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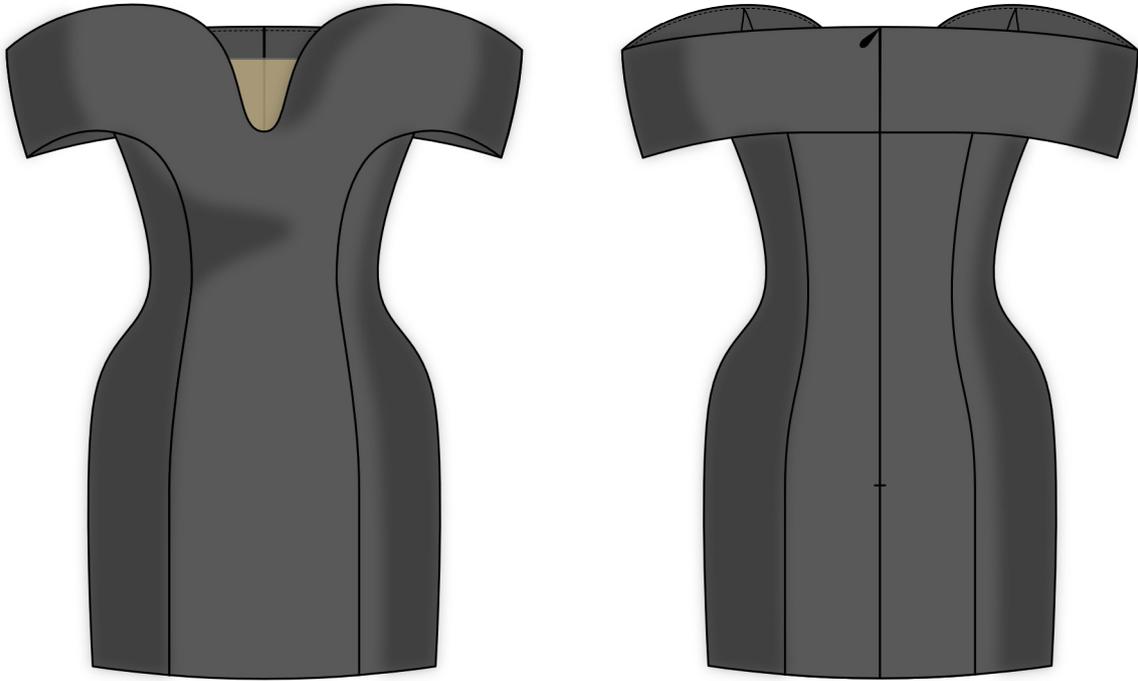


Back in 2016, when I was working on my first set of sewing instructions, I was trying to write them in such a way that even a complete beginner could easily understand and use them to create their very first garment. These instructions laid the foundation for the Vikisews brand, its vision and its mission. 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 — we are always there to help.



ANNABELLE PATTERN DESCRIPTION

Annabelle is a close-fitting, corset-style dress. It is fully lined, with two rows of horizontal casings stitched to the skirt lining, each with boning inserted for support. The side seams and princess seams are also stabilized with boning. The dress features a shaped neckline, open shoulders, and short grown-on sleeves incorporated into the center front panel. There is an invisible zipper closure in the center back seam. The dress is above-knee length.



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TOTAL EASE ALLOWANCE

	Bust ease	Waistline ease	Hipline ease
cm	1.4–7.1	1.1–1.7	4.4–15.3
inches	1/2–2 3/4	3/8–5/8	1 3/4–6

GARMENT LENGTH

Height, cm	Back length from waist down, cm	Height, ft	Back length from waist down, in
1 (154–160)	39.2–40.4	1 (5'1"–5'3")	15 3/8–15 7/8
2 (162–168)	42.2–43.4	2 (5'4"–5'6")	16 5/8–17 1/8
3 (170–176)	45.2–46.4	3 (5'7"–5'9")	17 3/4–18 1/4
4 (178–184)	48.2–49.4	4 (5'10"–6'1")	19–19 1/2

SUGGESTED FABRIC

To sew this dress, choose dress-weight or suiting fabrics with the following properties: heavyweight or medium-weight, structured, non-stretch, opaque, made of natural, artificial, synthetic fibers, or blends. Recommended fabric: velvet.

Attention! We do not recommend stretchy knit fabrics and lightweight sheer fabrics (chiffon, organza, stretch lace).

For sizes 48 and up in all heights, we do not recommend fabrics with a nap or directional print, as one of the pieces needs to be cut on the crosswise grain.

The dress in the photos is made of velvet. The fabric is heavyweight, structured, without stretch. The fiber content is 100% polyester. The fabric weight is 260 g/m². The lining is a blend of polyester (55%) and viscose (45%). The fabric weight is 100 g/m².

FABRIC AND NOTIONS REQUIREMENTS

1. Main fabric, 140 cm wide, cut in one direction (on the straight grain), 240–260 g/m², in meters:

Height, cm	Size				
	34–36	38	40	42	44–52
1 (154–160)	1.1	1.2	1.25	1.3	-
2 (162–168)	1.15	1.25	1.3	1.35	-
3 (170–176)	1.2	1.3	1.35	1.4	-
4 (178–184)	1.25	1.35	1.4	1.45	-

Main fabric, 55" wide, cut in one direction (on the straight grain), 240–260 g/m², in yards:

Height, ft	Size				
	34–36	38	40	42	44–52
1 (5'1"–5'3")	1 1/4	1 1/4	1 3/8	1 3/8	-
2 (5'4"–5'6")	1 1/4	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 1/2	-
3 (5'7"–5'9")	1 1/4	1 3/8	1 1/2	1 1/2	-
4 (5'10"–6'1")	1 3/8	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 5/8	-

Main fabric, 150 cm wide, cut in one direction (on the straight grain), 240–260 g/m², in meters:

Height, cm	Size				
	34–40	42	44	46	48–52
1 (154–160)	1.1	1.25	1.3	1.35	-
2 (162–168)	1.15	1.3	1.35	1.4	-
3 (170–176)	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.45	-
4 (178–184)	1.25	1.35	1.45	1.5	-

Main fabric, 59" wide, cut in one direction (on the straight grain), 240–260 g/m², in yards:

Height, ft	Size				
	34–40	42	44	46	48–52
1 (5'1"–5'3")	1 1/4	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 1/2	-
2 (5'4"–5'6")	1 1/4	1 3/8	1 1/2	1 1/2	-
3 (5'7"–5'9")	1 1/4	1 3/8	1 1/2	1 5/8	-
4 (5'10"–6'1")	1 3/8	1 1/2	1 5/8	1 5/8	-

Main fabric, 140 cm wide, with one piece cut on the cross grain, 240–260 g/m², in meters:

The fabric must be non-stretch!

Height, cm	Size		
	48	50	52
1 (154–160)	1.6	1.65	1.7
2 (162–168)	1.65	1.7	1.75
3 (170–176)	1.7	1.75	1.75
4 (178–184)	1.75	1.8	1.8

Main fabric, 55" wide, with one piece cut on the cross grain, 240–260 g/m², in yards:

The fabric must be non-stretch!

Height, ft	Size		
	48	50	52
1 (5'1"–5'3")	1 3/4	1 3/4	1 7/8
2 (5'4"–5'6")	1 3/4	1 7/8	1 7/8
3 (5'7"–5'9")	1 7/8	1 7/8	1 7/8
4 (5'10"–6'1")	1 7/8	2	2

2. Lining fabric, 140 cm wide, 100 g/m², in meters:

Height, cm	Size									
	34	36	38	40	42	44	46	48	50	52
1 (154–160)	0.8	0.9	0.95	1	1.05	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.15	1.15
2 (162–168)	0.85	0.9	0.95	1	1.05	1.1	1.15	1.15	1.2	1.25
3 (170–176)	0.9	0.95	1	1.05	1.1	1.15	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.3
4 (178–184)	0.95	1	1.05	1.1	1.15	1.2	1.25	1.25	1.35	1.4

Lining fabric, 55" wide, 100 g/m², in yards:

Height, ft	Size									
	34	36	38	40	42	44	46	48	50	52
1 (5'1"–5'3")	7/8	1	1	1 1/8	1 1/8	1 1/4	1 1/4	1 1/4	1 1/4	1 1/4
2 (5'4"–5'6")	7/8	1	1	1 1/8	1 1/8	1 1/4	1 1/4	1 1/4	1 1/4	1 3/8
3 (5'7"–5'9")	1	1	1 1/8	1 1/8	1 1/4	1 1/4	1 1/4	1 1/4	1 3/8	1 3/8
4 (5'10"–6'1")	1	1 1/8	1 1/8	1 1/4	1 1/4	1 1/4	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 1/2	1 1/2

3. Corset mesh, 150 cm (59") wide, for all sizes and heights – 15 cm (5 7/8").

4. Lingerie foam, 3 mm (1/8") thick, 150 cm (59") wide, for all heights:

Size	34-44	46-52
meters	0.15	0.2
yards	1/8	1/4

IMPORTANT! When purchasing fabric, please account for shrinkage and buy 5% more than required.

5. Lightweight interfacing, knit or woven, 40 g/m², 140 cm (55") wide, for all heights:

Size	34-40	42-48	50	52
meters	0.4	0.45	0.5	0.55
yards	3/8	1/2	1/2	5/8

6. Stitched bias-cut fusible stay tape with stitch reinforcement, 1.5 cm wide, for all sizes, in meters:

Height, cm	Length, m
1 (154-160)	2.76-3.65
2 (162-168)	2.8-3.69
3 (170-176)	2.82-3.72
4 (178-184)	2.86-3.76

Stitched bias-cut fusible stay tape with stitch reinforcement, 5/8" wide, for all sizes, in yards:

Height, ft	Length, yd
1 (5'1"-5'3")	3-4
2 (5'4"-5'6")	3-4
3 (5'7"-5'9")	3 1/8-4 1/8
4 (5'10"-6'1")	3 1/8-4 1/8

7. Rigilene boning, 1 cm wide, for all sizes, in meters:

Height, cm	Length, m
1 (154-160)	5.47-6.69
2 (162-168)	5.73-6.95
3 (170-176)	5.94-7.17
4 (178-184)	6.18-7.41

Rigilene boning, 3/8" wide, for all sizes, in yards:

Height, ft	Length, yd
1 (5'1"-5'3")	6-7 3/8
2 (5'4"-5'6")	6 1/4-7 5/8
3 (5'7"-5'9")	6 1/2-7 7/8
4 (5'10"-6'1")	6 3/4-8 1/8

8. One invisible zipper, 55 cm (21 5/8") long, for all sizes and heights.

9. Matching thread – 1 spool for the sewing machine.

TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT

- sewing machine for construction
- invisible zipper foot for the sewing machine
- one-sided foot for the sewing machine.

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 front facing – cut 1 on fold
- side front facing – cut 2
- center back facing – cut 2
- side back facing – cut 2
- sleeve facing – cut 2

2. From lining fabric:

- center front lining – cut 1 on fold
- side front lining – cut 2
- center back lining – cut 2
- side back lining – cut 2
- binding – cut 3

3. From corset mesh:

- front insert – cut 1 on fold

4. From lingerie foam:

- sleeve support – cut 2

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

5. From interfacing:

- center front facing – cut 1 on fold
- side front facing – cut 2
- center back facing – cut 2
- side back facing – cut 2
- sleeve facing – cut 2

SEAM ALLOWANCES

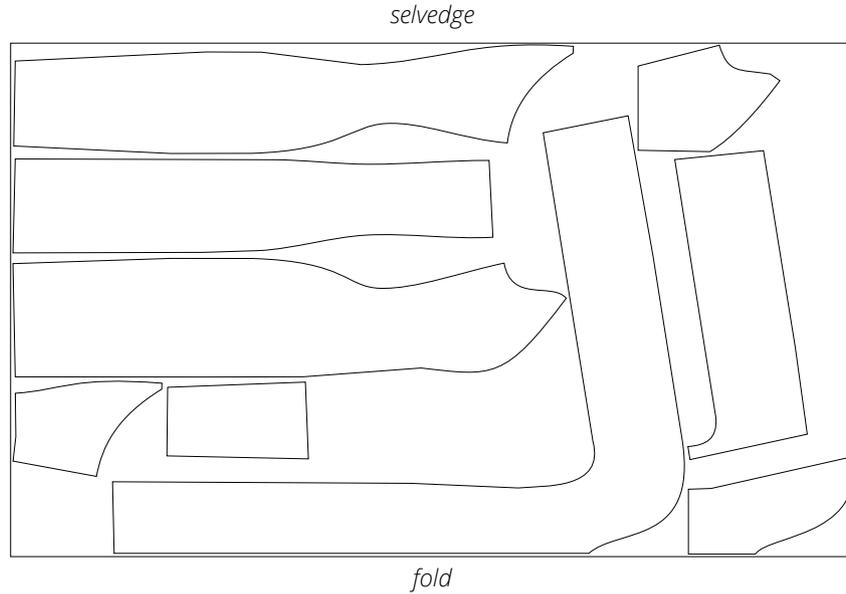
All pattern pieces include seam allowances as follows:

- garment hem allowance – 4 cm (1 5/8")
- all other edges – 1 cm (3/8").

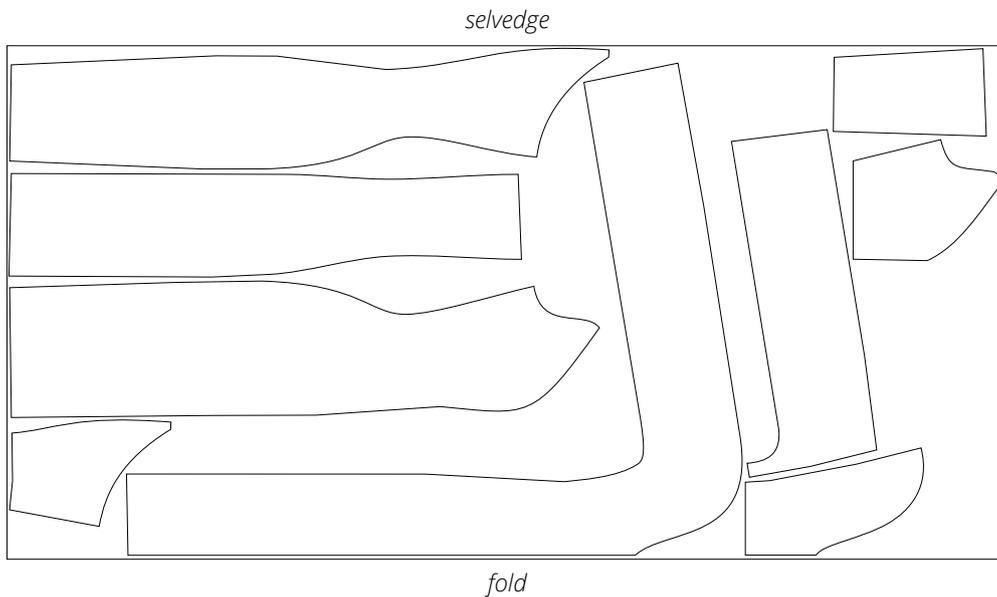
Take this into account when laying out pattern pieces on the fabric.

CUTTING LAYOUT

Main fabric, 140 cm (55") wide, with a directional print/nap, cut on fold, for sizes 34–36 in all heights; main fabric, 150 cm (59") wide, with a directional print/nap, cut on fold, for sizes 34–40 in all heights



Main fabric, 140 cm (55") wide, with a directional print/nap, cut on fold, for sizes 38–42 in all heights; main fabric, 150 cm (59") wide, with a directional print/nap, cut on fold, for sizes 42–46 in all heights





Machine-stitch up to the chalk mark. Backstitch at the beginning and end of the seam. Trim the seam allowances down to 5 mm (just under 1/4"). Clip into the seam allowances every 3 cm (1 1/8"), up to 2 mm from the seam.



Fold the side back facing over to the wrong side of the side back piece. Position the seam on the very edge and press the armscye edge on a needle board or a piece of the same fabric.

Follow the same process for all the following pressing steps.



Place the center back facing and side back facing pieces right sides together. Align and pin the edges, matching the notches.

Stitch on the sewing machine, stopping 1 cm (3/8") away from the top edge of the center back facing. Backstitch at the beginning and end of the seam.