

“Hot Little Recycled Bustier”

Oh so cool (literally)...bustier!

Recycled window screening and shopping bags make this bustier a unique, eye popping, show stopper. Going Green has never been so colorful!

Skill Level: Intermediate

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Supplies:

Baby Lock Sewing Machine

Vogue pattern #8325

Non-wire black window screening from the hardware store

Selection of fashion store shopping bags

(Store bags used in project: Brighton, Macy's, Lucky, Bebe and Coach)

2 packages of single fold black bias tape

5/8 yard of hook and eye tape

1 ¼ yard of eyelet tape

2 ½ yards of ¼" wide yellow satin ribbon

NO interfacing or boning is required for this project

Thread



Instructions:

1. Cut out pattern pieces numbered 2 thru 7 for view A.
2. Cut each pattern piece from the window screening.
3. Cut open the shopping bags and spread out, so each bag's design can be seen.



Lay the pattern pieces on the bags according to where the selected design is located.

4. Consider not putting bags on the back of the bustier and just allowing the window screen to show! Also, consider cutting only parts of a bag out, such as a logo or brand name.
5. Draw around the pattern pieces and cut out the pattern pieces from the shopping bags.
6. Baste the pattern pieces cut from the shopping bags to the pattern pieces cut from the window screen. If a logo or brand name is selected, appliqué the design to the window screen pattern piece with a basting stitch. Some designs may lie over two sections of the bustier, such as center front and side front OR side front to side back. These pieces will be appliquéd to the bustier, after the seams are stitched.
7. Stitch each section of the bustier together with the seams facing out. Trim the seams to 1/8". Stitch any additional shopping bag appliqué in place, over the seams.
8. Cut two pieces of eyelet tape the length of the two center back seams. Make sure that each length of the tape starts with an eyelet the same distance from the top edge of each center back seam.
9. Pin the eyelet tape over the center back seams. Stitch the two outside edges of each piece of tape.
10. Weave the yellow ribbon through the eyelets, starting at the top of the eyelet tape; weave the ribbon back and forth and downward. Tie the ribbon ends into a bow.
11. Stitch the two inward facing edges of the eyelet tape to the bustier, starting and stopping, allowing the ribbon to remain free of stitching.
12. Double check the fit of the bustier. It should fit very snugly, if not re-stitch the seams until the fit is perfect.
13. Stitch bias tape in place over all of the seams.
14. For the left and right center fronts, unfold and stitch the bias tape to the wrong side of the bustier. Trim the window screen to 1/4" and fold the bias tape to the right side of the bustier. Topstitch the bias tape down to the front of the bustier. Repeat for the other side of the center front.
15. Cut one length of hook and eye tape to fit the center front lengths. Pin the hook and eye tape to the top side of the bustier, hooks on one side and eyes on the other side. Stitch the tapes securely to the front of the bustier.
16. Open one fold of the bias tape and pin tape to the inside top edge of the bustier. Stitch the bias tape the bustier. Trim the window screen to 1/4".
17. Fold the bias tape to the right side of the bustier. Stitch the bias tape down to the bustier.
18. Fold the ends of the bias tape under at the two center front edges and tack to the under side of the bustier.
19. Repeat steps 16, 17 and 18 for the lower edge of the bustier.
20. Call the girls for a night out on the town and have fun!!!

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