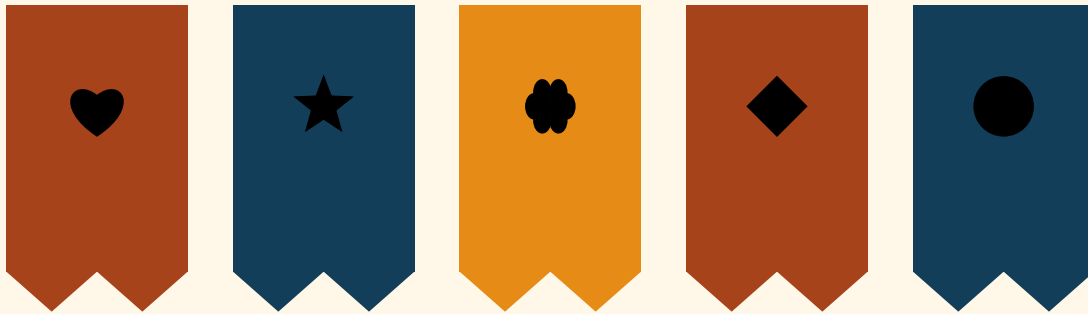


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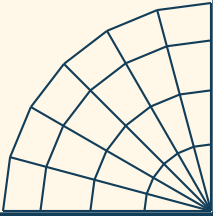
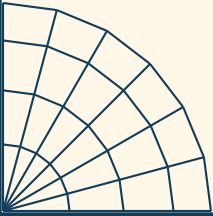
25 CUT-AND-FOLD PRINTABLE DESIGNS

Easy • Intermediate • Advanced



PRINT • FOLD • CUT • UNFOLD • DISPLAY

Classroom-friendly cut-paper practice and pattern exploration



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How to Use This Book

Read before cutting

MATERIALS

- Printed template or tracing master
- Lightweight colored copy paper or tissue paper for tracing
- Pencil
- Student scissors
- Optional: low-tack tape for securing a tracing master
- String and tape for classroom display

5 SIMPLE STEPS

- 1 Choose a template that matches your skill level.
- 2 Print at 100%. Fold on the RED DASHED center line with the patterned half facing out.
- 3 Cut out only the BLACK shapes. Never cut through the dashed fold edge.
- 4 Unfold slowly and flatten the paper under a book if needed.
- 5 Display individual banners or connect several pieces into a classroom garland.

SAFETY

- Use age-appropriate scissors and supervise cutting.
- Teachers should handle craft knives or precision blades if those tools are used.
- Tissue paper tears easily; practice first on lightweight copy paper.



Template Level Guide

Start simple and build cutting control

EASY

Templates 1-8

Large shapes, fewer cuts and generous spacing. Best for beginners.

INTERMEDIATE

Templates 9-17

More repeated shapes, tighter spacing and mixed motifs.

ADVANCED

Templates 18-25

Smaller cuts, denser patterns and multi-part motifs. Slow, careful cutting recommended.

TEACHER NOTE

Papel picado is a Mexican cut-paper art tradition used for celebrations and public or family displays, including Día de los Muertos. Encourage students to study the balance of positive space (paper left behind) and negative space (openings that are cut away). These classroom templates are original practice designs inspired by cut-paper techniques.

PRINTING TIP

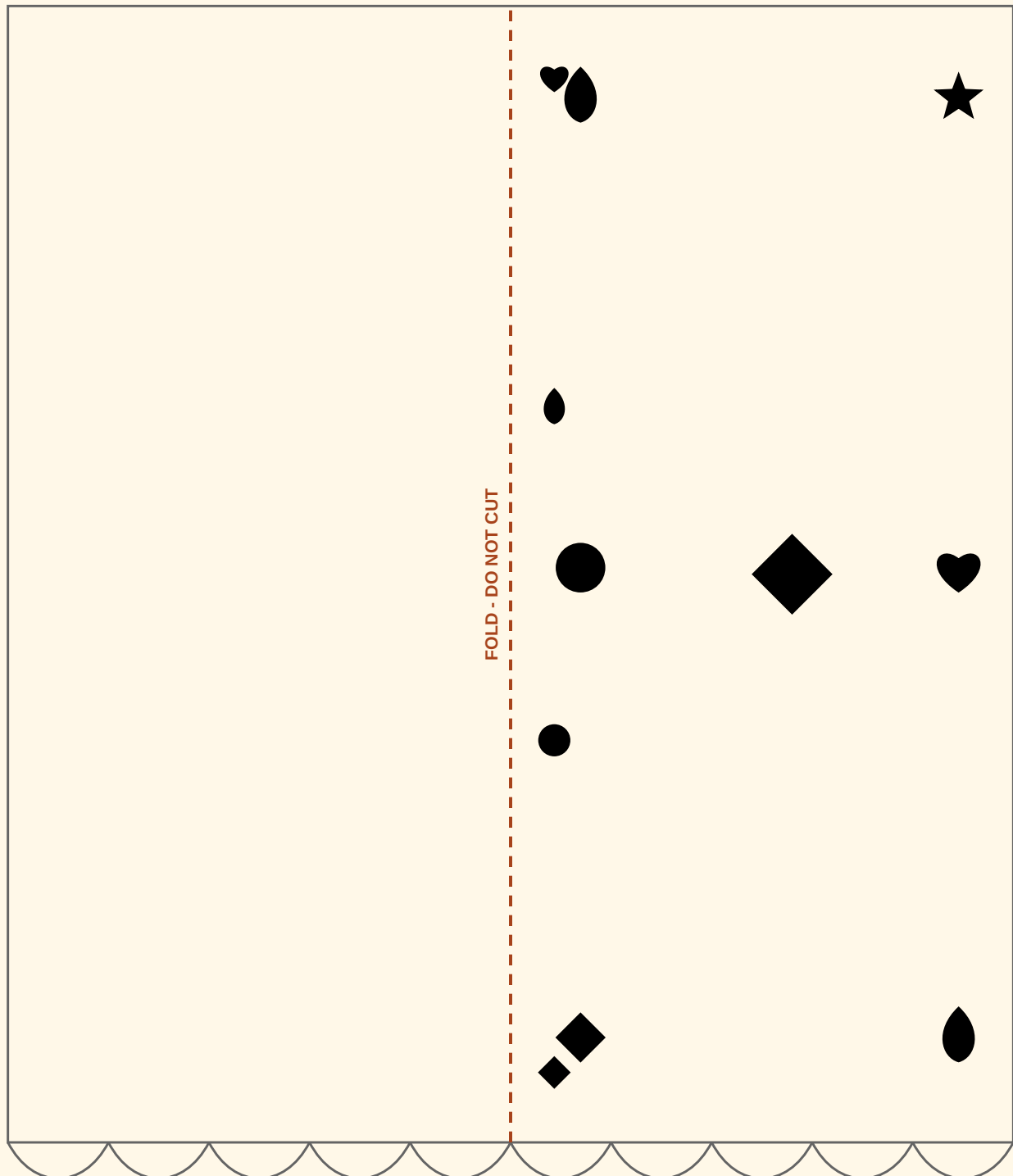
For reusable masters, print templates on white paper, place them over folded colored paper, and secure the edges with low-tack tape. For direct cutting, print on lightweight colored copy paper.

Template 1: Diamond Fiesta

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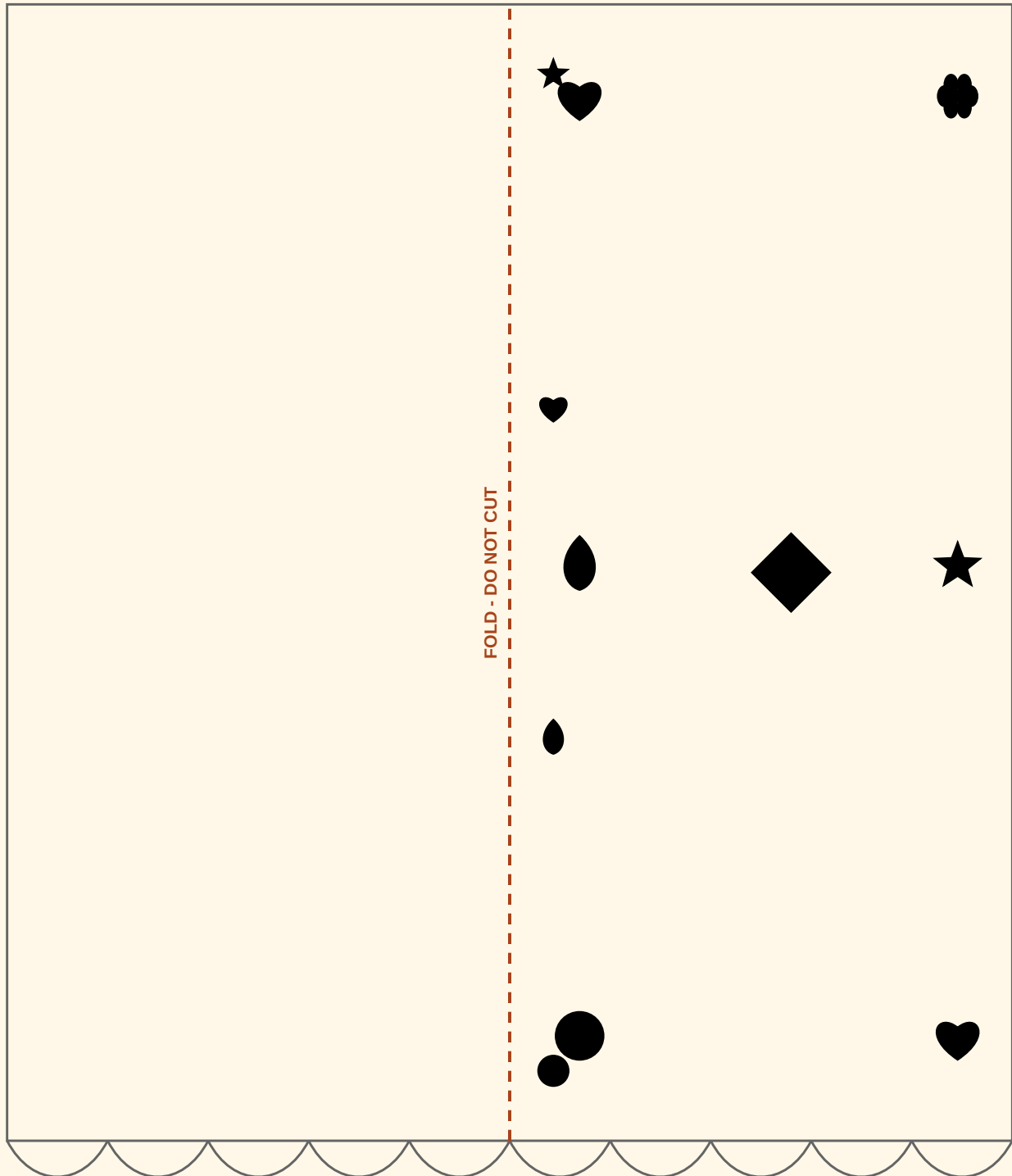
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Template 2: Sun Dots

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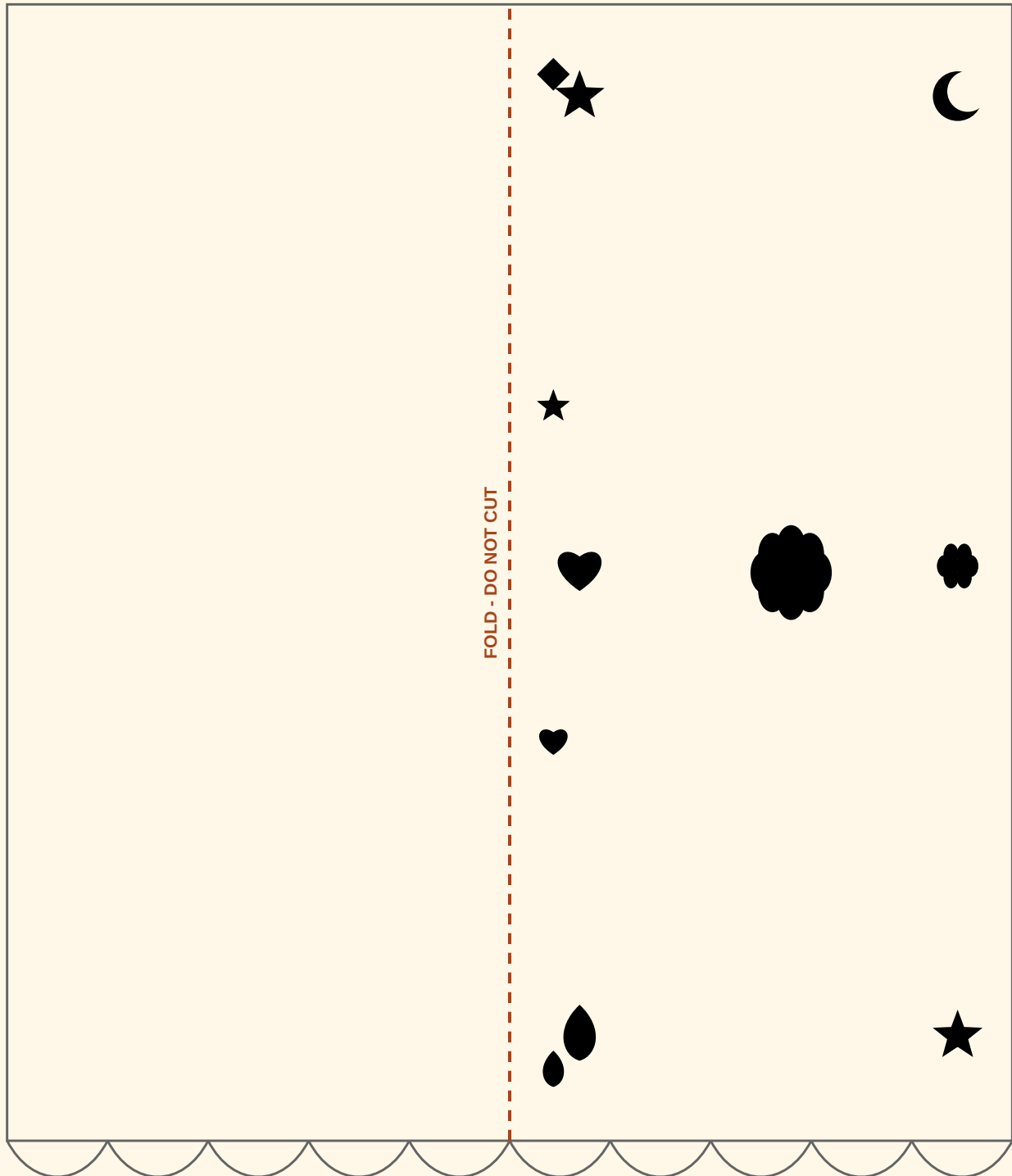
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Template 3: Flower Row

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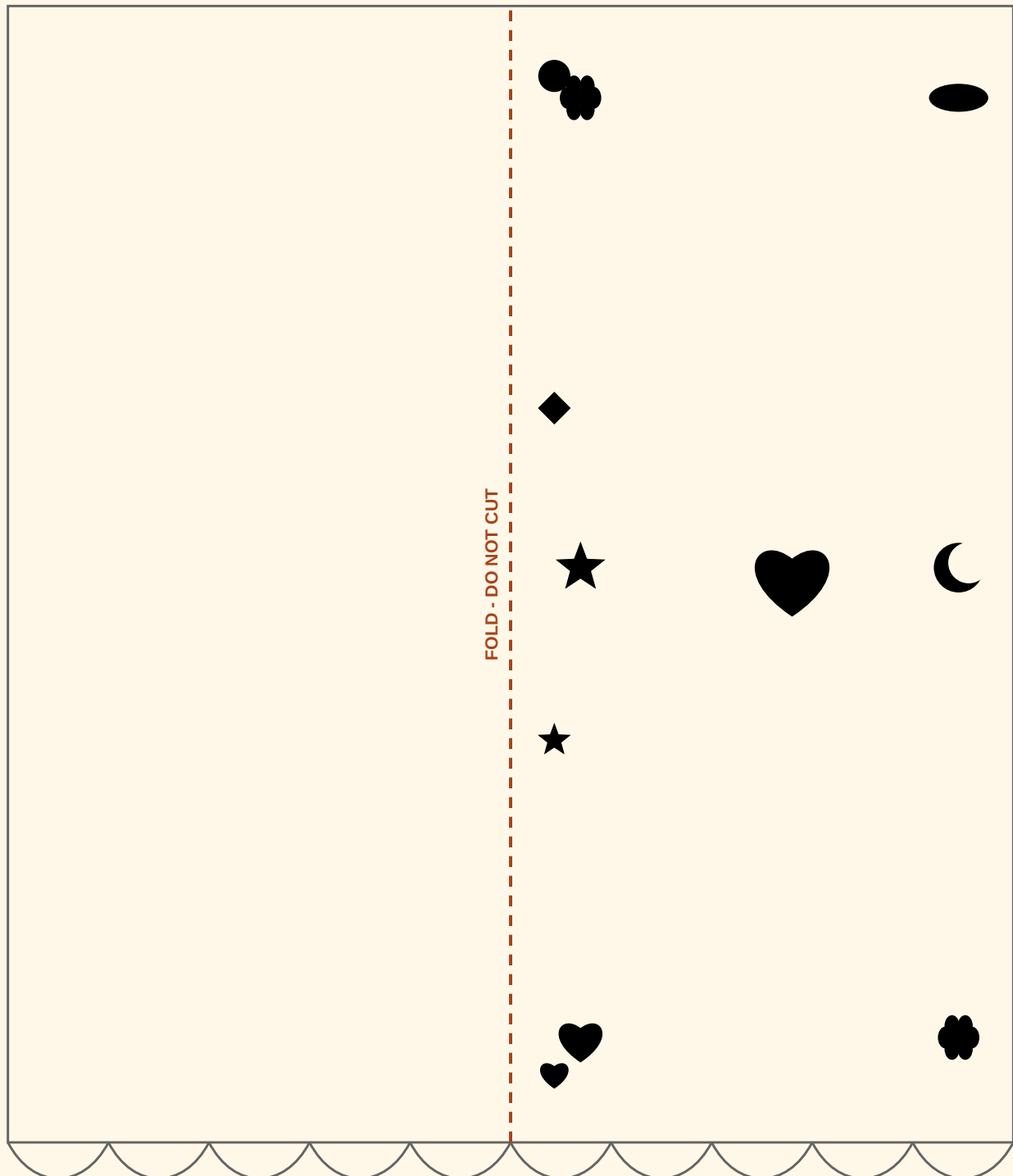
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Template 4: Heart Garland

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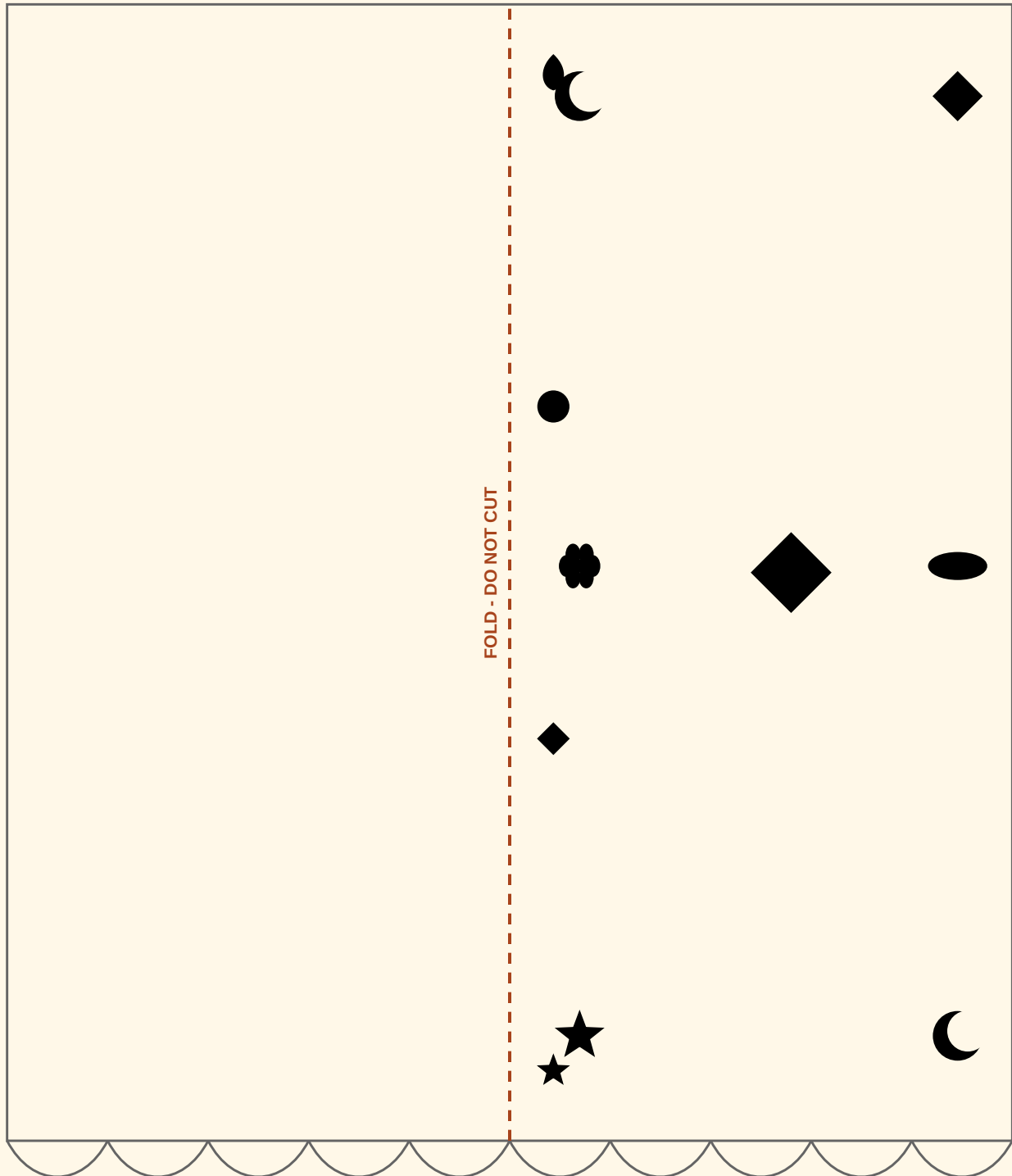
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Template 5: Raindrop Rhythm

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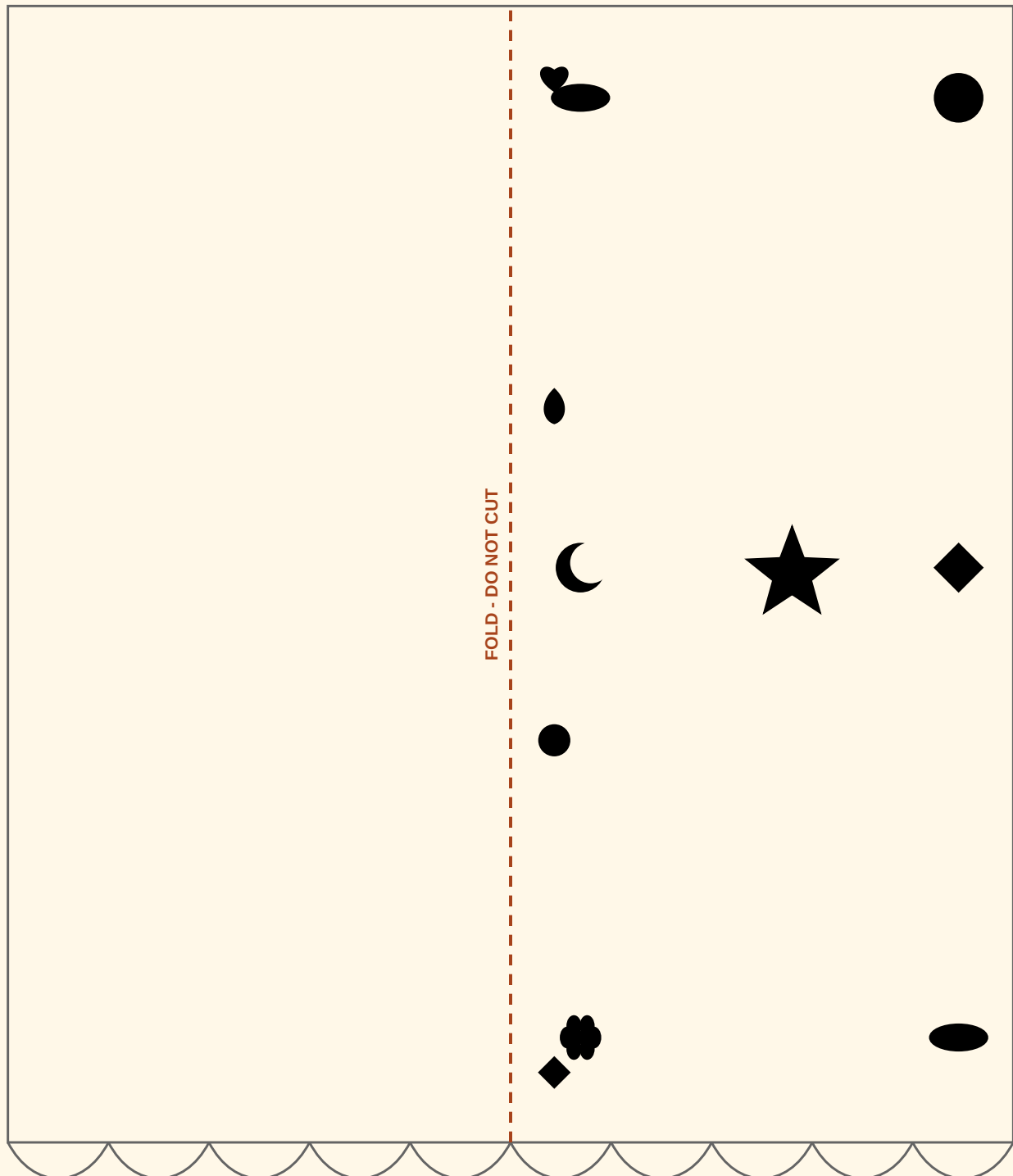
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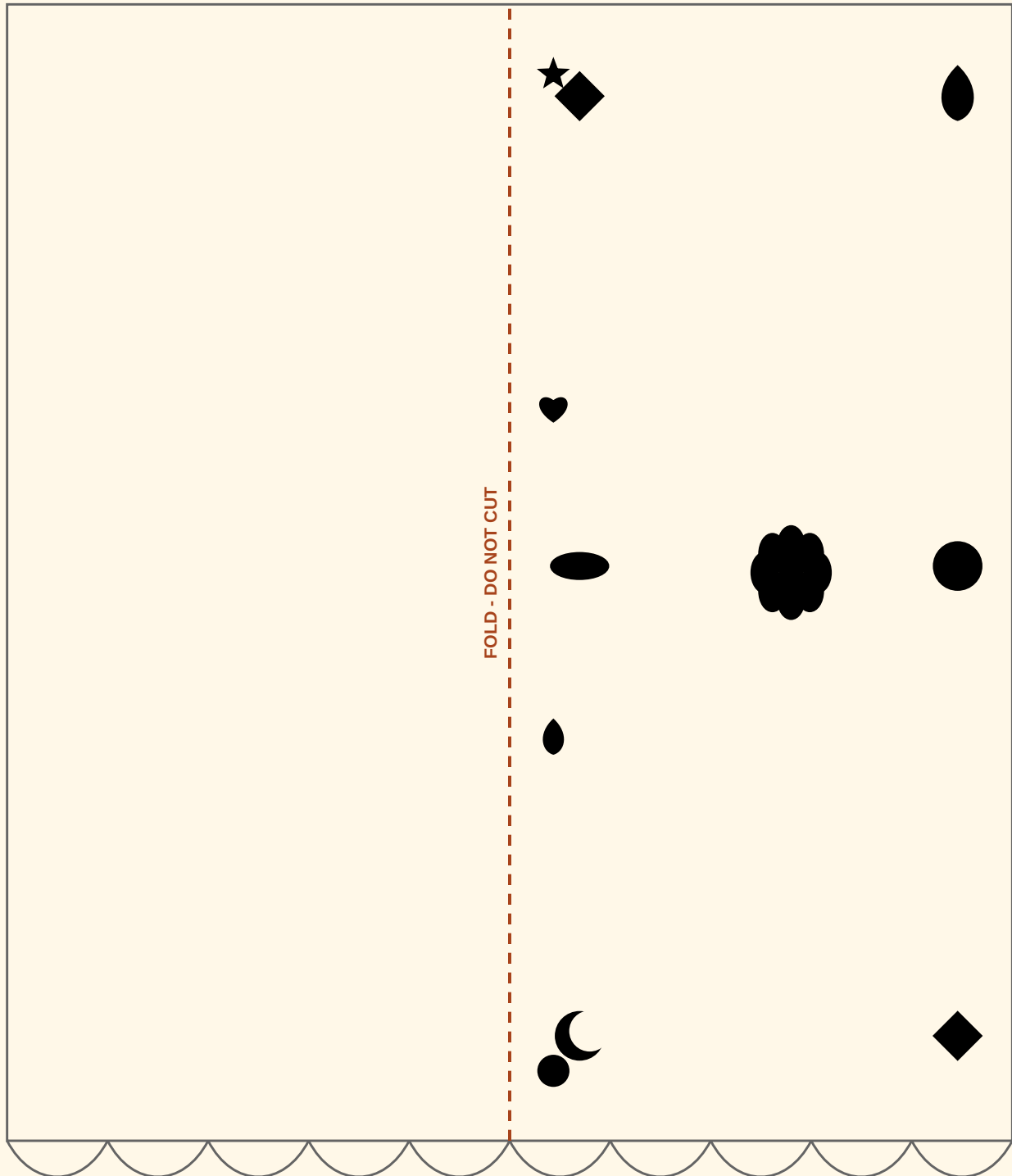
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Template 7: Marigold Steps

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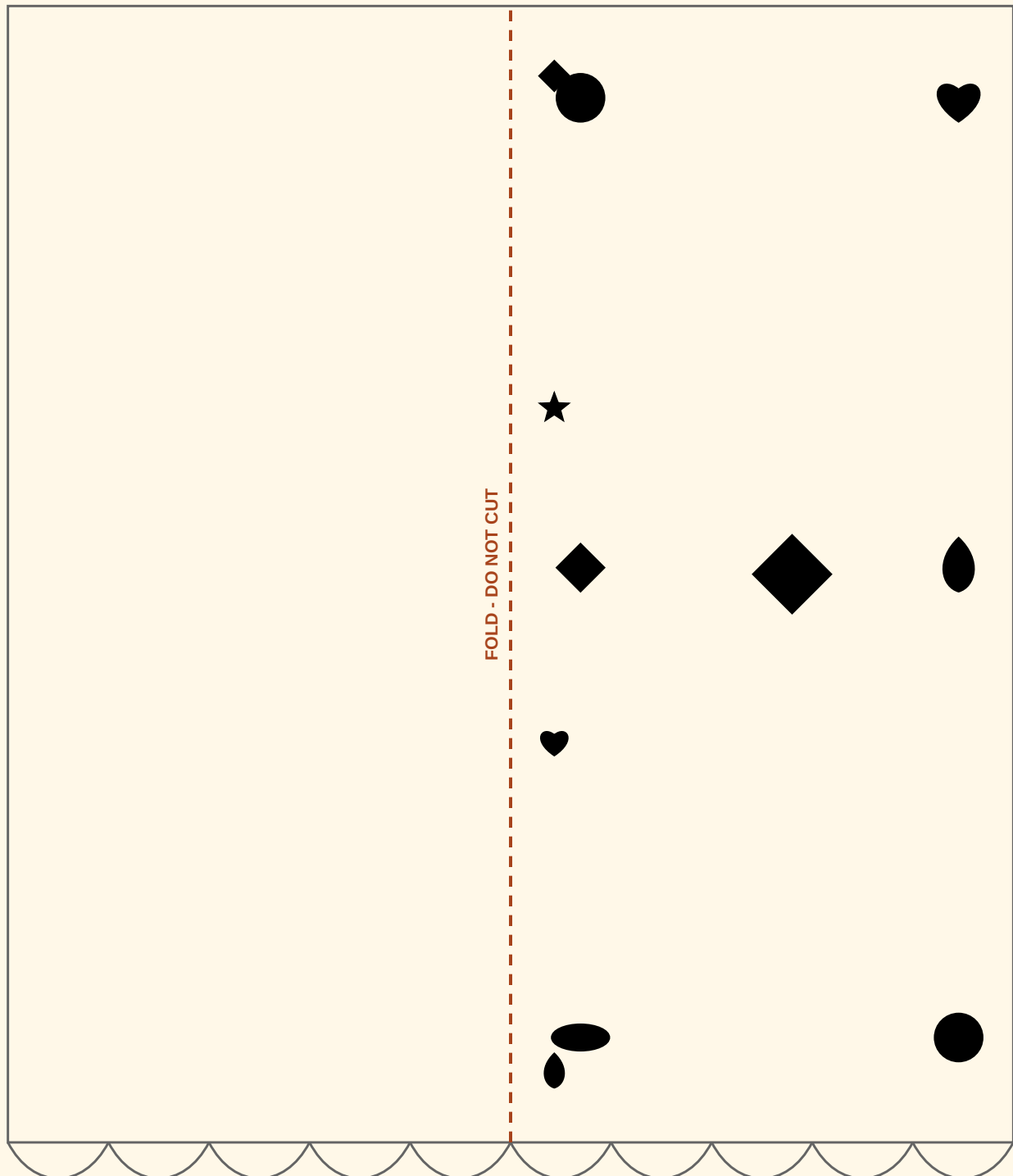
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Template 8: Circle Celebration

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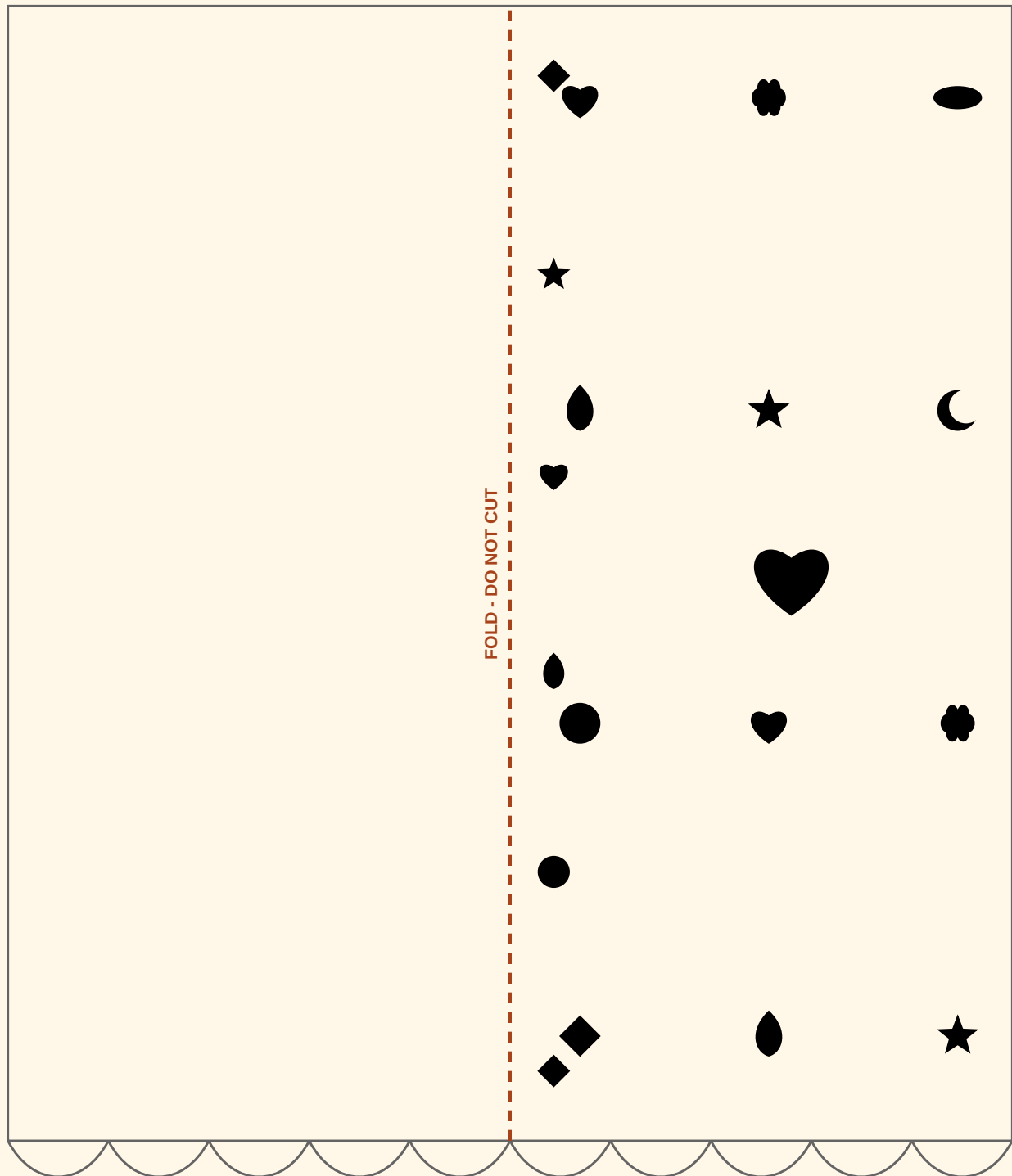
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Template 9: Butterfly Garden

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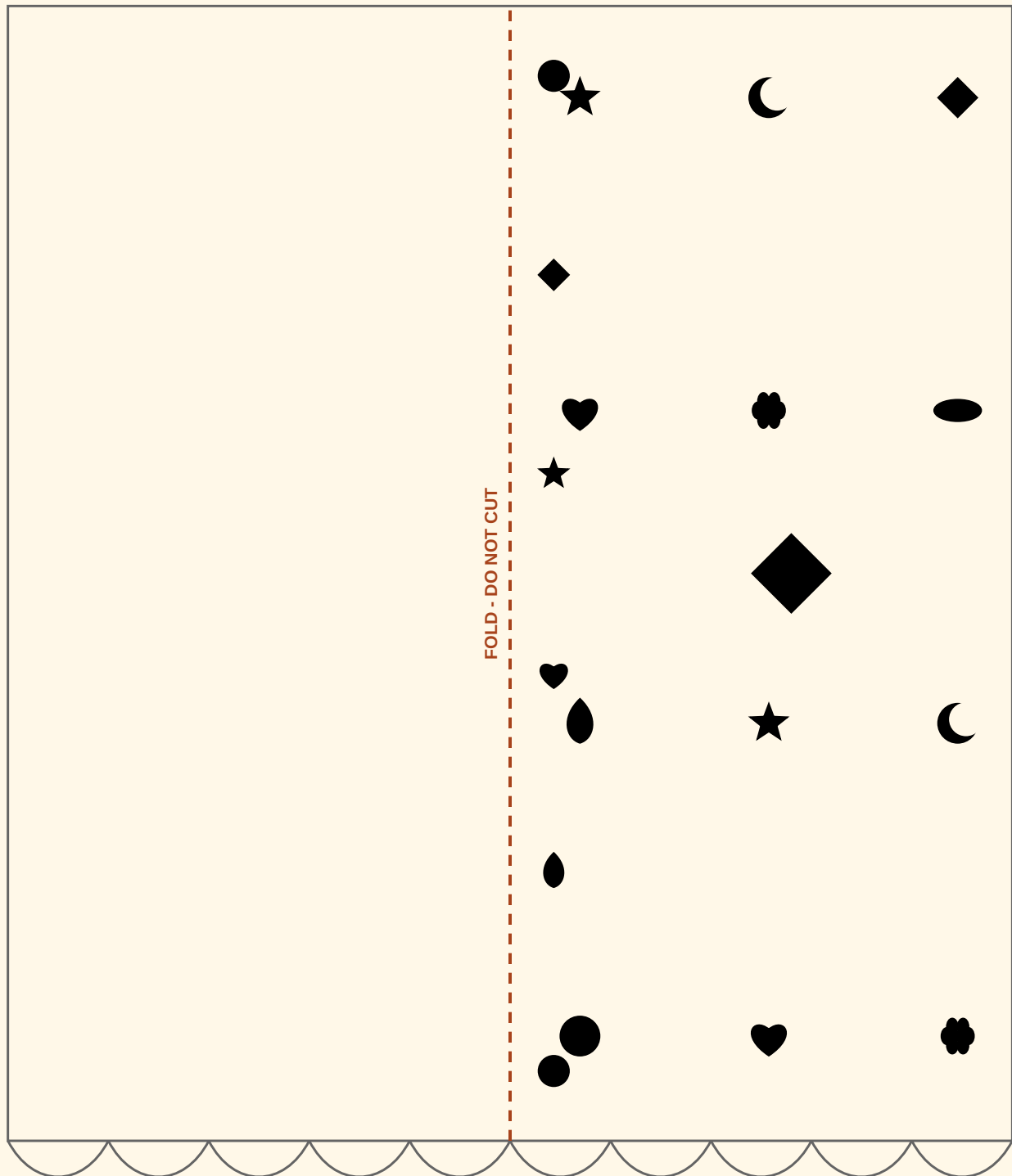
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Template 10: Scallop Fiesta

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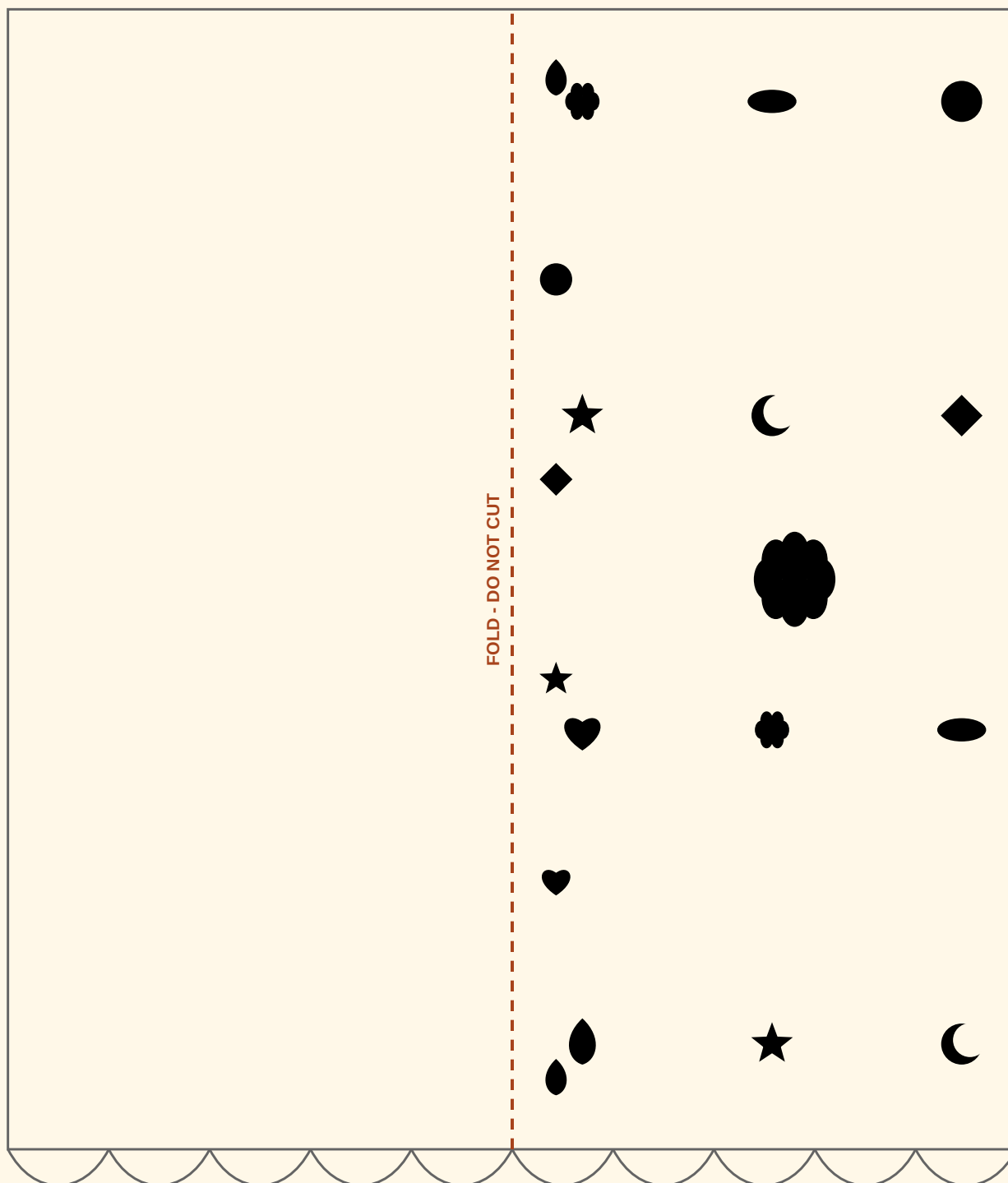
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Template 11: Flower and Heart

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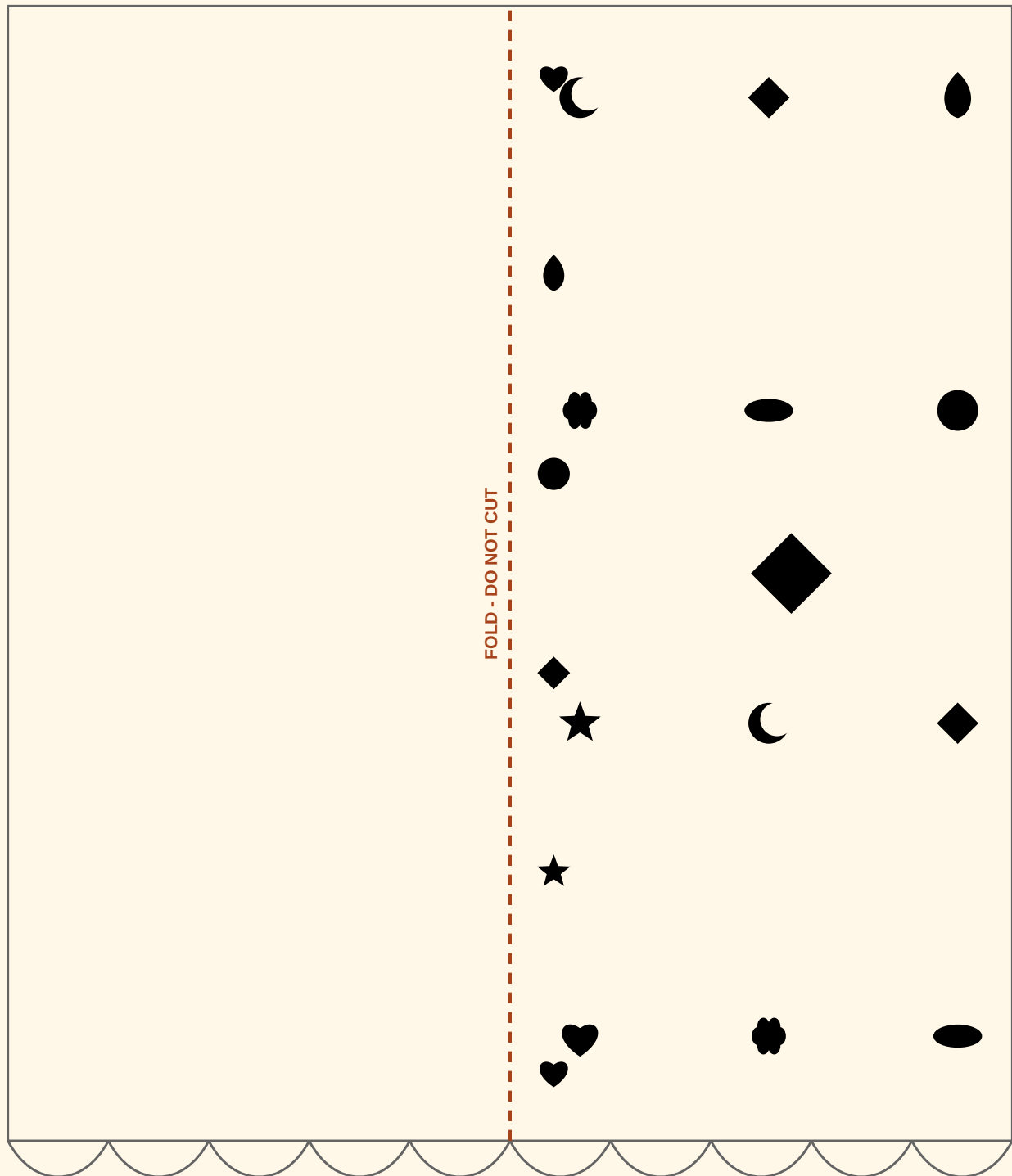
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Template 12: Dove Sky

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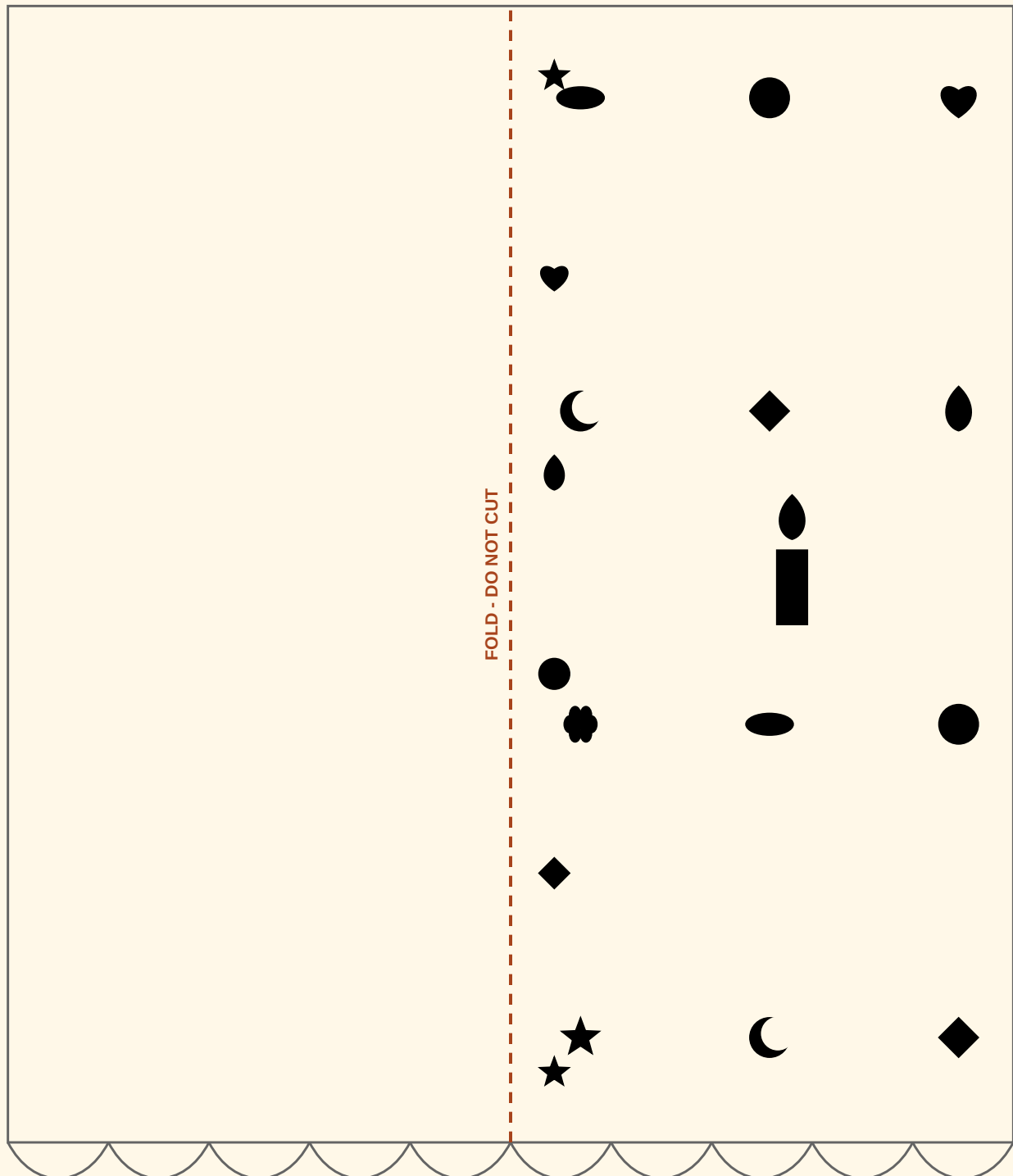
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Template 13: Candle Glow

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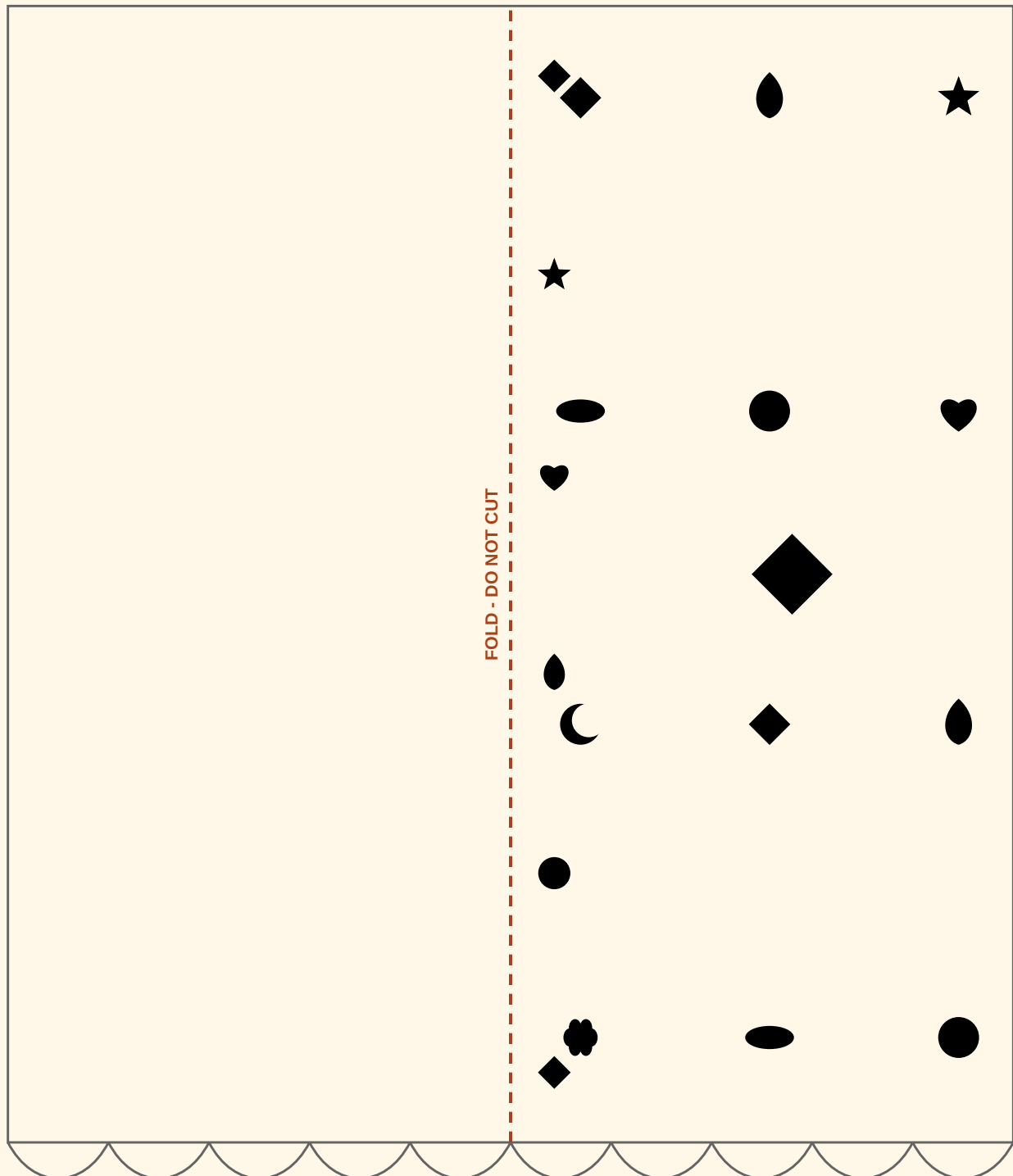
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Template 14: Desert Bloom

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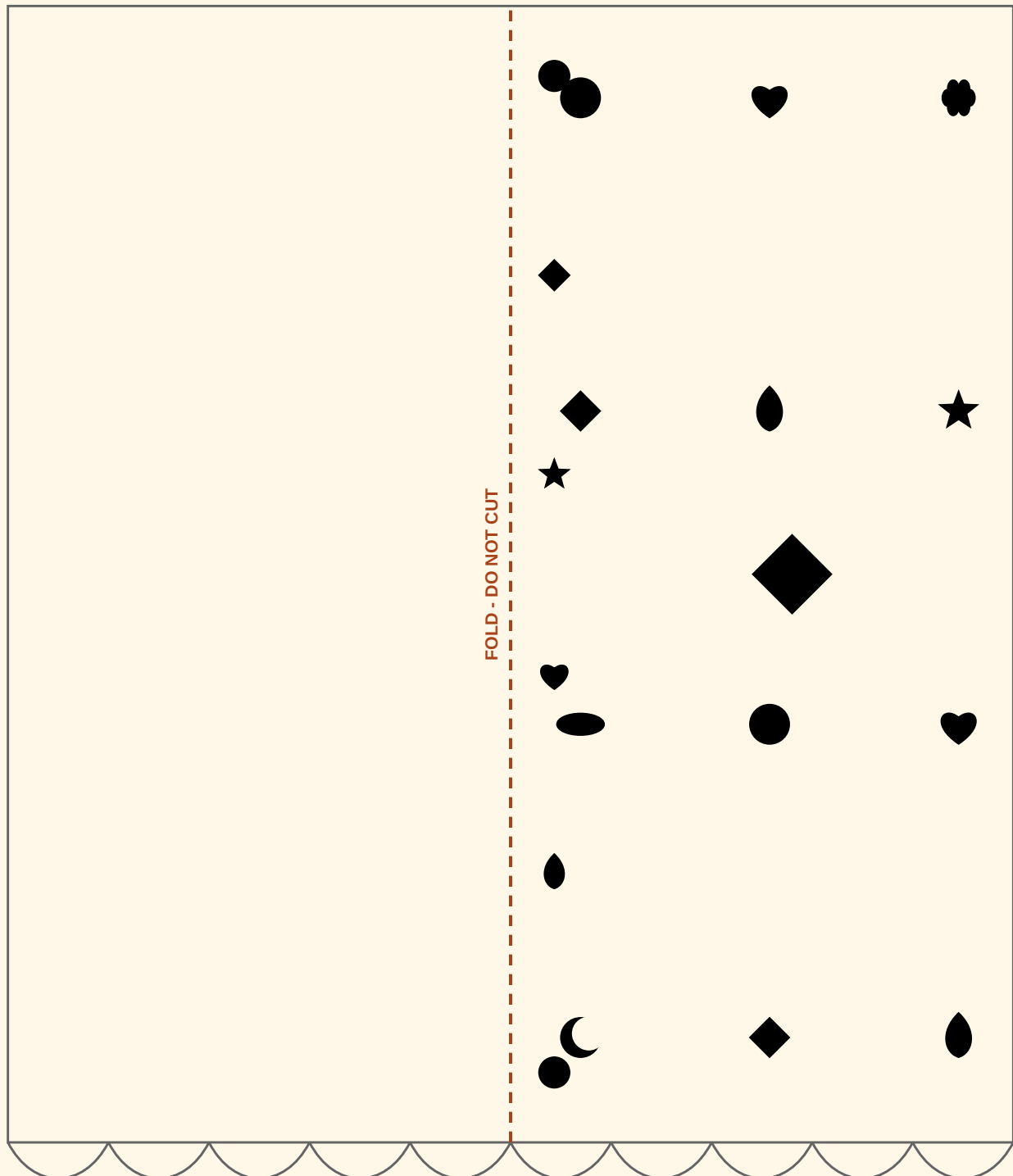
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Template 15: Mission Bell Pattern

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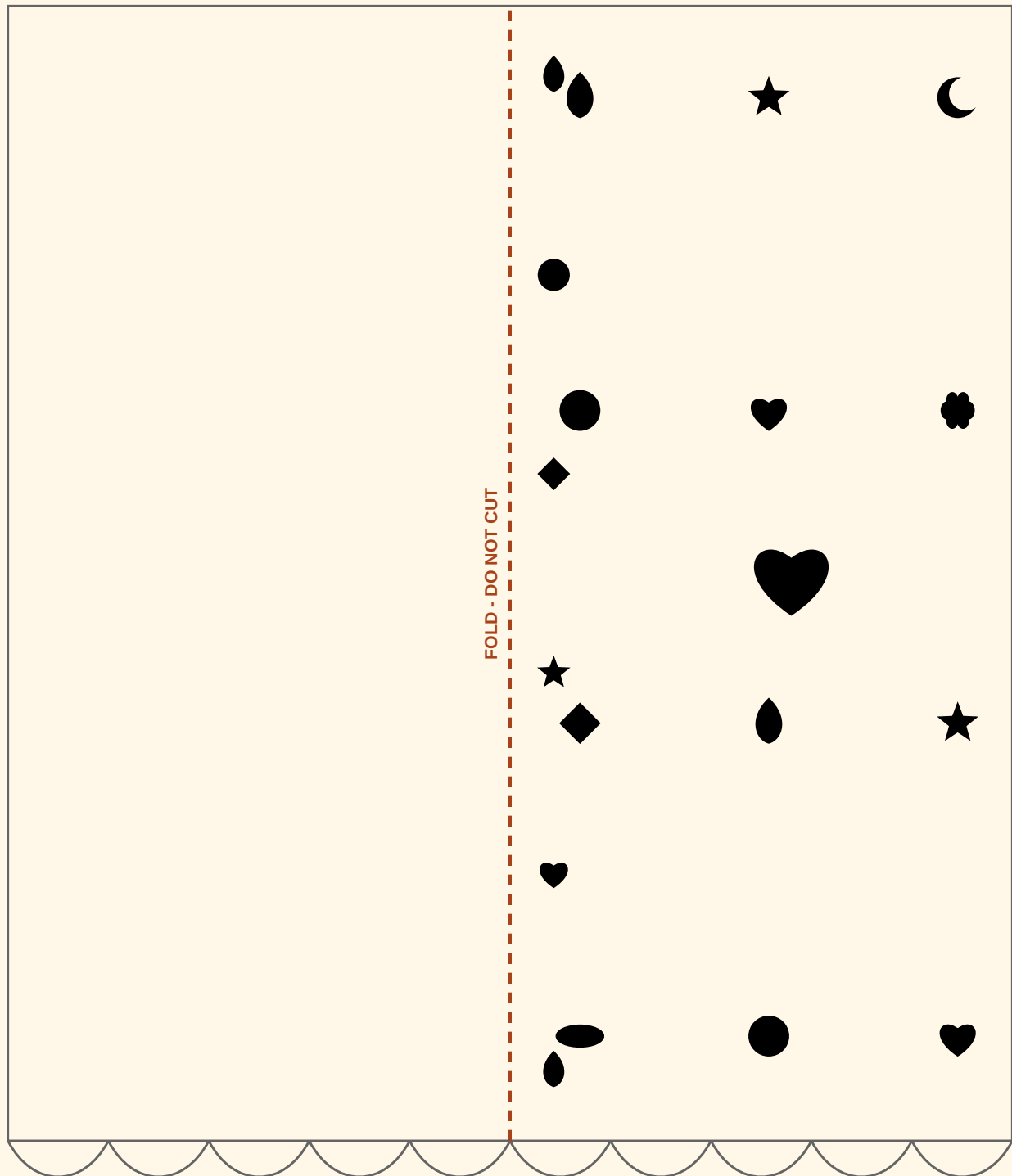
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Template 16: Corn and Petals

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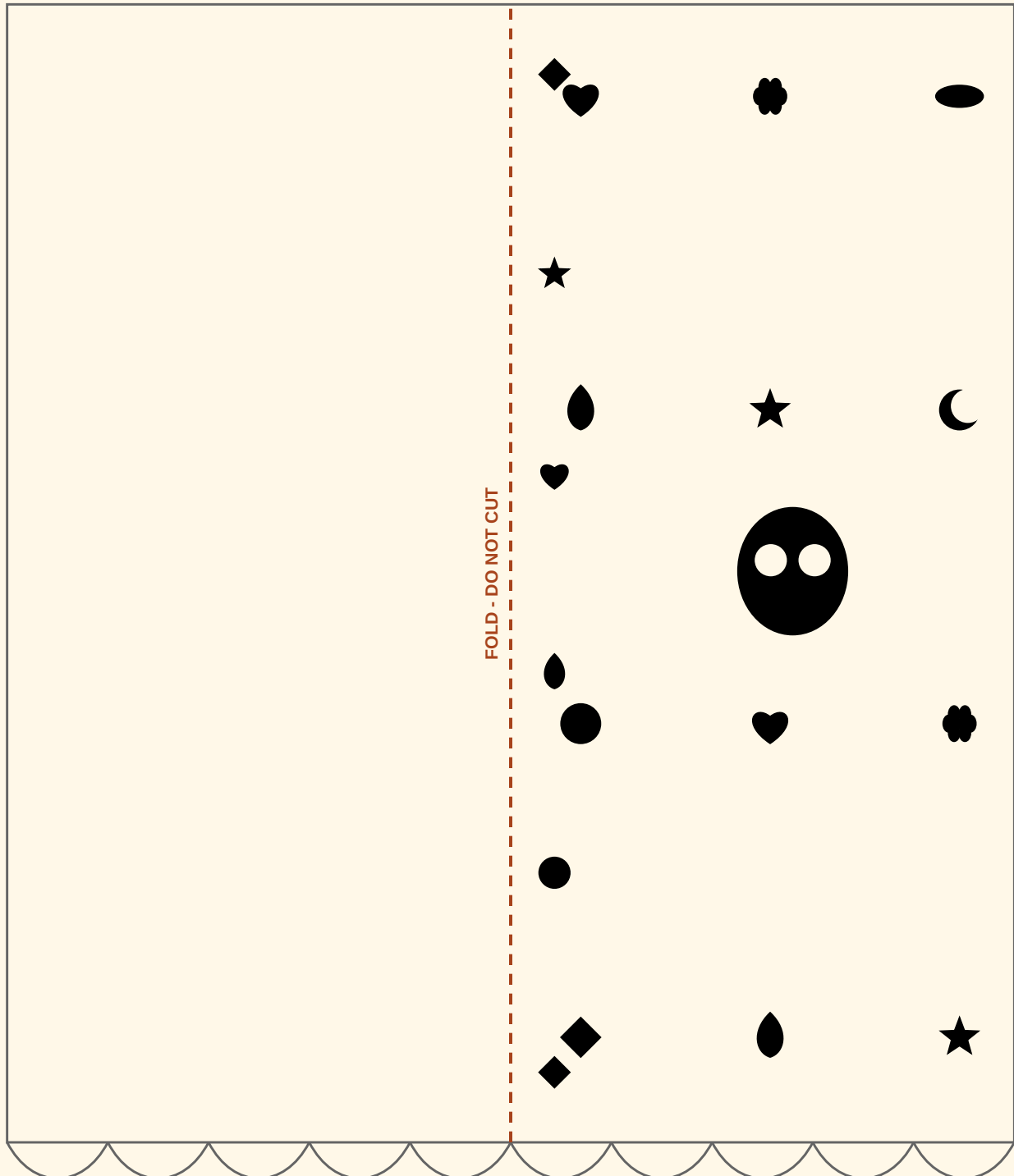
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Template 17: Skull Flower

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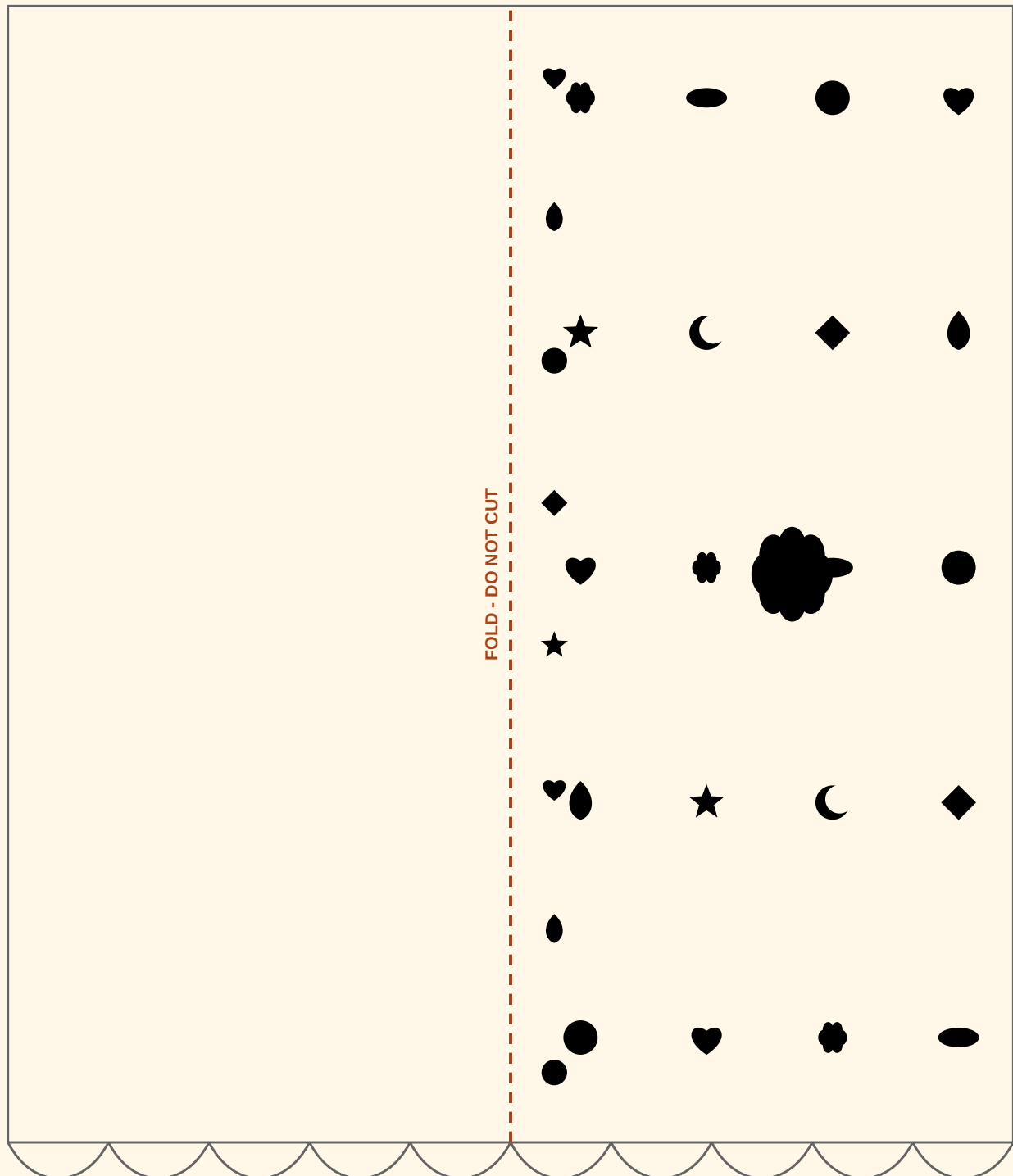
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Template 18: Marigold Lace

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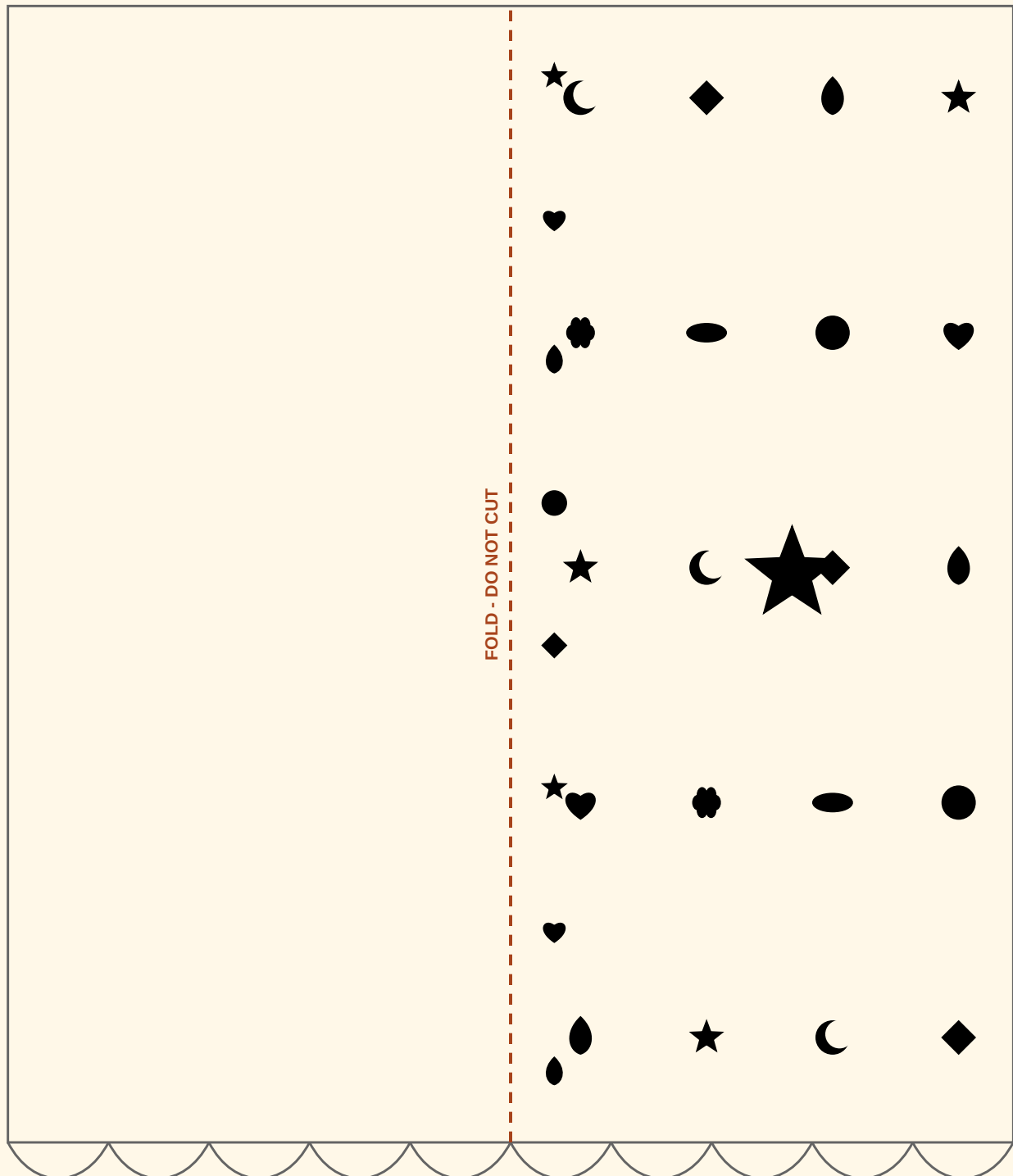
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Template 19: Celestial Lace

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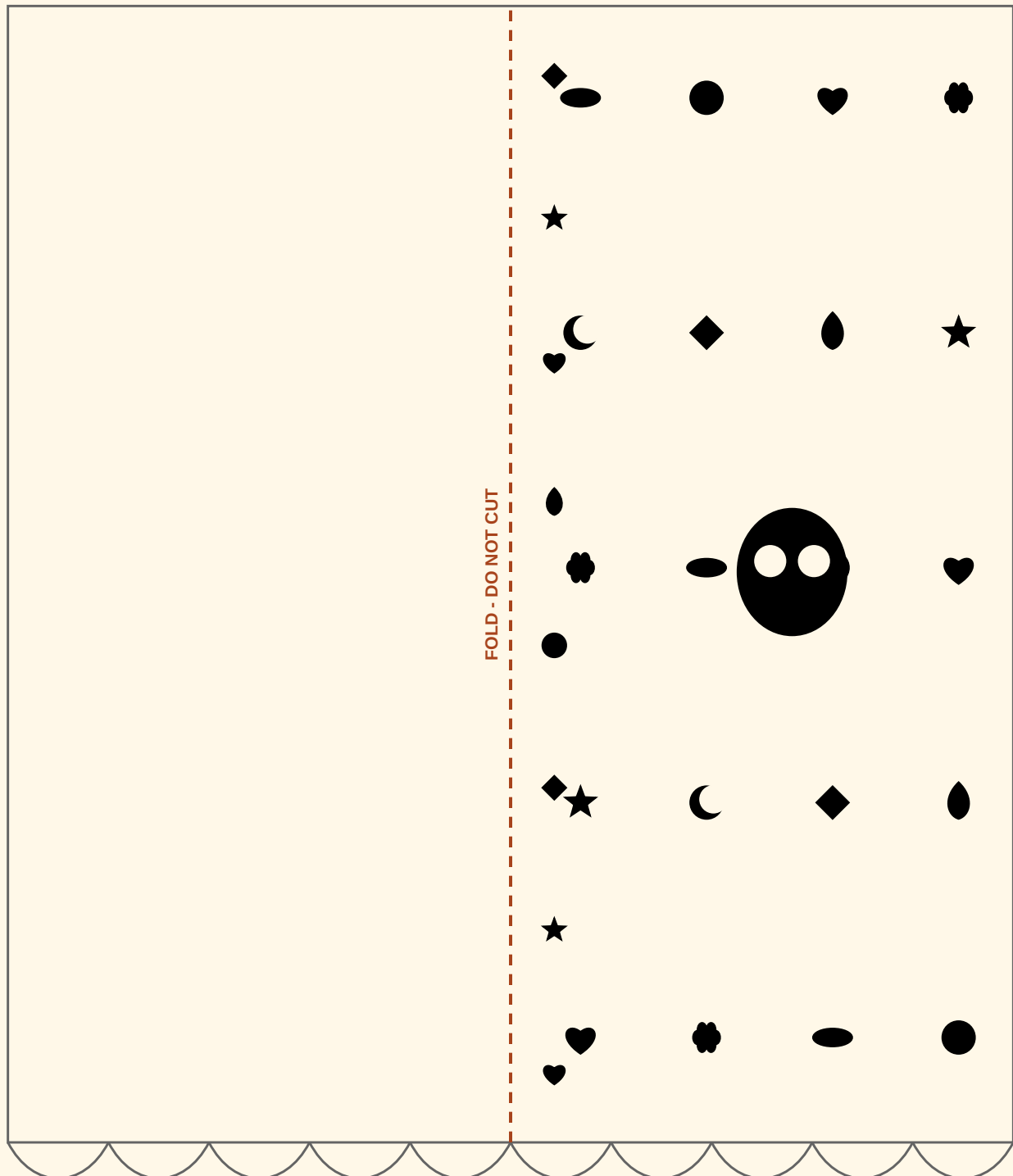
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Template 20: Calavera Lace

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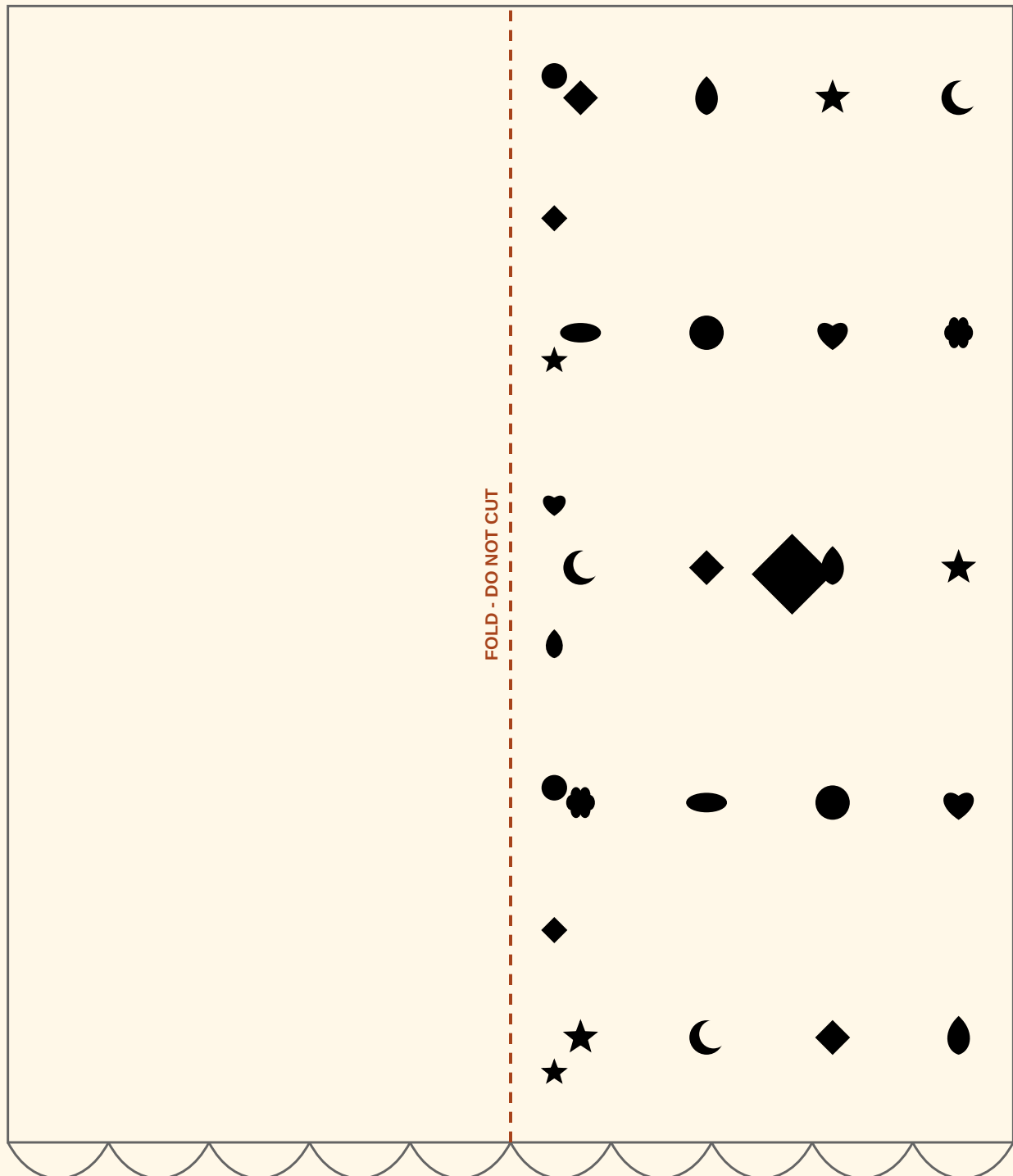
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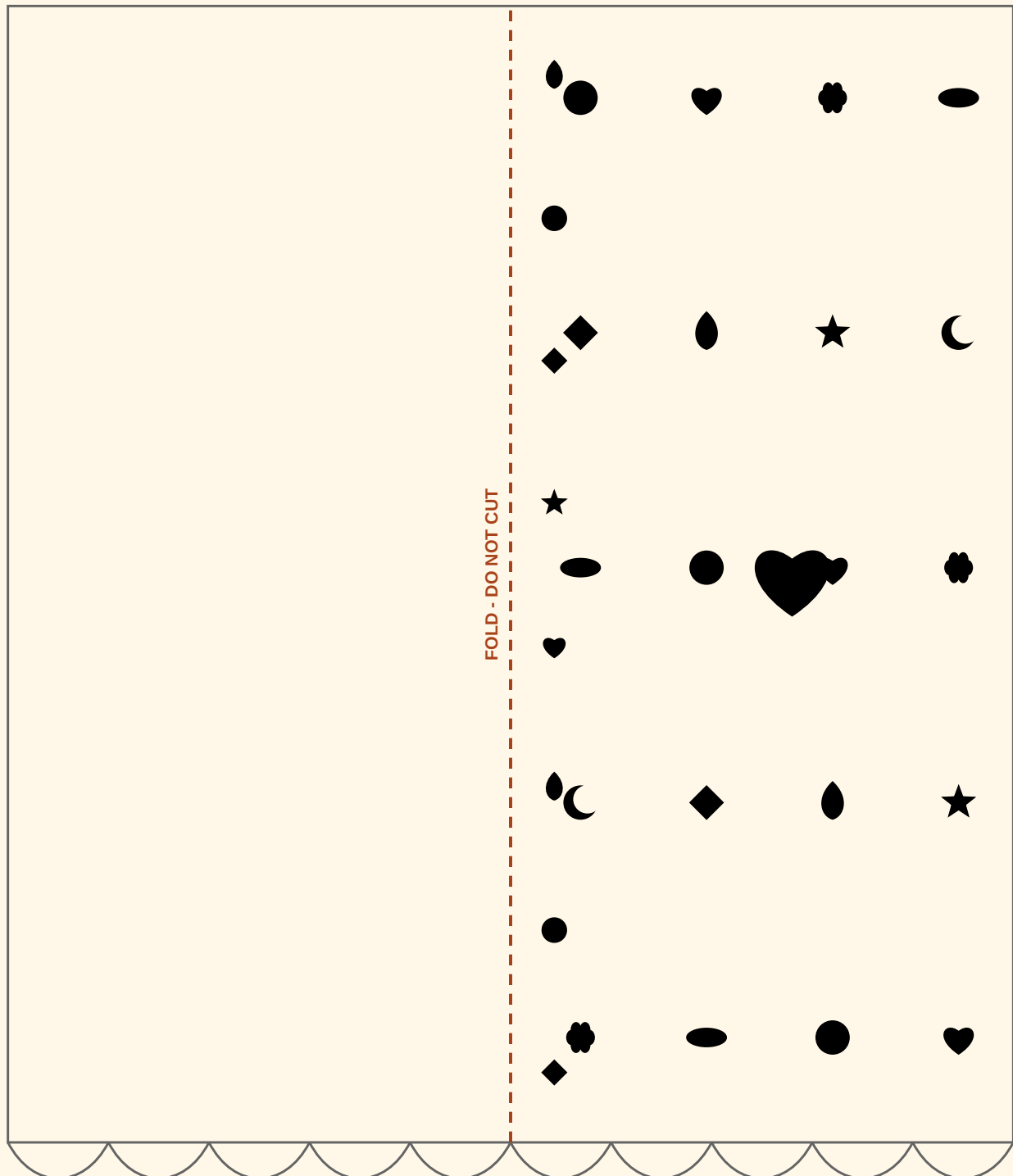
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Template 22: Fiesta Stars

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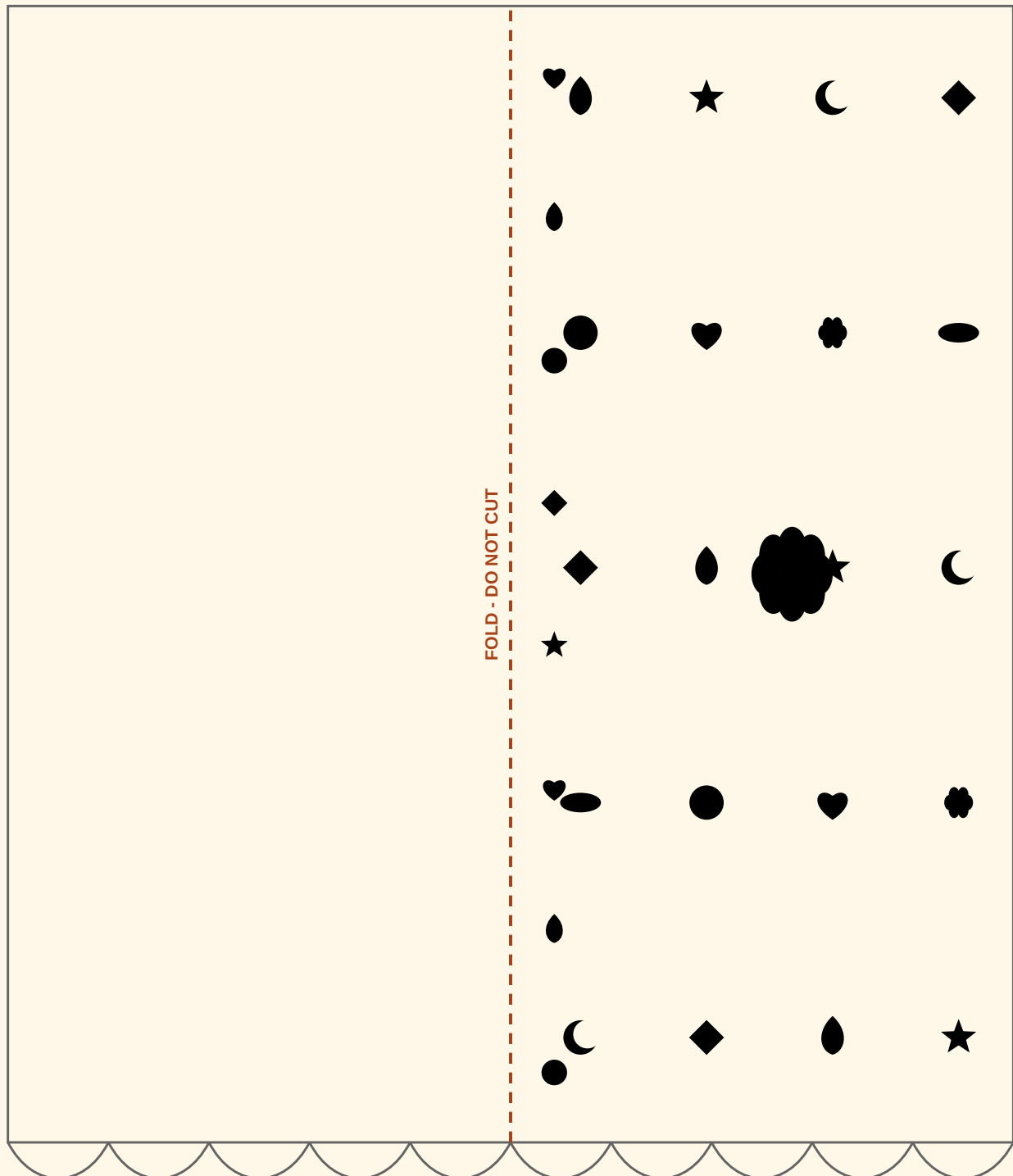
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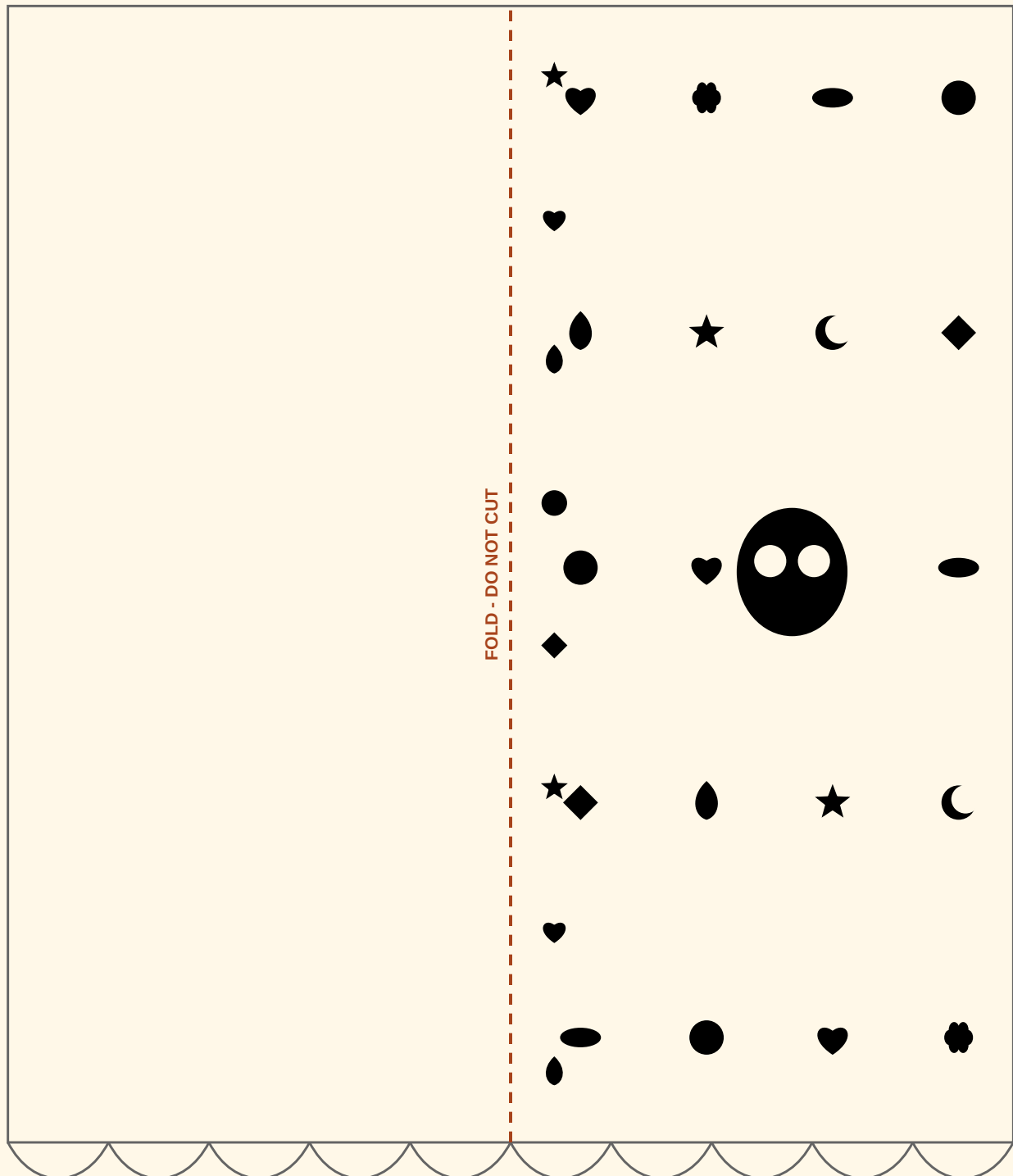
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Template 24: Cemetery Candle Lace

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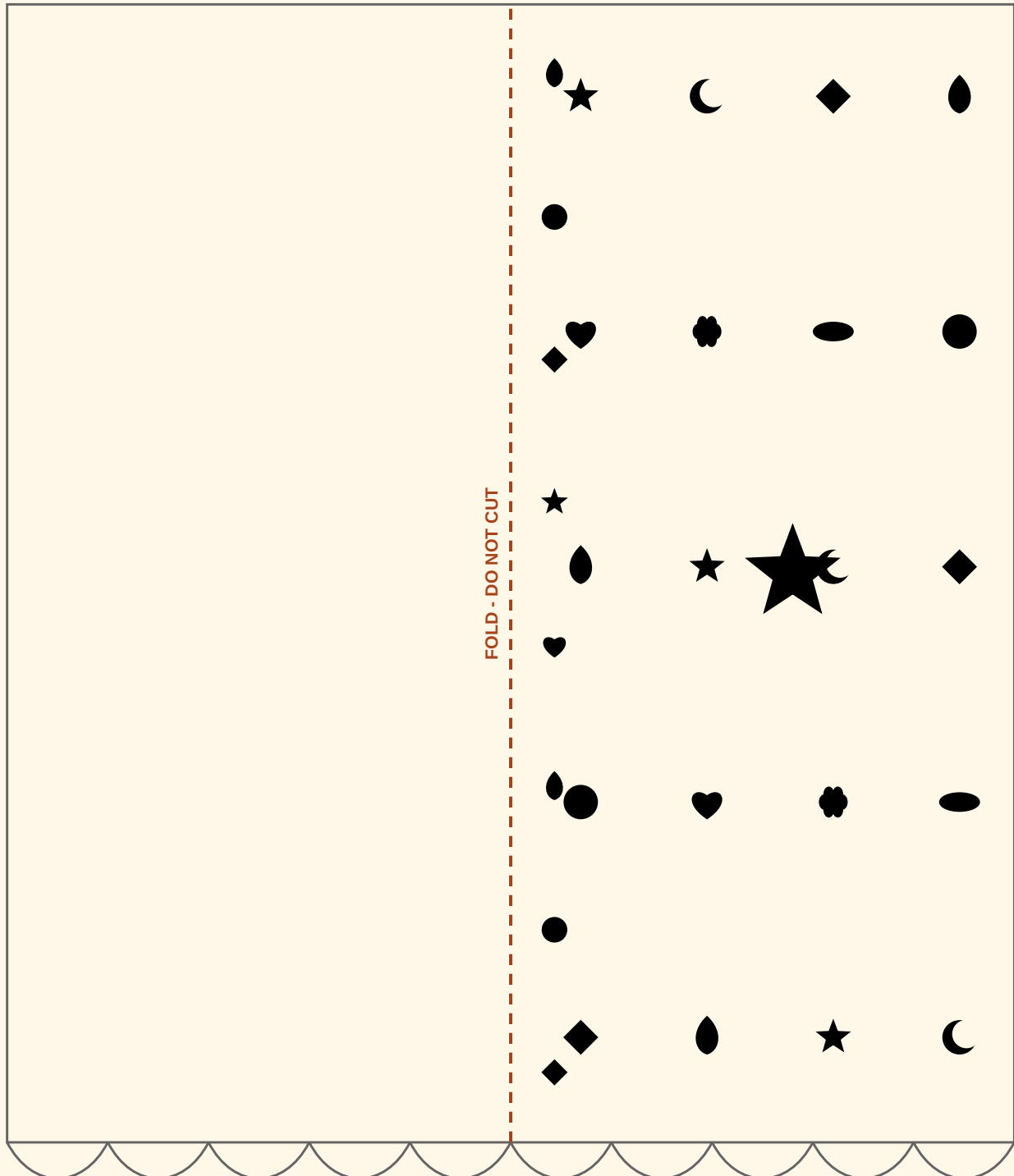
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Template 25: Grand Celebration

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