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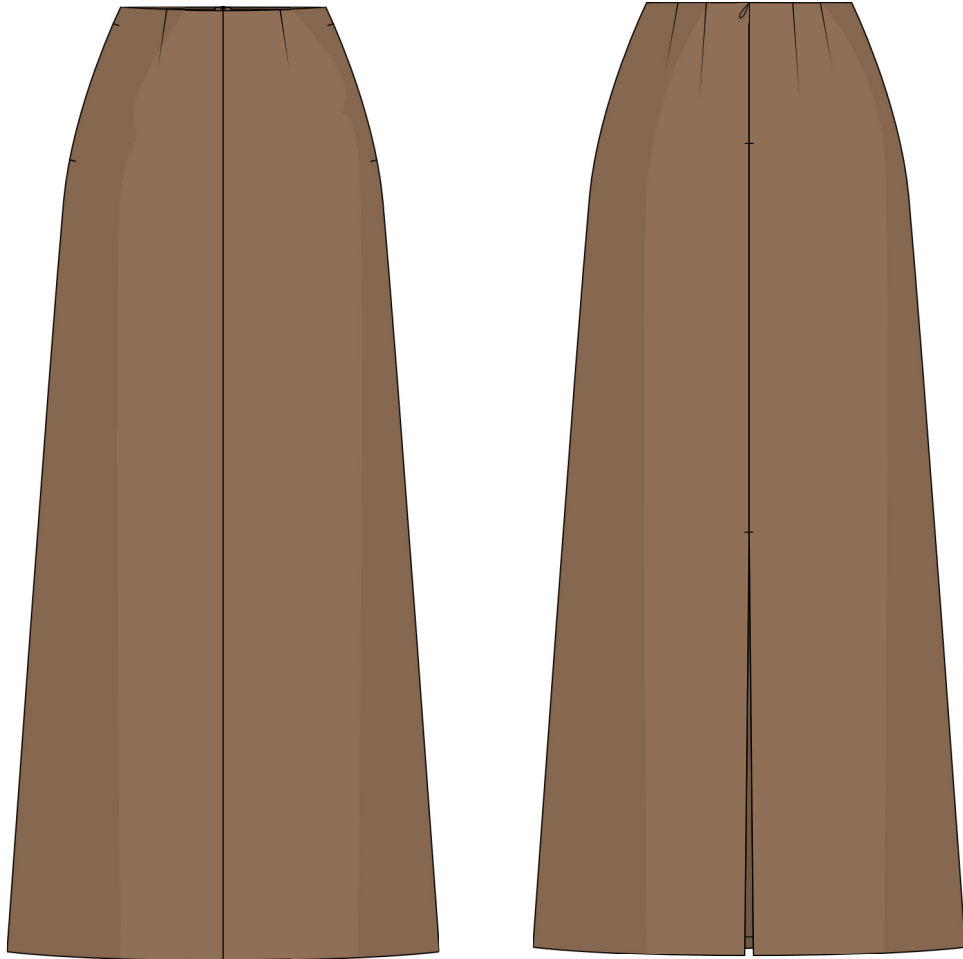


Back in 2016, when I was working on my first set of sewing instructions, I was trying to write them in such a way that even a complete beginner could easily understand and use them to create their very first garment. These instructions laid the foundation for the Vikisews brand, its vision and its mission.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



BLAKE PATTERN DESCRIPTION

Blake is a semi-fitted, slightly flared skirt with a straight silhouette. The waist is finished with a facing with no separate waistband. The front and back feature waist darts and centre seams, with an invisible zipper and a neatly finished slit in the centre back seam. The skirt has pockets in the side seams and is finished with a free-hanging lining. Blake is midi length.



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TOTAL EASE ALLOWANCE

	Waistline ease	Hipline ease
cm	3	4
inches	1 1/8	1 5/8

GARMENT LENGTH

Height, cm	Garment length, cm	Height, ft	Garment length, in
1 (154–160)	80	1 (5'1"–5'3")	31 1/2
2 (162–168)	84	2 (5'4"–5'6")	33 1/8
3 (170–176)	88	3 (5'7"–5'9")	34 5/8
4 (178–184)	92	4 (5'10"–6'1")	36 1/4

SUGGESTED FABRIC

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

- medium weight, with good drape, soft, non-stretch or with very little stretch, opaque
- 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, suiting fabrics

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

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

The skirt in the photo is made of suiting fabric. The fabric is medium weight, drapey, soft, structured, and has very little stretch. The fiber content is a blend of 56% polyester, 24% artificial cotton, 18% wool and 2% spandex.

The lining is 100% viscose.

TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT

- sewing machine for construction
- overlocker for 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)
- stitch-in-the-ditch foot for the sewing machine (optional)
- invisible zipper foot for the sewing machine
- one-sided foot for the sewing machine to attach the zipper

PATTERN PIECES LIST

1. From main fabric:

- front — cut 2
- back — cut 2
- pocket lining — cut 2
- front facing — cut 1 on fold
- back facing — cut 2
- slit reinforcement — cut 1.

2. From lining fabric:

- pocket lining — cut 2
- front lining — cut 1 on fold
- back lining — cut 2.

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

3. From interfacing:

- front facing — cut 1 on fold
- back facing — cut 2
- slit reinforcement — cut 1.

Additionally, cut two strips of interfacing 1.5 cm (5/8") wide to interface the pocket opening area, two strips of interfacing 2 cm (3/4") wide to interface the zipper seam allowances, and two strips of interfacing 3.5 cm (1 3/8") wide to interface the slit seam allowances. The interfacing strips should be cut on the straight grain (parallel to the selvedge).

SEAM ALLOWANCES

All pattern pieces include seam allowances as follows:

- garment hem allowance — 4 cm (1 5/8")
- lining hem allowance — 2 cm (3/4")
- zipper seam allowance — 1.5 cm (5/8")
- slit seam allowance — 3 cm (1 1/8")
- all other edges — 1 cm (3/8")

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



Using the pattern, mark the darts placement on the wrong side of the front and back.

Pin and baste the waist darts.



Machine-stitch, starting at the wide end and moving towards the dart apex.

Backstitch at the beginning of the seam only. At the tip of the dart, tie the thread ends into knots and hide them between the dart layers using a hand sewing needle.



Press the darts flat from both sides.