

FROM THE FOUNDER OF THE #VIKISEWS BRAND



Back in 2016, when I was working on my first sewing instructions, I was trying to write them in such a way that even a complete beginner would be able to understand and create their first garment. These instructions laid the foundation of the Vikisews brand, its vision and mission. I wanted to create modern patterns with the most detailed and clear instructions.

With each new collection, we're constantly improving our instructions: adding more details, removing redundancies. Before they reach you, our drafters, correctors, and editors spend weeks working on every word and every photograph. If you put a few instructions together, you'll get a sewing manual that will assist you in sewing all kinds of garments of any difficulty level.

And I'll be very happy if these instructions help you to grow a small hobby into a lifelong passion. Enjoy the process. Create your ideal and effective wardrobe. Wear your garments with pride and for years to come.

If you have any questions, do write to us at info@vikisews.com. We'll always help you.



TALLY PATTERN DESCRIPTION

Tally is a close-fitting bustier top with straps. The front and back feature many princess seams with topstitched channels. The front has an angled hem. Tally is fully lined and fastens with a center back open end zipper. Tally is above-waist length.



IMPORTANT!

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TOTAL WEARING EASE

Bust ease, cm

Waistline ease, cm

0 to -2.5

-1.8 to -1.9

SUGGESTED FABRIC

To sew this top, choose woven fabrics with the following properties:

- Medium and heavy weight, structured, non-stretch or with very little stretch
- The fiber content can include natural fibers (wool, cotton), blends (wool + polyester, cotton + polyester, etc) and synthetic (polyester, polyester + elastane)
- The following fabrics are recommended: heavy satin, denim, atlas, double knits, cotton suiting, wool, silk

For the lining fabric, we recommend artificial fibers (viscose), blends (viscose + elastane, viscose + polyester) and synthetic (polyester, polyester + elastane). The lining should have some stretch.

The top on the photo is made with heavy suiting satin. This fabric is structured and has a little stretch. The fiber content is a blend of 95% cotton + 5% elastane. The lining is 95% viscose + 5% elastane.

FABRIC AND NOTIONS REQUIREMENTS

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

Height, cm	Size 34-36	Size 38-40	Size 42-46
1 (154-160)	0.52	0.53	0.54
2 (162-168)	0.53	0.55	0.56
3 (170-176)	0.55	0.56	0.58
4 (178-184)	0.55	0.58	0.6

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

2. Lining fabric, 140cm wide, in meters

Height, cm	Size 34-38	Size 40-46
1 (154-160)	0.42	0.43
2 (162-168)	0.42	0.44
3 (170-176)	0.43	0.45
4 (178-184)	0.44	0.46

3. Fusible woven interfacing, 140cm wide - 55cm
4. One 20cm long open end zipper with metal teeth
5. Seam tape fusible interfacing, 1cm wide, cut along the selvedge and stitched - 3-4m depending on size
6. Matching thread - 1 spool

TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT

- Sewing machine for construction
- Stitch-in-the-ditch foot for your sewing machine (optional)
- Zipper foot for your sewing machine
- Bias tape making tool

Important! In situations where the needle leaves marks in the fabric (leather, suede, nylon, silk, etc.), in order to check the fit and evaluate possible issues, we recommend making a muslin first! In this case, you either won't need to do fittings, or simply do a quick fitting to evaluate the length. We recommend testing on a scrap piece of fabric first to see whether your material is prone to be marked by needles.

During basting, if it so happens that one piece is longer than the other, don't rush to true them by cutting the excess or stretching the shorter piece. First make sure that the notches are properly matched, lay the pieces on a flat surface and try to re-baste the pieces together. If the pieces still don't match in length, for example if one stretched or if there was a mistake during cutting, then the truing can be done after the first fitting, during construction of the garment.

After assembly, seams should be lightly pressed flat, then pressed to one side.

What to look for during fitting?

The left and right sides of the garment should look the same.

Verify the balance of the garment – the side seams must be vertical, verify the shoulder seam, it should lie on the natural line of the shoulder.

Evaluate the side view of the front and back of the garment (look at yourself sideways in the mirror). There shouldn't be any horizontal wrinkles across the back, nor any tension across the shoulder blades and shoulders.

Verify the garment length.

Check the neckline shape and depth.

Check for fit issues associated with individual features of the body (for example, an asymmetrical figure with shoulders at different levels, etc.)

Verify garment volume, there should be enough ease and it should feel comfortable

After the fitting, mark changes symmetrically to both sides of the garment; if needed, baste once more and do another fitting.



Fully interface the whole cut of fabric, then proceed to cutting out the pattern pieces:

- Center front - cut 1 on fold
- First mid front - cut 2
- Second mid front - cut 2
- Front strap - cut 2
- Side front - cut 2
- Side back - cut 2
- Back strap - cut 2
- Mid back - cut 2
- Center back - cut 2