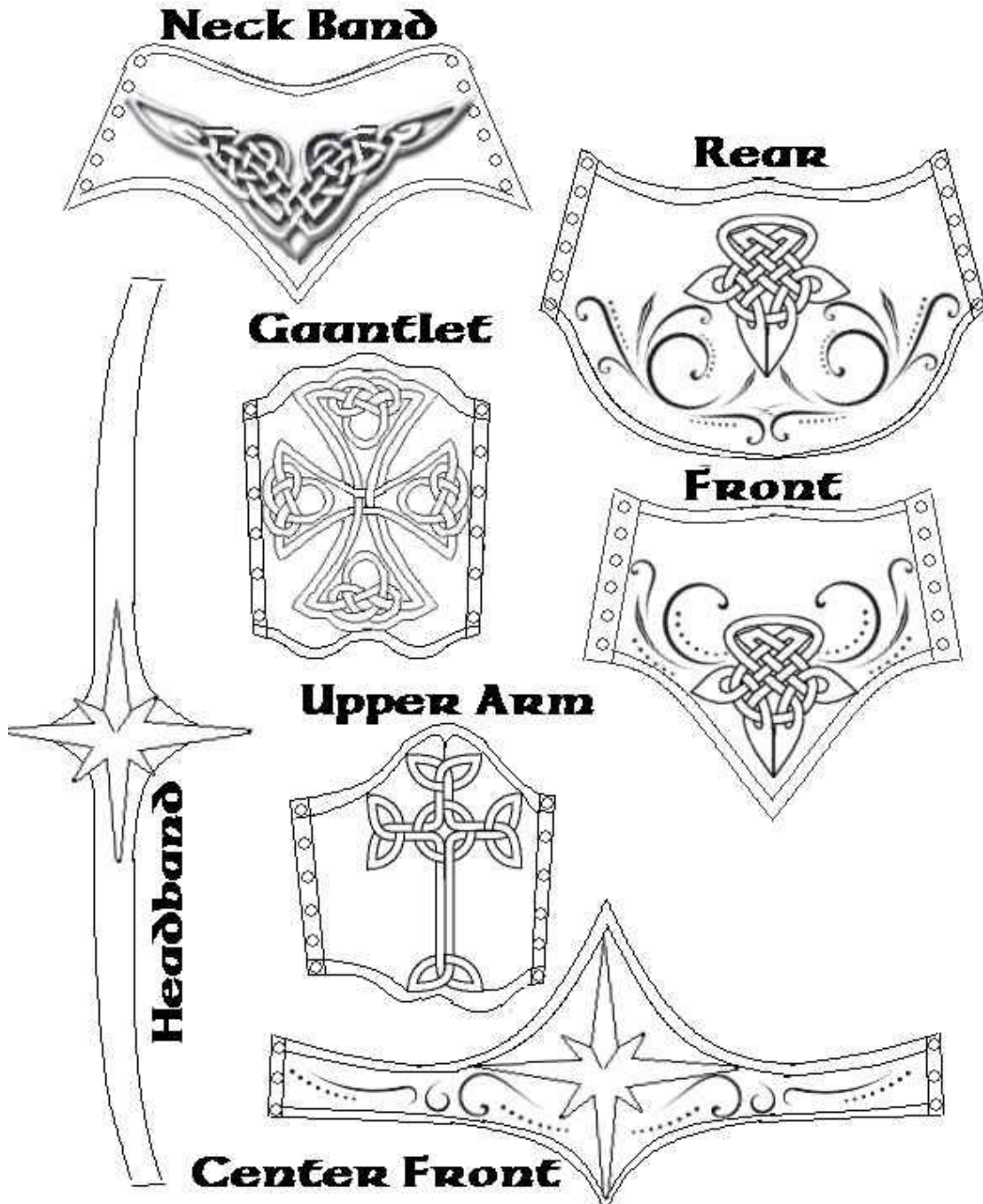


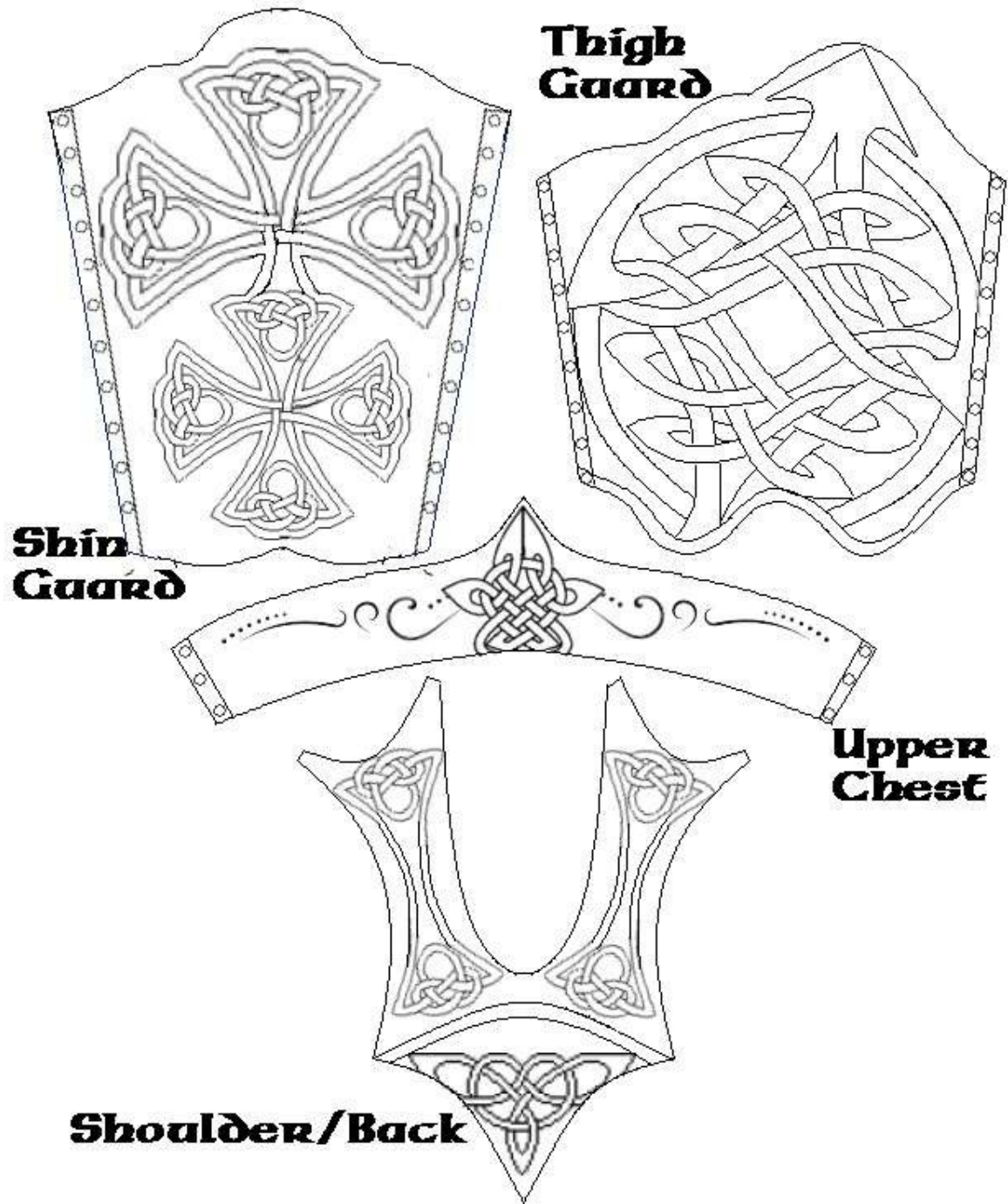
Victoria Victrix Armor Patterns

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Pretty self-explanatory as to which goes where
The dots on the edges are for eyelet placement, and I used 2mm eyelets

These pieces were designed for stiff tooling leather,
but tanned leather, felt, foam, or wool would probably work.





What's NOT here..... is the breastplate – which was about the shape of the neckband but somewhat larger.... The REASON it's not here – is that it was boiled and molded to the doll, and then trimmed to the look I wanted... ie. No pattern. :-((keep reading though, all is not lost?)

Attaching the Shoulder/Back piece.

First... Look at the picture.



See the highlighted area? – I attached thin strips of leather to the corners of the armor piece and used a double-d-ring system as the buckling mechanism – also, under the chest piece where you can't see it... (**sigh**) the inner corners of the armor piece have a single eyelet each to keep them tied together where they should be.

Making a Breast Plate

This will work well with tooling leather, wool felt, or wool. It will kinda/sorta work with tanned leather, but not well.

You want a piece of leather/material as wide as you like, but long enough to wrap around the chest and overlap at the back. You can pre-shape it if you like, but keep in mind that it flat won't be IN that shape by the time you're done!

Step one for tooling leather: Pour boiling water into a container and soak the leather until it's saturated and soft. You'll need to pull it out and squeeze it several times – soak it until all the tannin is removed. .

Step one for Wool/Felt: Soak the wool/felt in hot water mixed about ½ and ½ with elmer's glue (any white glue is fine)

Step Two: Wrap the doll in plastic (saran wrap is fine) to protect her from staining, wrap the leather/wool/felt around the doll at chest level and pull, stretch, push, form the leather/wool/felt until it's tight and shaped the way you want it. Clamp the back at the spine of the doll. Allow it to dry **completely** before removing the clamps.

Step Three: After it's completely dry (24hrs or so) remove the clamps, trim it into it's final shape, install your eyelets (or straps, or whatever you like) and off you go!

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Tooling and 'dying' the leather is in a separate tutorial – but, and just to make very very sure you don't miss this bit

NEVER EVER use 'leather dye' on any leather that will be anywhere around your dolls.

Really.