

Firebrand Revolutionary Bras

Jet Set Sewing Instructions

1. Start by sewing the lining. Use 1cm seam allowance. Sew top cup to bottom cup, right sides together and matching apexes.
2. Clip 1 cm into the angle at bottom of lower cup.
3. Sew underband to bottom of lower cup, stopping at circle.
4. Sew two halves together at center front, stopping at circle.
5. Hint: Measure the band length of your favorite RTW bra to find out how long you will need to make the band. Cut a bigger wing than you think you'll need. This will allow for you to choose what kind of back closure you will want to use. Attach wings, starting from the bottom up. There will be a "tail" of overhang on the top. If you are using a hook and eye closure, you will need to put elastic in the underarm seam.
6. Press open all seams, and press inward the seam allowance along bottom band. Here you may topstitch or clip seam allowance. Your choice.
7. Attach at least 2"/5 cm cm of 1" elastic to center front between underband points.
8. Measure entire length of bra band and determine how much length you want to take out. This will depend on whether you are using a traditional hook and eye closure or a French back (doubled over elastic with a G hook or hook and eye).
9. Repeat steps 1-6 with your choice of fashion fabric. Bra foam may be added here. To add bra foam, cut foam using pattern pieces but omit seam allowance. Tack foam to lining before inserting lining into bra.
10. Make straps. You can use strap elastic or self fabric. Attach straps to the back of the bra on the wings.
11. Join lining to fashion fabric by stitching lining to fashion fabric along the neckline seam, right sides together.
12. Sew lining and fashion fabric together at the bottom seam by topstitching or hand stitching.
13. Attach back closure of your choice.
14. Attach rings to top cups and attach straps to front rings.

You're done!