

Baby Squid Tutorial:

As seen at: www.youtube.com/jesspenner OR www.jesspenner.com

Materials:

2 Yards of blue flannel or other solid medium weight fabric

1.5 yards of polka dot light or medium weight fabric (lining)

24 inches of 3/4 inch ribbon

6 inches of 1/4 inch elastic

Felt squares

Accent fabric (optional)

1 yard of bias tape to match your project

1 hammer on snap

Thread

A couple of quick notes:

I made this costume for my baby who is 6 months old. He is 27 inches long and weighs 17 lbs.

The seam allowance for this pattern is 1/2 inch for all pieces EXCEPT the tentacles (the long tentacles, as well as the tentacles along the squid bottom). The fabric amount listed is generous. I probably used 25% less, but I didn't keep track of exactly how much so I made sure to be conservative with my estimate. Because I used medium weight fabric, and because of the felt in the seams of the headpiece (the head fins) the hat stands up. You can stuff it if you want, but the pictures show the hat unstuffed. Expect to have to stuff it if you use lighter fabric.

I am not including instructions on the eyes. You can watch the video to see exactly how I made them, but do your thang! Be creative.

1. Cut out pattern pieces and tape together to make pattern. I cut my 44 inch fabric in half lengthwise (creating two 22 inch wide by however long the yardage was panels) because we need to place a lot of pieces on the fold, but the pieces are small so you don't need much width.

2. Cut main (blue flannel) fabric pieces out. You will need:

1 - Headpiece back

2 - Headpiece fronts)

2 - Long Tentacles

2 - Squid bodies

3. Cut out polka dot (lining) fabric pieces out. You will need:

2 - Long Tentacles

2 - Squid bodies

4. Trace Head fins onto blue felt - DO NOT CUT. Sew along traced line and trim 1/8 inch away from stitch. See video if you're confused by this :)

5. Cut ribbon into 2 - 12 inch pieces

6. With right sides facing each other, sew both pieces of hat front together along the curved face line.

7. Add ribbon to both sides of the front of the hat, tucked between the front hat pieces

and sew in place

8. Turn hat front out and press

9. Press 1/2 inch seam on bottom flat edge of hat back. Pin elastic along pressed edge and zigzag stitch into place. Fold elastic edge over another 1/2 inch and stitch in place.

10. Lay hat back finished side up on your table. Line up head fins, with folded side along the hat side seam lines between triangles with fat sides facing bottom of hat. Place hat front on top of this, and pin in place. Sew around hat locking all layers together. Turn out and press.

11. With right sides facing each other, sew side seams and shoulder seams of blue flannel squid bodies together. Repeat with Polka dot fabric. Press seams flat.

12. Turn squid body polka dot fabric so right side is facing out, insert into blue flannel squid body (still inside out) so that the right sides of both pieces face each other and so that shoulder seams, armholes, and tentacles line up.

13. Sew long tentacle pieces together. Take one blue flannel piece and one polka dot piece and place them right sides together, sewing along edge with a 1/4 inch seam allowance. Repeat with remaining pieces to make 2 long tentacles. Clip and trim the seams, turn out, and press.

14. Stuff tentacles with fiber fill, leaving two inches at the top empty.

15. Position long tentacles on the side seams of the of the squid body, between the blue fabric and the polka dot fabric, and facing up toward the armholes. Pin in place.

16. Pin around entire bottom edge of squid. Sew 1/4 inch seam allowance around entire bottom of squid.

17. Clip points and valleys, turn project right side out, and press.

18. Cut a 6 inch slit down the middle back of your squid body (starting at the neck hole).

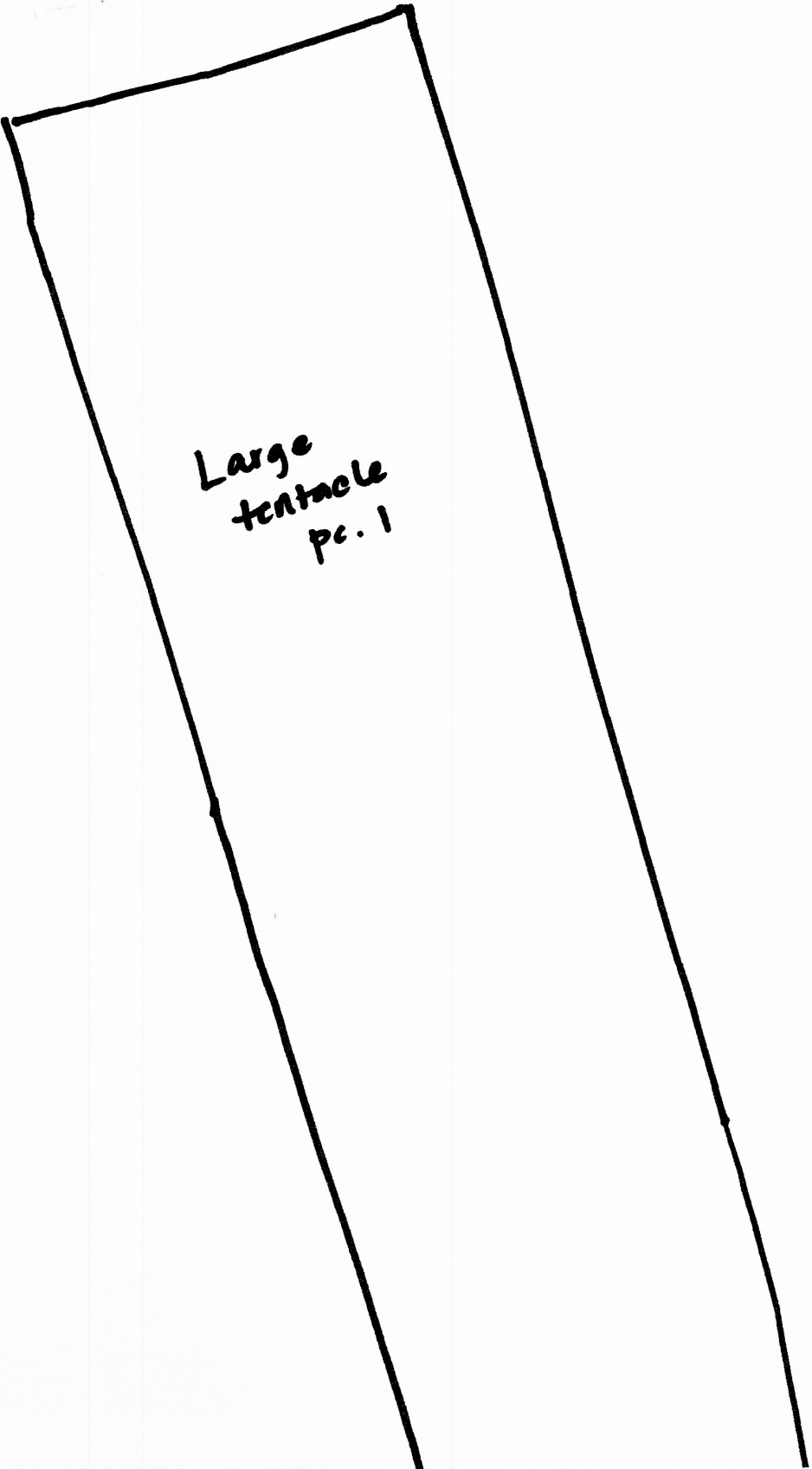
19. Baste entire neck edge and arm holes (1/2 inch seam allowance). Trim down.

20. Apply seam tape (bias tape) to raw edges.

21. Apply a hammer on snap to close back opening.

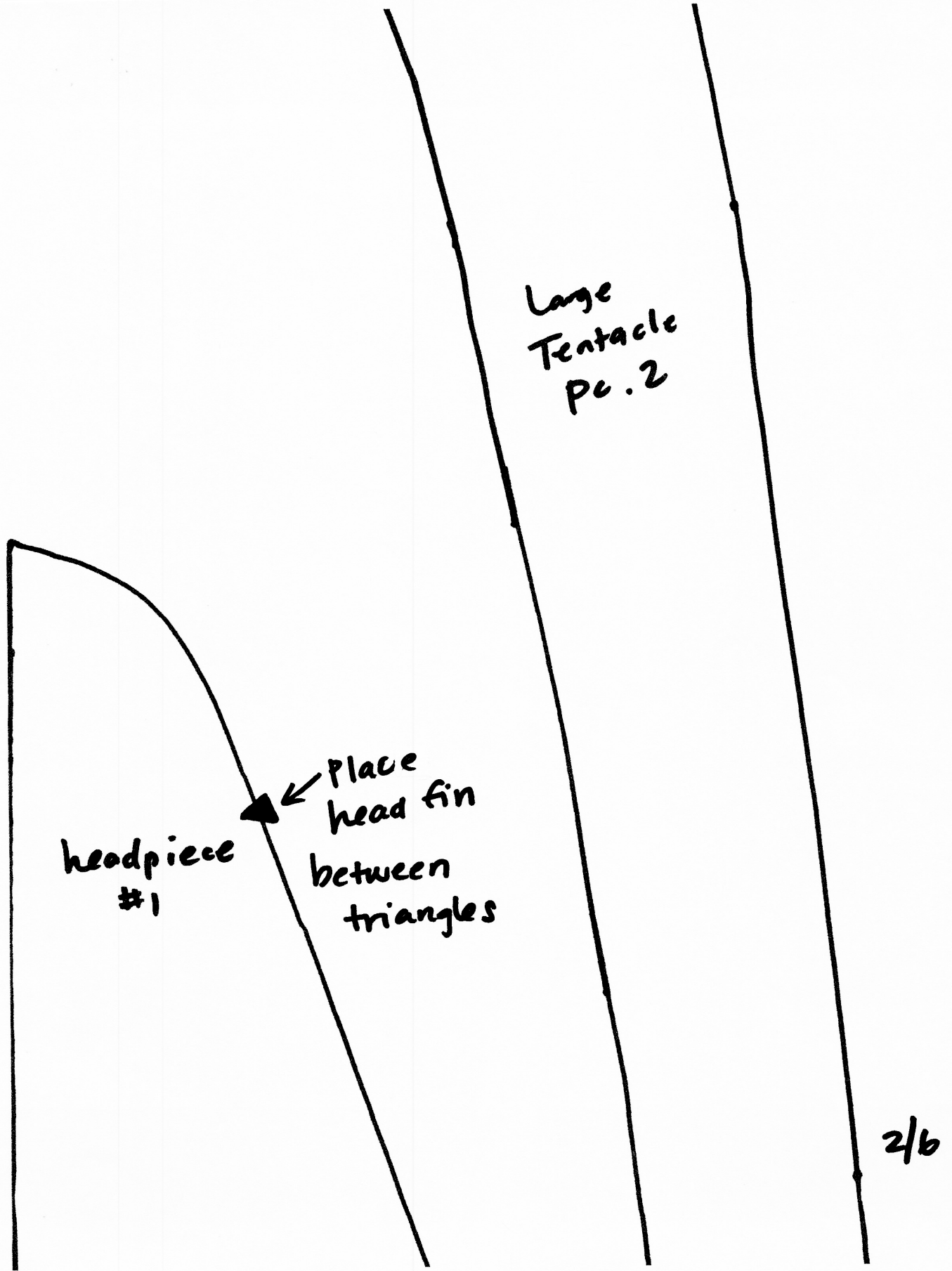
22. Make some crazy eyes and put those suckers on your squid.

23. Boom. You did it.



Large
tentacle
pc. 1

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headpiece
#1

Place
head fin
between
triangles

Large
Tentacle
Pc. 2

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Place on
Fold

Headpiece
#2

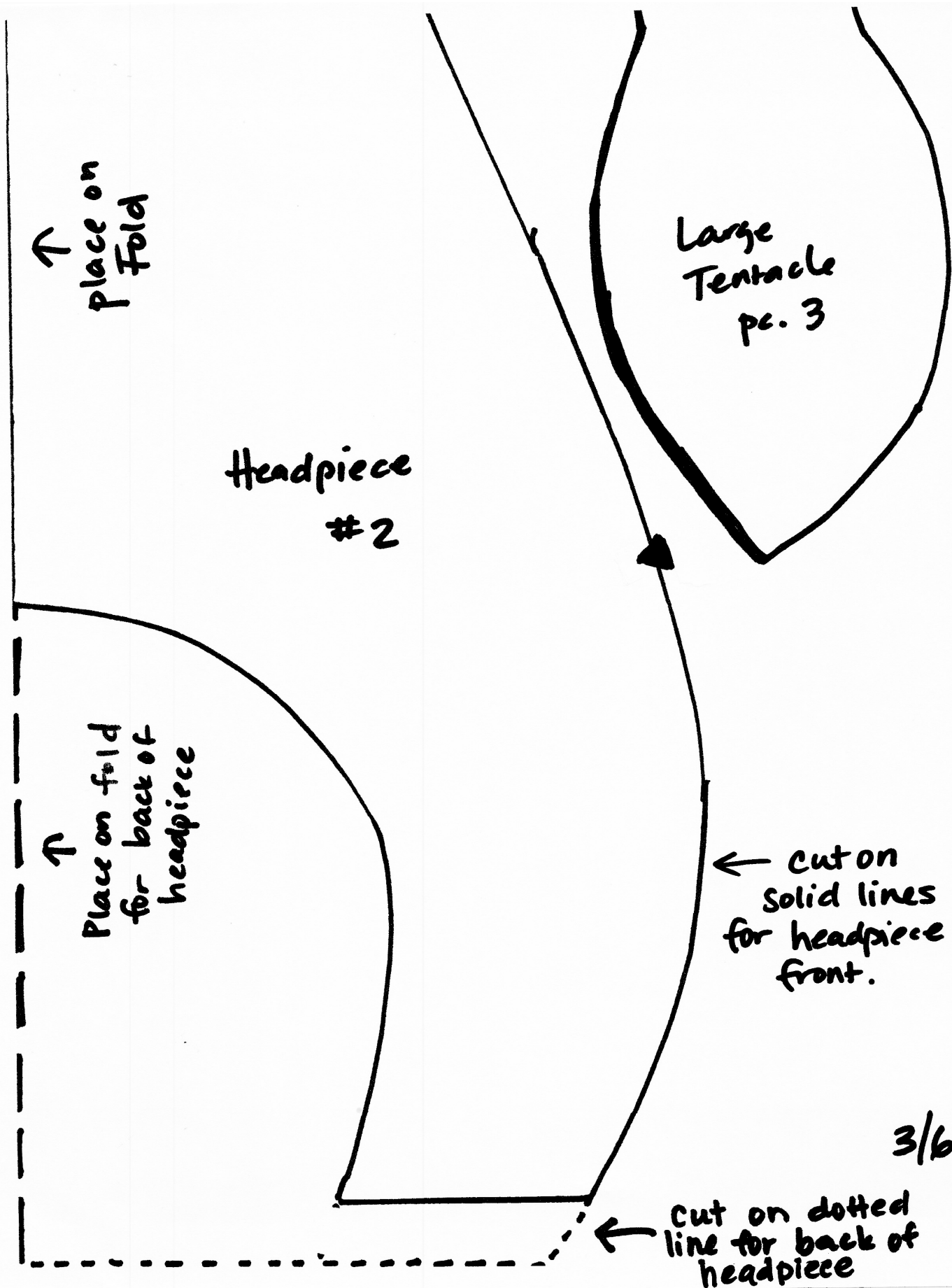
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Tentacle
pc. 3

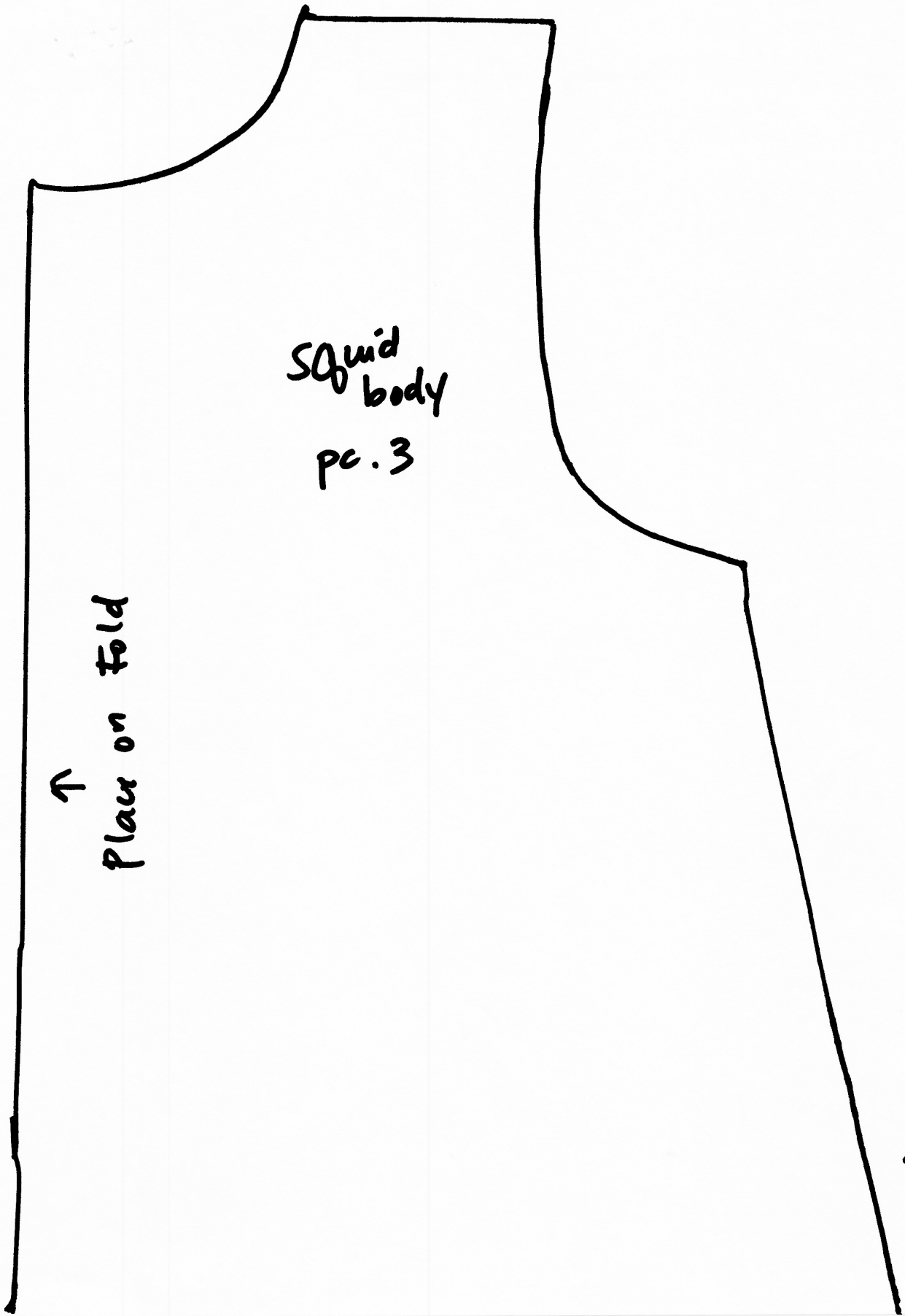
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Place on fold
for back of
headpiece

← Cut on
Solid lines
for headpiece
front.

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← Cut on dotted
line for back of
headpiece





Squid
body
pc. 3

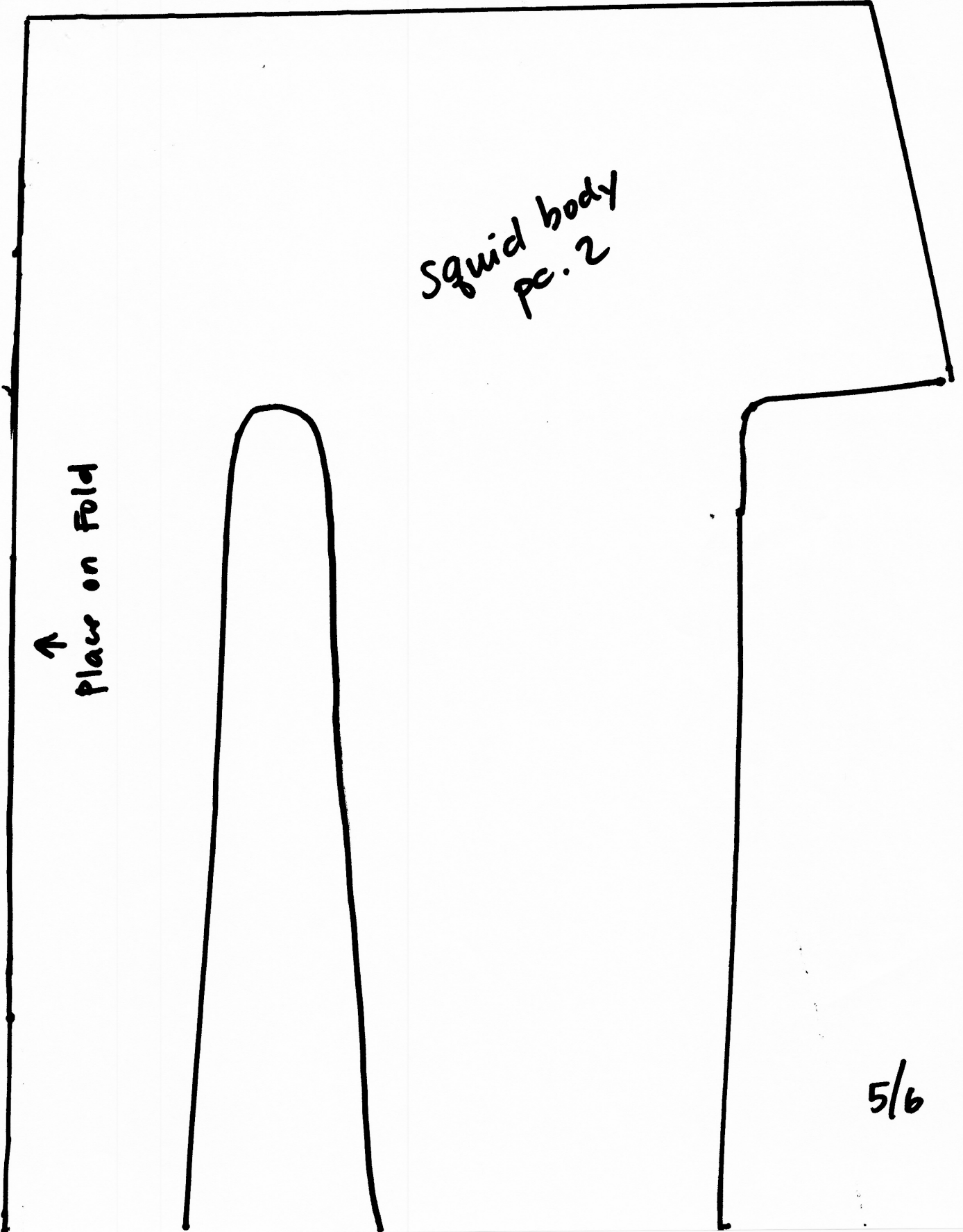
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Squid body
pc. 2

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Place on fold

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Fold ↑

Squid
body
pc. 1

On Fold ↑
Head fin

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