

# FROM THE FOUNDER OF THE #VIKISEWS BRAND

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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](mailto:info@vikisews.com) - we are always there to help.



## FLORENCE PATTERN DESCRIPTION

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Florence is a semi-fitted dress with a straight cut. The front bust darts have been moved to the shoulder seam. There are shoulder darts on the back, belt loops at the waist, and inseam pockets in the side seams. The dress has a slightly extended shoulder line and is designed to be worn with shoulder pads. The set-in sleeves are long, two-piece, and semi-fitted. The dress closes with a double-breasted button front closure. Florence features a shawl collar, a deep V-neckline, and a detachable belt with a buckle. The front and back of the dress are lined, the sleeves are unlined. Florence is mid-calf length.



## IMPORTANT!

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# TOTAL EASE ALLOWANCE

	Bust ease	Waistline ease	Hipline ease	Upper arm ease
cm	12.1	34	11	5.5–6.5
inches	4 3/4	13 3/8	4 3/8	2 1/8–2 1/2

# GARMENT LENGTH, SLEEVE LENGTH

Height, cm	Garment back length, cm	Sleeve length, cm
1 (154-160)	112.5	60.8-62.3
2 (162-168)	115.5	62.8-64.3
3 (170-176)	118.5	64.7-66.2
4 (178-184)	121.5	66.8-68.2

Height, ft	Garment back length, in	Sleeve length, in
1 (5'1"–5'3")	44 1/4	23 7/8–24 1/2
2 (5'4"–5'6")	45 1/2	24 3/4–25 3/8
3 (5'7"–5'9")	46 5/8	25 1/2–26 1/8
4 (5'10"–6'1")	47 7/8	26 1/4–26 7/8

# SUGGESTED FABRIC

To sew this dress, choose dress-weight and suiting fabrics with the following properties:

- medium-weight, soft, structured, non-stretch or low-stretch
- the fiber content can include natural fibers (wool, silk, cotton, linen), artificial fibers (viscose), blends (wool + silk, wool + polyester, cotton + viscose, etc.), and synthetics (polyester, polyester + elastane)
- the following fabrics are recommended: dress-weight wool, wool suiting, silk suiting, cotton, linen, crepe, gabardine.

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

For the lining, use lining fabrics made of artificial fibers (viscose), blends (viscose + elastane, viscose + polyester), and synthetics (polyester, polyester + elastane).

The dress in the photos is made of suiting. The fabric is soft, not very heavy, holds its shape well, doesn't wrinkle, doesn't contain elastane, but stretches slightly due to the weave. The fiber content is 65% polyester + 35% viscose. The lining is 100% viscose.

2. Lining fabric, 140cm wide, in meters:

Height, cm                      Sizes 34–52

1 (154-160)	1.18
2 (162-168)	1.21
3 (170-176)	1.24
4 (178-184)	1.27

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

Lining fabric, 55" wide, in yards:

Height, ft                      Sizes 34–52

1 (5'1"–5'3")	1 1/4
2 (5'4"–5'6")	1 3/8
3 (5'7"–5'9")	1 3/8
4 (5'10"–6'1")	1 3/8

3. Medium-weight woven interfacing, 140cm wide, in meters:

Height, cm	Size									
	34	36	38	40	42	44	46	48	50	52
1 (154-160)	1.23	1.24	1.25	1.28	1.32	1.36	1.4	1.44	1.48	1.52
2 (162-168)	1.26	1.26	1.29	1.3	1.32	1.36	1.4	1.44	1.48	1.52
3 (170-176)	1.30	1.32	1.33	1.34	1.36	1.37	1.4	1.44	1.48	1.52
4 (178-184)	1.34	1.35	1.37	1.38	1.39	1.41	1.43	1.44	1.48	1.52

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1 (5'1"–5'3")	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 5/8	1 5/8	1 5/8
2 (5'4"–5'6")	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 5/8	1 5/8	1 5/8
3 (5'4"–5'6")	1 3/8	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 5/8	1 5/8	1 5/8
4 (5'4"–5'6")	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 5/8	1 5/8	1 5/8	1 5/8

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 and press the seam allowances either to one side or open.

### **What to look for during fitting?**

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

Check the garment balance - the side seams should be vertical, the front and back center lines positioned correctly, the shoulder seam aligned with the natural shoulder line.

In a garment with a center front closure, the fronts should not gape open.

Check the side seams from the front and back. The sides should not be riding up or sagging.

Evaluate the fit of the front and back while looking at the person from the side. The 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, shoulders, or under the collar.

The collar should sit flush against the neck at the back.

Check the fit of the sleeves. The sleeve should lie smoothly, without folds or wrinkles.

Check the length of the garment and sleeves.

Cut the belt from calico and check its length and width.

Check the belt loop placement.

Check for fitting issues that might be 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 the necessary adjustments to both sides of the garment and do another baste fitting if necessary.



Mark the darts on the wrong side of the front pieces, pin, baste. Baste 2mm from the seam line so that the basting doesn't get caught in with the stitching.