

# SLIP-STITCH BRA

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## PROJECT E

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**Finished Size** Cups: 6¼" across at widest point, and 6" high at tallest point. Overall bust circumference: 32"–36". Bust circumference can be adjusted with length of back straps.

**Yarn** Fonty Primavera (50% cotton, 50% acrylic; 137 yd [125 m]/50 g): #466 pink (MC), 1 ball. Heirloom Breeze (69.6% cotton, 30% wool, .4% Lycra; 105 yd [96 m]/50 g): #019 magenta, 1 ball. Yarns distributed by Russi Sales.

**Needles** Size 5 (3.75 mm). Adjust needle size if necessary to obtain the correct gauge.

**Notions** Size F/6 (4 mm) crochet hook; tapestry needle.

**Gauge** 5½ sts and 8½ rows = 1" in St st with MC.

I wanted to make a novelty bra that could be fun and still fairly functional. A slip-stitch "underwire" with a single-crochet edge gives support at the bottom of the cups, while a slip-stitch column between the cups creates a strong join and slightly gathers the fabric around it. The straps—a halter strap, two shoulder straps, and one strap criss-crossed across the back—[I think of a halter top as having two straps tied behind the neck. I don't "see" the halter, then two straps, then one. Are there lots of straps or are these alternatives?]are worked as crochet chains with two yarns held together. The yarn is very soft and yummy against the skin.

### STITCH GUIDE

**Sssk:** Sl 3 sts kwise one at a time. Insert left needle into front of all 3 sts, from left to right, and knit 3 sts tog through back loops with right needle—2 sts dec'd

### NOTES

- ◆ Bra is worked from the bottom long edge upward, where the cups are divided and worked separately.

### BRA

With MC, CO 91 sts. **Next row:** (RS)

\*Sl 1 pwise with yarn in back (wyb), k1; rep from \* to last st, sl 1 pwise. **Next row:** (WS) Purl. Rep last 2 rows 1 more time. **Next row:** (RS) Sl 1, k1, sl 1, k41, sl 1, k1, sl 1, knit to last 3 sts, sl 1, k1, sl 1. **Next row:** (WS) Purl. Rep last 2 rows until piece measures 1½" from CO.

**Shape cups:** (RS) Sl 1, k1, sl 1, k19, ssk (see page 2), k1, k2tog, k17, sl 1, k1, sl 1, k17, ssk, k1, k2tog, knit to last 3 sts, sl 1, k1, sl 1—4 sts dec'd. Cont in St st with slipped-st selvages and center line as established, and rep the shaping of the last row every RS row 4 more times (10 sts total removed at center of each cup), **and at the same time**, when piece measures 2" from CO, shape sides of cups as foll:

**Row 1:** (RS) Sl 1, k1, sl 1, ssk, work in patt to 2 sts before first slipped st of center line, k2tog, turn.

Working left cup separately, cont as foll: **Row 2:** (WS) Sl 2 sts pwise with yarn in front (wyf), purl to end.

**Row 3:** Sl 1, k1, sl 1, ssk, work in patt to last 3 sts of left cup, k2tog, k1 turn.

Rep Rows 2 and 3 until 7 sts rem. Purl 1 WS row. BO all sts. **Right cup:** With RS facing, rejoin yarn to inner edge of right cup (first st should be first slipped st of center line). Sssk (see Stitch Guide),

work in patt to last 5 sts, k2tog, sl 1, k1, sl 1. Cont right cup as foll:

**Row 1:** (WS) Purl to last 2 sts, sl 2 sts with wyf.

**Row 2:** (RS) K1, ssk, knit to last 5 sts, k2tog, sl 1, k1, sl 1.

Rep Rows 1 and 2 until 7 sts rem. Purl 1 WS row. BO all sts. **Crochet underwire:** With crochet hook and CC, work 2 rows of sc (see page 2) along CO edge, working 1 sc per knitted (not slipped) st. Fasten off.

### STRAPS

**Side tabs:** With crochet hook and CC, starting at bottom-right corner of left cup (at CO edge), work [sc in selvedge st, ch 1] 6 times evenly spaced along first 2" of cup (straight edge before shaping). Turn, dc (see page 2) in first sc, ch 2, \*dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 2; rep from \* 3 more times, end dc in last sc. Fasten off. Rep side tab for right cup, beg at top of straight edge and working toward CO edge. **Halter loops:** With crochet hook and MC, join yarn to top BO edge of left cup. Ch 5 and join with sl st (see page 2) to far end of BO edge. Fasten off. Rep for right cup. **Halter strap:** With crochet hook and MC and CC held tog, work a chain 28" long. Do not fasten off. Thread chain through left-cup halter loop, pulling chain through so loop falls



at halfway point of chain. Take one end of chain and thread through right-cup halter loop. Join ends of chain tog with sl st, creating a doubled strap. **Shoulder straps:** With MC and CC held tog, and beg at left-cup halter loop, join yarns to halter loop with a slipknot. With crochet hook, work a 14" chain from this

slipknot. Join chain to top dc of left-cup side tab with sl st, then work sc down side tab to last dc, fasten off. Rep shoulder strap for right cup. **Back strap:** With crochet hook and MC and CC held tog, work a 32" chain. Join chain to bottom ch-2 sp of right side tab with sl st. Thread strap through top ch-2 sp of left

side tab, then through top ch-2 sp of right side tab, then, with crochet hook and starting tail of chain, join chain to bottom ch-2 sp of left side tab with sl st. Fasten off. Weave in all ends. ■

### Double Crochet (dc)

\*Yarn over hook, insert hook into a stitch, yarn over hook and draw a loop through stitch (three loops on hook; Figure 1), yarn over hook and draw it through two loops (Figure 2), yarn over hook and draw it through the remaining two loops (Figure 3). Repeat from \*.

Figure 1



Figure 2



Figure 3



### Ssk Decrease

Slip two stitches knitwise one at a time (Figure 1). Insert point of left needle into front of two slipped stitches and knit them together through back loops with right needle (Figure 2).



Figure 1



Figure 2

### Single Crochet (sc)

Insert hook into an edge stitch, yarn over hook and draw a loop through stitch, yarn over hook (Figure 1) and draw it through both loops on hook (Figure 2).

Figure 1

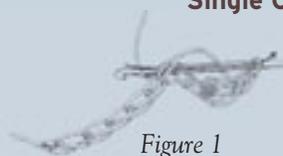


Figure 2



### Slip Stitch Crochet (sl st)

Insert hook into stitch, yarn over hook and draw loop through stitch and loop on hook.



### Crochet Chain (ch)

Make a slipknot on hook. Yarn over hook and draw it through loop of slipknot. Repeat, drawing yarn through the last loop formed.





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