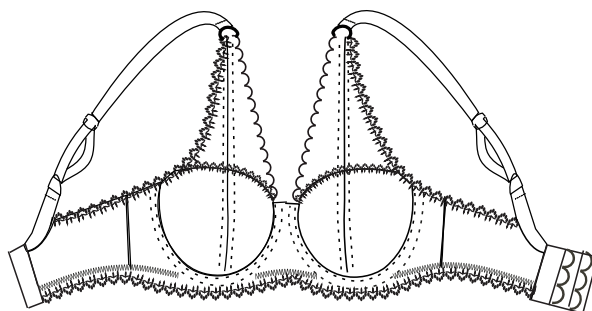


Olivia Bra-lette



Olivia Bra-lette is a pattern based on our two previous bra patterns – Angie’s twin & Jessica’s Twin. The difference is that we have moved the seam a little inwards and the outer cup creates an illusion of a bralette but with wires, which makes it suitable for wearers with a larger bust who wants the look of a bralette but keep the feeling of support.

The pattern is designed for a non-stretch fabric in the inner cups, such as sheer cup lining, non-stretch lace, lingerie satin or fabrics like duoplex and the outer cup for stretch lace or lace with some stretch in it.

In this pattern we use elastics with different width and hook & eyes regarding size. Bra Strap elastic 15 mm is suitable for cup A-C and 18/20 mm for cups D-I:

Cup A-C

Bra Elastic 12 mm

Bra Elastic 10 mm

Hook & Eye 2x3

Cup D-I

Bra Elastic 18 mm

Bra Elastic 12 mm

Hook & Eye 3x3

What size shall I choose?

Wear your best fitted Bra to be measured in. If you measure yourself, be sure to hold the tape level and not twisted.

To determine your size for this pattern, you need two measurements. Measure right **under the bust**, pulling the tape snug against the skin but not tight. The closest even number to this measurement is your band size. If you measure 34” on the under bust, you take a 34” band size. If you measure 35” on the under bust and you normally use 36”. Keep in mind that you probably get a better fit if you use centimeters.

Now measure over the fullest part of the bust, again do not pull the tape snug, just tight enough to keep it from sliding down. This gives you the **full bust** measurement.

Subtract the **under bust** from the **full bust** measurements to determine the cup size. The difference in inches is the cup size, with 4”=A, 5”=B and 6”=C. If the bra size you get here is different from your current bra size (and that bra fits you), you may wish to make your current size and adjust the size up or down if you need to.

If you have one breast larger than the other (and that is not unusual) make the cups in the larger size and custom fit the cup and remark a second cup pattern to reflect the difference. Label them and cut each one separately.

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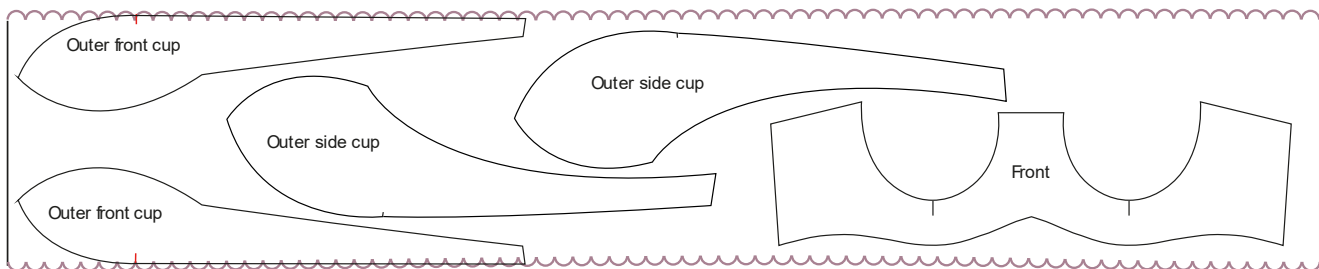
REPARATION

Trace you pattern size carefully on a piece of tracing paper, don't forget to mark all the notches. Check the fabric before laying out the pattern for cutting. Check which direction has the greatest amount of stretch – **Greatest stretch**. Mark the direction with a wash-out marker on the fabric. If you cut the fabric with the stretch going in the opposite direction, the bra will not fit. Be precis ☺ In the back of the instructions you find how to add the bra strap attachment you have on your pattern.

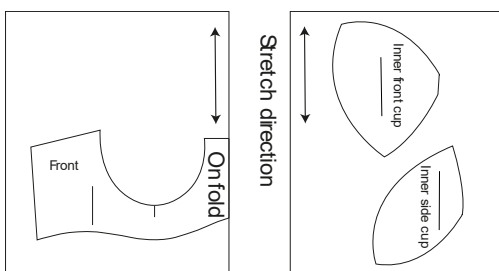
CUTTING LAYOUTS

Place your pattern pieces according to the stretch lines on the pieces, se picture.

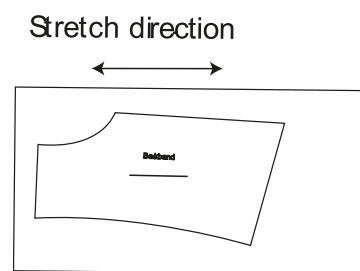
Outer cup & front - Lace



Inner cup & front – fabric



Backband fabric like Power net



Suggestion for wire

Kup storlek/Cup Size									
Band Size	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
70	30R	32R	34R	36R	38R	40L	42L	44L	46L
75	32R	34R	36R	38R	40L	42L	44L	46L	48L
80	34R	36R	38R	40L	42L	44L	46L	48L	50L
85	36R	38R	40L	42L	44L	46L	48L	50L	52EL
90	38R	40L	42L	44L	46L	48L	50L	52EL	54EL
95	40L	42L	44L	46L	48L	50L	52EL	54EL	56EL
100	42L	44L	46L	48L	50L	52EL	54EL	56EL	58SL
105	44L	46L	48L	50L	52EL	54EL	56EL	58SL	60SL

WHAT DO I NEED?

0,30 x 0,50 m Power net for the backband

0,70 x 0,75 m Lingerie Satin, SheerCupLining or lace(wide)

2,5-3 m Stretch or rigid lace (not if you use fullwidth lace)

1 m Bra elastic 12 mm or 18 mm, depending on size (see page 3)

1,20 m Bra elastic 10 mm or 12 mm, depending on size (see page 3)

1 m Channeling

1 m Neckline elastic trims 14 mm

– none if you use the scallops on the lace

0,60 m transparent elastic

– if you use the scallops on the lace

1,10 m Bra Strap elastic 16 mm

1 set of Ring & Slider

1 hook & eye 2x3

1 pair of underwires in your size

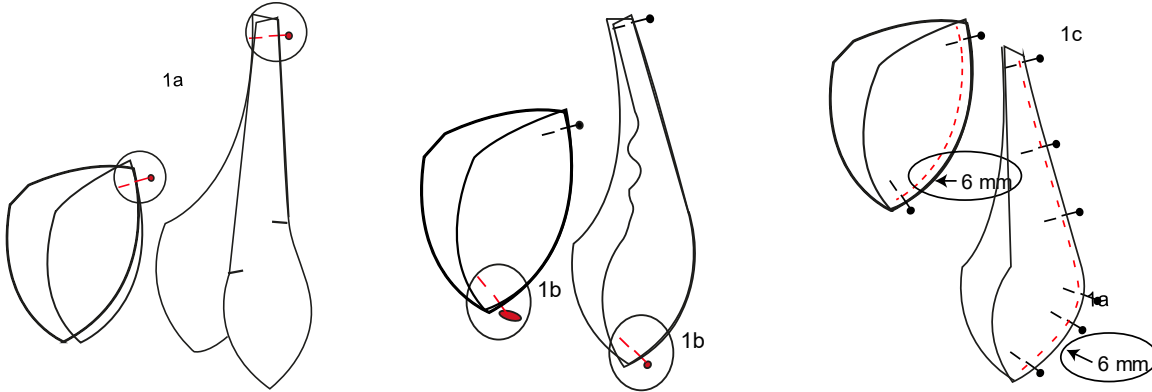
GENERAL SEWING GUIDELINES

All seam allowances are $\frac{1}{4}$ " (6 mm) and are already included on the pattern pieces.

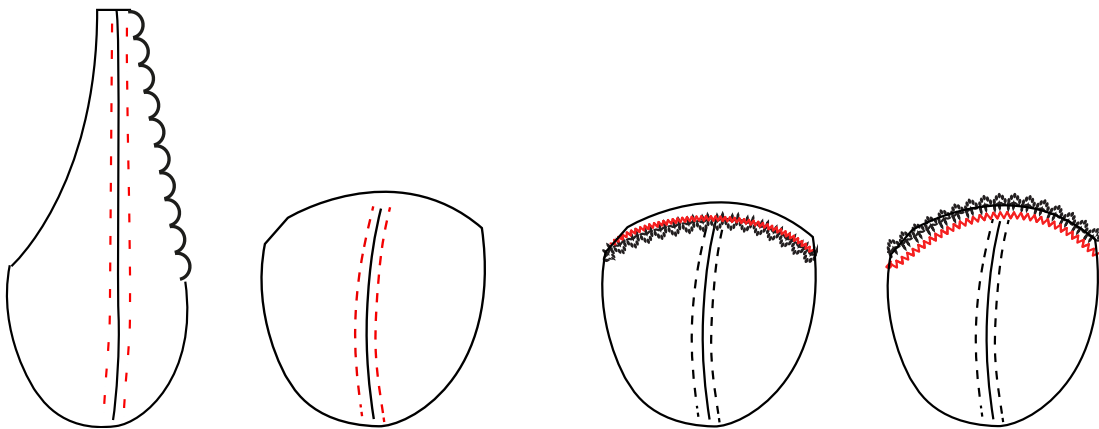
All fabric to fabric seams are sewn with straight stitch, length of 2.5 mm. All picot-edge band elastics are sewn first with a zig zag stitch with a width and length of 1.5 mm. The other edge of the elastic is sewn with three-step zig-zag at a setting of 5 mm wide and length 1.5 mm long. When the fabric is pulled with elastic sewn in place, the stitching should not break.

SEWING INSTRUCTIONS

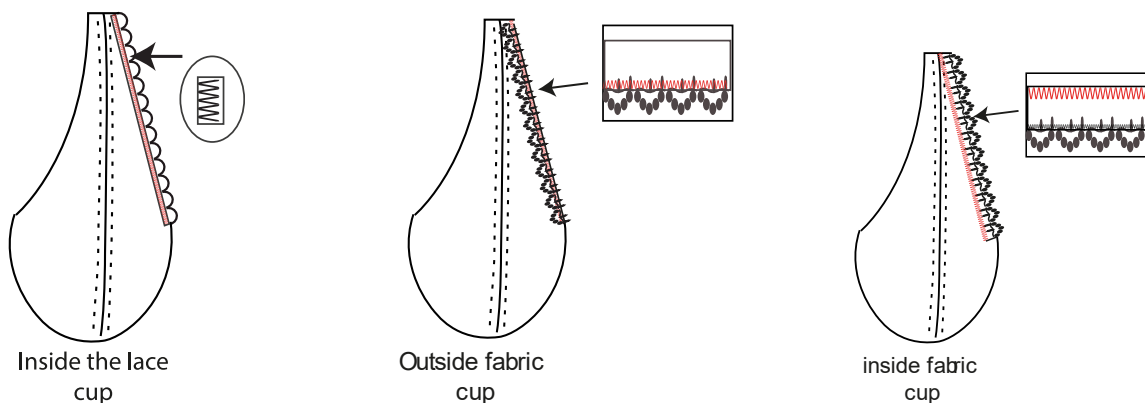
1. Pin cup piece of inner cup edge to edge in the neckline (1a) and in the bottom (1b) and sew together. Use straight stitch 2.5 mm length and exact $\frac{1}{4}$ " (6 mm) seam allowance. If you have a $\frac{1}{4}$ " (6 mm) foot, it would be most helpful with these seams. Do the same with the lace cup (outer cup)



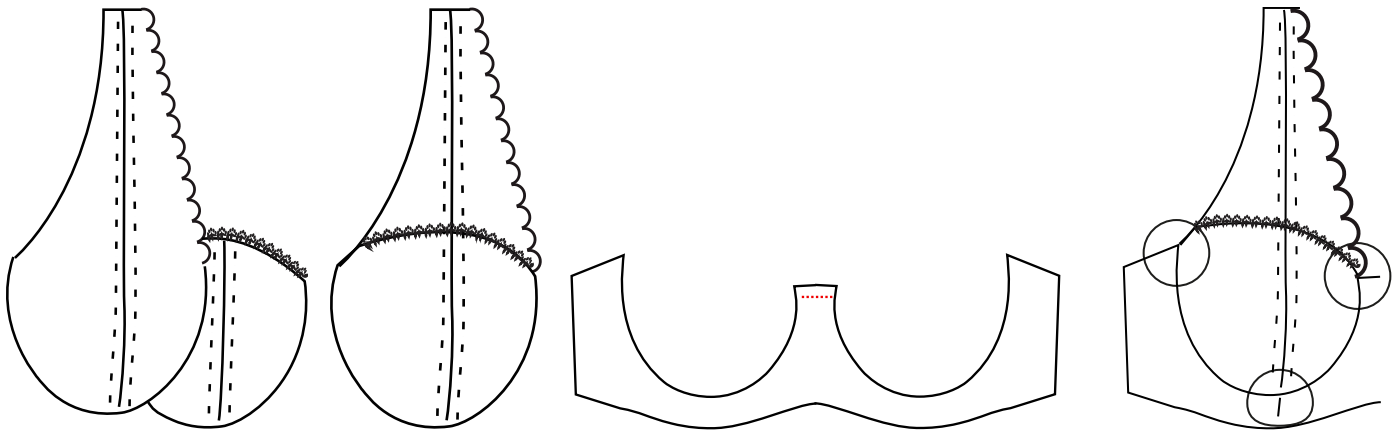
2. Topstitch on both sides of seamline using a straight stitch (3,0-3,2 mm long) close up to the stitching. Trim excess seam allowance. Attach the decorative elastic to the inner cups right side, picots facing down, with a small zig-zag, trim excess seam allowance and fold the elastic over to the inside and sew the elastic on the opposite side with a wider zig-zag.



3. In the outer lace cup attach a transparent elastic on the inside, near loops in the front, use a wider zig-zag to hold it in place. This helps the cup from stretch to much when moving. If using fabric in the outer cup, attach the decorative elastic to the cups front from the right side, picots facing the middle seam, with a small zig-zag, trim excess seam allowance and fold the elastic over to the inside and sew the elastic on the opposite side with a wider zig-zag.

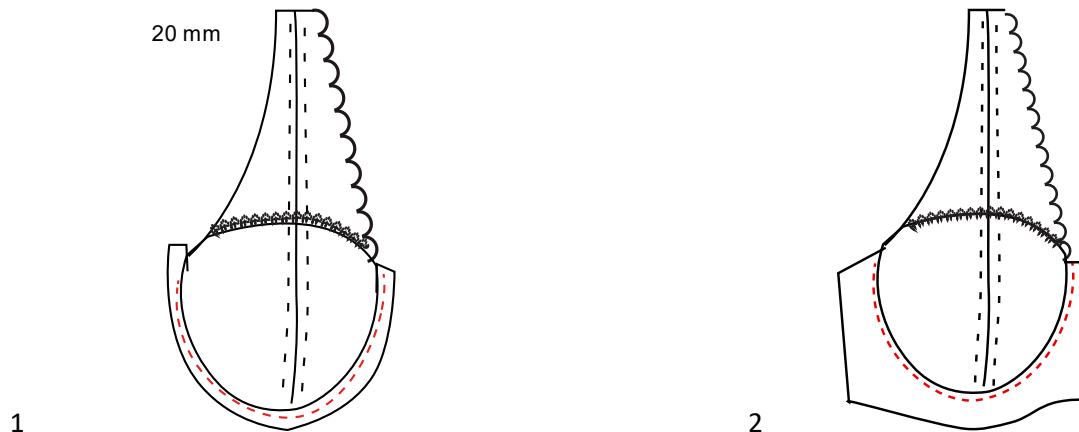


4. Pin the inner cup and the lace (outer) cup with the inner cups right side to the lace cups inside so they match in the arm curve. Sew down 6 mm in the center front of the front band. Then pin the cups as one in the front according to the last picture and stitch into place with straight stitch and $\frac{1}{4}$ " (6 mm) seams. Do not topstitch the seam as it will be covered with channeling later

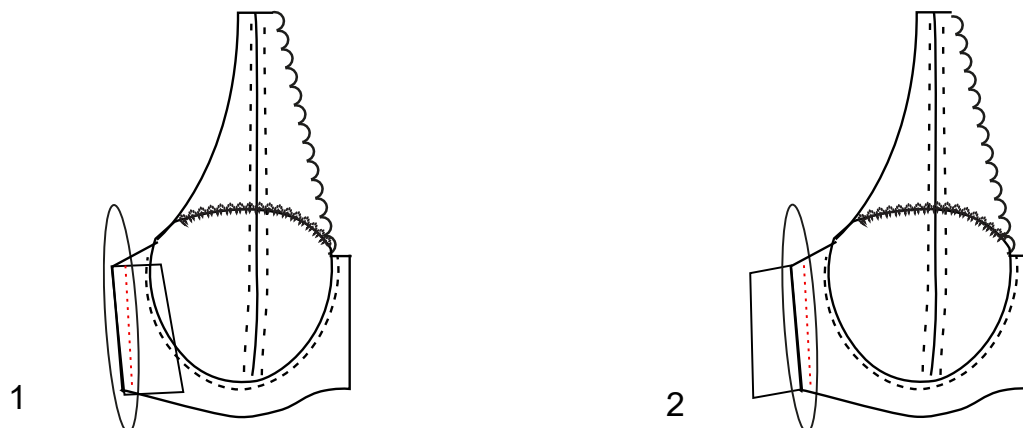


5. (1) Lay your bra with the wrong side of the cup facing up, then fold the band and the bridge under the cup to expose the seam allowance. Place the channeling on the seam allowance so you just see the cup seam and sew straight stitches on the channeling close to the seamline, starting from the top in the center front and stop sewing about 20 mm from the underarm edge. Pictures shows inside the cup and the channeling.

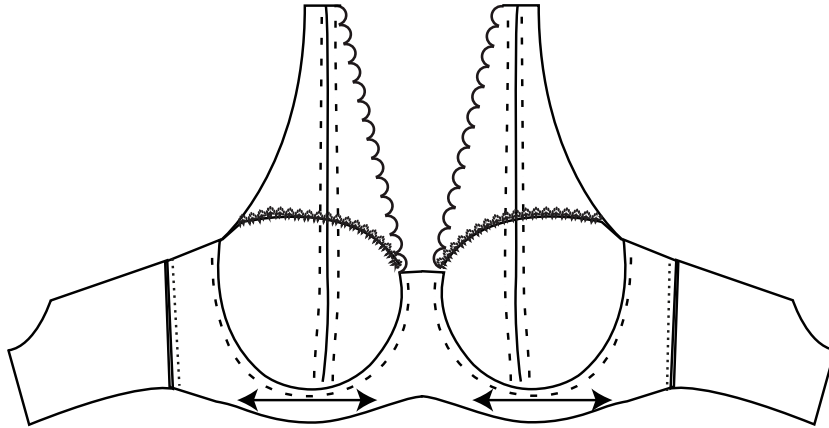
(2) Turn the channeling towards the band side of the bra, so it doesn't take space from the bra cup. Edge-stitch close to the seamline from the **right** side. Pull the fabric on each side of the seam so no pleats form



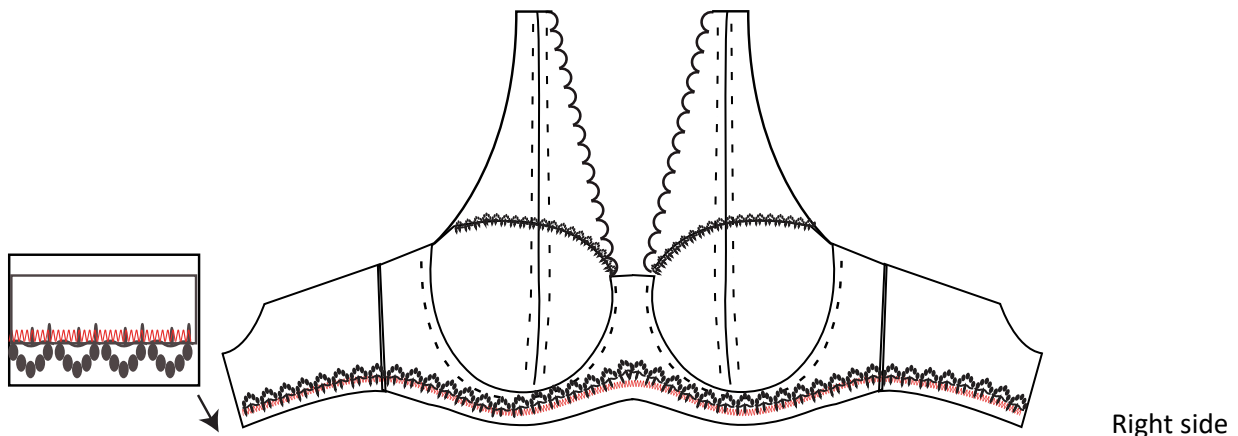
6. Pin the backband together with the front and sew them together with straight stitches and $\frac{1}{4}$ " (6 mm) seam allowance. Fold the seam allowance forward to the front and sew one or two topstitches over the seam allowance.



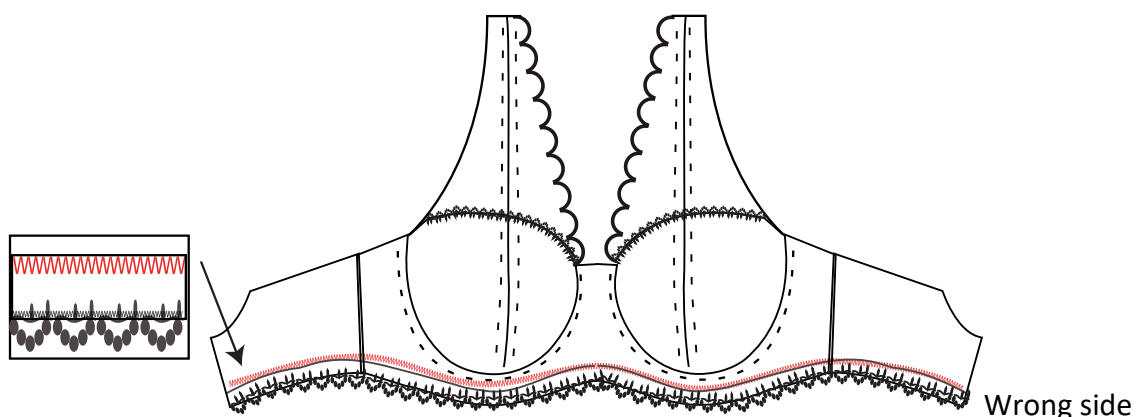
7. The elastic will be sewed on by using zig-zag stitches. Measure along the bottom edge and cut $\frac{1}{2}$ " (12 mm) or $\frac{3}{4}$ " (18 mm) elastic (depending what size you are making) i the same length as the band. Pull the elastic a bit just under the cups.



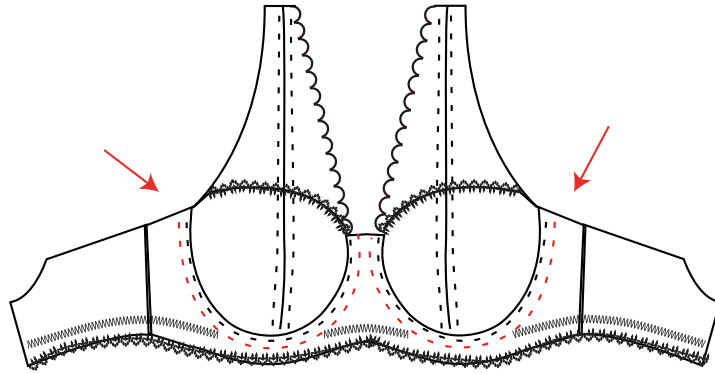
8. Put the elastic on the right side of the band, with the soft side of the elastic facing up & picots facing up against the bra cups. Use a small sig-zag (1.5 mm wide and 1.5 mm long) and sew close to the picots without pulling the elastic, until just before the bra cups. When you sew under the bra cup (marked with a arrow on the picture above), pull the elastic about $\frac{1}{2}$ " (12 mm), that makes the area to "bow" a bit when you are finished. When you sew this you have to make sure the seam allowance from the cups isn't in the way and get couth up in the seam. When you get close to the center front you stop pulling the elastic. Continue over to the last part of the bra.



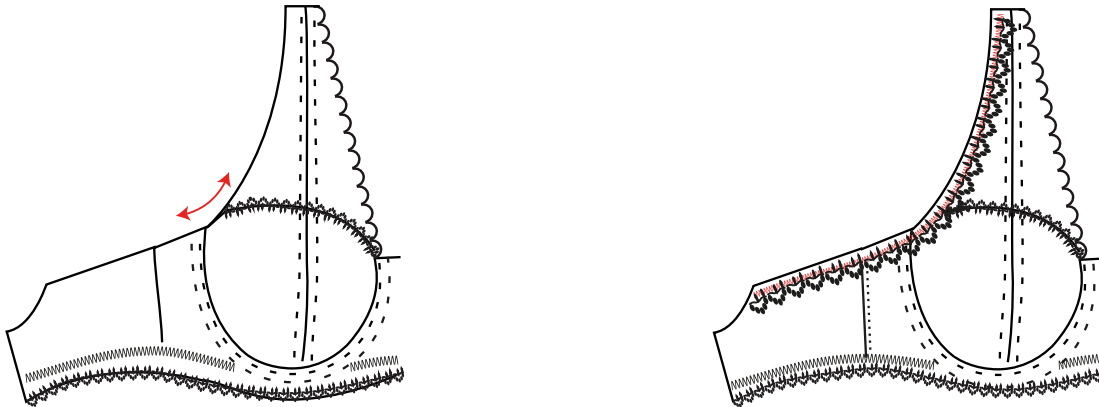
9. Turn the elastic to the inside and trim the elastic under the cup seam so it fits under the channeling and stitch the opposite (not sewed) edge of the elastic with a 3-step zig-zag. The bottom band is now finished.



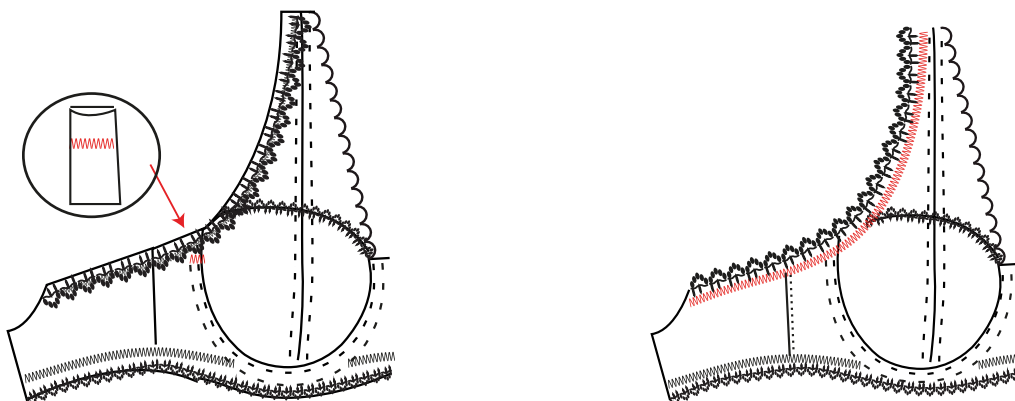
10. Topstitch for a second time parallel to the first line of channel topstitching. Check the inside of the bra to make sure the topstitching is still wide enough all around the curve to fit the wire.



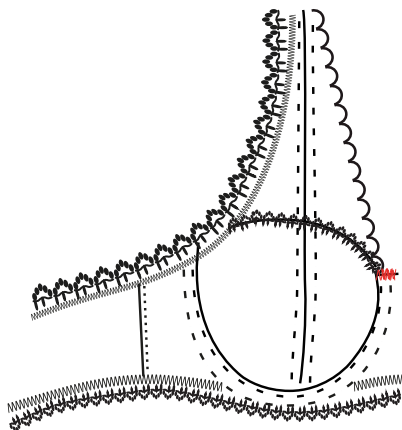
11. Sew 10 or 12 mm elastic under the arms the same way as you did with the bottom band elastic, step 8. Pull the elastic 15-25 mm shorter in the armhole area only. Fold the channeling out of the way while stitching. The channeling is not a part of this



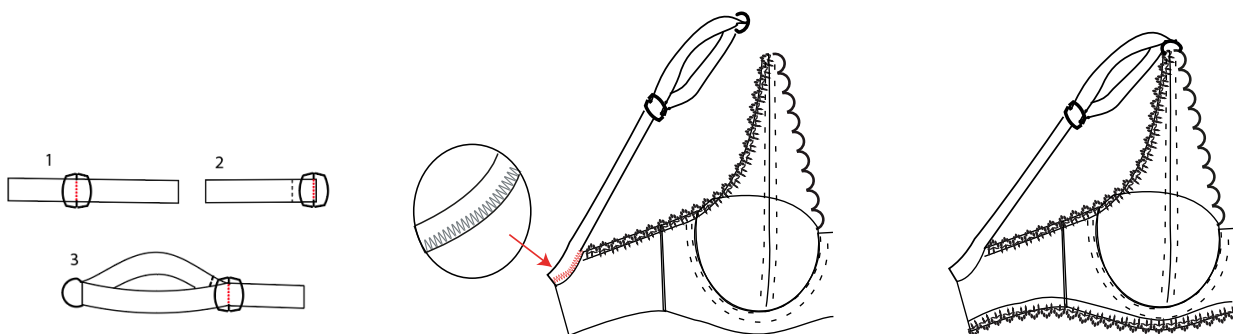
12. Close the channeling with a small zig-zag (in the armhole) just below the picots of the elastic, cut the channeling close to the stitches. Turn the elastic over and use 3-step zig-zag or a wider zig-zag to finish the un-sewn edge of the elastic, step 9. Wire come in from the front.



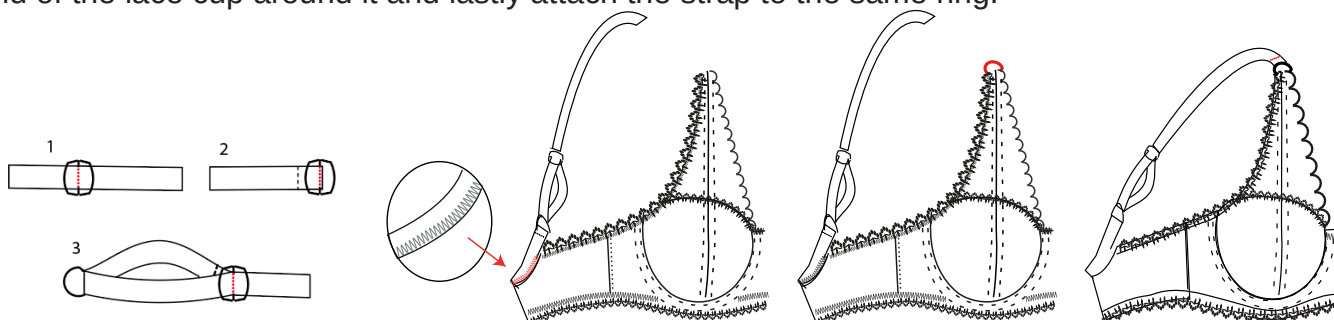
13. Add the wire in the front with the un-coloured end first. The channeling has a channel where the wire is going in to and **not** between the Bra and the channeling, close the channeling under the picots of the elastic and cut clean.



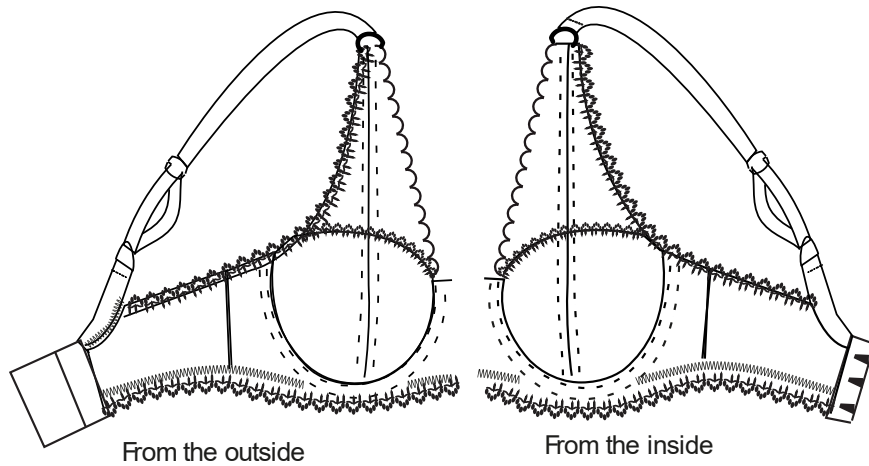
14A. Add **adjusters** to the strap elastic as follows: (1) push strap elastic up through and over the center bar of the slider so it looks like a belt buckle. (2) Fold it back on itself and stitch in place securely. (3) Feed the loose end of the elastic through the **ring** and then back up through and over the slider one more time. Lay the strap assembly flat along the strap curve at the center back. Stitch on the *inside* edge with small zig-zag 1.5 mm wide, 2.0 mm long. Turn the corner at the top and stitch down the center line of the strap as indicated by the arrow. Trim the seam allowance of fabric from under the strap and then – sew the lace cup around the of the strap ring.



14B This way will need a pair of extra rings - Add **adjusters** to the strap elastic as follows: (1) push strap elastic up through and over the center bar of the slider so it looks like a belt buckle. (2) Fold it back on itself and stitch in place securely. (3) Feed the loose end of the elastic through the **ring** and then back up through and over the slider one more time. Lay the strap assembly flat along the strap curve at the center back. Stitch on the *inside* edge with small zig-zag 1.5 mm wide, 2.0 mm long. Turn the corner at the top and stitch down the center line of the strap as indicated by the arrow. Trim the seam allowance of fabric from under the strap, cut the strap about 3 cm above the back band edge and sew it around the shoulder strap ring. Then take the extra ring and sew the end of the lace cup around it and lastly attach the strap to the same ring.



15. Encase center backs of bra with hook and eye tape, with the eye tape going on the left side of the bra and the hook tape on the right as shown. Since the hook faces in, the metal parts can damage your machine bed. Keep the hooks facing up as you sew, use a zig-zag or straight stitches.



16. Finish with a bow or a pearl.

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