

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.



CATALINA PATTERN DESCRIPTION

Catalina is a full circle layered skirt. It can either function as a separate garment or replace the original skirt in a dress by being attached to the bodice along the waistline. The skirt has a free-hanging lining and fastens with an invisible zipper in the center back seam. The skirt is gathered along the top edge and features an applied waistband. Catalina is below-ankle length.



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TOTAL EASE ALLOWANCE

	Waistline ease	Hipline ease (bottom skirt)
cm	2	12.1–14.8
inches	3/4	4 3/4–5 7/8

GARMENT LENGTH

Height, cm	Back length excluding waistband (bottom skirt), cm	Back length excluding waistband (top skirt), cm
1 (154–160)	108.2	111.2
2 (162–168)	112.2	115.2
3 (170–176)	116.2	119.2
4 (178–184)	120.2	123.2

Height, ft	Back length excluding waistband (bottom skirt), in	Back length excluding waistband (top skirt), in
1 (5'1"–5'3")	42 5/8	43 3/4
2 (5'4"–5'6")	44 1/8	45 3/8
3 (5'7"–5'9")	45 3/4	46 7/8
4 (5'10"–6'1")	47 3/8	48 1/2

SUGGESTED FABRIC

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

- medium weight, pliable, soft, non-stretch, sheer for the top skirt, opaque for the bottom skirt
- the fiber content can include natural fibers (silk), artificial fibers (viscose), blends (silk + polyester, silk + viscose, etc.), and synthetics (polyester)
- the following fabrics are recommended: tulle, silk satin, silk crepe

Attention! We do not recommend stretchy knits, stretch mesh, and stretch lace fabrics.

The skirt in the photo is made of five layers of fabric:

- bottom skirt — 2 layers of silk. The fabric is medium weight, soft, non-stretch and with good drape. The fiber content is 100% polyester.
- top skirt — 3 layers of tulle. The fabric is lightweight, pliable, soft, and sheer. The fiber content is 100% polyester.

TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT

- sewing machine for construction
- overlocker for finishing raw edges. This may 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)
- invisible zipper foot for the sewing machine
- one-sided foot for the sewing machine

PATTERN PIECES LIST

1. From main fabric:

1.1. From main fabric 1 (tulle):

- top skirt — cut 3 on fold
- waistband — cut 1

1.2. From main fabric 2 (silk):

- front bottom skirt — cut 2
- back bottom skirt — cut 4
- waistband — cut 1

***Attention!** The top skirt and front bottom skirt pattern pieces are rather large. For that reason, the pattern set includes the reduced-length pieces so that you are able to add the remaining length yourself. Cut the top skirt piece on fold. To do this, measure the length indicated on the reduced pattern piece from the fabric edge, then place the piece along the fold. Add the needed length along the bottom edge and draw the new bottom edge with a smooth line.*

***IMPORTANT!** One front bottom skirt and two back bottom skirt pieces serve as the skirt lining.*

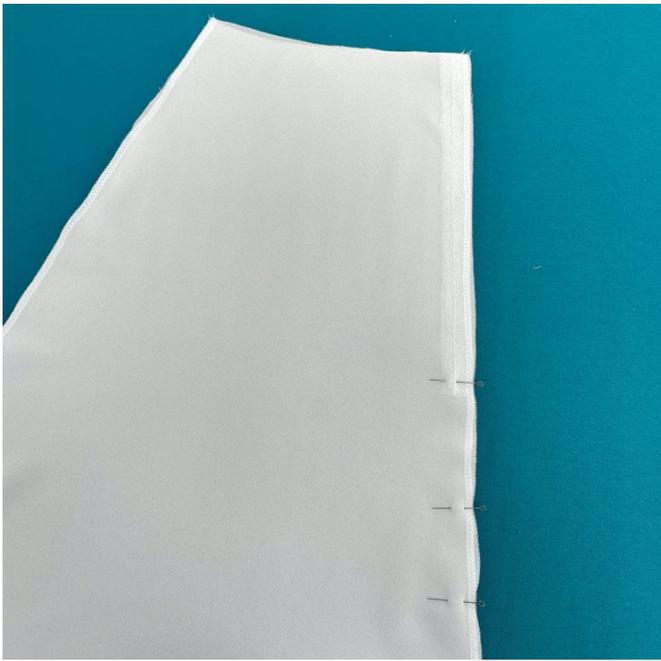
***IMPORTANT!** Don't forget to transfer all pattern markings and notches onto the fabric.*

2. From interfacing:

- waistband — cut 1

SEAM ALLOWANCES

All pattern pieces include 1 cm (3/8") seam allowances. Take this into account when laying out pattern pieces on the fabric.



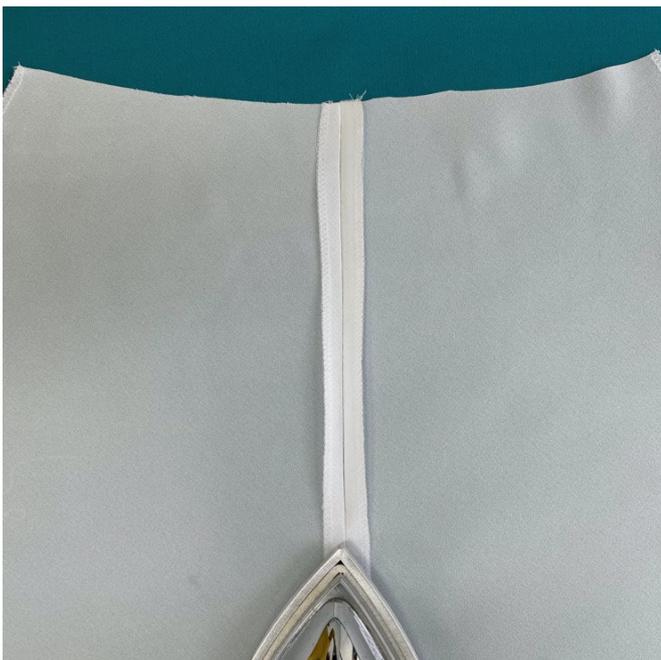
Place the back bottom skirt pieces right sides together, align the center edges, match the notches, and pin.

Machine-stitch from the zipper notch to the bottom edge, backstitching at the beginning and end.

Hand-baste along the zipper section of the center back seam and press.



Press the seam flat.



Press the seam allowances open.