

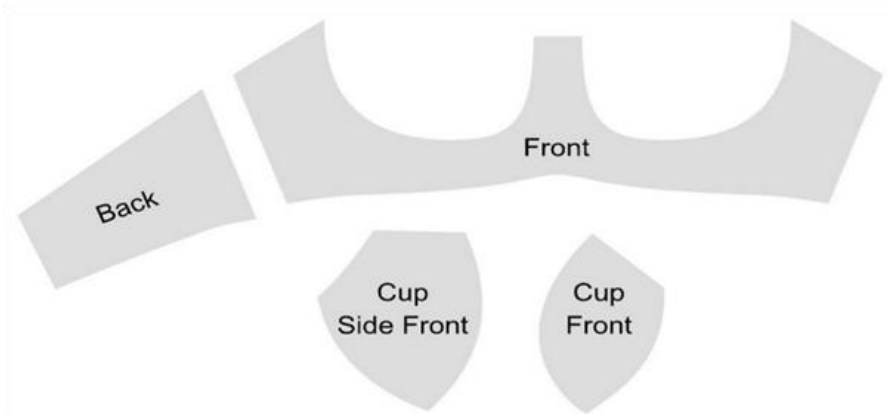
# A Pattern Hack by Hannah-Rose Smith

## Bra to Bustier

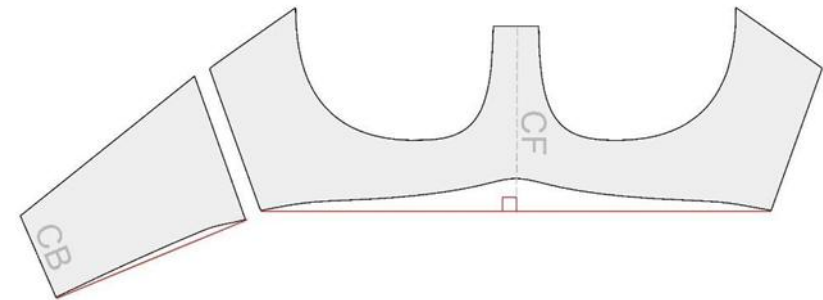
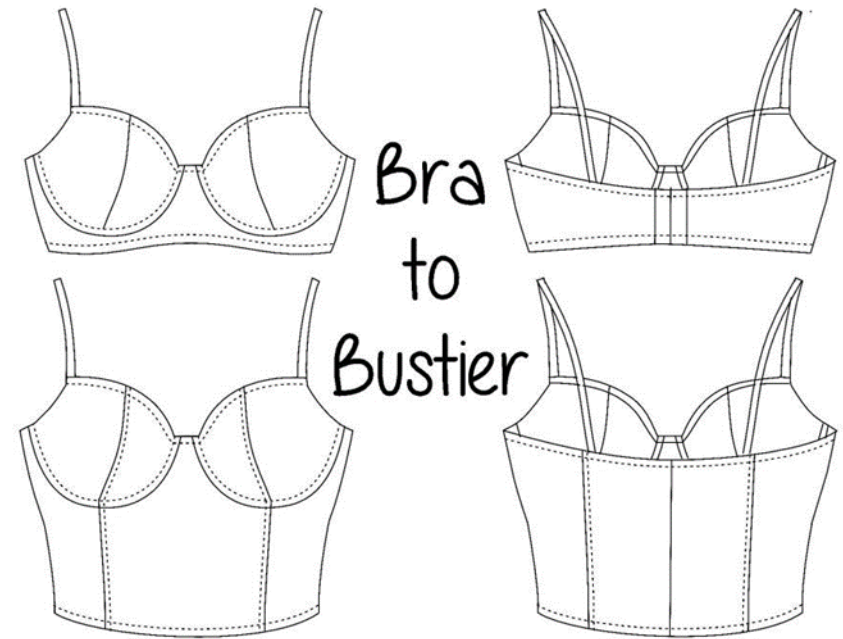
### Needed:

- Favourite bra pattern
- Ruler
- Pencil
- Paper Scissors
- Tape

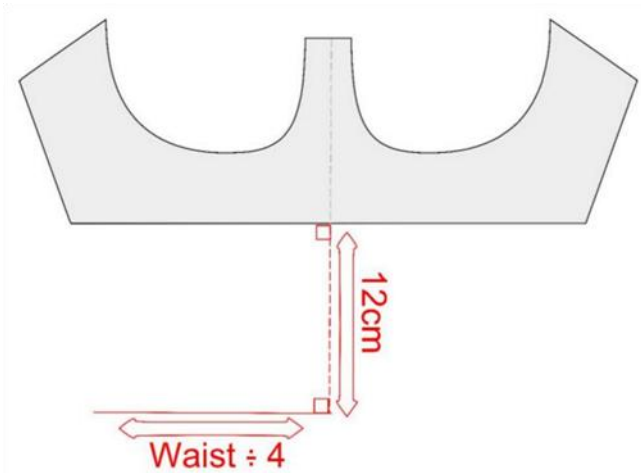
### Pattern Hack Steps



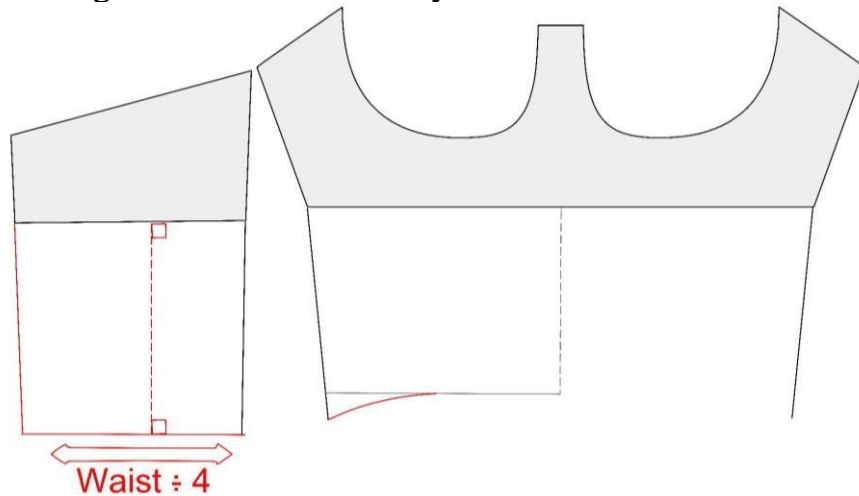
1. Start by tracing off the pattern pieces from your bra pattern in your size. We are only going to be using the Front and Back pieces for now.



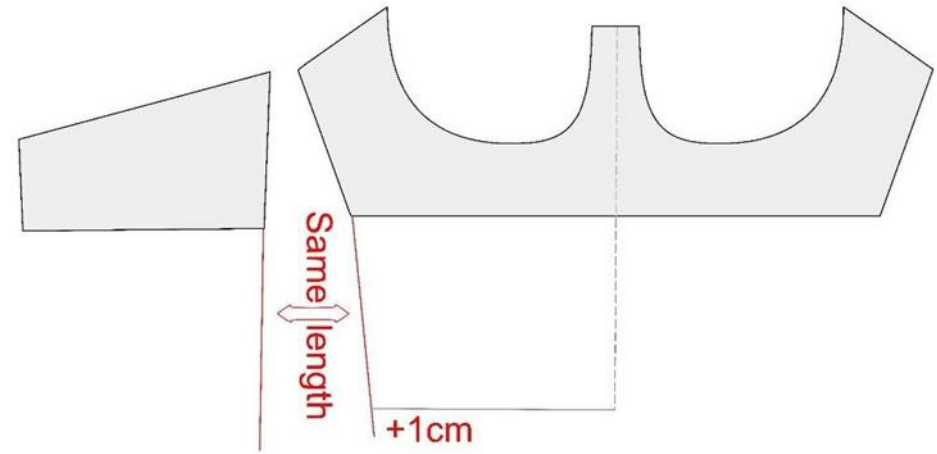
2. Sometimes the lower edge of the band is shaped, to straighten it: extend the Centre Front Line and draw perpendicular line. Straighten the lower edge of the Back piece too.



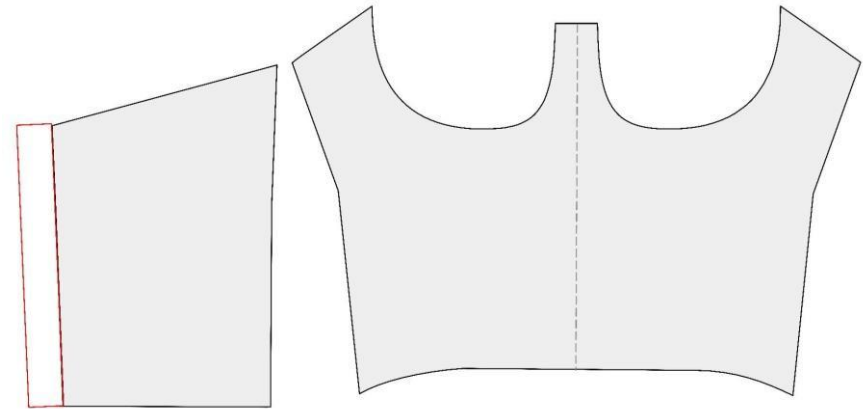
3. Measure from your Underbust to Waist.  
 Extend the Centre Front line so that it is the same measurement.  
 Draw a perpendicular line at the end of the Centre Front line.  
 The length of this line will be your Waist measurement divided by 4



5. Curve the Waistline on the Front piece.  
 On the Back piece, draw a line parallel to the straight band.  
 The length of this line will be your Waist measurement divided by 4.  
 Complete the Centre Back line.



4. Draw a line from the straight band to the new Waist line.  
 Extend the line 1cm past the Waist line.  
 Extend the side seam of the Back piece by the same amount.



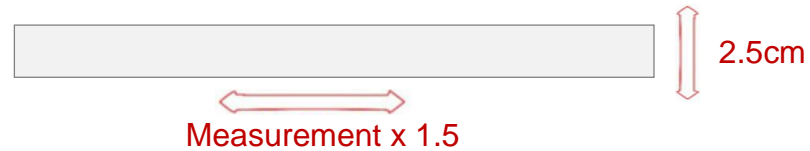
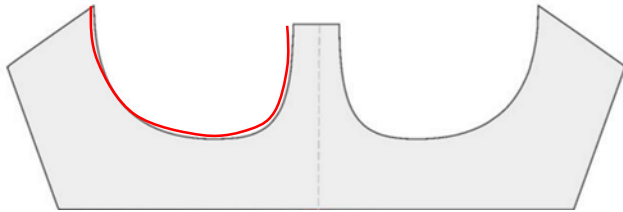
6. Add a 1.5cm seam allowance at the Centre Back.  
 This will be for the zip.  
 Measure the length of the Centre Back and get an open-ended zip as close to this measurement.  
 You can either lengthen the top of the Back piece to fit a zip or shorten the zip to fit the pattern.

7. Your original pattern may include this piece, but if it doesn't, here is how to make a basic Channelling Case for the underwire. Even if you aren't using an underwire, I would still recommend this Channelling Case for a neat finish.

Measure the part where the cups will go, multiply this measurement by 1,5.

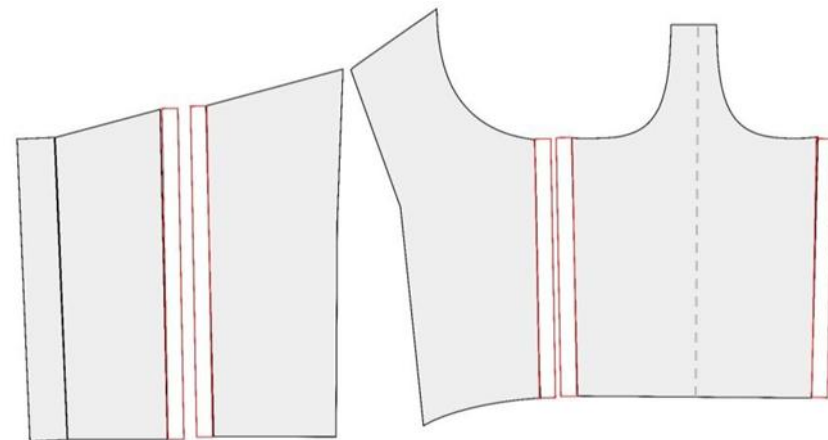
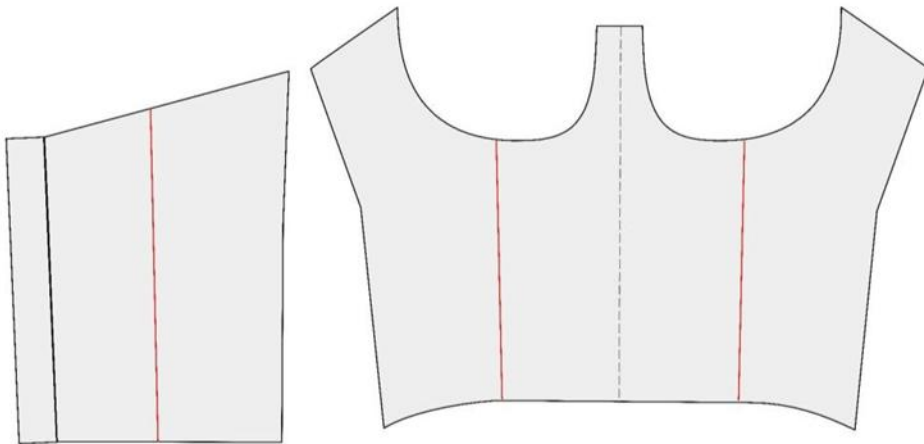
Draw a rectangle with this measurement as the length and the height of 2.5cm.

You will need to cut 2 of these (1 for each cup)



Optional:

Due to the limited fabric I was using, I needed to have seams within the Front and Back pieces.



8. I roughly divided the Back in half and the Front in quarters.

Cut along the lines so that you end up with:

- Front Middle
- Front Side
- Back Side
- Back Middle

9. Add the seam allowances to these new pieces.

Refer to your original pattern.

I made mine 6mm