

# FROM THE FOUNDER OF THE #VIKISEWS BRAND

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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](mailto:info@vikisews.com) — we are always there to help.



## MELODY PATTERN DESCRIPTION

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Melody is an empire-waist dress with a semi-fitted bodice and a voluminous skirt. The skirt is gathered along the waist seam. The dress has a round neckline and a Peter Pan collar with a ruffle trim. The long, loose-fitting set-in sleeves are gathered at the sleeve cap and 4 cm (1 5/8") above the bottom edge, where an elastic casing is attached. The dress features a center back button placket. Melody is above-knee length.



## IMPORTANT!

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# TOTAL EASE ALLOWANCE

	Chest ease	Waistline ease	Hipline ease	Upper arm ease
cm	12	11.6–20	77–102.5	14.3–14.9
inches	4 3/4	4 5/8–7 7/8	30 3/8–40 3/8	5 5/8–5 7/8

# GARMENT LENGTH, SLEEVE LENGTH

Height, cm	Center back length, cm	Sleeve length including ruffle, cm
74	42.8	25.8–26.4
80	45.7	28.4–28.9
86	48.9	31.4–32
92	51.9	33.9–34.4
98	57.4	37.7–38
104	60.3	40–40.3
110	62.3	42.5–42.8
116	66.3	44.9
122	69.3	47.2–47.6
128	72.2	49.3–49.6

Height, in	Center back length, in	Sleeve length including ruffle, in
29.25	16 7/8	10 1/8–10 3/8
31.5	18	11 1/8–11 3/8
33.75	19 1/4	12 3/8–12 5/8
36.25	20 3/8	13 3/8–13 1/2
38.5	22 5/8	14 7/8–15
41	23 3/4	15 3/4–15 7/8
43.25	24 1/2	16 3/4–16 7/8
45.5	26 1/8	17 5/8
48	27 1/4	18 5/8–18 3/4
50.5	28 3/8	19 3/8–19 1/2

# PATTERN PIECES LIST

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## 1. From main fabric:

- front bodice — cut 1 on fold
- back bodice — cut 2
- front skirt — cut 1 on fold
- back skirt — cut 1 on fold
- sleeve — cut 2
- sleeve casing — cut 2
- upper collar — cut 2
- undercollar — cut 2
- back placket — cut 2
- neck facing — cut 1 on fold
- collar ruffle — cut 2 on fold

**IMPORTANT!** For the collar ruffle, you can use additional fabric (lace trim, broderie anglaise lace, etc.).

## 2. From interfacing:

- upper collar — cut 2
- back placket — cut 2
- neck facing — cut 1 on fold

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

# SEAM ALLOWANCES

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All pattern pieces include seam allowances as follows:

- garment hem allowance — 1.5 cm (5/8")
- sleeve hem allowance — 1.5 cm (5/8")
- all other edges — 1 cm (3/8").

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



Using a 4 mm stitch length, sew two parallel lines of gathering stitches along the upper edge of the decorative trim that serves as the collar ruffle. The stitching lines should be at 5 mm (just under 1/4") and 8 mm (just under 3/8") from the edge.

Gather the edge by pulling on both lower (bobbin) threads at the same time. When gathered, the ruffle should be as long as the outer edge of the upper collar. Distribute the gathering evenly.



Place the collar ruffle and upper collar right sides together, align the edges. Match the notches and pin. Machine-baste the ruffle in place at 8 mm (just under 3/8") from the edge.



Press the seam flat.