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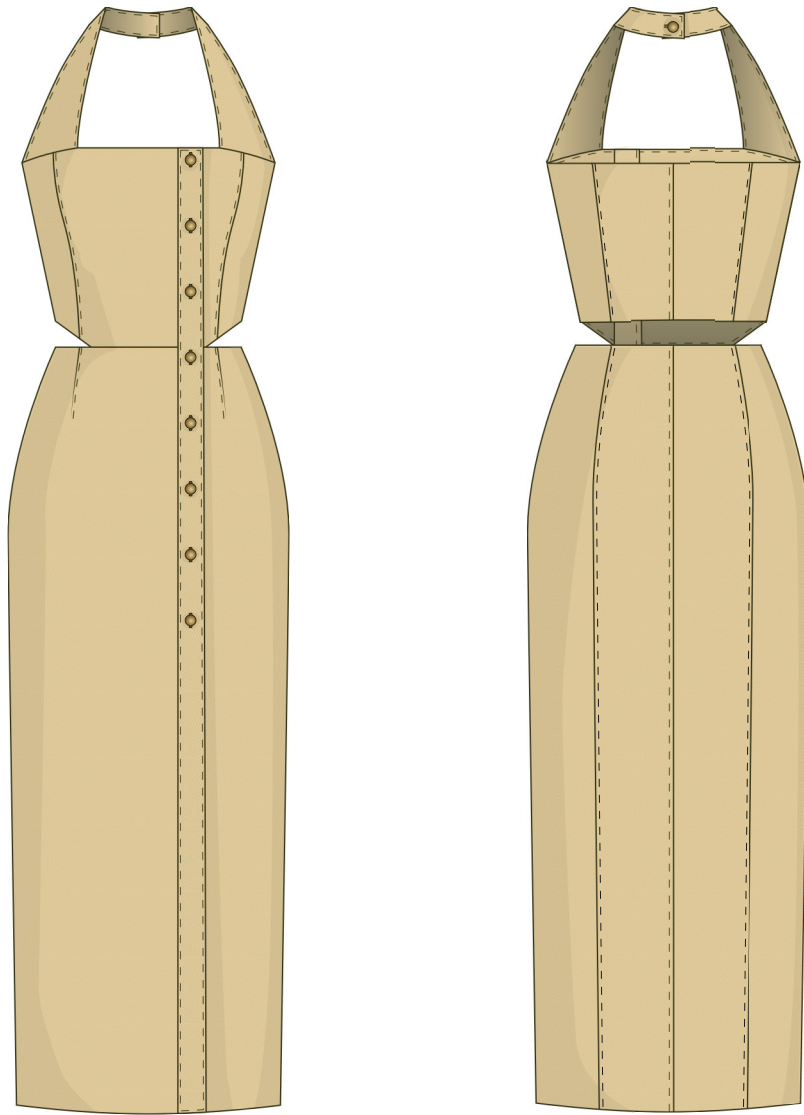


Back in 2016, when I was working on my first set of sewing instructions, I was trying to write them in such a way that even a complete beginner could easily understand and use them to create their very first garment. These instructions laid the foundation for the Vikisews brand, its vision and its mission.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



LULU PATTERN DESCRIPTION

Lulu is a close-fitting dress with a waistline seam. Bust and waist darts are converted into princess seams on the bodice front. The dress features an asymmetrical left side placket and closes with buttons and buttonholes. The front of the skirt is fitted with waist darts. The upper edges of the bodice front and back are finished with facings. Two straps are sewn into the upper edge of the bodice front. They fasten with a button and buttonhole at the back of the neck. There is a decorative cutout at the waist back and sides. The waist cutout is also finished with facings. The back of the dress features a center seam and princess seams on the bodice and skirt. The dress is topstitched along the princess seams, plackets, darts, and straps. The dress is mid-calf length.



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TOTAL EASE ALLOWANCE

Bust ease, cm	Waistline ease, cm	Hipline ease, cm
0.2-2.8	1.6-3	3.2-4

GARMENT LENGTH

Height, cm	Skirt length from waist down at center back, cm
1 (154-160)	72.9-73.5
2 (162-168)	75.2-75.6
3 (170-176)	77.9-78.5
4 (178-184)	80.9-81.6

SUGGESTED FABRIC

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

- medium weight, soft, non-stretch or with very little stretch, opaque
- the fiber content can include natural fibers (cotton, linen), blends (cotton + polyester, cotton + viscose, etc.) and synthetics (polyester, polyester + elastane)
- the following fabrics are recommended: gabardine, denim, heavyweight cotton, sateen, corduroy

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

The dress in the photos is made from 100% cotton denim. This fabric is medium weight, soft, without stretch.

PATTERN PIECES LIST

1. From main fabric:

- right center front bodice - cut 1
- left center front bodice - cut 1
- side front bodice - cut 2
- center back bodice - cut 2
- side back bodice - cut 2
- right front skirt - cut 1
- left front skirt - cut 1
- center back skirt - cut 2
- side back skirt - cut 2
- left front strap - cut 2
- right front strap - cut 2
- right front top bodice facing - cut 1
- right front bottom bodice facing - cut 1
- back bodice top facing - cut 1 on fold
- back bodice bottom facing - cut 1 on fold
- left front top bodice facing - cut 1
- left front bottom bodice facing - cut 1
- back skirt facing - cut 1 on fold
- left front skirt facing - cut 1
- right front skirt facing - cut 1
- placket - cut 2

2. From interfacing:

- right front top bodice facing - cut 1
- right front bottom bodice facing - cut 1
- back bodice top facing - cut 1 on fold
- back bodice bottom facing - cut 1 on fold
- left front top bodice facing - cut 1
- left front bottom bodice facing - cut 1
- back skirt facing - cut 1 on fold
- left front skirt facing - cut 1
- right front skirt facing - cut 1
- left front strap - cut 2
- right front strap - cut 2
- placket - cut 2

***IMPORTANT!** Don't forget to transfer all the notches from the pattern to your fabric.*

SEAM ALLOWANCES

Pattern pieces include the following seam allowances:

- hem allowance - 3cm
- all other edges - 1cm

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

The are two ways to prepare a garment for fitting:

- use a long machine stitch (4-5mm stitch length)
- baste by hand (approximately 1 cm stitch length). Make sure to baste on a flat surface, like a table, don't leave the fabric unsupported.

If after basting one of the pieces ends up longer than the other, don't rush to trim the longer piece or stretch the shorter one. First make sure that the notches match, lay out the pieces on a flat surface and try basting again. If the pieces still don't match because they've stretched or there has been a cutting mistake, you can always trim the pieces after the fitting during the construction of the garment.

After assembling the garment, press it lightly, press the seams to one side or open.

What to look for during fitting? The right and left sides of the garment should look symmetrical.

Check the garment balance: side seams aligned vertically, princess seam placement, correctly positioned center front; strap length and placement.

The two sides of the button placket shouldn't be pulling open or overlap.

The hem should be straight, parallel to the floor. Evaluate the fit of the front and back while looking at the person from the side. Front and back should not be riding up or sagging. There should be no horizontal folds at the back, no pulling at the shoulder blade area and shoulders.

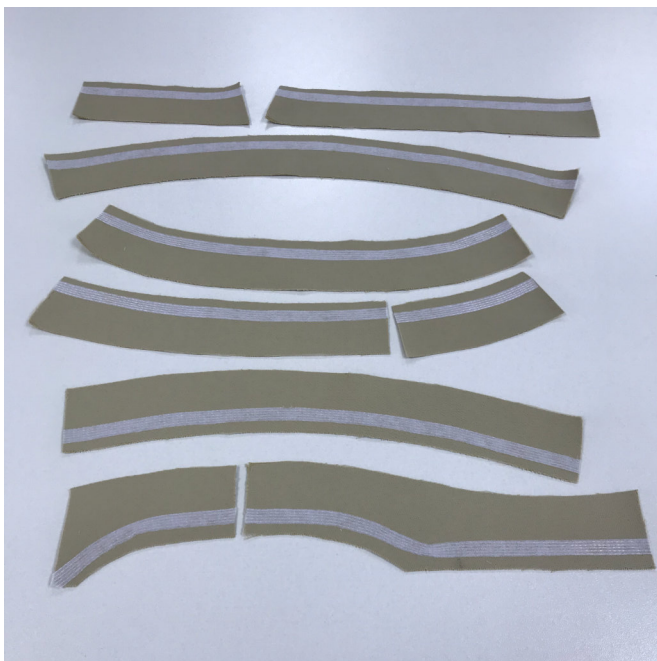
Check the side seams from the front and back. There should be no pulling or sagging at the sides.

Check the princess seam placement. The waistline seam should sit at the waistline, parallel to the floor. Check the length of the garment.

Check for issues caused by unique features of the person's body (for example, if the figure is asymmetrical, with one shoulder higher than the other, etc.)

Make sure there is enough ease for a comfortable fit.

After the fitting, make adjustments making sure the right and left sides are symmetrical, and then do another baste fitting if necessary.



We recommend testing your interfacing and/or seam tape on a scrap of fabric before applying it to the pattern pieces. Check the iron's settings including temperature and steam settings (check if it's safe to use steam on your main fabric). Check how long it takes for the interfacing to bond.