

FROM THE FOUNDER OF THE #VIKISEWS BRAND



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.



RICARDA PATTERN DESCRIPTION

Ricarda is a close-fitting, single-breasted, fully lined blazer with an accentuated waist. It is shaped with front and back princess seams and a center back seam. The blazer features a low V-neckline, a notched turn-down collar, and an extended shoulder line. Two-piece, fitted set-in sleeves are designed with a sleeve vent. The blazer fastens with buttons and buttonholes at the center front. Ricarda is above-hip length.



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TOTAL EASE ALLOWANCE

	Bust ease	Waistline ease	Hipline ease	Upper arm ease
cm	8–11.5	6–8	6.2–8	4.4–5
inches	3 1/8–4 1/2	2 3/8–3 1/8	2 1/2–3 1/8	1 3/4–2

GARMENT LENGTH, SLEEVE LENGTH

Height, cm	Back length, cm	Sleeve length, cm
1 (154–160)	56.3–58.7	62
2 (162–168)	58.3–60.7	64
3 (170–176)	61.3–63.3	66
4 (178–184)	64.3–66.3	68

Height, ft	Back length, in	Sleeve length, in
1 (5'1"–5'3")	22 1/8–23 1/8	24 3/8
2 (5'4"–5'6")	23–23 7/8	25 1/4
3 (5'7"–5'9")	24 1/8–24 7/8	26
4 (5'10"–6'1")	25 3/8–26 1/8	26 3/4

SUGGESTED FABRIC

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

The following fabrics are recommended: gabardine, suiting, leather, faux leather.

Attention! We do not recommend stretchy, soft, lightweight (dress-weight wool), and loosely woven suiting fabrics.

For the lining, we recommend lining fabrics made of artificial fibers, synthetic fibers, or blends.

The blazer in the photo is made of leather. The fabric is medium weight and non-stretch. The fabric weight is 350 g/m².

The lining is a blend of polyester (55%) and viscose (45%). The fabric weight is 130 g/m².

FABRIC AND NOTIONS REQUIREMENTS

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

Height, cm	Size				
	34-36	38	40-44	46	48-52
1 (154-160)	1.4	1.4	1.6	1.6	1.65
2 (162-168)	1.4	1.45	1.6	1.65	1.7
3 (170-176)	1.45	1.5	1.65	1.7	1.75
4 (178-184)	1.55	1.55	1.7	1.8	1.8

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

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

2. Lining fabric, 140 cm wide, with a directional print, in meters:

Height, cm	Size					
	34	36	38-42	44	46	48-52
1 (154-160)	1.15	1.2	1.2	1.25	1.25	1.3
2 (162-168)	1.2	1.2	1.25	1.3	1.3	1.3
3 (170-176)	1.25	1.25	1.3	1.3	1.35	1.35
4 (178-184)	1.3	1.35	1.35	1.35	1.4	1.4

Lining fabric, 55" wide, with a directional print, in yards:

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

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

3. Lightweight interfacing, knit or woven, 140 cm (55") wide, for all sizes in all heights — 1.6 m (1 3/4 yd)
4. Stitched bias-cut fusible stay tape with stitch reinforcement, 1.5 cm (5/8") wide — 3.3 m (3 5/8 yd)
5. One pair of shoulder pads
6. One pair of sleeve heads
7. Five buttons, 2–2.2 cm (3/4–7/8") in diameter
8. Double-sided adhesive tape to stick the seam allowances in place (for a leather blazer option) — 1 roll
9. Leather glue for seam allowances (for a leather blazer option)
10. Matching thread — 2 spools

TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT

- sewing machine for construction
- buttonhole foot for the sewing machine
- teflon or walking foot for the sewing machine (for a leather blazer option)

PATTERN PIECES LIST

1. From main fabric:

- center front — cut 2
- side front — cut 2
- center back — cut 2
- side back — cut 2
- top sleeve — cut 2
- bottom sleeve — cut 2
- front facing — cut 2
- back neck facing — cut 1 on fold
- upper collar — cut 1 on fold
- undercollar — cut 2 (cut 1 on fold for a leather blazer option.

Trim the center seam allowance off the pattern piece.)

- collar stand — cut 2
- top lapel — cut 2
- bottom lapel — cut 2

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

Additionally, only for the leather blazer option, cut a 3×27 cm (1 1/8" by 10 5/8") rectangular welt piece from the main fabric for bound buttonholes.

2. From lining fabric:

- center front lining — cut 2
- side front lining — cut 2
- center back lining — cut 2
- side back lining — cut 2
- top sleeve lining — cut 2
- bottom sleeve lining — cut 2

3. From interfacing:

- center front — cut 2
- side front — cut 2
- center back — cut 2
- side back — cut 2
- front facing — cut 2
- back neck facing — cut 1 on fold
- upper collar — cut 1 on fold
- undercollar — cut 2
- collar stand — cut 2
- top lapel — cut 2
- bottom lapel — cut 2

Partially interface the following:

- top sleeve — 2 pieces: interface the sleeve cap and the bottom part of the sleeve (refer to the sections outlined on the pattern when applying interfacing)
- bottom sleeve — 2 pieces: interface the sleeve cap and the bottom part of the sleeve (refer to the sections outlined on the pattern when applying interfacing).

SEAM ALLOWANCES

All pattern pieces include seam allowances as follows:

- garment hem allowance — 4 cm (1 5/8")
- sleeve hem allowance — 4 cm (1 5/8")
- all other edges — 1 cm (3/8").

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



Secure the free edge of the shoulder pad to the shoulder seam allowance with a 1.5 cm (5/8") thread chain.



Insert the sleeve lining into the armhole of the garment lining right sides together. Align the edges and match the notches. Pin and hand-baste in place.



Reaching through the opening in the left sleeve lining, machine-stitch with the sleeve lining facing up. Backstitch at the beginning and end of the seam.

Remove the basting stitches.

Press the seam flat.

Press the seam allowances towards the sleeve.