What is claimed:

1. A collapsible bottle comprising:

a base;

a neck that defines an opening;

a front wall;

a rear wall;

left and right side walls, each of the left and right side walls comprising

a rounded shoulder region that transitions to the neck,

a lower transition region that transitions into the base, and

a central region positioned between the rounded shoulder region and the lower transition region, the central region comprising a first panel and a second panel, the first and second panels being divided by a substantially vertical central hinge,

the first panel being divided from the front wall by a front hinge, and

the second panel being divided from the rear wall by a rear hinge;

wherein, when pressure is placed on the front and rear walls of the bottle, the front hinge line flexes inward, the rear hinge line flexes inward, and the central hinge flexes outward, such that the front and rear walls collapse toward one another with the central hinge being pushed outward away from the front and rear walls;

wherein the first panel is angled inward from the central hinge toward the front hinge and the second panel is angled inward from the central hinge toward the rear hinge; and

wherein the angle formed between the first and second panels by the central hinge is between about 140 degrees and about 175 degrees.

2. The collapsible bottle of claim 1, wherein the angle formed between the first and second panels by the central hinge is between about 150 degrees and about 170 degrees.

3. The collapsible bottle of claim 1, wherein the center hinge fades toward the top of the central region such that each of the left and right side walls has a curved cross-section adjacent the rounded shoulder region.

4. The collapsible bottle of claim 1, wherein each of the front hinge and the rear hinge comprises an outward-projecting rib.

5. The collapsible bottle of claim 4, wherein the rib of the front hinge comprises an apex, a convex portion that transitions from the apex into the front wall, and a concave portion that transitions from the apex into the first panel; and

the rib of the rear hinge comprises an apex, a convex portion that transitions from the apex into the rear wall, and a concave portion that transitions from the apex into the second panel.

6. The collapsible bottle of claim 5, wherein each of the front and rear hinges has

(a) an outer curvature between about 135 degrees and about 165 degrees;

(b) an inner curvature between about 140 degrees and about 180 degrees; or

(c) both a and b.

7. The collapsible bottle of claim 5, wherein the central, front, and rear hinges each fades toward the top of the central region such that each of the left and right side walls has a continuously curved cross-section adjacent the rounded shoulder region.

8. The collapsible bottle of claim 1, wherein each of the front and rear walls has an upper arched region.

9. The collapsible bottle of claim 1, wherein the bottle comprises a hanging element configured for the bottle to be suspended in an upside-down orientation.

10. The collapsible bottle of claim 9, wherein the hanging element comprises a tab having a hanging aperture.

11. The collapsible bottle of claim 10, wherein the tab is positioned in an access channel that spans between the front and rear wall.

12. The collapsible bottle of claim 11, wherein the access channel extends upward from the base, dividing the base of the bottle into independent right and left portions, wherein the upper edge of the tab, the right edge of the tab, and the left edge of the tab are each integrally connected with a surface that defines the access opening.

13. The collapsible bottle of claim 12, wherein a lower edge of the tab is positioned upward of a standing surface of the base.

14. The collapsible bottle of claim 12, wherein the access channel has a first width at the front and rear walls and a second width at the tab, the first width being greater than the second width.

15. The collapsible bottle of claim 14, wherein the first width is at between 120% and 150% greater than the second width.

16. The collapsible bottle of claim 1, wherein the bottle has a tilt angle of at least 12 degrees.

17. The collapsible bottle of claim 1, wherein the base of the bottle does not deform during the collapse.

18. A collapsible bottle comprising:

a base;

a neck that defines an opening;

a front wall;

a rear wall;

left and right side walls, each of the left and right side walls comprising

a rounded shoulder region that transitions to the neck,

a lower transition region that transitions into the base, and

a central region positioned between the rounded shoulder region and the lower transition region, the central region comprising a first panel and a second panel, the first and second panels being divided by a substantially vertical central hinge,

the first panel being divided from the front wall by a front hinge, and

the second panel being divided from the rear wall by a rear hinge;

wherein, when pressure is placed on the front and rear walls of the bottle, the front hinge line flexes inward, the rear hinge line flexes inward, and the central hinge flexes outward, such that the front and rear walls collapse toward one another with the central hinge being pushed outward away from the front and rear walls;

wherein the first panel is angled inward from the central hinge toward the front hinge and the second panel is angled inward from the central hinge toward the rear hinge; and

wherein each of the front hinge and the rear hinge comprises an outward-projecting rib.

19. The collapsible bottle of claim 18, wherein the rib of the front hinge comprises an apex, a convex portion that transitions from the apex into the front wall, and a concave portion that transitions from the apex into the first panel; and

the rib of the rear hinge comprises an apex, a convex portion that transitions from the apex into the rear wall, and a concave portion that transitions from the apex into the second panel.

20. The collapsible bottle of claim 19, wherein each of the front and rear hinges has

(a) an outer curvature between about 135 degrees and about 165 degrees;

(b) an inner curvature between about 140 degrees and about 180 degrees; or

(c) both a and b.

21. The collapsible bottle of claim 19, wherein the central, front, and rear hinges each fades toward the top of the central region such that each of the left and right side walls has a continuously curved cross-section adjacent the rounded shoulder region.

22. The collapsible bottle of claim 18, wherein the center hinge fades toward the top of the central region such that each of the left and right side walls has a curved cross-section adjacent the rounded shoulder region.

23. The collapsible bottle of claim 18, wherein each of the front and rear walls has an upper arched region.

24. The collapsible bottle of claim 18, wherein the bottle comprises a hanging element configured for the bottle to be suspended in an upside-down orientation.

25. The collapsible bottle of claim 24, wherein the hanging element comprises a tab having a hanging aperture.

26. The collapsible bottle of claim 25, wherein the tab is positioned in an access channel that spans between the front and rear wall.

27. The collapsible bottle of claim 26, wherein the access channel extends upward from the base, dividing the base of the bottle into independent right and left portions, wherein the upper edge of the tab, the right edge of the tab, and the left edge of the tab are each integrally connected with a surface that defines the access opening.

28. The collapsible bottle of claim 27, wherein a lower edge of the tab is positioned upward of a standing surface of the base.

29. The collapsible bottle of claim 27, wherein the access channel has a first width at the front and rear walls and a second width at the tab, the first width being greater than the second width.

30. The collapsible bottle of claim 29, wherein the first width is between 120% and 150% greater than the second width.

31. The collapsible bottle of claim 18, wherein the bottle has a tilt angle of at least 12 degrees.

32. The collapsible bottle of claim 18, wherein the base of the bottle does not deform during the collapse.

33. A collapsible bottle comprising:

a base;

a neck that defines an opening;

a front wall;

a rear wall;

left and right side walls, each of the left and right side walls comprising

a rounded shoulder region that transitions to the neck,

a lower transition region that transitions into the base, and

a central region positioned between the rounded shoulder region and the lower transition region, the central region comprising a first panel and a second panel, the first and second panels being divided by a substantially vertical central hinge,

the first panel being divided from the front wall by a front hinge, and

the second panel being divided from the rear wall by a rear hinge;

wherein, when pressure is placed on the front and rear walls of the bottle, the front hinge line flexes inward, the rear hinge line flexes inward, and the central hinge flexes outward, such that the front and rear walls collapse toward one another with the central hinge being pushed outward away from the front and rear walls;

wherein the bottle comprises a hanging element configured for the bottle to be suspended in an upside-down orientation;

wherein the hanging element comprises a tab having a hanging aperture; and

wherein the tab is positioned in an access channel that spans between the front and rear wall.

34. The collapsible bottle of claim 33, wherein the access channel extends upward from the base, dividing the base of the bottle into independent right and left portions, wherein the upper edge of the tab, the right edge of the tab, and the left edge of the tab are each integrally connected with a surface that defines the access opening.

35. The collapsible bottle of claim 34, wherein a lower edge of the tab is positioned upward of a standing surface of the base.

36. The collapsible bottle of claim 34, wherein the access channel has a first width at the front and rear walls and a second width at the tab, the first width being greater than the second width.

37. The collapsible bottle of claim 36, wherein the first width is between 120% and 150% greater than the second width.

38. The collapsible bottle of claim 33, wherein the base of the bottle does not deform during the collapse.