



DOLLYS TOP

Style 2001 | Sizes - X-small - X-large | Level: Beginner

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GARMENT DETAILS

Misses' bikini top: Slide triangle top ties at neck and back and has removable swim cups. Fully lined.

SUGGESTED FABRICS: Garment Fabric: Swimwear fabric with Spandex, 4-way stretch fabric with 50% stretch or more. Lining: Swimsuit Lining, lightweight poly blend with 4-way stretch. You can also use swimwear fabric as lining.

SEAM ALLOWANCE: Pattern includes 3/8" and 5/8" seam allowances.

FABRIC REQUIRED: 58" or 60" (150 cm) Wide: 3/8 yards (3/8 meters) of swimwear fabric, 3/8 yards (3/8 meters) of lining fabric. If you are lining with the same swimwear fabric: 3/4 yards (3/4 meters) of fabric.

NOTIONS: Bikini Top: 1 1/8 yards (1 ¼ meters) of 3/8" elastic, thread, 1 pair swim cups (optional), 4 Cord ends (optional).

PREPARATION

SIZE CHART – BRA CUP SIZE					
SIZE	XS	S	M	L	XL
BRA CUP SIZE	AA	A	B	C	D

PRINT pattern according to the instructions included in the **Print Instructions** File

FIND your size on the chart: Select your size. Please note that for this pattern, since neck and back are adjustable, you only need your bra cup size (AA, A, B, C, or D).

TECHNIQUES INVOLVED: Sewing with spandex fabrics, sewing elastics, making and turning spaghetti straps and sewing straight seams.



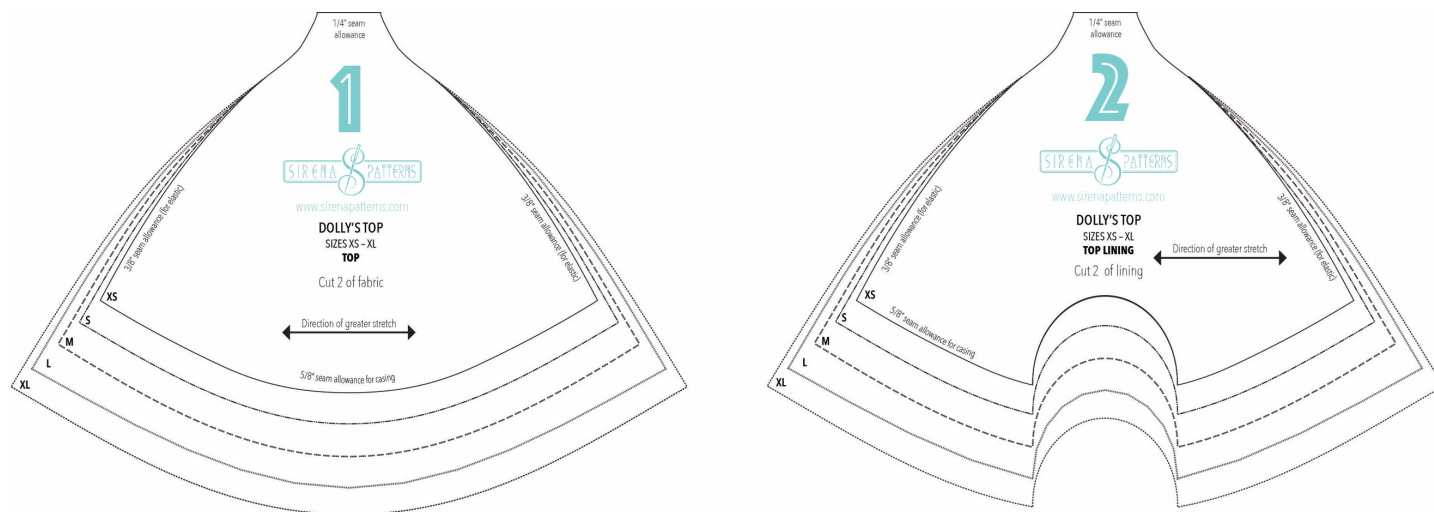
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READ all the pattern sewing instructions completely.

GATHER your supplies. Fabric, lining fabric, thread, elastic, swimwear cups (optional) and cord ends (optional). Make sure you have the tools needed: ball point sewing machine needles, sewing machine with zig zag stitch, overlock sewing machine (optional), paper scissors, fabric scissors, seam ripper, ruler, etc. [Click here](#) to see my recommended products list (affiliate links). You can also use supplies you already have or purchase them in your favorite crafts store.

PATTERN PIECES

DOLLYS TOP PIECES



1. Top
2. Top lining
3. Neck Straps
4. Back Strap
5. Elastic Guide

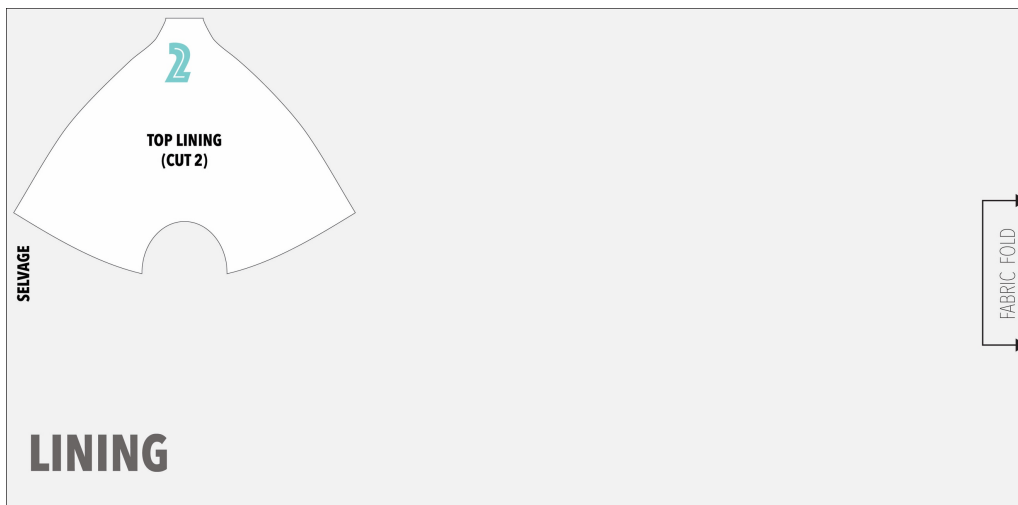
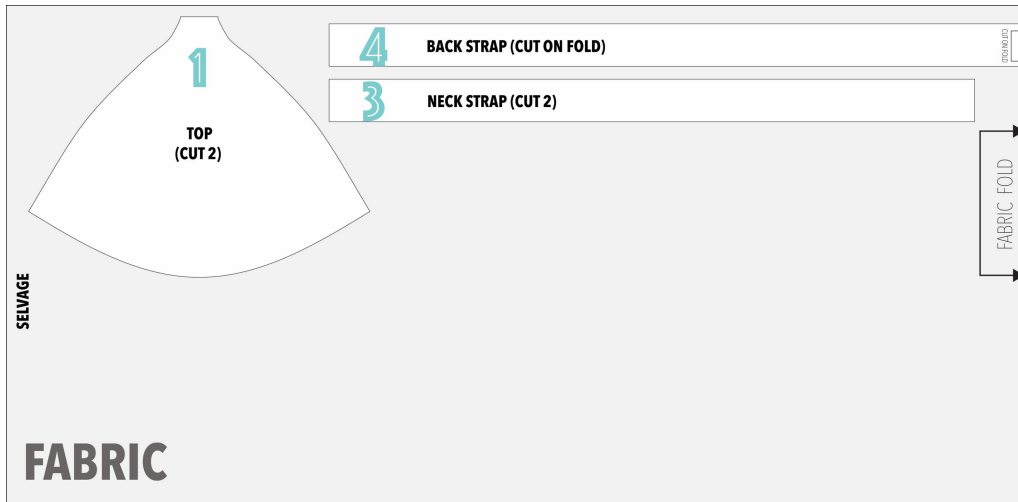


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CUTTING LAYOUT

For 58" / 60" (150 cm) fabric. All sizes.

Lay out the pattern pieces on your fabric according to the cutting layout diagram. Cut each piece making sure to transfer all pattern markings to your fabric as well.



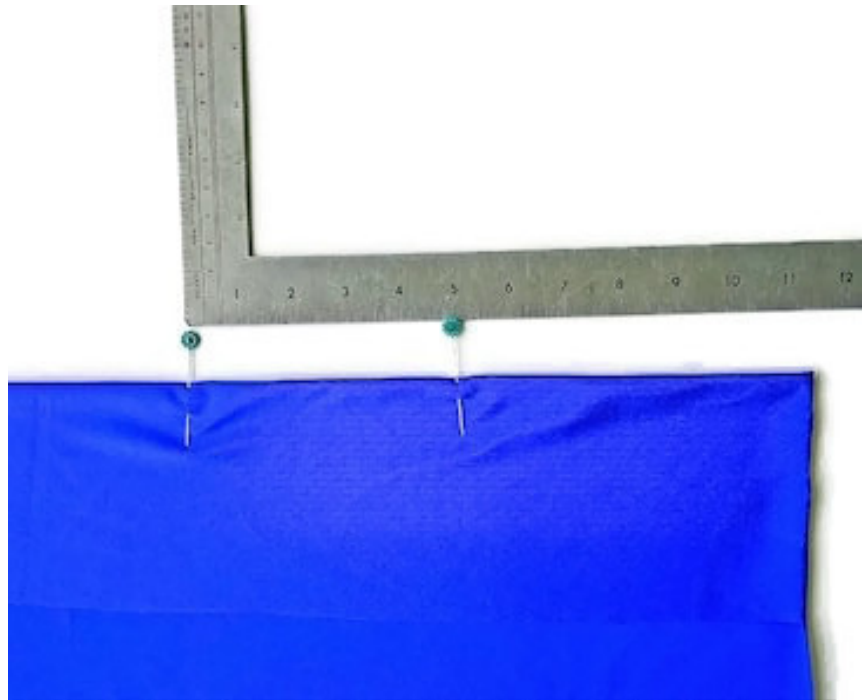
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SEWING WITH KNITS

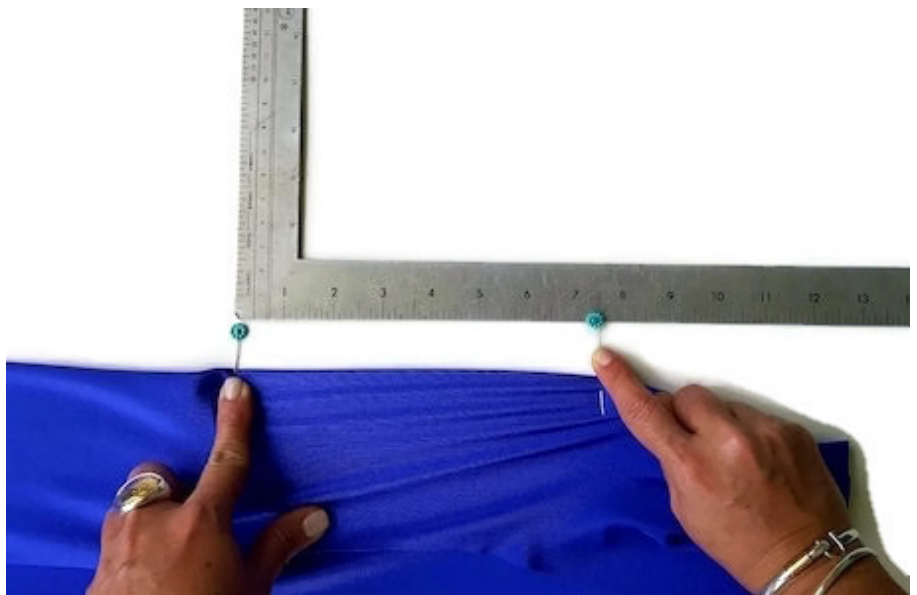
TESTING YOUR FABRIC'S STRETCH

If you are only using a regular sewing machine go to <http://www.sirenapatterns.com/blog> where I have several tutorials on how to sew spandex using a regular sewing machine. In my channel <youtube.com/sirenapatterns> we have a video that explains this test.

This pattern is written for 4- way stretch knit fabrics with at least 50% stretch. To test the stretch of your fabric, fold and mark your fabric 5 inches (2.5 cm)



Place one pin in the 0 mark and one in the 5 inches' mark (2.5 cm). Hold your fabric at 0 and stretch as much as possible. Measure that amount. If it stretches to 7.5 inches (19 cm.) your good to go.



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Unlike woven fabrics, when you sew stretch fabrics with a regular straight stitch the seam will break. If you are using a standard sewing machine to sew this pattern, use a stretch stitch, available on most regular sewing machines. For joining seams use or a **very** narrow zigzag stitch or a stretch stitch. For sewing elastics, use a very wide, maximum width zig-zag short stitch. For finishing elastics, use a medium size zig-zag. A ballpoint needle is highly recommended. Make sure you test in a piece of fabric (not on your garment) and write down the stretch stitches (width and length that work for you).

USING AN OVERLOCK/SERGER MACHINE

If you are using an overlock/serger to sew this pattern, make sure that it is cutting off than the seam allowance included in the pattern. You can use the serger to join seams and sew elastics. However, you will also need a standard sewing machine.

SEWING INSTRUCTIONS

NOTE Seam allowances are 3/8" (1cm), unless otherwise specified.

STEP 1: On TOP LINING (2), finish the bottom opening with a small zig-zag stitch or serge it. (This opening will be used to insert and remove the swimwear cups). This step is optional.



STEP 2: Pin TOP (1) to TOP LINING (2), WRONG SIDES TOGETHER. Baste with a small zig-zag or serge it just outside seam allowances.



STEP 3: Cut 4 pieces of elastic, using ELASTIC GUIDE (5).



Pin elastic to **WRONG SIDES** of top along sides, having ends even. With elastic on top, sew using a short, wide zig-zag or serge. Make sure to pin the beginning and end of the elastic to the beginning and end of the sides.



STEP 4: Fold **NECK STRAPS** (3) and **BACK STRAPS** (4) in half lengthwise, **RIGHT SIDES TOGETHER**. Stitch long edges with a very narrow zig-zag or serge. Make sure to stretch the fabric while you sew. Turn **RIGHT SIDE OUT** with a loop turner or safety pin.

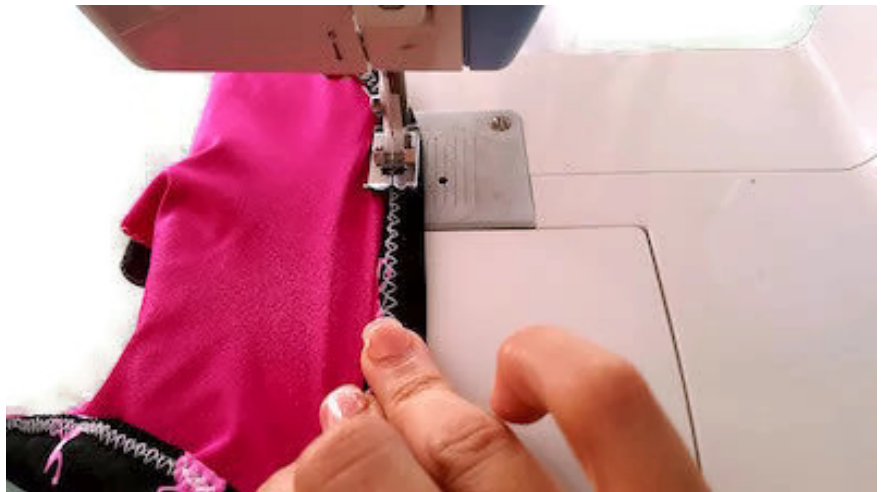


STEP 5: With RIGHT SIDES UP, lap upper edge of TOP (1) with NECK STRAPS (3), centering strap. Pin in place. Sew the neck straps to the top. Make sure to backstitch a few times. Fold the upper edge of TOP (1) in half. Sew a diagonal stitch, backstitching at least twice. Cut seam allowances close to the stitch. Turn.

Place the strap with the
right side down



STEP 6: Turn elastic to INSIDE on the 4 sides that you stitched the elastic. Top stitch elastic with a medium zig-zag 1/4" (6mm) from fold, stretching as you stitch. Keep fabric pulled taut over edge of elastic.



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STEP 7: On the bottom of TOP (1), fold over 5/8" (1.5 cm), RIGHT SIDES TOGETHER making a casing. Make sure you don't close the opening on the lining completely; you'll need it to insert the cups. Insert neck strap in casing using a bodkin or a safety pin. You can either tie the top to the back or to the front.



STEP 8: Optional – Roll the swimwear cups and insert them through the bottom openings.



Cut the ends of the back and neck straps diagonally and insert the cord ends. Using a pin to pull the strap is helpful. Tie a knot on each end and cut the remaining close to the knot.



YOU'RE BIKINI TOP IS FINISHED :0) Time to go to the beach or pool!



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GLOSSARY

2-WAY STRETCH KNITS: Knits that stretch both lengthwise and crosswise.

GRAIN LINE: This refers to the lengthwise grain line which runs parallel to the selvage.

GREATER STRETCH: 2-way stretch knits stretch lengthwise and crosswise.

NOTCH: A notch is a mark on the pattern used to correctly line up pattern pieces. This is very helpful when you have pieces with similar sides. They can either be clipped into the seam allowance (make not to notch more than halfway into your seam allowance) or a triangle can be cut extending from the seam allowance.

PLACE ON FOLD: Line up the **fold** edge on the pattern with this mark with the **fold** of the **fabric**. You will cut one symmetrical piece of fabric from a pattern piece which corresponds to half (a mirror image).

SEAM ALLOWANCE: Also, called inlays. The area between the edge and the stitching line on two (or more) pieces of material being stitched together. **Seam allowances** can range from ¼ inch (1 cm) wide to as much as several inches.

SELVAGE: The finished edge of the fabric which runs the length of the fabric.

WRONG SIDE & RIGHT SIDE: The right side of your fabric will face to the outside of the garment and the wrong side, to the inside.

ZIGZAG STITCH: It is a back-and-forth **stitch** used where a straight **stitch** will not suffice, such as in **stitching** stretchable fabrics, and in temporarily joining two work pieces' edge-to-edge.

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