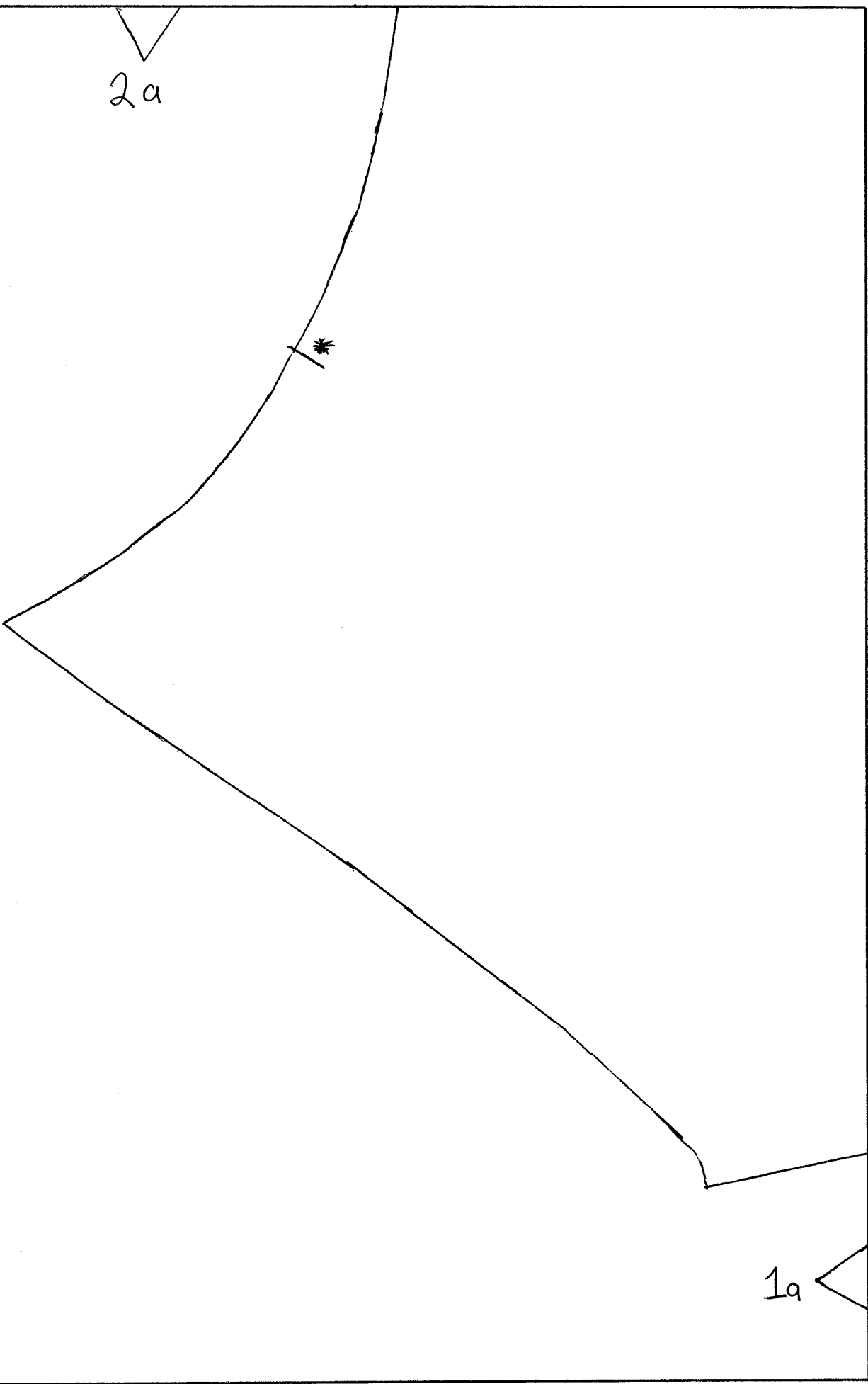


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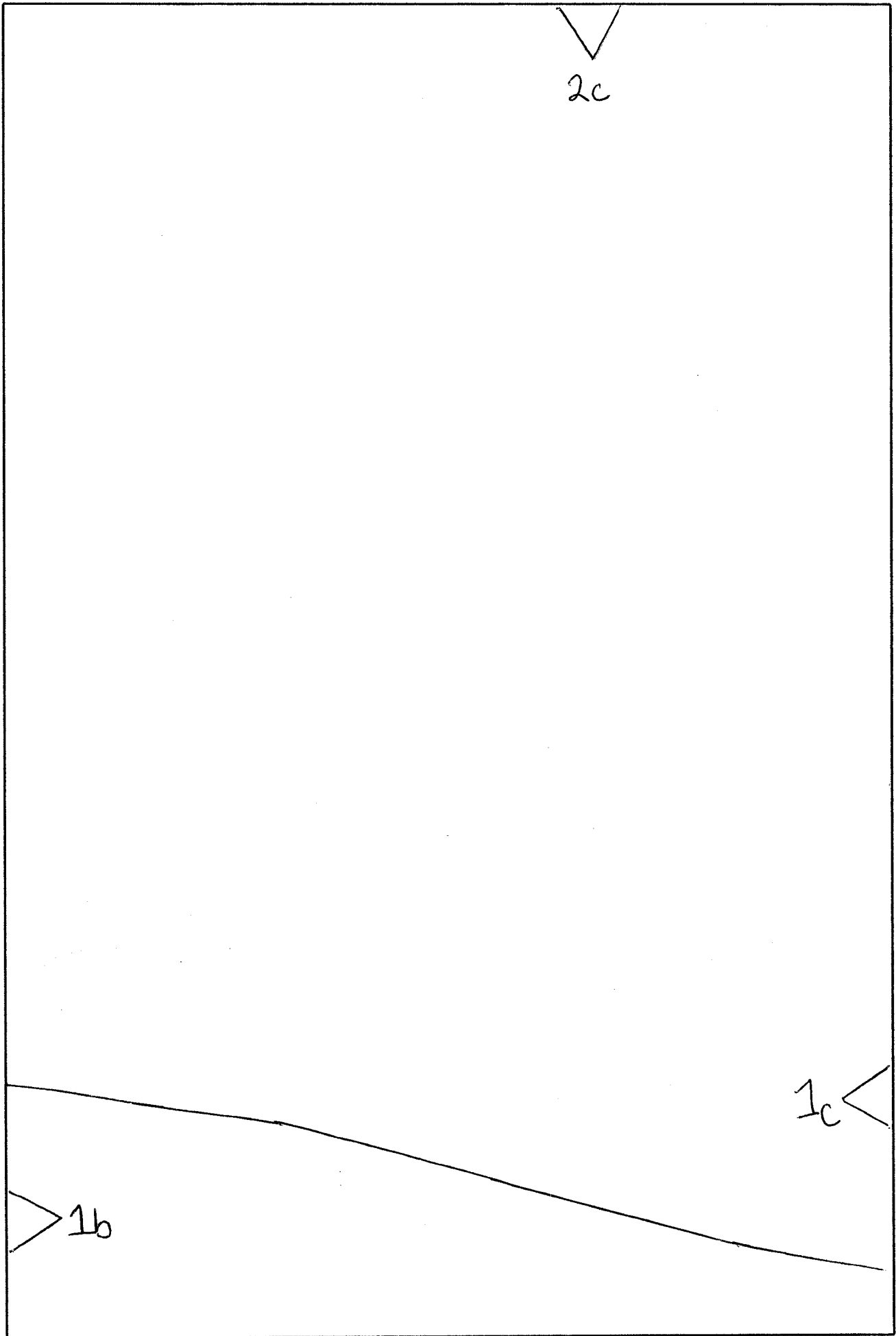


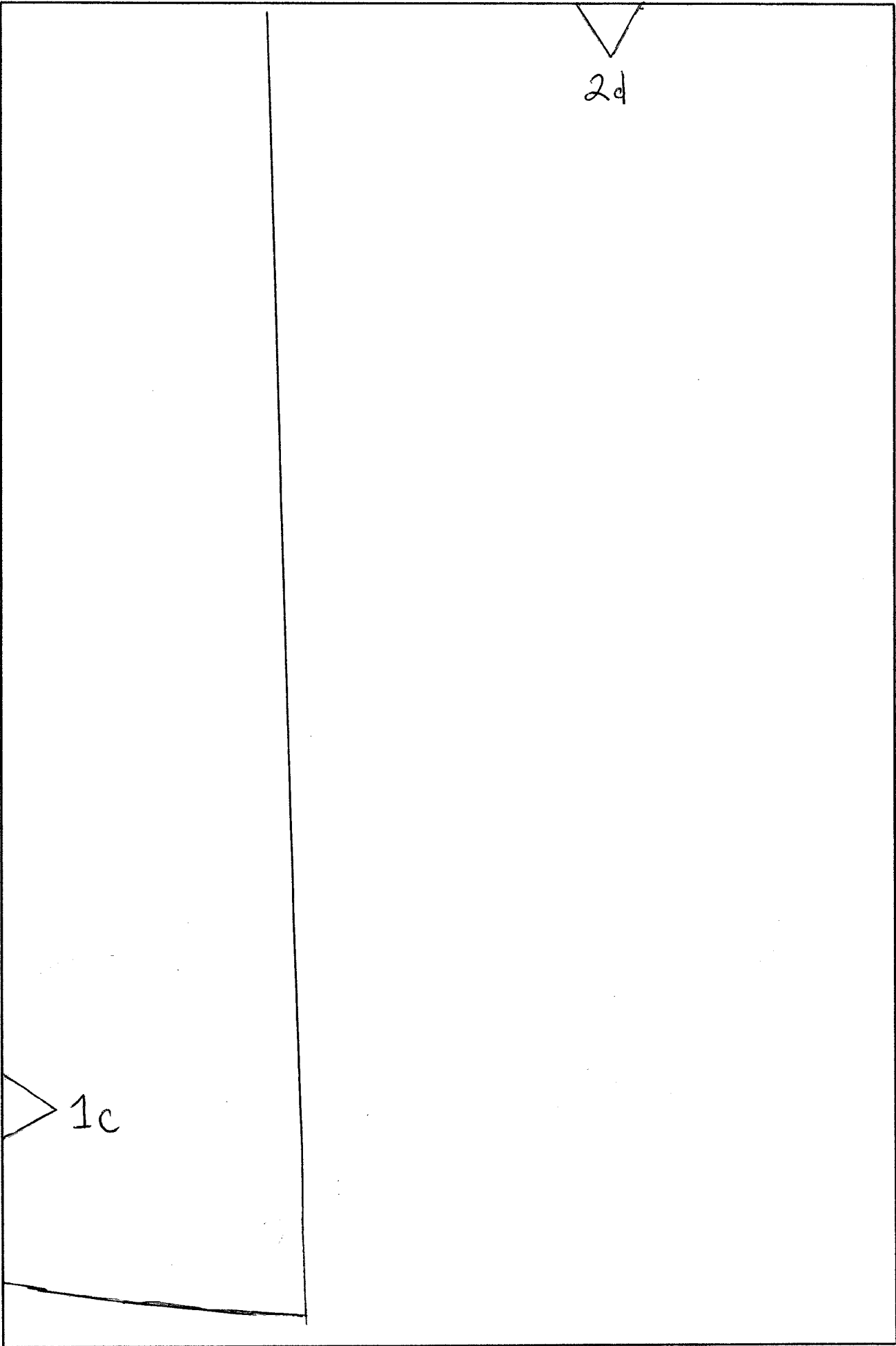
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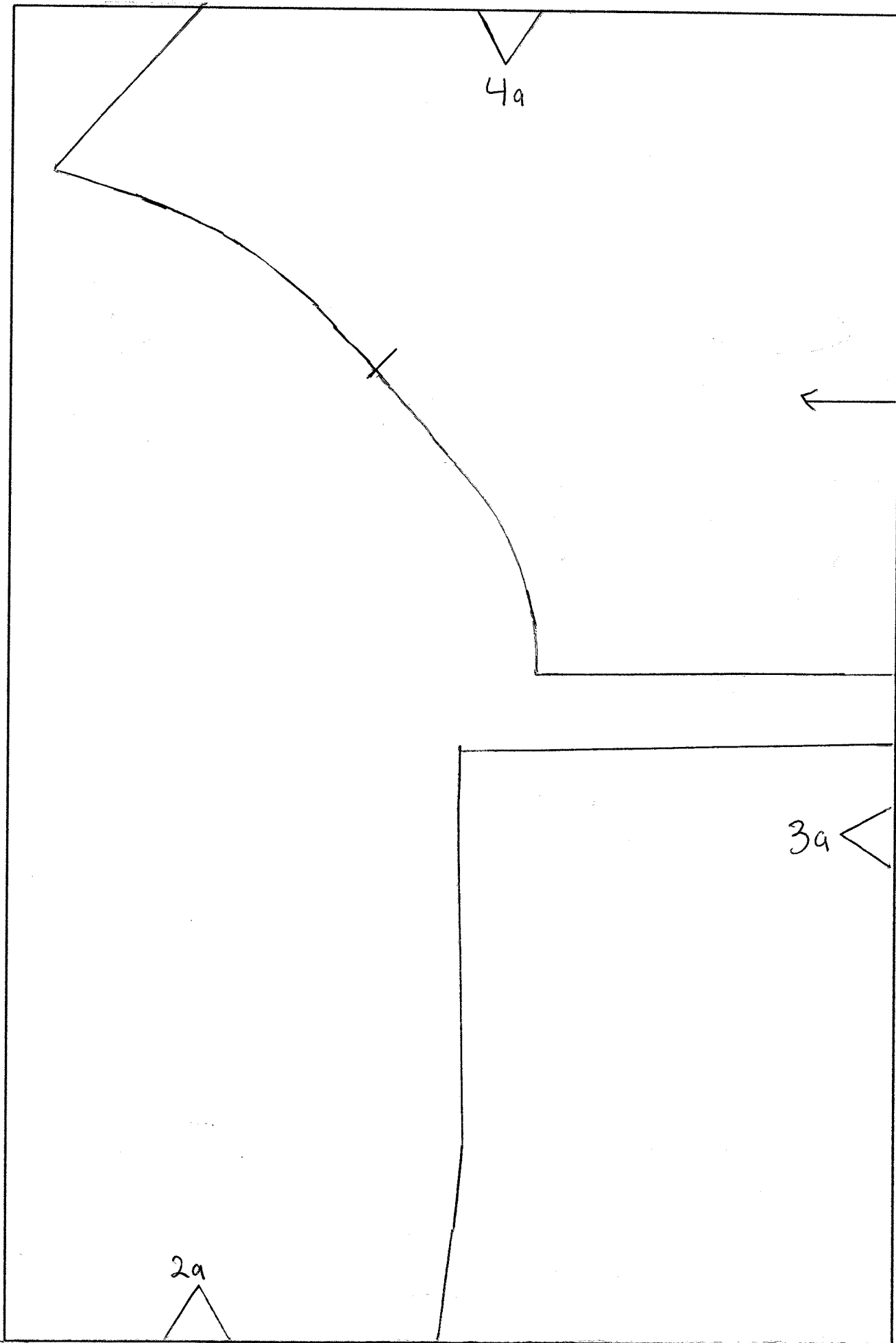
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Braided Neckline Tank by Heather Beckley
Piece #1 Front Tank
Cut ① on the Fold
1/2" Seam Allowance Included

2b



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1/2" seam allowance included

Piece #2 Front Facing
Cut ① on the fold

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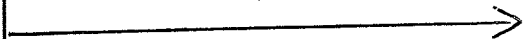
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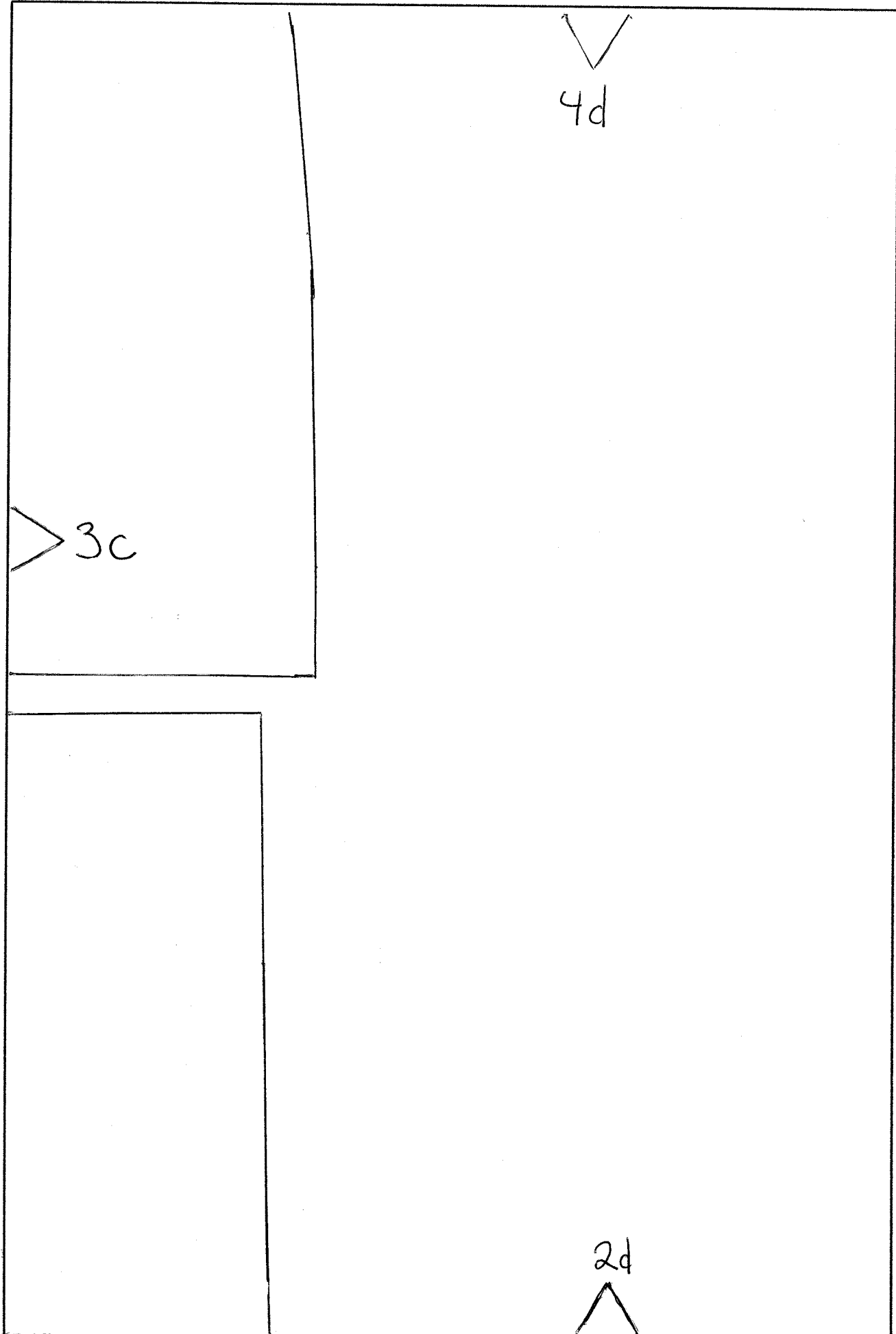
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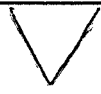




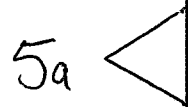
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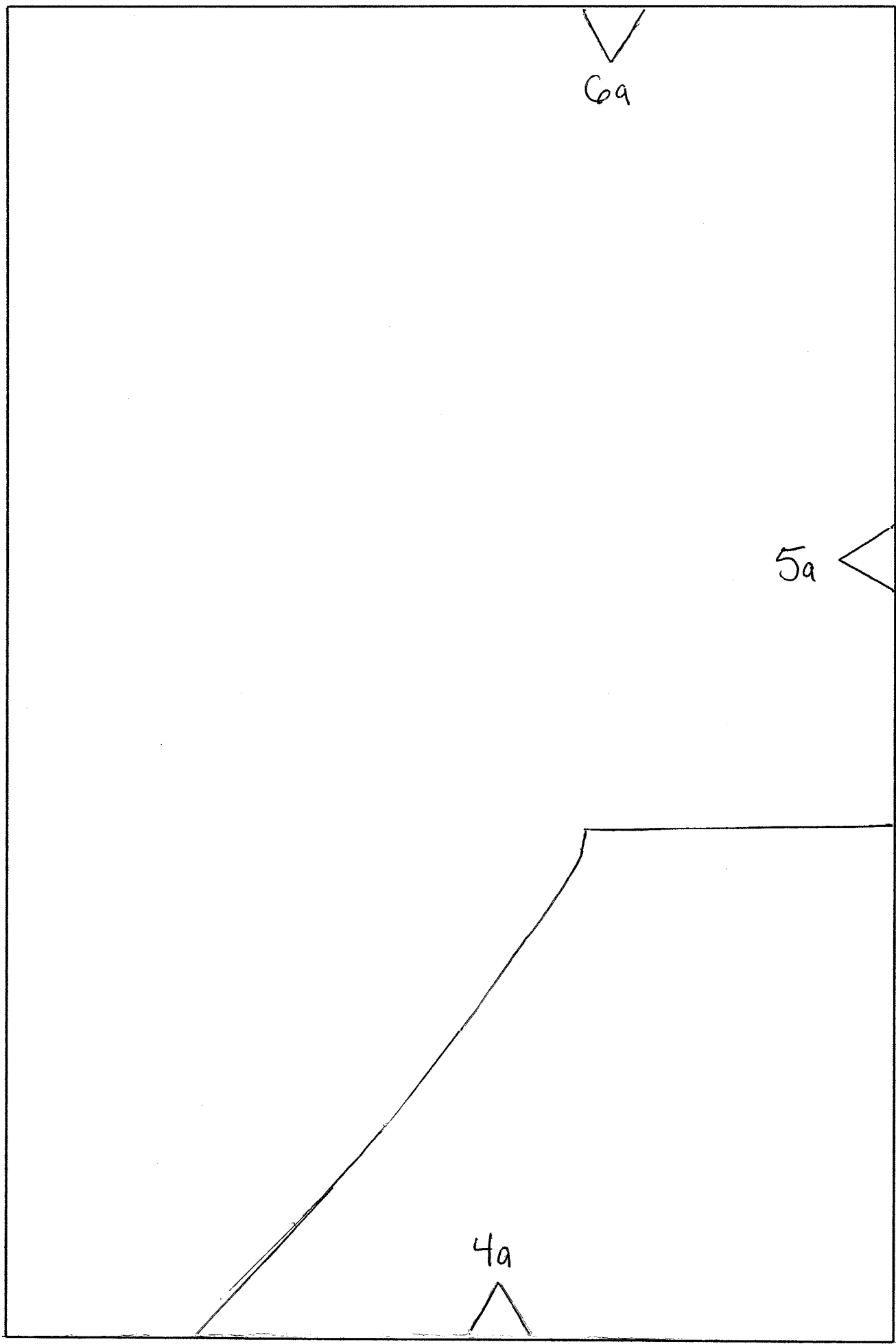


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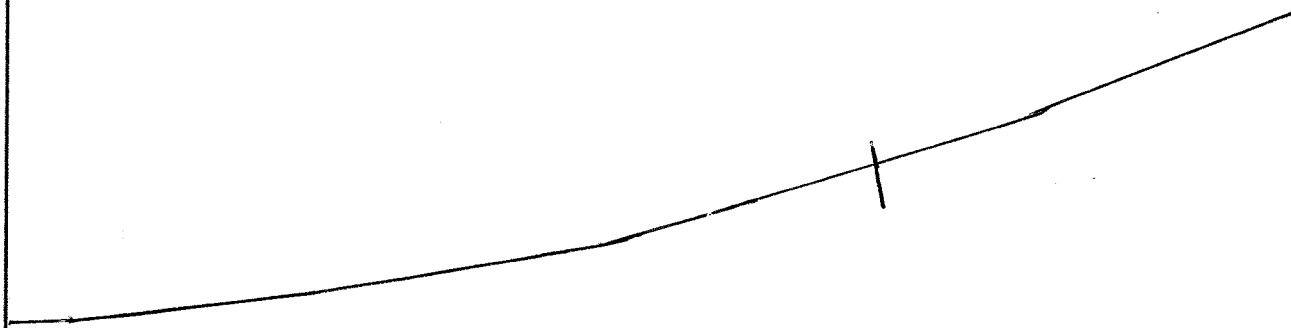




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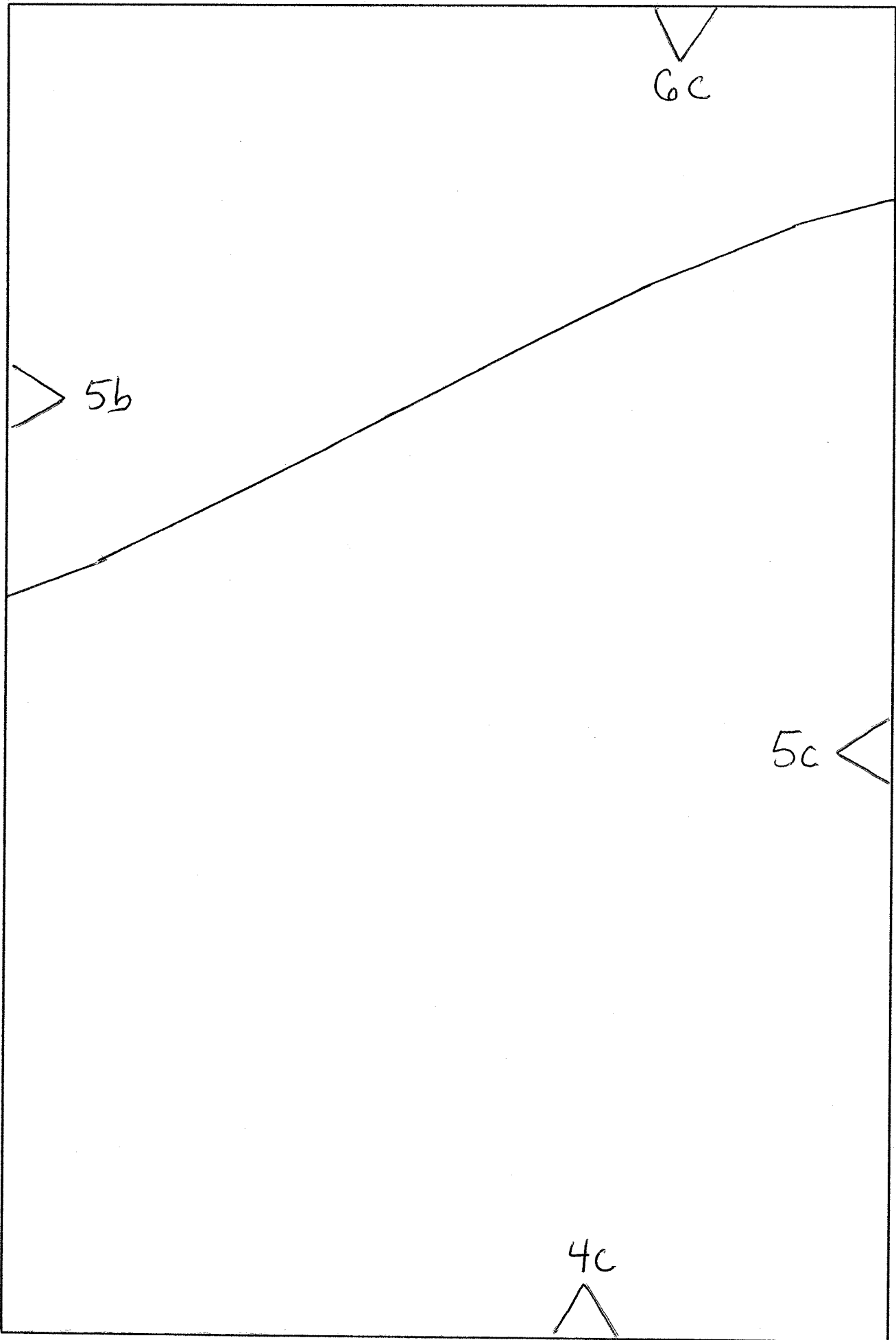
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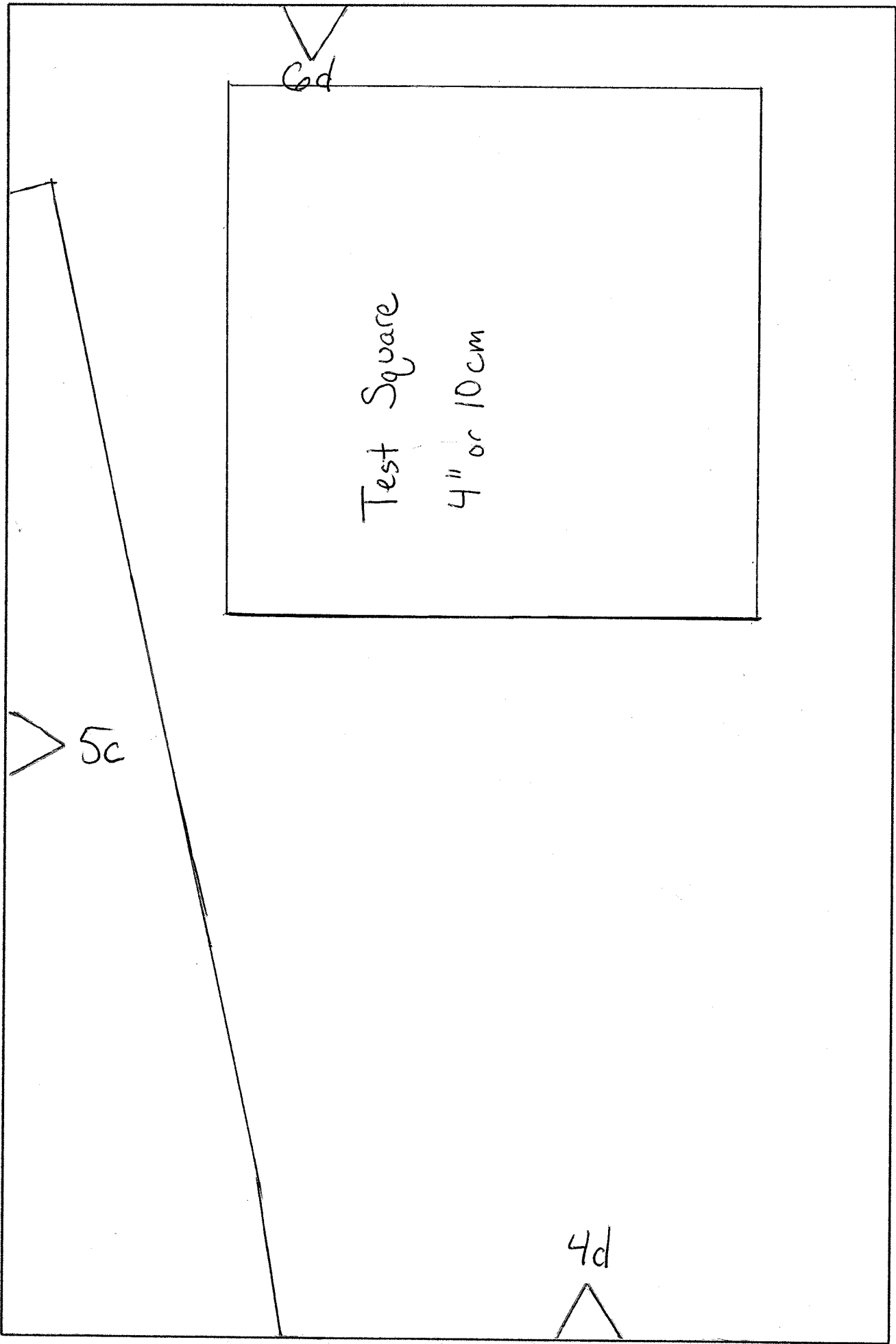
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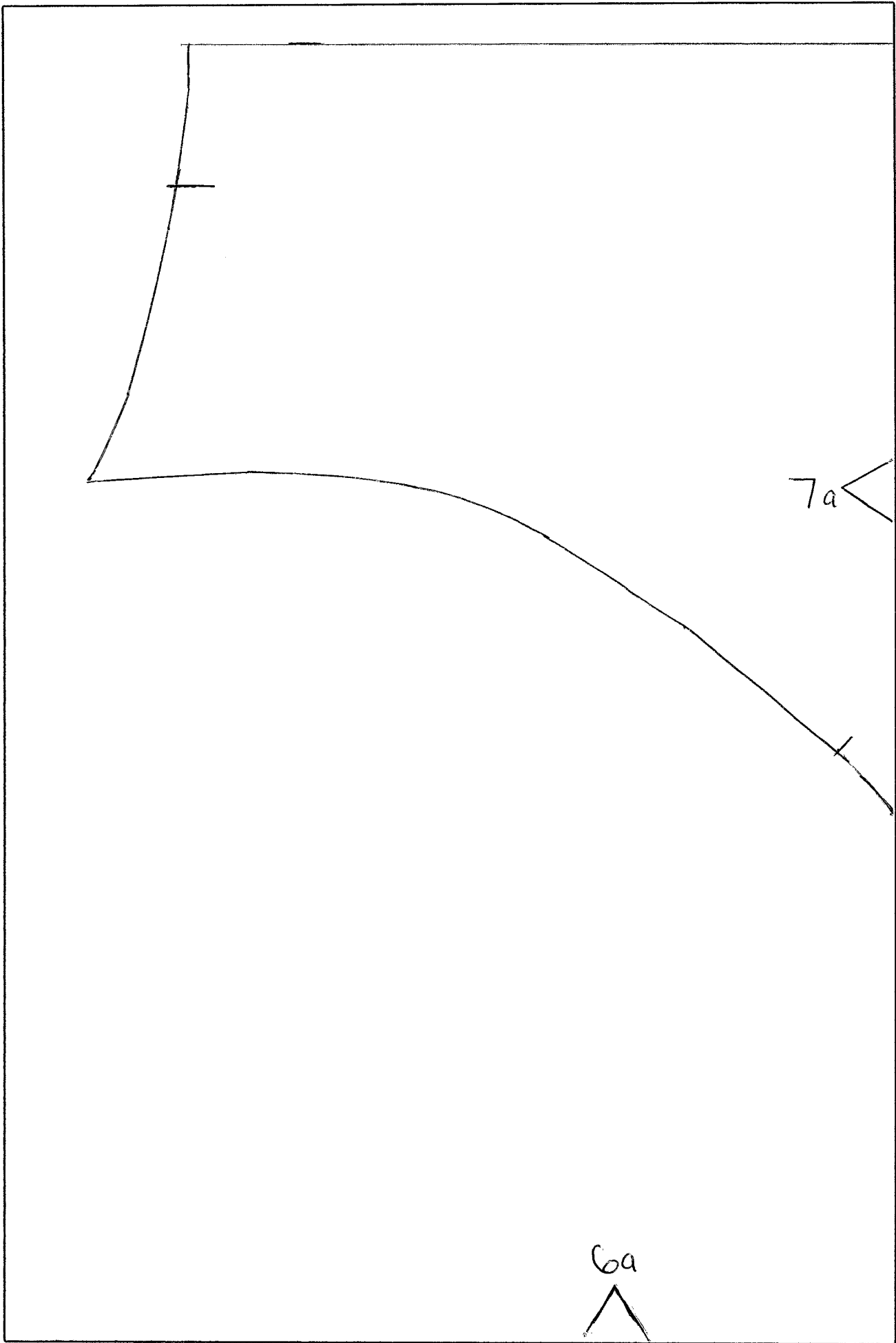


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Test Square
4" or 10cm

5c

4d



Fold



7a

Braided Neckline Tank by Heather
Beckley
Piece #3 Back Tank and Facing
Cut ② on the fold
1/2" seam allowance included

7b

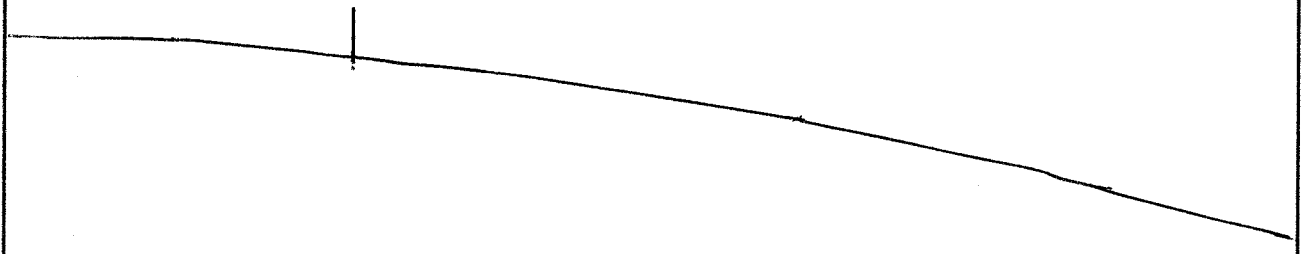
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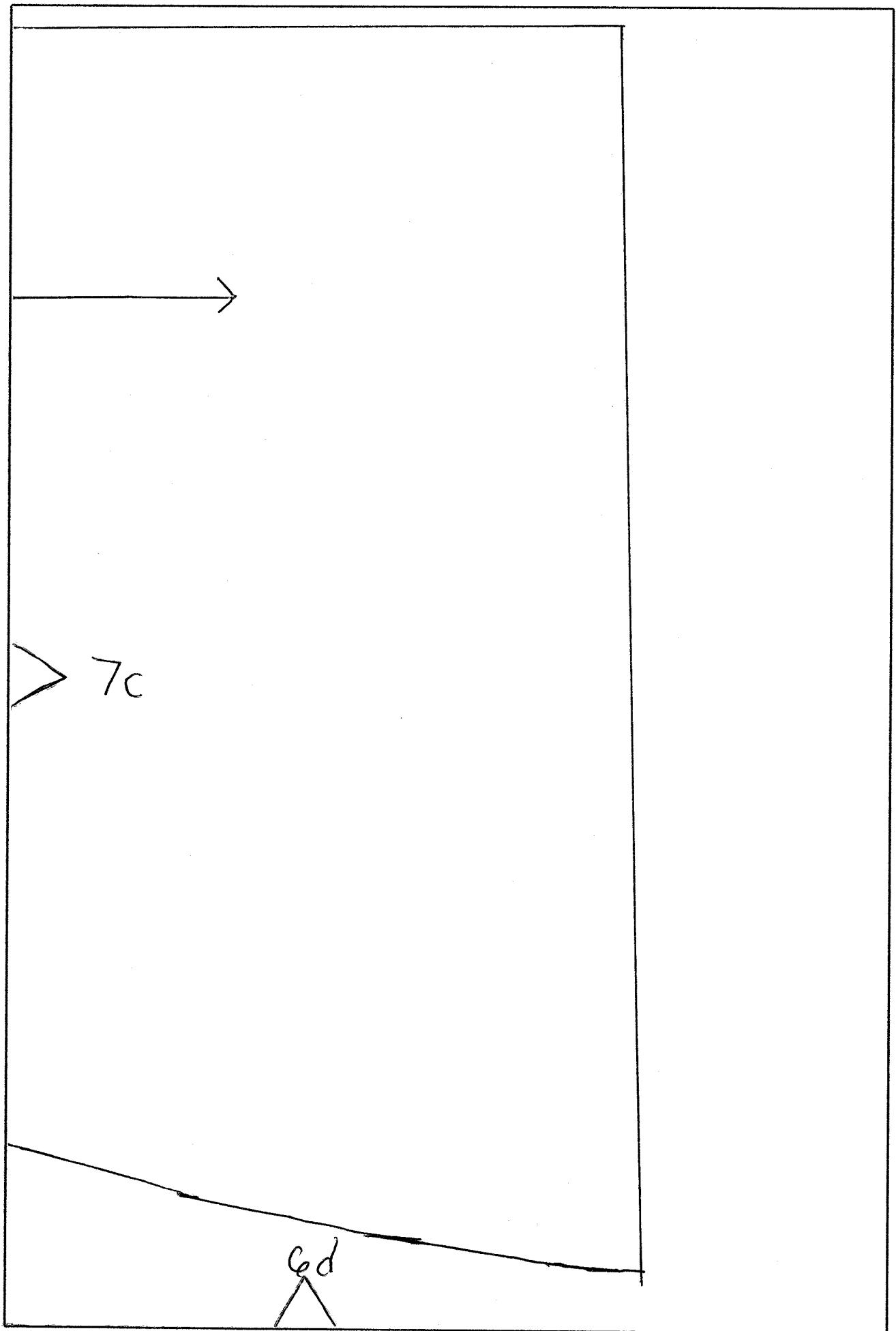
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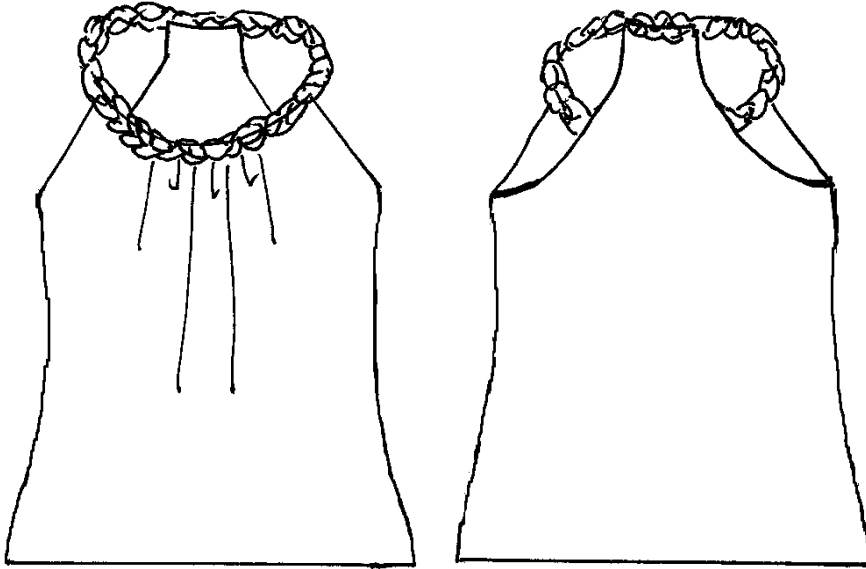
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Braided Neckline Tank



The braided neckline tank features a softly gathered neckline, subtle side seam shaping, unfinished hem, and a hand sewn braided trim. Wear now during the hot days of Summer or layer under jackets during the transition to Fall.

Finished garment measurements

- Bust - 35" (Gathering will accommodate slightly larger busts as well)
- Waist - up to 35"
- Hem Circumference - 44"
- Circumference of neckline - 30"
- Length of Side seam from Armhole - 17"
- Total Length from Back of Neck - 24"

Recommended fabrics

Jersey with some drape, bamboo, bamboo/cotton blend, rayon, etc.

Yardages needed

Tank with self braid - 1 3/4 yards of 60" wide fabric

Tank with contrast braid 1 1/2 yards of 60" wide fabric for body, 1/4 yards contrast fabric for braid.

Cut out

#1 Front - cut 1 on fold

#2 Front Facing - Cut 1 on fold

#3 Back - Cut 2 on fold

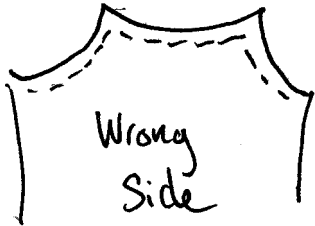
Braid - Cut 3 strips 2" wide by 40" long across the width of the fabric

Braided Neckline Tank

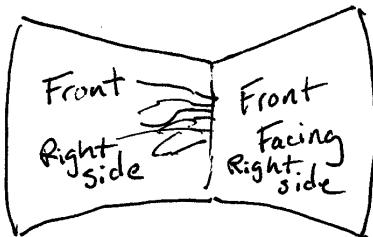
Construction Steps

For Tank

1. Starting with the Front Tank piece stitch two lines of basting between the neck line notches.
2. Using the basting stitches, gather the fabric until the distance between the notches on the front tank match the notches on Front Facing.
3. Put Front and Front Facing pieces right sides together. Stitch arms and neck edges at 1/2" seam allowance. Clip corners and overlock edges if you like.



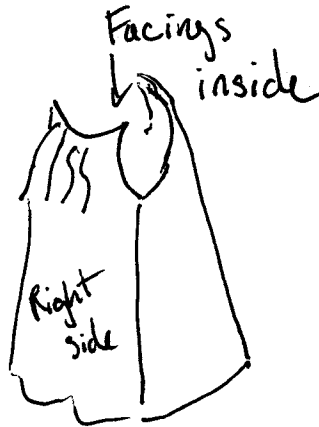
4. Put the two Back pieces right sides together and stitch arms and neck edges at 1/2" seam allowance. Clip corners and overlock if you like.
5. Taking the sewn together Front and Front Facing open the piece so that they do not overlap each other like so.



Do the same thing with the back and place them right sides together, matching the arm hole seams. Sew side seams at 1/2" inch.

Braided Neckline Tank

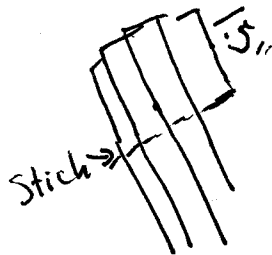
6. Fold tank so that the facings fall to the inside. Edge stitch around the armholes.



For Braid Trim

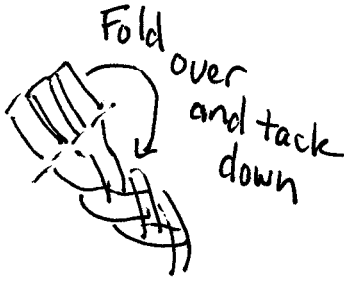
(An additional tutorial has been added to 33 with pictures for each of these steps.)

7. If using a printed fabric with a noticeable wrong side for braid, sew or serge a scant 1/8" seam allowance and turn to Right side so it is a tube. If using a solid color fabric this step can be skipped.
8. Overlap the tubes/strips of fabric a 1/4" inch and run a line of stitching 1 1/2" from the raw end.



9. Start braiding the tubes/strips until there is 30" of braid and about 1 1/2" left on end. Run another line of machine stitching at the 30" mark to secure the braid.
10. Take 1 1/2" ends and fold them over to one side of the braid. Secure them there with some hand sewing. This should give the right side a curved finished edge. Repeat with other braid end.

Braided Neckline Tank



11. Find and mark the middle of the front neck, back neck and braid.
12. Pin the braid ends on either side of the mid back mark. Put the braid middle overtop the front neck mid point. Pin the braid on so that on the wrong side the tank edge is in the middle of the width of the braid.
13. Hand sew the braid to the tank from the right side. Then tack the two braid edges on the back neck together. Wear and enjoy!