

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.



CASSANDRA PATTERN DESCRIPTION

Cassandra is a close-fitting, lined evening dress that flares toward the bottom. The front and back are fitted with princess seams. The dress has a plunging front V-neckline that is trimmed with lace, features a sheer panel, and reaches the waistline. There is a deep, shaped cutout on the back. The close-fitting set-in sleeves are long, flared toward the bottom, and consist of two panels joined by vertical seams. The sleeve hem is trimmed with lace. The dress closes with an invisible zipper in the center back seam and a button and rouleau loop at the back neckline. The dress is floor-length at the front, with a long train at the back.



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TOTAL EASE ALLOWANCE

	Bust ease	Waistline ease	Hipline ease	Upper arm ease
cm	-2.5 – (-1.7)	2–3.3	3 – (-1.2)	3–2.9
inches	-1 – (-5/8)	3/4–1 1/4	1 1/8 – (-1/2)	1 1/8

GARMENT LENGTH, SLEEVE LENGTH

Height, cm	Center back length from waist down including train (estimated), cm	Center front length from waist down, cm	Sleeve length (without lace trim), cm
1 (154–160)	170.2–169.1	116.4–114.6	63.5
2 (162–168)	173.5–172.3	119.6–117.8	66.5
3 (170–176)	176.9–175.6	123.2–121.4	67.5
4 (178–184)	180.5–179.3	127.1–125.3	69.5

Height, ft	Center back length from waist down including train (estimated), in	Center front length from waist down, in	Sleeve length (without lace trim), in
1 (5'1"–5'3")	67–66 5/8	45 7/8–45 1/8	25
2 (5'4"–5'6")	68 1/4–67 7/8	47 1/8–46 3/8	26 1/8
3 (5'7"–5'9")	69 5/8–69 1/8	48 1/2–47 3/4	26 5/8
4 (5'10"–6'1")	71 1/8–70 5/8	50–49 3/8	27 3/8

SUGGESTED FABRIC

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

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

Attention! We do not recommend stretchy knit materials or structured fabrics.

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

As an additional fabric for the front inset, we recommend using lightweight, sheer, stretchy materials, such as tulle.

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)
- stitch-in-the-ditch foot for the sewing machine (optional)
- invisible zipper foot for the sewing machine
- one-sided foot for the sewing machine
- loop turner
- press tool for button covering
- latch hook (can be replaced with a large-eye needle).

PATTERN PIECES LIST

1. From main fabric:

- center front – cut 1 on fold
- side front – cut 2
- center back – cut 2
- side back – cut 2
- center sleeve – cut 2
- front sleeve – cut 2
- back sleeve – cut 2
- rouleau loop – cut 1.

2. From lining fabric:

- center front – cut 1 on fold
- side front – cut 2
- center back – cut 2
- side back – cut 2.

3. From additional fabric:

- front inset – cut 1 on fold.

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

4. From interfacing:

Cut two 2 cm (3/4") wide strips to interface the zipper seam allowances in the center back seam. The interfacing strips should be cut on the straight grain (parallel to the selvedge).

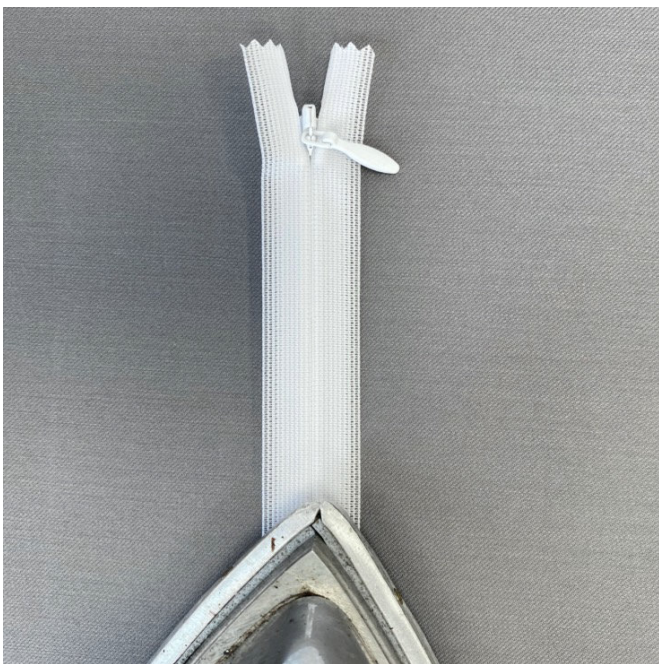
***IMPORTANT!** To achieve a clean finish, trim the lining pieces by 2 mm along the neckline and back cutout edges. This way, there won't be any excess lining fabric after the seams are rolled slightly toward the lining.*



Press the seam flat.



Press the seam allowances open.
To prevent imprints when pressing, slip a piece of thick paper between the seam allowance and the main garment piece.



Press and steam the zipper tape in order to prevent shrinkage in the finished garment.