

# Making cutouts in paragraphs\*

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## Abstract

The `cutwin` package helps in making a cutout window in the middle of a paragraph.

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## 1 Introduction

This manual is typeset according to the conventions of the L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X DOCSTRIP utility which enables the automatic extraction of the L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X macro source files [GM04].

Section 2 describes the usage of the `cutwin` package and commented source code is in Section 3.

## 2 The `cutwin` package

The code provided by the `cutwin` package is meant to help in creating windows, or cutouts, in a text-only paragraph. It is based on code originally published by Alan Hoenig [Hoe87].

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## 2.1 General

`\opencutleft`    Declarations specifying where a window is to be placed. The choices are:  
`\opencutright`    `\opencutleft` open into the left margin, `\opencutright` open into the right margin,  
`\opencutcenter`    and `\opencutcenter`, which is the default, open in the ‘center’ of the text,  
i.e. have text on both sides of the window.

`\cutfuzz`        This is provided as a convenience to reduce the number of overfull and underfull warnings. Its default definition is:

```
\newcommand{\cutfuzz}{%
  \vbadness=50000
  \hbadness=50000
  \sloppy}
```

and it is only applied to the paragraph being windowed.

## 2.2 Rectangular cutouts

A rectangular space can be placed in a paragraph with the text flowing across the gap. The space may break open into the top or side of the paragraph or, with some care, into **Text** the bottom (the number of lines specified for the **in** cutout should not exceed the amount of text **Window** available for those lines). Some text or a logo or graphic may be placed within the window, or it may be left empty. In this instance I have put three short bold text lines in the window opening. The window should not be too wide as it can be difficult to track the exterior text lines across the gap.

`cutout`        The `cutout` environment, the body of which must be a single paragraph, enables a rectangular window to be cut out of the paragraph with the text flowing across the cutout. Use as:

```
\begin{cutout}{\langle numtop \rangle}{\langle leftwidth \rangle}{\langle rightwidth \rangle}{\langle numcut \rangle}
```

where  $\langle numtop \rangle$  is the number of full lines above the window and  $\langle numcut \rangle$  is the number of lines to be cut (giving the height of the window). The meaning of the lengths  $\langle leftwidth \rangle$  and  $\langle rightwidth \rangle$  depend on the location of the cutout:

- for a centered cutout  $\langle leftwidth \rangle$  and  $\langle rightwidth \rangle$  are the lengths of the text lines at the left and right sides of the window;
- for an open left cutout  $\langle leftwidth \rangle$  is ignored and  $\langle rightwidth \rangle$  is the length of the lines to the right of the cutout; and
- for an open right cutout  $\langle rightwidth \rangle$  is ignored and  $\langle leftwidth \rangle$  is the length of the lines at the left of the cutout.

`\pageinwindow`    The macro `\pageinwindow` puts a zero-sized `picture` positioned at the left  
`\windowpagestuff` of the window aligned with the first line of the window (i.e. at the top left of the cutout). The `picture` consists of a `minipage` sized to fit the window. The contents of the `minipage` is `\windowpagestuff`. These two macros may be used to put a graphic or text into the windowed area.

The default definition of `\windowpagestuff` is:

```
\newcommand*\windowpagestuff{}
```

and you can change it as you wish. For instance, I used the following to put some text centrally within the above cutout.

```
\renewcommand*\windowpagestuff{%
  \centering\bfseries
  Text \ \ in \ \ Window \par}
```

You may well need to experiment to get everything adjusted to your satisfaction.

## 2.3 Shaped cutouts

A *shaped cutout* is one where the shape of the window is specified by the user who has to supply the length of the text lines bordering the cutout. Normally there is text on either side of  
the window but \$ it could be open at either the left  
or right side of the para- graph. It is possible to put a logo or some  
text in the window. In this paragraph with a shaped cutout I have used a large \$  
sign as a simple logo.

`shapedcutout`

The `shapedcutout` environment, the body of which must be a single paragraph, enables an arbitrary shaped window to be cut out of the paragraph with the text flowing across the cutout. Use as:

```
\begin{shapedcutout}{\langle numtop \rangle}{\langle numcut \rangle}{\langle shap espec \rangle}
```

where  $\langle numtop \rangle$  is the number of full lines above the window,  $\langle numcut \rangle$  is the number of lines to be cut (giving the height of the window) and  $\langle shap espec \rangle$  is the specification of the length of the lines bordering the cutout.

More precisely  $\langle shap espec \rangle$  is a comma-separated list of the lengths of the text lines bordering the window.

- For a centered cutout one pair of entries are required for each cut line denoting the length of the left and right part of the cut line. There must be exactly  $\langle numcut \rangle$  pairs.
- For example you might do something along the lines of:

```
\newcommand*\mycut{%
  0.1\textwidth, 0.3\textwidth,
  0.2\textwidth, 0.4\textwidth,
  0.3\textwidth, 0.5\textwidth}
\begin{shapedcutout}{2}{3}{\mycut}
...

```

which is what I used to create the shaped cutout above.

- For an open cutout each entry is the text length of a line. There must be exactly  $\langle numcut \rangle$  entries. For instance, given the above definition of `\mycut`

then a call out for an open window would be like:

```
\begin{shapedcutout}{2}{6}{\mycut}
```

`\picinwindow` In a shaped cutout the macro `\picinwindow` is placed at the center of the gap in the first line of the cutout. The default `\picinwindow` is a zero-sized picture whose contents is `\putstuffinpic`.

`\picinwindow` and `\putstuffinpic` are initially defined as

```
\newcommand*\picinwindow{%
  \begin{picture}(0,0)
  \putstuffinpic
  \end{picture}}
\newcommand*\putstuffinpic{}
```

You can change `\putstuffinpic` to place what you want in the picture. For example, to put the large \$ symbol in the shaped cutout paragraph above I used:

```
\renewcommand*\putstuffinpic{%
  \put(0,-8){\makebox(0,0){\Huge\bfseries \$}}
```

You have to adjust the placement to suit your purposes and the shape of the cutout.

### 3 The package code

To try and avoid name clashes, all the internal commands include the string `c@tw`.

#### 3.1 Preliminaries

Announce the name and version of the package, which requires L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 2<sub>ε</sub>.

```

1 (*pkg)
2 \NeedsTeXFormat{LaTeX2e}
3 \ProvidesPackage{cutwin}[2010/09/29 v0.1 cutout windows]
4

```

#### 3.2 General

```

\c@twinlines We need lots of variables. First some counts.
\c@twtoplines 5 \newcount\c@twinlines % window lines
  \c@twcnt    6 \newcount\c@twtoplines % top lines
              7 \newcount\c@twcnt    % a count
              8

\c@twlftside And some lengths.
\c@twrtside  9 \newdimen\c@twlftside % left width
\c@twtopht  10 \newdimen\c@twrtside % right width
\c@twvsilg  11 \newdimen\c@twtopht  % height of top text
              12 \newdimen\c@twvsilg  % Vertical Shift or InterLine Glue
              13

  \c@twtoka And some tokens.
  \c@twtokb 14 \newtoks\c@twtoka    % build of parshape spec
              15 \newtoks\c@twtokb    % build of parshape spec
              16

\c@twrawtext And some boxes.
\c@twholdwin 17 \newbox\c@twrawtext    % text as input
\c@twwindow  18 \newbox\c@twholdwin  % text for window sides
\c@twfinaltext 19 \newbox\c@twwindow    % composed window
  \c@twslicea  20 \newbox\c@twfinaltext % final assembled cutout paragraph
  \c@twliceb   21 \newbox\c@twslicea  % slice A of window text
              22 \newbox\c@twliceb    % slice B of window text
              23

\opencutleft User commands for positioning a cutout; left, right, or center. The default is
\opencutright \opencutcenter. \c@twl@c is the internal representation.
\opencutcenter 24 \newcommand*\opencutleft{\def\c@twl@c{-1}}
  \c@twl@c     25 \newcommand*\opencutright{\def\c@twl@c{1}}
              26 \newcommand*\opencutcenter{\def\c@twl@c{0}}

              27 \opencutcenter
              28

```

`\cutfuzz` An attempt to stop TeX moaning about over/under full h/v boxes.

```
29 \newcommand{\cutfuzz}{\vbadness=50000
30   \hbadness=50000
31 %   \hfuzz=1pt
32   \sloppy}
33
```

`\c@twcalcilg` Calculate the interline glue.

```
34 \newcommand*{\c@twcalcilg}{%
35   \c@twvsilg=\baselineskip
36   \setbox0=\hbox{}
37   \advance\c@twvsilg-\ht0 \advance\c@twvsilg-\dp0}
38
```

### 3.3 Rectangular cutouts

`\pageinwindow` User modifiable macros for putting (`\pageinwindow`), via a zero-sized picture, stuff (`\windowpagestuff`) in a cutout window.

```
39 \newcommand*{\pageinwindow}{%
40   \@tempdimc=\c@twwinlines\baselineskip % cutout height
41   \@tempdimb=\hsize
42   \ifnum\c@twl@c=\m@ne % openleft
43     \advance\@tempdimb -\c@twrtside
44   \else
45     \ifnum\c@twl@c=\@ne % openright
46       \advance\@tempdimb -\c@twlftside
47     \else% center
48       \advance\@tempdimb - \c@twlftside
49       \advance\@tempdimb - \c@twrtside
50     \fi
51   \fi
52   \begin{picture}(0,0)%
53     \put(0,0){%
54       \raisebox{4pt}{%
55 %\fbox{%
56         \begin{minipage}[t][\@tempdimc][c]{\@tempdimb}
57           \windowpagestuff
58         \end{minipage}
59 %}% end fbox
60       }% end raisebox
61     }% end put
62   \end{picture}}
63 \newcommand*{\windowpagestuff}{}
64
```

`cutout` The environment for cutting a rectangular window from a paragraph.

```
\begin{cutout}{\langle numtop \rangle}{\langle leftwidth \rangle}{\langle rightwidth \rangle}{\langle numcut \rangle}
```

where  $\langle numtop \rangle$  is the number of full lines above the window,  $\langle leftwidth \rangle$  and

$\langle rightwidth \rangle$  are the widths of the text at the sides of the window, and  $\langle numcut \rangle$  is the number of lines to be cut (giving the height of the window).

The basic method is to split the paragraph into three parts (a) the top lines above the window, (b) the window lines and (c) the rest (which will be below the window). `\parshape` is used to do the splitting. The top lines are left at their natural length, each line crossing the window is treated as a pair of short lines, and the rest are left at their natural length.

The top lines are put into one box, the windowed ones into another and then there are the remainder. When being boxed, the window lines are combined pairwise to make single lines with space in the middle. Finally, the boxes are output.

```
65 \newenvironment{cutout}[4]{%
66   \cutfuzz
67   \c@twttoplines=#1\relax
68   \c@twwinlines=#4\relax
69   \c@twlftside=#2\relax
70   \c@twrtside=#3\relax
71   \c@twtoka={}%
```

Generate the `\parshape` specification.

```
72   \c@twmakeparspec
```

Reset the arguments and calculate a vertical shift.

```
73   \c@twttoplines=#1\relax
74   \c@twwinlines=#4\relax
75   \c@twcalcshift \vskip-\c@twvsilg
```

Open the `\c@twrawtext` box, call the `\parshape` and start collecting the text to be windowed.

```
76   \setbox\c@twrawtext=\vbox\bgroup
77   \parshape=\c@twcnt \the\c@twtoka%
```

Now the code for the actions at `\end{cutout}`, which starts by ending the `\c@rawtext` box, resetting `\parshape` and calculating the interline glue.

```
78   {\egroup% end \box\c@twrawtext
79   \parshape=0 % reset parshape;
80   \c@twcalcilg % find ILG using current font
```

If there are lines above the window, split them off from `\c@twrawtext` into `\c@twfinaltext`.

```
81   \ifnum\c@twttoplines>\z@
82     \setbox\c@twfinaltext=\vsplit\c@twrawtext to\c@twttoplines\baselineskip
83   \fi
```

Calculate the ‘height’ of the lines that make up the window. If the window is in the center then this is twice the expected height (at this point each final window line is stored as a pair of lines), otherwise it is the expected height based on  $\langle numcut \rangle$ .

```
84   \c@twttopht=\c@twwinlines\baselineskip
85   \ifnum\c@twl@c=\z@ % center
86     \c@twttopht=2\c@twttopht
87   \fi
```

Split the window lines from what is left in the `\c@twwindow` box into box `\c@twholdwin` which will then contain the narrowed text for the window side(s).

```
88 \setbox\c@twholdwin=\vsplit\c@twwindow to\c@twholdwin
```

Now ‘compose’ the window side(s) text (`\c@twholdwin`) into the final set of windowed lines (`\c@twwindow`). The process depends on whether the cutout is at the left, right, or center.

```
89 \ifnum\c@twl@t=\z@% center
90   \c@twcompctr{\c@twholdwin}{\c@twwindow}
91 \else% left or right
92   \c@twcompfltrt{\c@twholdwin}{\c@twwindow}
93 \fi
```

Assemble the various boxes into the final box (`\c@twfinaltext`) to be output.

```
94 \setbox\c@twfinaltext=
95   \vbox{\ifnum\c@twtoplines>\z@\unvbox\c@twfinaltext\vskip\c@twvsilg\fi
96   \unvbox\c@twwindow%
97   \vskip-\c@twvsilg\unvbox\c@twwindow}%
```

We’re done, hand off the paragraph.

```
98 \box\c@twfinaltext}
99
```

`\c@twcompctr` `\c@twcompctr{<linepairbox>}{<composedbox>}` composes a center window box `\c@twfirst` `<linepairbox>` consisting of pairs of short lines into a box `<composedbox>` where the pairs have been assembled into single lines.

`\c@twfirst` is used as a flag for indicating the first line of a cutout.

```
100 \newcommand*{\c@twcompctr}[2]{%
101   \def\c@twfirst{1}
102   \loop\advance\c@twwinlines\m@ne
```

Get a pair of lines and remove skips.

```
103   \setbox\c@twslicea=\vsplit#1 to\baselineskip
104   \setbox\c@twsliceb=\vsplit#1 to\baselineskip
105   \c@twprune{\c@twslicea}{\c@twlftside}%
106   \c@twprune{\c@twsliceb}{\c@twrtside}%
107   \ifnum\c@twfirst=\@ne
```

The first time put the texts into a box at the left and right with `\pageinwindow` at the end of the left text.

```
108     \setbox#2=\vbox{\unvbox#2\hbox
109     to\hsize{\box\c@twslicea\pageinwindow\hfil\box\c@twsliceb}}%
110   \else
```

For further lines just put the texts at the left and right.

```
111     \setbox#2=\vbox{\unvbox#2\hbox
112     to\hsize{\box\c@twslicea\hfil\box\c@twsliceb}}%
113   \fi
114   \def\c@twfirst{2}
115   \ifnum\c@twwinlines>\z@\repeat}
116
```



`\c@twcomplftrt` Compose an open (left or right) sided rectangular window.

```

117 \newcommand*\c@twcomplftrt}[2]{%
118   \def\c@twfirst{1}%
119   \loop\advance\c@twinlines\m@ne
    For an open window we simply deal with one line at a time, not pairs. In other
    respects the code is generally similar to that for \c@twcompctr.
120   \setbox\c@twslicea=\vsplit#1 to\baselineskip
121   \ifnum\c@twl@c=\m@ne%   open left, text at right
122     \c@twprune{\c@twslicea}{\c@twrtside}
123     \ifnum\c@twfirst=\@ne
124       \setbox#2=\vbox{\unvbox#2\hbox
125         to\hsize{\pageinwindow\hfil\box\c@twslicea}}%
126     \else
127       \setbox#2=\vbox{\unvbox#2\hbox
128         to\hsize{\mbox{}}\hfil\box\c@twslicea}}%
129     \fi
130   \def\c@twfirst{2}
131 \else
132   \ifnum\c@twl@c=\@ne% open right, text at left
133     \c@twprune{\c@twslicea}{\c@twlftside}
134     \ifnum\c@twfirst=\@ne\relax
135       \setbox#2=\vbox{\unvbox#2\hbox
136         to\hsize{\box\c@twslicea\pageinwindow}}%
137     \else
138       \setbox#2=\vbox{\unvbox#2\hbox
139         to\hsize{\box\c@twslicea}}%
140     \fi
141   \def\c@twfirst{2}
142 \fi
143 \fi
144 \ifnum\c@twinlines>\z@\repeat}
145

```

`\c@twprune` `\c@twprune{<vbox>}{<width>}` chops off the `\lastskip`. It takes a `<vbox>` containing a single `\hbox`, `\unvboxes` it, cancels the `\lastskip` which can be put at the right of a short `\parshape` line, then puts it in a box width `<width>`.

```

146 \newcommand*\c@twprune}[2]{%
147   \unvbox#1 \setbox#1=\lastbox % \box#1 is now an \hbox
148   \setbox#1=\hbox to#2{\strut\unhbox#1\unskip}}
149

```

`\c@twmakeparspec` Calculate the required `\parshape` spec for a paragraph with a rectangular cutout window.

```

150 \newcommand*\c@twmakeparspec){%
    \c@twcnt is the total number of lines for the \parshape, i.e., the number of the
    top lines plus (twice) the number of window line plus one for the remaining lines.
151   \c@twcnt=\c@twinlines
152   \ifnum\c@twl@c=\z@

```

```

153   \multiply \c@twcnt by \tw@
154   \fi
155   \advance\c@twcnt by \c@twtoplines \advance\c@twcnt by \@ne
    If there are top lines generate a Opt \hsize for each
156   \ifnum\c@twtoplines>\z@
157     \loop\c@twtoka=\expandafter{\the\c@twtoka Opt \hsize}
158     \advance\c@twtoplines -1\relax
159     \ifnum\c@twtoplines>\z@\repeat
160   \fi

    Now do the cutout portion of the spec.
161   \ifnum\c@twl@c=\m@ne % openleft

    For open left calculate the width of the open cutout as \c@twlftside.
162     \c@twlftside=\hsize
163     \advance\c@twlftside -\c@twrtside
164   \fi

    Loop over the windowed lines.
165   \loop\c@twtoka=%
166     \ifnum\c@twl@c=\m@ne % openleft

    For open left generate a \c@twlftside \c@twrtside for each.
167     \expandafter{\the\c@twtoka \c@twlftside \c@twrtside}
168     \else
169     \ifnum\c@twl@c=\@ne % openright

    For open right generate a \Opt c@twlftside for each
170     \expandafter{\the\c@twtoka Opt \c@twlftside}
171     \else %center

    For centered generate Opt \c@twlftside Opt \c@twrtside for each pair.
172     \expandafter{\the\c@twtoka Opt \c@twlftside Opt \c@twrtside}
173     \fi
174   \fi
175   \advance\c@twwinlines \m@ne
176   \ifnum\c@twwinlines>\z@\repeat

    That finishes the cutout portion. For the remaining lines in the paragraph just
    generate a single Opt \hsize.
177   \c@twtoka=\expandafter{\the\c@twtoka Opt \hsize}}
178
\c@twcalcshift Calculate the estimated vertical shift needed for the window. I determined the
values experimentally based on a 10pt font. In may be different for different fonts,
but I hope not.
179 \newcommand*{\c@twcalcshift}{% vertical shift
180   \c@twvsilg=\c@twwinlines\baselineskip
181   \ifnum\c@twtoplines<\@ne
182     \advance\c@twvsilg -0.25\baselineskip
183   \fi

```

```

184 \c@twvsilg=0.5\c@twvsilg
185 \ifnum\c@twl@c=\z@\else
186   \c@twvsilg=0.5\c@twvsilg
187 \fi}
188

```

### 3.4 Shaped cutouts

`\picinwindow` A zero-sized picture, with contents `\putstuffinpic`, which is placed in the center of the first gap in a shaped cutout.

```

189 \newcommand*\picinwindow}{%
190   \begin{picture}(0,0)
191     \putstuffinpic
192   \end{picture}}

```

`\putstuffinpic` Default `\putstuffinpic` is empty.

```

193 \newcommand*\putstuffinpic}{%
194

```

`shapedcutout` A shaped cutout where the user defines the shape.

```

\c@twb \begin{shapedcutout}{\langle numtop \rangle}{\langle numcut \rangle}{\langle shap espec \rangle}

```

where  $\langle numtop \rangle$  is the number of full lines above the window,  $\langle numcut \rangle$  is the number of lines to be cut (giving the height of the window) and  $\langle shap espec \rangle$  is the user's specification of the shape of the surroundings of the cutout. This is in the form of a comma-separated list of either the pairs of widths of the left and right texts of a centered cutout or the widths of the left or right texts of an open cutout.

`\c@twb` holds arg 3 ( $\langle shap espec \rangle$ ), the user's parspec.

The code is very similar to that for the `cutout` environment.

```

195 \newenvironment{shapedcutout}[3]{%
196   \cutfuzz
197   \c@twtoplines=#1\relax
198   \c@twwinlines=#2\relax
199   \edef\c@twb{#3}%      user's parspec

```

Generate the top lines portion of the parspec followed by the cutout portion.

```

200   \c@twmaketopoddspec
201   \c@twbuildoddspec{#3}
202   \c@twtoplines=#1\relax
203   \c@twwinlines=#2\relax
204   \c@twcalshift \vskip-\c@twvsilg
205   \setbox\c@twdrawtext=\vbox\bgroup

```

`\c@twcnt` is the total number of parshape lines; `\c@twtoka` is the spec for the top lines; `\c@twtokb` is the spec for the cutout lines; and `Opt \hsize` is the spec for the remainder of the paragraph.

```

206   \parshape=\c@twcnt \the\c@twtoka \the\c@twtokb Opt \hsize}%

```

The code for the end of the environment, where most of the work is done. It is similar to the code for the end of the `cutout` environment.

```

207 {\egroup
208 \parshape=0
209 \c@twcalcilg
210 \ifnum\c@twtoplines>\z@
211 \setbox\c@twfinaltext=\vsplit\c@twrawtext to\c@twtoplines\baselineskip
212 \fi
213 \c@twtopht=\c@twinlines\baselineskip
214 \ifnum\c@twl@c=\z@ % center
215 \c@twtopht=2\c@twtopht
216 \fi
217 \setbox\c@twholdwin=\vsplit\c@twrawtext to\c@twtopht
218 \ifnum\c@twl@c=\z@% center
219 \c@twcompodctr{\c@twholdwin}{\c@twwindow}
220 \else% open left or right
221 \c@twcompoddlftrt{\c@twholdwin}{\c@twwindow}
222 \fi
223 \setbox\c@twfinaltext=
224 \vbox{\ifnum\c@twtoplines>\z@\unvbox\c@twfinaltext\vskip\c@twvsilg\fi
225 \unvbox\c@twwindow%
226 \vskip-\c@twvsilg\unvbox\c@twrawtext}%
227 \box\c@twfinaltext}
228

```

`\c@twmaketopoddspec` Make up the easy part of the odd `\parshape` specification; total number `\c@twcnt` and the topline spec (`\c@twtoka`).

```

229 \newcommand*\c@twmaketopoddspec}{%
230 \c@twcnt=\c@twinlines
231 \ifnum\c@twl@c=\z@
232 \multiply \c@twcnt by \tw@
233 \fi
234 \advance\c@twcnt by \c@twtoplines \advance\c@twcnt by \@ne
235 %% \c@twcnt is total of topline + 2(window lines) + 1
236 \c@twtoka={}
237 \ifnum\c@twtoplines>\z@
238 \loop\c@twtoka=\expandafter{\the\c@twtoka Opt \hsize}
239 \advance\c@twtoplines -1\relax
240 \ifnum\c@twtoplines>\z@\repeat
241 \fi}
242

```

`\c@twaddtospec` Adds a ‘zero-indented line’ to a `parshape` spec being assembled in `\c@twtokb`.

```

243 \newcommand*\c@twaddtospec}[1]{%
244 \c@twtokb=\c@twxpf{\the\c@twtokb Opt #1 }}

```

`\c@twbuildoddspec` `\c@twbuildoddspec{<commalist>}` builds up the `parshape` spec for the odd cutout lines from the comma-separated list of lengths in `<commalist>`.

`\c@twxpf` is a shorthand for `\expandafter` to try and make the code shorter to read.

`\c@twlspec` `\c@twlspec` is used as a temporary variable when iterating over a comma-separated list.

```

245 \let\c@twxpf\expandafter
246 \newcommand*\c@twbuildoddspec}[1]{%
247   \c@twtokb={ }
248   \@for\c@twlspec:=#1\do{%
249     \c@twxpf\c@twxpf\c@twxpf\c@twaddtospec\c@twxpf{\c@twlspec}}
250

```

`\c@twcompoddctr` Compose the lines of an odd shaped center cutout.

`\c@twrounds` We go through the user's shape list an item at a time but we need to collect pairs of items. The `\c@twrounds` variable is for managing the pairing. `\c@twfirst` is a flag for positioning the `\picinwindow` in the first line of the cutout.

```

251 \newcommand*\c@twcompoddctr}[2]{%
252   \def\c@twrounds{1}
253   \def\c@twfirst{1}
254   \@for\c@twlspec:=\c@twb\do{%
255     \ifnum\c@twrounds=1
256       \setbox\c@twslicea=\vsplit#1 to\baselineskip % first of pair
257       \c@twprune{\c@twslicea}{\c@twlspec}%
258       \def\c@twrounds{2}
259     \else
260       \setbox\c@twliceb=\vsplit#1 to\baselineskip % second of pair
261       \c@twprune{\c@twliceb}{\c@twlspec}%
262       \ifnum\c@twfirst=1
263         \setbox#2=\vbox{\unvbox#2\hbox
264           to\hsize{\box\c@twslicea\hfil\picinwindow\hfil\box\c@twliceb}}%
265         \def\c@twfirst{2}
266       \else
267         \setbox#2=\vbox{\unvbox#2\hbox
268           to\hsize{\box\c@twslicea\hfil\box\c@twliceb}}%
269       \fi
270       \def\c@twrounds{1}
271     \fi}}
272

```

`\c@twcompoddlftrt` Compose the open (left or right) lines of an odd shaped cutout.

```

273 \newcommand*\c@twcompoddlftrt}[2]{%
274   \def\c@twfirst{1}
275   \@for\c@twlspec:=\c@twb\do{%
276     \setbox\c@twlicea=\vsplit#1 to\baselineskip % get a line
277     \c@twprune{\c@twlicea}{\c@twlspec}%
278     \ifnum\c@twl@c=\m@ne% open left, text at right
279       \ifnum\c@twfirst=1
280         \setbox#2=\vbox{\unvbox#2\hbox
281           to\hsize{\mbox{}}\hfil\picinwindow\hfil\box\c@twlicea}}%
282       \def\c@twfirst{2}
283     \else
284       \setbox#2=\vbox{\unvbox#2\hbox

```

```

285     to\hsize{\mbox{}}\hfil\box\c@twslicea}}%
286     \fi
287   \else
288     \ifnum\c@twl@c=\@ne% open right, text at left
289     \ifnum\c@twfirst=1
290     \setbox#2=\vbox{\unvbox#2\hbox
291     to\hsize{\box\c@twslicea}\hfil\picinwindow\hfil}}%
292     \def\c@twfirst{2}
293   \else
294     \setbox#2=\vbox{\unvbox#2\hbox
295     to\hsize{\box\c@twslicea}\hfil}}%
296   \fi
297 \fi
298 \fi}}
299

```

The end of this package.

```
300 </pkg>
```

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