Pioneer Bonnets

FABRIC:

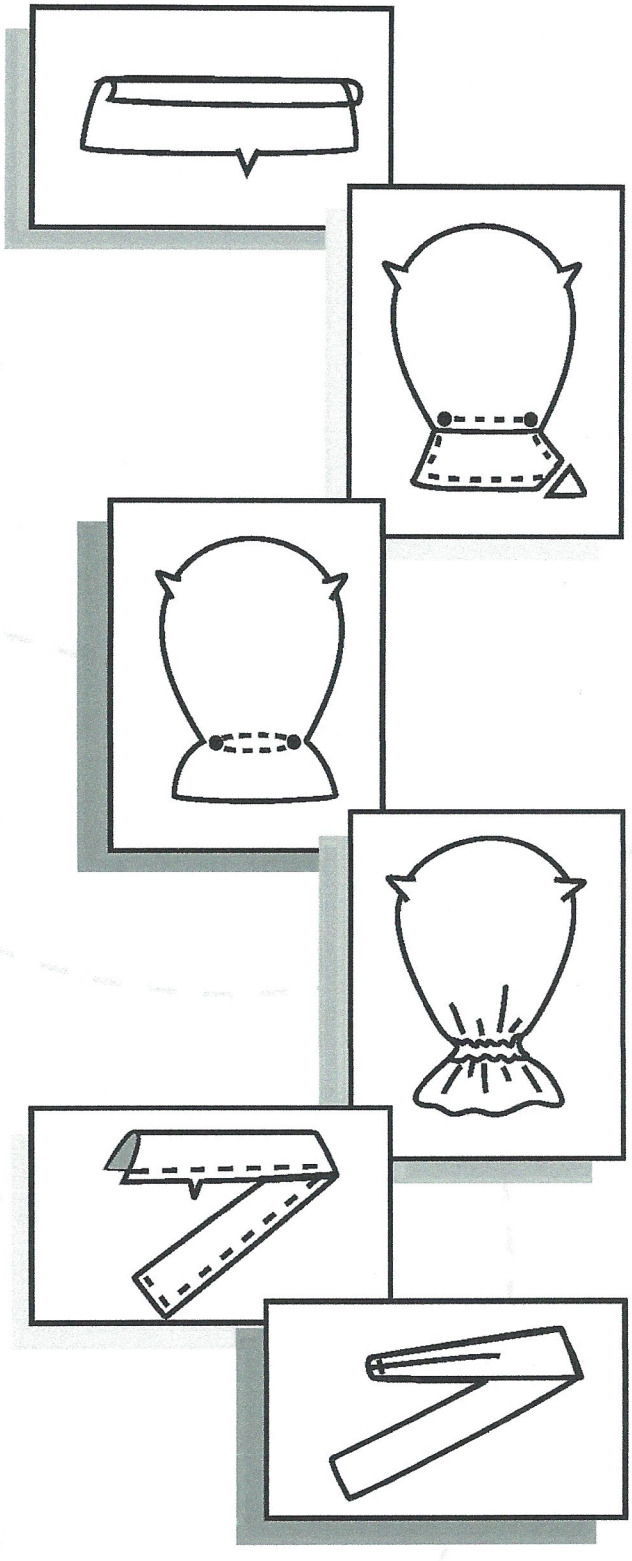
1. 3/4 yard of 45" material. (Cotton, cotton poly, muslin, gingham fabrics)
2. 1/4 yard heavy interfacing.
3. 8-1/2 inches of 1/4 inch elastic.

CUTTING:

1. Cut 1 of each piece except bonnet brim.
2. Cut 2 bonnet brims.
3. Cut 1 stiff pellon of bonnet brim.

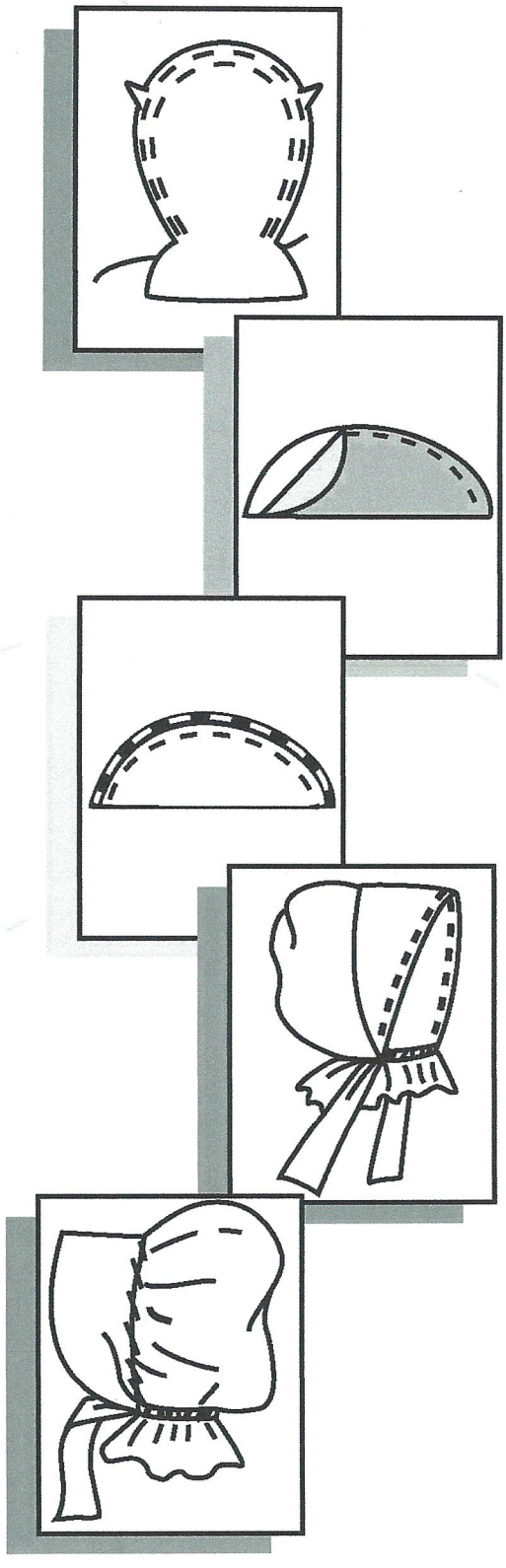
SEWING THE BONNET:

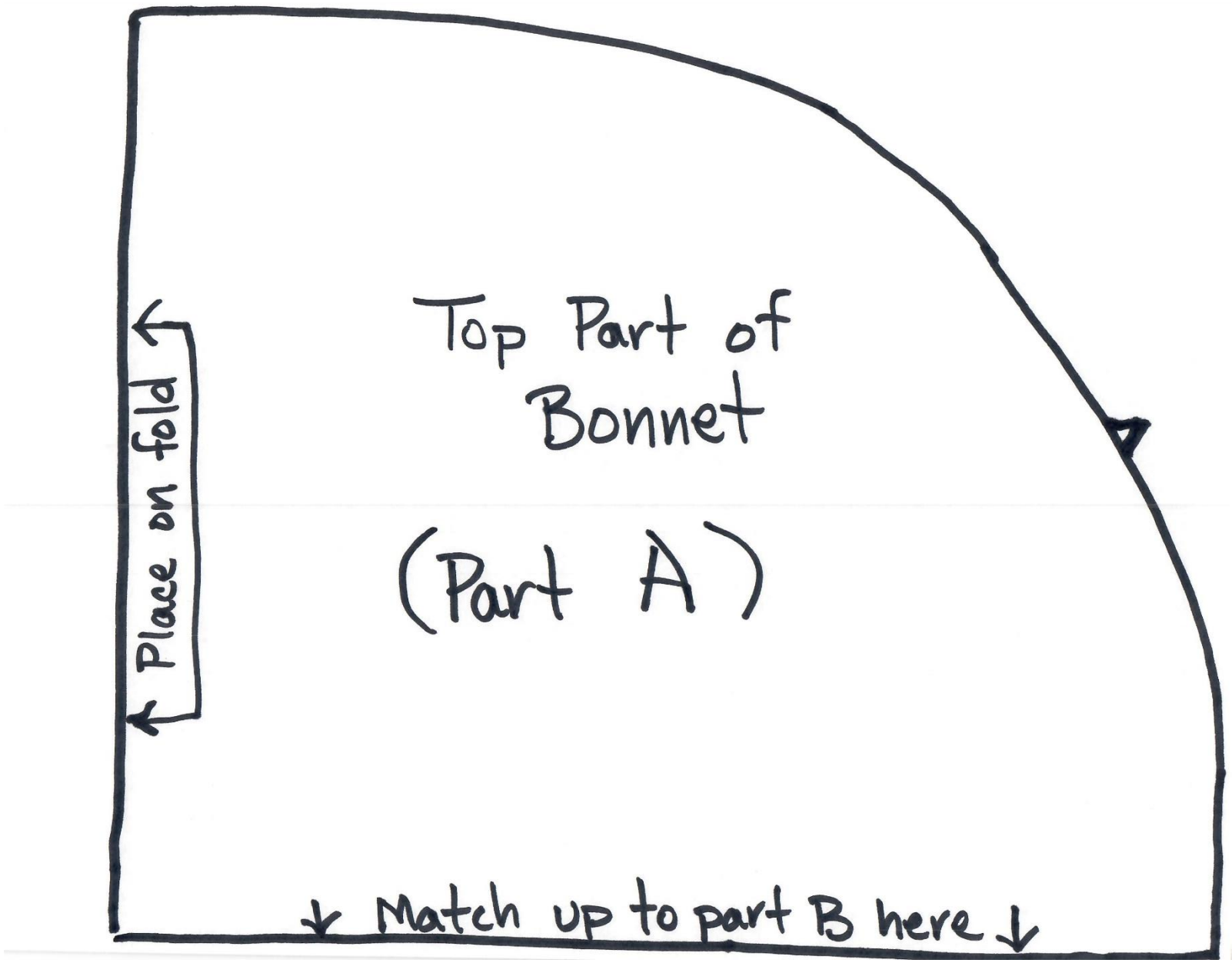
1. Turn under 1/4 inch on long unnotched edge of BACK FACING.
2. Pin FACING to BONNET BODY, right sides together, matching notches, centers, and circles.
3. Stitch between circles.
4. Cut outward corners diagonally. Grade seam allowances by cutting to graduated widths. Clip all curves of seam. Clip inward corners to circles.
5. Turn RIGHT SIDE OUT. Press. Stitch pressed edge of facing to bonnet body.
6. To form casing, stitch again 1/2 inch from first stitching (between circles).
7. Insert elastic in casing. Stitch each end of elastic in bonnet at each end of casing.
8. Fold TIE in half lengthwise, RIGHT SIDES together. Stitch length and 1 end of TIE with 3/8 inch seam, leaving end nearest notch free for turning.
9. Cut corners diagonally.
10. Turn RIGHT SIDE OUT and press.
11. To make pleat on unfinished edge, on OUTSIDE, bring dotted line to edge in direction of arrow. Baste across pleat.
12. On OUTSIDE of BONNET turn raw end of TIE under. Pin a tie on each casing end, having seamed edge downward and sew TIE securely to BONNET.

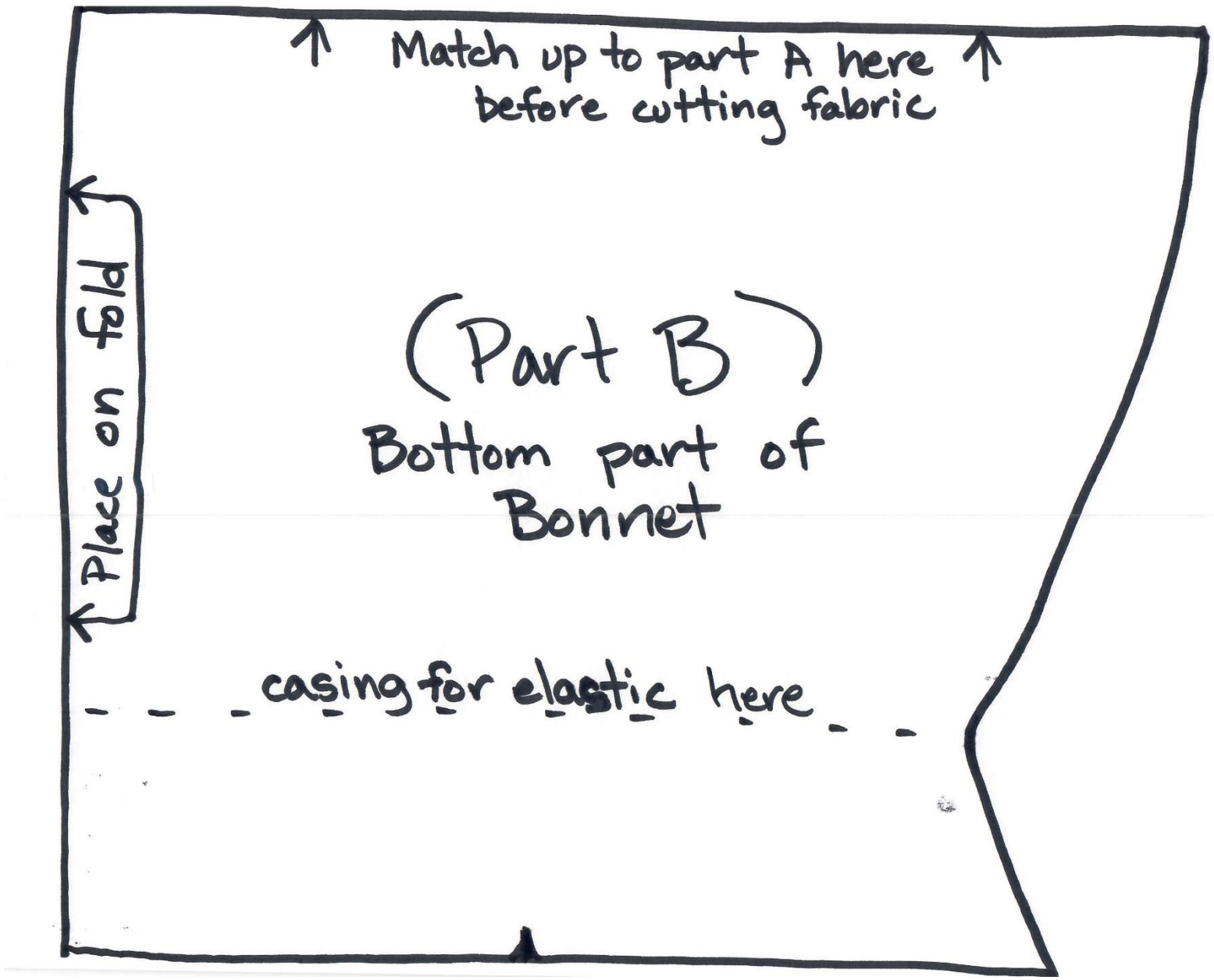


13. To gather BONNET BODY, put machine on longest stitch and machine baset (2 ROWS) 5/8 inch and 1/2 inch from raw edge, starting on one side of casing and finishing at the other side of casing.
14. BRIM, baste interfacing to WRONG SIDE of brim.
15. Press under 5/8 inch on NOTCHED edge of BRIM. (facing)
16. Pin facing to BRIM, RIGHT SIDES together, having outer edges even.
17. Stitch unnotched curved edge at 5/8 inch.
18. Cut interfacing seam allowance off close to seam and grade seam allowance by cutting to graduated widths. Clip curve.
19. Turn RIGHT SIDE out and press. Pioneer bonnet brim, RIGHT SIDES together, matching notches and having ends even. Pull up bobbin threads to adjust gathers to fit with BRIM and baste together and stitch 5/8 inch seam allowance.
20. Press seam allowances toward BRIM.
21. Hand-sew PRESSED UNDER EDGE over seam.

CONGRATULATIONS – YOU HAVE FINISHED YOUR "PIONEER BONNET"!
(Some groups have a lot of fun getting together and having everybody help)




Top Part of
Bonnet
(Part A)
Place on fold
Match up to part B here


Match up to part A here
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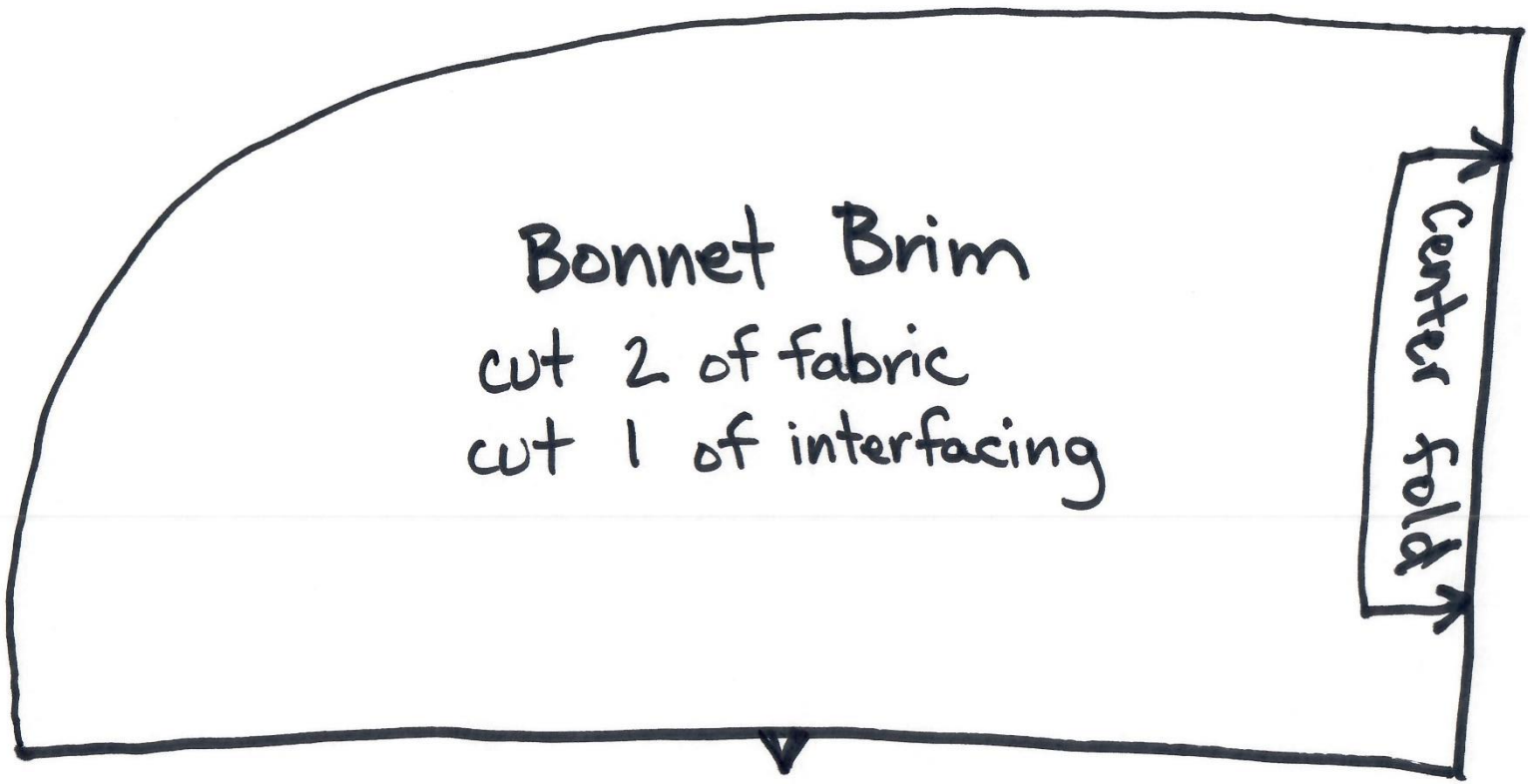
Place on fold
(Part B)
Bottom part of
Bonnet
casing for elastic here


Bonnet Brim
cut 2 of fabric
cut 1 of interfacing
Center fold

For bonnet ties cut 2 pieces
2" x 15"

