers of fabric in this order…back liner, front liner, front gown, back gown.

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Sew hem (see diagrams, below):

- Lay the project flat, making sure the front pieces are still laying flat, one front side overlapping the other with bottom edges of all layers lined up. If there is a single decorative front piece, make sure the decorative side is fully touching the gown back (not the liner), with the other front piece fully touching the back liner.
- Clip liner (only the liner!) at the last corner of the front flap and at the side seam.
- Sew bottom hem of all four layers (six layers of material where front sides overlap), starting opposite of the clipped liner. Be sure to stop sewing (do not backstitch and leave your needle down) at the first clip in the liner. Lift the back liner up out of the sewing line and finish sewing to the corner. This will be the opening to turn the project right side out.

Gown Layers Diagram:



Sewing Diagram:

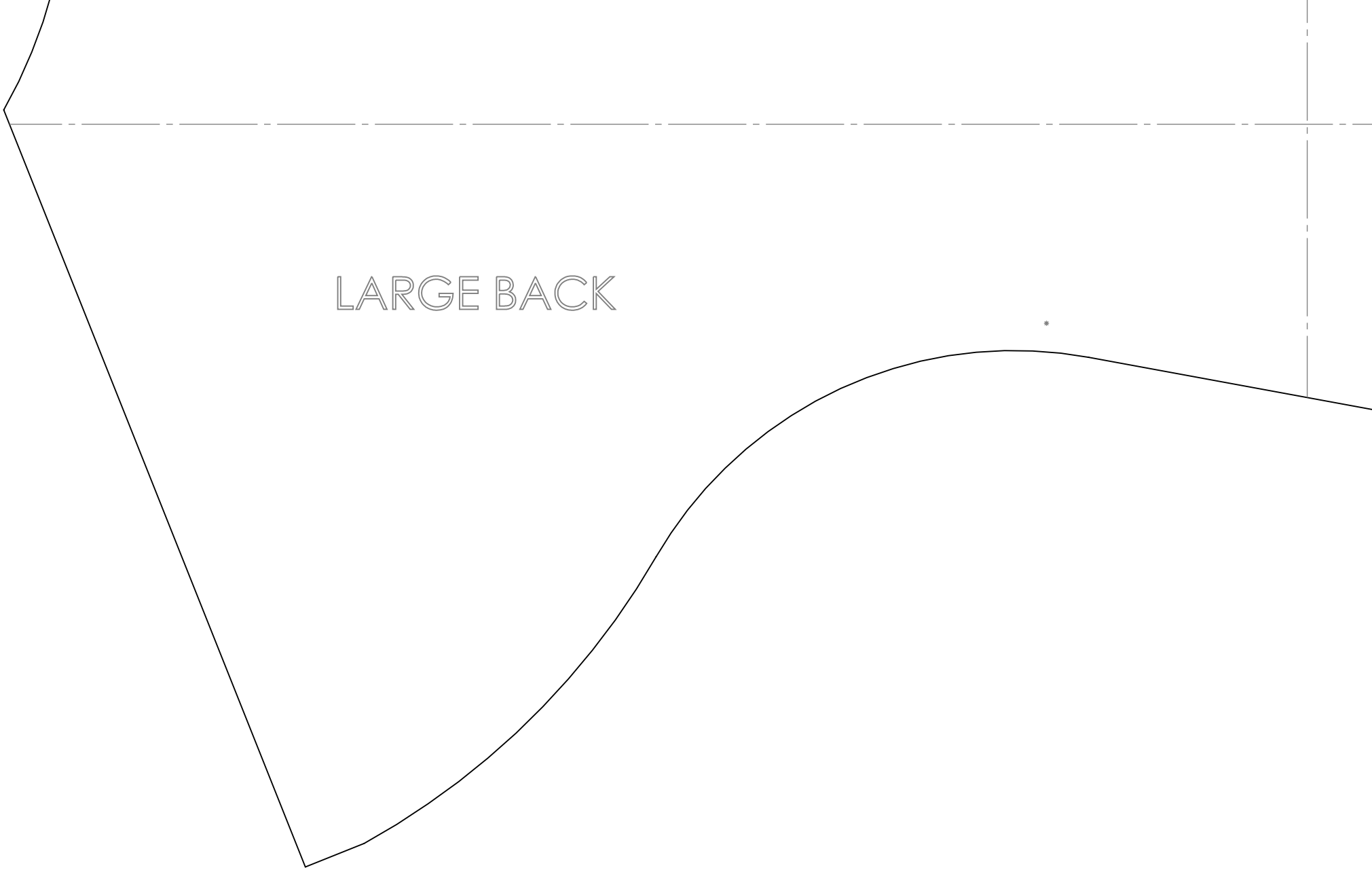
1. Sew >>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
2. Lift liner out of sewing line
3. Sew to corner >>>>>>>>>>>>

Finishing:

- Clip corners to reduce the bulk in the corners.
- Trim the bottom hem seam.
- Press all seams to set the stitches.
- Turn completed gown right side out.
- Option: Slip stitch or machine stitch the inside opening.
- Work corners to square up and press all seams.

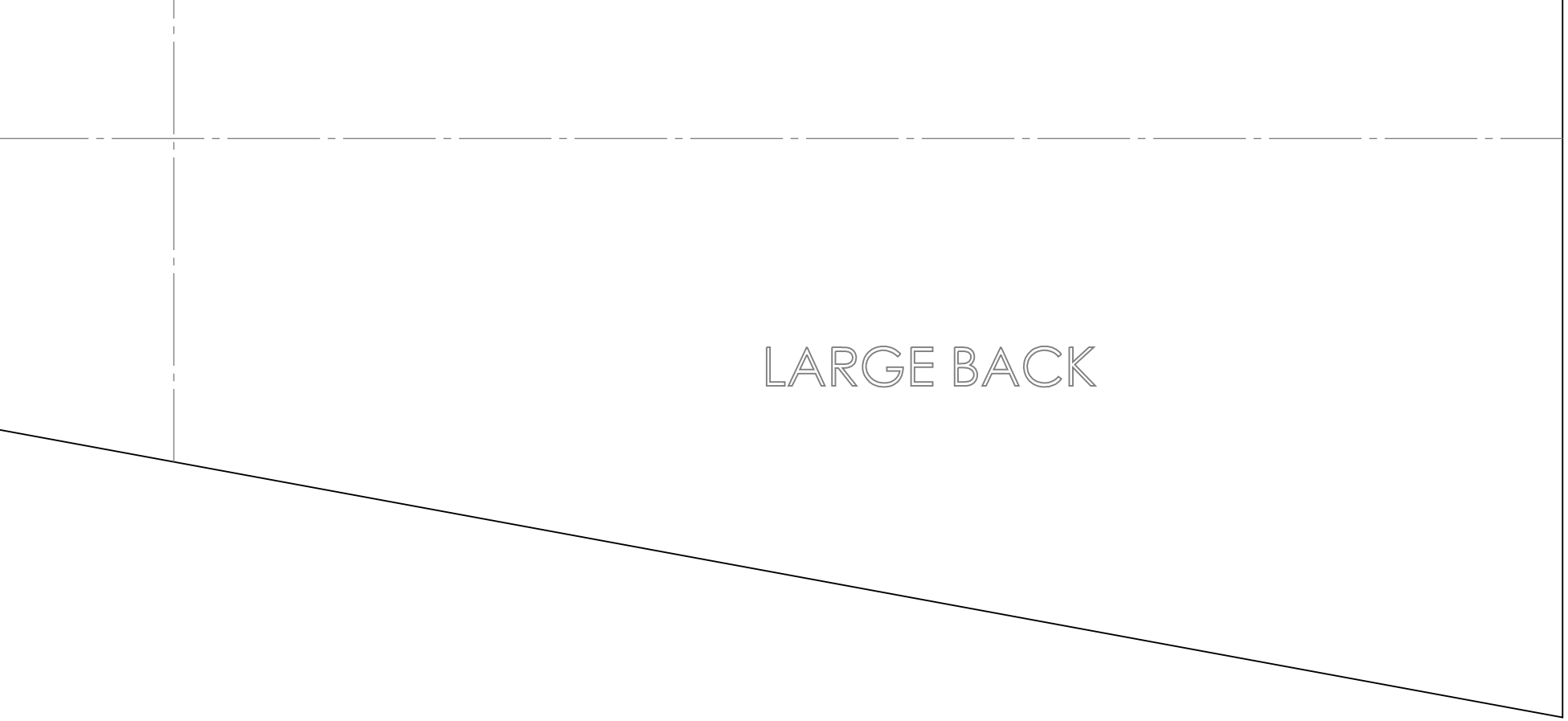
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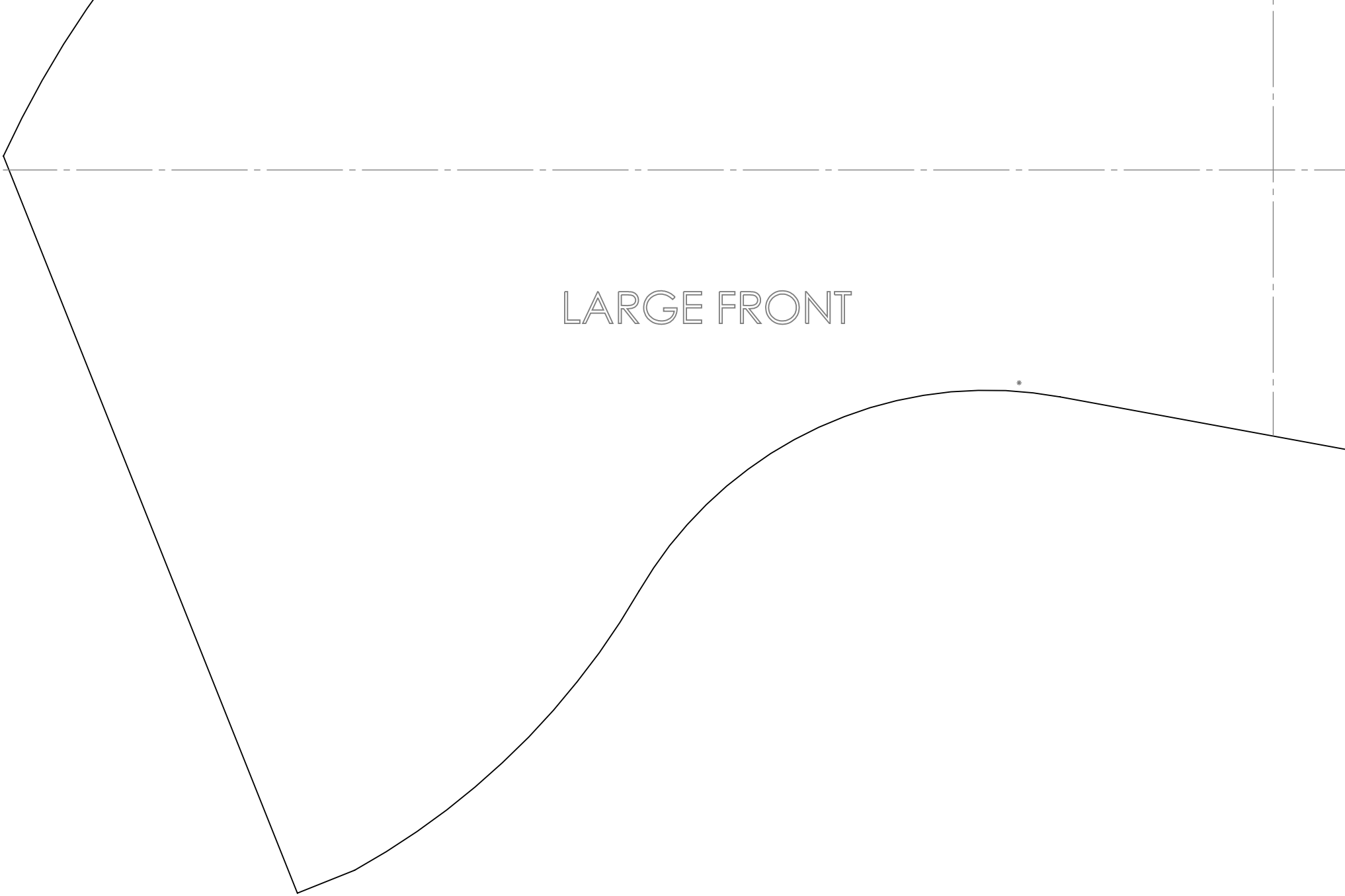
- Are there any folds or tucks where they shouldn't be?
- Check every seam for holes.

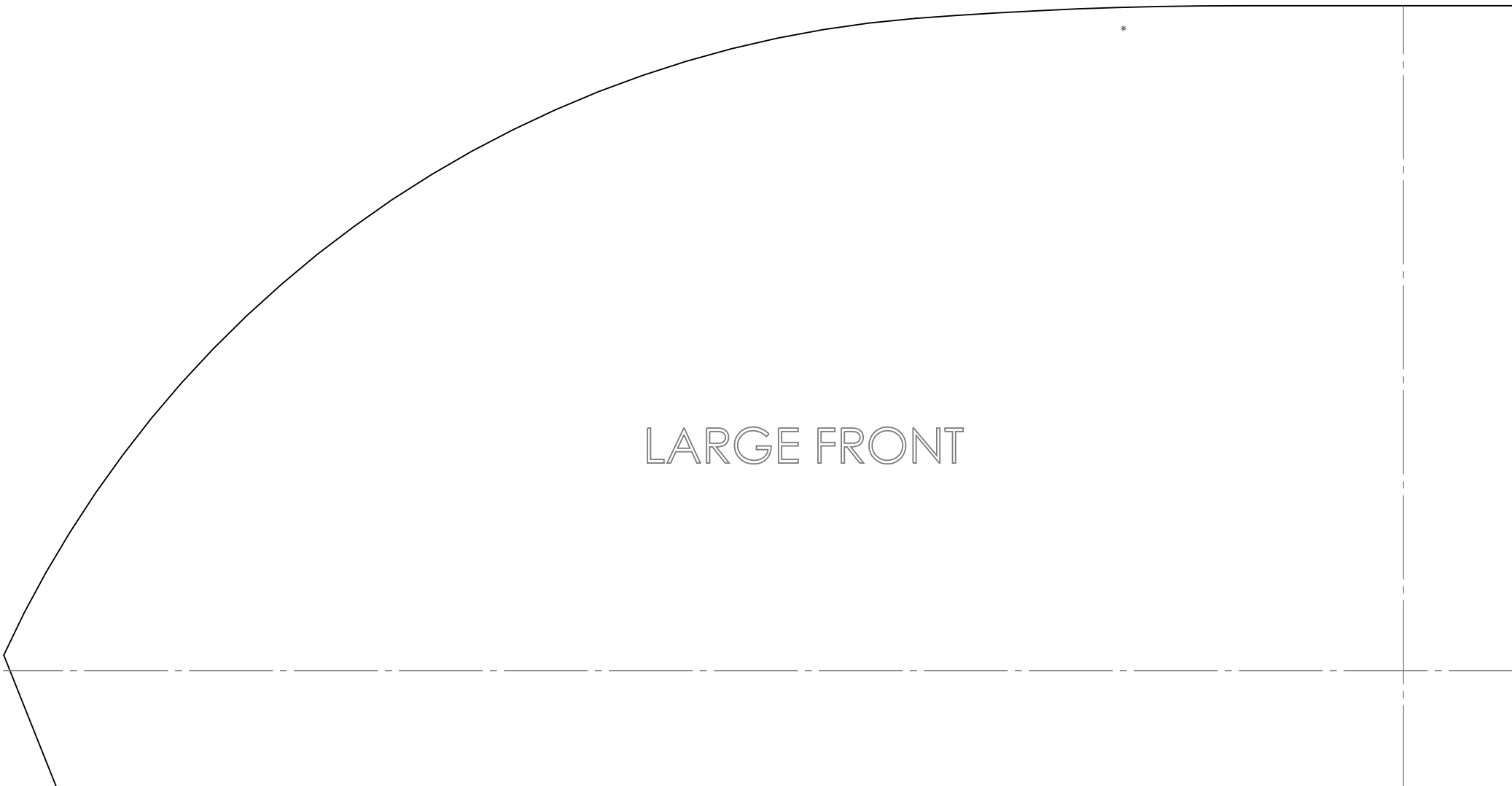

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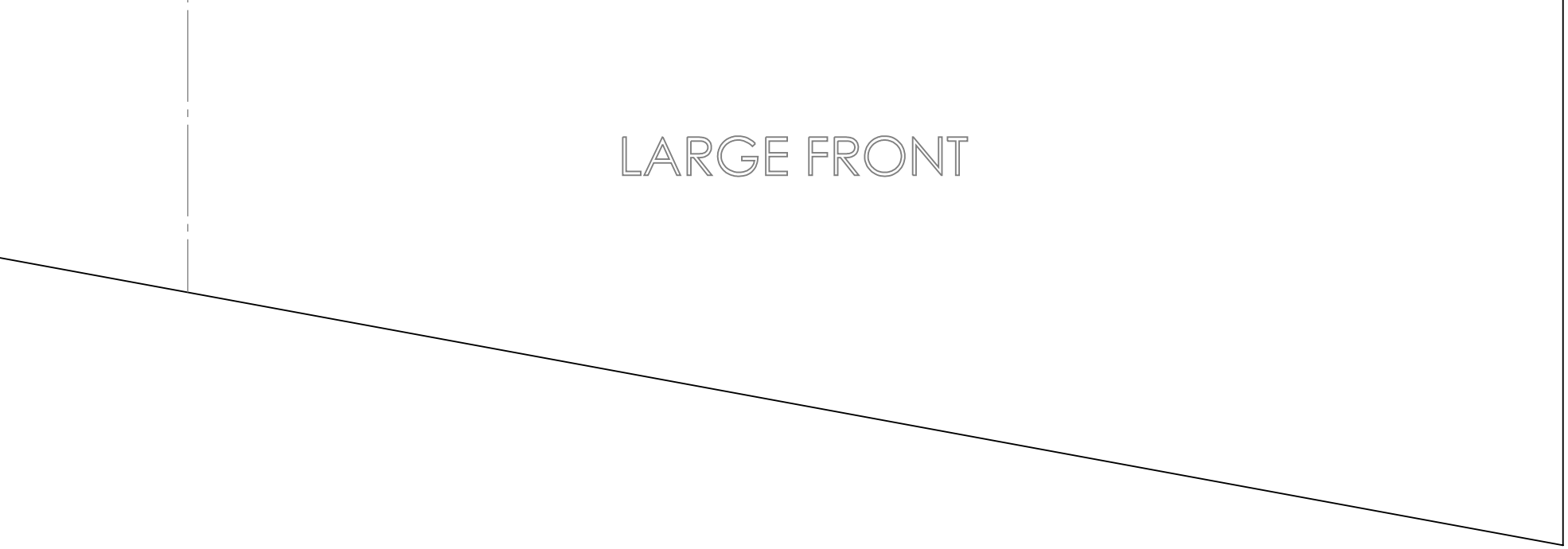
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