

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.



IVIAN PATTERN DESCRIPTION

Ivian is a semi-fitted dress with an accentuated waist and a slight flare at the bottom. It features a waist seam and bust darts. The round neckline has a keyhole opening and a button and button loop closure at the back. The bias-cut skirt has waist darts at the back. The set-in sleeves are long and close-fitting. Ivian is below mid-calf length.



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TOTAL EASE ALLOWANCE

	Bust ease	Waistline ease	Hipline ease	Upper arm ease
cm	12.8–14.8	9	8.2–8.3	4.9–5.1
inches	5–5 7/8	3 1/2	3 1/4	1 7/8–2

GARMENT LENGTH, SLEEVE LENGTH

Height, cm	Garment length at center back, cm	Sleeve length, cm
1 (154–160)	123.2–125	58.4–58.8
2 (162–168)	127.2–129	60.4–60.8
3 (170–176)	131.2–133	62.4–62.7
4 (178–184)	135.2–137	64.4–64.7
Height, ft	Garment length at center back, in	Sleeve length, in
1 (5'1"–5'3")	48 1/2–49 1/4	23–23 1/8
2 (5'4"–5'6")	50 1/8–50 3/4	23 3/4–23 7/8
3 (5'7"–5'9")	51 3/4–52 3/8	24 5/8
4 (5'10"–6'1")	53 1/4–53 7/8	25 3/8–25 1/2

SUGGESTED FABRIC

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

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

Attention! We do not recommend stretchy knit fabrics, heavyweight fabrics (suiting, denim), and lightweight, sheer fabrics (organza, chiffon).

The dress in the photo is made of artificial silk. The fabric is medium weight, pliable, soft, and non-stretch. The fiber content is 100% polyester.

IMPORTANT! When purchasing fabric, please account for shrinkage and buy 5% more than required.

2. Interfacing, for all sizes and heights — 20 cm (7 7/8").
3. Elastic, 1 cm (3/8") wide — 66–89 cm (26–35"), depending on the size. The exact elastic length is specified on the pattern pieces.
4. One button or button blank, 0.7–1 cm (1/4–3/8") in diameter.
5. Matching thread — 5 spools (1 spool for the sewing machine + 4 spools for the overlocker).

TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT

- sewing machine for construction
- overlocker for finishing raw edges. It can 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)
- loop turner
- hand-press tool and molds for button covering (optional).

PATTERN PIECES LIST

1. From main fabric:

- front bodice — cut 1 on fold
- back bodice — cut 2
- sleeve — cut 2
- front skirt — cut 1 on fold
- back skirt — cut 2
- back neck facing — cut 2
- front neck facing — cut 1 on fold
- button loop — cut 1.

2. From interfacing:

- front neck facing — cut 1 on fold
- back neck facing — cut 2.

Additionally, cut two strips of interfacing, 1.5 cm (5/8") wide, to interface the keyhole opening edges on the back bodice pieces. The interfacing strips should be cut on the straight grain (parallel to the selvedge).

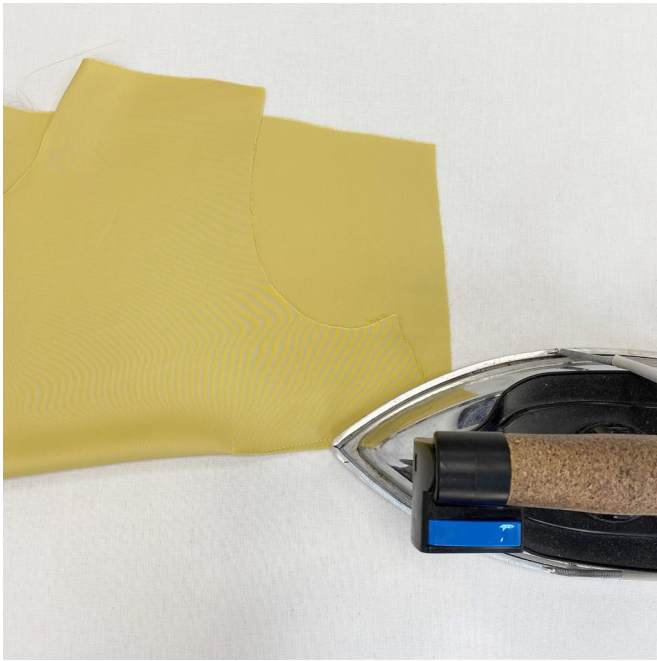
IMPORTANT! Don't forget to transfer all pattern markings and notches onto the fabric.

SEAM ALLOWANCES

All pattern pieces include seam allowances as follows:

- sleeve hem allowance — 2 cm (3/4")
- all other edges — 1 cm (3/8").

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



Press the darts flat. Do not press past the dart point.



Press the darts toward the armholes of the garment.



Shrink out the fullness at the dart point.