

FROM THE FOUNDER OF THE #VIKISEWS BRAND



Back in 2016, when I was working on my first set of sewing instructions, I was trying to write them in such a way that even a complete beginner could easily understand and use them to create their very first garment. These instructions laid the foundation for the Vikisews brand, its vision and its mission. I wanted to create modern patterns with the utmost detailed and clear instructions.

Now, with each new collection we are constantly improving our instructions, amending them and adding more relevant details. By the time the final product reaches you, our drafters, correctors, and editors would have spent weeks perfecting every word and every photograph. If you compile a few of our instructions together, you will get a sewing manual that will assist you in sewing all kinds of garments at any difficulty level.

And I would be very happy if these instructions helped you to turn your hobby into a lifelong passion... Enjoy the process! Create your ultimate dream wardrobe! Wear your garments proudly for years to come!

If you have any questions, please contact us at info@vikisews.com - we are always there to help.



LORRAINE PATTERN DESCRIPTION

Lorraine is a close-fitting dress with an accentuated waist. It features tie straps and a waist seam. The front bodice features separate cups with a draped overlay. The shaping on the bodice is achieved with princess seams. The skirt is bias-cut and is slightly flared. The dress fastens with an invisible zipper in the center back seam. Lorraine is mid-calf length.



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TOTAL EASE ALLOWANCE

	Bust ease	Waistline ease	Hipline ease
cm	4	4.2–5.9	14.7–20
inches	1 5/8	1 5/8–2 3/8	5 3/4–7 7/8

GARMENT LENGTH

Height, cm	Back length from waist down, cm	Height, ft	Back length from waist down, in
1 (154–160)	75.9–77.4	1 (5'1"–5'3")	29 7/8–30 1/2
2 (162–168)	78.9–80.4	2 (5'4"–5'6")	31 1/8–31 5/8
3 (170–176)	82–83.4	3 (5'7"–5'9")	32 1/4–32 7/8
4 (178–184)	85–86.4	4 (5'10"–6'1")	33 1/2–34

SUGGESTED FABRIC

To sew this dress, choose dress-weight fabrics with the following properties:

- medium weight, pliable, soft, non-stretch or low-stretch, opaque
- the fiber content can include natural fibers (silk, cotton, linen), artificial fibers (viscose, tencel), blends (silk + viscose, silk + polyester, cotton + viscose, linen + tencel etc.), and synthetics (polyester, polyester + elastane)
- the following fabrics are recommended: satin, dress-weight viscose, stretch crepe, linen, poplin, sateen, silk.

Attention! We do not recommend very stretchy knit fabrics and lightweight sheer fabrics (chiffon, organza, stretch lace).

The dress in the photos is made of textured cotton. The fabric is medium weight, soft, structured, and has very little stretch. The fiber content is 100% cotton.

TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT

- sewing machine for construction
- overlocker for finishing raw edges. This may be replaced with a stretch overlock stitch or a zigzag stitch on the sewing machine (overlock or zigzag stitch width 2–3 mm, stitch length 2.5 mm)
- invisible zipper foot for the sewing machine.

PATTERN PIECES LIST

1. From main fabric:

- center front bodice – cut 1 on fold
- side front bodice – cut 2
- center back bodice – cut 2
- side back bodice – cut 2
- outer bust cup – cut 2
- inner bust cup top panel – cut 2
- inner bust cup bottom panel – cut 2
- bust cup side panel – cut 4
- back skirt – cut 2
- front skirt – cut 1 (part 1 + part 2)
- back facing – cut 2
- front strap – cut 2
- back strap – cut 2.

Before cutting the fabric, glue the two parts of the front skirt pattern piece together.

IMPORTANT! Don't forget to transfer all pattern markings and notches onto the fabric.

2. From interfacing:

- inner bust cup top panel – cut 2
- inner bust cup bottom panel – cut 2
- side cup – cut 2
- back facing – cut 2.

SEAM ALLOWANCES

All pattern pieces include seam allowances as follows:

- center seam allowances on the center back bodice piece — 1.5 cm (5/8")
- center seam allowances on the back skirt piece — 1.5 cm (5/8")
- all other edges — 1 cm (3/8").

Take this into account when laying out pattern pieces on the fabric.

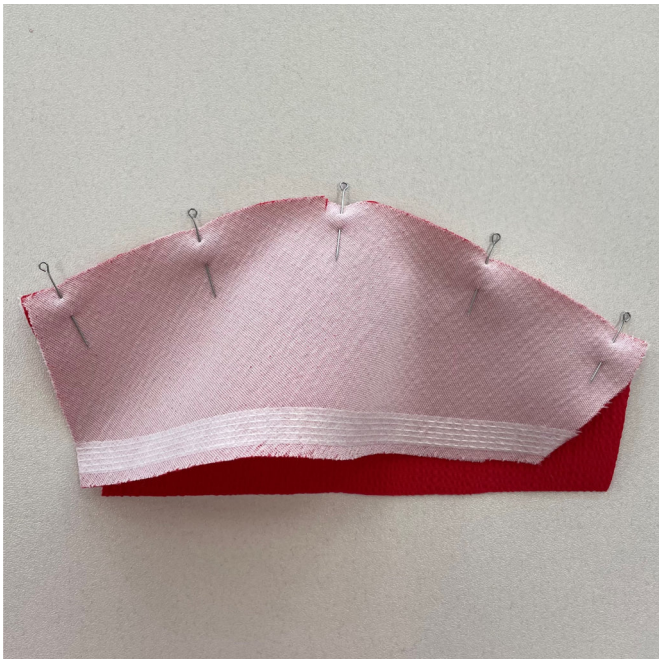


Press the seam flat.



Overlock the seam allowances with the side back bodice piece facing up.

Press the seam allowances toward the center back bodice piece.



Align the bottom edge of the inner bust cup top panel with the top edge of the inner bust cup bottom panel, right side to right side. Match the notches, pin, and then machine-stitch, backstitching at the beginning and end.