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Materials: (Note: the instructions refer to square paper, you may choose instead to use A5 paper)

Collage Control (finished A4 squared off (8.5" x 8.5") example)

Baptism Collage Pieces (cut out and sorted into separate sections of collage box):

White garment, Paschal Candle, flames for the candles, small candle

Paper Collage Base: pre-cut pieces of construction A4 squared off (8.5" x 8.5")

Crayons or colored pencils to draw a red cross on the front of the white garment and to draw the symbols on the Paschal Candle.

Pasting supplies

Small Scissors

This PDF includes:

1. Black and white collage pattern, and colored photo to help you make your own collage that is A4 squared off (8.5" x 8.5") finished size. In Rome, this Baptism Collage fits inside collage box lid.
2. A diagram for the collage box, showing how to divide the box for the collage pieces.
3. Sheets of patterns for each collage piece. Copy onto construction paper

WHITE	White garment
WHITE	Paschal Candle
WHITE	Small candle
RED	Flames (for candles)

It's helpful to have a supply of collage pieces on hand. Print sheets of these patterns and cut them out. Put some into the collage box, and store other for future use.

4. A Paschal Candle Preparation guide, to guide you in marking your Paschal Candle.

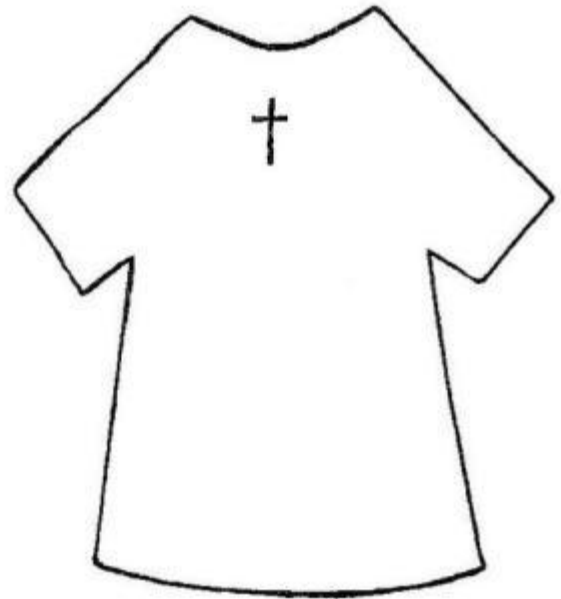
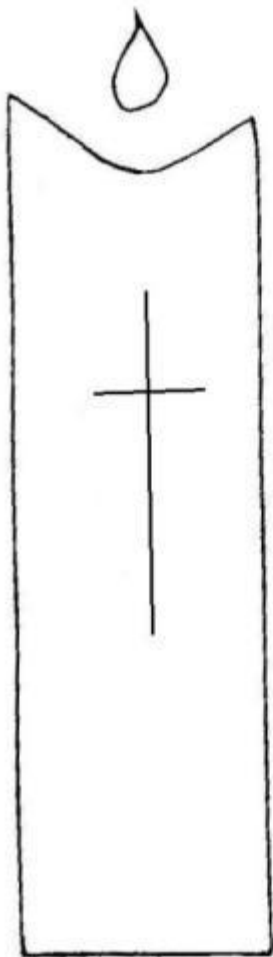
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A divided wooden box with hinged lid is the home for the Baptism Collage in the Rome atrium. The box contains the cut out collage pieces, a sample of the Baptism collage and a small scissors.

Nearby, there are pasting trays, as well as crayons and/or colored pencils to mark the red cross on the white garment, and the symbols on the Paschal Candle.

A separate box contains a supply of colored paper A4 squared off (8.5" x 8.5") for the base.



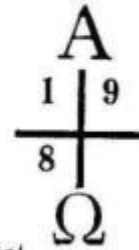
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Preparation of the Candle

**This candle is a sign and a symbol of our Lord Jesus Christ.
The light represents His risen life, His resurrection.**

10. *The deacon places the Paschal candle in the stand and brings the stylus, numerals and incense to the celebrant, who cuts a cross in the wax with a stylus. He traces the Greek letter alpha above the cross, the letter omega below, and the numerals of the current year between the arms of the cross as he says:*

1. **Christ yesterday and today** *(as he traces the vertical arm of the cross),*
2. **the beginning and the end** *(the horizontal arm).*
3. **Alpha** *(alpha, above the cross).*
4. **and Omega** *(omega, below the cross).*
5. **all time belongs to him** *(the first numeral, in upper left corner of the cross),*
6. **and all the ages** *(the second numeral in the upper right corner);*
7. **to him be glory and power** *(the third numeral in the lower left corner),*
8. **through every age forever.** *(the last numeral in the lower right corner).*



Amen

11. *When the cross and other marks have been made, the priest inserts five grains of incense in the candle. He does this in the form of a cross, saying:*

Now I place incense in the candle to remind us of the five wounds of Jesus:

1. **By His holy** **1**
2. **and glorious wounds**
3. **may Christ our Lord** **4 2 5**
4. **guard us**
5. **and keep us. Amen** **3**

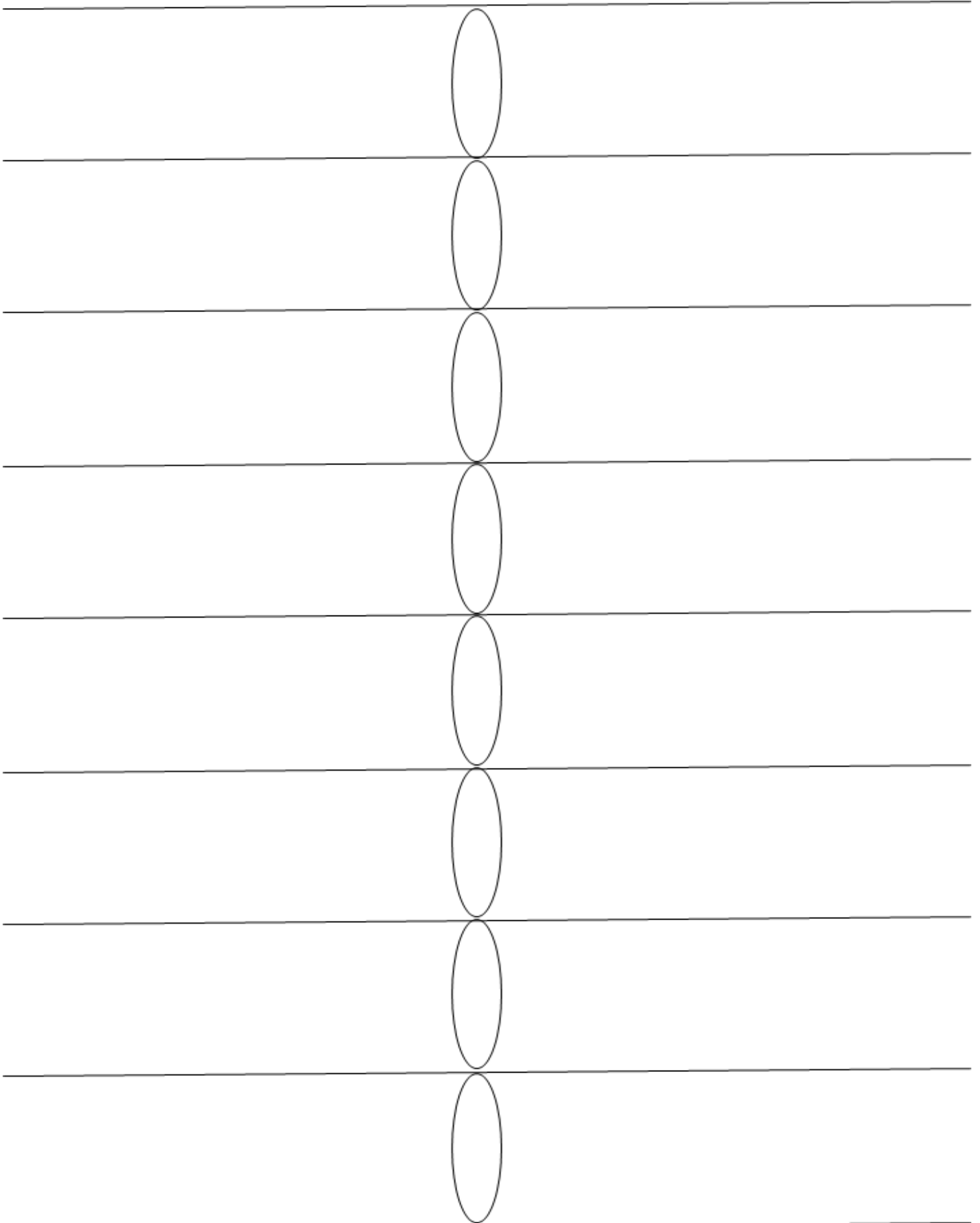
12. **I will now light the Easter Candle.**

The Paschal Candle is lighted from the new fire, then the priest says:

**May the light of Christ, rising in glory,
dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.**

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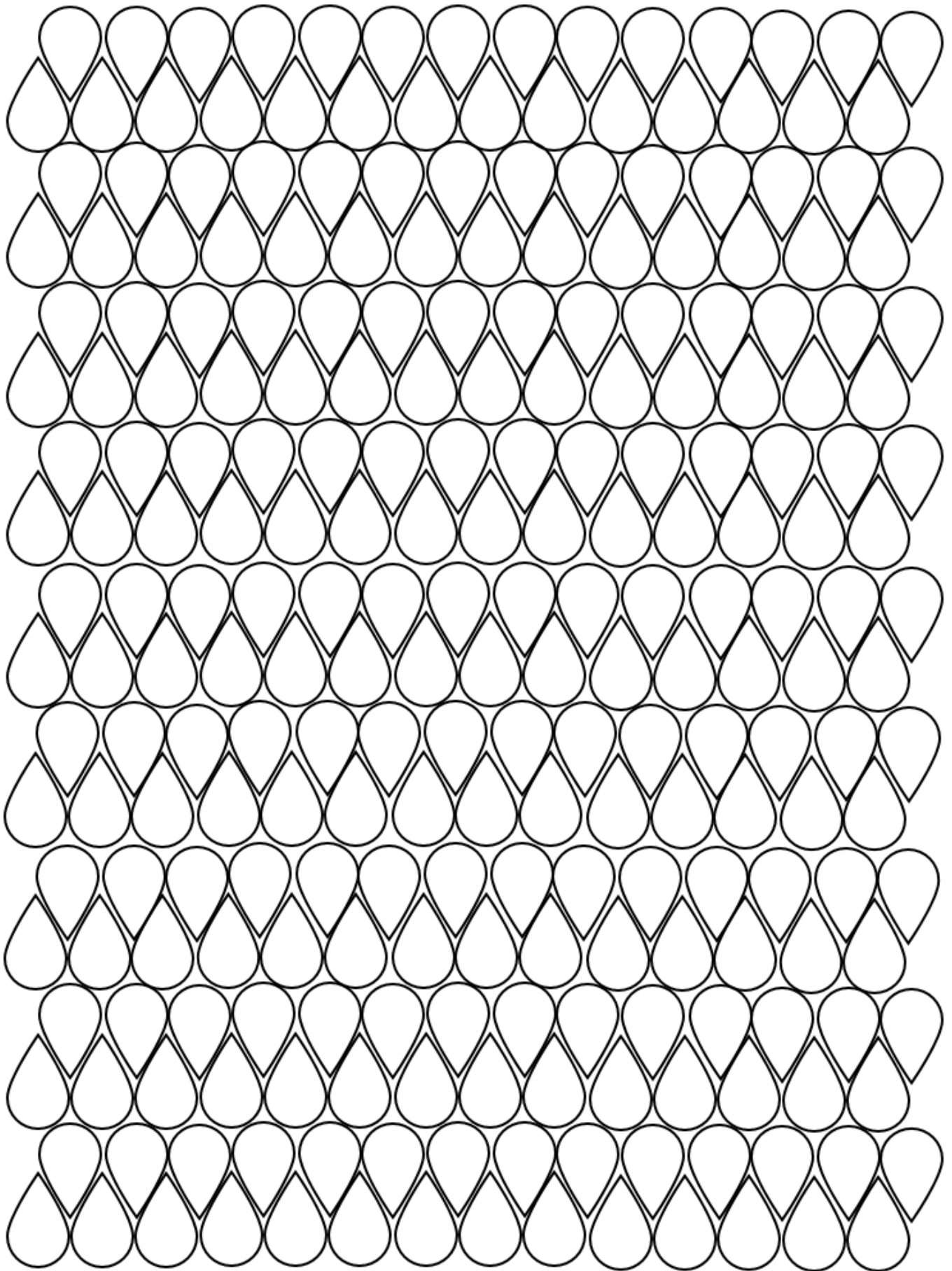
Cut candle to the edge of the paper to match the size in the collage.



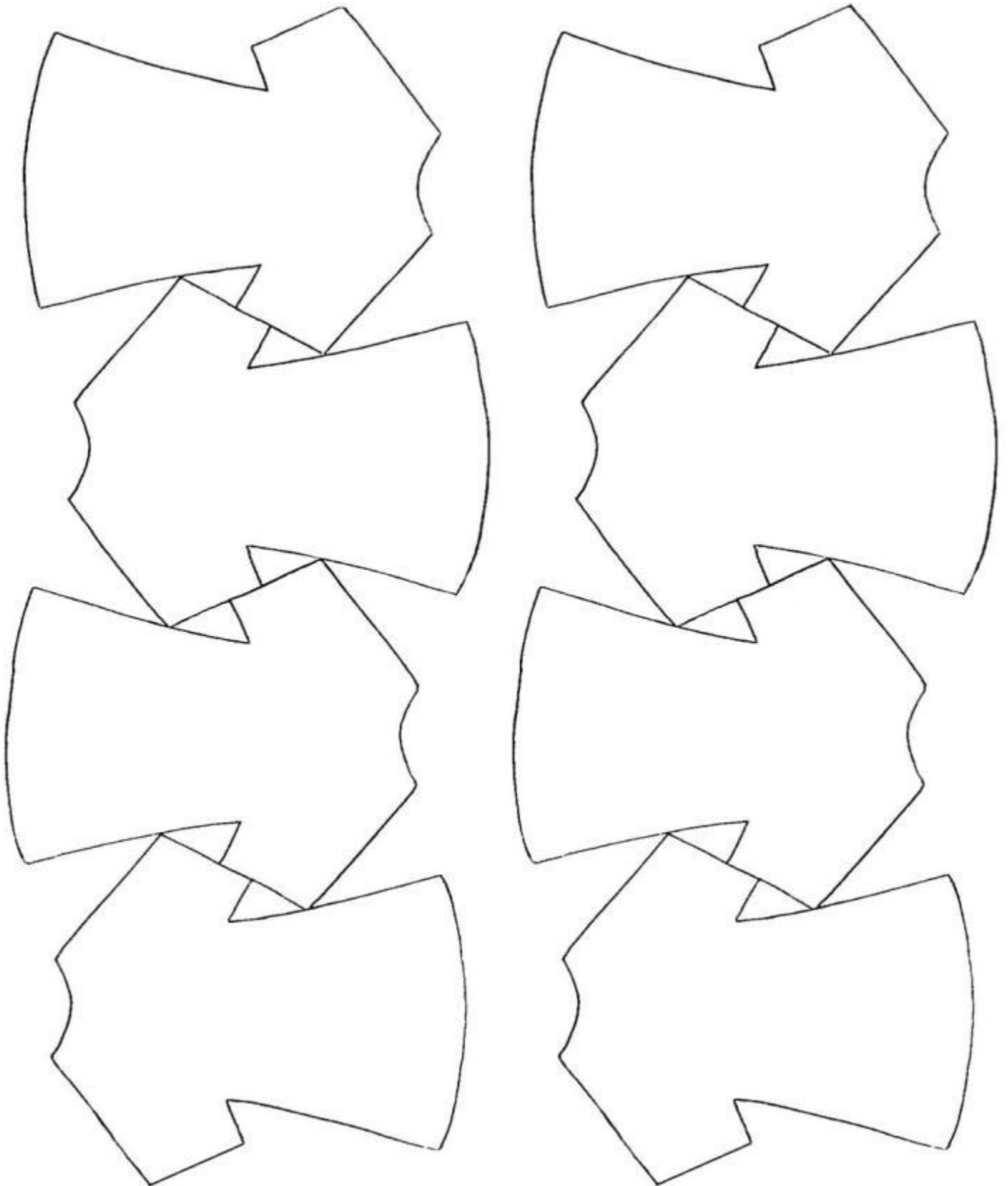
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The collage template consists of 20 horizontal lines. On each line, there are two vertical ovals, one on the left side and one on the right side, positioned between the lines. These ovals are intended to hold photos or drawings related to the baptism.

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Make collage box with 6mm (.25") wood and approx. 40 x 23 x 215mm (1.5" deep x 9" long x 8.5" wide). See "How to Make a Box" on the web site for more help. Adjust measurements according to width of wood.

