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MODERN JUNE CLEAVER HOLIDAY SKIRT

A PATREON EXCLUSIVE PATTERN

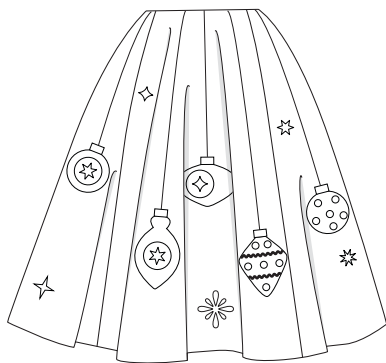


Our last guest artist of the year, Amanda from Modern June Cleaver, has created a charming and versatile holiday skirt for you! Using vintage embellishment methods, you can create your own Christmas tree skirt (like Amanda) or wearable circle skirt (like me). I know you'll love learning about these felt appliqué techniques!

xoxo, *Gertie*

Working with Gertie on this design has been a fun full-circle moment for me - I taught myself how to sew using Gertie's videos six years ago while waiting for my bar exam results. Now, making a new tree skirt every year is part of the way I prepare for Christmas. I love watching old movies and browsing vintage magazines to get inspired for each year's design. I even have an entire Pinterest board of photos of perfectly dressed ladies awkwardly standing next to their Christmas trees. I can't get enough!

xoxo, *Amanda*



KEY SKILLS

- working with iron-on adhesive
- felt embellishment techniques
- mix-and-match creativity (use our designs as inspiration, but create your own!)



ABOUT THE ARTIST

You might know her online as "Modern June Cleaver," but Amanda is a Nashville-based entertainment attorney with an interest in sewing and vintage fashion and home design. Follow her [@modernjuncleaver](https://www.instagram.com/modernjuncleaver).



CREATE YOUR OWN HOLIDAY SKIRT

In this month's project, we've provided instructions for making 5 different felt appliqué ornaments in a variety of shapes to embellish them whatever way you want. (Plus, there are directions for appliquéing them onto a tree skirt or a wearable holiday skirt.) Here are a couple ideas to get your creative juices flowing!

APPLIQUÉ INSTRUCTIONS

Ornament Preparation

1. Apply iron-on adhesive to felt yardage: following manufacturer instructions, fuse iron-on adhesive to felt yardage. Leave paper backing intact.

2. Prep the appliqué templates: choose the number of ornaments and your ornament decoration choices for each color of felt. If cutting your fabric by hand, print and cut out the paper PDF appliqué templates. If cutting with a craft cutting machine (like a Cricut or Silhouette), use the SVG file and follow your machine's instructions to set up the file.

Ideas for how to embellish the ornaments



NOTE: if you are making a tree skirt for a smaller Christmas tree, you may wish to print the PDF in a smaller size, or adjust your SVG files. Resize the templates to remain proportional to your tree skirt, remembering that small details will be more difficult to sew.

3. Cut the appliqués: if cutting by hand, place the appliqué template on the felt, trace around the template with a pencil, and cut the desired number. Use a rotary cutter and small, sharp scissors for a clean cut. If using a craft cutting machine, cut the felt yardage to the size of your mat and follow your machine's instructions. We had good results with rolling the felt to the mat, paper side down, and using a rotary blade in the machine.

4. Assemble ornaments: peel paper backing off ornament and decoration appliqués. Place each ornament onto the skirt, fusible side down, and layer desired decoration pieces on top. Use a press cloth on top of each appliqué and fuse ornament to skirt. Hold iron down for at least 10 seconds and then move to the next section.

5. Secure ornament and decoration (optional): stitch around each appliqué by machine or hand to permanently attach it to the ornament, if desired. (The iron-on adhesive will hold permanently if applied correctly.) Add rickrack, ribbon, embroidery, beadwork, or other decoration as desired.

USING THE TEMPLATES

- Print pages 7-11 for templates you can cut out and trace or transfer to felt.
- SVG files for each pattern piece are included if you want to use a craft cutting machine.

FABRIC NOTES

We used wool felt for our circle skirt and the tree skirt. Wool felt is gorgeous, but pricey. For more economical options, try acrylic felt or rayon blends. You can also try the skirts and embellishments in other fabrics. As always, test your materials and techniques on some fabric scraps!

RESOURCES

Here are some of the fabrics and supplies I used for the samples. There are lots of places to purchase fabric, so this is solely a guide you can use as a reference:

[Wool \(or acrylic\) felt yardage to make skirt](#)

[Wool \(or acrylic\) felt in smaller pieces in multiple colors](#)

1 package iron-on adhesive (we used [HeatnBond Lite](#))

Additional trims and beads, as desired

Optional Double-Sided Appliqués

Instead of sewing your appliqués directly to the skirt, you may wish to create three-dimensional ornaments that hang from a single attachment point, such as a ribbon loop. You can also make ornaments for a Christmas tree, wreath, or garland with this method.

1. Fuse appliqués together:

after adding the ornament decorations, find two matching ornaments and peel paper backing off of each. Place fusible sides together. Use a press cloth on top of the appliqués and fuse, holding iron down for at least 10 seconds. NOTE: for a more three-dimensional look, you may place a small piece of cotton batting between the two appliqués before fusing (or stitching) together. If you wish to use a ribbon loop to attach your appliqué to the skirt, attach the ribbon to the appliqués before fusing them together.

2. Secure ornaments

together: edgestitch around each ornament by machine or hand.

3. Secure ornament to the

skirt: attach the ornament directly to the skirt with a few small stitches taken by hand through the top of the ornament or the ribbon loop.

IDEAS FOR ARRANGING THE ORNAMENTS



MAKE AMANDA'S TREE SKIRT

- Start with the free Charm Circle Skirt pattern, and follow instructions for Amanda's tree skirt (next page) to make one large pattern piece.
- Place 15 ornaments as desired around the skirt.



MAKE GERTIE'S HOLIDAY SKIRT

- Start with the Stanwyck Gored Circle Skirt. We made ours without pockets and attached the appliqués before assembling the skirt seams.
- Place three ornaments in the center front panel and two ornaments in the other panels.



MAKE A HOLIDAY CHARM CIRCLE SKIRT

- Start with the free Charm Circle Skirt pattern.
- Place ornaments on each panel, as indicated in the illustration.

AMANDA'S TREE SKIRT

Amanda, otherwise known as Modern June Cleaver, created a tree skirt in her favorite colors!

SUPPLIES

- [Charm Circle Skirt pattern](#)
- white felt for the tree skirt
- red, orange, yellow, pink, light blue, and white felt for the ornaments and decorations
- 6 yards of gold fringe trim
- 8 yards of 1/4-in-wide (6 mm) red ribbon
- 2 yards of 1/4-in-wide (6 mm) white ribbon, rickrack, or bias tubing (for the skirt closure)

NOTE: The size 10 Charm Circle Skirt has an inner diameter of 10 in (25.4 cm) and the length from the opening to the outer circumference of the circle is 26 in (66 cm). Go up or down in the size range to make a larger or smaller tree skirt.

SEWING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Prepare the pattern: print out the pattern for the free Charm Circle Skirt and cut off the 5/8-in (1.5 cm) seam allowances at the side seams on the Skirt Front and Skirt Back pattern pieces. Tape the pattern together at the side seams to create one large pattern piece.

2. Cut and assemble the tree skirt: cut the tree skirt and shorten the length at the hem, if desired. You do not need to hem the skirt, as felt does not fray. Prepare eight lengths of ribbon, rickrack, or bias tubing and attach four to each side of the center back opening to create the tie closures, if desired.

3. Prep the appliqués: follow the Ornament Preparation instructions on page 3 to create your felt ornaments.

4. Attach the ribbon trim: pin each ornament to your circle skirt, distributing 15 ornaments as desired around the skirt. Pin a length of ribbon from the waistband to the top of each ornament. Stitch ribbon in place.

5. Secure appliqués to skirt: stitch around each ornament by machine or hand.

Enjoy your festive new Modern June Cleaver Tree Skirt!



GERTIE'S CIRCLE SKIRT

Gertie is wearing her holiday circle skirt!

SUPPLIES

- [Stanwyck Skirt pattern](#)
- black felt for the circle skirt
- red, green, yellow, light pink, and white felt for the ornaments and decorations
- 5 yards of regular white rickrack trim
- 5 yards of large white braid trim

SEWING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Sew the gored pocketless Stanwyck Skirt following the instructions: for tips on making the skirt in felt, read page 39 of the Stanwyck instruction booklet or watch [this YouTube video](#). You may also use the free [Charm Circle Skirt pattern](#).

2. Prep the appliqués: follow the Ornament Preparation instructions on page 3 to create your felt ornaments.

3. Attach the rickrack trim: pin each ornament to your circle skirt, distributing three ornaments in the center front panel and two ornaments in the other panels. Pin a length of trim from the waistband to the top of each ornament, alternating between rickrack and large braid trim. Stitch trim in place.

4. Secure appliqués to skirt: stitch around each ornament by machine or hand.

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square

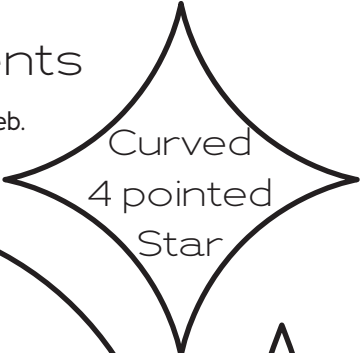
Print at 100% on
your printer

Pattern templates
for appliqué ornaments

Cut desired quantity from felt and fusible web.

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Topper
Cut 1 for each bulb



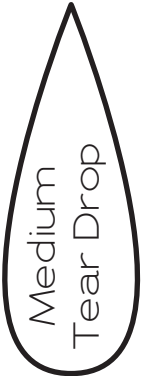
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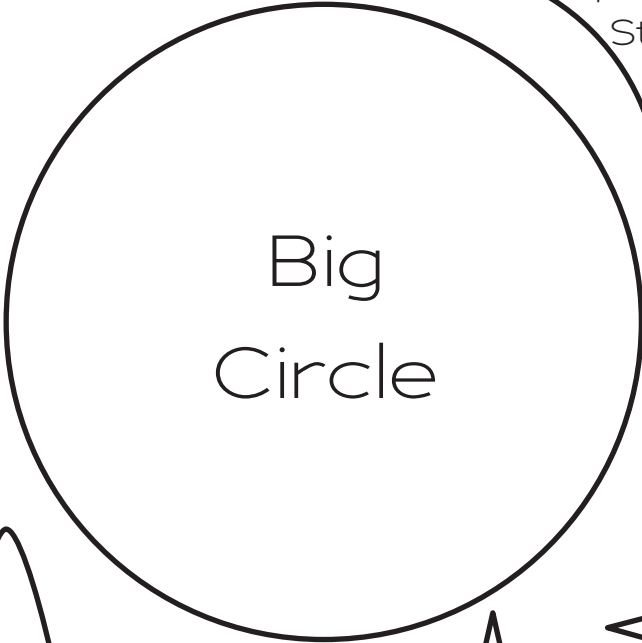
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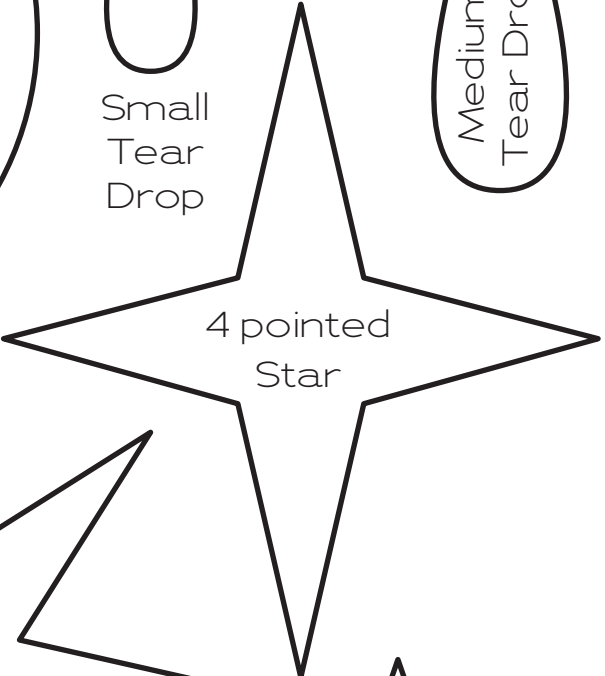
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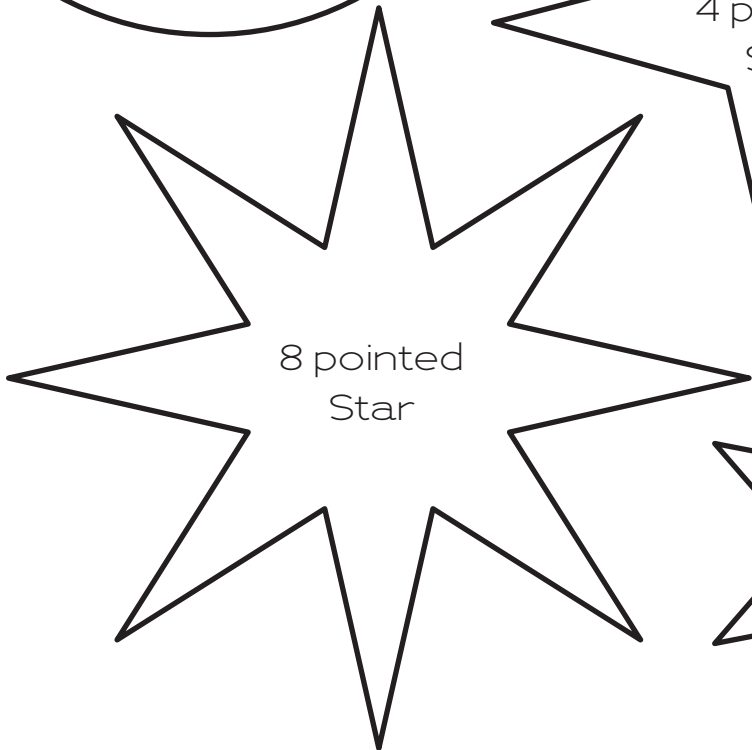
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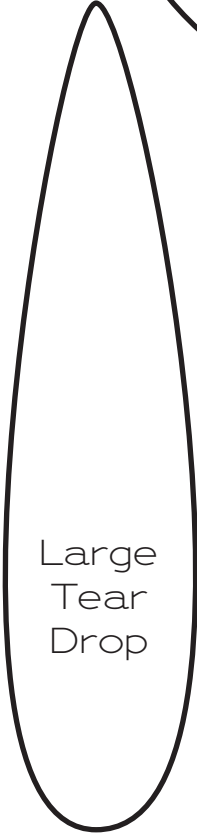
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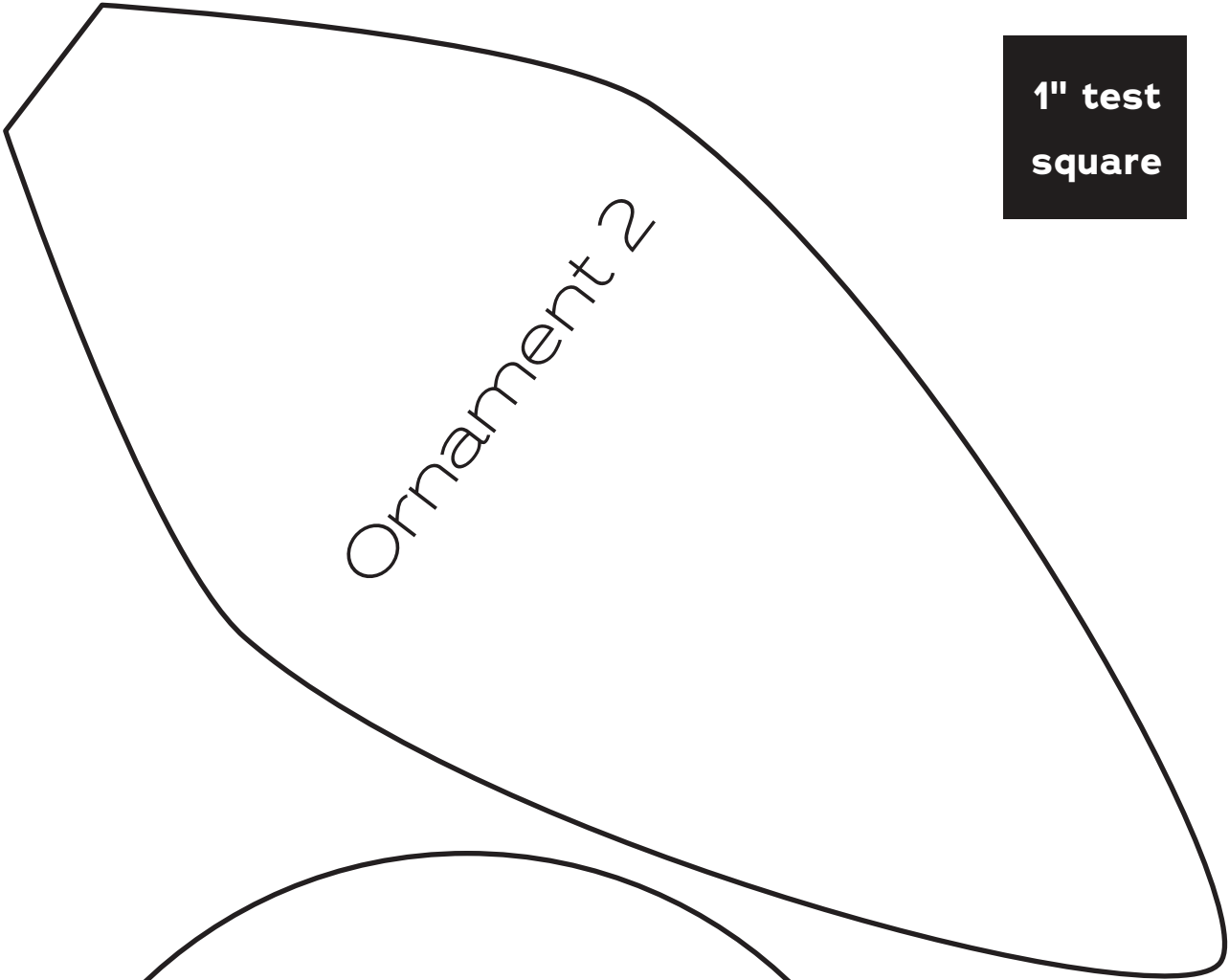


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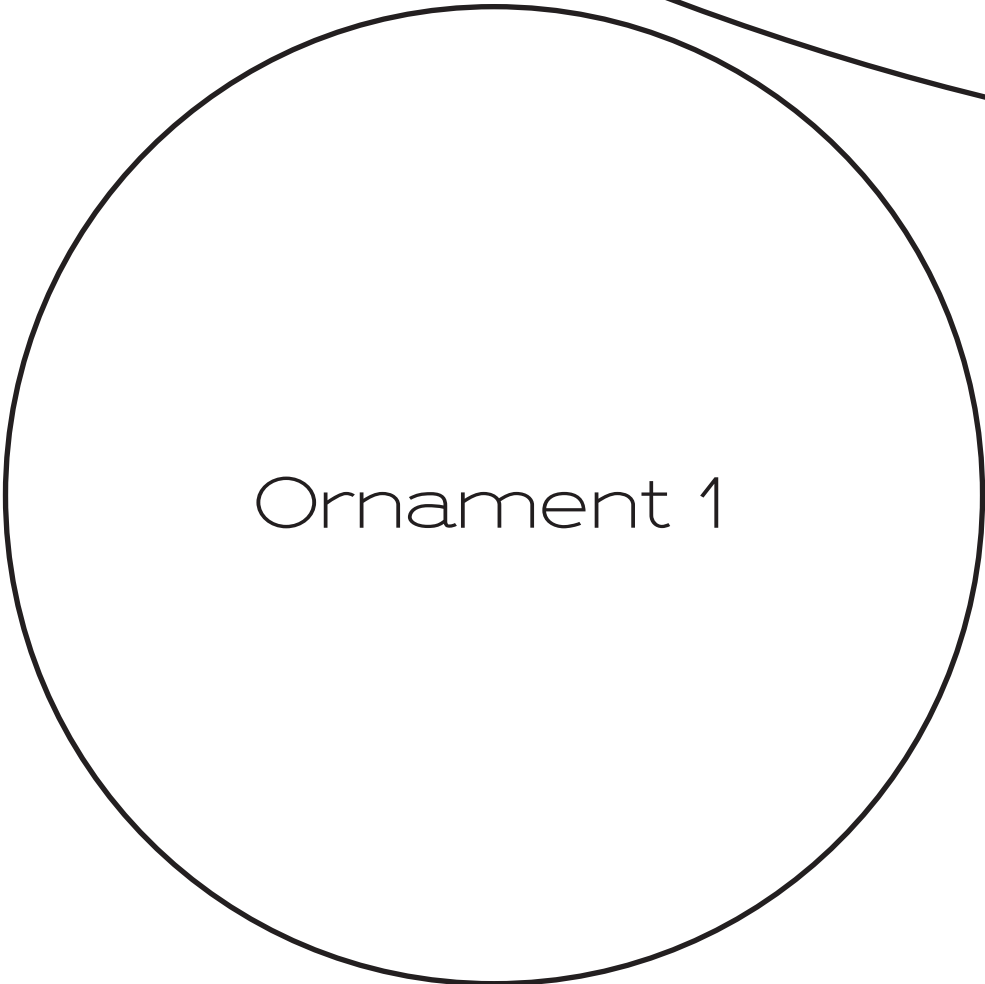


Large
Tear
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**1" test
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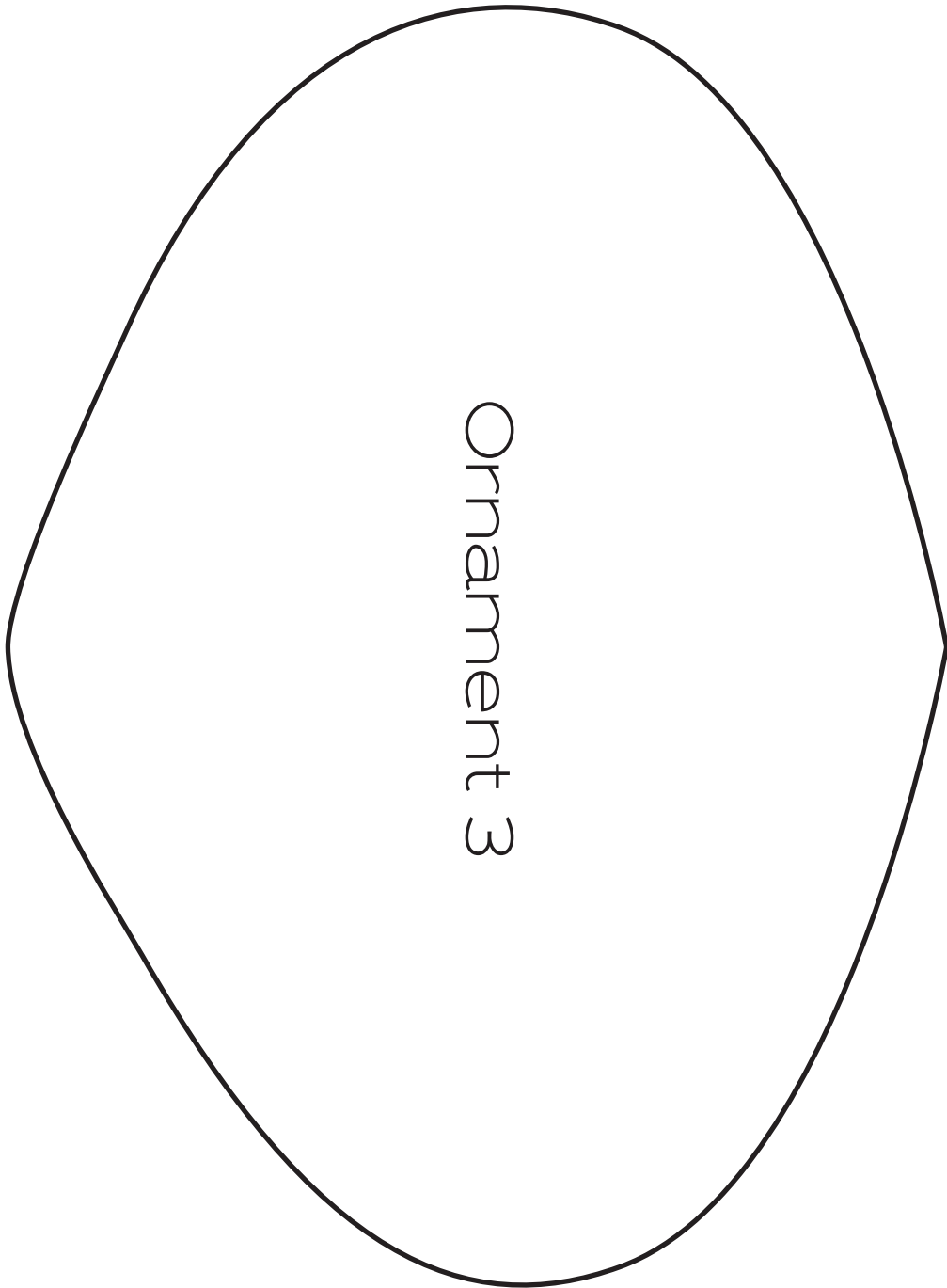


Ornament 2



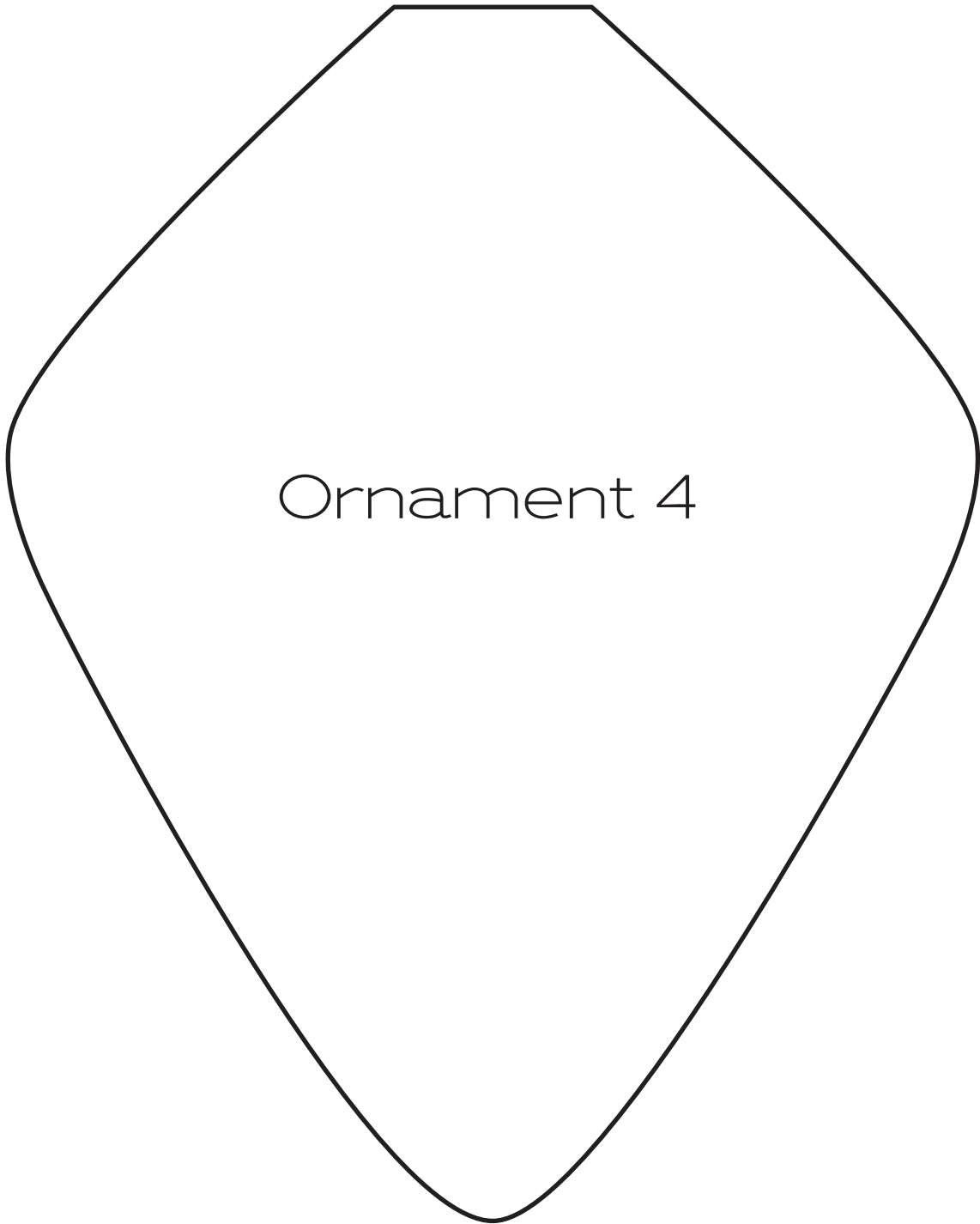
Ornament 1

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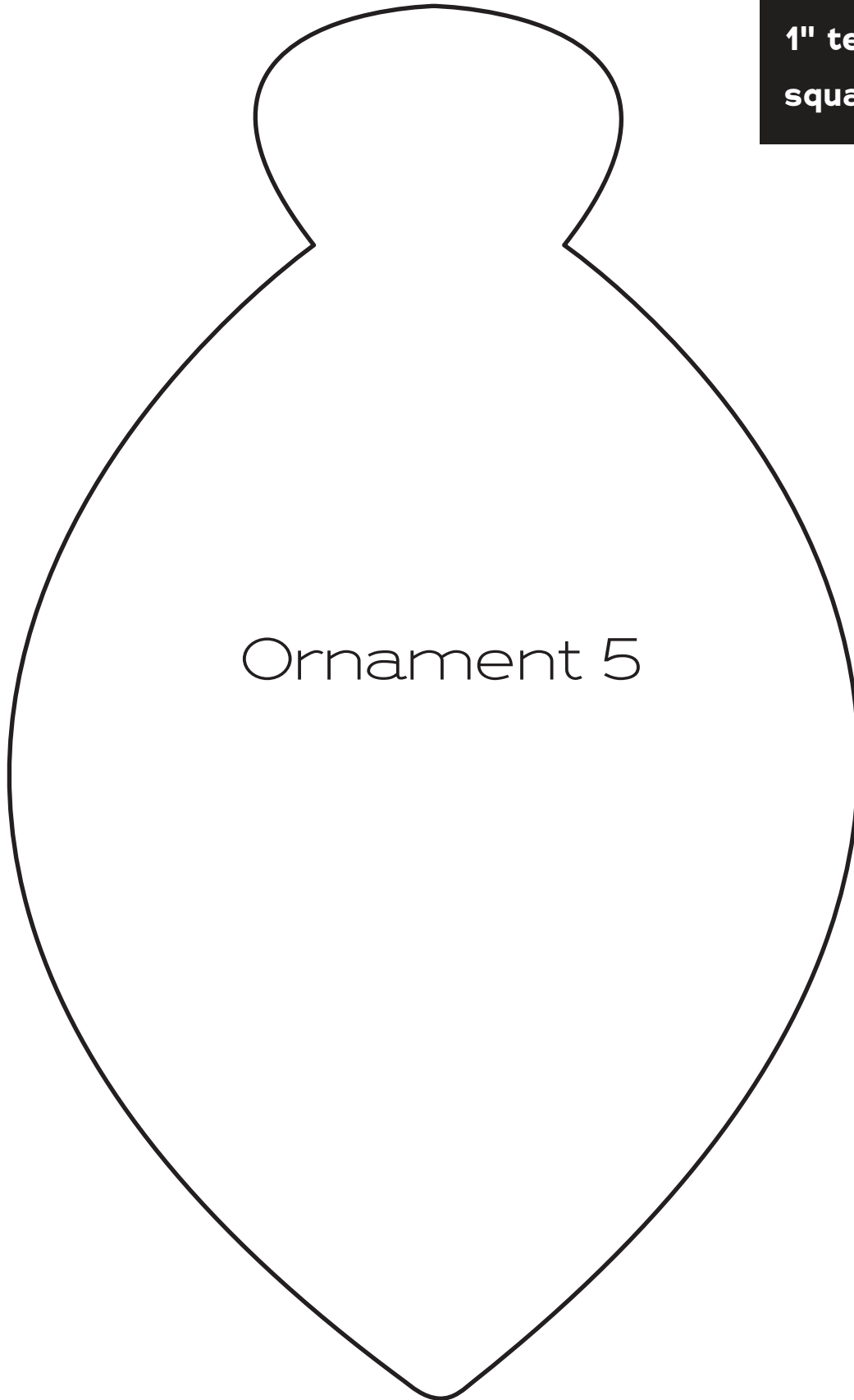


Ornament 3

**1" test
square**



**1" test
square**



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