



# Bean Pods

PDF pattern

Fun circular bean bag pods for big or little people  
Completed size - 23" wide x 7 1/2" high

## View A

- Sixty four assorted 3 1/2 inch squares
- 16" x WOF white floral fabric for side walls of bean pod
- One 25" square for the bean pod base
- 50 litres of 'bean bag' beans

## View B

- Sixty four assorted 3 1/2 inch squares
- 4" x WOF of three assorted fabrics for pieced side wall
- One 25" square for the bean pod base
- 50 litres of 'bean bag' beans

Fabrics used in Bean Pods cover image:  
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These little Bean Pods would be the most popular item in our home right now, perfect as a floor cushion or a place for the kids to rest and relax in their rooms and they are super simple to make.

Just a few quick notes....

- Be sure to read over all the instructions before making your Bean Pod.
- All seams are sewn with a 1/4" seam allowance / WOF = width of fabric, selvage to selvage.
- 'Double stitch seam' means to sew two rows of stitching reinforcing the seams.

## Pattern pieces

- Included in your pattern are 4 quarters needed for you to make the circle template.
- Cut them out along the line and tape together to form a circle **do not overlap** the pattern pieces.
- The width of the circle through the middle should measure 23" {seam allowance included}

## Cutting requirements

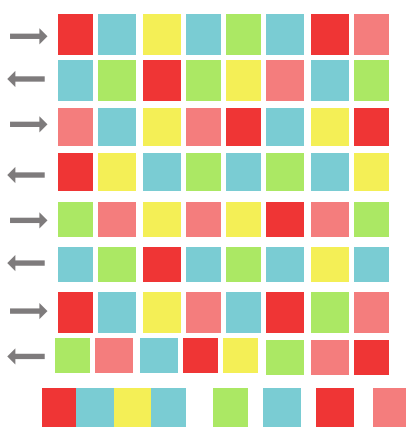
### View A

- Sixty four assorted 3 1/2 inch squares
- Two 7 1/2" x WOF strips for the bean pod side wall {white floral}
- One 25" square for the bean pod base
- 50 litres of 'bean bag' beans

### or View B

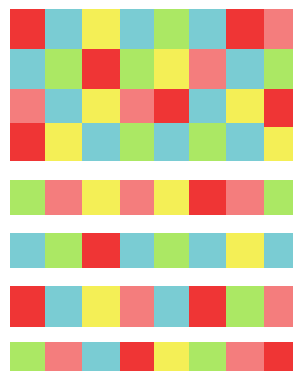
- Sixty four assorted 3 1/2 inch squares
- Two 3 1/2" x WOF strips {pink}
- Two 3" x WOF strips {blue}
- Two 3" x WOF strips {white}
- One 25" square for the bean pod base
- 50 litres of 'bean bag' beans

## Making the top - Bean Pod view A & B



1. Place sixty four 3 1/2" squares into eight rows of eight squares selecting colours at random, as shown.

2. Sew together the 8 squares in each row and press the seams in the direction of the arrows → shown in diagram 1

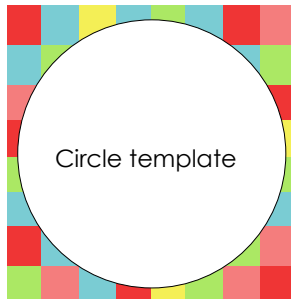


3. Once all the squares are sewn into rows, pin and sew the rows together.

**Tip:** If you have ironed the seams in the direction shown, the pieced squares should lock into each other

Press all these seams in the one direction.

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4. Sew all eight pieced strips together and press seams in one direction.

Cut out the four quarter circle pattern pieces and tape together. Place over the pieced panel and pin to hold in place.

Cut out your fabric circle, your circle template includes the 1/4" seam allowance

## Sewing the sides - Bean Pod view A

Note: There are two options available for the side walls of the Bean Pod

View A = Single fabric choice with no additional piecing.  
You will need two 7 1/2" x WOF strips - white floral

5. Using a rotary cutter and ruler, trim off the selvage edge from both strips. Sew the strips together along the 7 1/2" edge and double stitch. Press the seam to one side.

6. Place the strip and circle together with right sides facing and slowly work around the circle pinning the strip and circle together.

Allow a seam allowance of 1/4" as you begin to sew the strip to the circle, this will enable you to complete the circle.

Double stitch the seam to reinforce.

{Note - you will have excess side fabric this will be trimmed in the final steps}

7. Using the same circle template cut a second circle from the base fabric and attached in the same way as the previous step and trim off the excess fabric allowing a 1/4" seam allowance.

Turn your Bean Pod right sides out and using a glass jug scoop beans into the pod through the side opening.

{Tip: using glass will prevent the beans sticking to the jug, plastic jugs only increase the static and makes things messy}

I used 2 x 25 litre refill bags to fill one Bean Pod.....don't overfill!

8. Turn in the 1/4" seam at the opening and pin well so the beans don't spill. Machine sew across the opening, double stitch to reinforce.

Triple check for any small openings and get ready to relax with your new **Bean Pod!**

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## Sewing the sides - Bean Pod view B

Note: There are two options available for the side walls of the Bean Pod

View B = Pieced side wall of the Bean Pod - using three (or more fabrics)

- Two 3 1/2" x WOF strips {pink}
- Two 3" x WOF strips {blue}
- Two 3" x WOF strips {white} (shown as yellow in diagram)

{Design option tip - use any number of fabrics you like for the side wall, mix it up!}



5. Using a rotary cutter and ruler, trim off the selvage edge from all strips.

Take three strips, one from each colourway and sew them together along the length - make two sets.

Press the seams to one side.



6. Using a rotary cutter and ruler, sub cut the pieced strips into 7 1/2" lengths yielding ten pieced units.

Sew the ten units together along the 7 1/2" edge forming one long strips, press all seams to one side.

7. Place the strip and circle together with right sides facing and slowly work around the circle pinning the strip and circle together.

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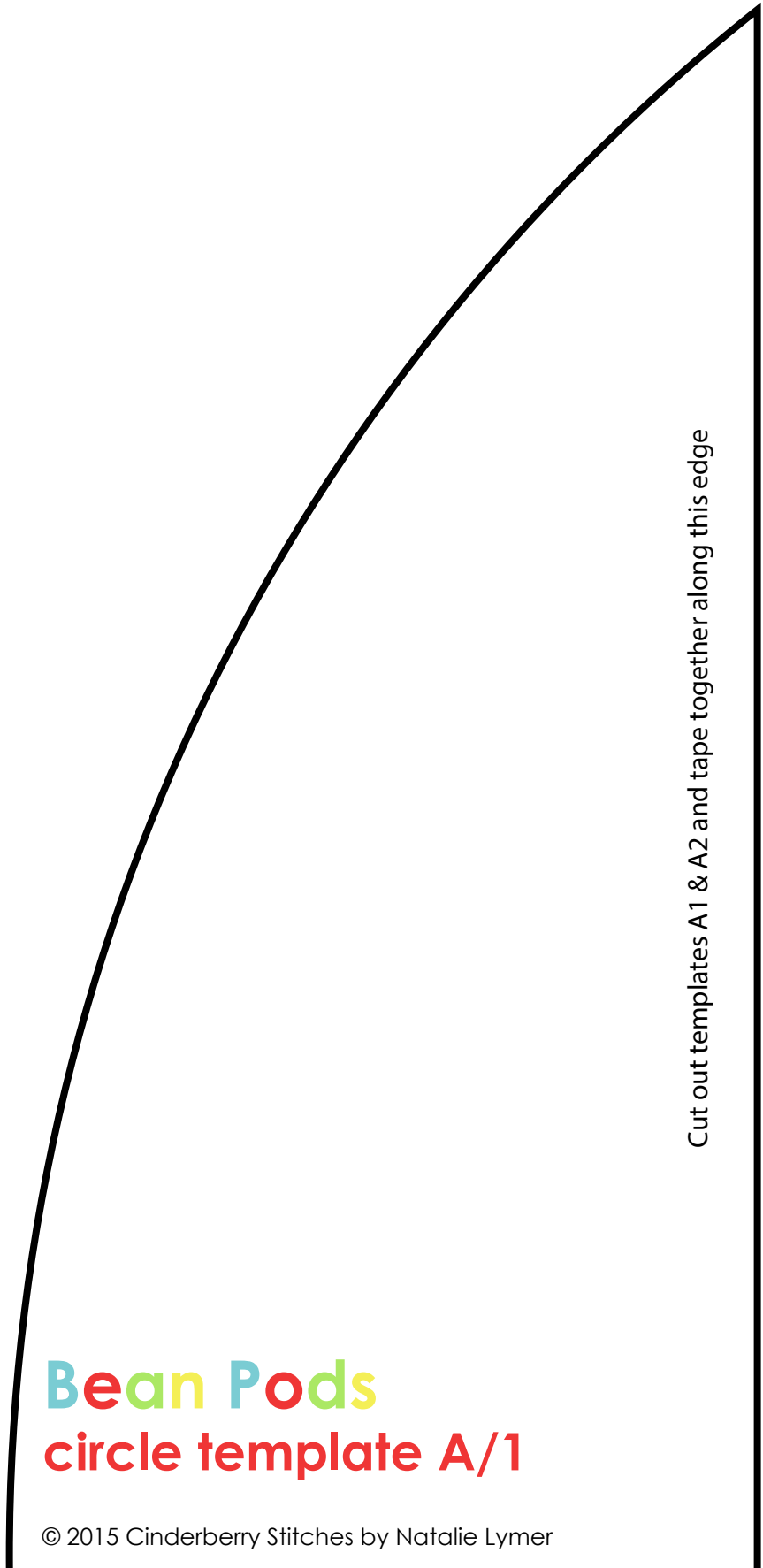
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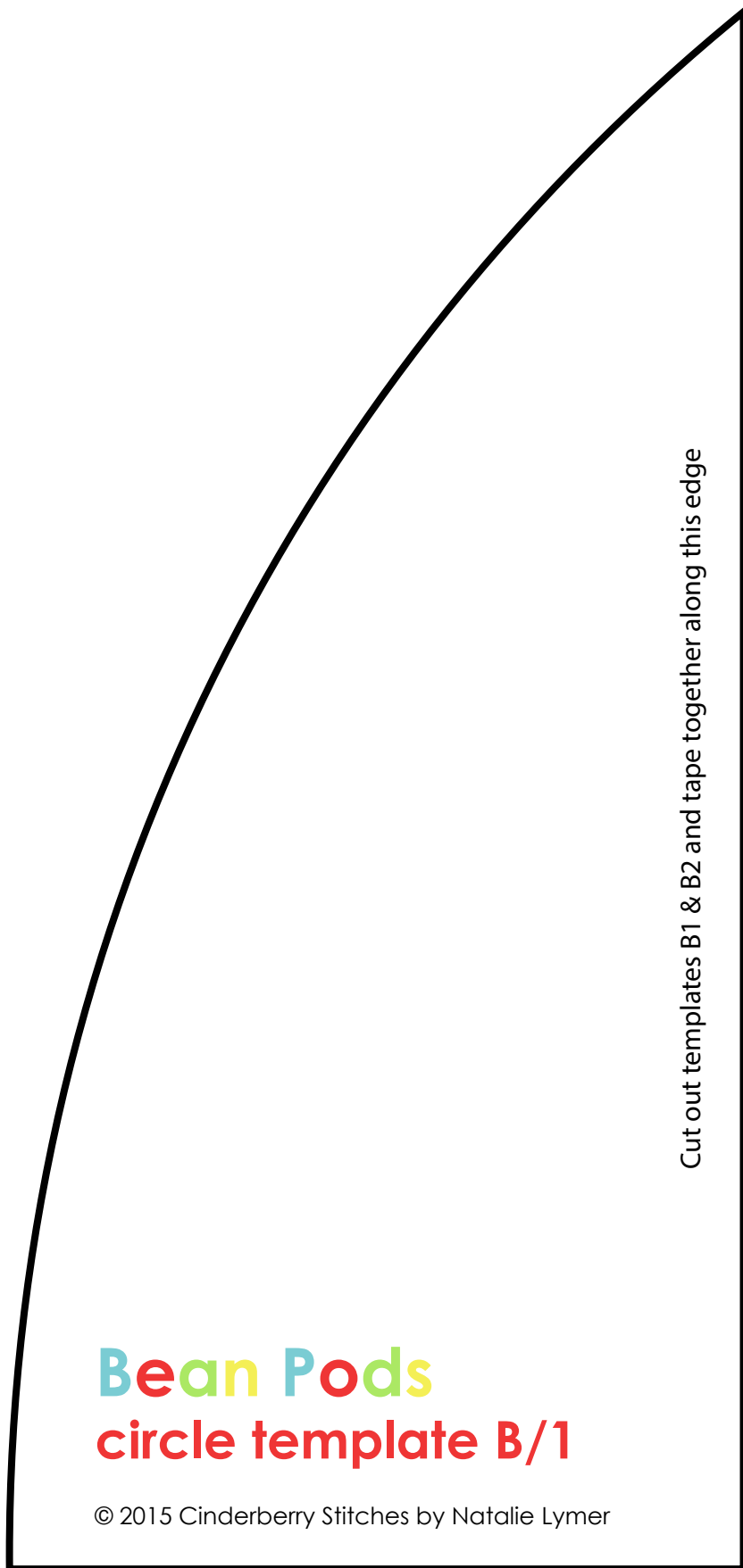
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**Bean Pods**  
**circle template A/1**



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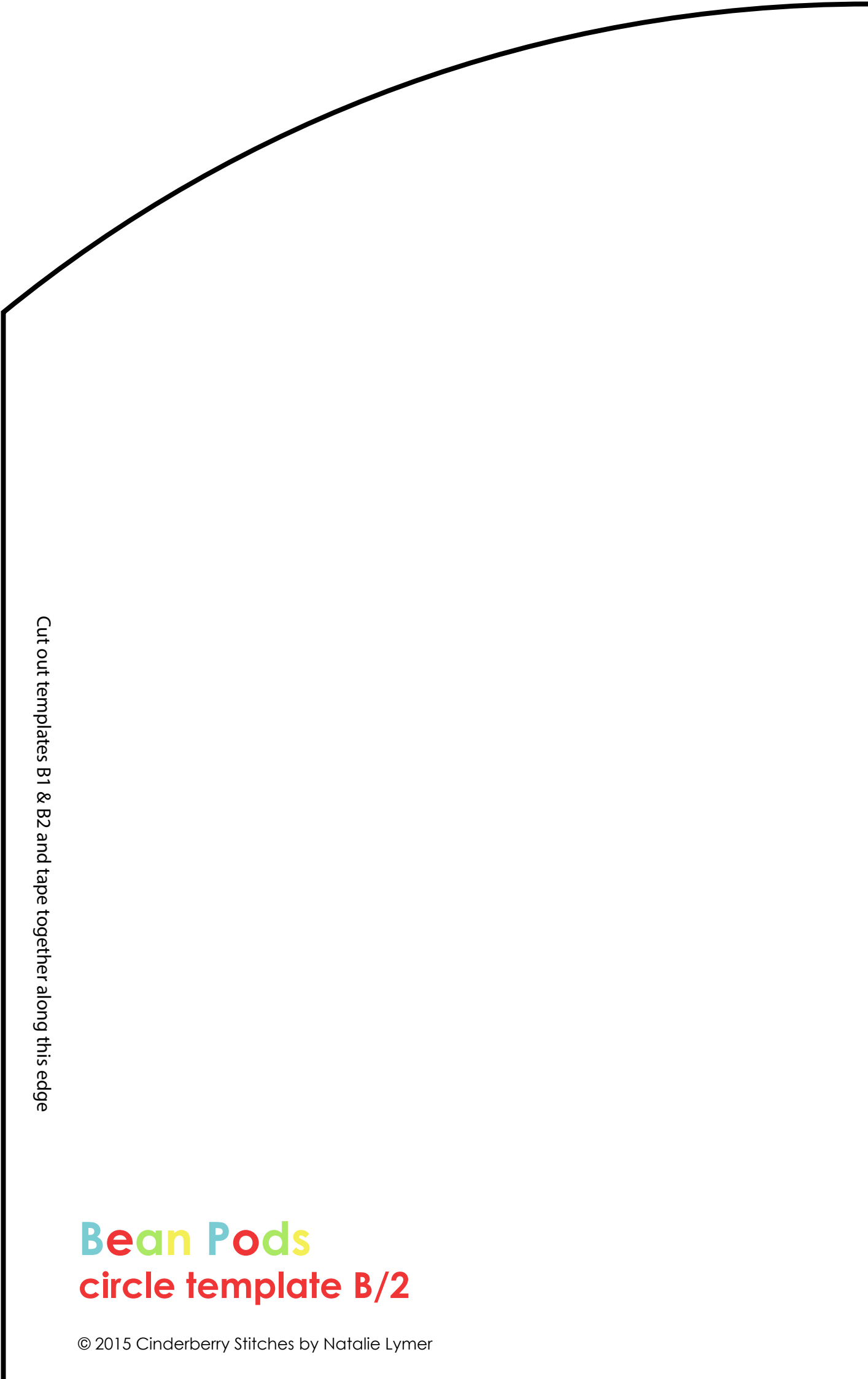
**Bean Pods**  
**circle template A/1**



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**circle template B/1**

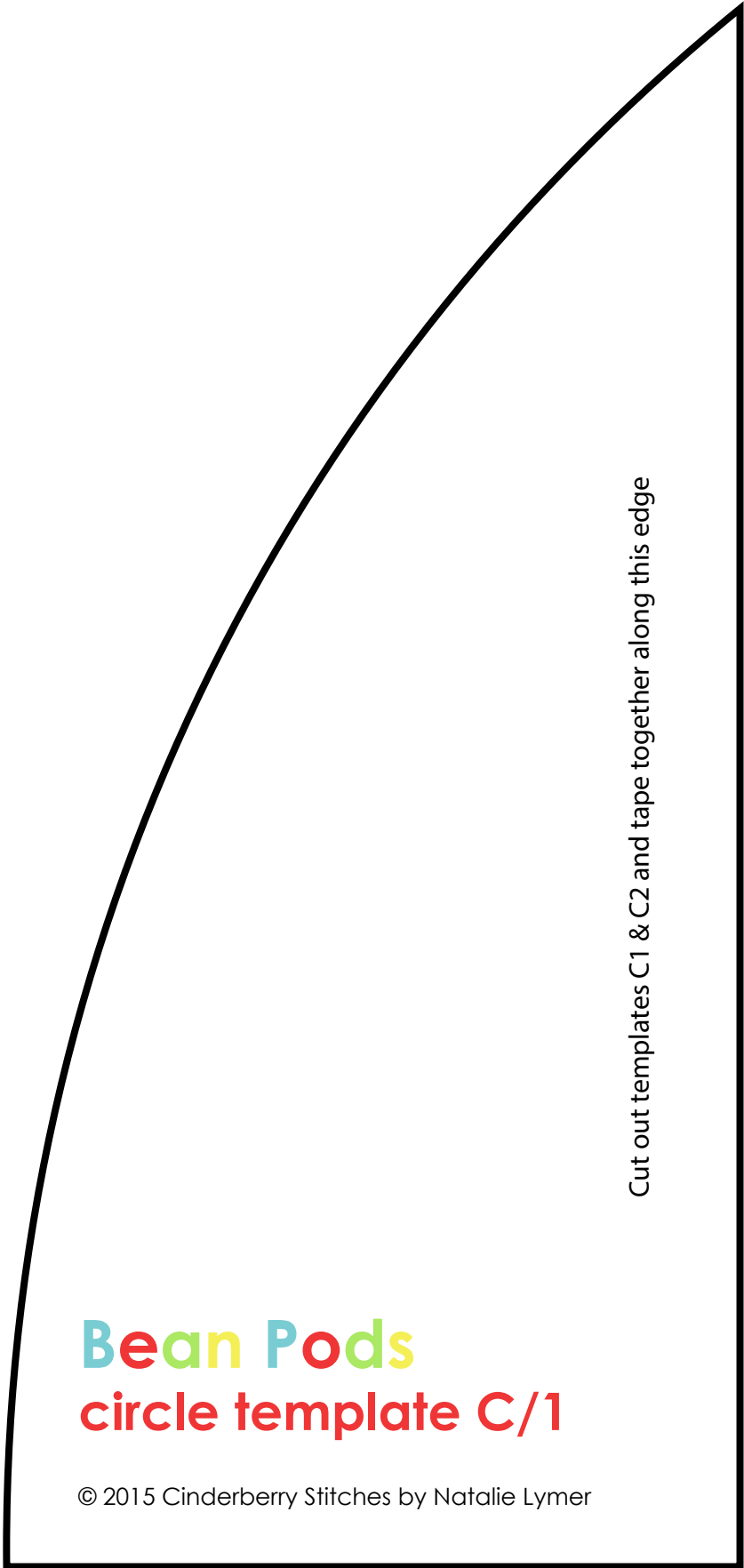
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**Bean Pods**  
**circle template B/2**

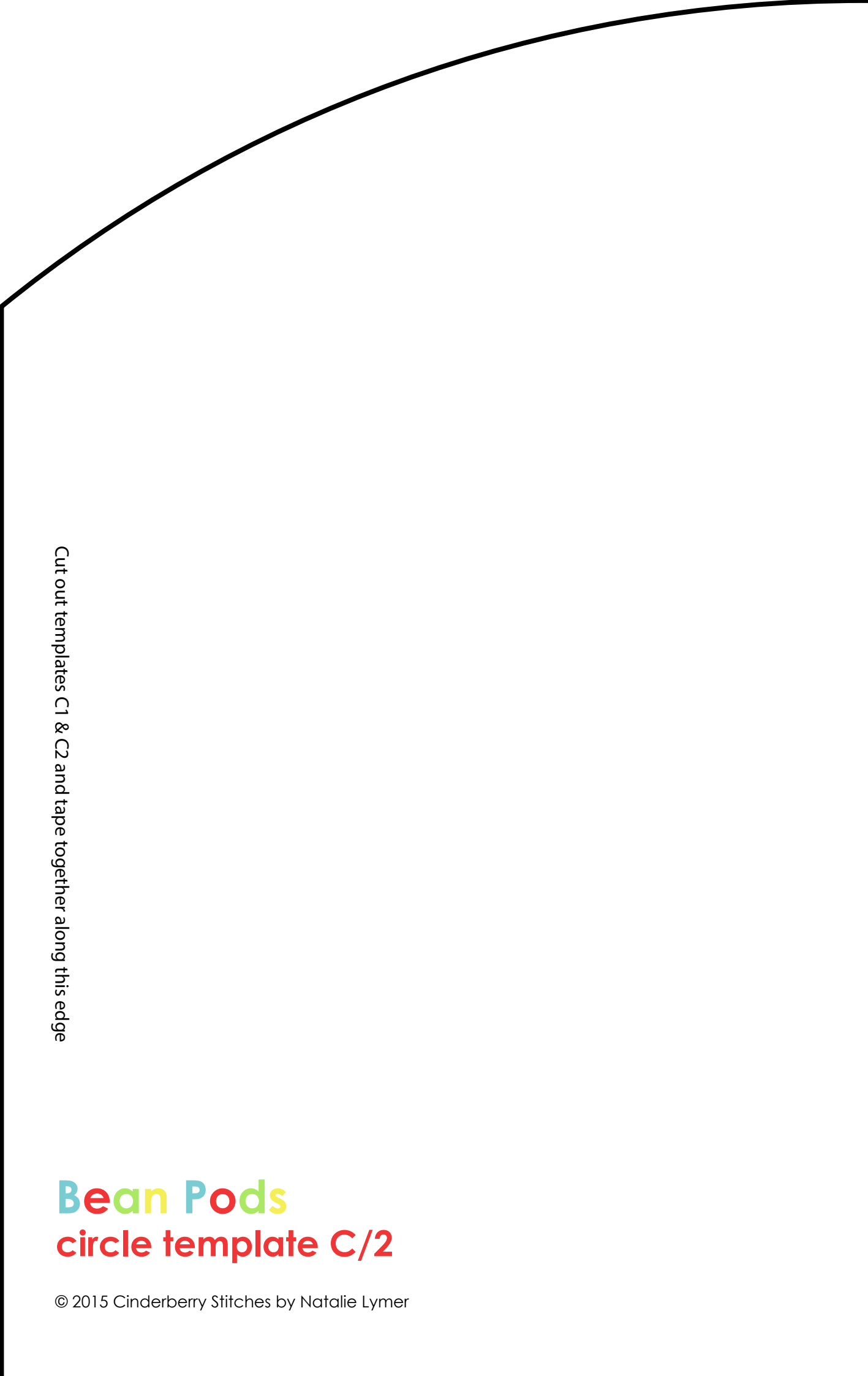




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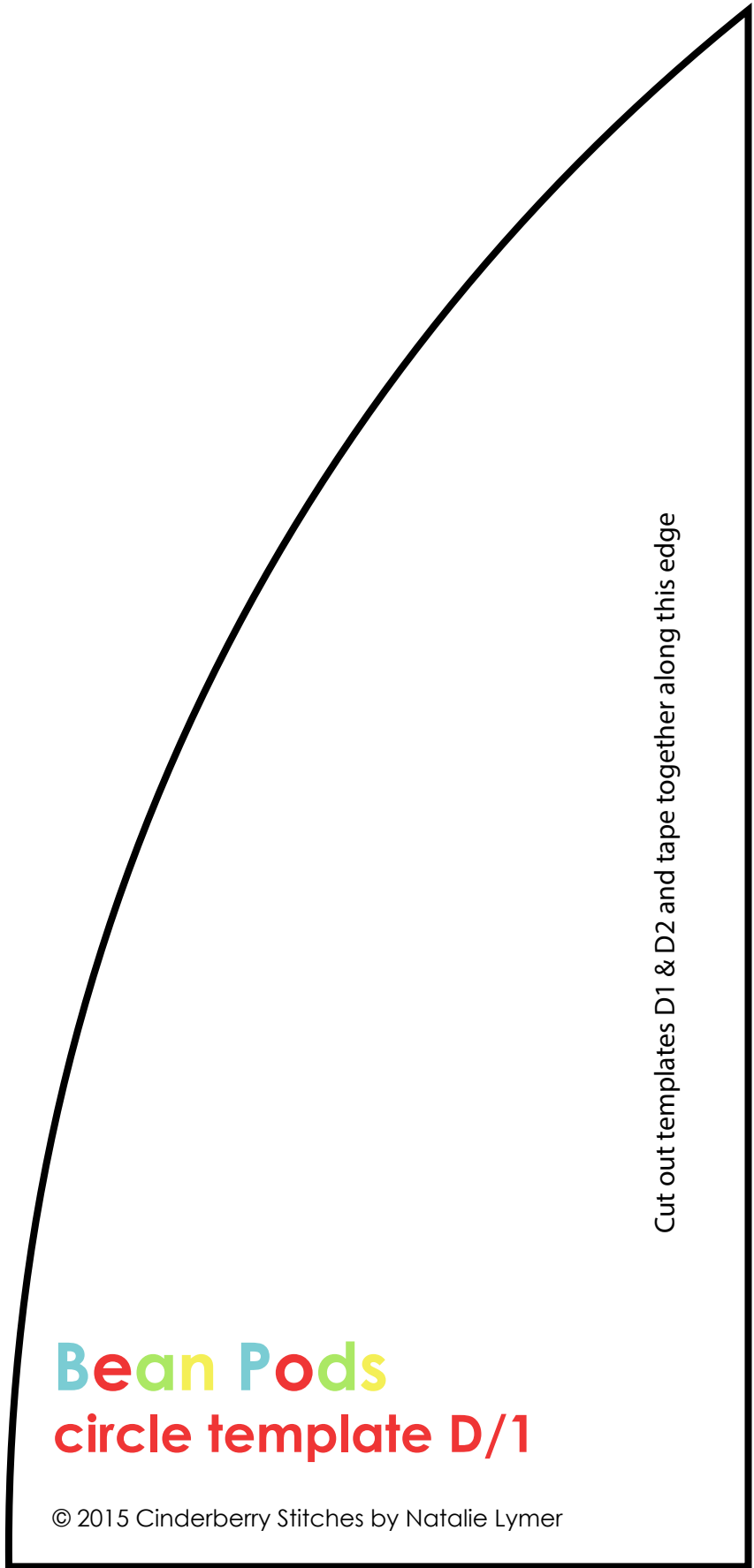
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**circle template C/1**

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**Bean Pods**  
**circle template C/2**



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**circle template D/1**

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**circle template D/2**