



Do-It-Yourself Bimini

SAILRITE TIDBIT

We've been busy! Not only do we have a new Sail Pack Kit and DVD (featured in the April Tidbit!), but we've improved our bimini instructions and have a NEW Make Your Own Bimini DVD and downloadable written instructions. We've also updated our bimini kits to include the Universal Deck Hinge. We hope these new resources will make sewing your own bimini much easier, and of course, more affordable! Watch our quick video preview and browse the introduction to our Bimini Instructions to learn more.

Bimini Video Preview



To watch the "Building Your Own Bimini Kit" preview video visit:
<http://www.sailrite.com/Building-a-3-Bow-Bimini-Kit-DVD>

Bimini Instructions: Overview

Too much sun or a sudden rain shower can ruin your sailing experience. A bimini, however, can provide excellent shade or shelter when under sail or at the dock without creating that "closed in" feeling. It is easy to set-up or fold away when not in use. The construction of a Sailrite Bimini Kit involves constructing the frame, creating the pattern, cutting the panels, sewing the cover, creating support straps or struts, and completing optional add-ons.

The Sailrite 3 Bow Bimini Kit features zippered tubing sleeves for easy removal and storage, tails at the forward and aft edges to act as attachment points and to prevent water from wicking back under the cover, and facing along the sides to keep the cover from stretching. Not only will this completed bimini kit rival a finished bimini from any canvas shop, but it is more affordable when you do-it-yourself.

Add window material or extra zippers to your kit to make optional curtains, bridge panel attachments, backstay slits, or a window for improved visibility of the mainsail while sailing. Check out our online streaming video, *Choosing Fittings for Bimini or Dodger Frames*, to see the different ways to mount the frame. Universal Deck Hinges are included in each kit, but any alternatives can be easily added.

Measuring the Frame

The 3-bow bimini frame requires 3 bow assemblies, jaw slides, eye ends, Universal Deck hinges, and set screws. Sailrite's complete bimini kits come in pre-bent 7/8" anodized aluminum or 1" stainless steel tubing.

Frame assembly is very straightforward and the completed frame is easy to adjust. Each bow assembly is made up of a center tube with a slight upward curve (crown) and 2 hockey stick-shaped tubes (legs) joined together with short tubing splines. The 3 bow assemblies are combined into a final assembly using jaw slides and eye ends. The frame is then mounted to the boat using 2 Universal Deck Hinges the can accommodate many different angels of deck and coamings and even vertical surfaces. All fittings are secured in place with set screws.

Let's begin!

Purchase (\$5.00) the complete Bimini Instructions #100772 (\$5.00) at:
<http://www.sailrite.com/3-Bow-Bimini-Kit-Downloadable-Instructions-PDF-Format>

FEATURED PRODUCTS



Bimini Kits

Sailrite Bimini Kits make it easy and affordable to provide protection from sun and shelter from rain and spray. Complete Bimini Kits contain everything you need to complete a bimini including Sunbrella fabric, patterning material, binding, thread, zippers, webbing, frame, fittings, and the Make

Your Own Bimini DVD complete with written PDF instructions. Only a sewing machine, scissors, and basic hand tools are required. The 3-bow bimini frame is 106" wide. Frames can be easily reduced in size by cutting the tubing with a hack saw or a tube cutter.

- 3-Bow Bimini Complete Kit, 7/8" Aluminum Frame - #33207
- 3-Bow Bimini Complete Kit, 1" Stainless Steel Frame - #33211
- 3-Bow Bimini Skin Only Kit (no frame) - #679



Make Your Own Bimini DVD - #200292

The Make Your Own Bimini DVD is a comprehensive step-by-step video that includes written PDF sewing instructions to help make building a bimini easy and affordable. This DVD includes everything from constructing the frame and creating the pattern to sewing the cover and mounting the frame.

This DVD is already included with all Sailrite Bimini Complete Kits and Skin Only Kits.



Downloadable Bimini Instructions PDF - #100772

Make Your Own Bimini Instructions are available for purchase as a PDF download from www.sailrite.com. These written bimini instructions offer step-by-step sewing and installation directions complete with detailed drawings and photos.

These instructions are already included with every Bimini Kit on the Make Your Own Bimini DVD. 23 pages.

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Send us a completed project photo to receive a FREE Sailrite T-shirt. Send 1 or 2 photos, a short description of how you used your Sailrite merchandise, and your name and address to cassie@

sailrite.com to receive your t-shirt. T-shirts are size XL only. Hurry, t-shirts will only be available during the month of May or while supplies last!

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