



The (not quite so) Complicated Science of the Half-Bra

The Siren Santana Method

1. **Find a bra suitable for conversion.** The cup size of the bra is unimportant. As long as the bra matches your under-bust measurement it will suffice for our purposes. Convertible bras make great conversion candidates as the straps can be changed to clear plastic for an even further effect of bareness.
2. **Put the chosen bra on.** If you need further instruction on this particular step it is suggested that you do not continue with the rest of this project.
3. **Position yourself in front of a mirror or find a willing friend to assist.** Asking, “Hey, wanna draw on my boobs?” usually yields a positive response.
4. **Using chalk, draw a line across one cup of the bra at the point in which you would like the finished bra to hit** (usually directly under the areola). If you are making this marking yourself, draw on the cup that matches your dominant hand (i.e. if you are right handed, mark on the right cup.) If you are working with a bra that has an underwire, make sure your line avoids the casing that the wire is housed in.
5. **Cut along the chalk line.** You may put the bra back on to evaluate the height and shape of the new “half-cup”, making adjustments until it suits your taste.
6. **Fold the bra in half at the center and cut the second cup to match the size and shape of the first.**
7. **Finish the cut edge of the bra.** The way you choose to finish the edge is up to you. For a general purpose bra the finishing may be as simple as hemming the edge. For a specific costume bra the finishing may be more elaborate, with colored bias binding, blanket tape, fringe, sequins or other decorative trims being used to hide the cut edge.
8. (Optional) **Make any further desired alterations.** Examine lingerie catalogs and websites for ideas to make your skivvies skimpier. There are a number of backless and convertible bras that may give you inspiration. A quick and easy backless half bra can be made by cutting around the edges of the cups (where the back straps connect to the sides) and adding makeshift loops for additional convertible strap hook points. Adding a loop of elastic or satin ribbon to the sides will allow you to use a clear plastic bra strap as a bra back. This, in combination with a clear plastic bra strap as a halter-style top strap makes for a nearly-nude appearance when viewed from behind.

Voila! You have a half bra!