

# 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 most 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.



## FLORENCE PATTERN DESCRIPTION

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Florence is a semi-fitted dress with a straight cut. The front bust darts have been moved to the shoulder seam. There are shoulder darts on the back, belt loops at the waist, and inseam pockets in the side seams. The dress has a slightly extended shoulder line and is designed to be worn with shoulder pads. The set-in sleeves are long, two-piece, and semi-fitted. The dress closes with a double-breasted button front closure. Florence features a shawl collar, a deep V-neckline, and a detachable belt with a buckle. The front and back of the dress are lined, the sleeves are unlined. Florence is mid-calf length.



## IMPORTANT!

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# TOTAL EASE ALLOWANCE

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	Bust ease	Waistline ease	Hipline ease	Upper arm ease
cm	12.1	34	11	5.5–6.5
inches	4 3/4	13 3/8	4 3/8	2 1/8–2 1/2

# GARMENT LENGTH, SLEEVE LENGTH

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Height, cm	Garment back length, cm	Sleeve length, cm
1 (154-160)	112.5	60.8-62.3
2 (162-168)	115.5	62.8-64.3
3 (170-176)	118.5	64.7-66.2
4 (178-184)	121.5	66.8-68.2

Height, ft	Garment back length, in	Sleeve length, in
1 (5'1"–5'3")	44 1/4	23 7/8–24 1/2
2 (5'4"–5'6")	45 1/2	24 3/4–25 3/8
3 (5'7"–5'9")	46 5/8	25 1/2–26 1/8
4 (5'10"–6'1")	47 7/8	26 1/4–26 7/8

# SUGGESTED FABRIC

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

- medium-weight, soft, structured, non-stretch or low-stretch
- the fiber content can include natural fibers (wool, silk, cotton, linen), artificial fibers (viscose), blends (wool + silk, wool + polyester, cotton + viscose, etc.), and synthetics (polyester, polyester + elastane)
- the following fabrics are recommended: dress-weight wool, wool suiting, silk suiting, cotton, linen, crepe, gabardine.

**Attention!** We do not recommend stretchy knit materials (jersey fabrics), or lightweight sheer fabrics (chiffon, organza, stretch lace).

For the lining, use lining fabrics made of artificial fibers (viscose), blends (viscose + elastane, viscose + polyester), and synthetics (polyester, polyester + elastane).

The dress in the photos is made of suiting. The fabric is soft, not very heavy, holds its shape well, doesn't wrinkle, doesn't contain elastane, but stretches slightly due to the weave. The fiber content is 65% polyester + 35% viscose. The lining is 100% viscose.

4. Stitch-reinforced fusible stay tape – 1.5m (1 5/8yd)
5. Four buttons, 2.2cm (7/8") in diameter
6. One backing button, 1.7cm (5/8") in diameter
7. One belt buckle
8. Matching thread – 5 spools (1 spool for the sewing machine + 4 spools for the overlocker)
9. One pair of shoulder pads

## TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT

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- sewing machine for construction
- overlocker for finishing seam allowances. It can be replaced with a stretch overlock stitch or a zigzag stitch on the sewing machine (overlock or zigzag stitch width 2–3mm, stitch length 2.5mm)
- buttonhole foot for the sewing machine
- edgestitch foot for the sewing machine (optional)

## PATTERN PIECES LIST

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### 1. From main fabric:

- back – cut 1 on fold
- front – cut 2
- front facing– cut 2
- top sleeve – cut 2
- bottom sleeve – cut 2
- upper collar – cut 1 on fold
- undercollar – cut 2
- belt – cut 1
- pocket bag – cut 4
- belt loop – cut 1

*IMPORTANT! Don't forget to transfer all the notches from the pattern to your fabric.*

### 2. From lining:

- back lining – cut 1 on fold
- front lining – cut 2

### 3. From interfacing:

- upper collar – cut 1 on fold
- undercollar – cut 2
- belt – cut 1
- front facing – cut 2

## SEAM ALLOWANCES

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Pattern pieces include the following seam allowances:

- top sleeve hem – 2cm (3/4")
- bottom sleeve hem – 2cm (3/4")
- front and back lining hem – 2cm (3/4")
- garment hem – 4cm (1 5/8")
- all other edges – 1cm (3/8")

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



**Attention!** The dart bulk now reaches the neckline edge. To avoid this, trim the extra dart width.

Mark a line 1cm (3/8") from the dart seam.



Trim the extra width.



With the top side of the dart facing up, overlock the seam allowance. Press the seam flat.