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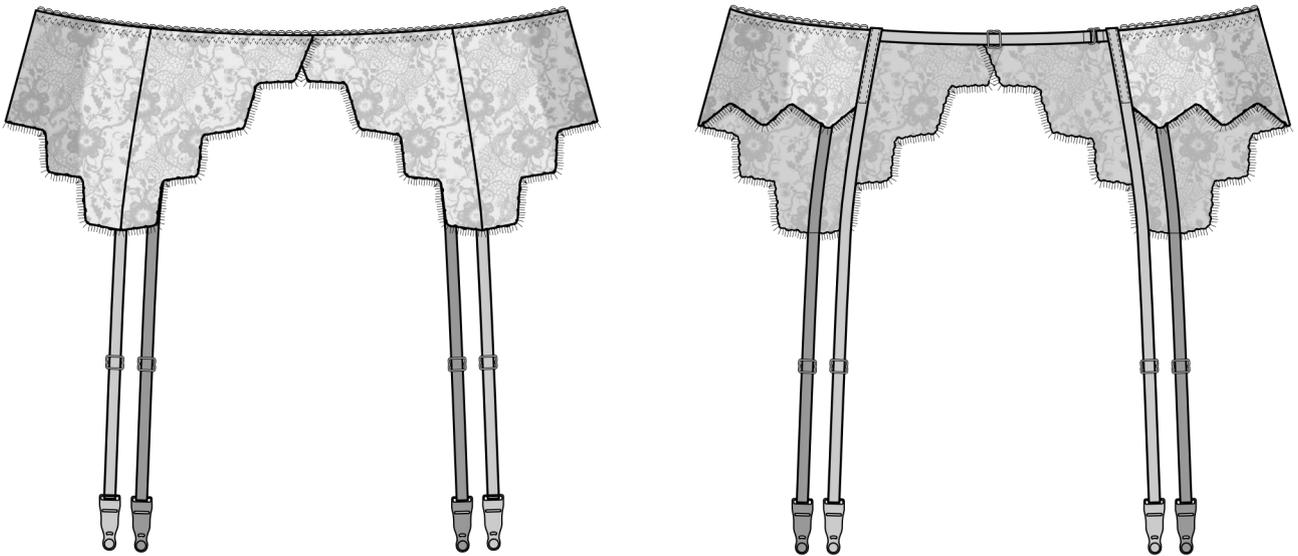


Back in 2016, when I was working on my first set of sewing instructions, I was trying to write them in such a way that even a complete beginner could easily understand and use them to create their very first garment. These instructions laid the foundation for the Vikisews brand, its vision and its mission.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



## ODA PATTERN DESCRIPTION

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Oda is a garter belt with adjustable straps and garter clips. The bottom edges are scalloped. The top edge is finished with picot-edge lingerie elastic. The garter belt features an adjustable strap and hook closure at the back.



## IMPORTANT!

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# SUGGESTED FABRIC

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To sew this garter belt, choose lace fabrics with the following properties:

- soft, non-stretch, medium-stretch or low-stretch (1.1–1.5 stretch factor), medium weight
- the following fabrics are recommended (the fabric should have a scalloped edge): lace, allover lace fabrics, embroidered mesh, guipure lace

You can determine the stretch factor of the fabric yourself. Mark 10 cm (4") along the crosswise grain of the fabric, lay a ruler next to the marked section, and stretch the fabric. Divide the measurement you get by 10.

The garter belt in the photo is made of soft non-stretch lace. The fiber content is 100% polyester. The fabric weight is 70 g/m<sup>2</sup>.

# FABRIC AND NOTIONS REQUIREMENTS

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1. Main fabric, 18 cm (7") wide, not accounting for pattern repeat:

Size	XS	S	M	L	XL
Meters	0.55	0.65	0.7	0.8	0.85
Yards	5/8	3/4	3/4	7/8	7/8

2. Picot-edge lingerie elastic, 1 cm (3/8") wide, for all heights:

Size	XS	S	M	L	XL
Centimeters	43.5	49	54.5	60	65.5
Inches	17 1/8	19 1/4	21 1/2	23 5/8	25 3/4

3. Strap elastic, 1 cm (3/8") wide, for all heights:

Size	XS	S	M	L	XL
Centimeters	144	145	146	147	148
Inches	56 3/4	57 1/8	57 1/2	57 7/8	58 1/4

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

4. Five strap slide adjusters, 1 cm (3/8") wide
5. Four garter clips, 1 cm (3/8") wide
6. One G-hook, 1 cm (3/8") wide
7. Matching thread — 4 spools (1 spool for the sewing machine + 3 spools for the overlocker)

## TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT

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- sewing machine for construction
- overlocker for construction and 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)
- large-eye needle or latch hook

***IMPORTANT!** We recommend using specialty needles when working with lace fabrics and elastic (for example, STRETCH, SUPER STRETCH, JERSEY, etc.). When sewing, a ball-shaped needle point pushes the knit loops apart without piercing the threads.*

## PATTERN PIECES LIST

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From main fabric:

- front — cut 2
- back — cut 2

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

## SEAM ALLOWANCES

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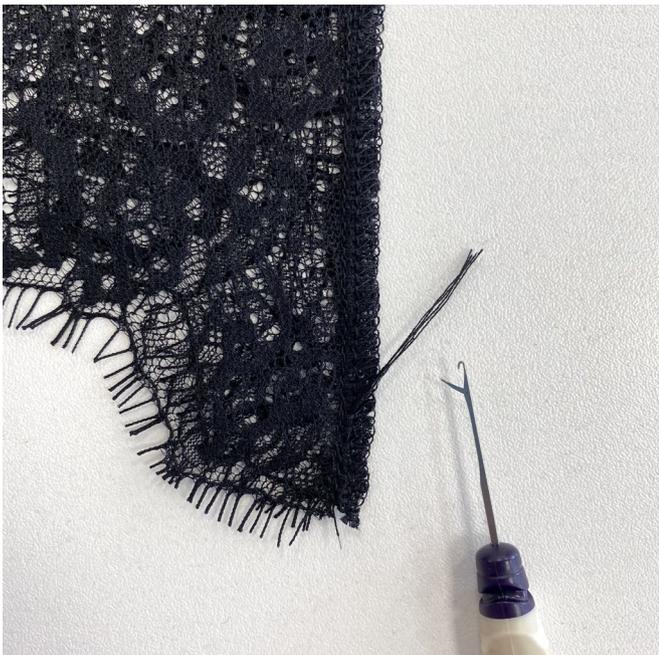
All pattern pieces include 1 cm (3/8") seam allowances.  
Take this into account when laying out pattern pieces on the fabric.



Finish the seam allowances on the overlocker, with either side facing up.

Use a 4-thread overlocker for this step. You can replace the overlocker with a stretch or zigzag stitch on your sewing machine.

**Important!** The pattern pieces include 1 cm (3/8") seam allowances. The overlocker stitch is narrower than the seam allowance. You can either trim the seam allowances beforehand or let the overlocker cut off the extra fabric while stitching.



Leave long thread tails, tie them into a knot, and then hide them inside the stitching using a latch hook or a large-eye needle. Cut the thread ends.



Working from the right side, topstitch to secure the seam allowances to the back piece.