

SUMMERTIME ON LOTUS POND

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Design Inspiration

This bra was designed for the “Show Your Support” contest to promote breast cancer awareness. The imagery of the lotus flower symbolizes beauty and complexity. The other embellishments were added for fun as an outgrowth of the original lotus theme.

Fabrics

100% polyester ombre “silk” crinkle.

Embellishments

Ribbon flowers, ruched cording, and free-standing machine-embroidered applique.

Patterns

Original design.

Special Sewing Techniques

The petals covering the bra are made by gathering traditional prairie points and sewing them in overlapping layers. The prairie points have been cut from the fabric so as to achieve a gradation of color from one layer to the next. After each layer of petals is attached, an additional strip of fabric has been added to cover all the raw edges. The bra-straps are covered with a gathered tube of fabric. The lining on the inside of the bra and the additional embellishments of ruched cording and appliques are finished by hand.

Exhibitions and Awards

“Show Your Support” contest, American Sewing Expo, Novi MI, October, 2006.