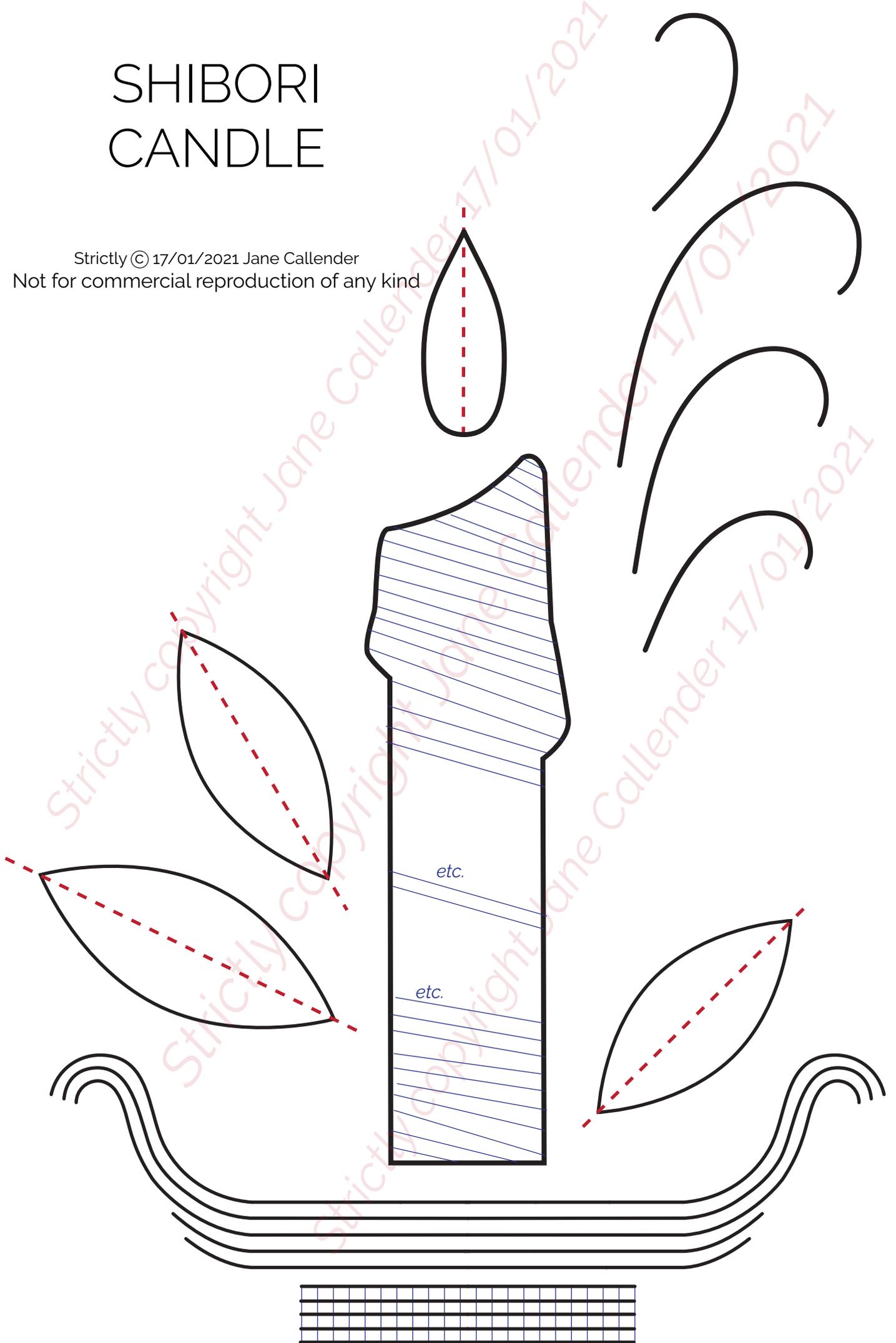


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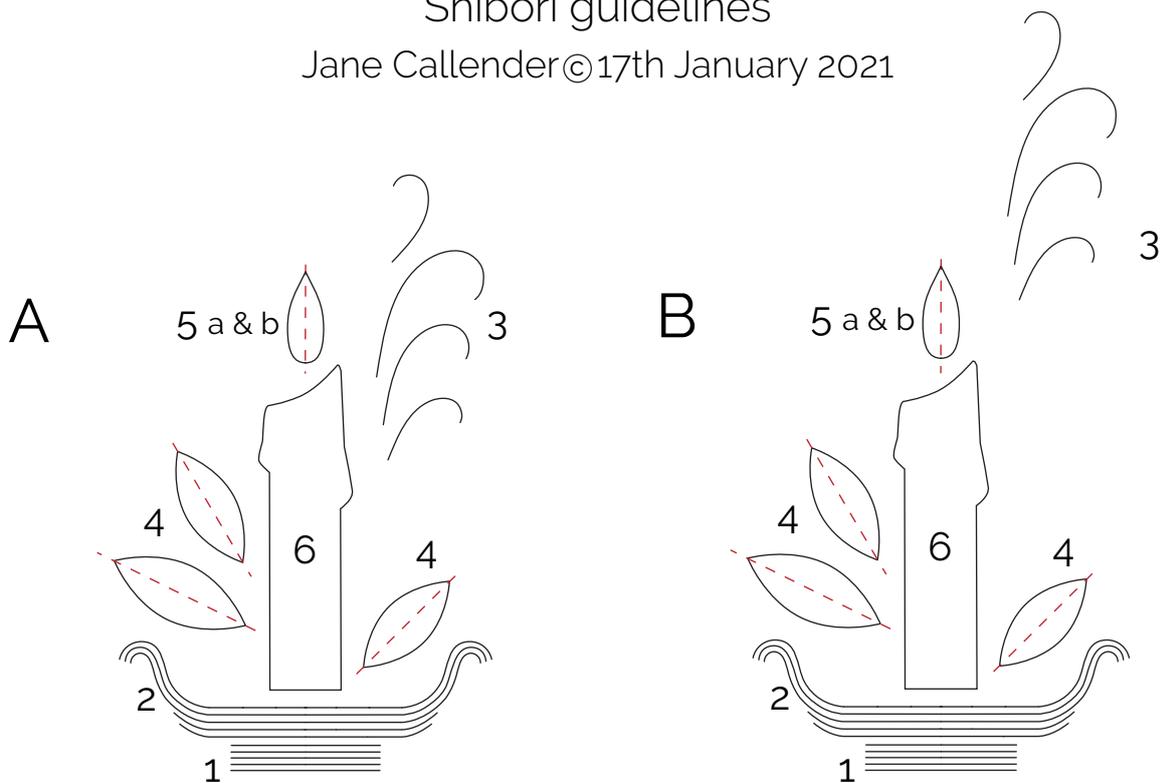
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Shibori guidelines

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The following guidelines are for stitched and bound shibori on a 100% cotton fabric to be dyed in indigo. Cold water fibre reactive dyes could be used or natural dyes. The template could be used for other textile techniques.

Firstly, give the light weight cotton fabric a good hot wash in a ph neutral soap or gentle washing up liquid. Give plenty of rinses. Do not use fabric conditioner. If you are using natural dyes scour and mordant the fabric.

Print out the motif on paper, you could enlarge it if you like, This one fits onto A4 paper. Iron the fabric before tracing off the motif carefully with a fine marker pen that will wash out.

The Shibori suggestions.

1. **Saucer base.** Suggest working *nui-sugi* for a fine vertical stripe.
2. **Saucer.** *Mokume* shibori would suit the 5 upper lines of the saucer.
3. **Fronds.** These are optional. Try tiny *hira-nui stitches*. *Maki-nui* could be worked on finer cottons. Start at the candle end. They could be placed slightly higher. B
4. **Leaves.** There are any number of ways to create the leaves. The red dotted line indicates a fold. Wait till the candle has been done before you pull up these threads.
- 5.a **The flame.** At this stage fold and stitch only in preparation.
6. **The Candle.** Suggest *guntai* shibori starting from the base. Stitch across at a gentle diagonal. Extend the stitch to create the suggestion of dripping wax. As *guntai* stitches need to be pulled up really tightly every three or four stitches, work the candle last. *Mokume* shibori would also work.
- 5.b **The flame to finish.** Once the candle has been worked, pop a small bead in the pouch as you pull up the threads and then bind the flame. Work *boshi*, and cap the bundle.

I hope you will enjoy working this simple motif. Once its completed, do send in a good quality, high resolution image to display along with others in the virtual gallery. Give the image a good border and we will crop it to fit.

Send you candle image to: - jane@janecallender.com with SHIBORI CANDLE in the subject bar.

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With my very best wishes for your refreshed creativity in 2021

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