

Bra Underwire Charts

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Introduction

These charts show the shapes and sizes of the underwires sold by the online resources listed below. While care has been taken to render the information accurately, there is no warranty that the underwires you purchase will match exactly.

To determine the size of the underwire, use a length of copper wire to establish where the breast meets the rib cage, as shown in the photo. Then compare the shape of the copper wire to the charts. The charts show the inside edge of the underwires.

The actual size, shape, and length of the underwires can vary so these charts are an approximation. The first time you order from a company, it is always best to order a size larger and a size smaller as well as the size you think you will need.

As these charts are prepared for use with custom made patterns, no reference is made to bra cup sizes. However, underwire manufacturers tend to grade their sizes based on a B Cup bra. Those are the reference numbers used.



Determining Underwire Size

For more information, visit the website: Custom-Bras.com

Online Resources

The following companies sell the underwires listed on the charts included here.

- Bra-Maker Supply (Canada) website: bramakers.com
- Bra Making Supplies (USA) website: corsetmaking.com
- ELingeriA (Germany) website: elingeria.de
- Fabric Depot (USA) website: fabricdepotco.com
- Fay's Fashion Fabrics (USA) website: faysfabrics.com
- Sew Sassy (USA) website: sewsassy.com
- Sewing Chest (UK) website: sewingchest.co.uk

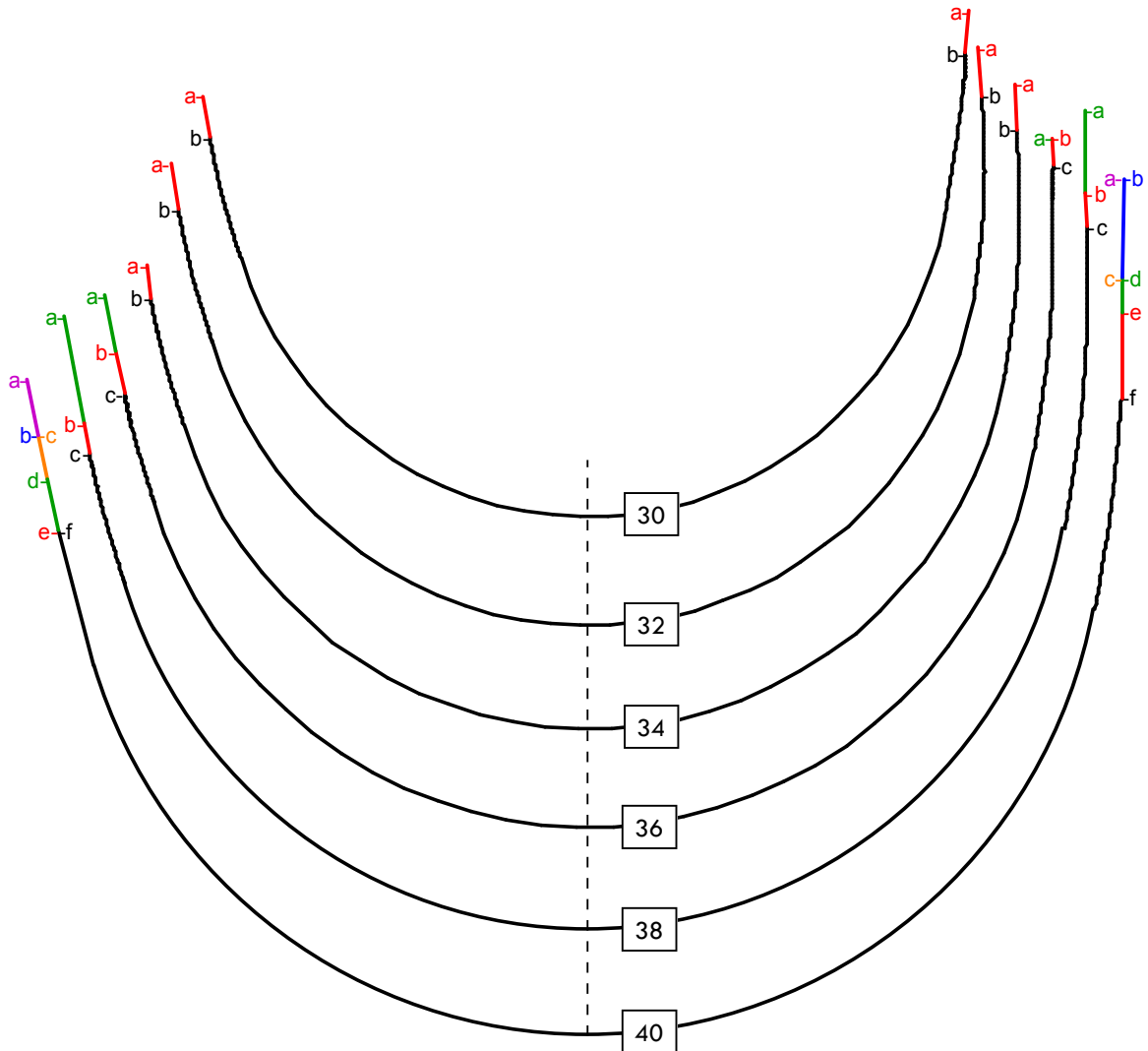
Chart Size	Metric	French	Italian	Australian
30	65	80	0	8
32	70	85	1	10
34	75	90	2	12
36	80	95	3	14
38	85	100	4	16
40	90	105	5	18
42	95	110	6	20
44	100	115	7	22

Chart Size	Metric	French	Italian	Australian
46	105	120	8	24
48	110	125	9	26
50	115	130	10	28
52	120	135	11	30
54	125	140	12	32
56	130	145	13	34
58	135	150	14	36
60	140	155	15	38

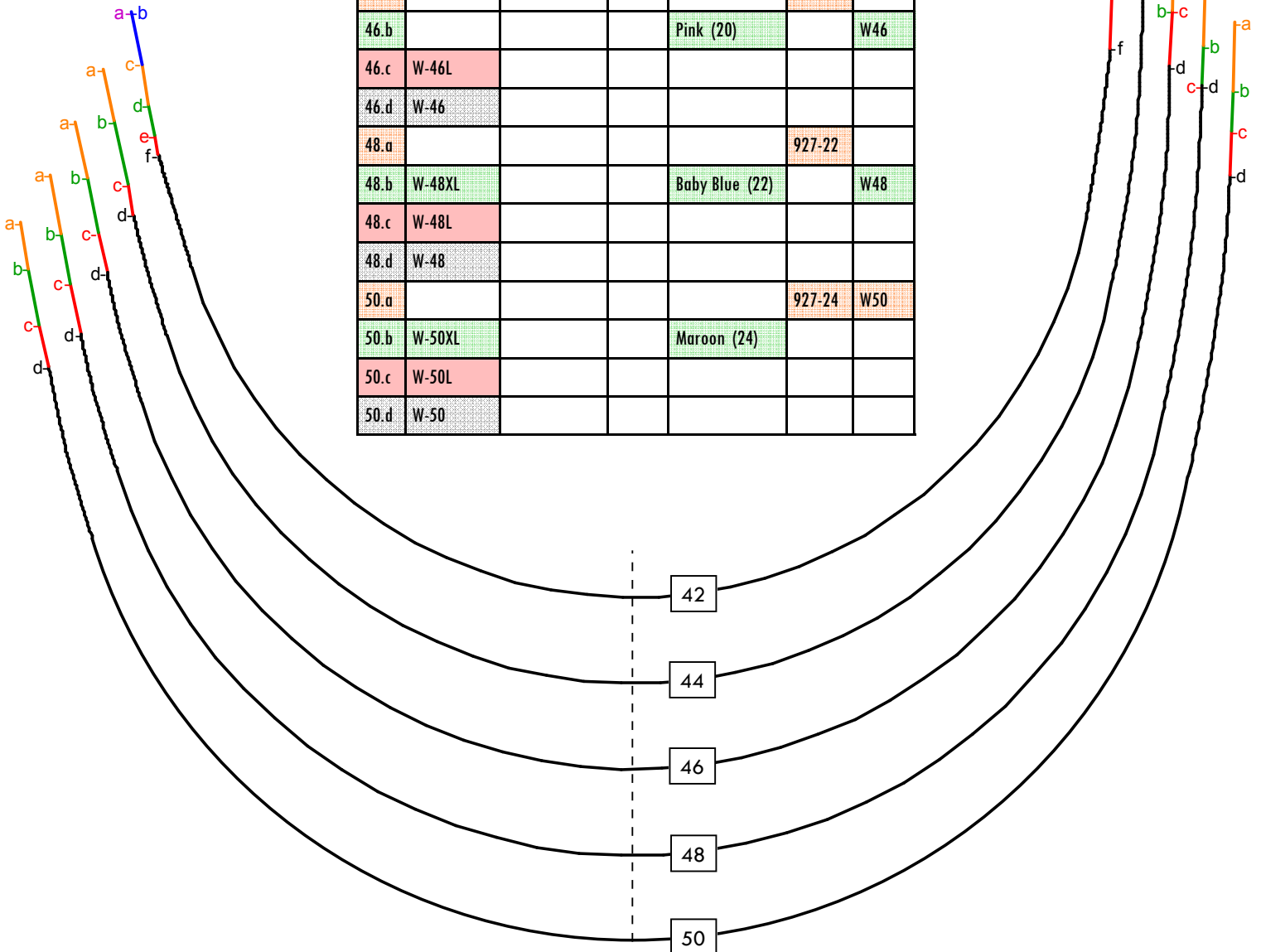
Regular Length Underwires

Size	Bra-make, Canada	Bra Making USA	Eling.	Fabric Dep. & Fay's	Sew Sassy	Sew Chest
30.a	W-30L	BMSUW-32A				W30
30.b	W-30		70			
32.a	W-32L	BMSUW-32B		Yellow (6)	920-32	W32
32.b	W-32		75			
34.a	W-34L	BMSUW-34B		Red (8)	920-34	W34
34.b	W-34		80			
36.a		BMSUW-36B		Blue (10)		W36
36.b	W-36L				920-36	
36.c	W-36		85			

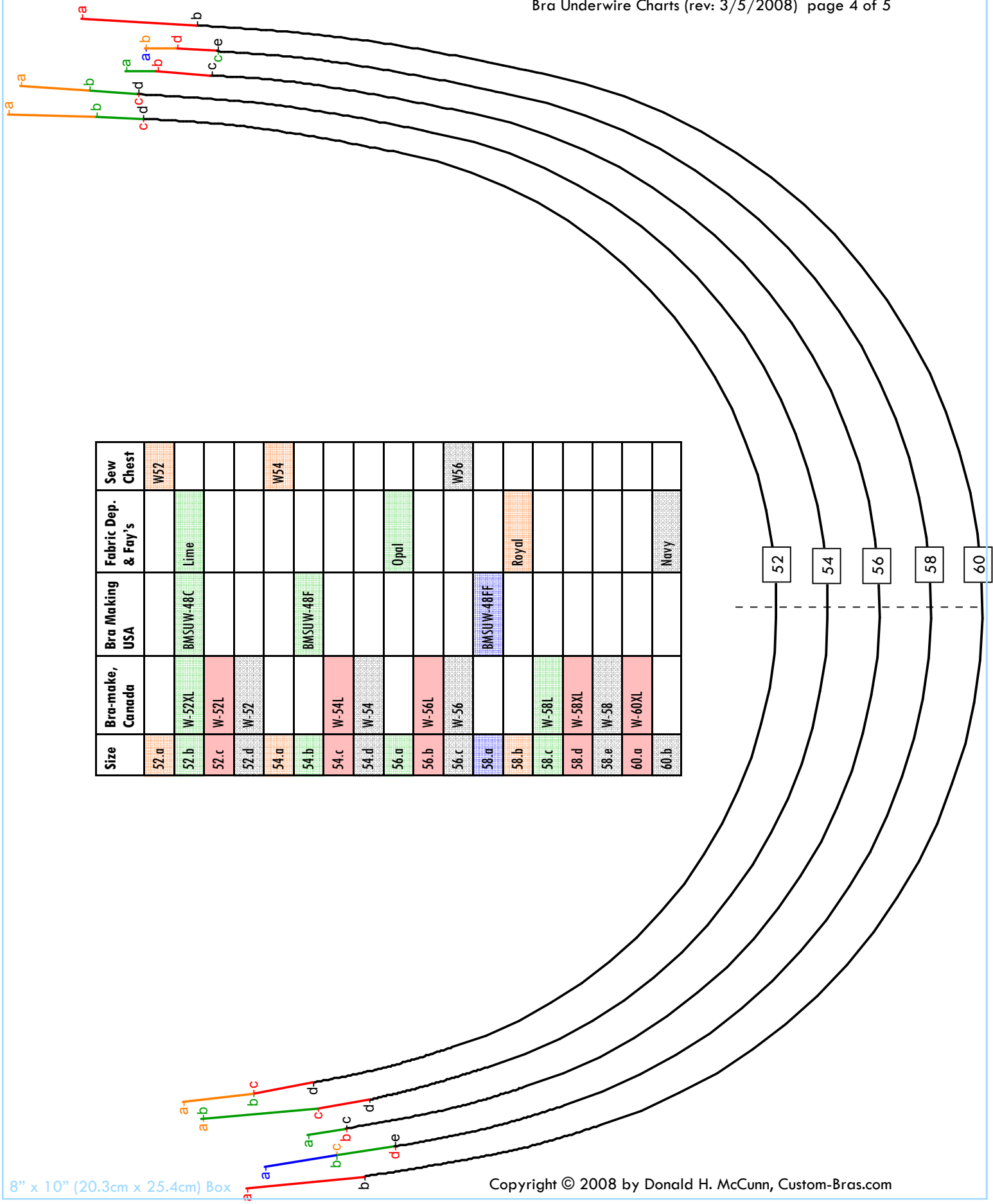
Size	Bra-make, Canada	Bra Making USA	Eling.	Fabric Dep. & Fay's	Sew Sassy	Sew Chest
38.a	W-38XL				927-12	
38.b	W-38L			Green (12)		W38
38.c	W-38	BMSUW-38B	90			
40.a					927-14	
40.b	W-40XL					
40.c				Fuchsia (14)		W40
40.d	W-40L	BMSUW-40B				
40.e	W-40		95			
40.f					920-38	



Size	Bra-make, Canada	Bra Making USA	Eling.	Fabric Dep. & Fay's	Sew Sassy	Sew Chest
42.a					927-16	
42.b		BMSUW-44C				
42.c				Ivory (16)		W42
42.d	W-42L					
42.e	W-42		100			
42.f					920-40	
44.a					927-18	
44.b		BWSUW-46C		Gold (18)		W44
44.c	W-44L					
44.d	W-44		105			
46.a					927-20	
46.b				Pink (20)		W46
46.c	W-46L					
46.d	W-46					
48.a					927-22	
48.b	W-48XL			Baby Blue (22)		W48
48.c	W-48L					
48.d	W-48					
50.a					927-24	W50
50.b	W-50XL			Maroon (24)		
50.c	W-50L					
50.d	W-50					

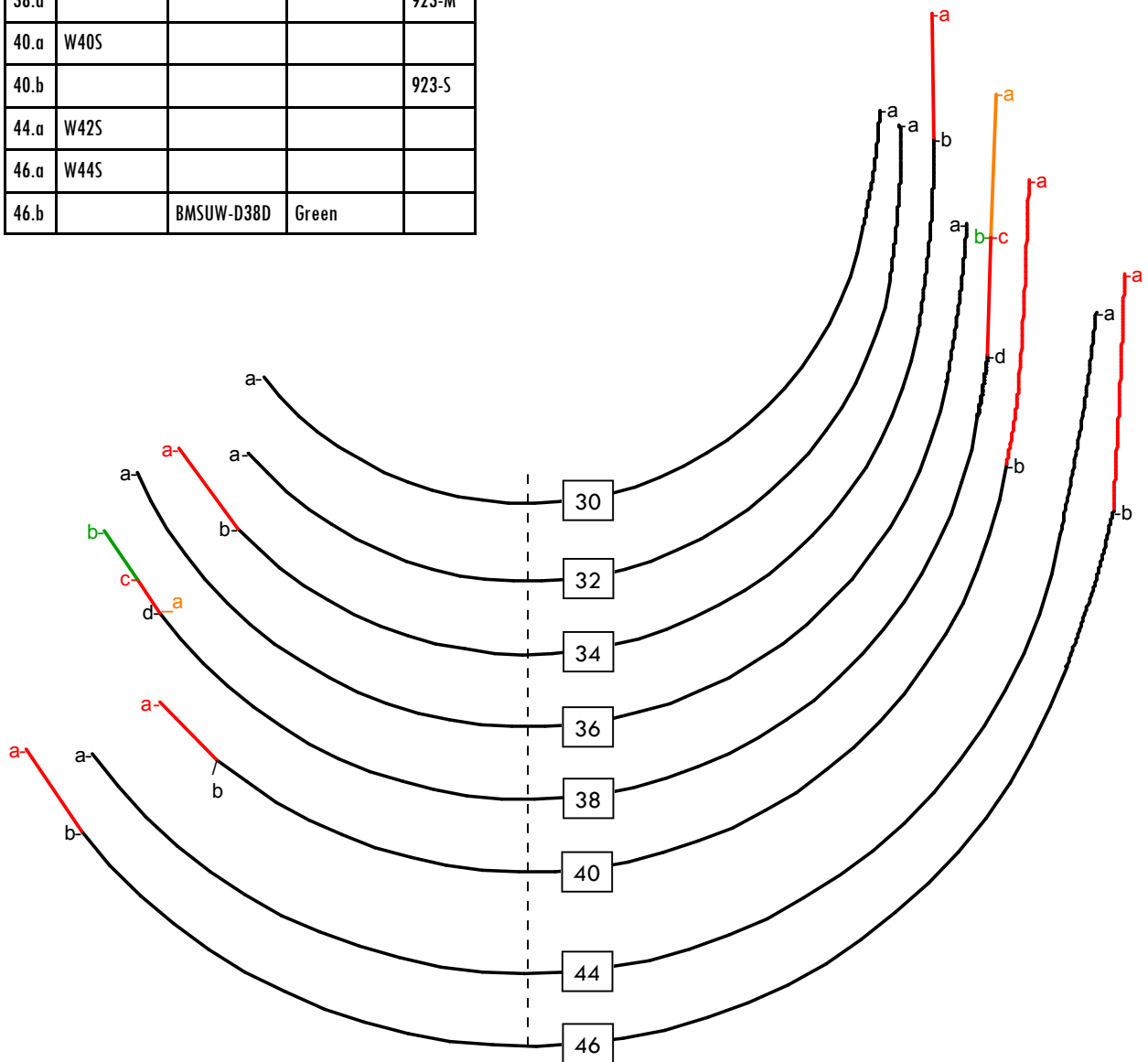


Size	Bra-make, Canada	Bra Making USA	Fabric Dep. & Fay's	Sew Chest
52.a				W52
52.b	W-52XL	BMSUW-48C	Lime	
52.c	W-52L			
52.d	W-52			
54.a				W54
54.b		BMSUW-48F		
54.c	W-54L			
54.d	W-54			
56.a			Opal	
56.b	W-56L			
56.c	W-56			W56
58.a		BMSUW-48FF		
58.b			Royal	
58.c	W-58L			
58.d	W-58XL			
58.e	W-58			
60.a	W-60XL			
60.b			Navy	



Demi Length Underwires

Size	Bra-make, Canada	Bra Making USA	Fabric Dep. & Fay's	Sew Sassy
30.a	W30S			
32.a	W32S			
34.a	W36S			
34.b	W34S			
36.a		BMSUW-D32A	Yellow	
38.a	W38S			
38.b		BMSUW-D36C	Orange	
38.c		BWSUW-D34B	Red	923-L
38.d				923-M
40.a	W40S			
40.b				923-S
44.a	W42S			
46.a	W44S			
46.b		BMSUW-D38D	Green	



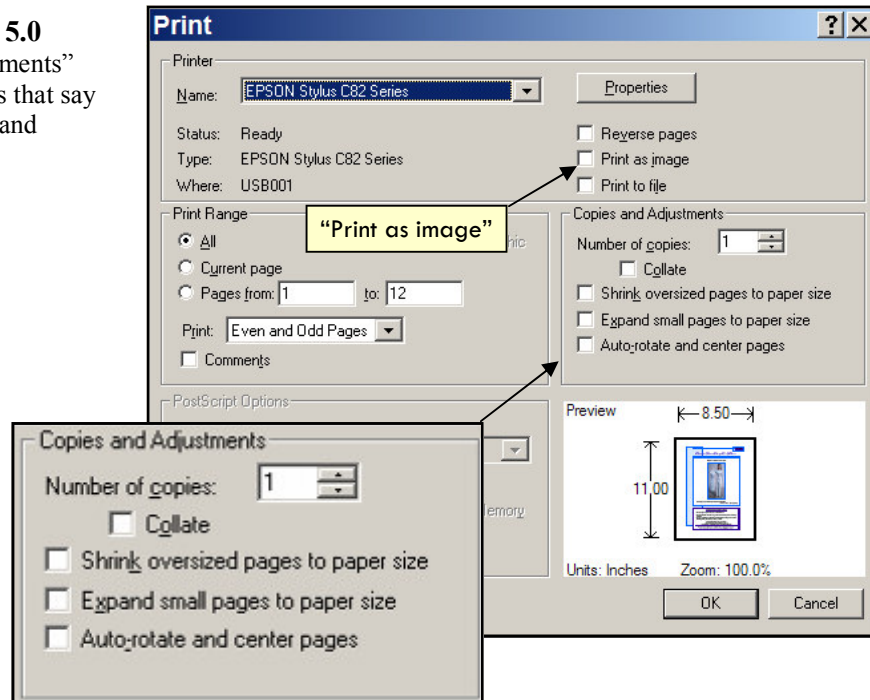
Printing PDF Files

The Adobe Acrobat print function can be set to shrink or expand pages. This will cause the patterns to be printed incorrectly. The phrasing of this function depends on the version of Acrobat that you are using. Two versions are shown below.

To verify the patterns are the correct size, measure the blue 8" x 10" (20.3cm x 25.4cm) boxes that appear around the edges of the pattern pages.

Another problem you may encounter is that the text in the sewing instructions prints additional characters. These characters do not appear when the pages are displayed. When this happens, select the "Print as image" function.

Acrobat Reader 5.0
In the "Copies and Adjustments" section, uncheck the boxes that say "Shrink oversized pages" and "Expand small pages."



Acrobat Reader 6.0 & 7.0
In the "Page Handling" section, set "Page Scaling" to "None."

To access the "Print as image" checkbox, click the "Advanced" button.

