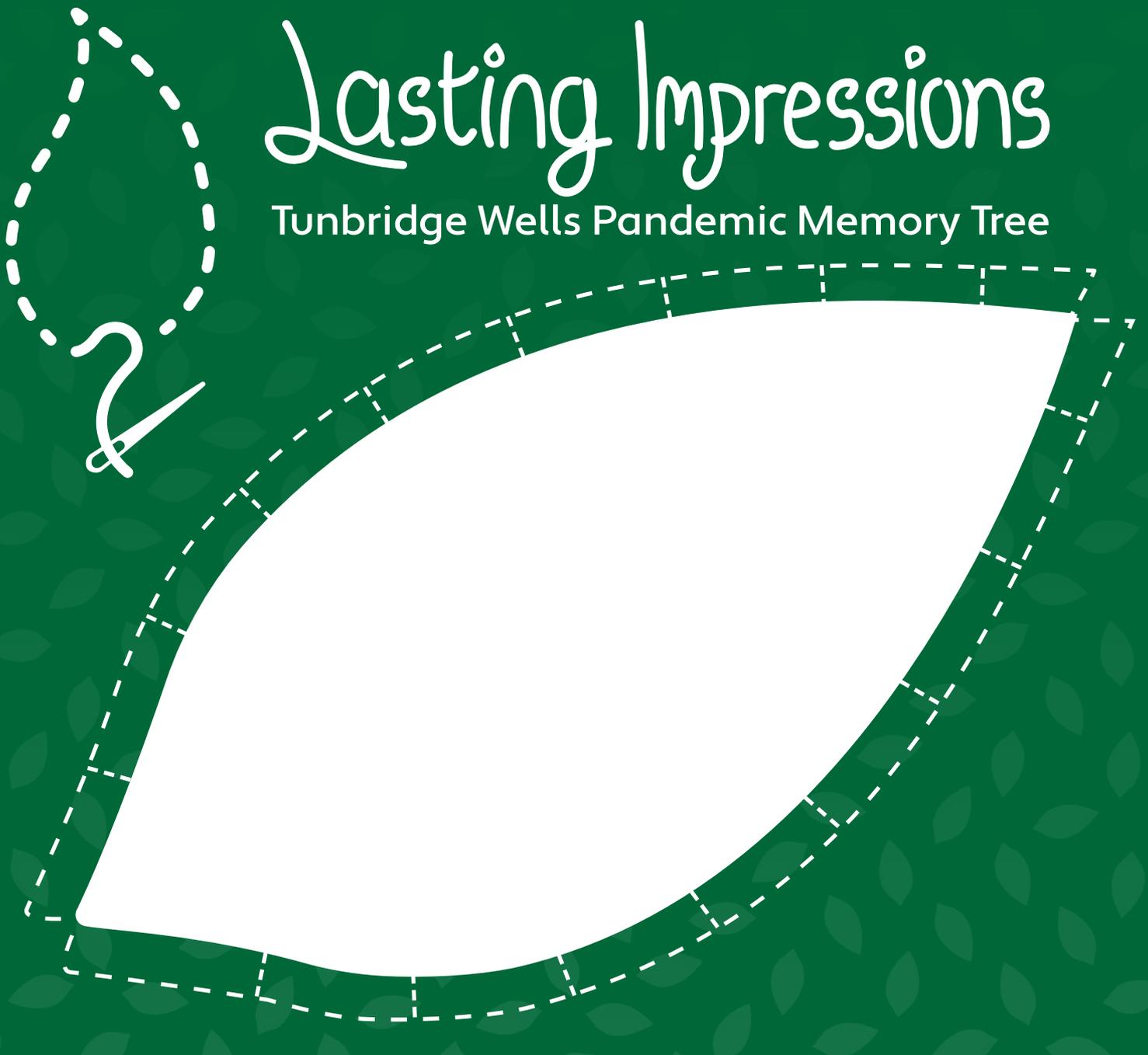


Lasting Impressions

Tunbridge Wells Pandemic Memory Tree



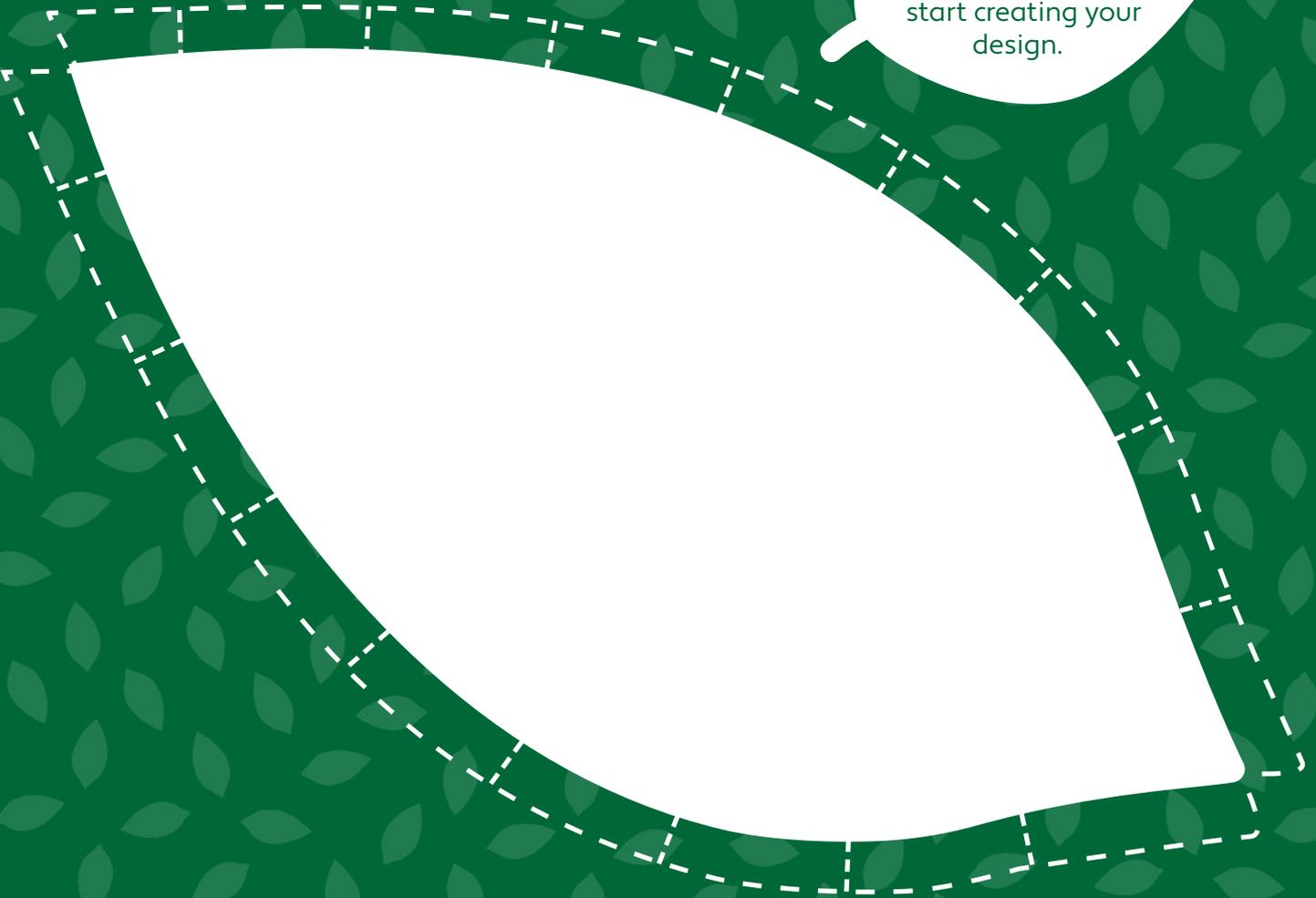
Tunbridge Wells Borough Council, in partnership with Tunbridge Wells Hospital, are creating a quilted memory tree wall hanging; collecting and sharing the community's reflections, memories and experiences of living through the Covid-19 pandemic.

We invite you to create and send us your own memory leaf so it can be included as part of our tree. The quilted memory tree will be displayed at The Amelia when it opens in Spring 2022, before taking up permanent residence at Tunbridge Wells Hospital.



Top-Tip

To make your seam easier to sew, fold your seam over and iron in the crease before you start creating your design.



How to make a memory leaf:

Step 1 – Select your fabric to create your leaf. We recommend using recycled fabrics/materials to make your leaf. This can be old unwanted clothes or old bedsheets or fabric scraps.



Step 2 – Using the template provided, draw and cut out your leaf. A seam allowance has been included in the template as a dotted line and it is best to include this when cutting out your leaf. If your fabric frays, create a seam around the edge of your leaf by folding over the seam allowance and sewing or sticking it down on the back of your leaf.



Step 3 – Using any method you want, create your design, telling us something about your experience of the Covid-19 Pandemic, on the front of your leaf. Through your design, show us something you learnt or experienced, or a key memory. Your design can be made with fabric, paint, embroidery, pen drawing or buttons – it's up to you, but it must be well secured.



Step 4 – Send us your leaf. We will do our utmost to include every leaf created in our display. Leaves must be submitted by 6 March 2022. You can either submit your leaf through a local collection box around the Borough (details on where to find a collection box can be found at [TWSocial.co.uk/lastingimpressions](https://www.twsocial.co.uk/lastingimpressions) or by post to:



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Did you forget to cut your leaf with a seam allowance?

Don't worry! You can seal the edge of your leaf with clear nail polish, so the fabric doesn't fray or come apart. Gently run a light layer of nail polish around the very edge of the fabric to bond the fibres together.

If your fabric is not a fabric that frays (such as felt) you will not need to finish the edges of your leaf with a seam, so you do not need to include a seam allowance.