Clip the seam allowances on the center fabric piece as shown on the pattern. With right sides together sew the two side pieces to the long center piece match the diamonds and circles.

Turn right sides out and stuff the fabric with padding and slip the cardboard base inside. Glue or staple the bottom seam allowance to the bottom of the cardboard. Clip away any overlap in the fabric folds. You can glue another cardboard oval to the bottom for stability.
Heavy twill fabric (with some bias stretch) and medium weight upholstery are good choices for this pattern.
Base
Chignon Base

Cut three layers of corrugated cardboard two with the corrugations going long ways and one with them going side ways glue the layers together.