

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 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 - we are always there to help.



ODETTE PATTERN DESCRIPTION

Odette is a semi-fitted, straight-cut dress, slightly flared at the bottom. It features a detachable belt that closes with a buckle. There are bust darts at the front and shoulder darts at the back. The dress has a center back seam that ends in a hemline slit. The set-in sleeves are long and semi-fitted. The neckline is round and closes with a button and loop at the back. The dress is below mid-calf length.



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TOTAL EASE ALLOWANCE

	Bust ease	Waistline ease	Hipline ease	Upper arm ease
cm	15.7	37.6	16.3	6
inches	6 1/8	14 3/4	6 3/8	2 3/8

GARMENT LENGTH, SLEEVE LENGTH

Height, cm	Garment back length, cm	Sleeve length, cm
1 (154-160)	117.1-118.9	59.6-61.2
2 (162-168)	121.1-122.9	61.5-63.2
3 (170-176)	125.1-126.9	63.5-65.2
4 (178-184)	129.1-130.9	65.5-67.1

Height, ft	Garment back length, in	Sleeve length, in
1 (5'1"-5'3")	46 1/8-46 3/4	23 1/2-24 1/8
2 (5'4"-5'6")	47 5/8-48 3/8	24 1/4-24 7/8
3 (5'7"-5'9")	49 1/4-50	25-25 5/8
4 (5'10"-6'1")	50 7/8-51 1/2	25 3/4-26 3/8

SUGGESTED FABRIC

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

- medium-weight, pliable, breathable, soft, 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, crepe, dress-weight viscose, silk, artificial silk, satin, silk velvet.

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

The dress in the photos is made from artificial silk. The fabric is medium-weight, pliable, soft, without stretch. The fiber content is 100% polyester.

PATTERN PIECES LIST

1. From main fabric:

- front - cut 1 on fold
- back - cut 2
- sleeve - cut 2
- back neck facing - cut 2
- front neck facing - cut 1 on fold
- rouleau loop - cut 1
- belt - cut 1

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

2. From interfacing:

- front neck facing - cut 1 on fold
- back neck facing - cut 2
- belt - cut 1

Additionally, cut the following pieces from interfacing:

- 2 strips, 1,5cm (5/8") wide and as long as the interfaced area, to interface the seam allowances of the hemline slit.
- 2 strips, 1,5cm (5/8") wide and as long as the interfaced area, to interface the seam allowances of the back neck slit.

The strips should be cut on the straight grain (parallel to the selvedge).

- 2 strips, 1,5x15cm (5/8 x 5 7/8"), to interface the shoulder seam allowances on the front piece. The strips should be cut on the cross grain (perpendicular to the selvedge).

SEAM ALLOWANCES

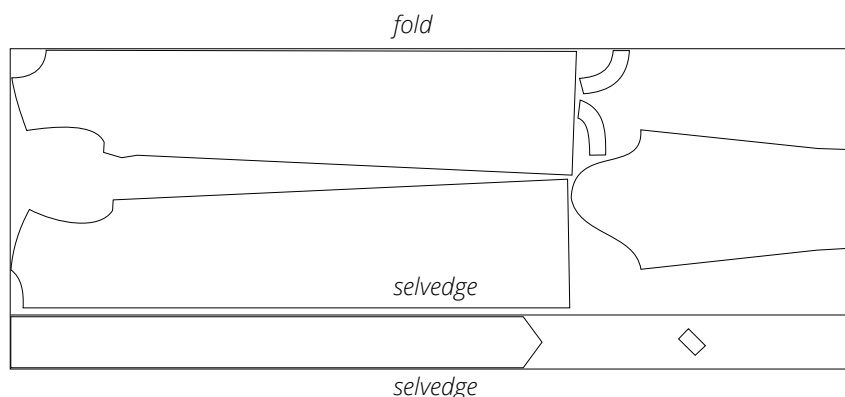
Pattern pieces include the following seam allowances:

- garment hem - 2cm (3/4")
- sleeve hem - 2cm (3/4")
- center back seam - 1,5cm (5/8")
- all other edges - 1cm (3/8")

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

CUTTING LAYOUT

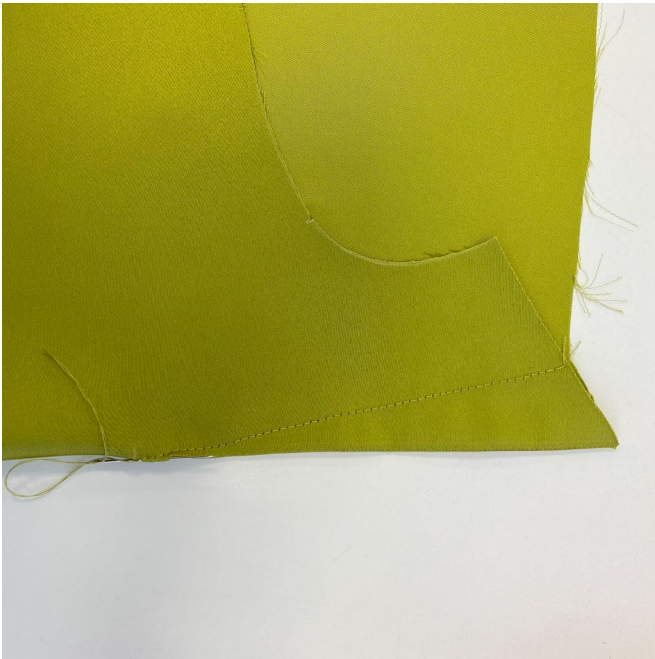
Main fabric, 140cm (55") wide, cut with one offset fold, size 34 in all heights, for a directional print



The fold is offset to accommodate the belt and rouleau loop pieces. They are cut on a single layer out of leftover fabric.



Pin each dart on the wrong side of the front and back pieces.



Machine-stitch the darts, backstitching at the base of the darts only: side edge on the front piece, shoulder edge on the back piece. Press the seams flat.

At the tip of the dart, tie the thread ends into knots and hide them between fabric layers using a needle.



Press the dart flat.