

Poinsettia



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A single, larger-than-life poinsettia makes a dramatic statement in this not-so-traditional Christmas wall hanging. Cleo Mounday of Valley Center, Kansas, finished the edges of her fused applique patches and quilted the piece at the same time. ▶




ASSEMBLY

1 Wash and press fabrics. Cut the A, borders and binding strips listed in the materials and cutting box and shown in the rotary cutting diagram. Referring to the applique placement guide, join patterns 1-9, matching centers and dotted lines. Create templates for the applique patches from the pattern. Following the manufacturer's instructions, apply fusible web to the back of the red, dark red and green prints. Cut the applique patches.

2 Referring to the applique placement guide and the quilt photo, arrange the stem, leaves and petals on the A. Following the manufacturer's instructions for the fusible web, fuse the patches in place.

3 Matching centers, join the $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x $35\frac{1}{2}$ " borders to the sides of the quilt, starting and stopping the stitching $\frac{1}{4}$ " away from the top and bottom raw edges. Similarly, join the $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x $32\frac{1}{2}$ " borders to the top and bottom of the quilt. Miter the corners. Trim excess fabric and press the seam open.

4 Mark vein lines on the leaves and petals as shown and additional quilting motifs as desired. Layer the backing, batting and quilt top. Baste. With thread colors to match the fabrics, stitch along the edges of the applique patches with a machine blanket stitch. Quilt the marked motifs or as desired. Embroider French knots (Fig. 1) in the flower center. Bind the quilt to finish. 



QUILT ASSEMBLY & PARTIAL QUILTING PLACEMENT

MATERIALS AND CUTTING

Requirements are based on 40" fabric width. Borders and binding strips are cut crosswise. Border dimensions include 2" extra length for insurance plus seam allowances.

QUILT SIZE: $29\frac{1}{2}$ " x 41"

MATERIALS	YARDS	CUTTING
Black	$\frac{3}{4}$	1 A
Red	$\frac{1}{2}$	applique patches
Brown	scrap	applique patches
Green	$\frac{1}{3}$	applique patches
Gray/Red Dot	$\frac{5}{8}$	2 borders $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x $35\frac{1}{2}$ ", 2 borders $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x $32\frac{1}{2}$ "
Binding	$\frac{1}{3}$	4 binding strips $2\frac{1}{4}$ " x 40"
Backing	2	2 panels 23" x 34"
Batting		34" x 45"

ALSO NEEDED: 2 yards paper-backed fusible web, matching thread, gold embroidery floss

TECHNIQUES USED: machine piecing, fusible applique, mitered borders, machine quilting

ROTARY CUTTING

Measurements include $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowances.

Align arrows with lengthwise or crosswise grain of fabric.

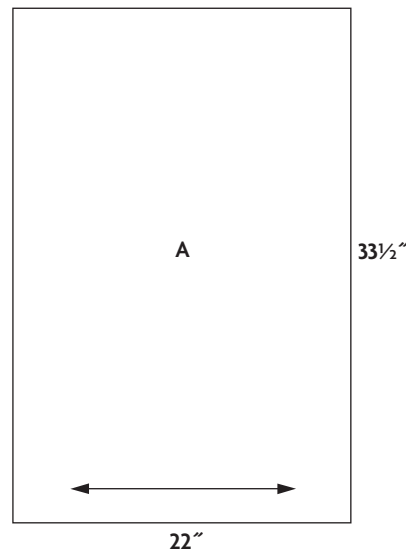
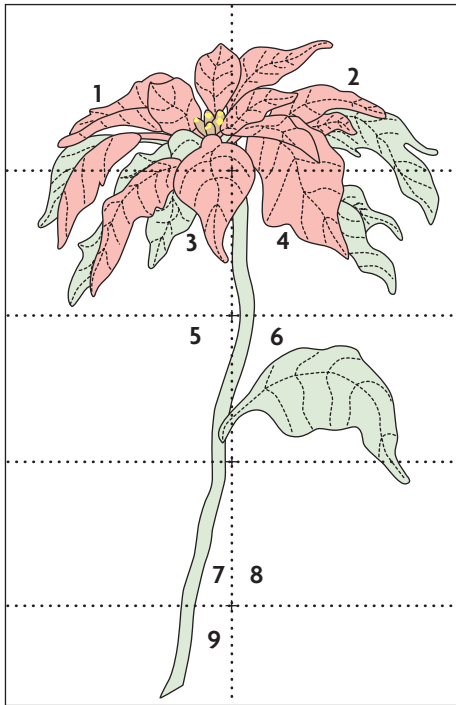
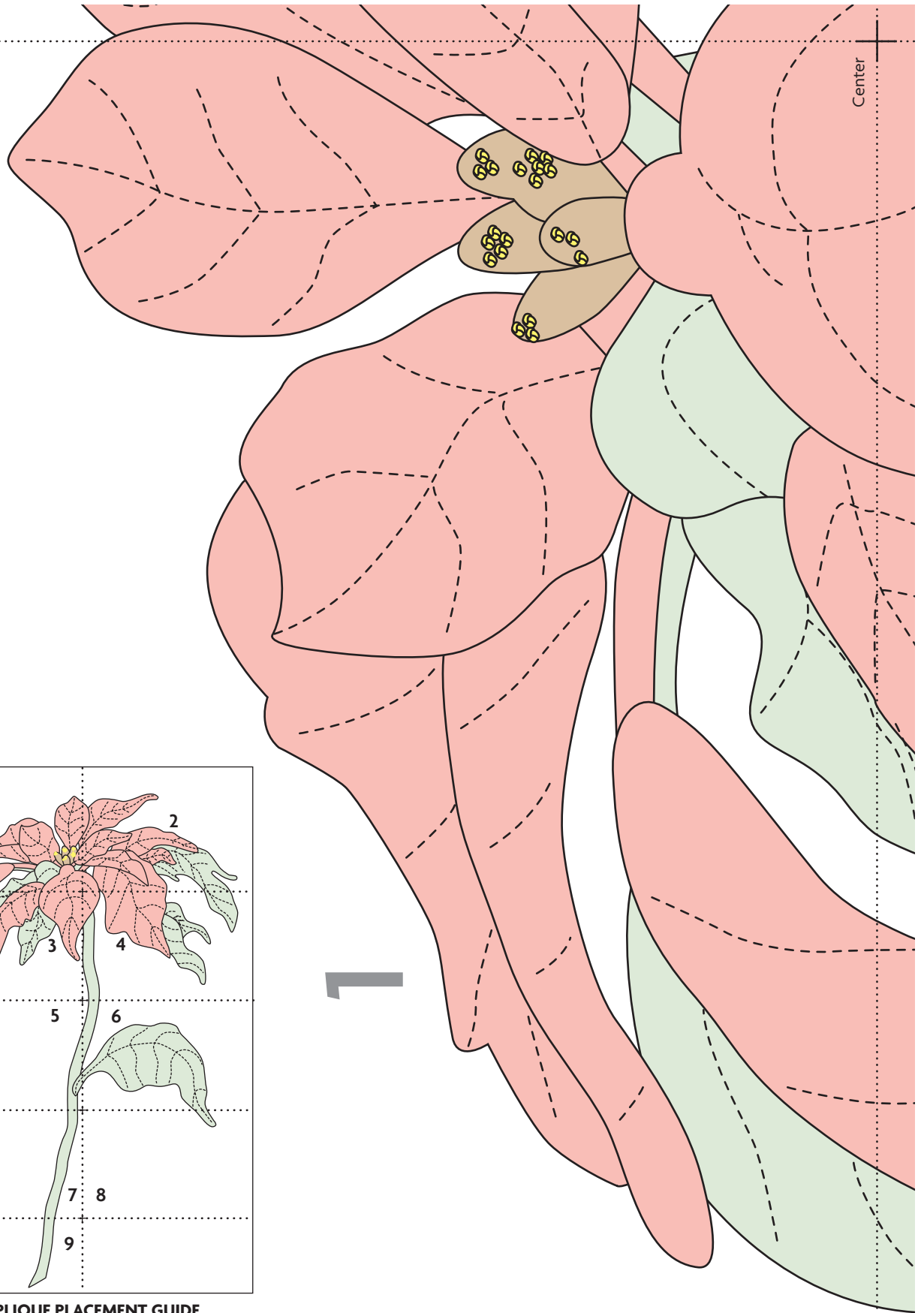
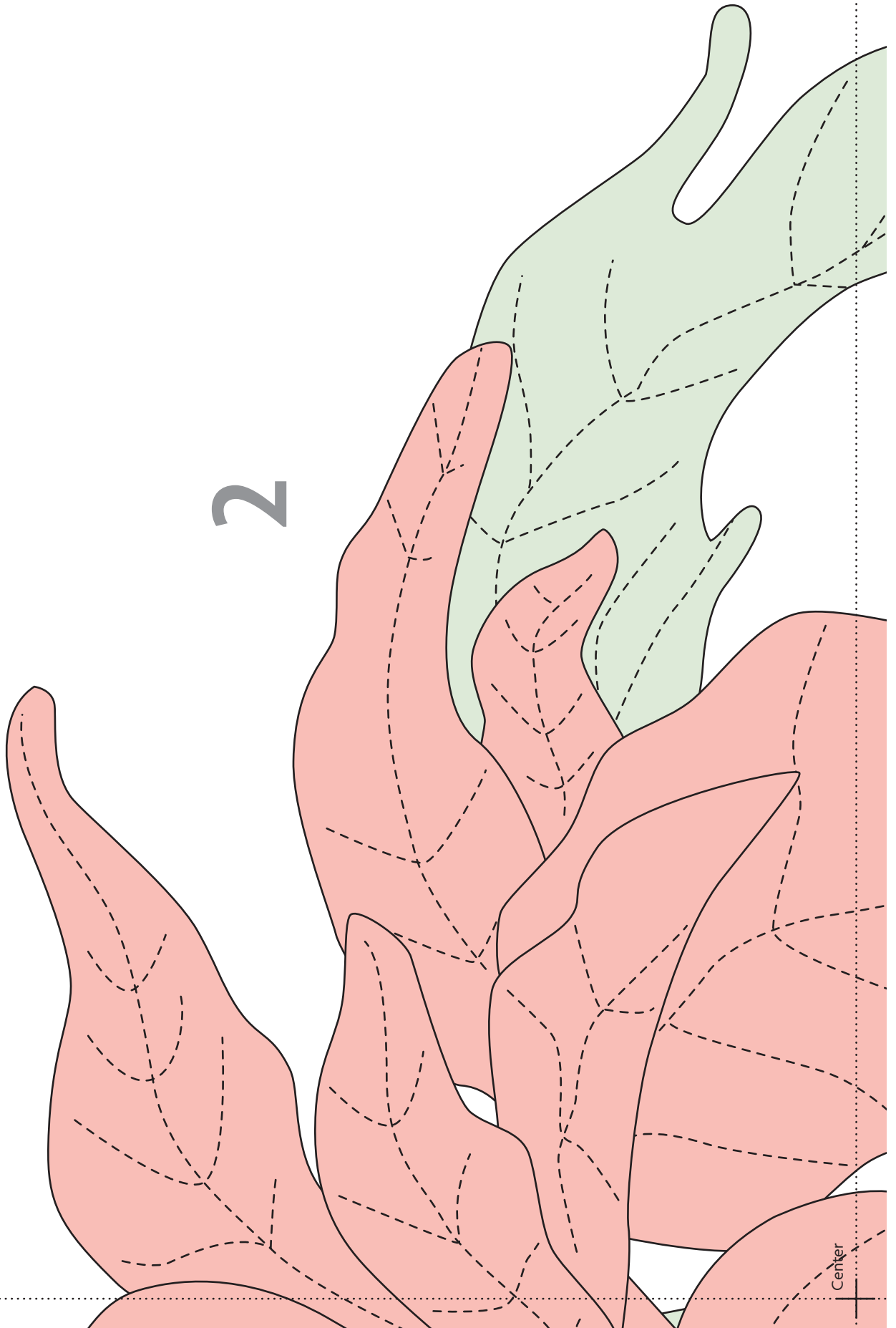


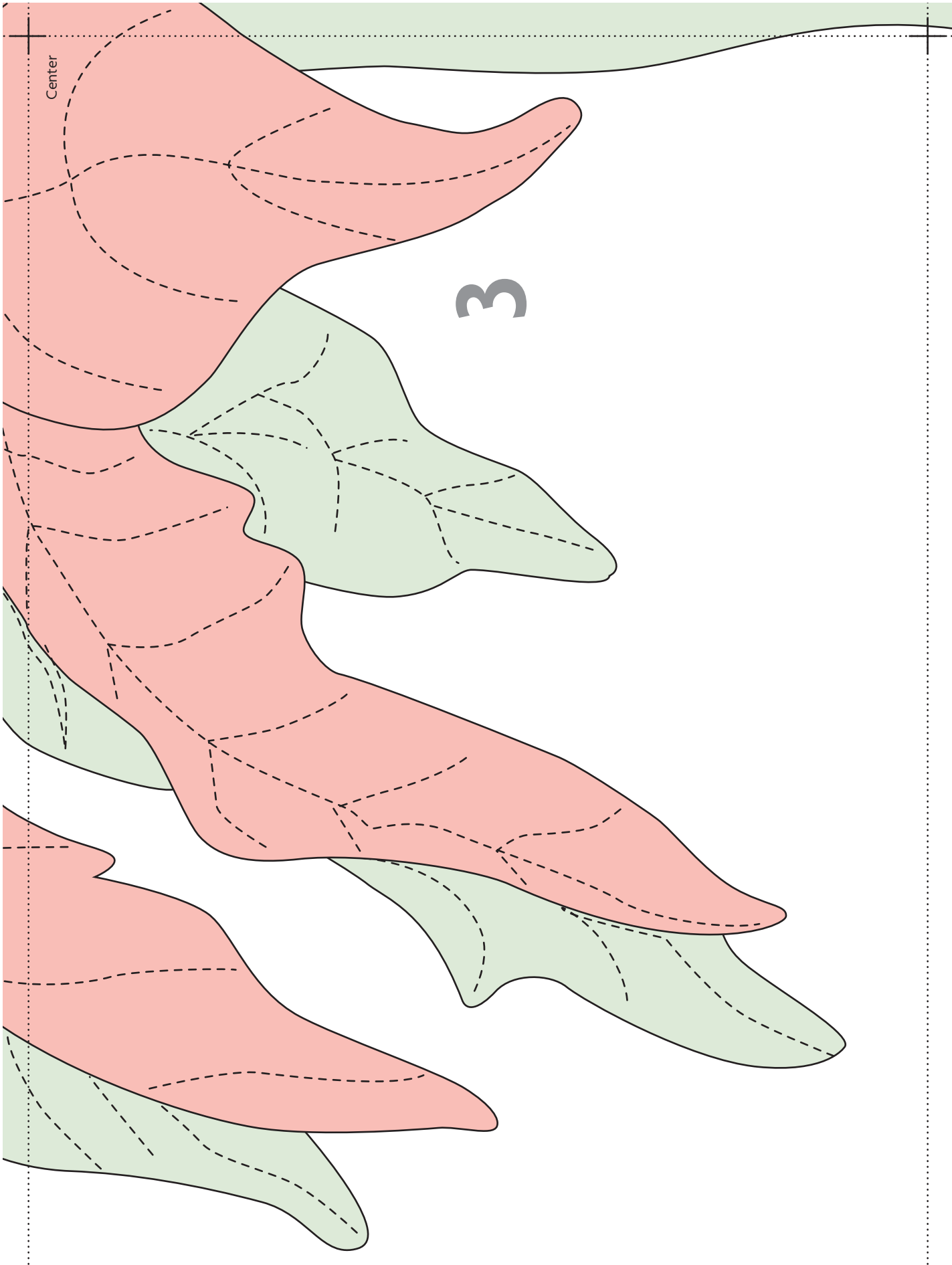
Fig. 1 French Knot

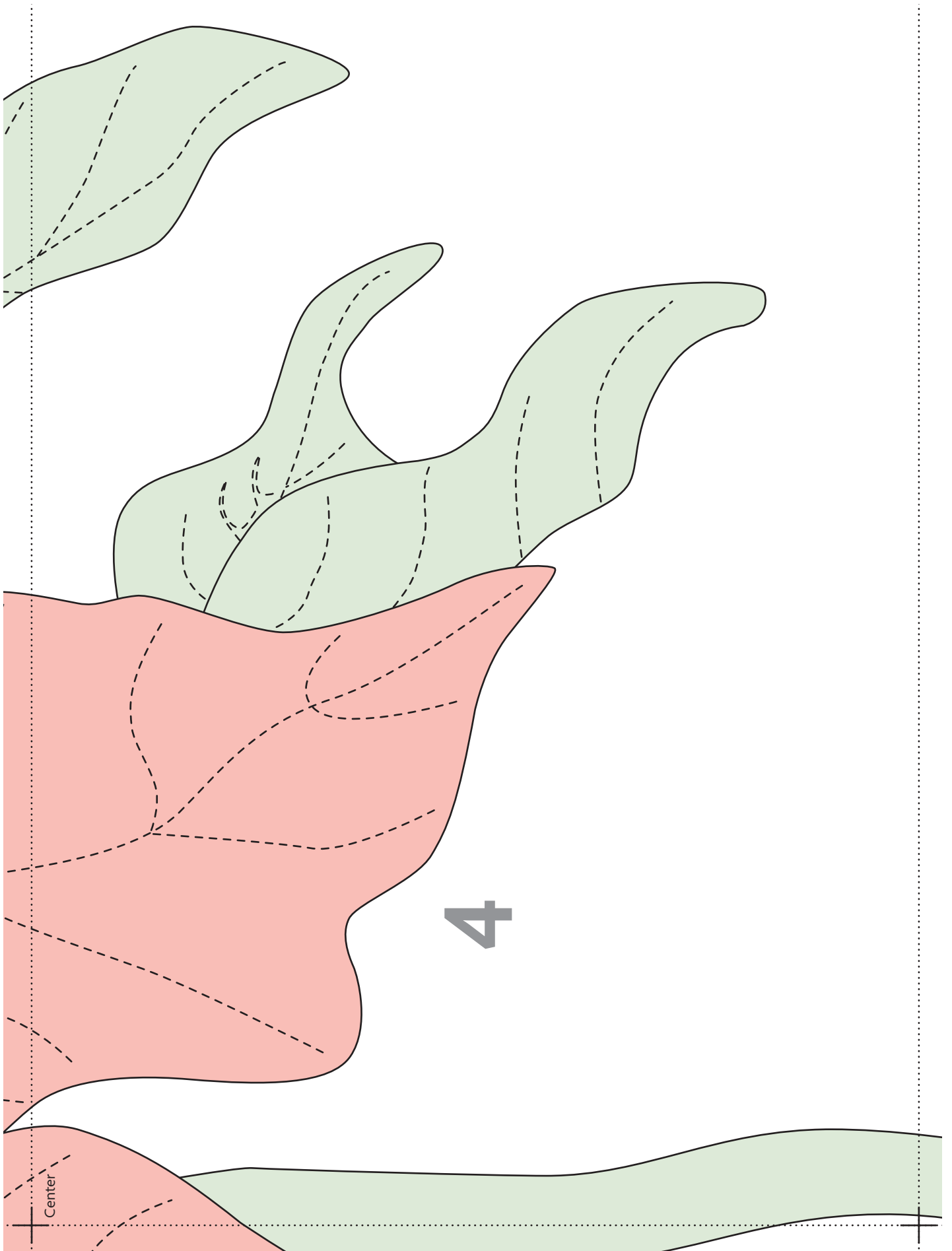


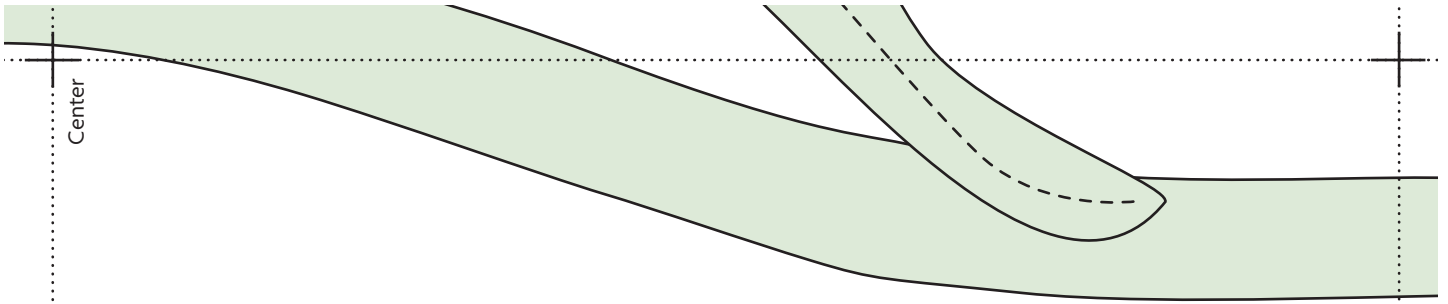
APPLIQUE PLACEMENT GUIDE

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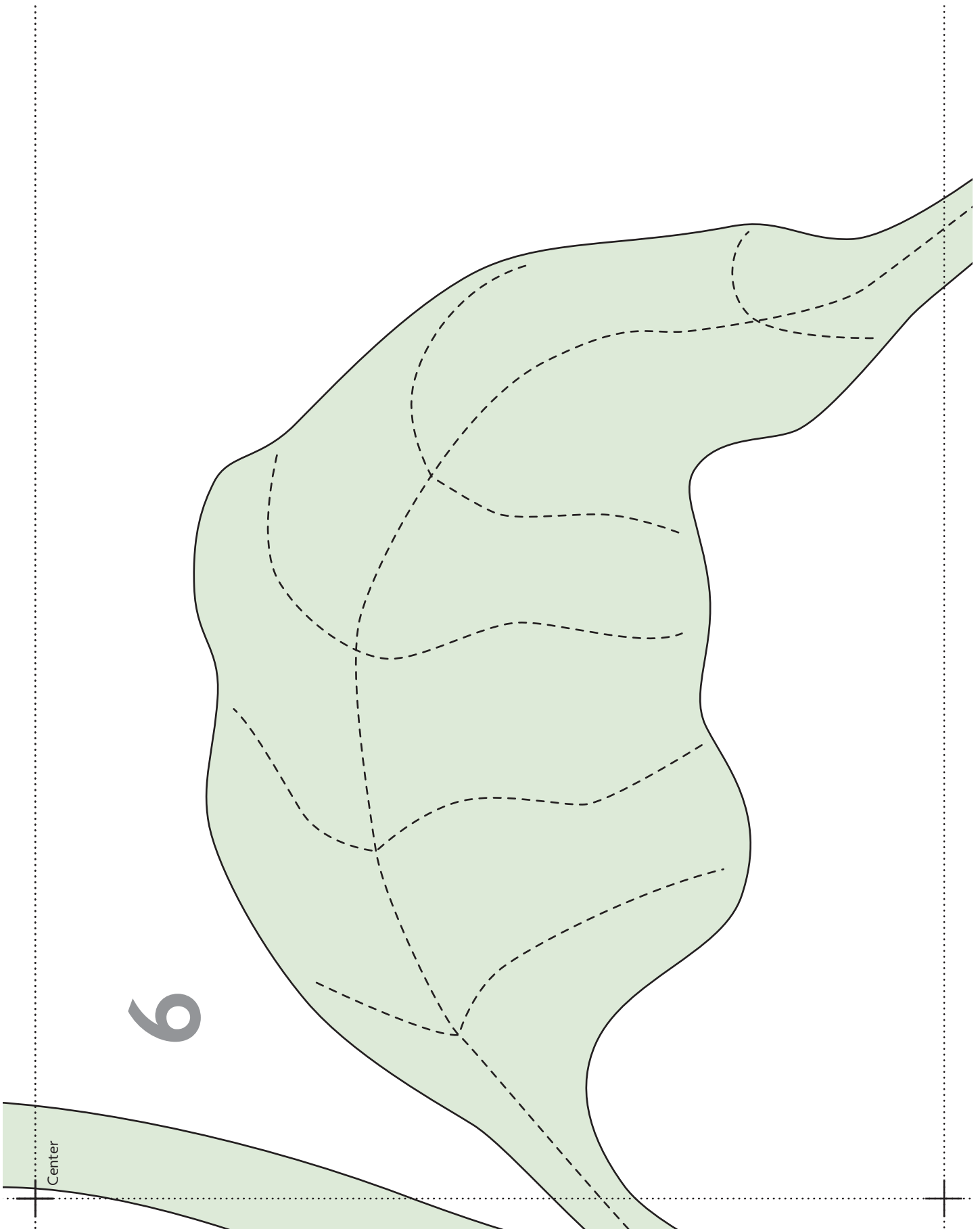






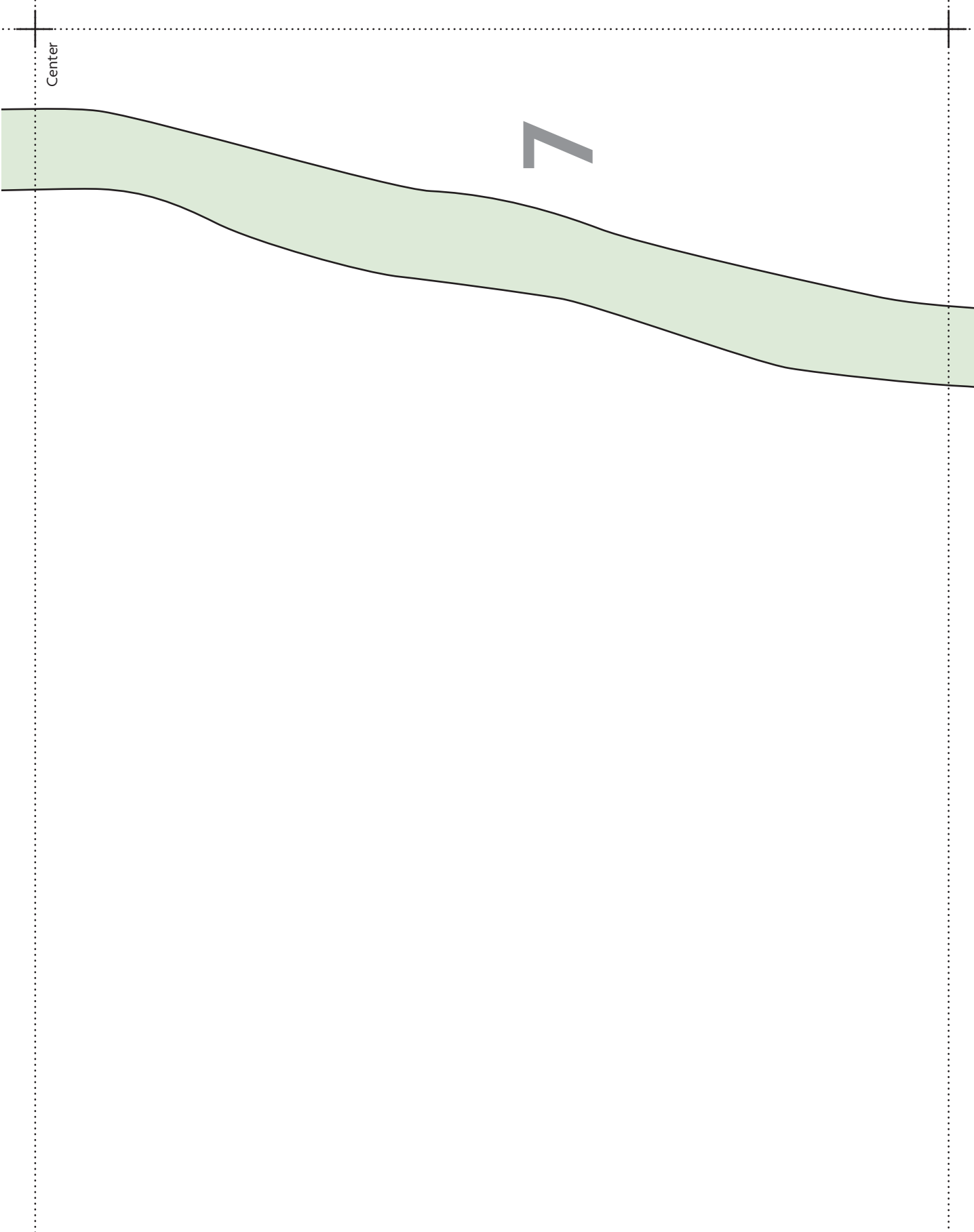


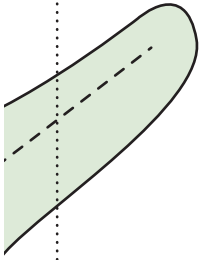
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