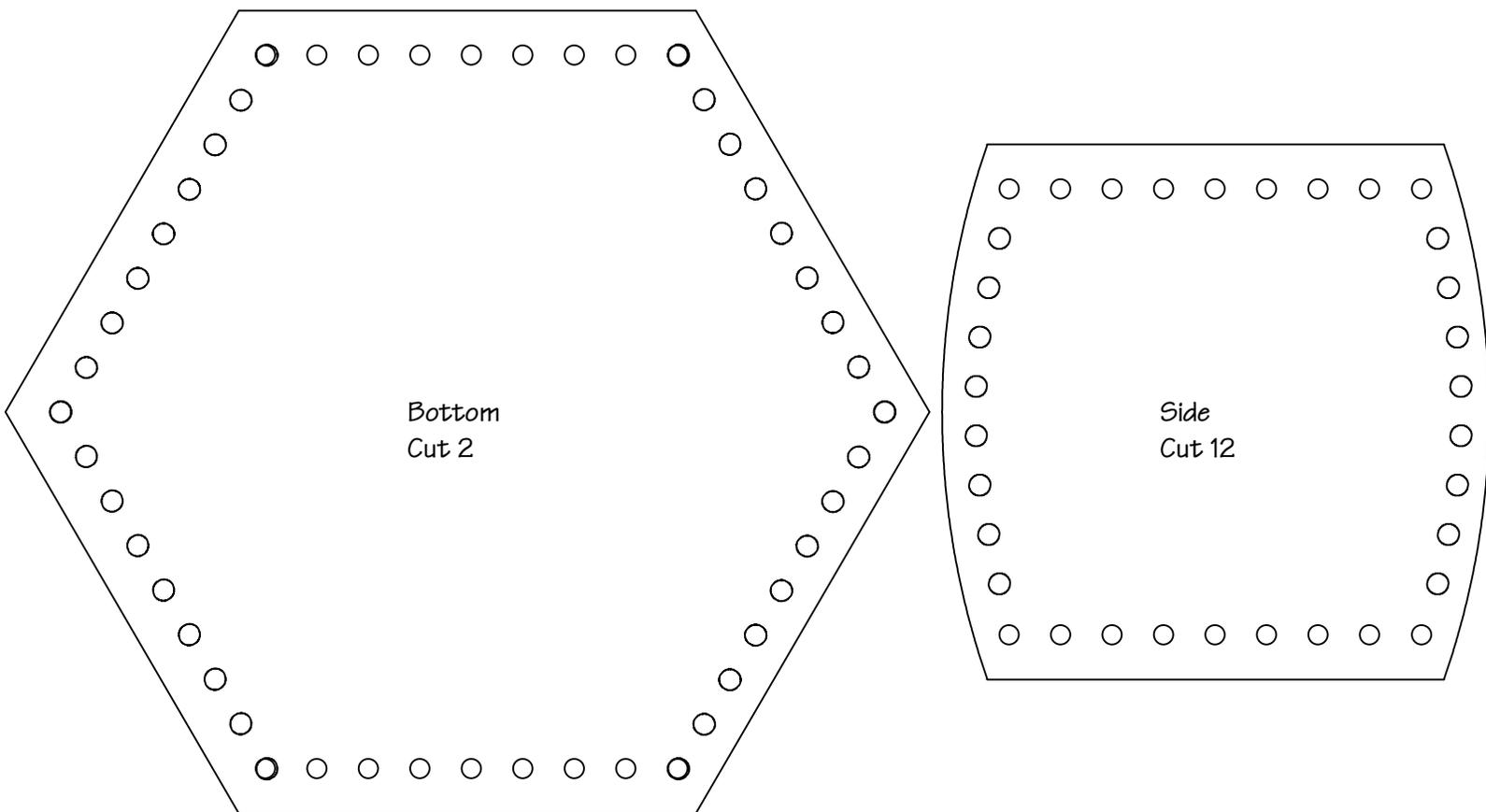


Greeting Card Basket

hole placement for blanket stitch - punch with a 1/8" punch



Instructions:

Cut from Christmas or other greeting cards.

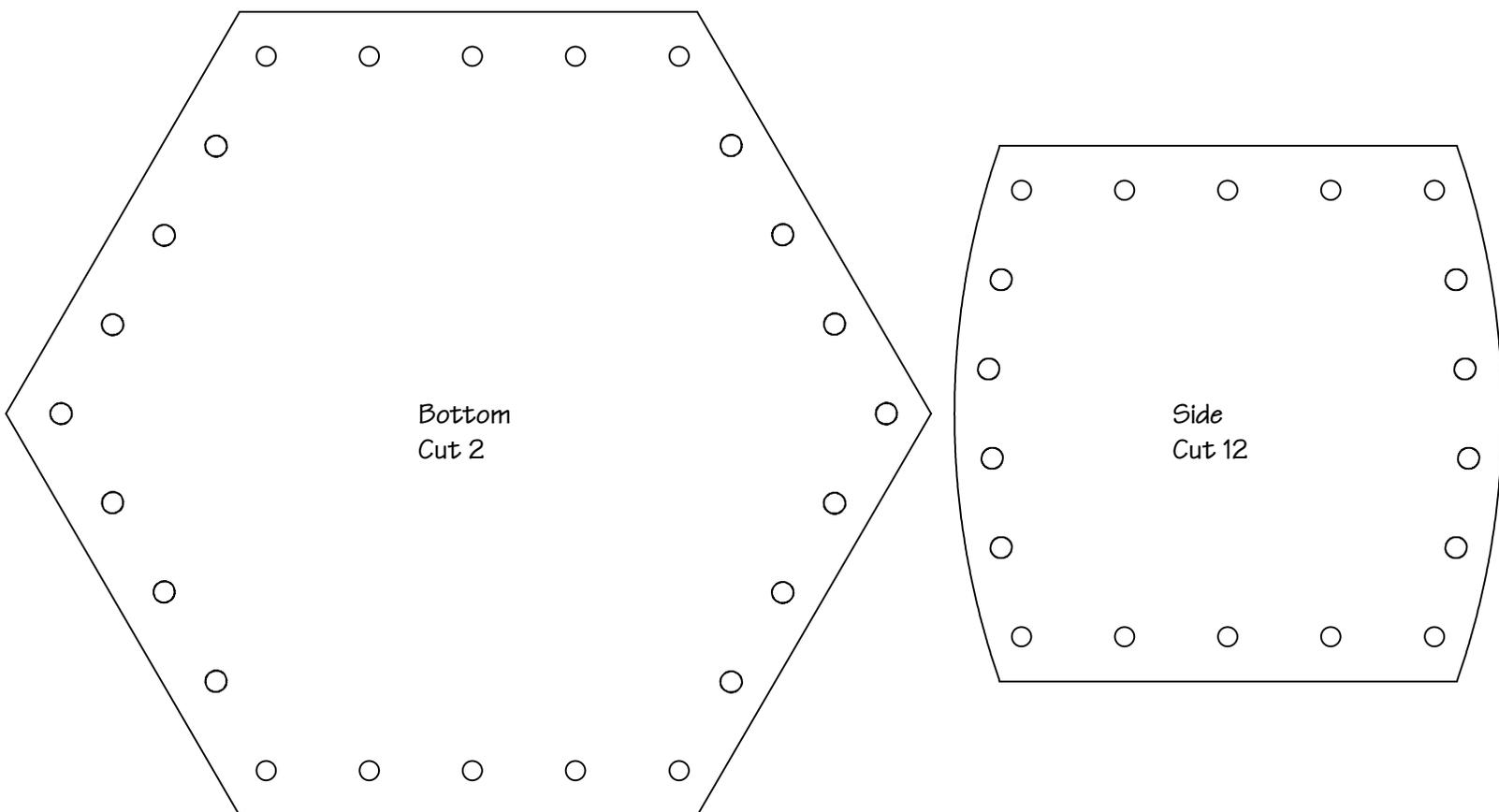
Cut 2 hexagons for the bottom, and 12 side pieces. You will use two pieces for the bottom and each side, one piece with the image facing the inside of the basket and the other with the image facing the outside of the basket. The bottom pieces can be glued together, but do not glue the side pieces together. If you do, they will not curve properly.

Cut the pieces out, then decide which ones will face the inside and which will face the outside of the basket. Align the pieces back to back, two at a time. Mark and punch the holes as indicated on the pattern selected (either blanket-stitch or crochet).

Blanket stitch or crochet around each piece, then stitch the bottom of each side to the bottom of the basket. After all of the sides are attached to the bottom, stitch the adjoining sides together gently bending them so that they bow outward as you go (for crochet instructions, see next page).

Greeting Card Basket

hole placement for crochet - punch with a 3/16" punch



Crochet Instructions for 4 ply acrylic yarn using a size F crochet hook.

Abbreviations:

sc = single crochet

ch = chain

sl st = slip stitch

sp = space

Crochet around each cut-out shape:

Start at a corner and stitch on the side of the shape that will be INSIDE the basket. Sc in corner hole, *ch 1, sc in next hole. Repeat from * until you get to the next corner.

2 sc in corner then repeat ch 1, sc to next corner until all sides are finished. Sc in starting hole, sl st to first sc (2 sc in starting hole). Fasten off and work loose ends under stitches

Crochet sides to bottom hexagon:

Lay a side on the bottom hexagon piece so that the bottom of the side is aligned with one of the sides on the hexagon with the images you want inside the basket facing each other. Sc in each sc and in each ch sp along

the bottom edge, joining the stitches from both pieces as you go. When you get to the corner, add another side.

Continue until the bottom of all sides have been stitched to the hexagon base.

Crochet the sides together.

Starting at the bottom, sc in each sc and in each ch sp along adjoining sides, joining the stitches from both sides as you go. When you get to the top, fasten off and work loose end under. Repeat for each side.

After all sides have been stitched together, sc in each sc and in each ch sp around the top of the basket.

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