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Materials:

I made the body of 3-4 oz chrome tanned leather and the pocket section is made of 5.5 oz. I would recommend softer leather for both parts, and definitely 5.5 oz for pocket section is an overkill. It would be more suitable to use something a little stretchy. Using 3-4 oz leather for the whole bag (except the straps and bottom, those have to be made of 5-6 oz thick stuff) will also reduce its weight which is good. The inner pocket can be made out of whatever, use your scraps :) You will also need a piece of rope or a thick lace for the drawstring.

Hardware:

2 x 1" swivel hooks

Rivets

2 x 1" D-rings

1 x 7.5" zipper

Tools:

Scissors, knife (paper knife or rotary cutter would also work).

Stitching irons: my pattern is made for 5mm stitching irons (5 stitches per inch). If you are willing to use any other size please make sure that the hole count is the same where it has to be the same.

Needles - according to your thread size, a pair of harness needles.

Mallet, hole punches, rivet setter.

Instructions:

Print the pattern at actual size (100%). Use the reference on top of each page to make sure everything is printed correctly. Join the pages together. Cut the pieces.

Assemble the inner pocket. First, glue the zipper to the zipper opening from the flesh side. Take the front part of the inner pocket (also with the zipper opening) and stitch it to the flesh side of the body, stitching the zipper to the body at the same time (zipper will be in between the layers of the body and front part of the inner pocket). Makes sense to stitch the front part of the inner pocket grain side out, then your pocket will be nicer inside.

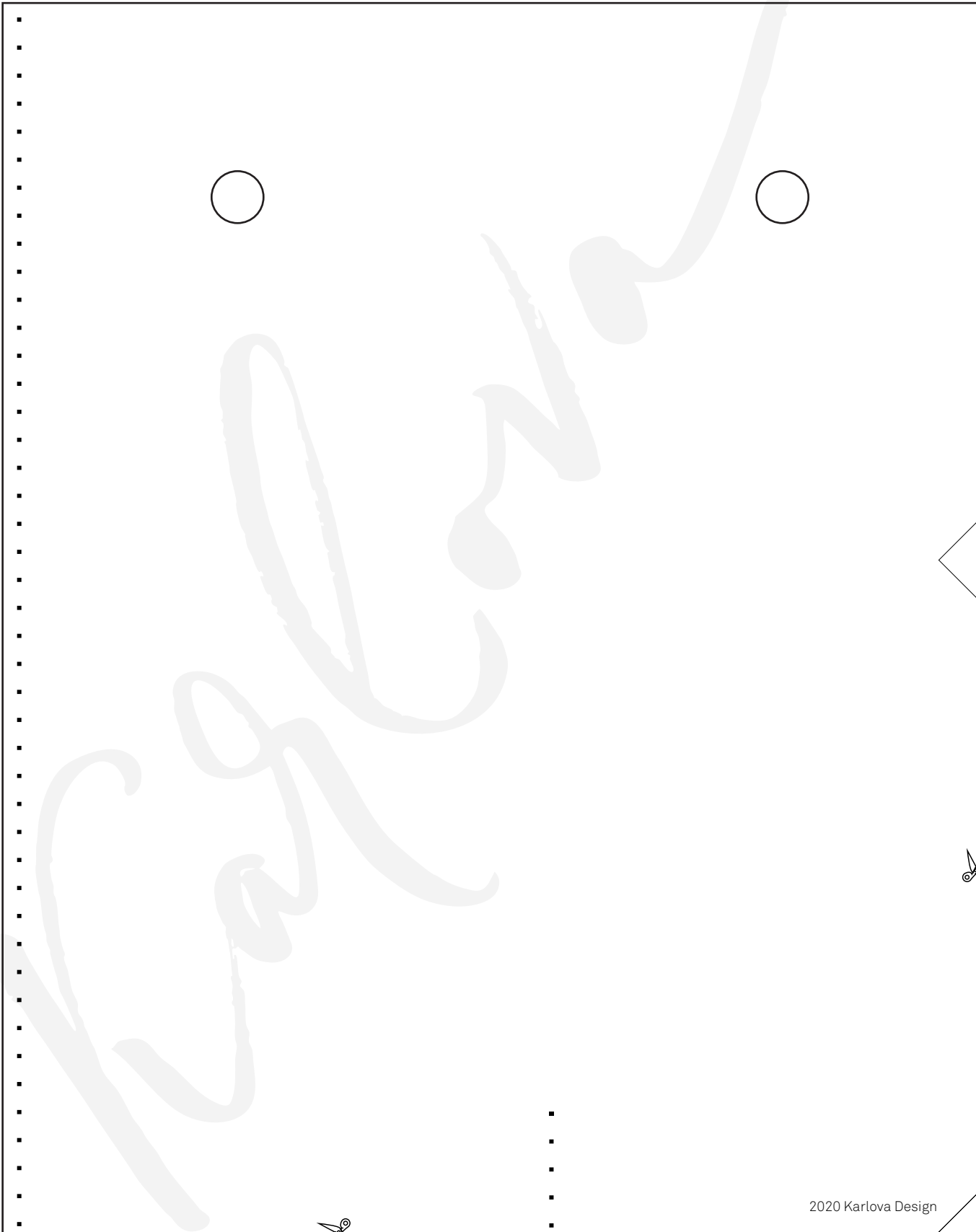
Take back part of the inner pocket and stitch it to the front part of the pocket, also flesh side out. Stitch all the way around.

Take the side trims, insert the D-rings in the top parts and rivet them to the body. You can do it later after you stitch them on, but that will be a little uncomfortable to do.





A-1

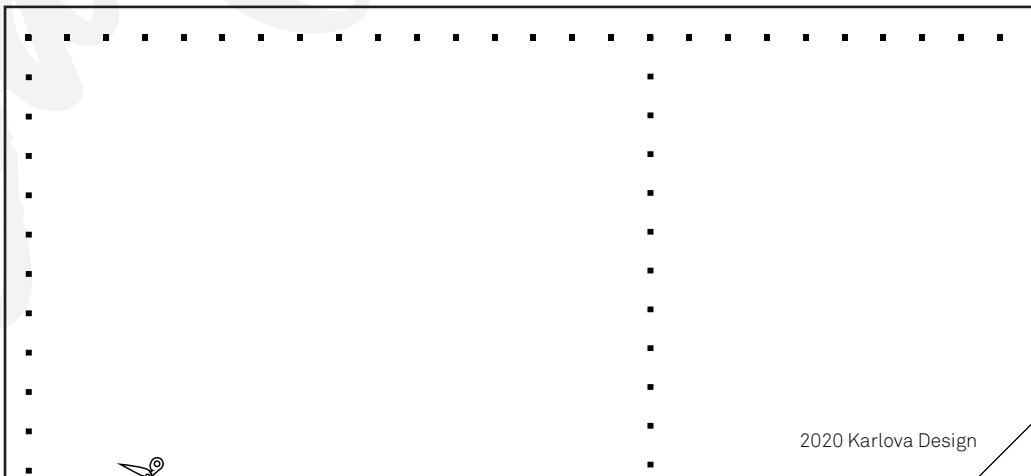


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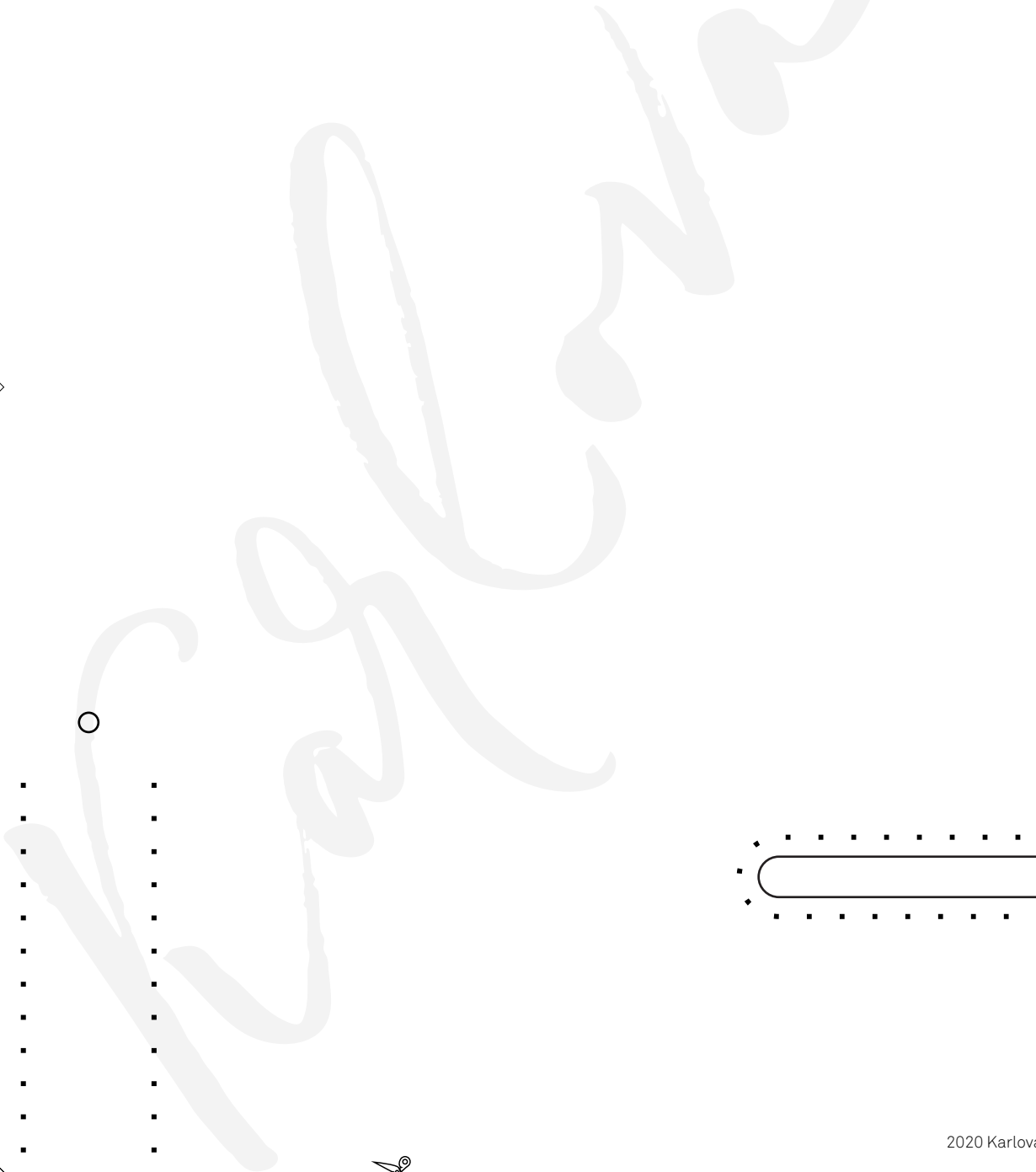
B-1

0in 0.5in 1in 1.5in 2in 3in





A-2

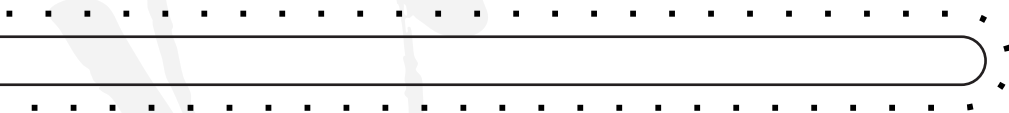




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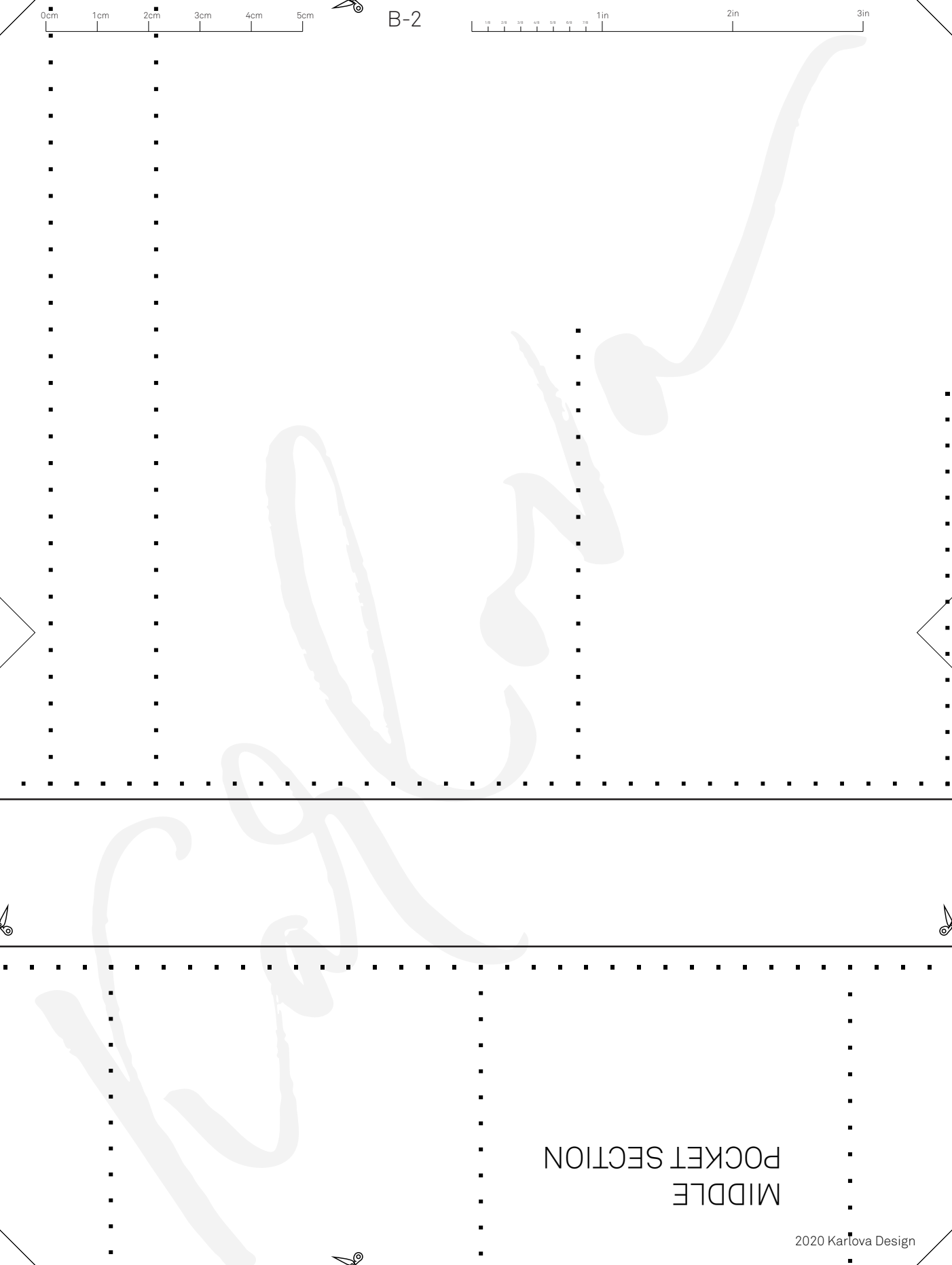
BODY



0cm 1cm 2cm 3cm 4cm 5cm

B-2

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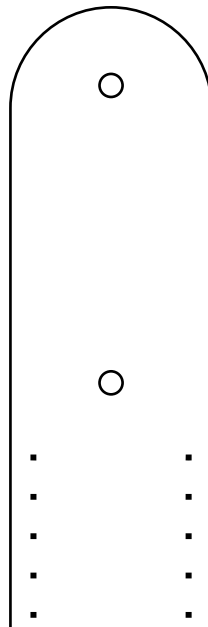
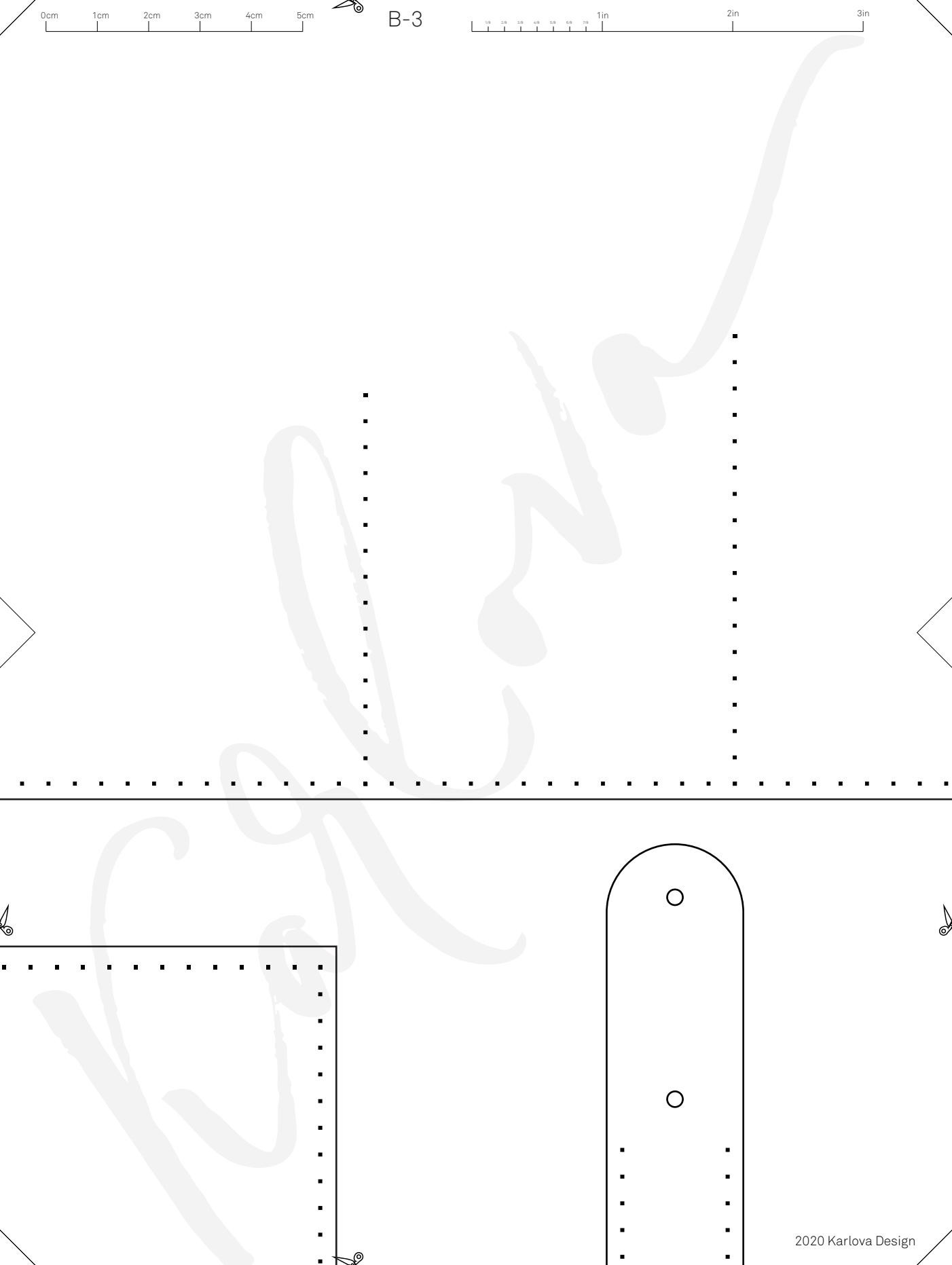
MIDDLE
POCKET SECTION

0cm 1cm 2cm 3cm 4cm 5cm



B-3

1in 2in 3in





A-4



0cm 1cm 2cm 3cm 4cm 5cm

B-4

1in 2in 3in

0cm 1cm 2cm 3cm 4cm 5cm



C-1

0 0.5 1 1.5 2 2.5 3in 1in 2in 3in



0cm 1cm 2cm 3cm 4cm 5cm

C-2

0 1in 2in 3in

SIDE
POCKET SECTION

0cm 1cm 2cm 3cm 4cm 5cm

C-3

1in 2in 3in

SIDE TRIM

STRAP - you can make it long

0cm 1cm 2cm 3cm 4cm 5cm

C-4

1in 2in 3in

BOTTOM

ger or shorter according to your preferences

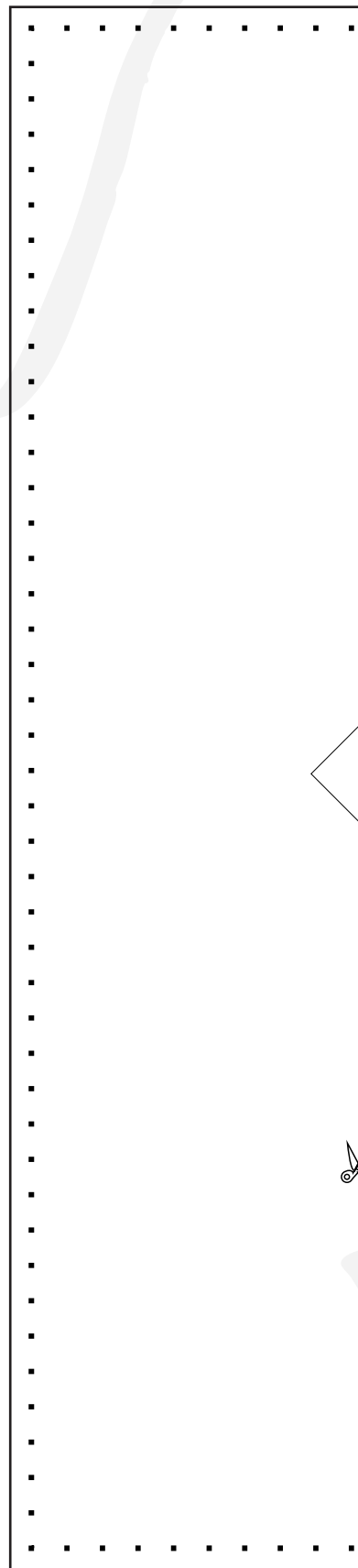
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A-5

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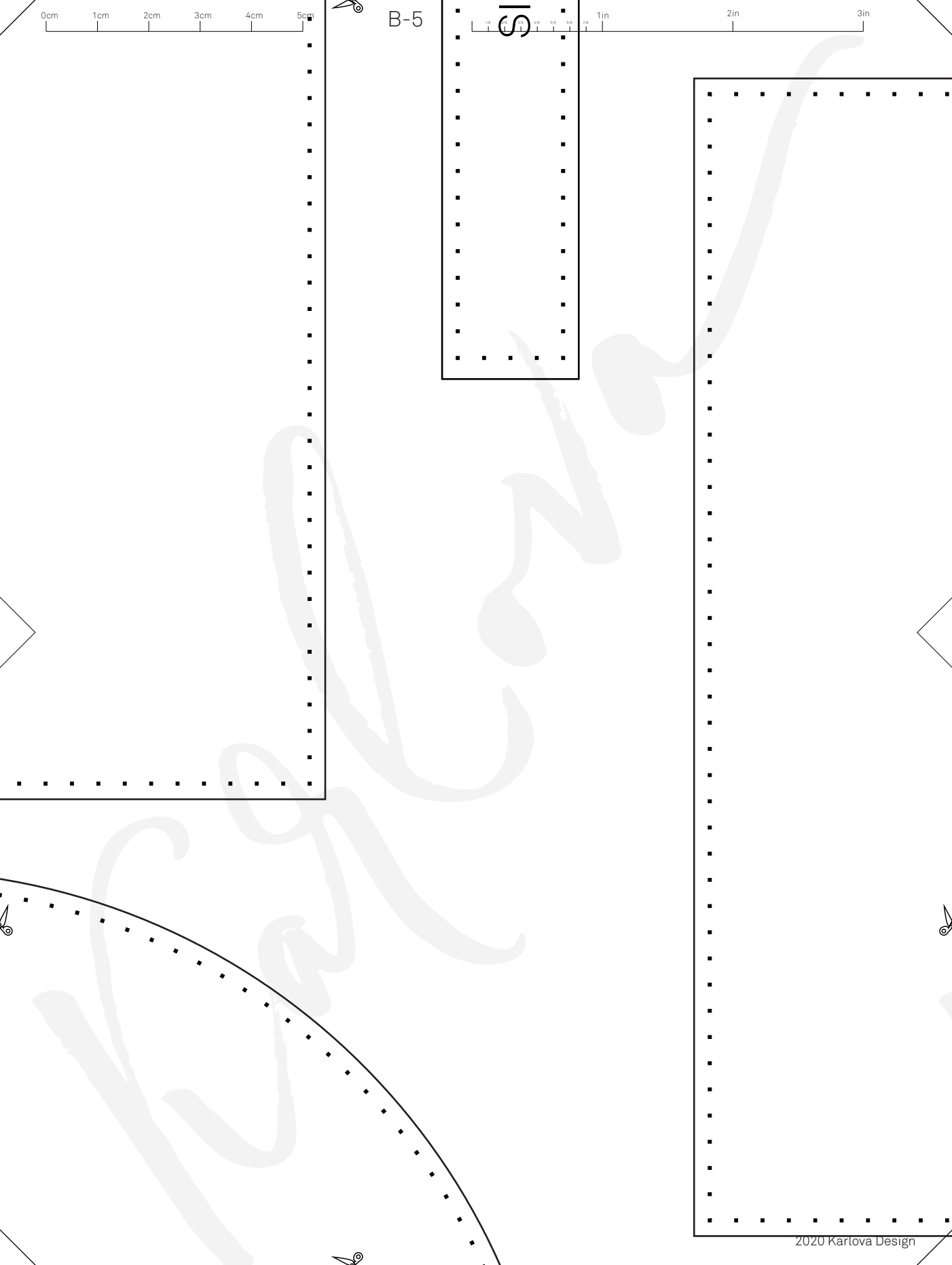
DE TRIM



0cm 1cm 2cm 3cm 4cm 5cm

B-5

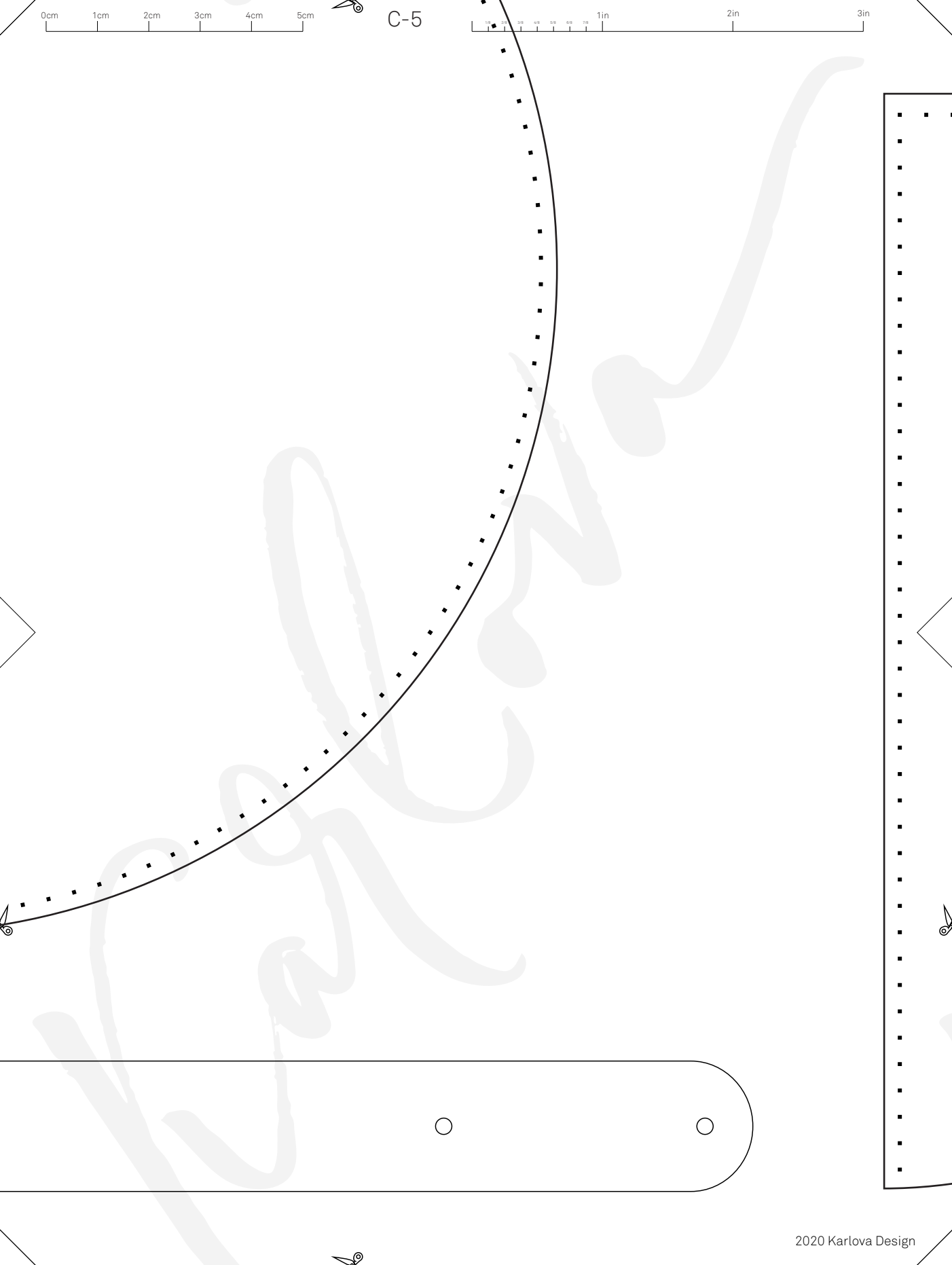
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0cm 1cm 2cm 3cm 4cm 5cm

C-5

1/4 1/2 3/4 1 1 1/4 1 1/2 1 3/4 2 2 1/4 3in



0cm 1cm 2cm 3cm 4cm 5cm

A-6

0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100 1in 2in 3in

BACK PART
OF THE INNER POCKET

0cm 1cm 2cm 3cm 4cm 5cm

B-6

0 0.5 1 1.5 2 2.5 3in

FRONT PART
OF THE INNER POCKET



C-6



SIDE POCKET SECTION

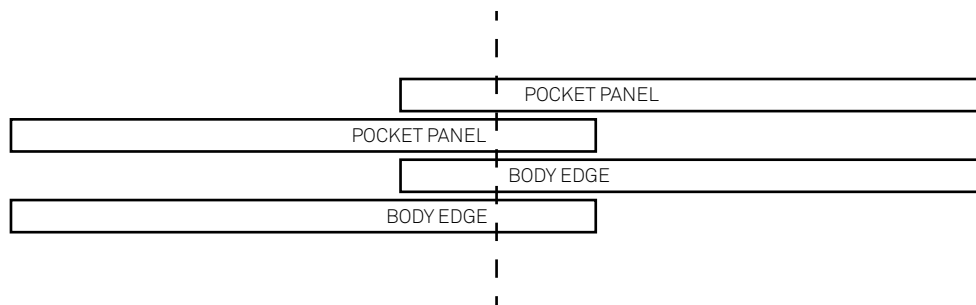
Stitch the trims to the body: you have to insert the pocket sections in those seams below the trims. The central pocket section should be in the center (sorry for being Captain Obvious), and the side section goes in the seam that is on the outer side. Start stitching from the bottom.

Complete all the vertical seams that divide the pockets, except those that are on the edges of the body.

Now stitch the bottom: as you may have noticed, the seam allowance on the bottom sides of the pocket section is slightly bigger than it is on the bottom of the body, so the body won't show under the pocket section, and everything looks nice and neat.

When stitching the bottom to the body (with pocket section) start at the second hole from the body edge. Stitch all the way around the bottom, 3 layers of leather, plus you will be stitching through the bottom parts of the trims too.

Now we came to the tricky part, the vertical seam of this bag is a pain in the ass to stitch, and here's why: This is the overlapping stitch and the stitching order of the layers should be the following:



This is probably the reason everyone will really hate me but this is the way to stitch this thing neatly so the layers won't show where they shouldn't show. Go slow, layer by layer, that can take a couple of hours to complete.

After you finish this, take a shower and a glass of wine.

Now make the strap - there is absolutely nothing tricky to it, rivet the swivel hooks to the ends, and attach it to the D-rings.

Insert your drawstring in the holes (btw, you may or may not want to install the grommets to those holes, I thought it wasn't necessary because there will be practically no load on those holes).

That's it, we're done. Woo hoo.



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