Faviola, The "housewife" summer dress

In Latin America where I grew up, when we get up, we shower and dress ready for visitors. After all, when we say "Mi casa es su casa" we mean it. People often do not call before dropping by. Of course, they don't expect you or your house to be perfect, but just looking plain is actually frowned upon. I'm not suggesting you take on the practice. But, then again why not? After all, you never know who you might meet while at the supermarket? Are we so comfortable at home in plain clothes that we have begun to become invisible? How does wearing super casual clothes every day affects our mood? Why do we think dressing nice has to happen only when we go somewhere special?

This dress is very easy to make. It does take a bit of effort to prepare the fabric, but once you are ready, it can be sewn in 30 minutes. Make it and try the dress to go the supermarket or take a stroll around the neighborhood and see how many people ask you if you are coming or going to a party. What are you celebrating today? You! Yes I am wife inside a house, but I'm also a keeper, a cook, a nurse, a mother, a friend, a lover, a woman with many hats. I think this dress says all that.

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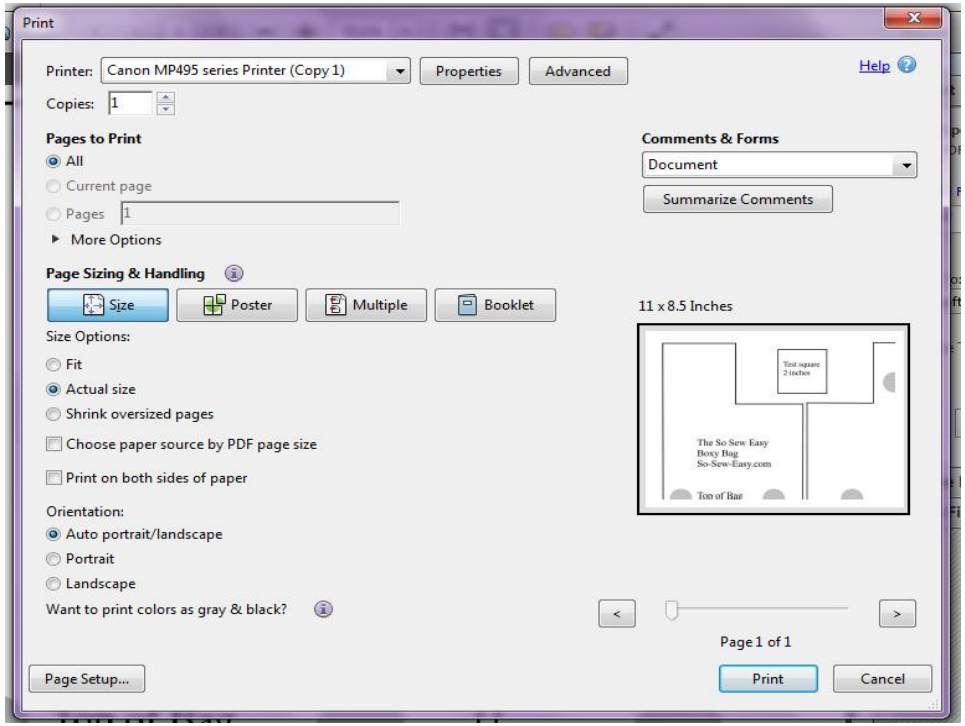

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Use the grey guides on the overlap of the sheets to match up the pattern pieces, folding under or cutting off any overlaps, tape together and cut out your pattern pieces.

Also note that you will need to cut two straps at 4 inches by 22 inches, for which no pattern piece is supplied – it's just a rectangle! You can draw the straps on the reverse of your fabric to cut.

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Materials

- Jersey (Rayon or ITY) only 2 1/4 yards for the sizes 2-14 and 2 1/2 yards from 14 to 22. Here are a couple of suggested prints: Bohemian ITY, Philadendro ITY, and Catalina Blue ITY.
- A ball point or jersey needle. I always use Schmetz.
- A double twin needle (Optional)
- A serger (optional)
- Stretchable interfacing cut on a bias or stay tape
- Satin bias tape. This is what I used but any kind should do.
- Thread to match your fabric.

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2″x 2″ Test Square

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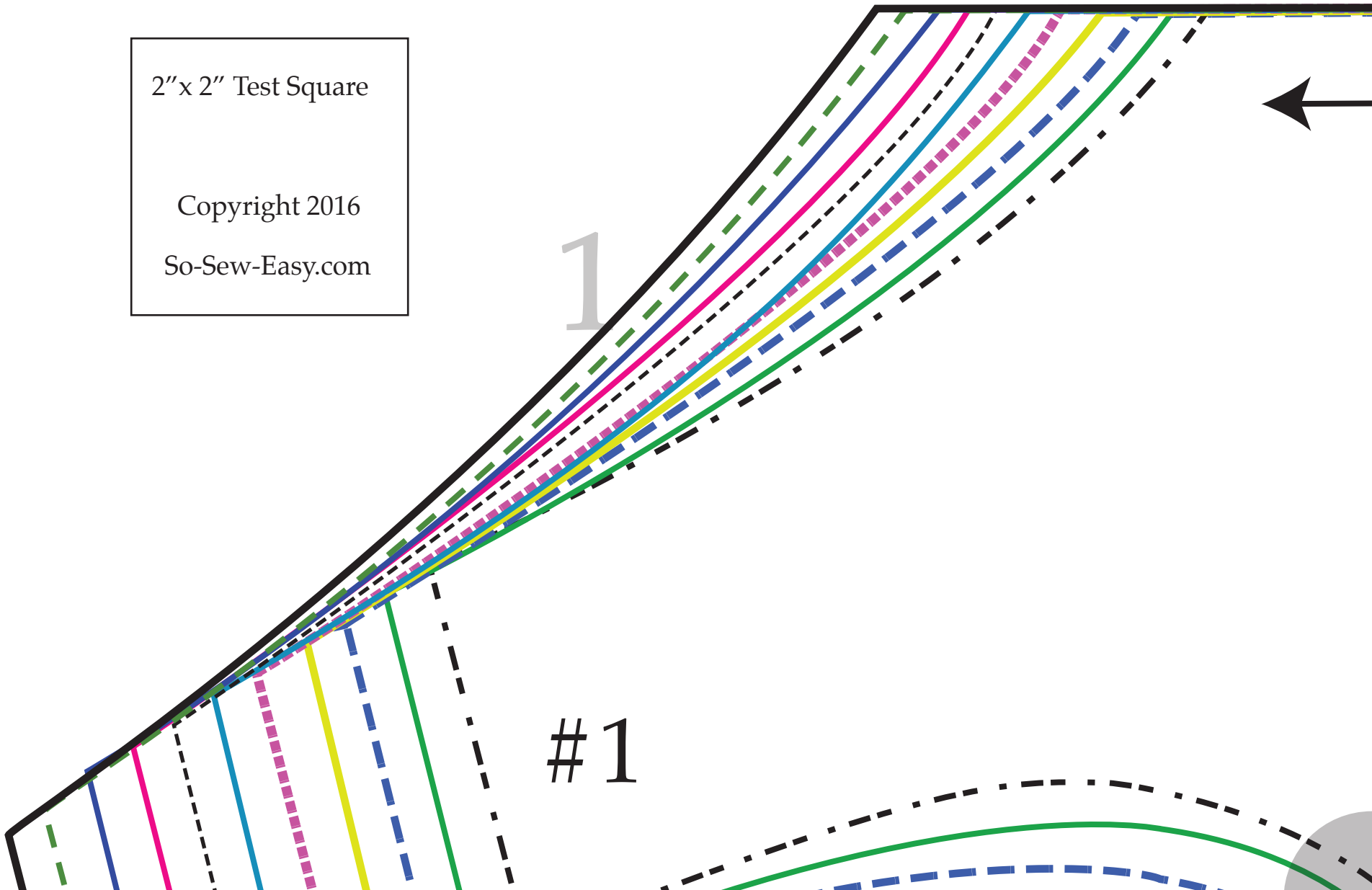

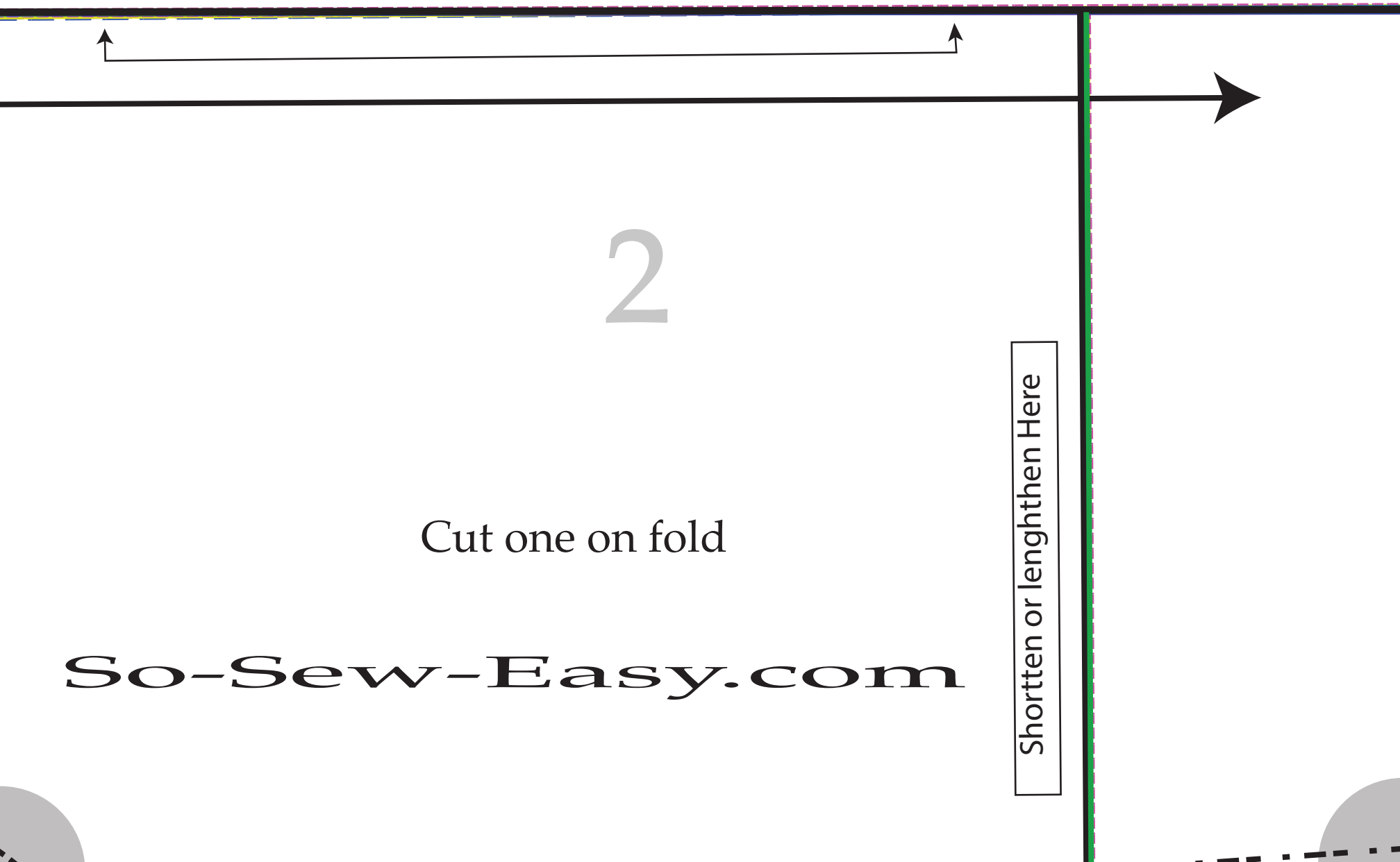
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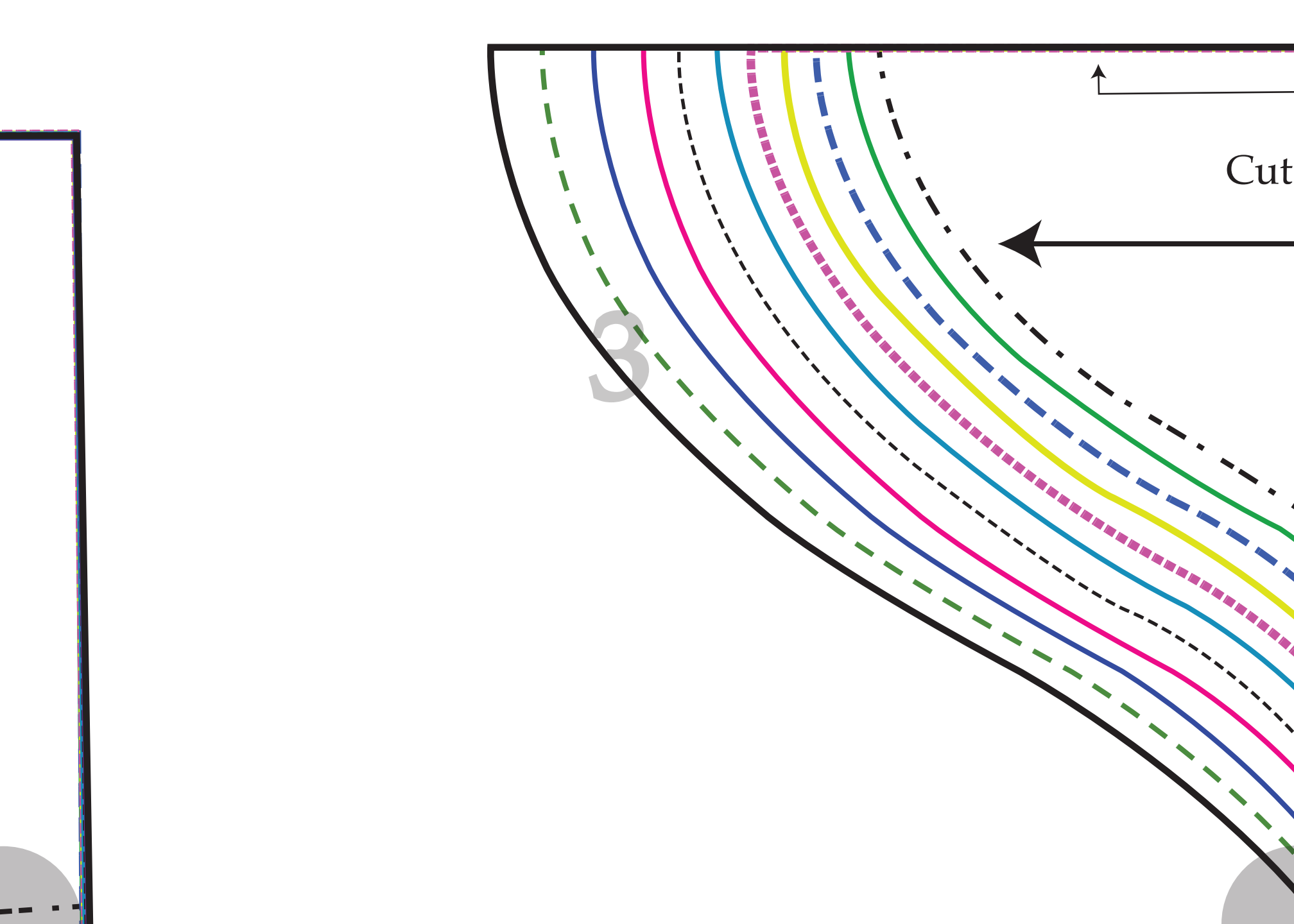
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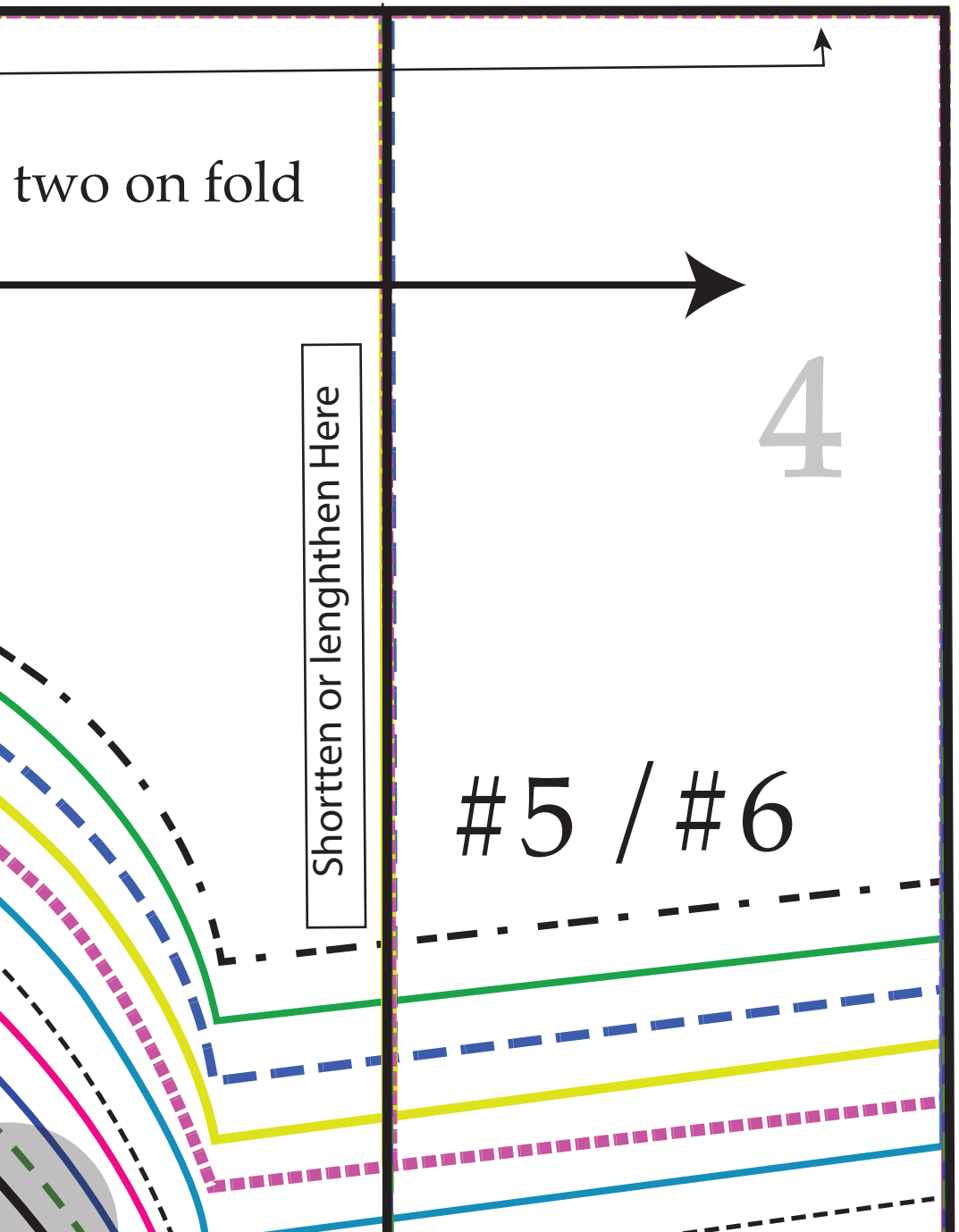
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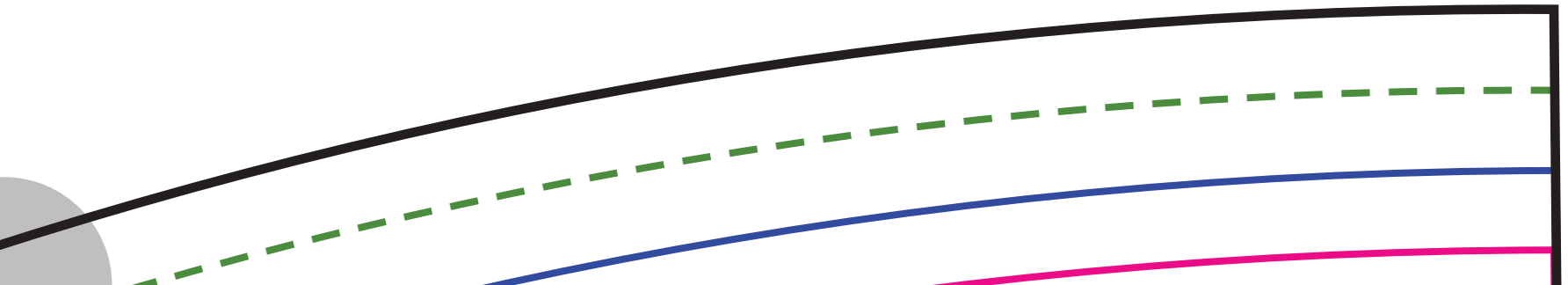

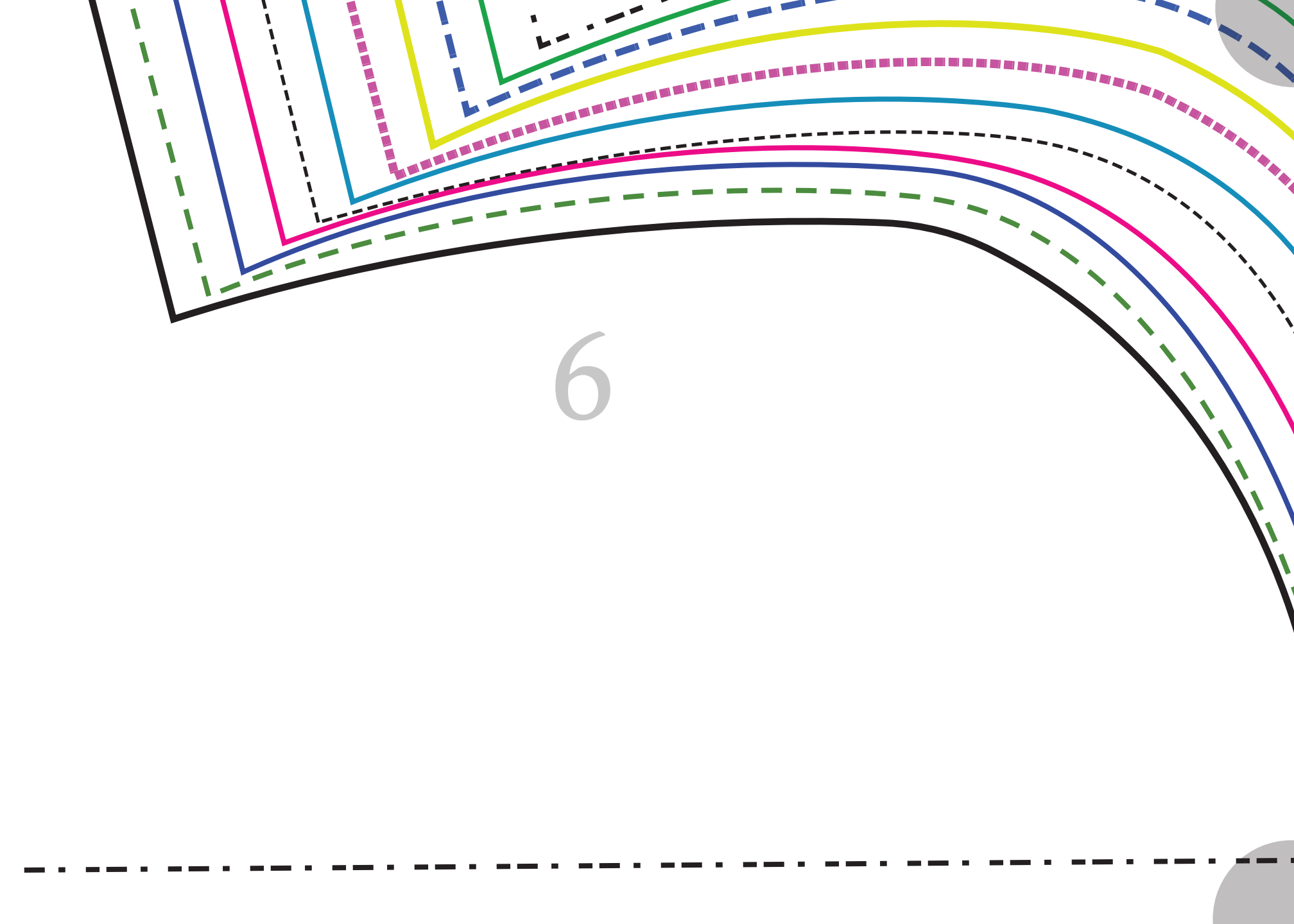
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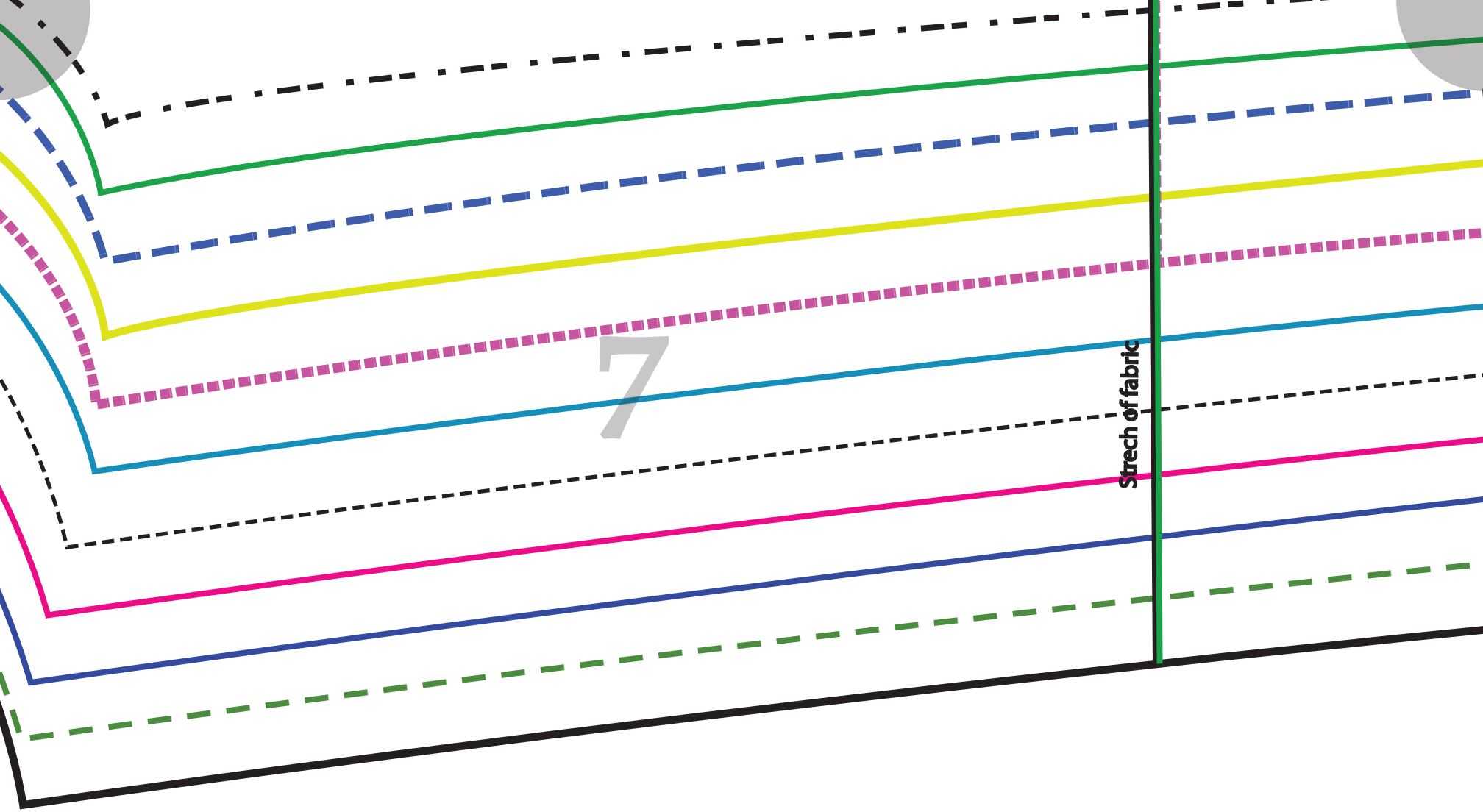
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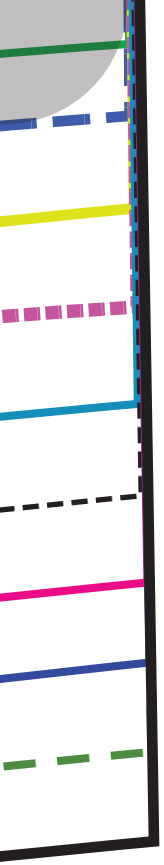

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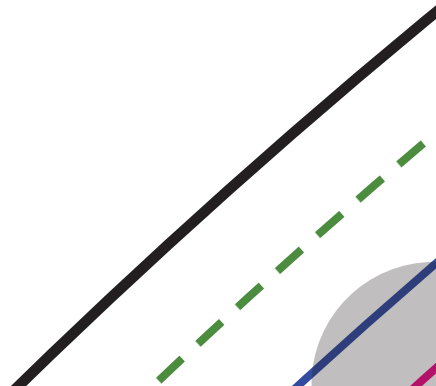

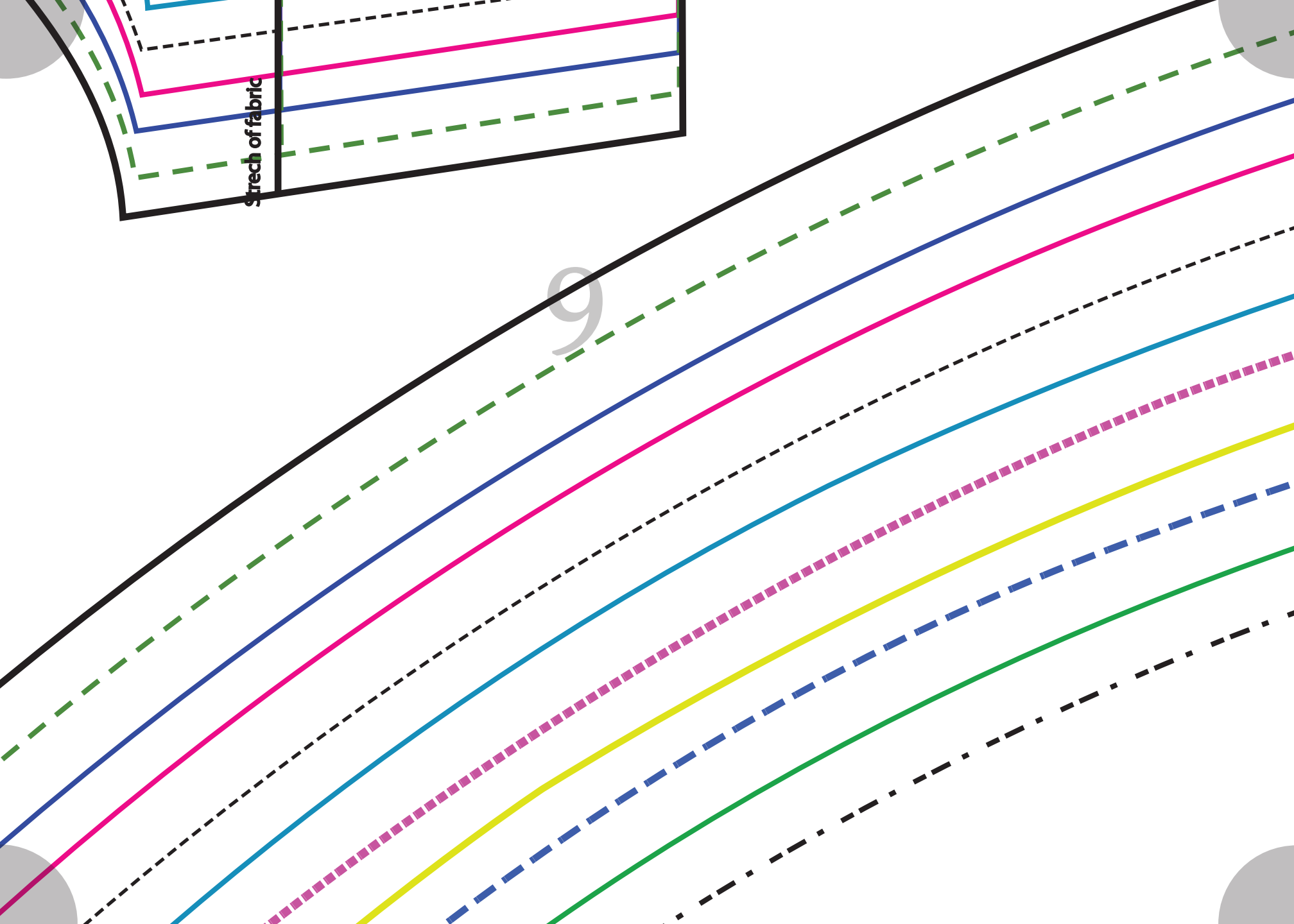
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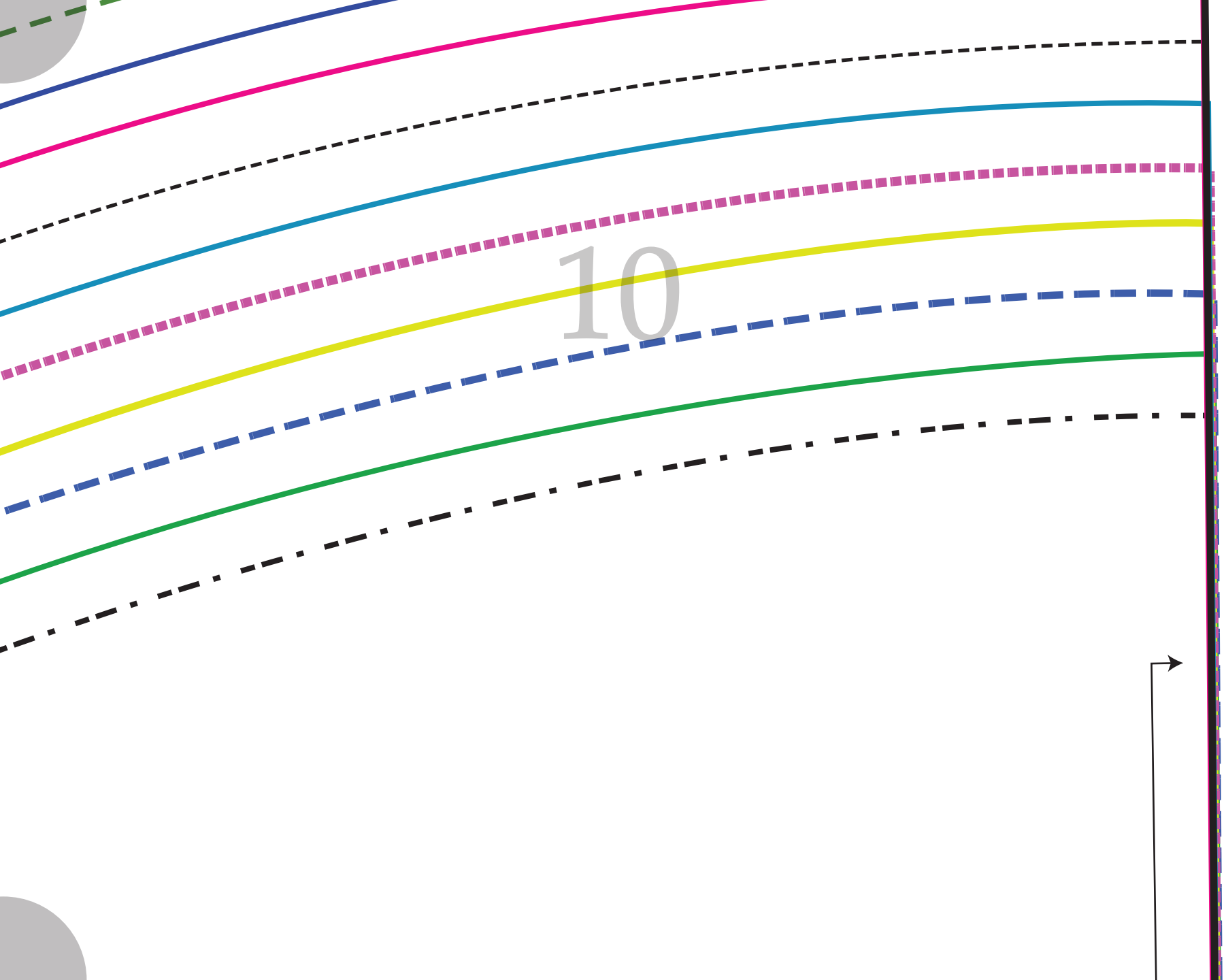
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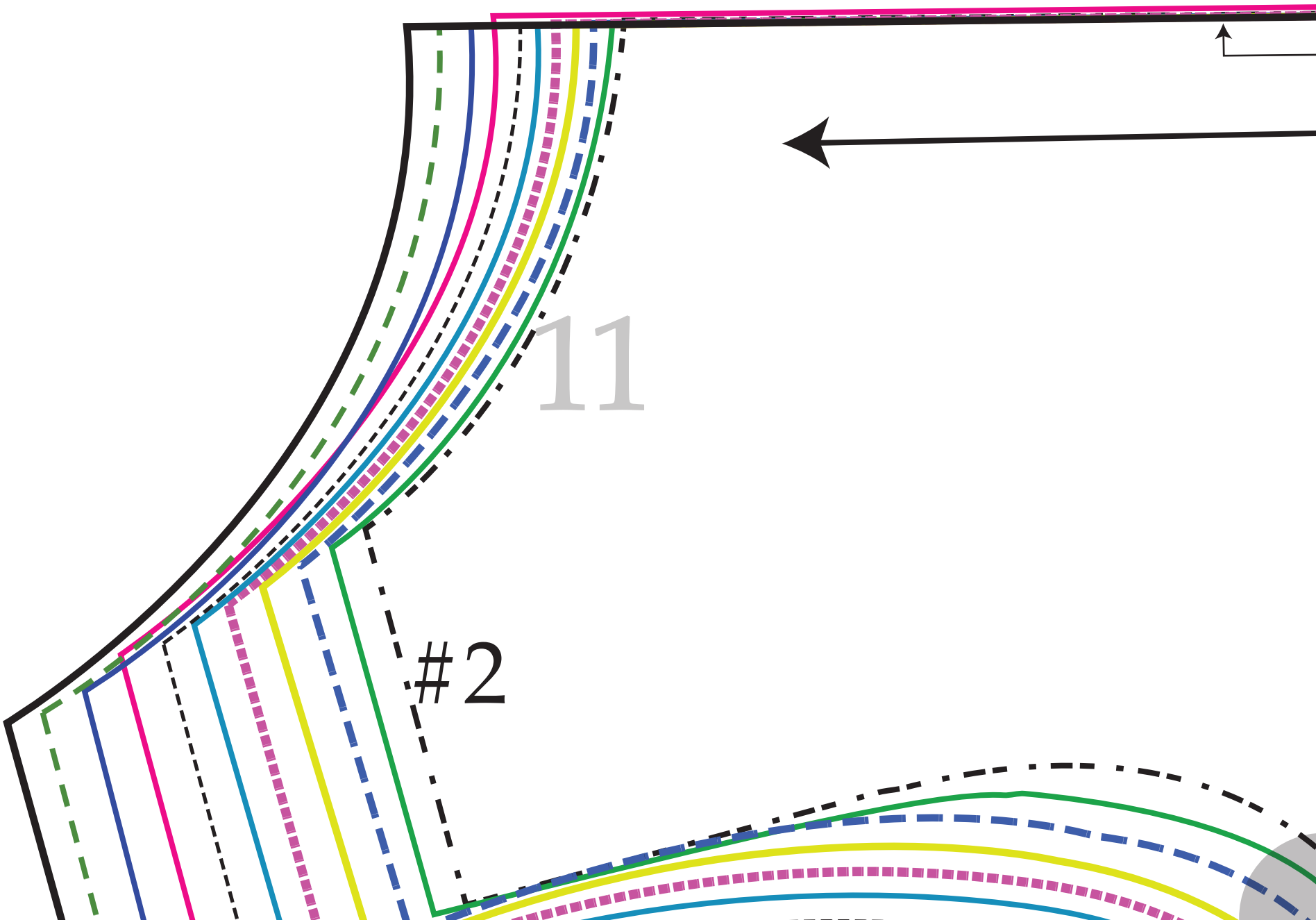
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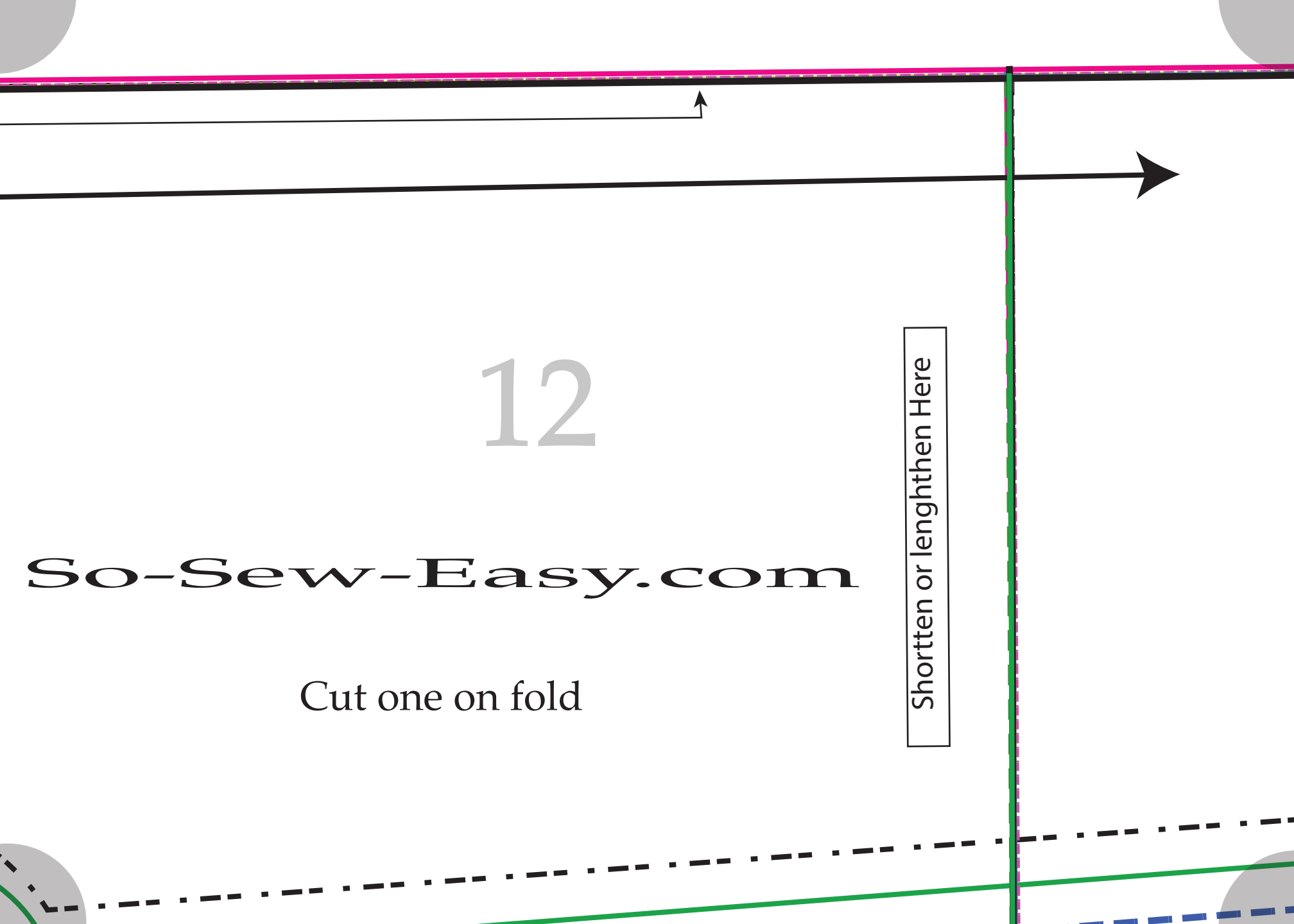
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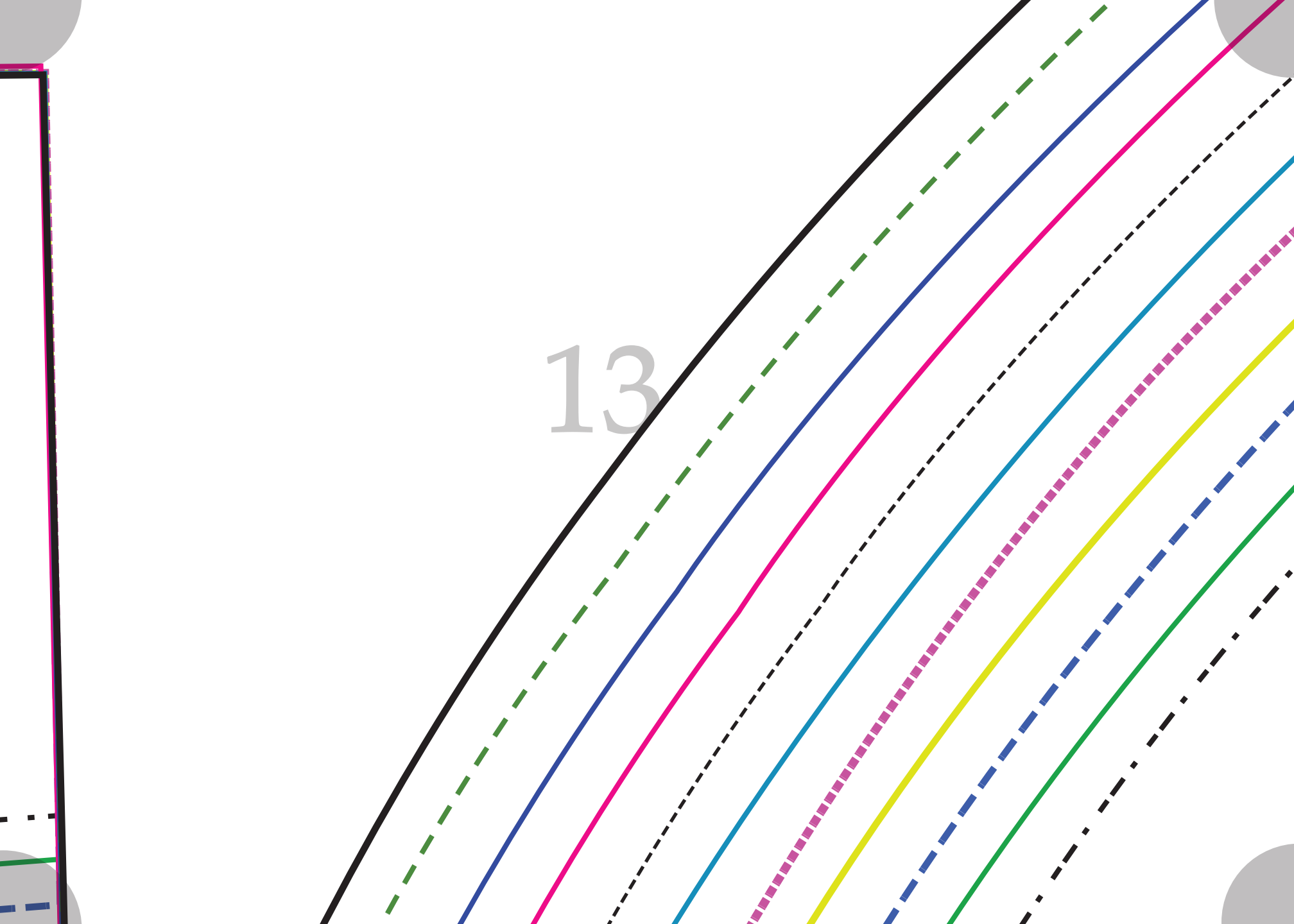

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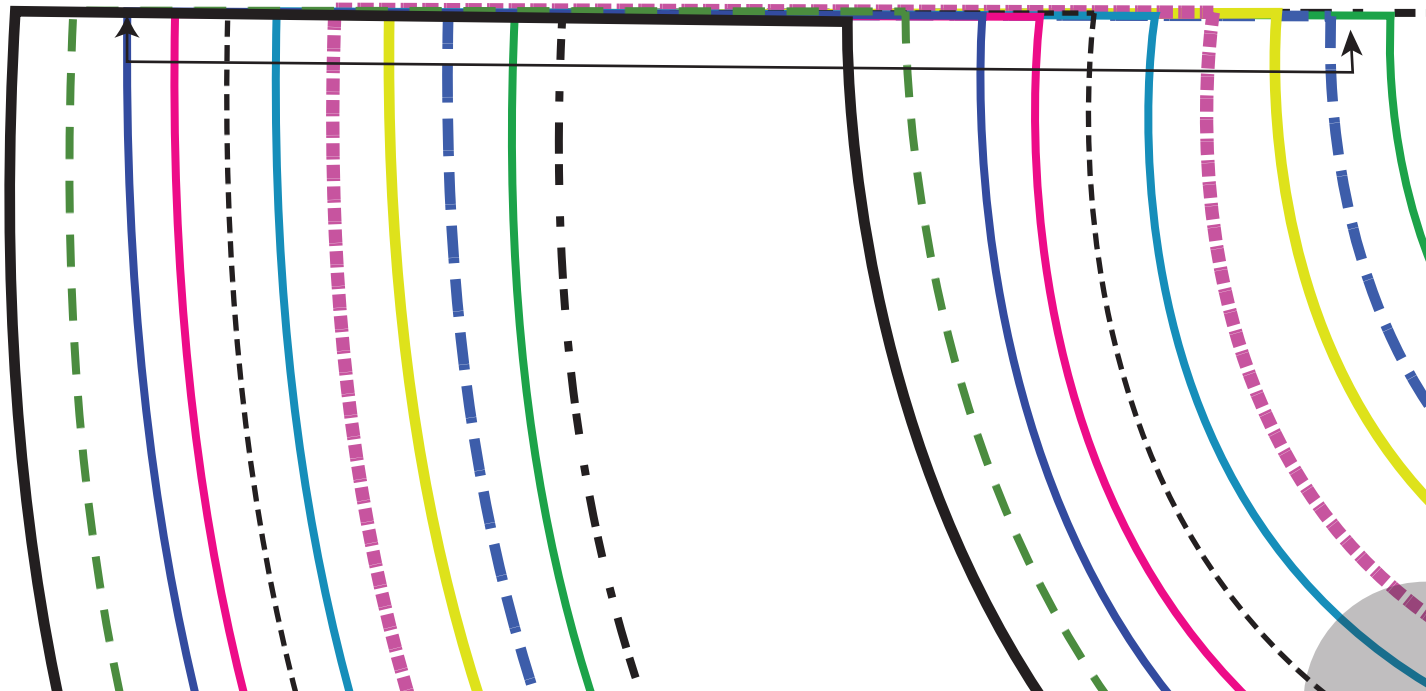

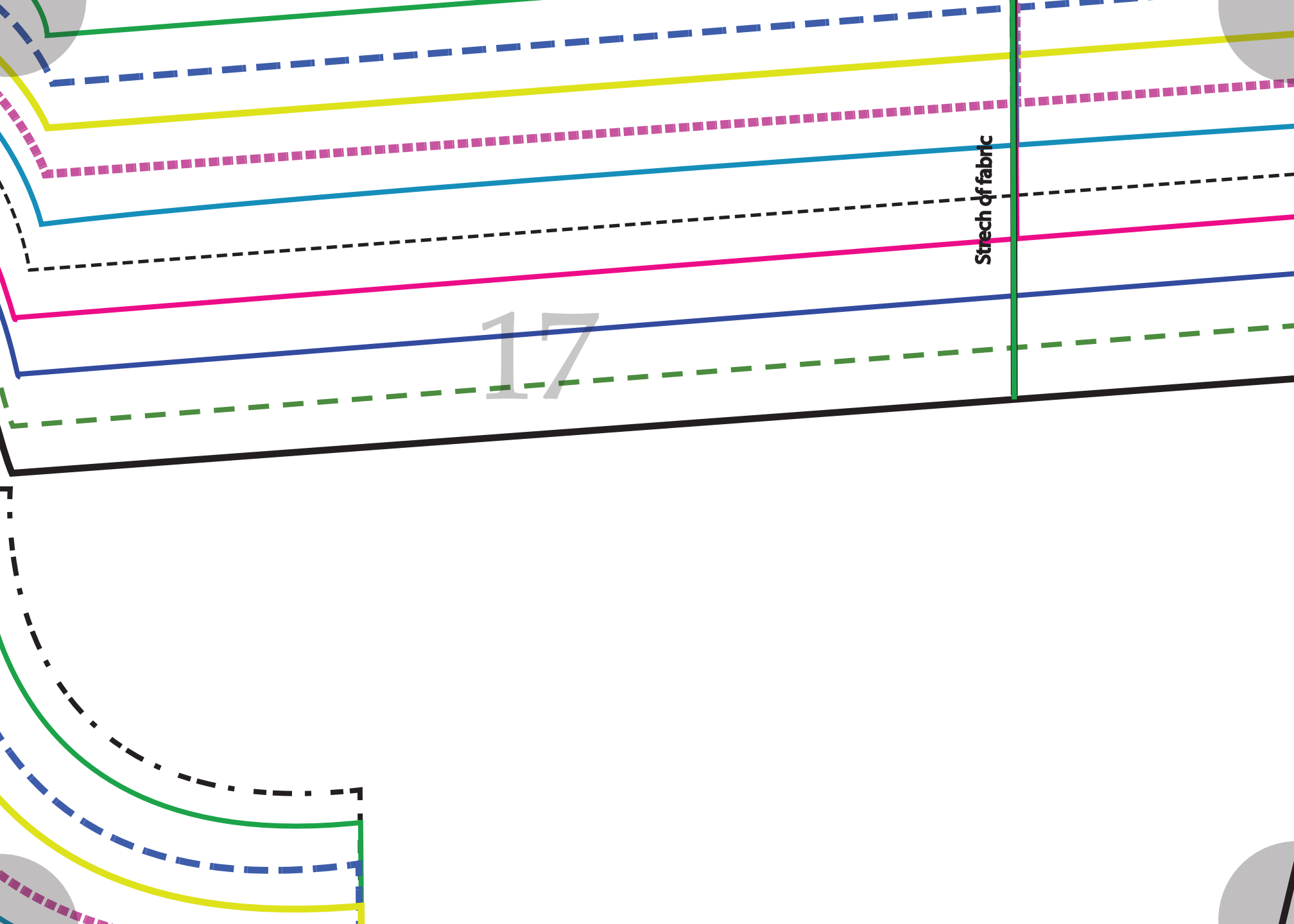
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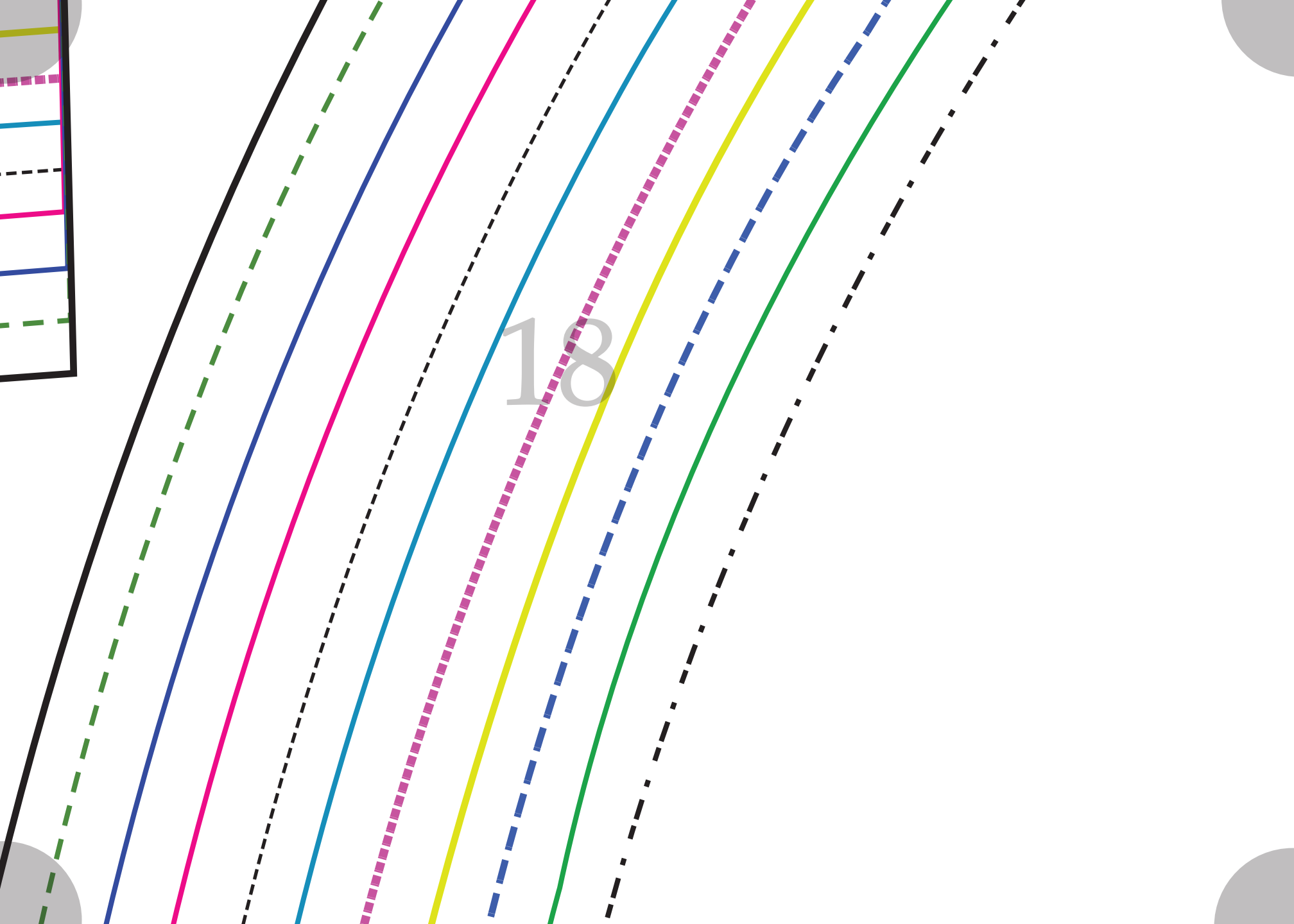
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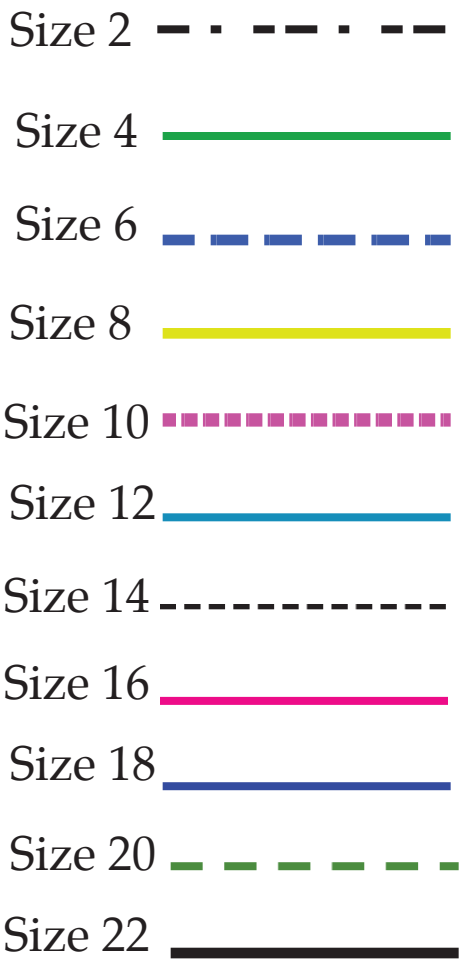
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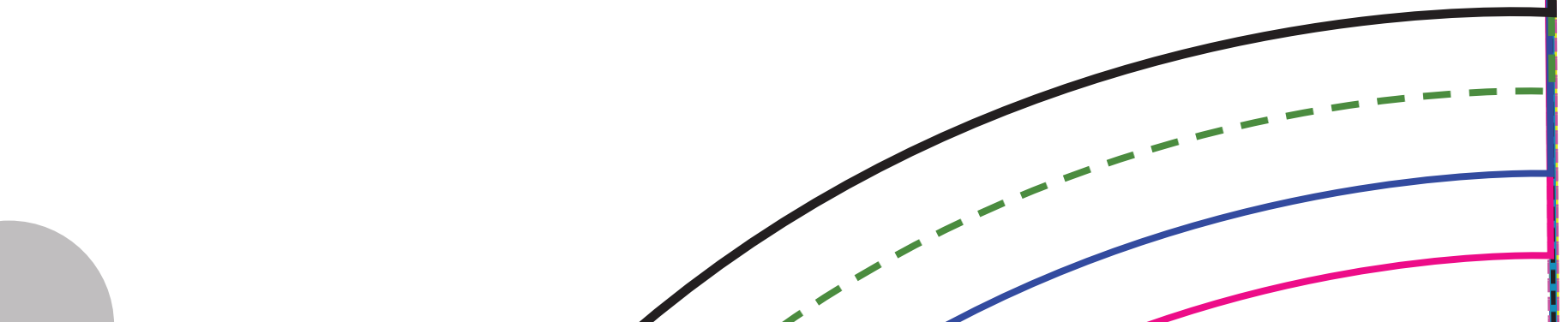

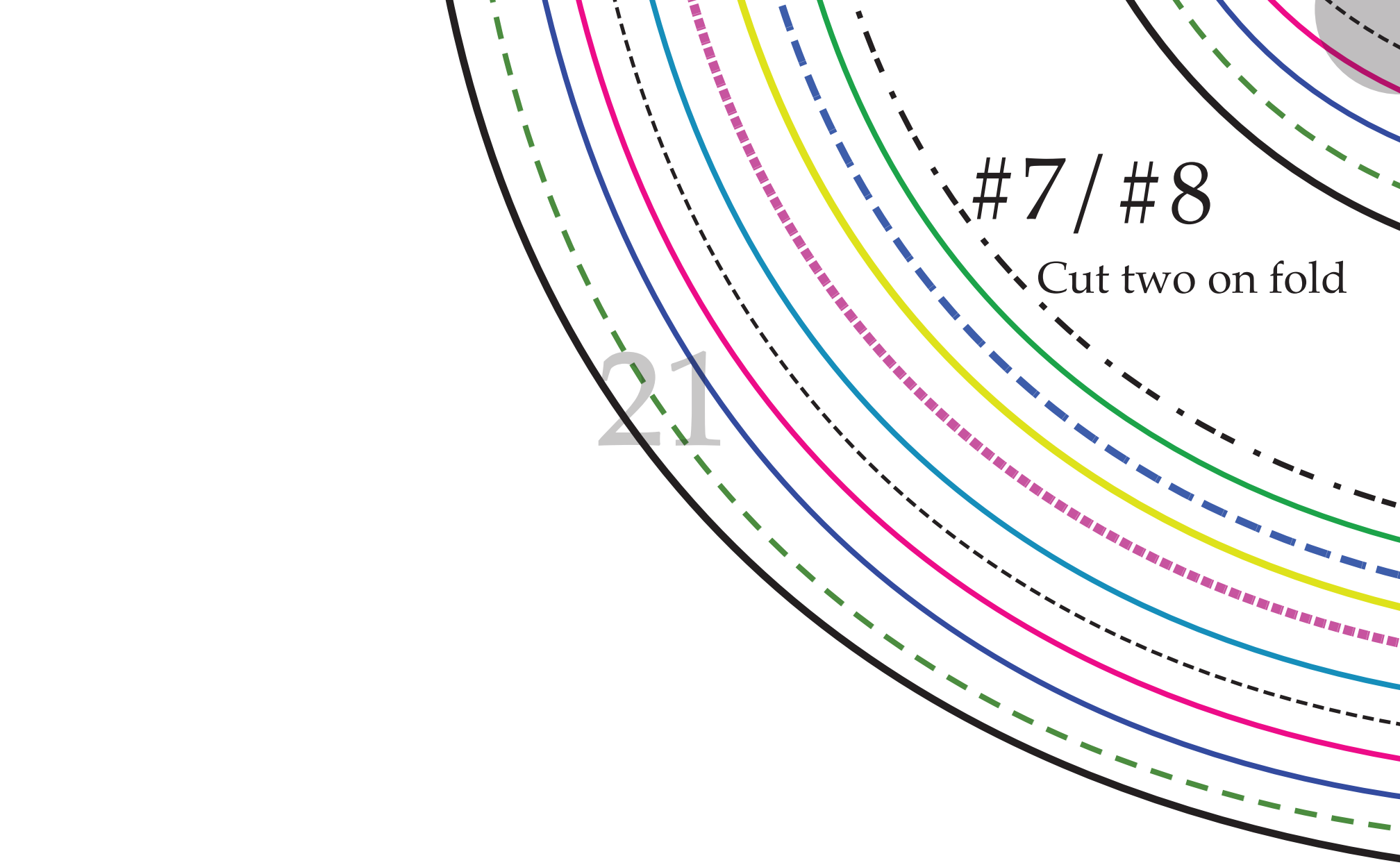
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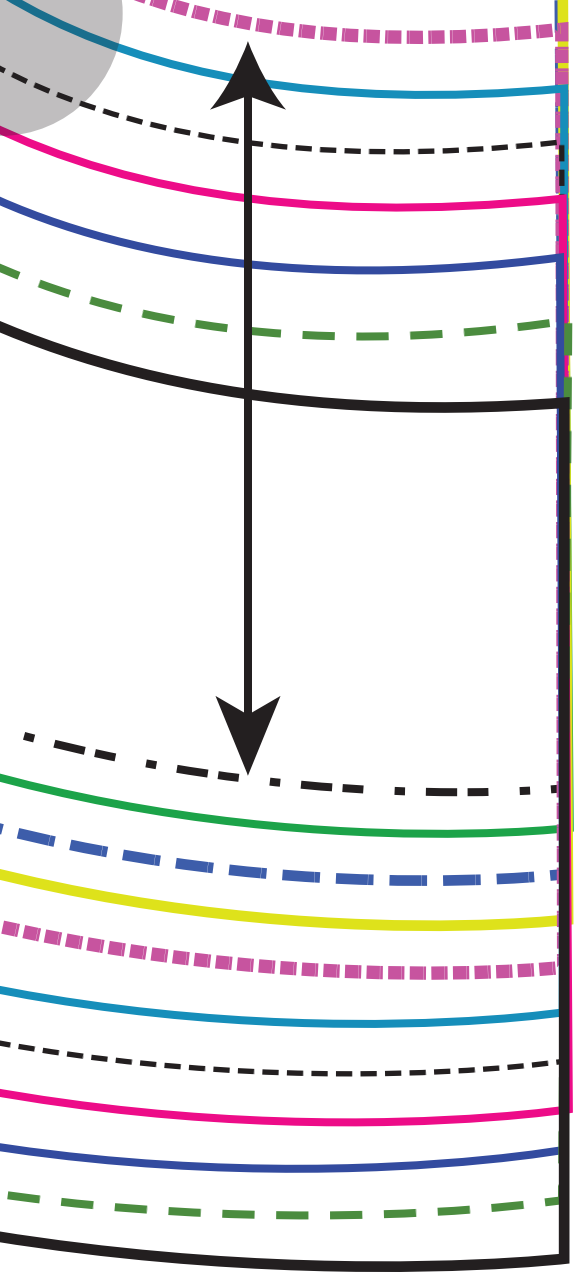

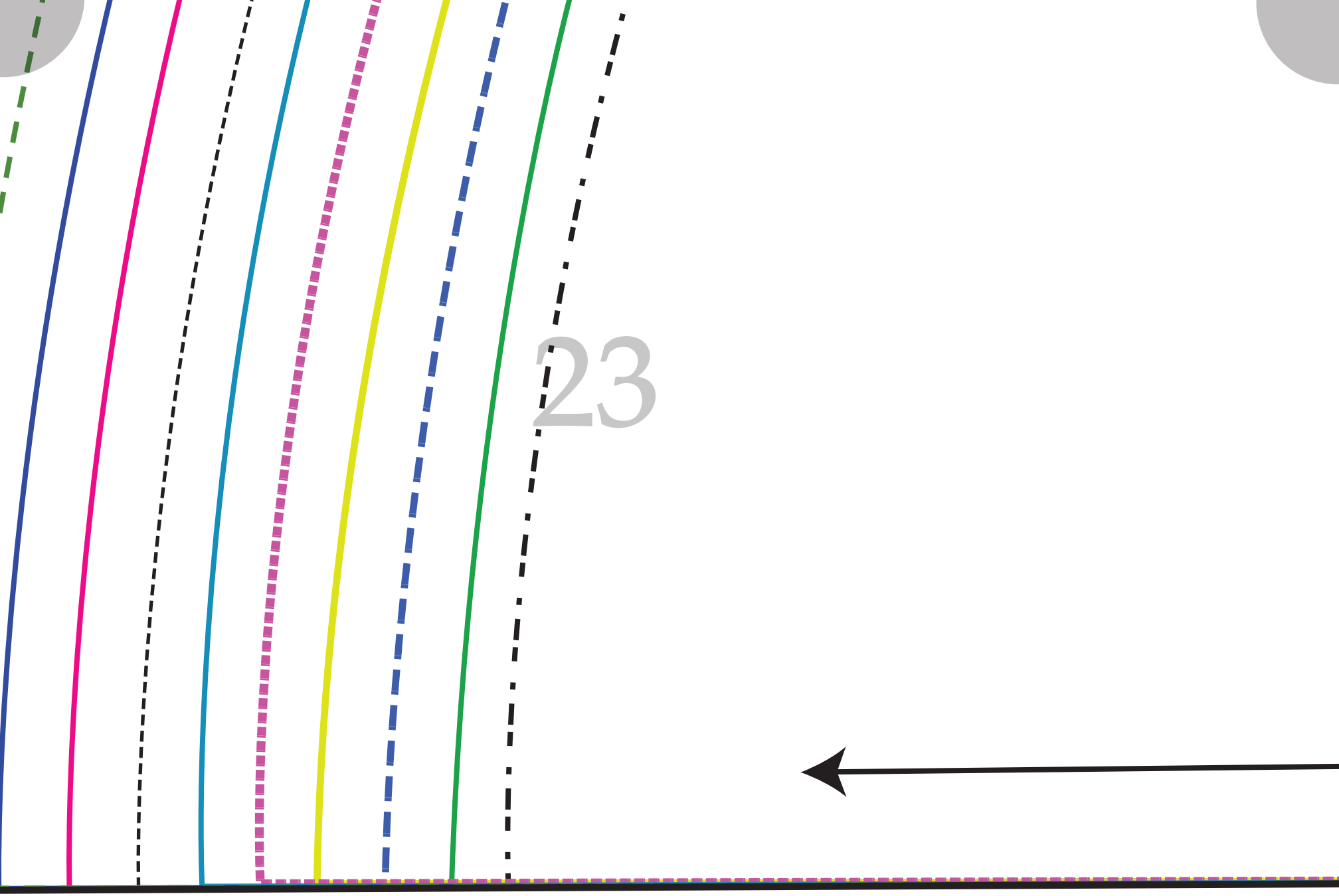
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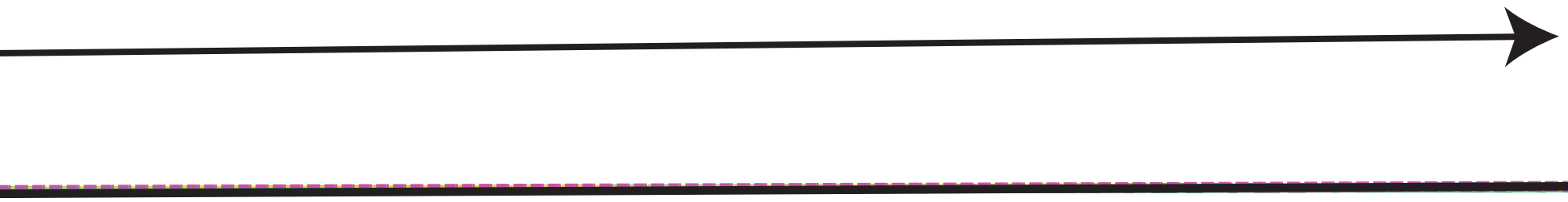

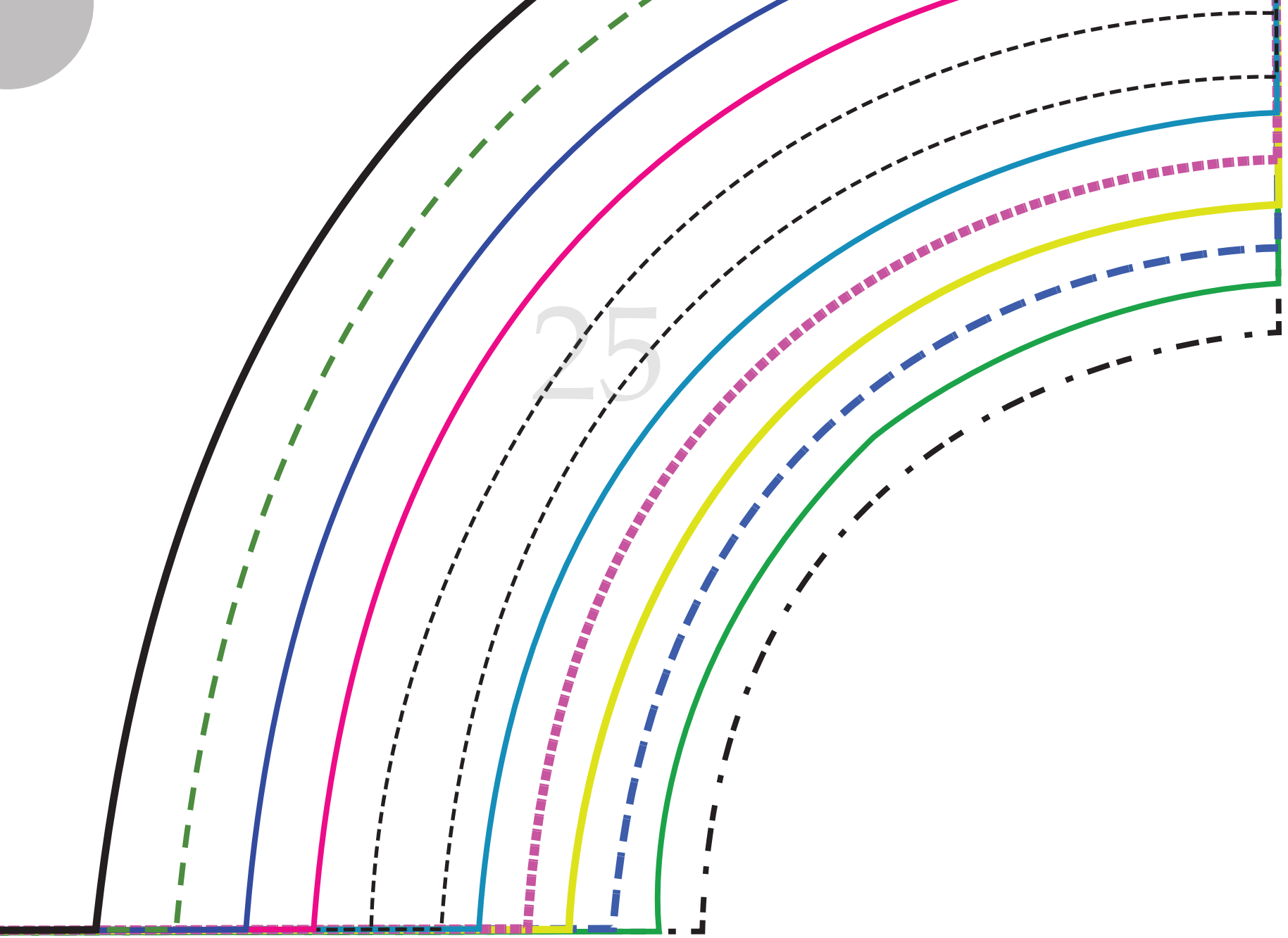
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