

SWIM HACKS

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DIY SWIMWEAR

It's here, it's here! After many months of being inside and fighting the winter blues, my favorite season is finally here. Growing up in warm weather, I live for the heat. The time in between Memorial Day and Labor Day is my favorite – late sunsets, hot morning runs, grilling... and swimsuits! Have you been sewing bras and undies and are now wondering if and how you can use your lingerie patterns to make swimwear? You're in luck then beach babes! Below are my favorite DIY swimwear hacks, which I'll demonstrate in the video.

1. Adapting lingerie patterns for swimwear
2. Using power net and mesh as lining
3. Adding foam or pre-molded cups
4. Elastics for swimwear
5. Using lingerie strap elastic
6. Using underwires in swimwear
7. Pattern alterations for more/less butt/leg coverage.
8. String bikini bottom

FUN FACT!

The bikini is a summer staple, so you may be surprised to learn that the modern version of the midriff-baring two piece is just over 70 years old. In other words, it's younger than Better Midler, Goldie Hawn, and Helen Mirren!

The bikini was named after a nuclear bomb! French car engineer **Louis Réard** named his two-piece swimsuit in 1946. At the time, the United States was testing hydrogen bombs in **Bikini Atoll**, and in these tests, Réard found inspiration for the name of his new clothing item. The designer-slash-engineer thought that his new design was just as shocking as the nuclear tests—and at the time, his assumptions were accurate. When the bikini debuted, the Vatican called it "sinful"



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It's easy to find a pattern you like, buy it, and sew it up, but it's 2022, and we're way more creative than that. TikTok has offered countless ways when it comes to repurposing bikinis, so you can keep just a few in rotation and make them feel brand new each time you wear them.

THE HACKS

Turn your bikini bottom into a one shoulder bikini top [click here](#)

Wear two bikini bottoms as tops for a color/pattern block [click here](#)

Wearing a triangle bikini top as a halter or bandeau [click here](#)

Transforming a basic tie swimsuit into a strappy style [click here](#)



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A bikini didn't appear in Playboy until 1962. The iconic cover, image above, barely featured a woman at all. Instead, it focused on the bikini bottom and the tan lines it created.

In 2011, the white bikini that Ursula Andress wore in 1962's Dr. No sold for £41,125, which comes out to just over \$54,000 with today's exchange rates.

