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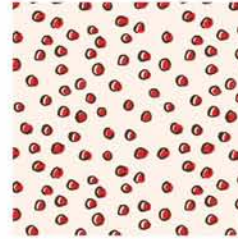
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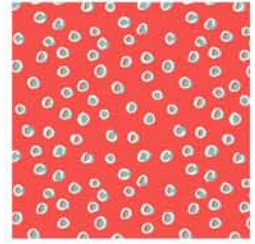
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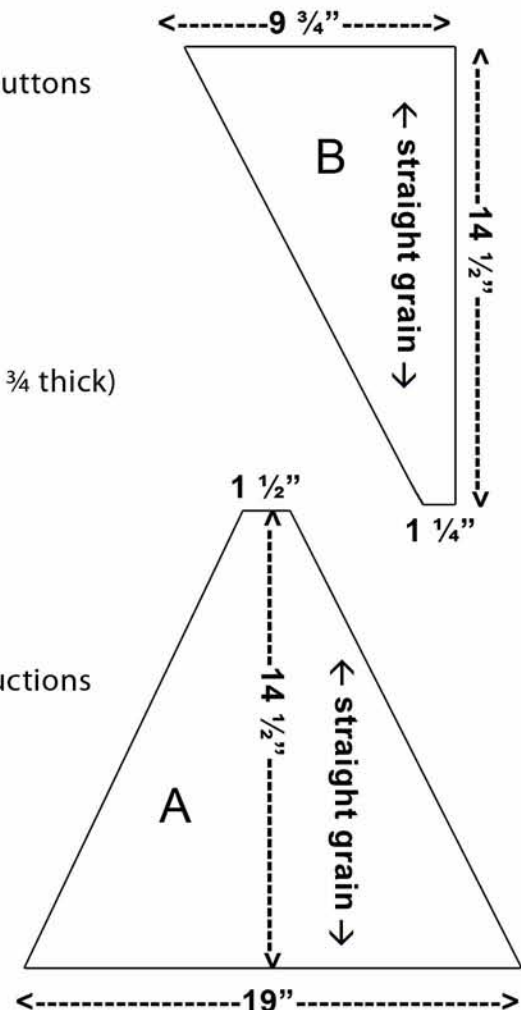
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## Fabric Requirements:

- 1/2 yard 37450-X Multi I Love Handmade Print
- 1/2 yard each 37451-2 Off White Flowers & 37454-2 Off White Buttons
- 2/3 yard 37453-2 Off White Dots
- 1/3 yard 37453-5 Red Dots
- 1/3 yard 37452-4 Aqua
- 1/3 yard 35362-6 Light Grey
- 12 1/2 yards of rickrack
- 3/4 yard Heavy Fusible Pellon 809 – décor bond
- (1) white 6" zipper
- 1 yard 22/32 thickness cording for the piped handles (or about 3/4 thick)

## Cutting:

- 37450-X I Love Handmade Print  
Cut (2) Triangle (A) following measurement instructions
- 37451-2 Off White Flowers & 37454-2 Off White Buttons  
Cut (2) each print Triangle (B) following measurement instructions
- 37453-5 Red dots  
Cut (4) 20" x 1 1/2" strips for top and bottom of tote  
Cut (2) large heart templates  
Cut (1) 19 3/4" x 2 1/2" rectangles for tote bottom
- 35362-6 Light Grey  
Cut (2) 20" x 6 1/2" – for top of tote  
Cut (2) 19 3/4" x 3" for handles



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## 37453-2 Off White Dots

- Cut (2) 20" x 16 ¼" pieces for lining
- Cut (2) small heart templates
- Cut (1) 19 ¾" x 2 ½" rectangle for tote lining bottom
- Cut (1) 10 ½" x 7" for zipper pocket

## 37452-4 Aqua Little Girls

- Cut (1) 6 ½" x 10 ½" for inside pocket
- Cut (4) oval templates for appliques (fussy cut)



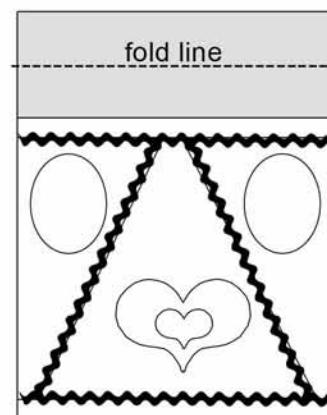
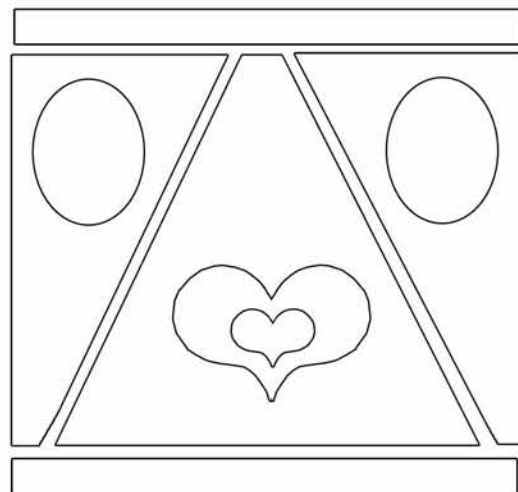
Diagram 1



Diagram 2

### Tote Assembly:

1. Cut out heart templates.
2. Center the small heart over the large heart and appliqué using your favorite method. Diagram 1
3. Take the large heart and place on the center triangle (A) 1 ½" from the bottom edge and centered between the sides. Appliqué. Repeat for the other side.
4. Take one triangle (B) and stitch it top one side of the center triangle. Wide end should be at the top. Repeat on the other side using the contrasting triangle (B) print. Press with seam allowance towards the center.
5. Fussy cut (4) oval templates on the little girl fabric. Place on the left triangle (B) about 1" from top edge and centered between the seams. Appliqué in place. Repeat for the right side. Diagram 2
6. Repeat the above step for the other side of the tote bag.
7. Take a piece of rick rack and stitch over seam on each side of center triangle. Repeat for the other side.
8. Add (1) 20" x 1 ½" strip to the top and bottom of the tote. Press seams toward the body of the bag.
9. Stitch rick rack over seam line of each strip at top and bottom. Repeat for the other side.
10. Take the 20" x 6 ½" strip of grey fabric and fold in half lengthwise with wrong sides together and press. Sew one long edge to top of the tote. Repeat for the other side.
11. Add the heavy fusible Pellon following manufacturer's recommended instructions. Top edge of the Pellon should line up with the fold line on the grey strip at top.
12. Sew side seams on tote and stitch through the grey top portion past the end of the Pellon.



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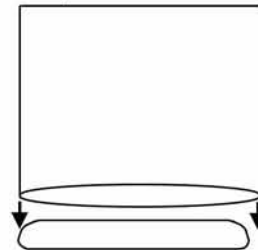
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13. Take bottom  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle and round off corners using the bottom end curve template. Apply the heavy fusible Pellon. Fold in half lengthwise on each end and mark the center. Line this point up with the side seam on each side of the bag. With right sides together, attach the bottom to the body of the tote. You might want to clip the tote bottom edge at the corners to help it fit smoothly around the curved edge of the bottom piece. Diagram 3

14. Cut away excess Pellon from the tote bottom seam allowance to reduce bulk.

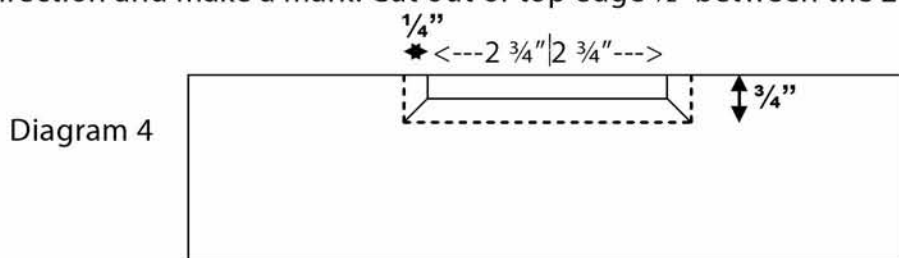
15. Turn and press.

Diagram 3



## Lining Assembly:

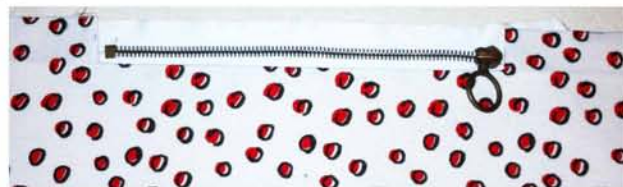
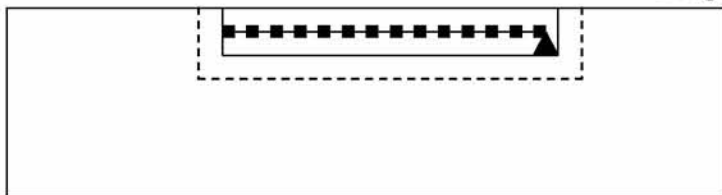
1. Take one side of the pocket lining and fold in half lengthwise and mark the center top. Measure  $2\frac{3}{4}$ " in each direction and make a mark. Cut out of top edge  $\frac{1}{2}$ " between the 2 marks. Diagram 4



2. Mark off  $\frac{1}{4}$ " on each side for seam allowance and  $\frac{3}{4}$ " from top edge. Make a tiny diagonal cut on each corner.

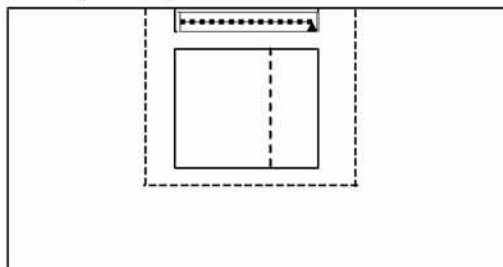
3. Turn back fabric along the lines. Add the zipper following manufacturer's recommended instructions.

Diagram 5



4. Take the  $10\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $6\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle of the little girls and fold in half lengthwise with right sides together. Stitch round all sides leaving a small opening on one side to turn and press.

Diagram 6



5. Apply to the lining side centered about 1" below zipper. Stitch around the sides and bottom. Reinforce at top corners. Add a second vertical stitch 2" in from the right side to create a pen pocket.

6. Take  $10\frac{1}{2}$ " x 7" rectangle of off white dots and with right side facing the wrong side of lining, center and pin it in place behind the zipper. Stitch around all 4 sides to hold in place. *Note: you might want to use a zipper foot as the top side will pass over the top of the zipper.* Diagram 6

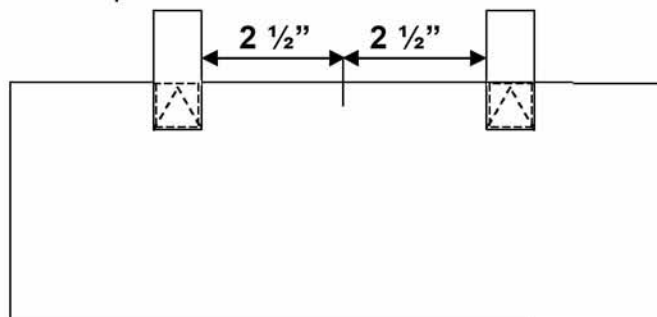
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7. With right sides facing, sew the 2 sides of the lining together leaving a 4" opening on one side to later turn the bag.
8. Add the bottom to the lining, following instructions for the body of the tote above (including rounding off the corners of the bottom rectangle).
9. With right sides together, pin the top edge of the lining to the top edge of the tote grey solid fabric and stitch.
10. Carefully turn the tote to the right side by pulling the tote through the hole in the side seam. Stitch the side seam opening closed.
11. Press bag. Add a stitch in the ditch on the outside of the bag at the bottom edge of the top grey portion to hold the lining inside the bag.
12. Tack the lining at the bottom in a few places to keep the lining in the bag.

## Handles:

1. Take one 19  $\frac{3}{4}$ " x 3" handle strip and fold in half lengthwise with right sides together. Stitch the long edge closed. Press seam allowance open. Turn
2. Fill with a 16  $\frac{1}{2}$ " piece of the thick corded piping, leaving an even piece of the handle strip on each side of the cord. Repeat for the other handle. *Note: Piping should be shorter than the length of the cover so you can stitch to tote top more easily.*
3. Mark the center of each side of the tote top edge with a pin. Measure 2  $\frac{1}{2}$ " from the center in each direction and place another pin. This will be the placement for the handle.
4. With the seam centered to the back of handle, fold under the end about 1" and place the flat portion of the handle cover on the top of the tote. Stitch the handle on place as shown. Repeat for the other end of the handle then repeat on the other side of the tote.



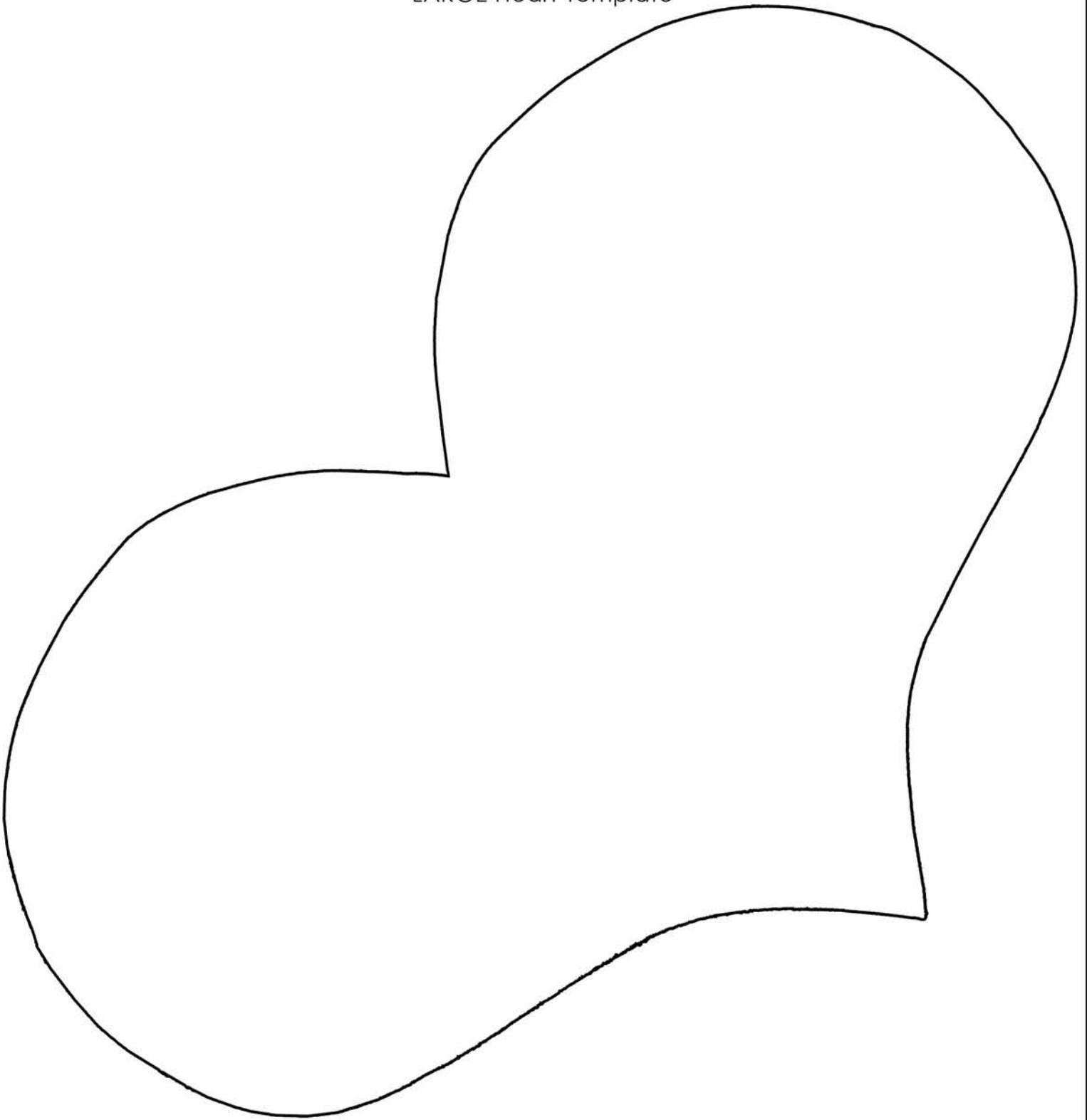
5. Tote is now ready fill up with your favorite things and go!

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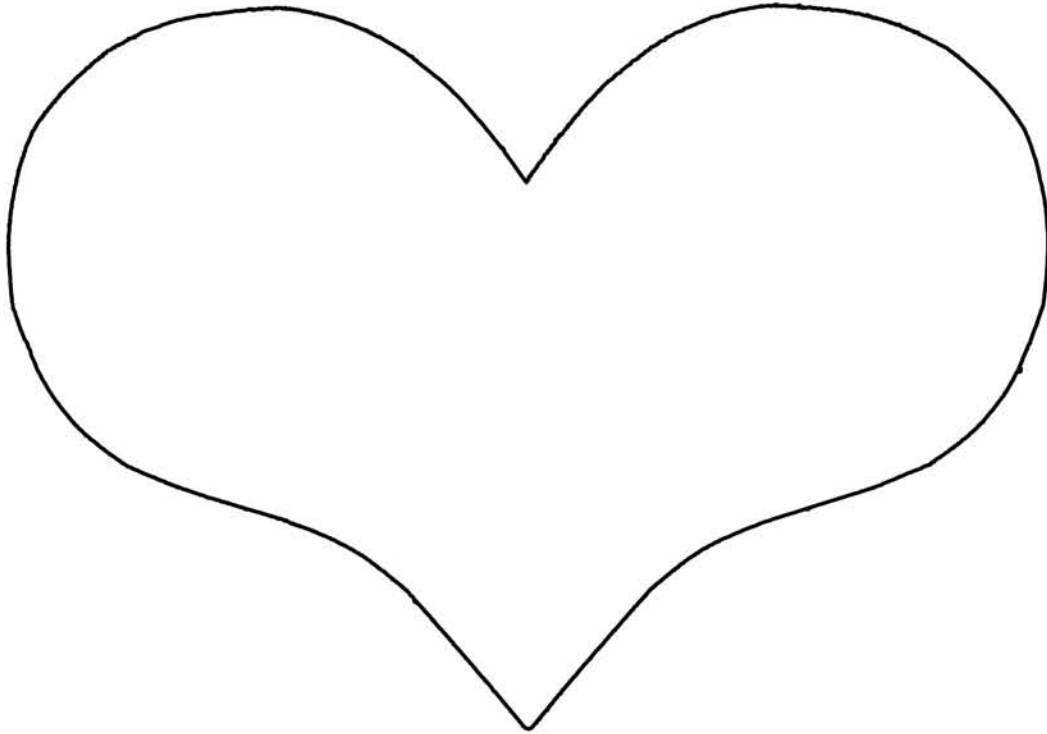
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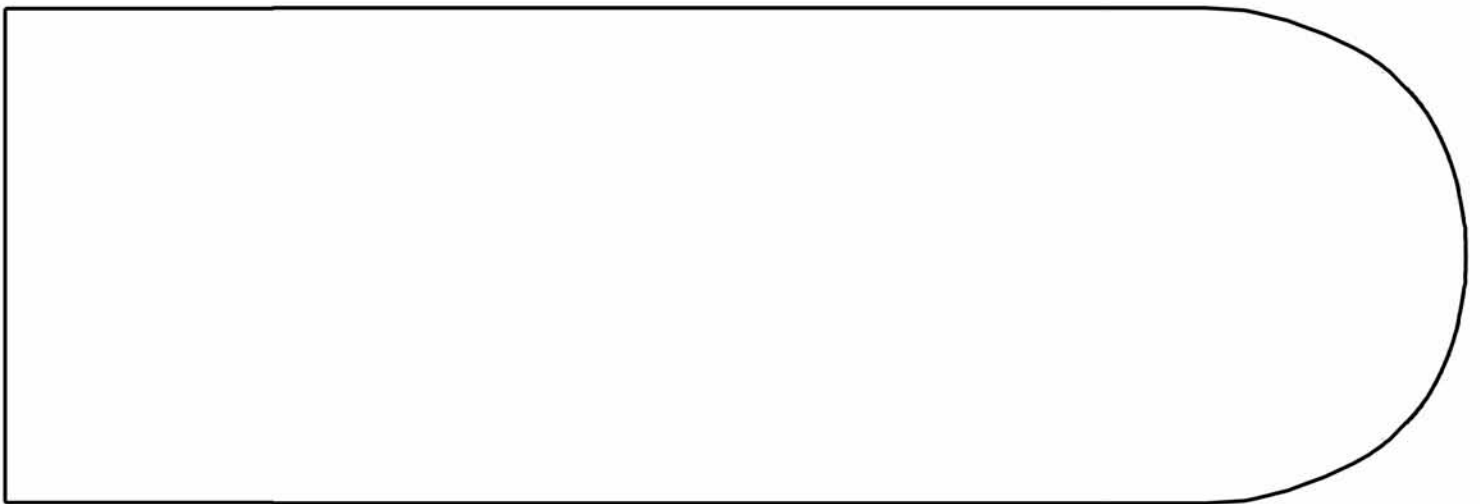
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SMALL Heart Template



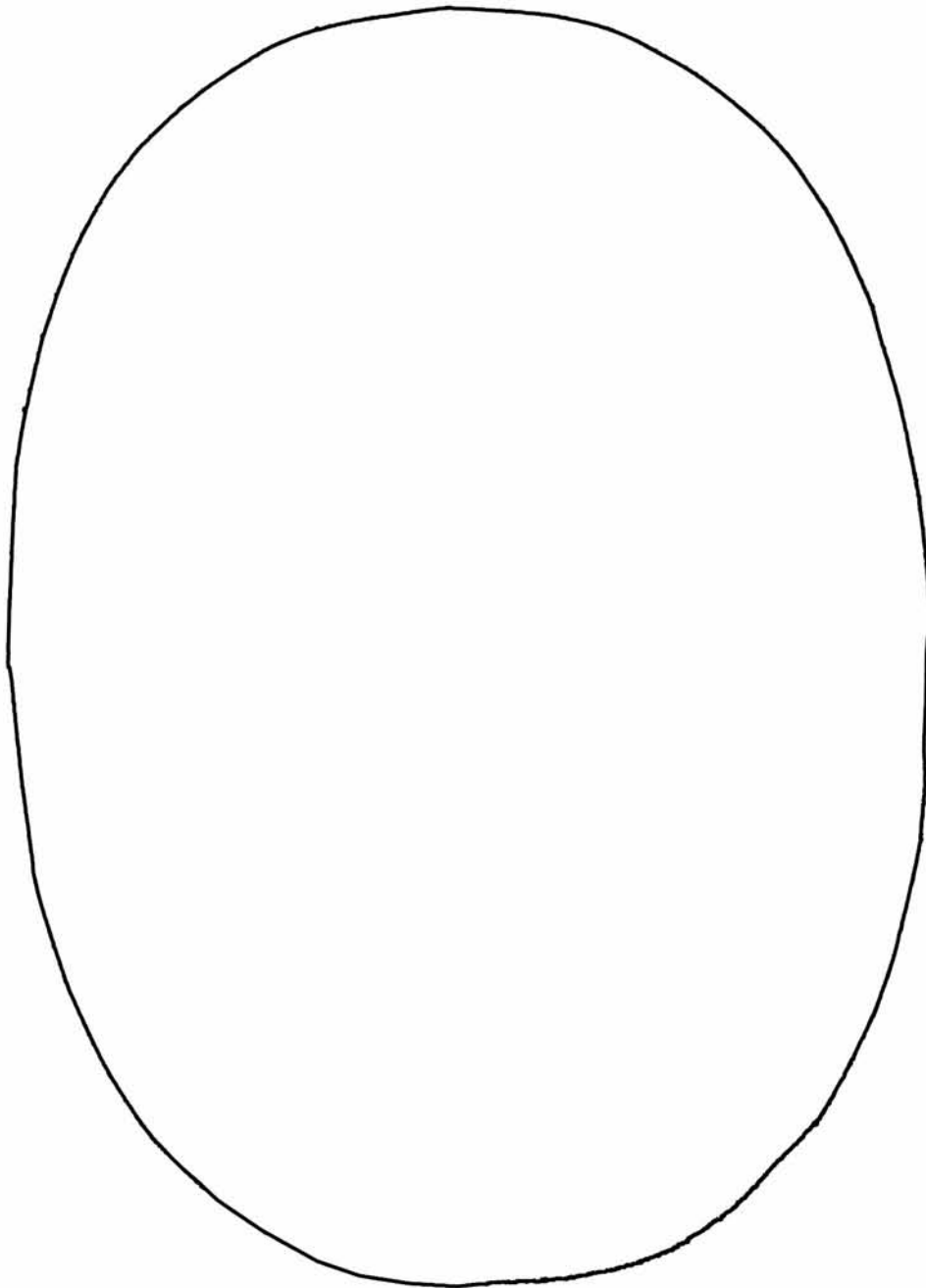
Bottom End Curved Corner Template



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Oval Template



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