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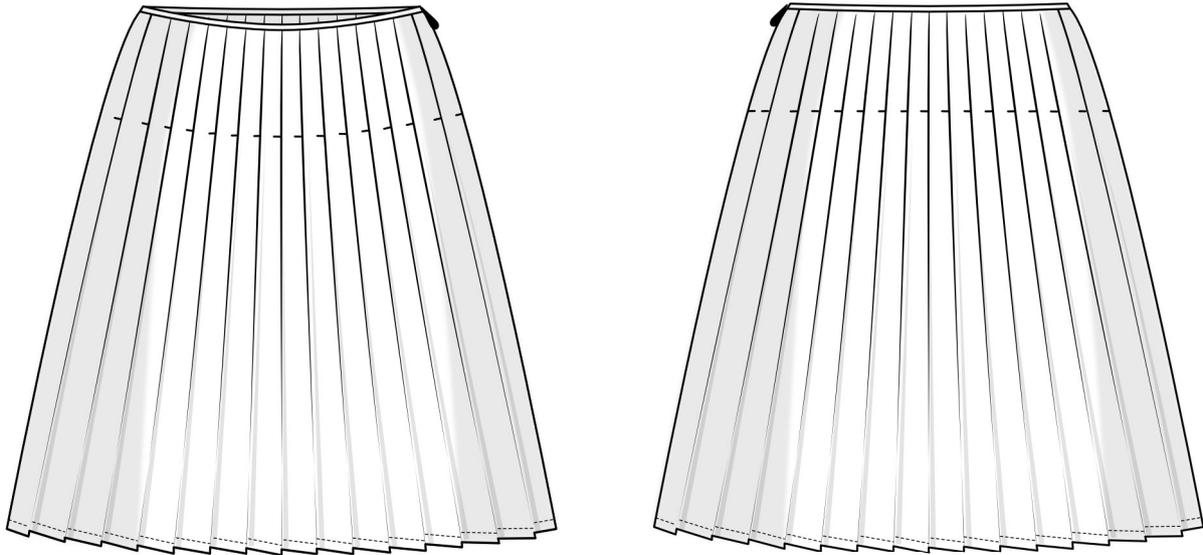


Back in 2016, when I was working on my first set of sewing instructions, I was trying to write them in such a way that even a complete beginner could easily understand and use them to create their very first garment. These instructions laid the foundation for the Vikisews brand, its vision and its mission.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



## LOTTA PATTERN DESCRIPTION

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Lotta is a semi-fitted A-line skirt featuring pleats that are stitched down to 10 cm (4") below the top edge. The top edge of the skirt sits 4-5 cm (1 1/2-2") below the natural waistline. The garment has no waistband and its top edge is finished with binding. It closes with an invisible zipper in the left side seam. Lotta is above-knee length.



## IMPORTANT!

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## TOTAL EASE ALLOWANCE

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	Waistline ease	Hipline ease
cm	1.9–2.5	1.9–3
inches	3/4–1	3/4–1 1/8

## GARMENT LENGTH

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Height, cm	Garment length, cm	Height, ft	Garment length, in
1 (154–160)	34.4–40	1 (5'1"–5'3")	13 1/2–15 3/4
2 (162–168)	37.4–43	2 (5'4"–5'6")	14 3/4–16 7/8
3 (170–176)	40.4–46	3 (5'7"–5'9")	15 7/8–18 1/8
4 (178–184)	43.4–49	4 (5'10"–6'1")	17 1/8–19 1/4

## SUGGESTED FABRIC

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

Recommended fabrics: twill, gabardine.

**Attention!** We do not recommend stretchy knit fabrics.

The skirt in the photos is made of dress-weight twill. The fabric is medium weight, soft, with a little stretch. The fiber content is 90% viscose and 10% polyester. The fabric weight is 190 g/m<sup>2</sup>.

# FABRIC AND NOTIONS REQUIREMENTS

1. Main fabric, 140 cm wide, with a directional print/nap, in meters:

Height, cm	Size									
	34	36	38	40	42	44	46	48	50	52
1 (154–160)	0.75	0.85	0.9	1	1.05	1.15	1.25	1.3	1.4	1.5
2 (162–168)	0.8	0.9	0.95	1.05	1.15	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.45	1.55
3 (170–176)	0.85	0.95	1.05	1.1	1.2	1.25	1.35	1.45	1.5	1.6
4 (178–184)	0.95	1	1.1	1.15	1.25	1.35	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.65

Main fabric, 55" wide, with a directional print/nap, in yards:

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

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

2. Stitched bias-cut fusible stay tape with stitch reinforcement, 1.5 cm (5/8") wide – 0.4 m (3/8 yd).
3. One invisible zipper, 18 cm (7 1/8") long, for all sizes and heights.
4. Matching thread – 4 spools (1 spool for the sewing machine + 3 spools for the overlocker).

## 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)
- invisible zipper foot for the sewing machine.

# PATTERN PIECES LIST

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From main fabric:

- front – cut 1
- back – cut 1
- binding – cut 1.

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

***IMPORTANT!** The pattern pieces with the word "face" printed on them should be cut from the right side of the fabric, i.e. with both the pattern piece and fabric facing up.*

# SEAM ALLOWANCES

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All pattern pieces include seam allowances as follows:

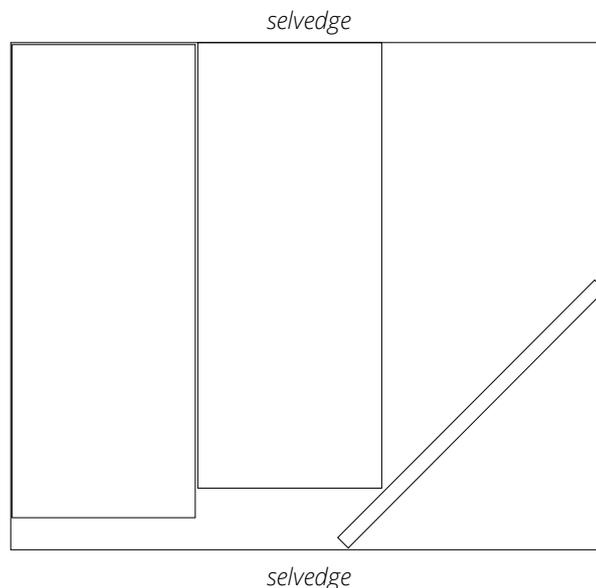
- hem allowance – 1.5 cm (5/8")
- top edge – 0 cm
- all other edges – 1 cm (3/8").

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

# CUTTING LAYOUT

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Main fabric, 140 cm (55") wide, with a directional print/nap, cut on a single layer, for all sizes and heights



**READY? LET'S GET SEWING!**

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Hand-baste the garment hem in place.



Lay the garment wrong side up and form the pleats by matching their sides and pinning them from the top edge to the starting point of each pleat marked on the pattern.



Machine-stitch each pleat from the marked starting point to the top edge of the garment. Backstitch at the beginning and end of each seam.