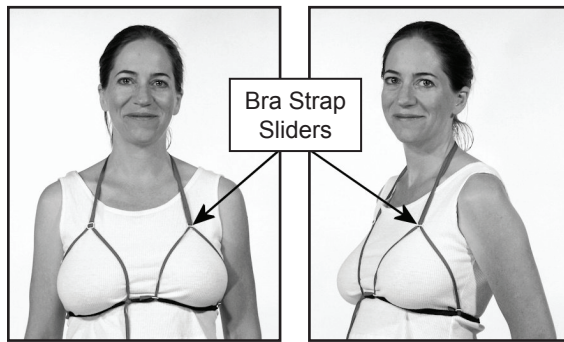


Creating the Basic Bikini Top Pattern

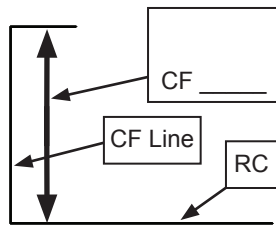
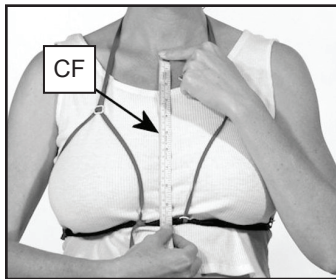
I. Create the Shape for the Bikini Top



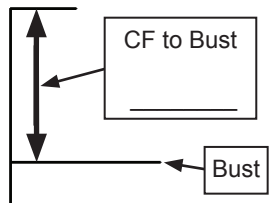
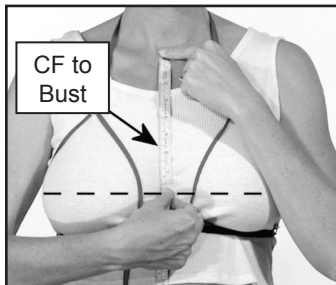
The Design Lines of the Bikini Top

1. Secure Velcro around the rib cage.
2. Secure a length of bias tape to the Velcro at Center Front.
3. Secure a second length of bias tape to the Velcro at the side of the breast.
4. Thread both bias tapes through two bra strap sliders.
5. Wrap the two bias tapes behind the neck and secure them to the Velcro on the other side of the body.
6. Adjust the positions of the sliders and bias tapes to create the shape desired for the Bikini Top.

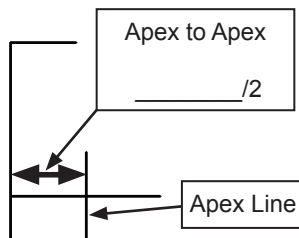
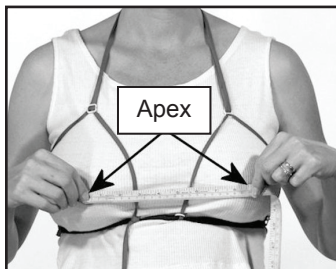
II. Measure then Draw the Bikini Top



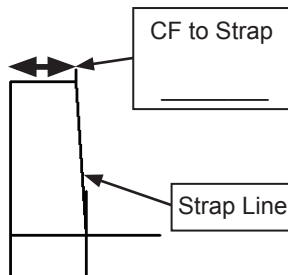
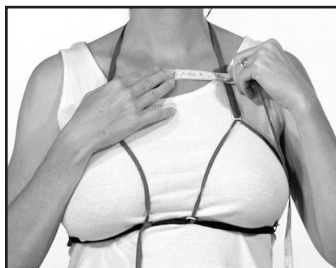
1. Measure down Center Front from the base of the neck to the top of the Velcro at the rib cage and record as CF.
2. Draw a vertical line that is the CF length. This is the Center Front, CF, line.
3. At the top of this vertical line, draw a horizontal line for the location of the neck.
4. At the bottom of this vertical line, draw a second line at right angles to it. This is the Rib Cage, RC, line. The length of the Rib Cage line is not important at this time.



5. Measure down the Center Front from the base of the neck to the fullest part of the bust.
6. On the pattern, measure down on the CF line the CF to Bust length and make a mark.
7. Draw a line at right angles to the Center Front line at this mark. This is the Bust line.

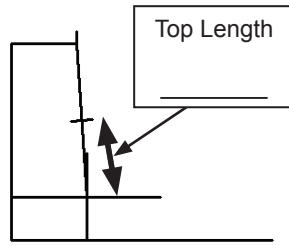
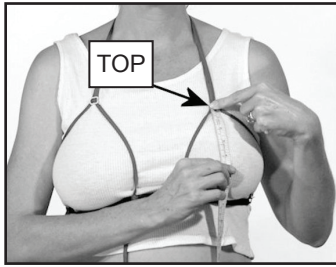


8. Measure across the bust from Apex to Apex.
9. On the pattern, measure out from CF 1/2 the Apex to Apex measurement and make a mark on the Bust line.
10. Draw a line parallel to Center Front through this mark. This is the Apex line.

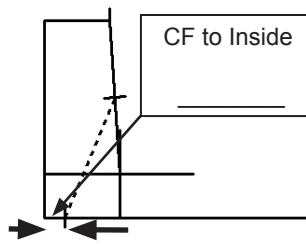
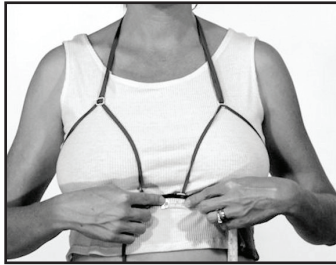


11. Measure out from Center Front to the bias tape representing the Bikini strap.
12. Mark this location on the pattern.
13. Draw a line from this mark to the Apex of the Bust. This is the Strap line of the Bikini.

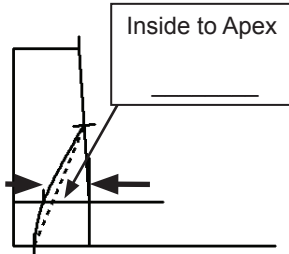
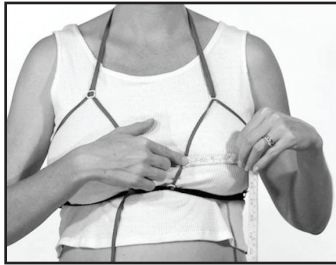
II. Measure then Draw the Bikini Top, cont'd



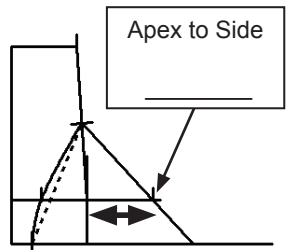
1. Measure from the top of the Bikini triangle to the Apex of the bust.
2. Mark this length on the Strap line created in Step 13.



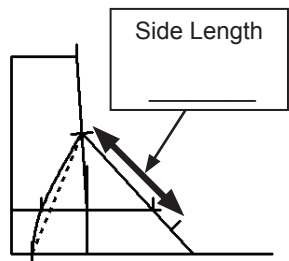
3. Measure out from Center Front to the bias tape at the rib cage. If there is to be no separation between the two Bikini triangles, this will be 0" (zero).
4. Mark this length on the Rib Cage line.
5. Draw a dotted line from the top of the Bikini to this mark on the Rib Cage.



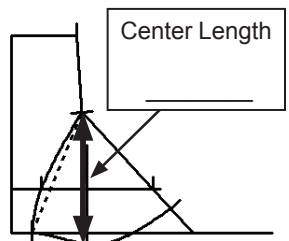
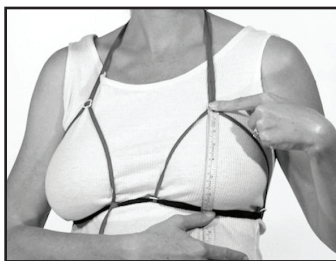
6. At the full Bust level, measure from the bias tape to the Apex of the Bust.
7. Mark this length on the Bust line.
8. Draw a curved line from the top of the Bikini down to the Rib Cage. This is the inside seam of the Bikini Top.



9. Measure from the Apex of the Bust to the side of the Bikini triangle.
10. Mark this length on the Bust line.
11. Draw a line from the top of Bikini through this mark and down to the Rib Cage line. This is the outside seam of the Bikini Top.



12. Measure the side of the Bikini's length from the top to the rib cage.
13. Mark this length on the outside seam of the Bikini Top.



14. Measure the length of the Bikini from the top to the Rib Cage over the Apex.
15. Extend the Apex center line to this length.
16. Draw a curved line from the inside seam of the Bikini, to the bottom of the Apex center line, then up to the outside of the Bikini established in Step 26.

This completes the basic pattern shape.