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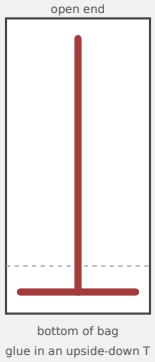
Paper Bag Snowflakes

Four paper bag templates and three folded-paper patterns for a covered porch

YOU WILL NEED

- White paper lunch bags, 5 inches wide by 9¾ inches tall, the 4 lb size (8 to 10 per snowflake)
- Glue stick or hot glue gun
- Sharp scissors and a pencil
- Hole punch or large needle
- Clear fishing line
- Removable ceiling hooks
- Clear acrylic sealer spray (optional)

WHERE TO GLUE



LEFTOVER BAGS?

Turn them into luminaries for the walkway. Fold the top down an inch, add a scoop of sand, and set a battery-operated tea light inside.

HOW TO MAKE THEM

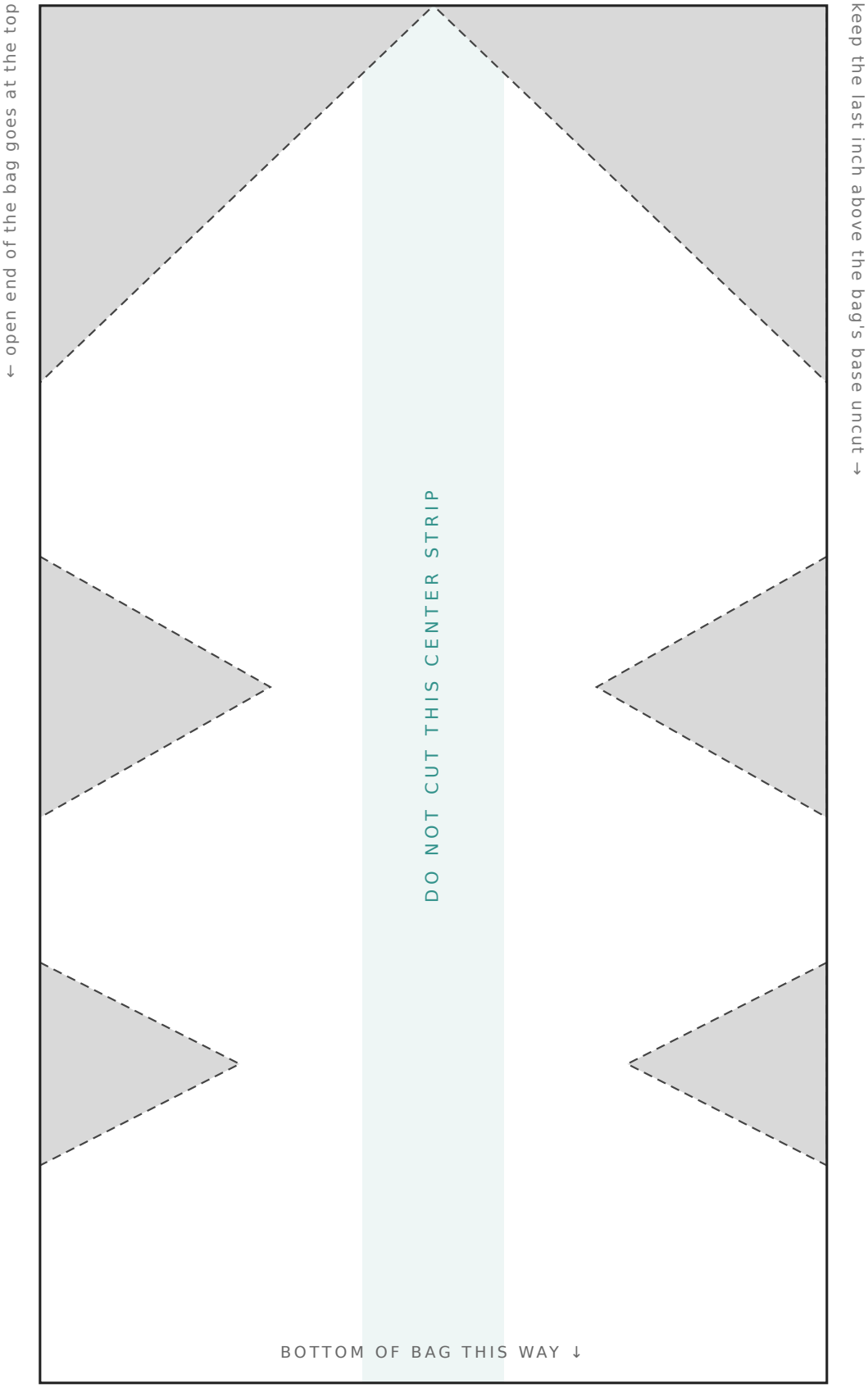
1. **Print and cut the template.** Print the template pages at 100% (actual size, not "fit to page"). Cut each one out along the solid outline, then cut away the gray shapes.
2. **Glue the bags into a stack.** Lay a bag flat with the open end pointing away from you. Run glue across the bottom and up the center in an upside-down T. Press the next bag on top, facing the same way. Repeat until you have 8 to 10 bags.
3. **Trace the pattern.** Set the template on the stack with its top edge even with the open ends of the bags, and trace around the cutout shapes with a pencil.
4. **Cut it out.** Cut along your pencil lines through the whole stack. If it is too thick for your scissors, trace and cut two or three bags at a time before you glue them. Leave the center strip and the bottom of the bags uncut.
5. **Open the snowflake.** Hold the top and bottom bags and fan them around in a circle until they meet. Glue them together, or use a paper clip so you can fold the snowflake flat to store it.
6. **Hang it up.** Punch a small hole in one tip, tie on fishing line, and hang from removable hooks. Vary the lengths so the snowflakes sit at different heights.

GOOD TO KNOW

- Hang these under a covered porch, out of rain and snow.
- To keep them from wilting in humidity, morning dew, or light mist, spray the finished snowflakes with a clear acrylic sealer. You can also cut them from white plastic tablecloths or bags instead of paper.
- Regular grocery-store lunch bags work with these templates too. Try one test snowflake first, since sizes vary a little by brand.

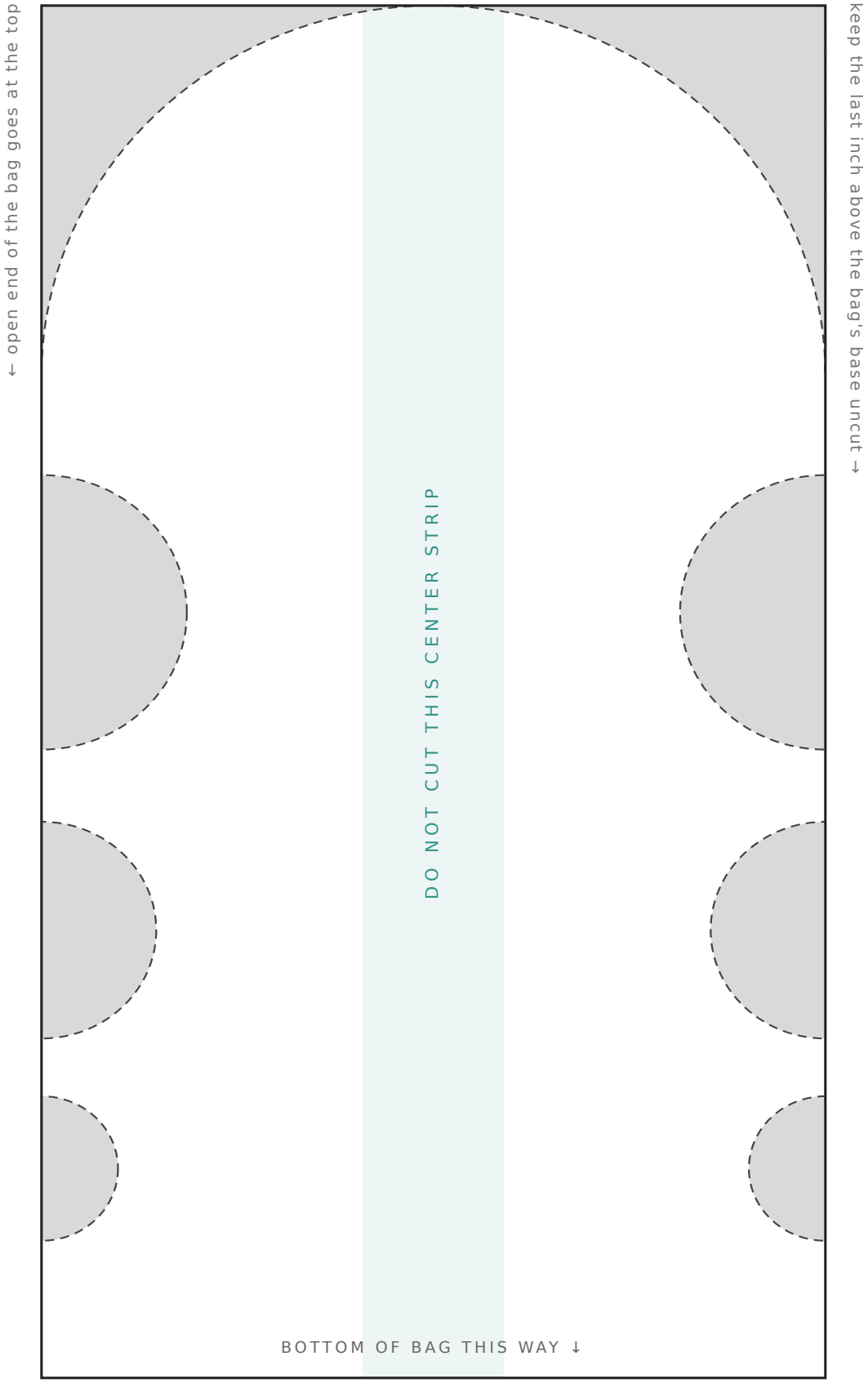
Classic Star

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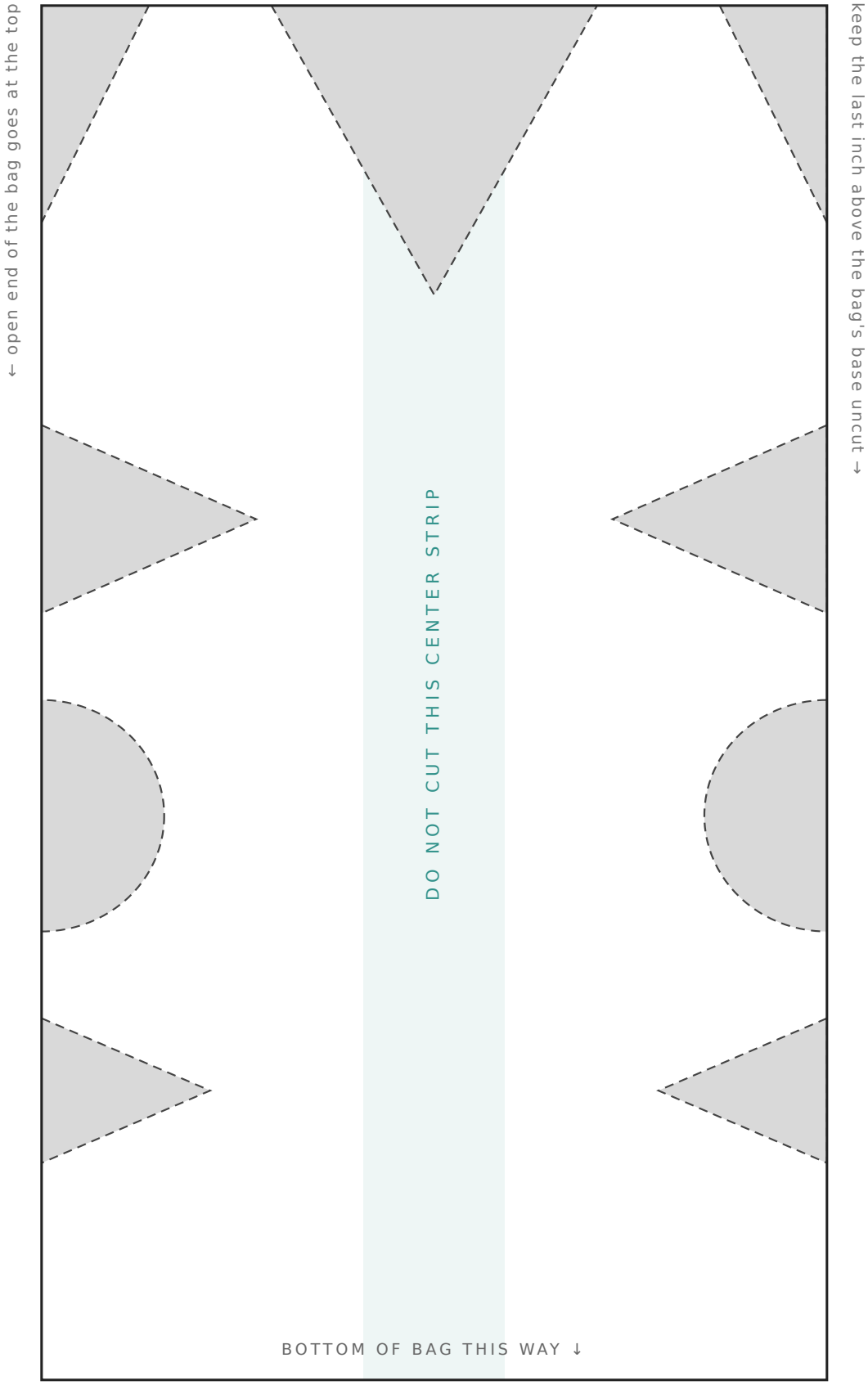
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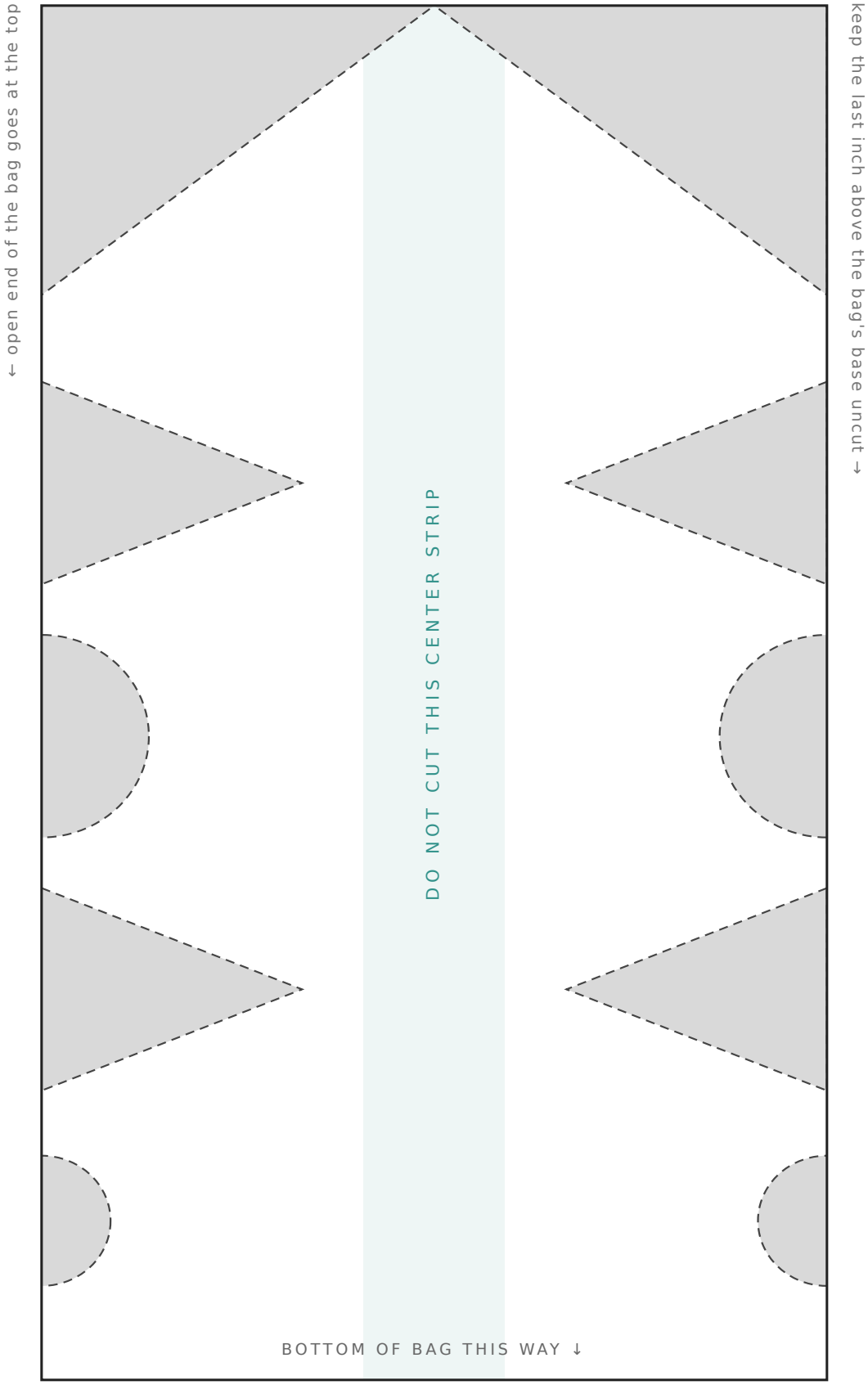
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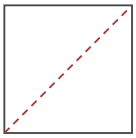
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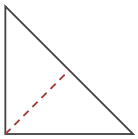
BONUS PAGE · NO LUNCH BAGS NEEDED

Classic Folded Paper Snowflakes

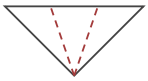
Made from one sheet of regular printer paper. Each opens to about 8 inches across.



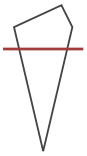
1. Trim a sheet of paper to an 8½-inch square. Fold it in half corner to corner.



2. Fold the triangle in half again to make a smaller triangle.

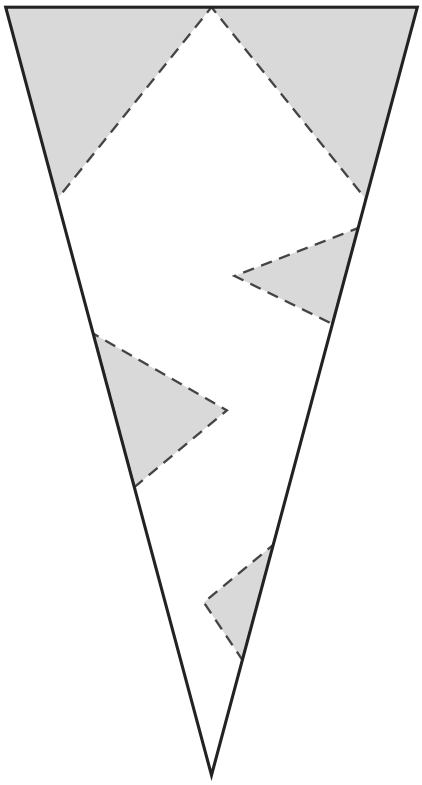


3. With the folded point toward you, fold one side over a third of the way, then fold the other side over it.

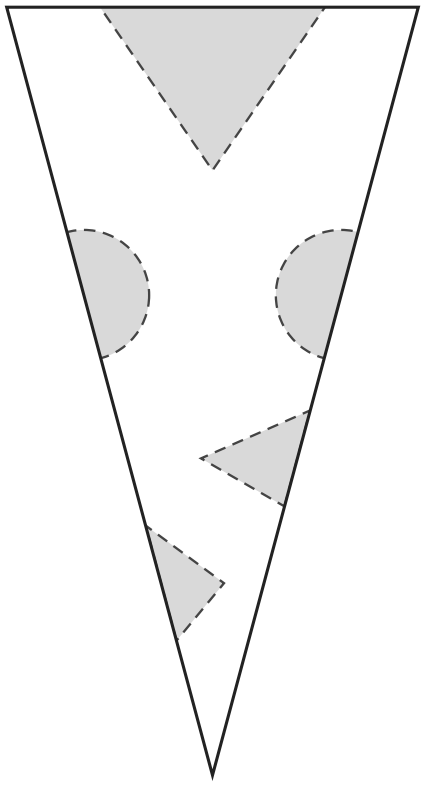


4. Trim straight across the top so every layer is even. You now have a narrow wedge.

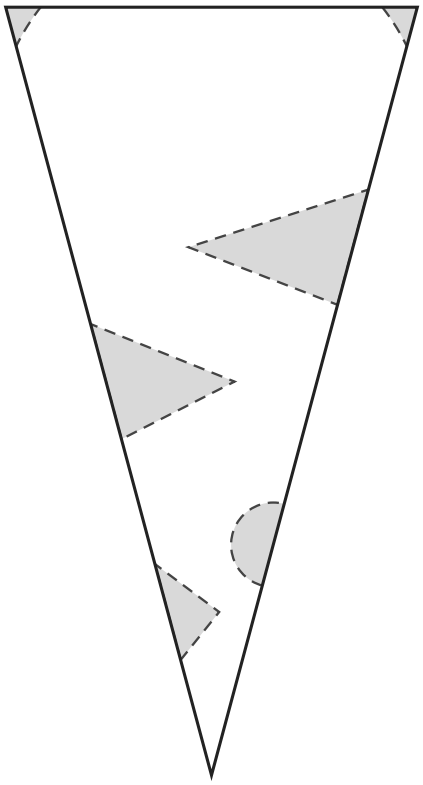
5. Cut out one of the wedge patterns below along its solid outline and cut away the gray shapes. Lay it on your folded wedge with the points together, trace the cutouts, and cut through all the layers. **6.** Unfold gently and press flat under a heavy book.



POINTED



FORKED



ROUNDED

The point at the bottom of each pattern is the center of the snowflake. Always leave some paper uncut along both long edges, or the snowflake will fall apart.