

BVI Bikini

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Instructions for bra top are written for A-cup size. Any changes for B- and C-cup sizes are written in brackets. If there is only one figure it applies to all sizes. Bottoms are one-size. Standard abbreviations are used. Recommended for knitters and crocheters with some experience.

You need:

- 1 hank Butterfly Super 10 (125 g) pure cotton yarn, No. 3401 Orange
- One pair of 4.5 mm needles OR whichever needles you require to produce the tension given below
- One 4.25 mm crochet hook
- Stitch markers
- Tapestry needle
- Clear elastic knitting thread
- 12.5 cm (5 ins) square of swimsuit lining in desired colour (optional)
- Matching thread (optional)

Tension:

20 sts and 26 rows = 10 cm (4 ins) in stocking stitch. Work to exact tension with specified yarn to obtain satisfactory results. TO SAVE TIME, TAKE TIME TO CHECK TENSION.

To make:**BRA CUP (make 2):**

With knitting needles, cast on 29(33,37) sts.

Row 1 (right side): Knit.

Row 2: Purl.

***Row 3:** K1, sl1, k1, pssso, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1. 27(31,35) sts now on needle.

Row 4: Purl.

Row 5: Knit.

Row 6: Purl.

Rep from * 4(6,8) times more, ending with *right* side facing for next row. 19 sts now on needle.

****Next row:** K1, sl1, k1, pssso, [yo, k2tog] to last 2 sts, k2tog. 17 sts now on needle.

Next row: Purl.

Rep from ** 6 times more, ending with *right* side facing for next row. 5 sts now on needle.

Next row: Purl.

Next row: K1, sl1, k2tog, pssso, k1. 3 sts now on needle.

Next: P3tog (top point of cup), sl rem st onto crochet hook and, with *right* side facing, ch 3, work 20(24,28) hdc evenly down first side edge, ch 3 at corner, work 21(25,29) hdc evenly across bottom edge, ch 3 at corner, work 20(24,28) hdc evenly up second side edge, then sl st to 2nd ch of first ch 3, fasten off.

BRA TOP

With *right* side facing, sl st to ch 3 sp at bottom right-hand corner of first cup, then [ch 3, hcd] in same sp, hdc in each st along bottom edge to left-hand corner, ch 5, hdc in ch 3 sp at bottom right-hand corner of second cup, then hdc in each st along bottom edge of second cup to last st, 2 hdc in ch 3 sp at bottom left-hand corner of second cup, ch 3, turn.

Row 2: 2 hdc in first ch 3 sp, hdc in each st to last st, 2 hdc in last ch 3 sp, ch 3, turn.

Row 3: 2 hdc in first ch 3 sp, hdc in each st to last st, 2 hdc in last ch 3 sp, then work chain st to create strap 52 cm (20-1/2 ins) long, fasten off.

Sl st to first st on outside corner of rem cup, then work same-length strap in same manner.



BOTTOMS

Cast on 41 sts (front top edge).

*Row 1 (*right* side): K1, sl1, k1, pssso, [yo, k2tog] to last 2 sts, k2tog. 39 sts now on needle.

Row 2: Purl.

Rep from * 4 times more. 31 sts now on needle.

Work St st, dec 1 st at each end of needle on every alt row 8 times, place marker. 15 sts now on needle.

Work even in St st until crotch from marker measures 12.5 cm (5 ins) or desired length, ending with *right* side facing for next row.

Work St st, inc 1 st at each end of needle on every row 23 times, place marker. 61 sts now on needle.

(Note: If desired, widen and lengthen back by inc number of sts in rows, taking into consideration that crocheted edging will add 1 cm/3/8 in at each edge.)

Work even in St st until back from marker measures 19.5 cm (7-1/2 ins), cast off to last st, sl rem st onto crochet hook and, with *right* side facing, ch 3, work 62 hdc evenly along first side edge, ch 3 at corner, work 31 hdc evenly across top front edge, ch 3 at corner, work 62 hdc evenly along second side edge, ch 3 at corner, work 40 hdc evenly across top back edge, sl st to 2nd ch of first ch 3, then work chain st to create strap 39.5 cm (15-1/2 ins) long, fasten off.

One at a time, sl st to each rem corner on front and back, then work same-length strap in same manner.

To finish:

Using elastic, hand-sew line of running sts just inside each side edge of cups and bottoms. If desired, cut lining (having greatest stretch from front to back) piece about 6 mm (1/4 in) larger than crotch around edge, press under 1 cm (3/8 in) around edge; with matching thread, slipstitch in place to wrong side.

BIKINI DIAGRAM

