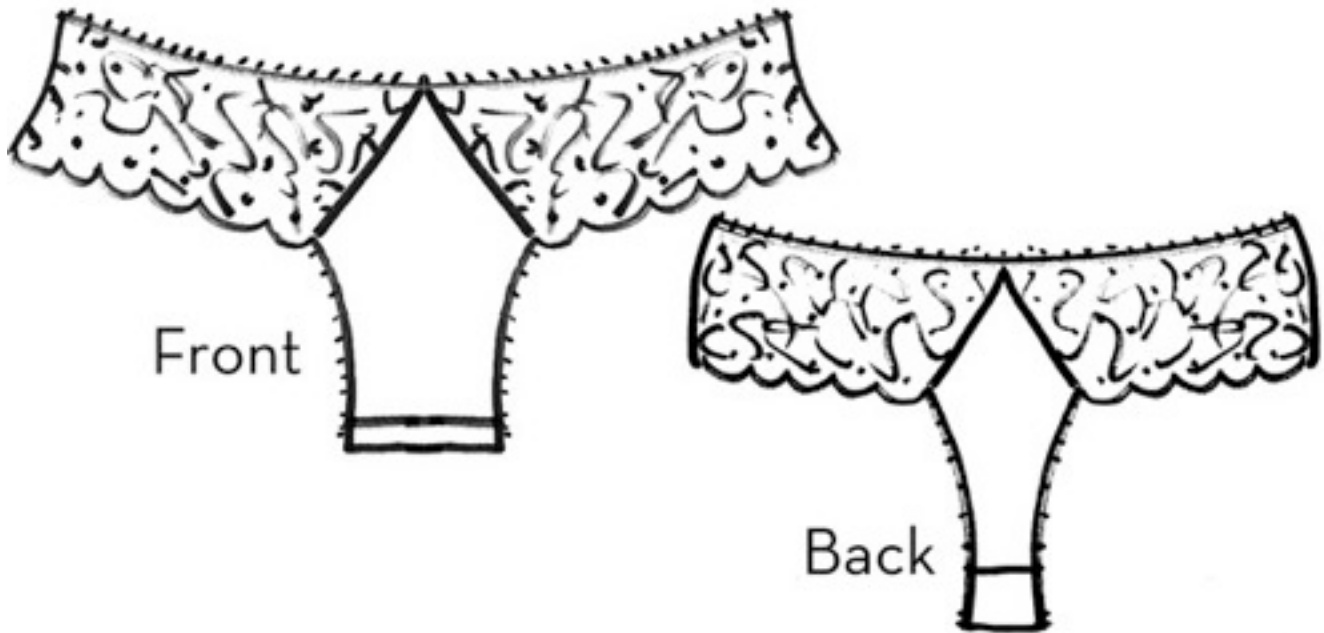


Lacey Thong Pattern

from fehtrade.com



This is a pattern for thong-style underwear with lace over the hips and triangular seaming front and back with contrast body and separate, lined crotch piece. Waist and leg edges are elasticated.

Sizes:

Size	Recommended for	Finished width of band (at half-hip)
Small	Burda 32-34 (Big Four 6-8)	74.4cm (29 1/4")
Medium	Burda 36-38 (Big Four 10-12)	82.2cm (32 3/8")
Large	Burda 40-42 (Big Four 14-16)	90.2cm (35 1/2")
Extra Large	Burda 44-46 (Big Four 18-20)	98.4cm (38 3/4")

Note that this pattern requires stretch lace - it is drafted with negative ease! If you want to try this with rigid lace, you should add a few inches to the side seams of the Lace pieces and check the fit before stitching.

1/4" seam allowances are included except on the lace scallop edges where noted.

Supplies:

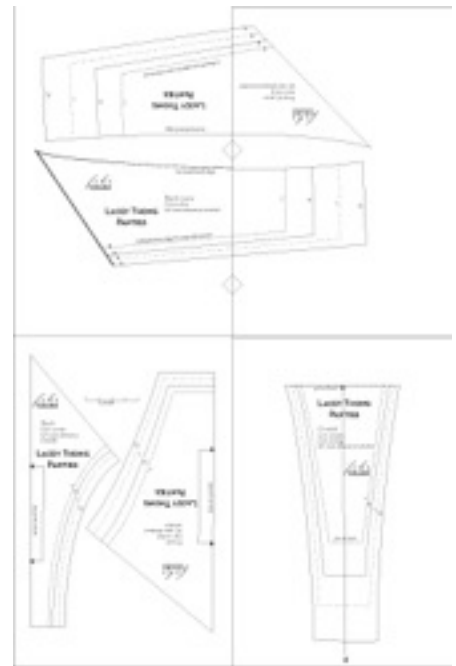
- 0.5-1m (1/2-1 yard) Stretch lace with at least one scalloped edge (It must be at least 10.5cm (4") wide for XL size, but if you're buying double-edged lace, a 22cm (8 1/2") width will allow you to use both edges and buy less lace. If in doubt, bring your pieces along to the store.) The lace should have at least 50% stretch along the direction of the scalloped edge.
- Scraps of fabric (less than fat quarter) for the body of panty - can be jersey or woven - a good excuse to dig through your stash!
- Scrap of natural fibre fabric for crotch lining (can be jersey or soft woven, like flannel)
- 1.5m (2 yards) of 1/4" picot- or satin-edged, plush back lingerie elastic

Online lingerie supplies can be found at:

Corsetmaking.co.uk, eLingerie.de, SewSassy.com,
Danglez.nl, Kantje-boord.info, lijfgoed.nl,
BraMakersSupply.com or BoobyTraps.com.au

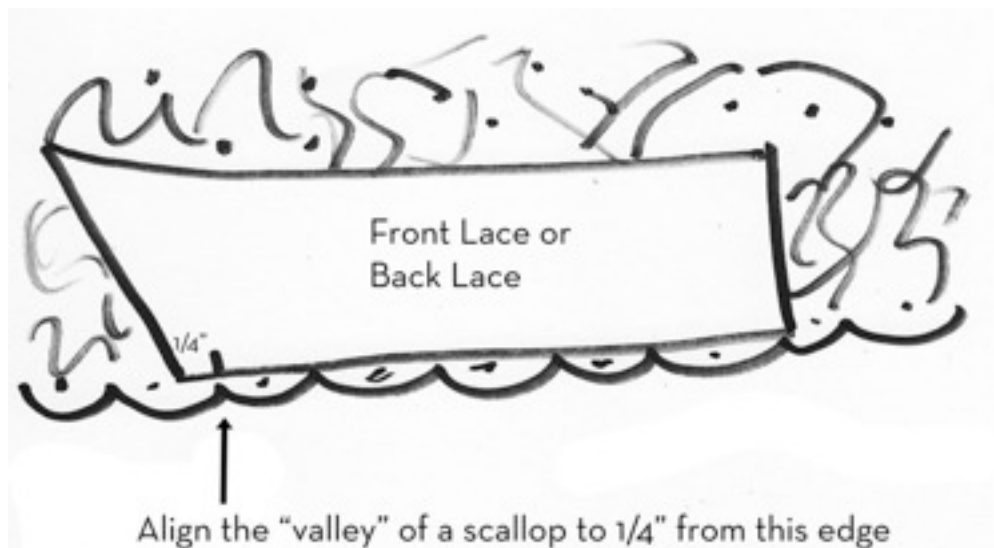
Pattern assembly instructions:

1. Print pattern, taking care to NOT scale the pattern up or down (print at 100% scaling). It's compatible with US Letter and A4 size paper. There's a 4cm ruler on page 3 you can use to double-check your printing is accurate.
2. Align pages 1 and 2 together at the triangle marks. Tape front and back lace pieces across the page join.
3. Cut out all five pieces along your chosen size lines
4. You should have pieces for: Front Lace, Back Lace, Front, Back, and Crotch.



Fabric cutting:

1. Cut out one each of the Front and Back pieces along the indicated fold line (Fold line is also the straight of grain) from your chosen body fabric
2. Cut one crotch piece from your body fabric, and another in lining fabric
3. Working with one layer of lace at a time, align the edge marked "lace scallop" of the Front Lace pattern to the "valley" or "dip" of your lace. If you're able to, try to arrange it so that a "valley" falls 1/4" from the pointed end of the pattern piece (at the notch). Cut out one piece, then flip the pattern over and cut out another, taking care to make the pieces mirror images in the lace pattern if possible.

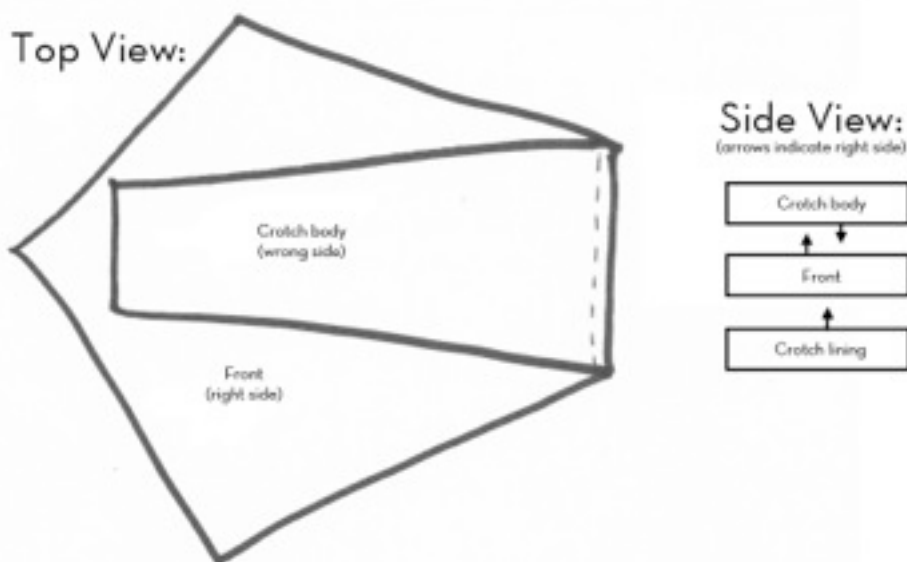


- Repeat for the Back Lace pieces.
- You will need three lengths of lingerie elastic, two for the leg openings, and one for the waist edge:

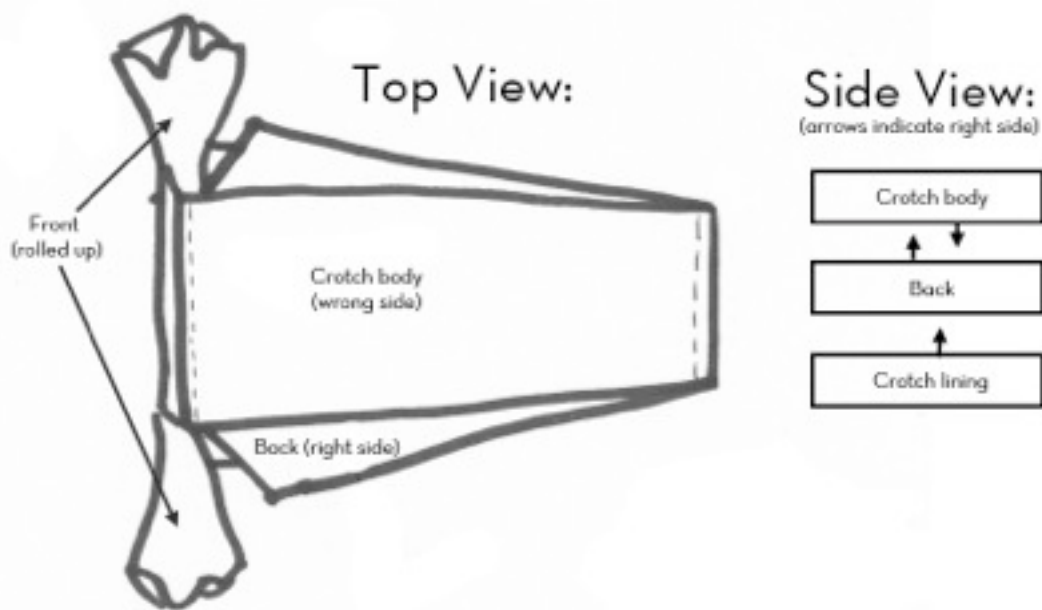
Size	Leg elastic (cut 2)	Waist elastic
Small	31.5 cm (12 1/2 in)	56 cm (22 in)
Medium	33.5 cm (13 1/4 in)	62.5 cm (24 1/2 in)
Large	34.5 cm (13 1/2 in)	69 cm (27 in)
Extra Large	35.5 cm (14 in)	75 cm (29 1/2 in)

Sewing instructions:

- Join the Crotch to the Front:** Create the following layers on your work surface, Crotch lining face up, then lay the Front face up on top of it, then place the body fabric Crotch piece face down on top, aligning all three along the marked joining seam. Pin, then stitch.



- Join the Crotch to the Back:** Place the Back face up and place the short edge of the body fabric Crotch piece face down on top of it. Take the Crotch lining piece around the top of the pieces so that it's now underneath the Back, facing up. Pin, then stitch, and flip everything right side out. Your crotch seams should now be concealed (aka "the burrito method!").



3. Baste the edges of the Crotch pieces together 1/4" from the leg opening edges to make it easier to apply the leg elastic. You may wish to trim the seam allowances of the Crotch lining piece to the basting line to reduce bulk.

4. **Finish the leg openings:** With the plush side of your elastic down, measure from the plain edge of the elastic to where the satin edge or picot starts. If this is 1/4", then you just need to align the edge of the elastic with the edge of your fabric as you sew. If this is greater than 1/4", you'll need to lay the elastic edge slightly over the fabric edge to maintain the 1/4" seam allowance.

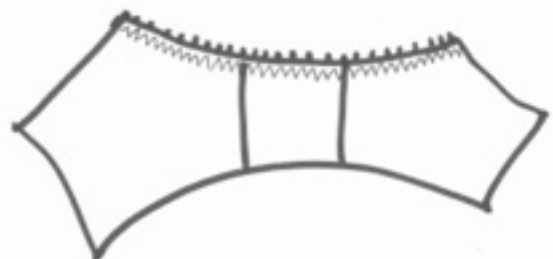
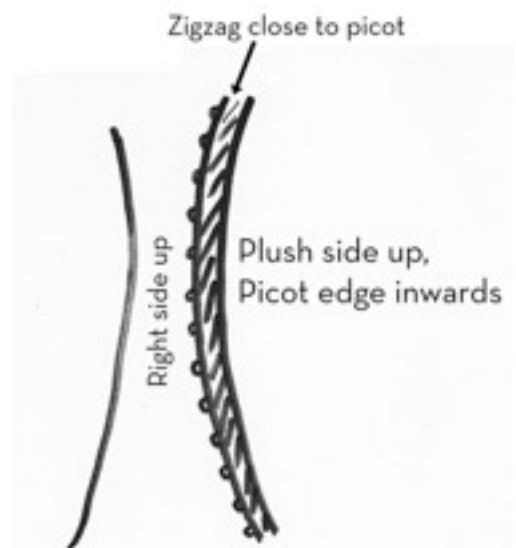
5. Take one of your pieces of leg elastic and place it right side down (ie: plush side up) along the fabric edge with the picot or satin edge away from the fabric edge. Pin one end to the edge of the Back piece, and the other end to the edge of the Front. Evenly distribute the elastic along the seam edge (the elastic is intentionally shorter!).

6. With a narrow zigzag stitch, sew the elastic down, taking care to sew just inside the picot or satin edge (not through it!), and stretching the elastic as you go.

7. On the inside, carefully trim away any fabric that's peeking out over the elastic edge, but do NOT cut the elastic!

8. Flip the elastic to the inside (you should now be able to see the picot or satin edge extending past the fabric on the right side). Working from the right side, pin the elastic in place, and topstitch it down with either a three step zigzag stitch if your machine has it, or a narrow zigzag stitch if not.

9. Repeat for the other leg opening.



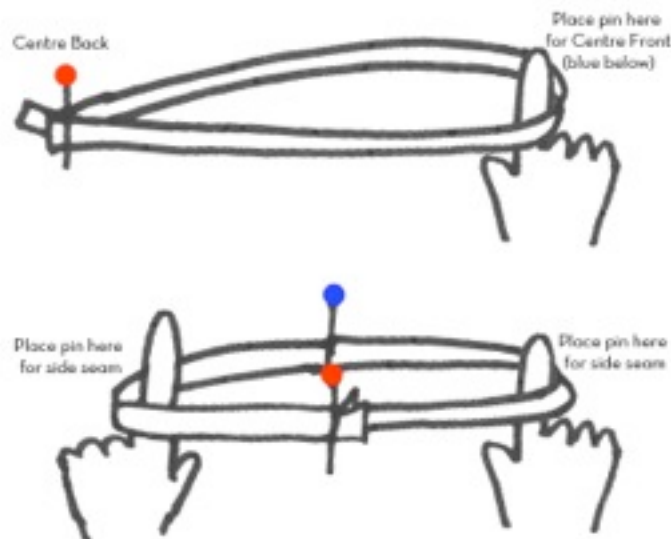
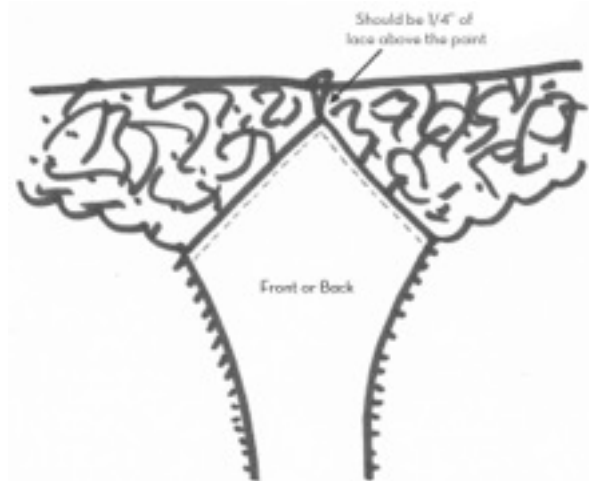
10. **Join the lace to the body:** Lay the Front Lace pieces onto the Front piece on the diagonal seams, right sides facing, taking care to align the scallop edge to the elastic. Pin and stitch, then lay the seam allowances towards the Body and topstitch so they don't show through the lace

11. Repeat for the Back Lace pieces and the Back.

12. Note: Your lace should extend 1/4" above the point of the Centre or Back pieces at the centre so that the point is exactly at the waistband elastic once it's applied and flipped.

13. **Side seams:** Lay the Front Lace and the Back Lace pieces together at the side seams, right sides facing. Pin, and stitch. *Tip: If your lace is quite flimsy, you may want to reinforce this seam by stitching through some narrow tape or a thin strip of body fabric or clear elastic at the same time as the lace.* Lay the seam allowances to one side and topstitch close to the seam.

14. **Finish the waistband edge:** Pin the waistband elastic together to form a circle (with a 1cm (1/2") overlap), and mark the half and quarter positions with pins. *Tip: To easily quarter your elastic, hold the overlapped section in one hand (this will be the centre back) and place a finger inside the loop until it's taut on both side, and mark this (the centre front) with a pin. Now place your hands somewhere between the two pins and adjust until the pins line up. Mark the placement of both ends with pins (for the side seams).*



15. Pin the overlapped section to the centre back, again with the plush side up and the picot or satin edge down and away from the fabric edge. Pin the halfway mark to the centre front, and the two quarter marks to each side seam. Pin again between each mark, making sure to distribute the fabric evenly (again, the elastic is intentionally short).

16. Again, with a narrow zigzag stitch, sew the elastic down, taking care to sew just inside the picot or satin edge (not through it!), and stretching the elastic as you go. Trim away any excess fabric from the inside as before.

17. Flip the elastic to the inside and working from the right side, pin the elastic in place, and topstitch it down with either a three step zigzag stitch, or a narrow zigzag stitch.
18. Optionally, hand sew a small bow or motif to the centre front just below the elastic.

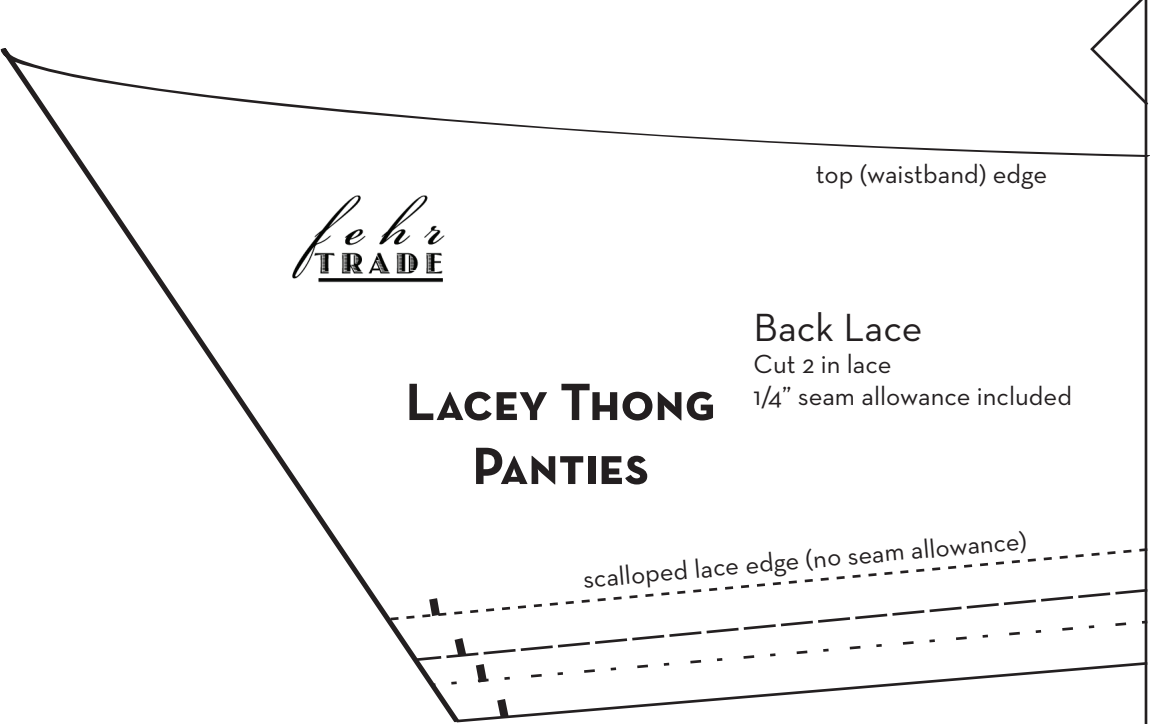
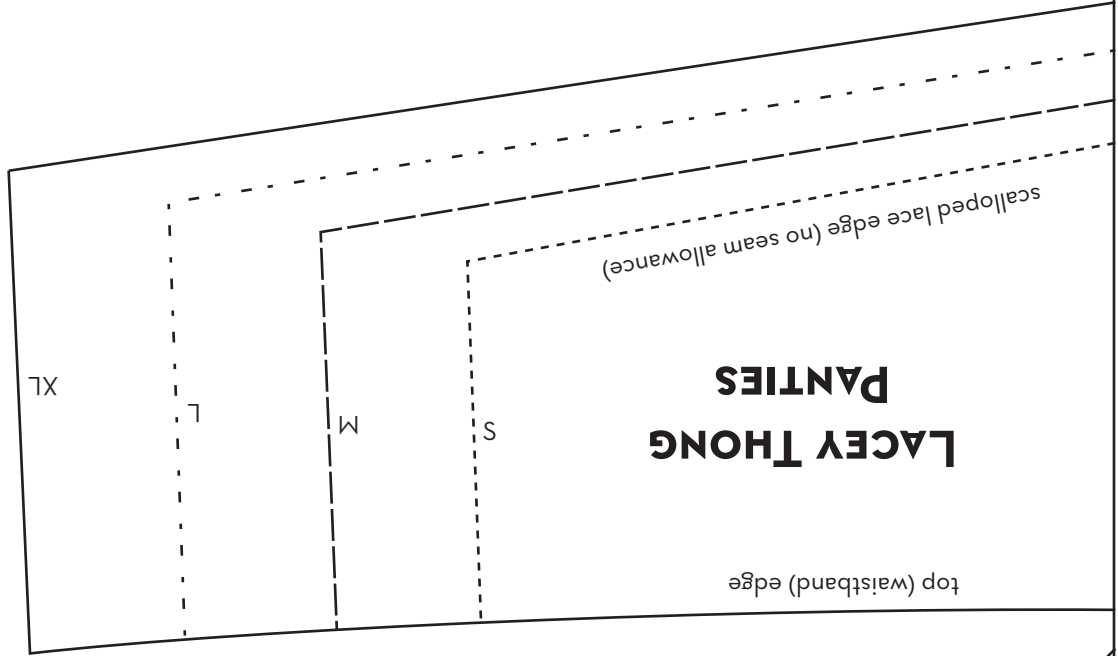
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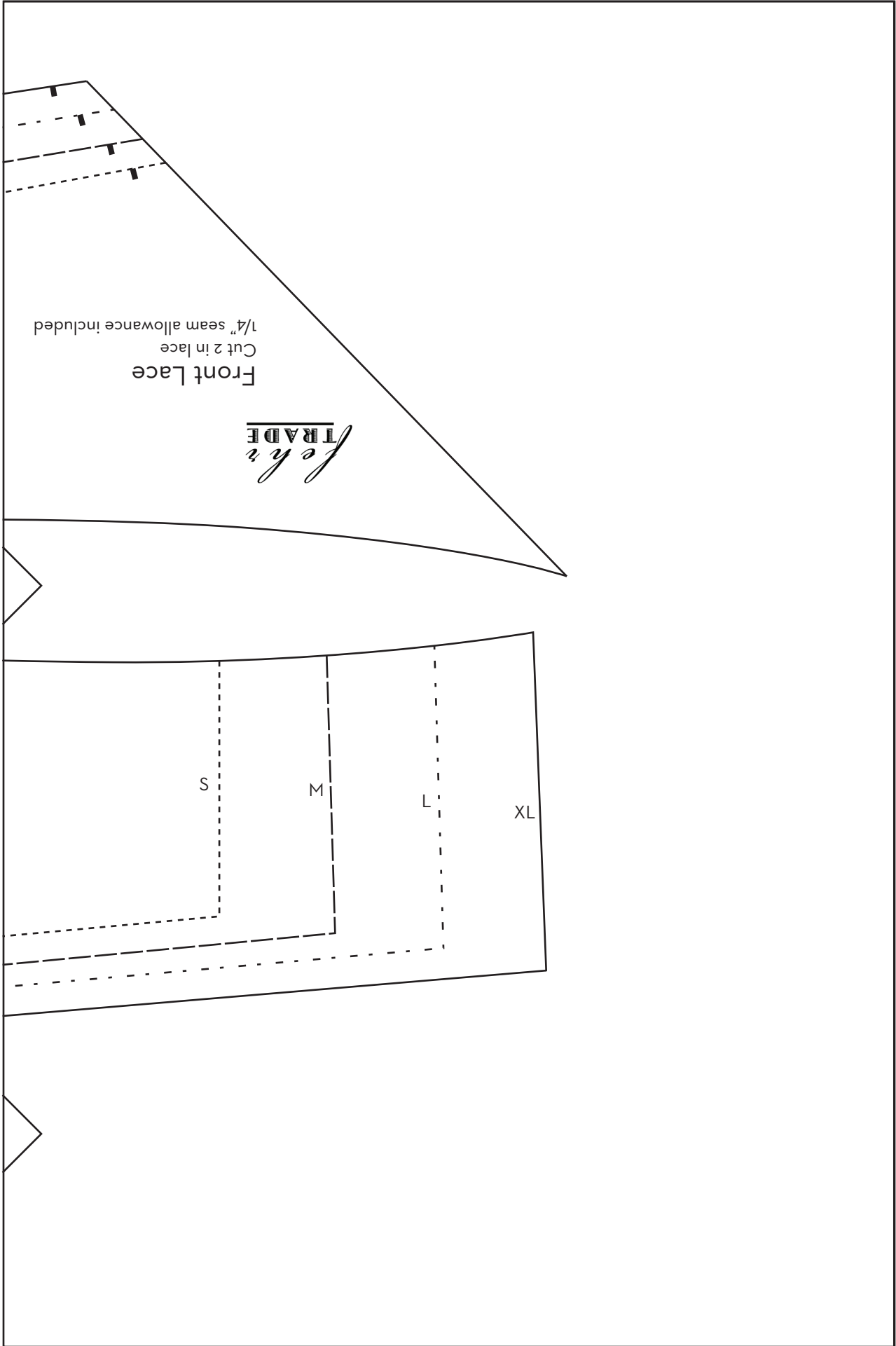
- Use foldover elastic instead of picot- or satin-edged for a different look - just remember to trim away the seam allowances from the leg and waistband edges before applying
- Instead of lace at the sides, use two contrasting jersey fabrics instead (just remember to add a seam allowance to the scallop edge of the pattern piece) - if doing this, join the side pieces to the body first, then sew side seams and then attach the leg elastic (and remember you'll need more elastic!)
- For a luxurious pair, try using silk as the body fabric (make sure to prewash your fabric though, because really, who's going to dryclean their undies!?)

If you've made these, please share them in the comments section on FehrTrade.com, I'd love to see them! Likewise, if you've had any problems or come across any mistakes, please let me know. Thanks, and happy sewing! - Melissa Fehr, Feb 2013



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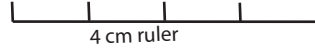


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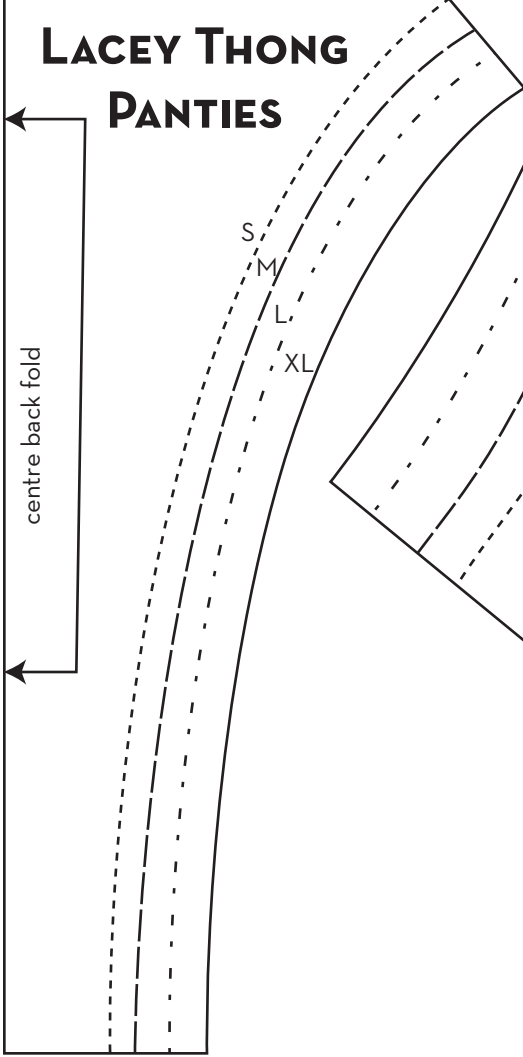
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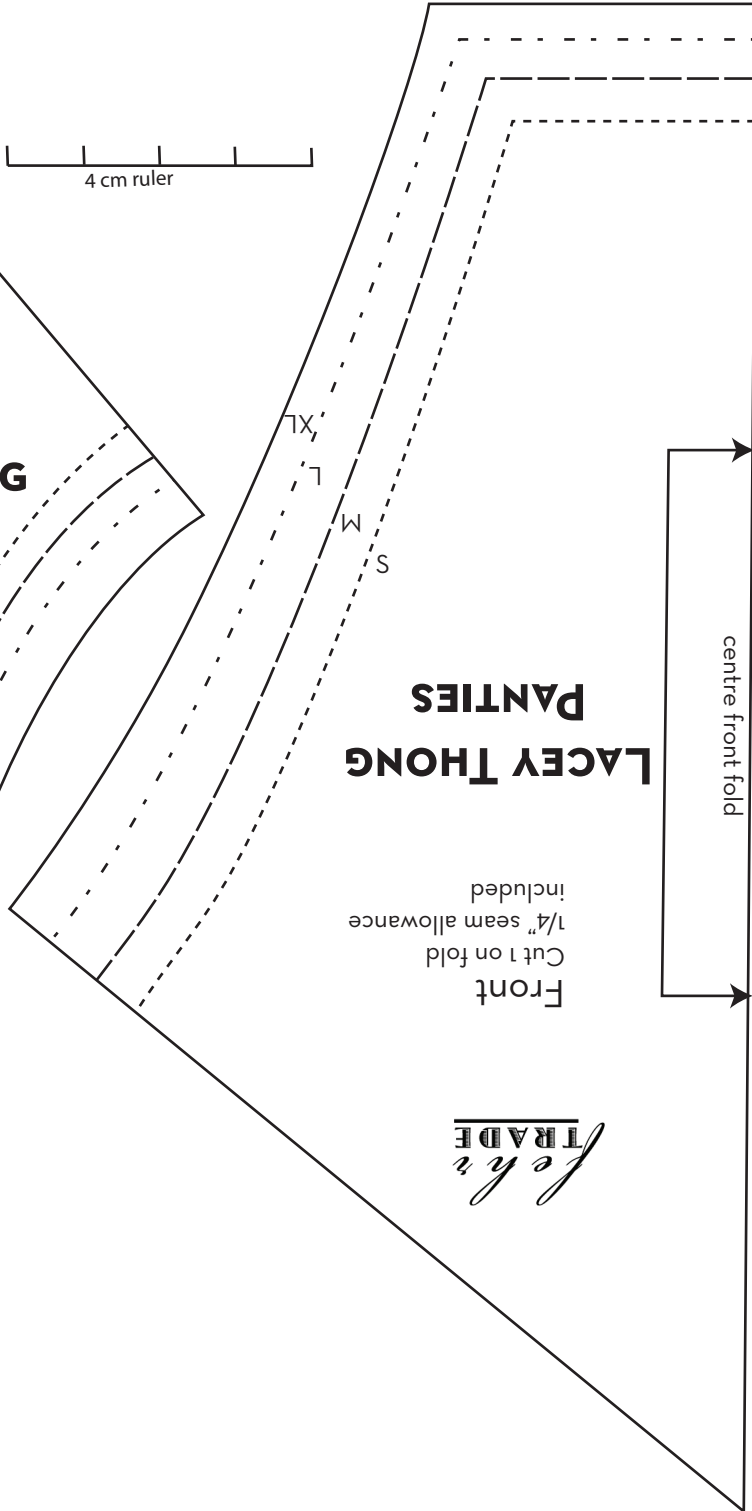
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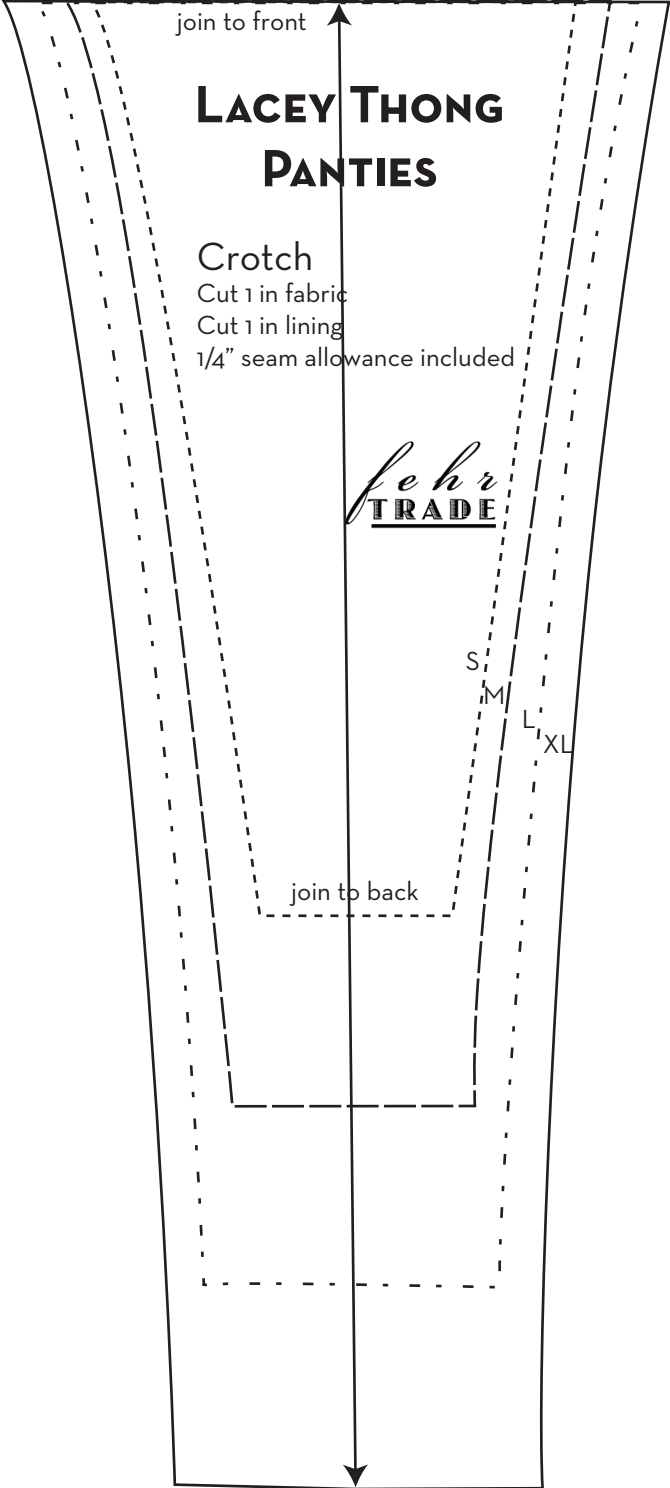
PANTIES LACEY THONG

Front
Cut 1 on fold
1/4" seam allowance
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centre front fold



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join to front

LACEY THONG PANTIES

Crotch
Cut 1 in fabric
Cut 1 in lining
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