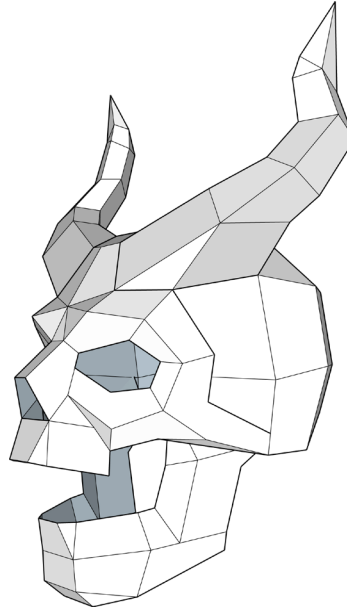




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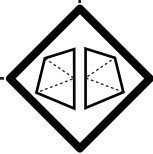


# Skull V2

Designed by Steve Wintercrott

This mask can be built by simply taping the edges together  
or by using the tabs to glue the edges together.

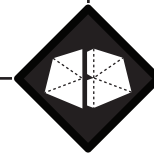
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## Untabbed Construction

Choose this construction technique if you are short of time, or are looking for a quick and easy project. Building this mask without tabs is much quicker and although the finished mask will still look awesome it will not be as neat.

**Build time approx: 2-4 hours**



## Tabbed Construction

Choose this construction technique if you have plenty of time, are looking for a more substantial project and want to achieve the best possible finish. Building this mask using tabs will take longer but the finished mask is stronger and will look neater.

**Building time approx: 2-6 hours**



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### Materials Required

- Access to a printer and 20 sheets of A4 paper or US Letter paper.
- Thin card, the type used in cereal boxes is ideal. Thicker card, such as corrugated card, does not work well as it will not bend to the detailed folds. The approximate area required is around 6 sheets of flat A3 card.
- Spray mount, Pritt Stick, PVA or similar product that will stick paper to card.
- Scissors and a craft knife.



#### For Untabbed Construction

- Straight forward sticky tape, you can use basic cheap tape but I've found that Scotch Magic invisible tape gives a neater finish.

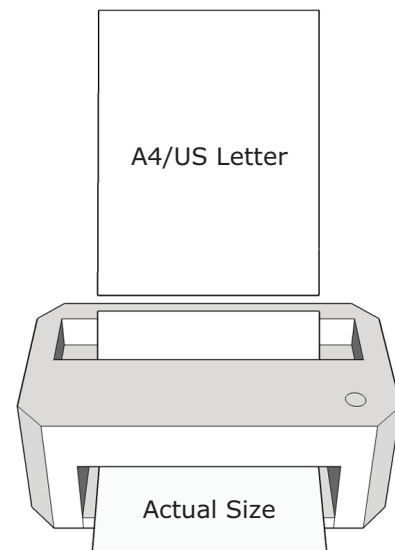


#### For Tabbed Construction

- A fast setting adhesive for gluing the tabs and assembling the mask. You want to use a glue with a fast curing time so that you don't have to wait for parts to dry before continuing. PVA glue works ok but I use a glue stick (Pritt Stick) as this is quick, clean and convenient. A high quality double sided tape is also a good alternative. As you will be putting the mask on your head don't use a solvent based glue that could give off harmful fumes.

### Printing Advice

- The templates are 1:1 scale and are intended to be printed at ACTUAL SIZE on either A4 paper (210mm X 297mm) or US Letter paper (8½" X 11"). In your printer setting please select the type of paper that you are printing on but **DO NOT SCALE THE TEMPLATES TO FIT THE PAPER.**
- I have included a Scale Guideline on the first page of the templates so that you can check the scale. The line should measure 150mm after printing but plus or minus 2mm is acceptable. There is more information on printing the templates in our FAQ section of the website.
- **Please check that your print out contains all of the fold lines that are shown on the PDF.** If not please update your PDF reader to the latest version of Adobe Reader (free) and reprint. This will correct the problem.

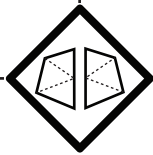




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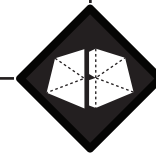
1. Having printed the templates on paper, trim them roughly to the approximate size, they don't have to be neat. Trimming off the excess paper makes it easier to arrange the templates on the card.
2. If you are working with reclaimed card unfold your boxes so that you have flat sheets to work with, then glue the templates to the card. When you assemble your mask, your templates will be on the inside faces of the mask. A good quality glue stick is cheap and works well for this. Make sure that the templates are well bonded to the card.

### 3. Cutting



#### Untabbed Cutting

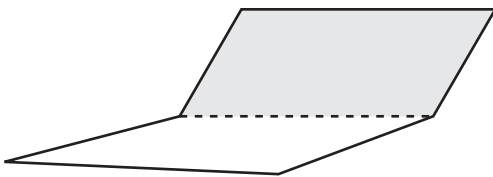
Cut around the outside of each part. As you will be taping the edges together, you will not need the grey tabs so they can be cut off at this point. The direction of the fold line on the tabs are not important as these are the edges that you will be taping together.



#### Tabbed Cutting

As you will be using the grey tabs to assemble the mask make sure to only cut along the solid outlines.

4. The fold lines on the templates are marked as either a dashed line representing a valley fold or dashes with dots to represent a mountain fold. This is with the templates on the inside of the mask.
5. Score all of the folds marked on templates with something blunt like an old ball point pen. Scoring weakens the card along the fold lines and helps to keep your folds neat. Score and fold all of your parts.



Dashed line represents a valley fold



Dashed line with dots represents a mountain fold



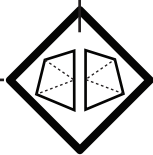
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6. The skull must be built sequentially following the alphabetic labels on the parts. Begin by assembling the face, starting with parts A and B. Find two edges with corresponding numbers, for example edge number 34 joins to edge number 34. The numbers do not need to be completed sequentially. Then follow either the tabbed or untabbed instructions below.

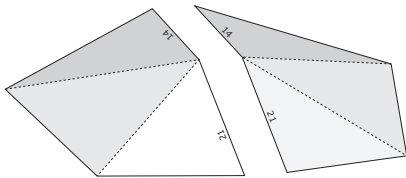
Continuing in this way until you have attached part E. Having attached part E set the face aside and start work on to the back of the head using parts F, G and H. Continue working sequentially through the letters adding the pre-assembled face after part L.

Finally build the jaw with parts M, N and O. If you are building the horns, please refer to the assembly instruction on page 5.

### 7. Assembly

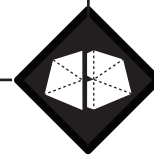


#### Untabbed Construction

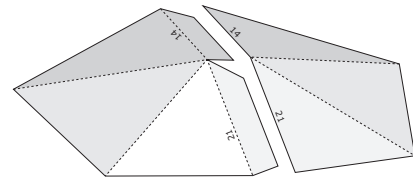


Having found two edges with matching numbers, hold the edges together and apply tape along the join. Taping on the outside makes things easier for most parts but if you come to a part that is difficult to tape outside, try taping inside the mask. If a join feels like it is under stress, tape it inside and out to reinforce it.

Tape one edge at a time, test fitting each part before applying the tape. I've labelled the first few parts to get you started, from there continue matching the corresponding numbers to complete the mask.



#### Tabbed Construction



In each pair of numbered edges one part will have a gluing tab and one will not. The gluing tab will always go on the inside of the mask.

Test fit the part before you apply glue to the tab. I recommend using a glue stick or double sided tape. Once you are happy with how the parts fit together, apply glue to the outer surface of the tab and bring the two edges together remembering that the tab goes inside the mask.

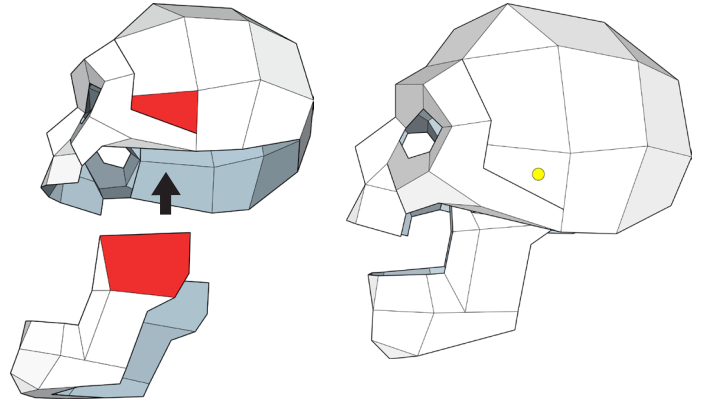
Apply pressure to the join until the glue has set enough to hold on its own. Glue one tab at a time, test fitting each part before applying the glue. I've labelled the first few parts to get you started, from there continue matching the corresponding numbers to complete the mask.



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### Attaching the jaw

The jaw can either be hinged using two split pin fasteners or simply fixed in place with glue or tape. For a fixed jaw line up the jaw with the inside of the mask using the diagram opposite for reference and glue in place.



### Hinged jaw

The hinged pieces have circles marked on them. These are the centre of the pivot point for each of the articulated parts. Begin by reinforcing the material around where you will make the hole. The easiest way to do this is by applying a piece of tape or card to the reverse/inside of the part over the point where you will make the hole.

Using a piece of play dough to rest on, pierce the centre of each circle with an old ball point pen.

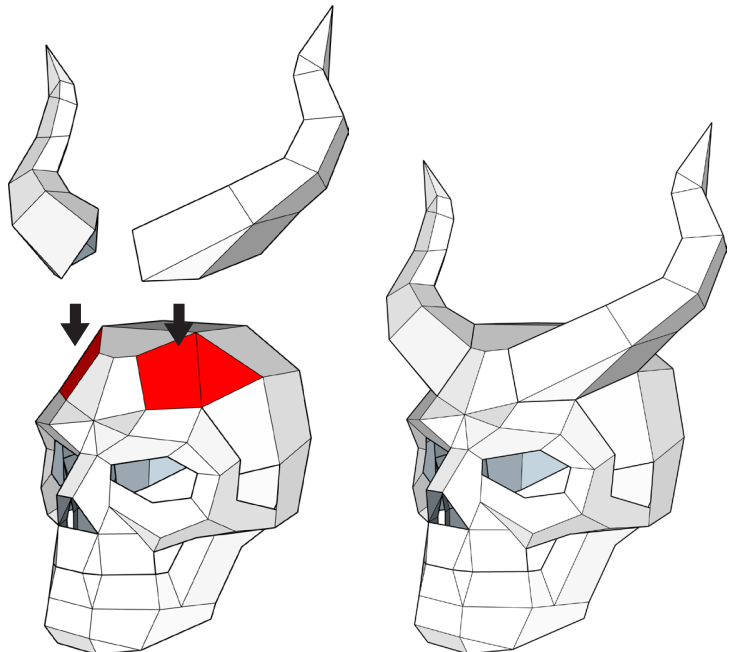
In order to move the jaw must fit on the inside of the skull. Start with the sides of the skull and push the paper fastener through the centre of the circle. Line this hole up with the one that you made in the top of the jaw and push the fastener through the centre of the next circle. Open up the fastener on the inside by folding the pins back flat to secure the parts in place. Apply a piece of tape over the open split pin on the inside of the mask for safety and added security.

### Horn assembly instructions

The horns are an optional addition and the mask can be built with or without them.

The horns must be built in the following order. Start at the tip of the horn with the tab labelled "start here". Always work from the tip of the horn towards the base, in this way you always be able to access both the inside and outside of the area that you are working on. Continue matching numbers and gluing edges until you reach the base of the horns.

To attach the horns to the skull use a craft knife to cut away the areas marked in red on the diagram opposite and labelled as parts K and J on the templates. Use the text "LEFT HORN" and "RIGHT HORN" marked on the templates to align the horns.





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Once you have built the mask, make the head band following the instructions on the final page and tape it to the inside of the mask.

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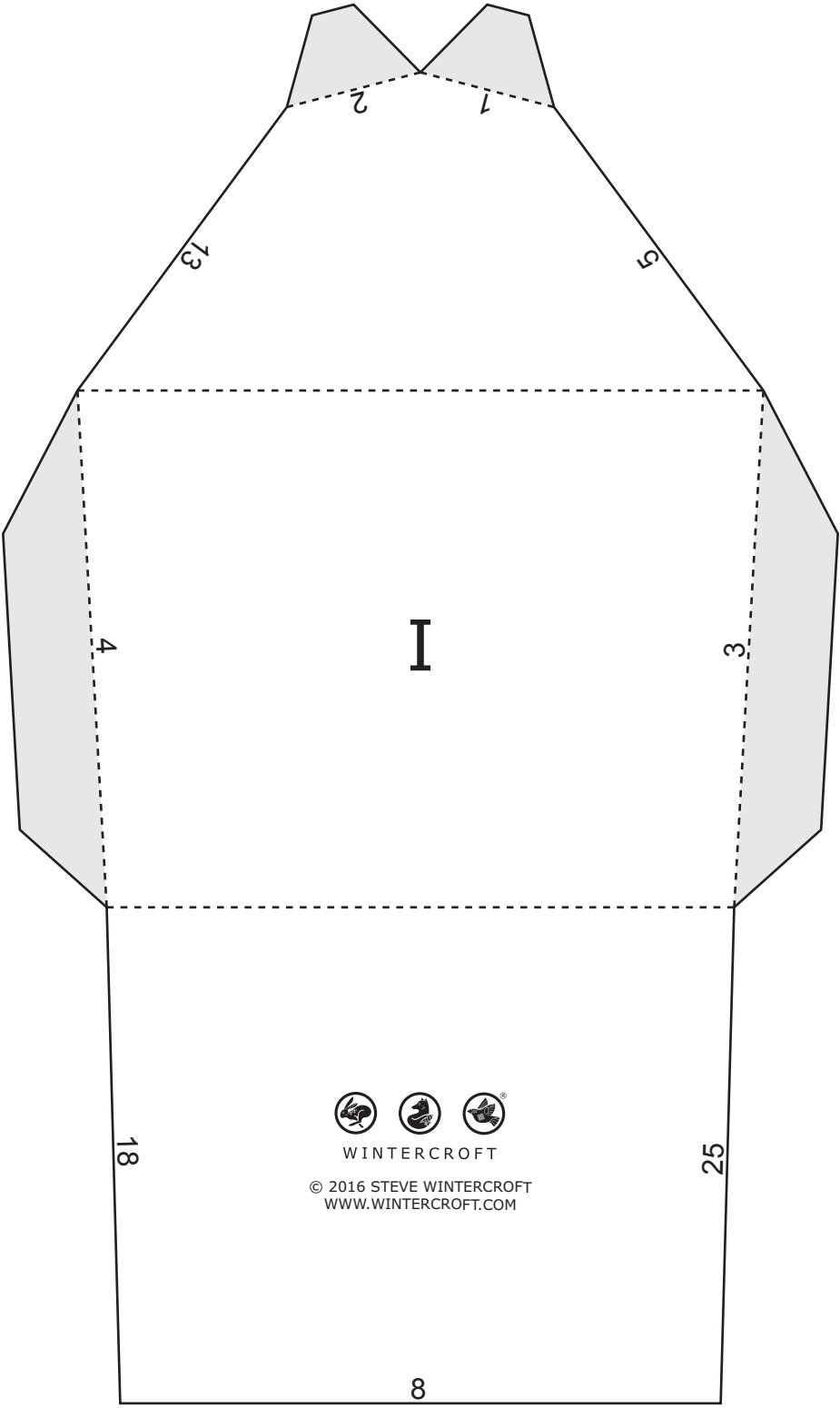
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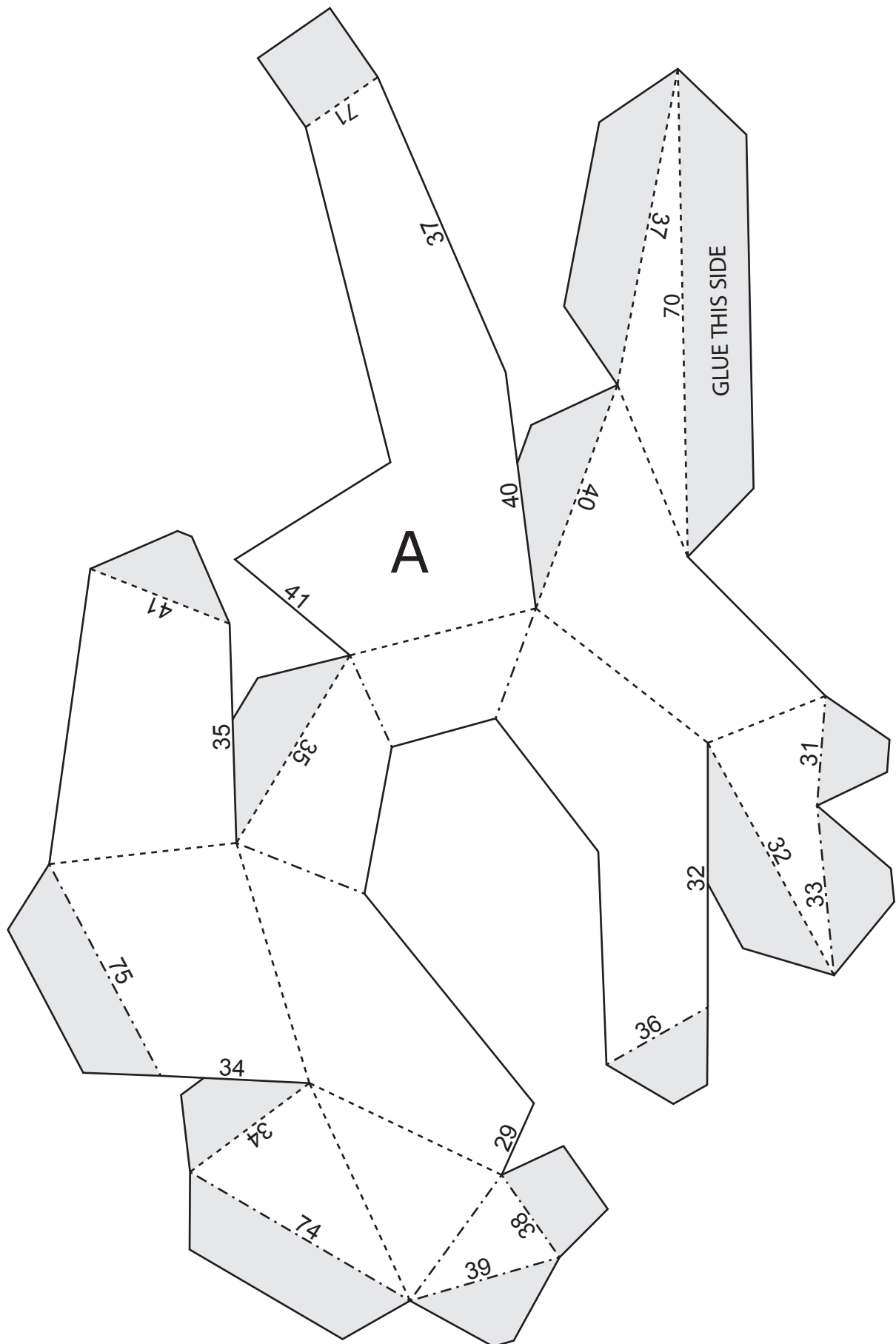
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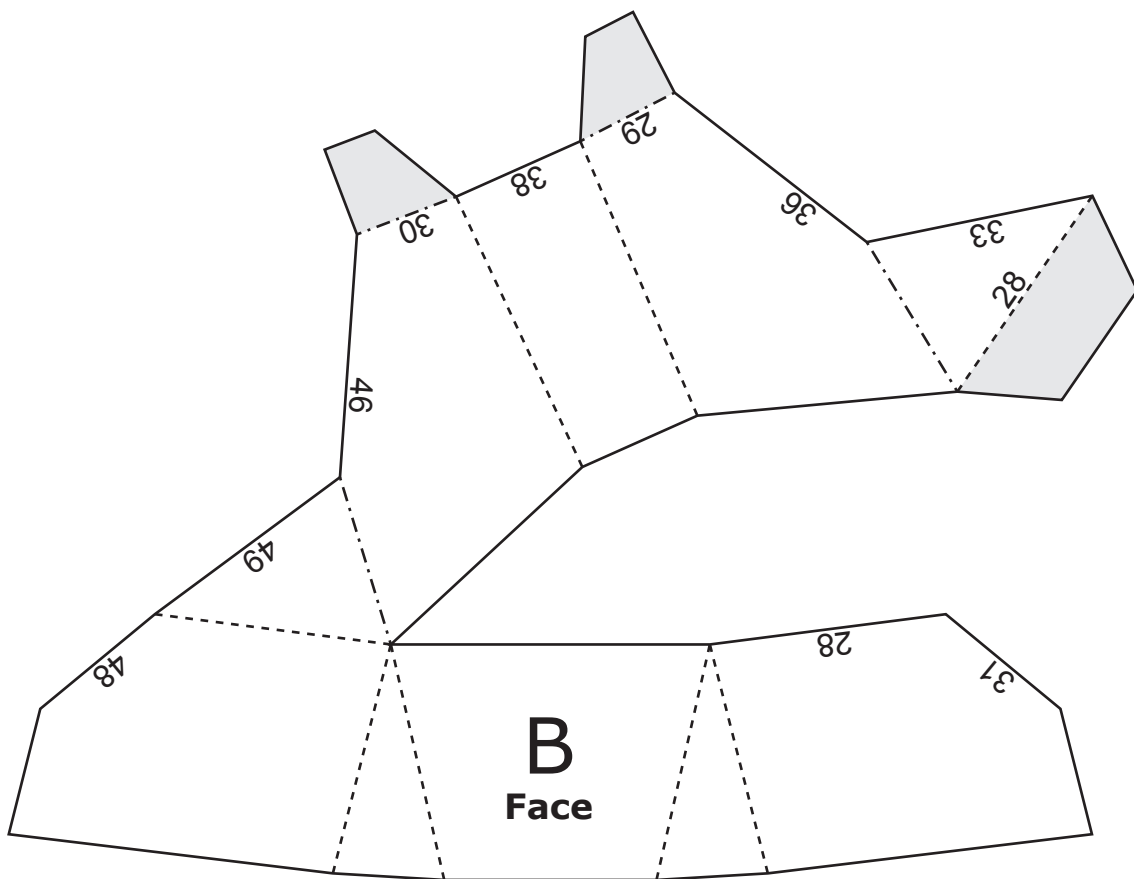
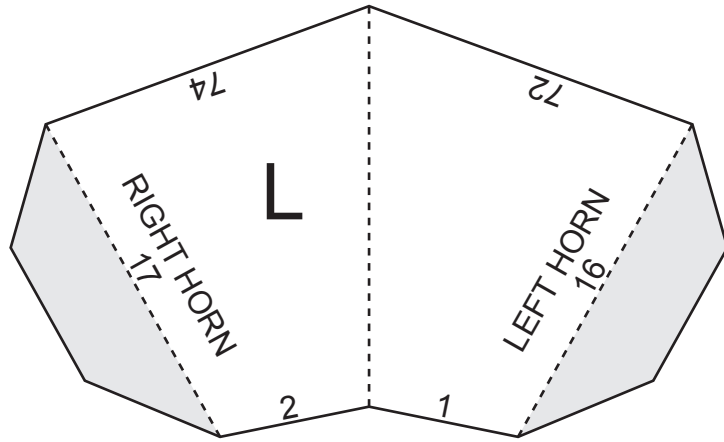
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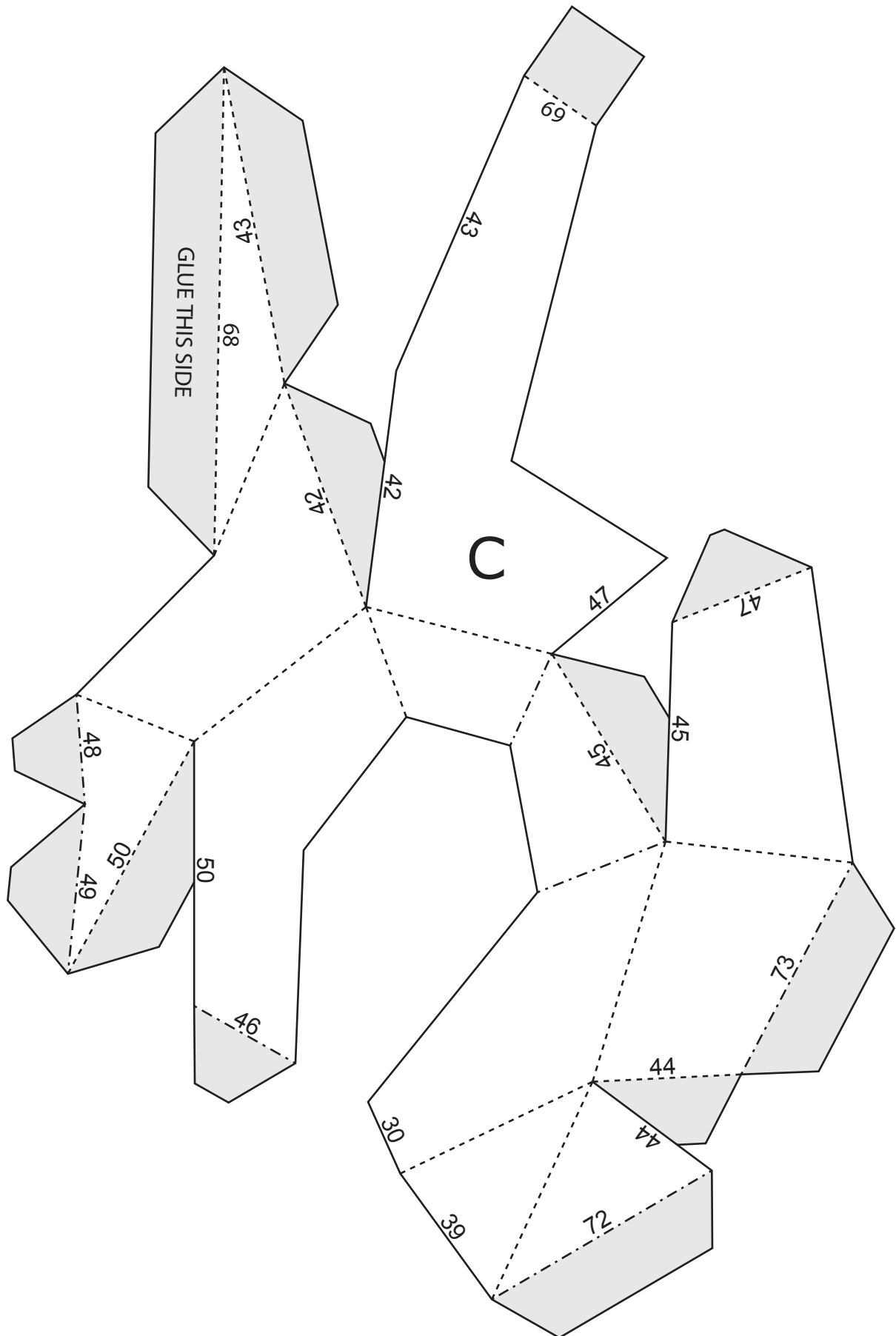
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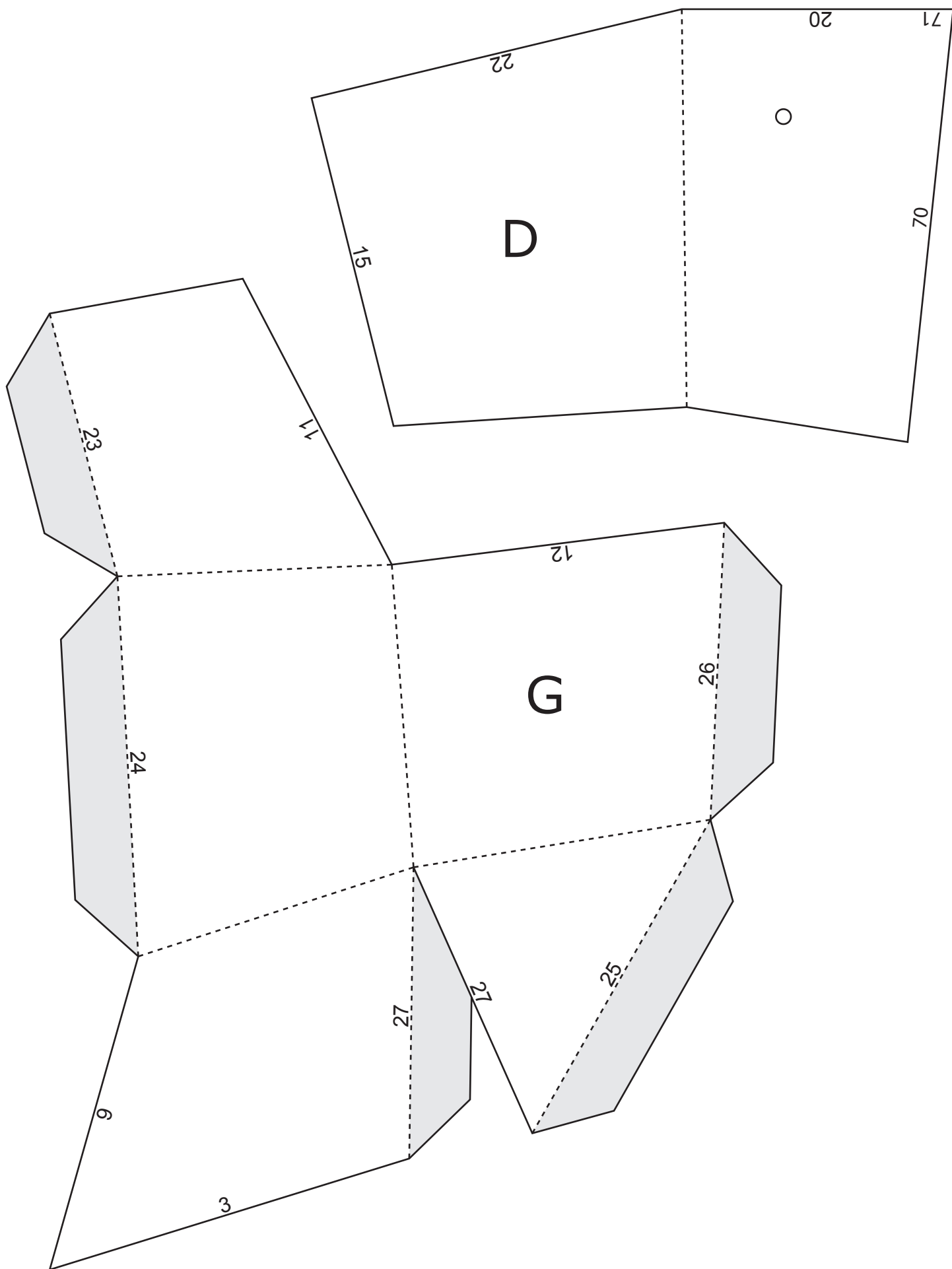


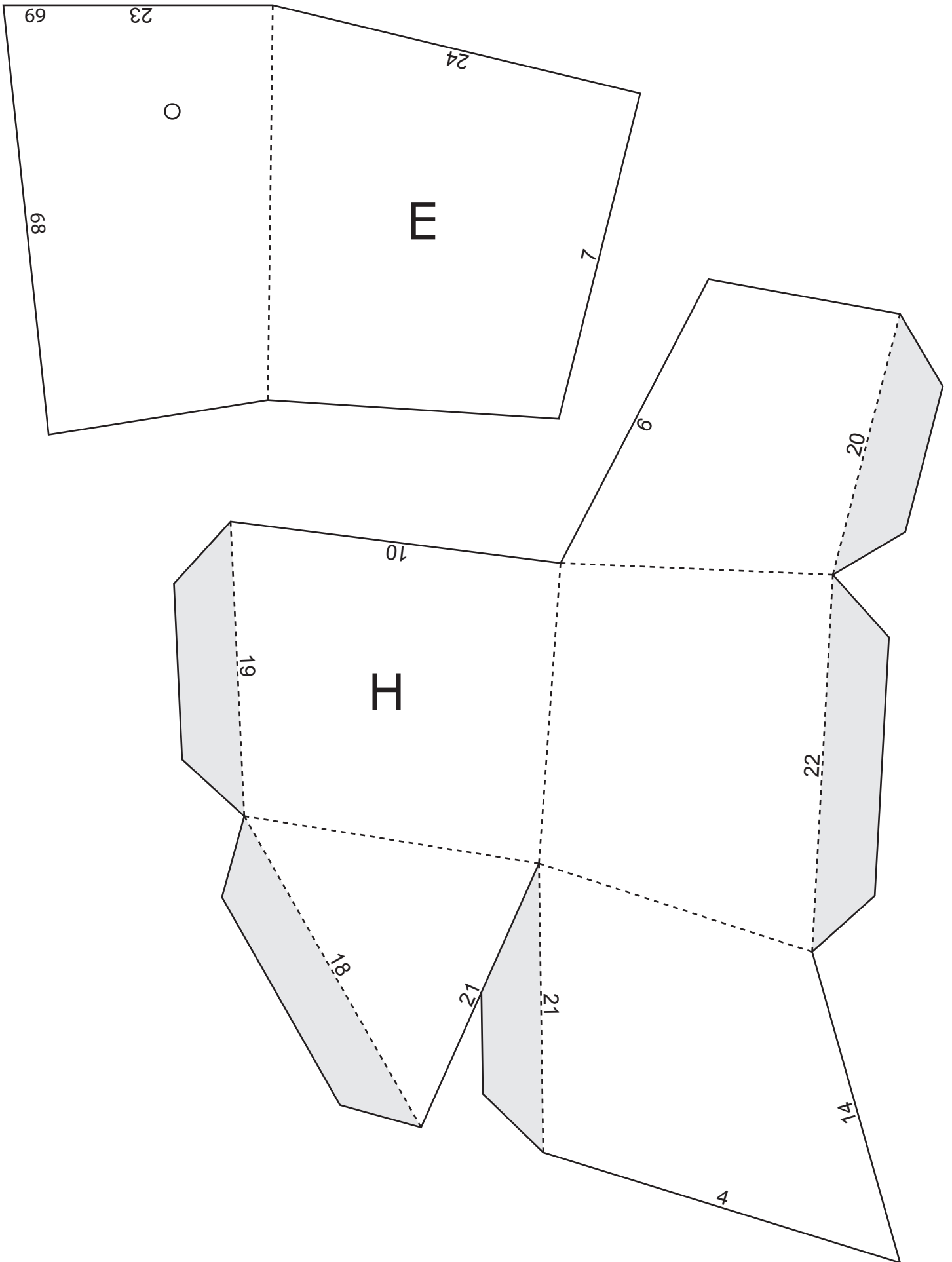


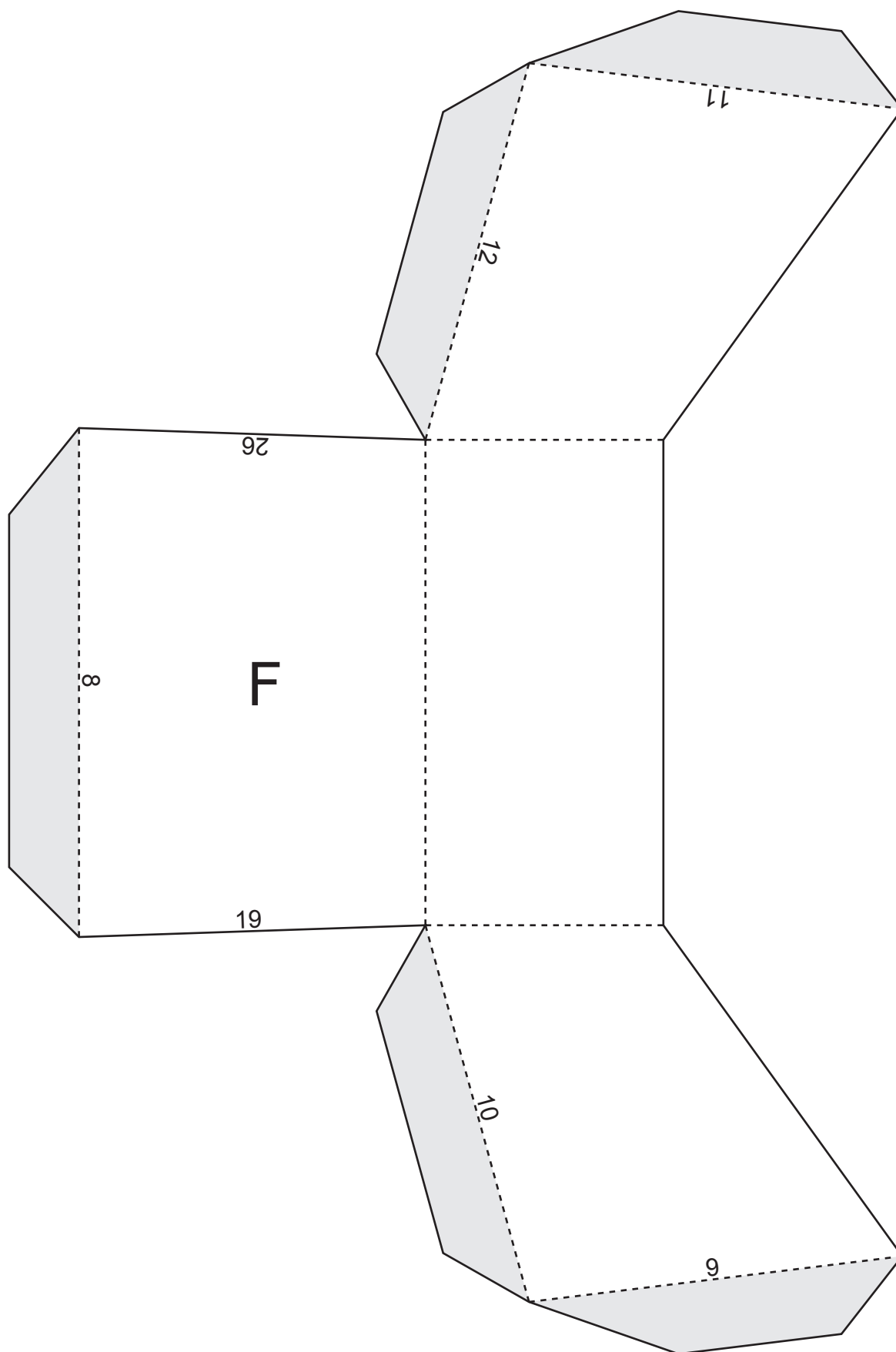


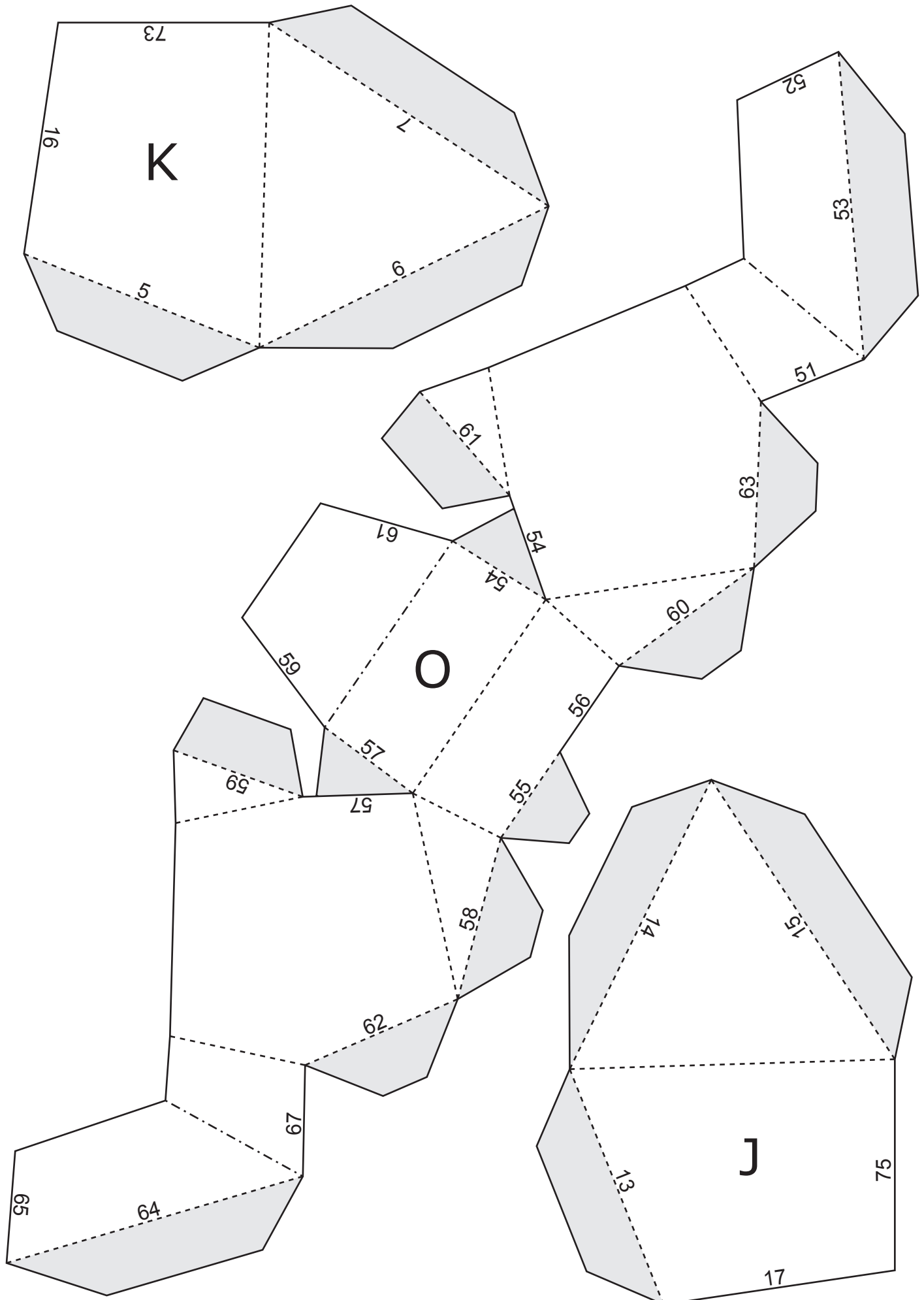
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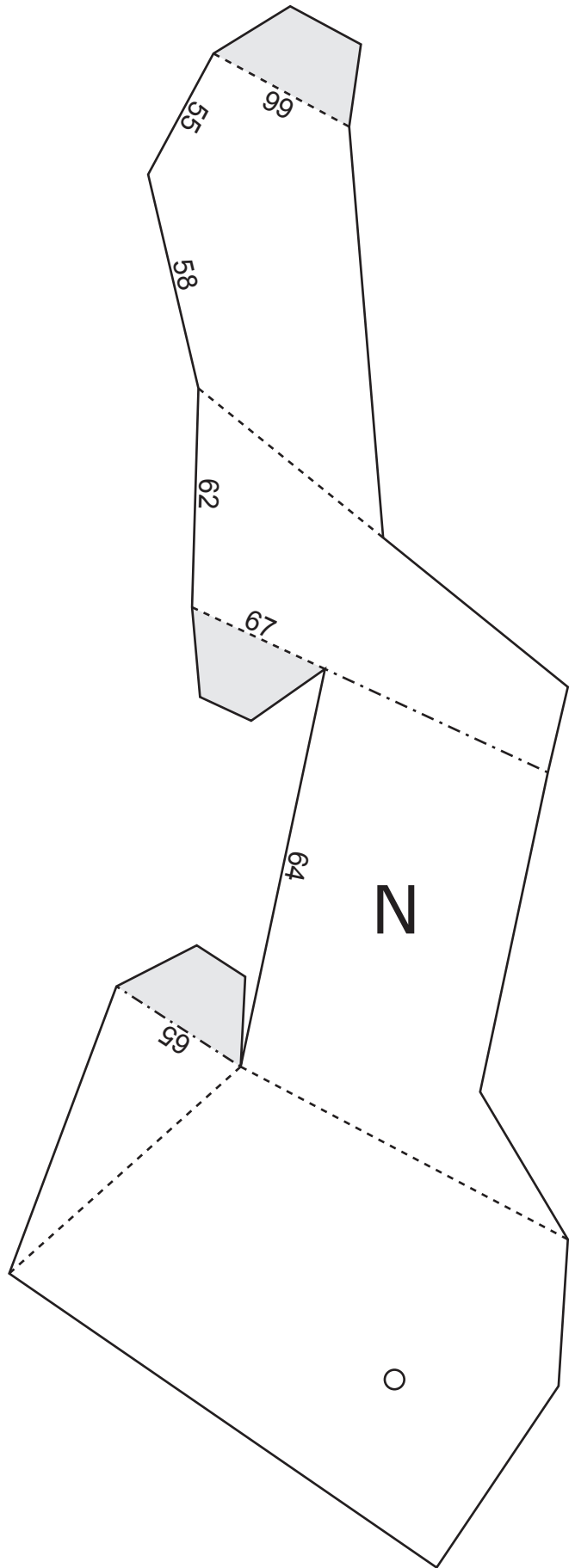
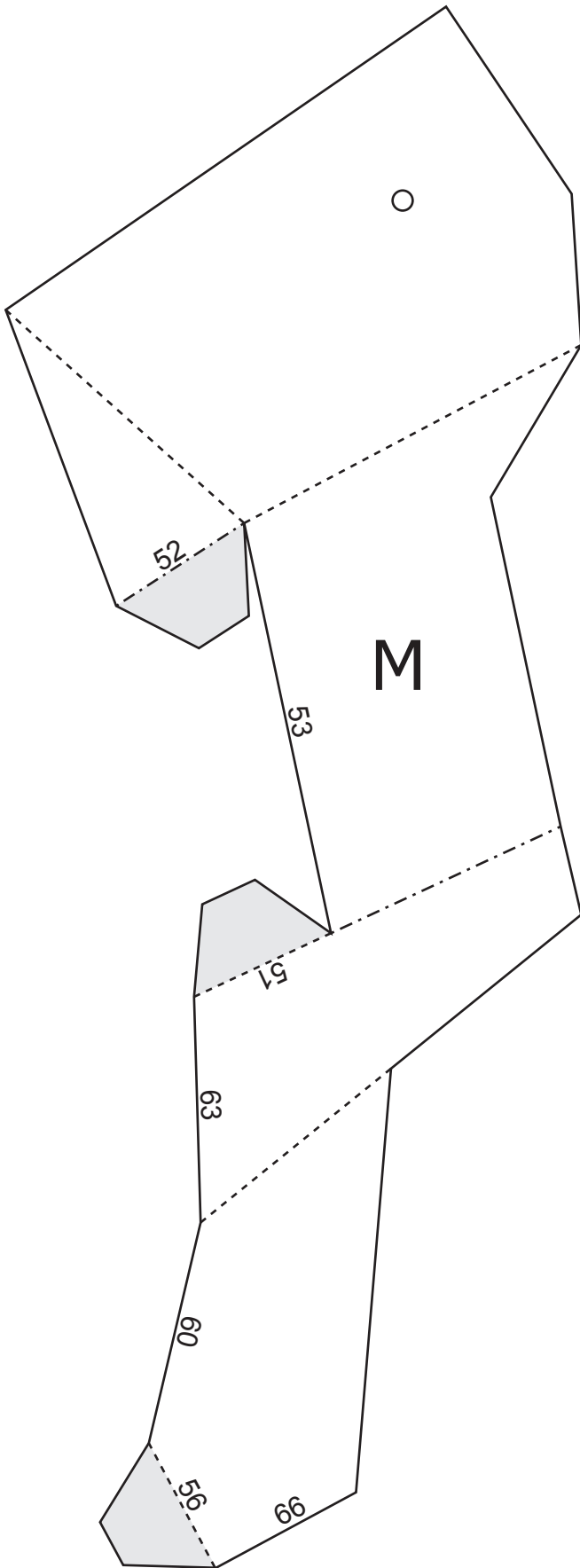




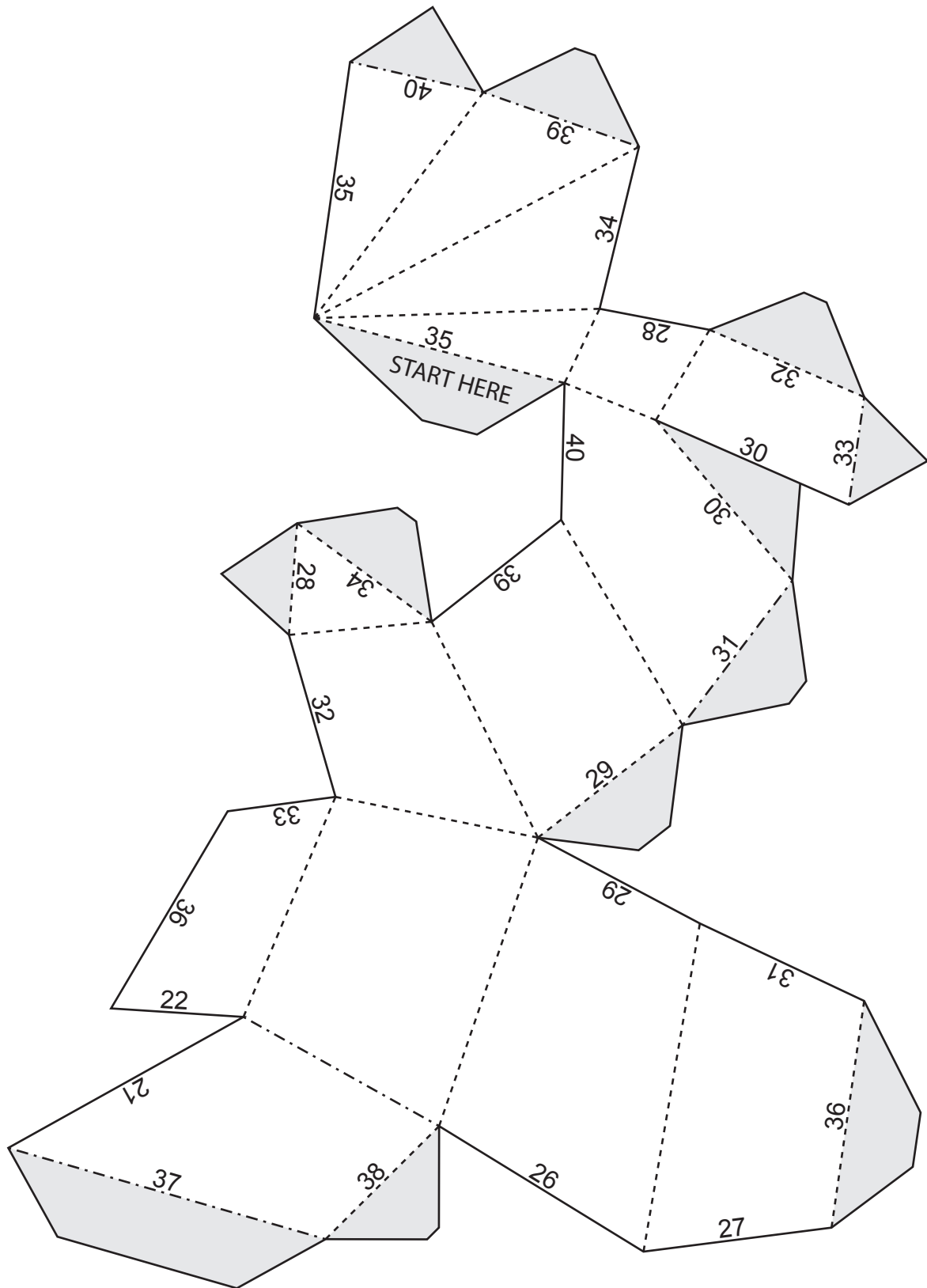






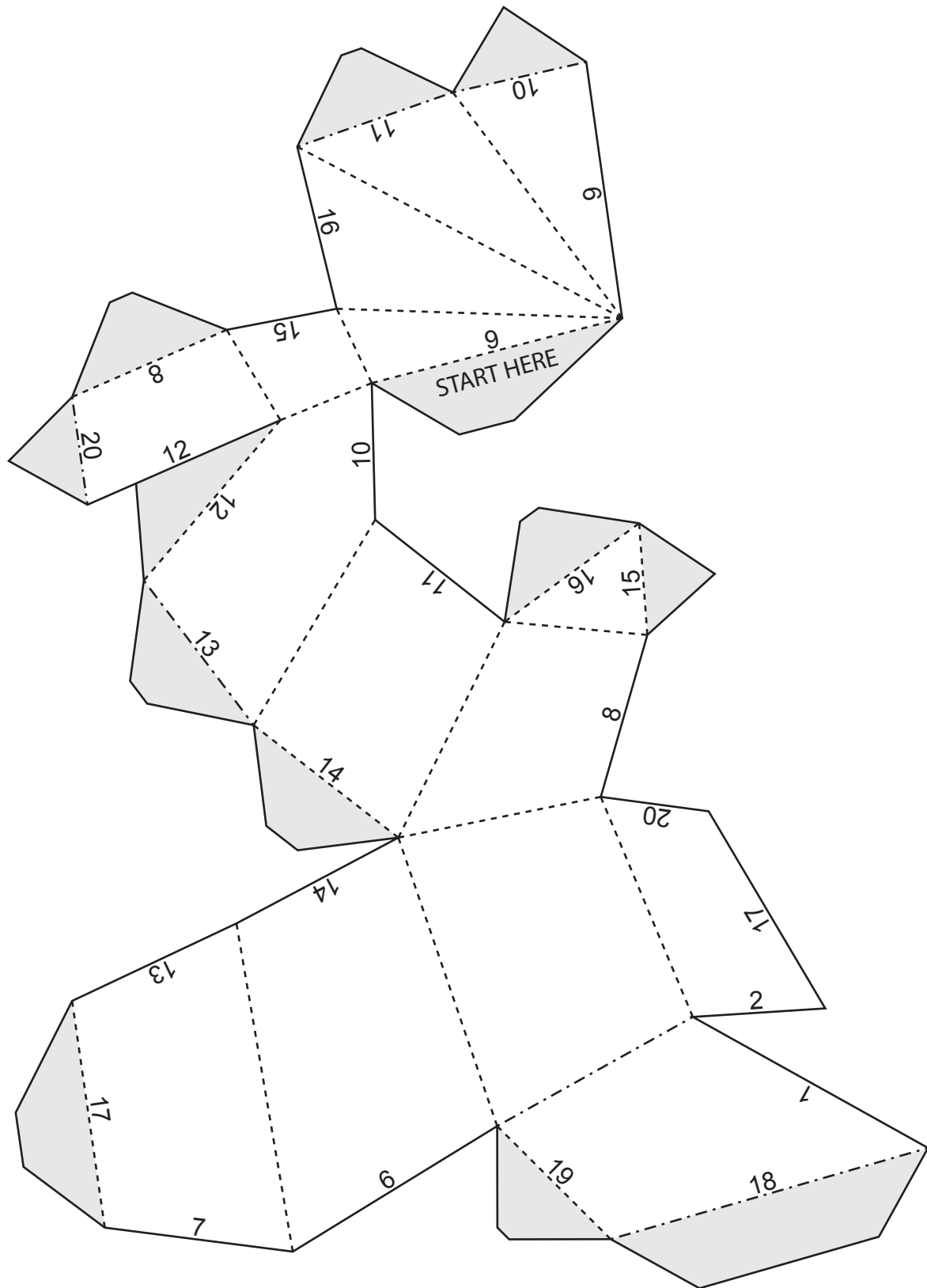


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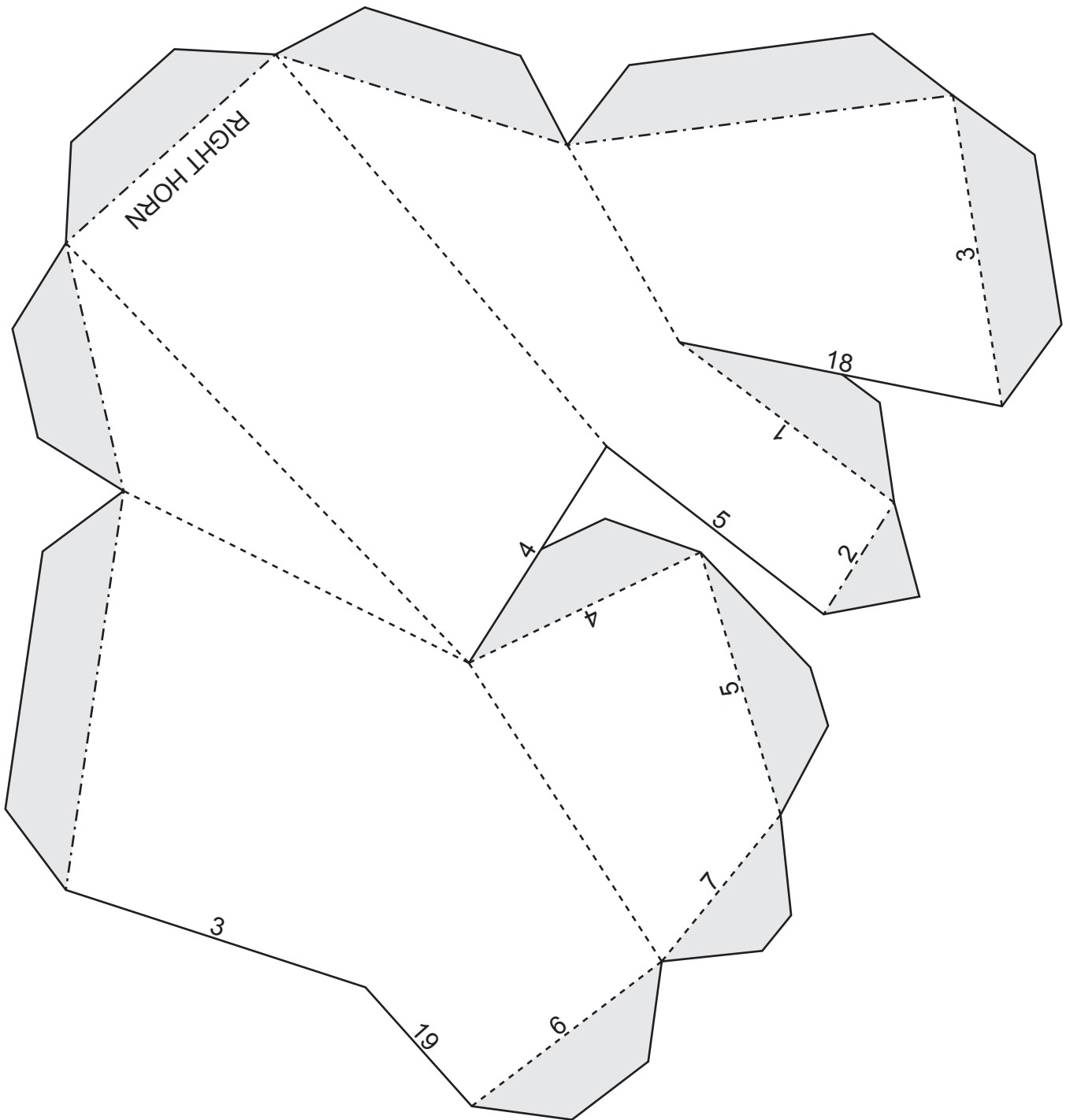




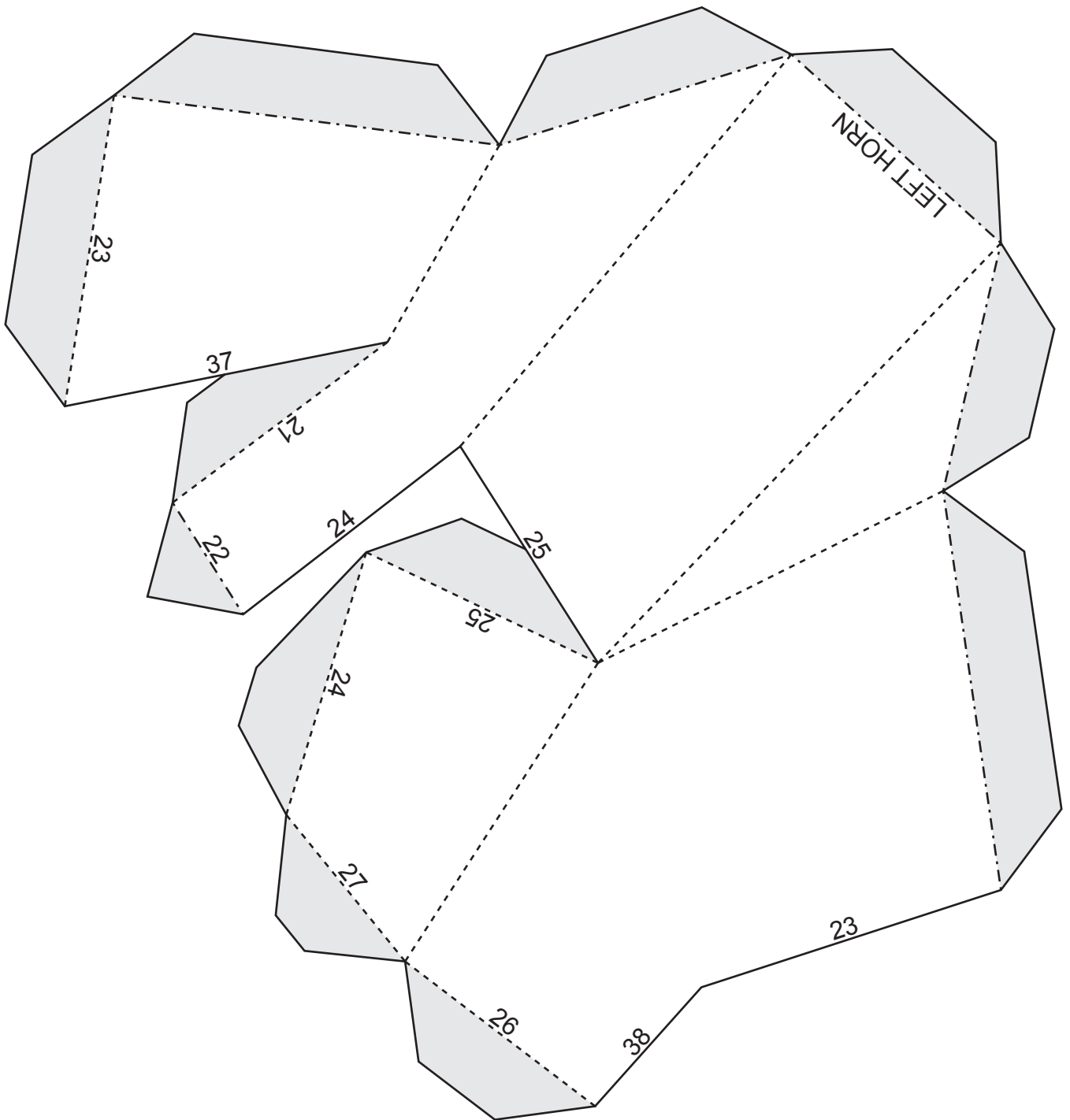
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# Head Band

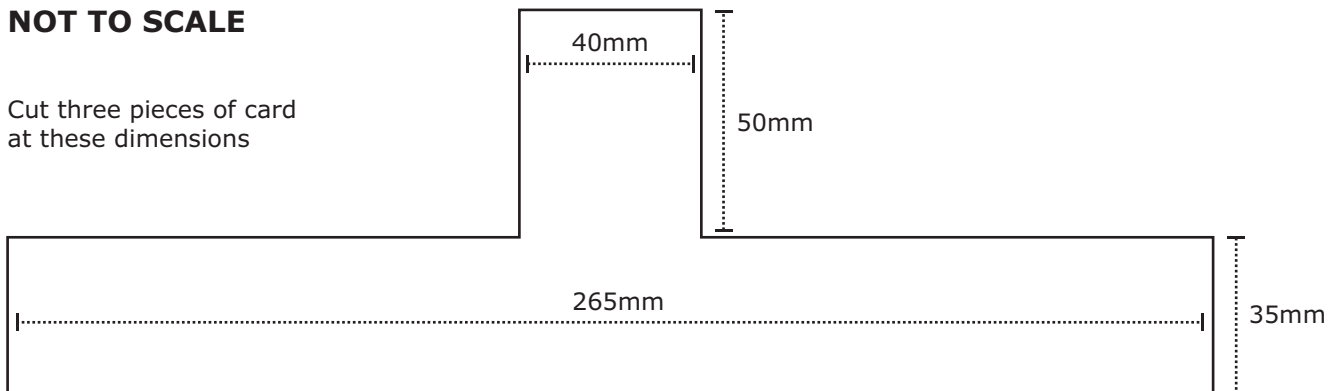
To ensure the completed mask fits well you can make a head band and fit it inside of the mask.

## Assembly Instructions

1. Cut three strips of card to roughly the dimensions below and join the ends together to form one long strip. We have allowed 50mm overlap for each join.
2. Wrap the band around your head overlapping the open ends and tape together to get a good fit. The band should be snug but not tight.
3. Take the band off your head and tape the front of the band to the front of the inside of the mask. Make sure that the vertical tabs are pointing towards the top of the mask.
4. Tape vertical tabs to the inside of the mask to secure the band in place. You might need to move the tabs around a little until you get it fitting right.

### NOT TO SCALE

Cut three pieces of card at these dimensions



Tape together here with 50mm overlap

Tape together here with 50mm overlap

