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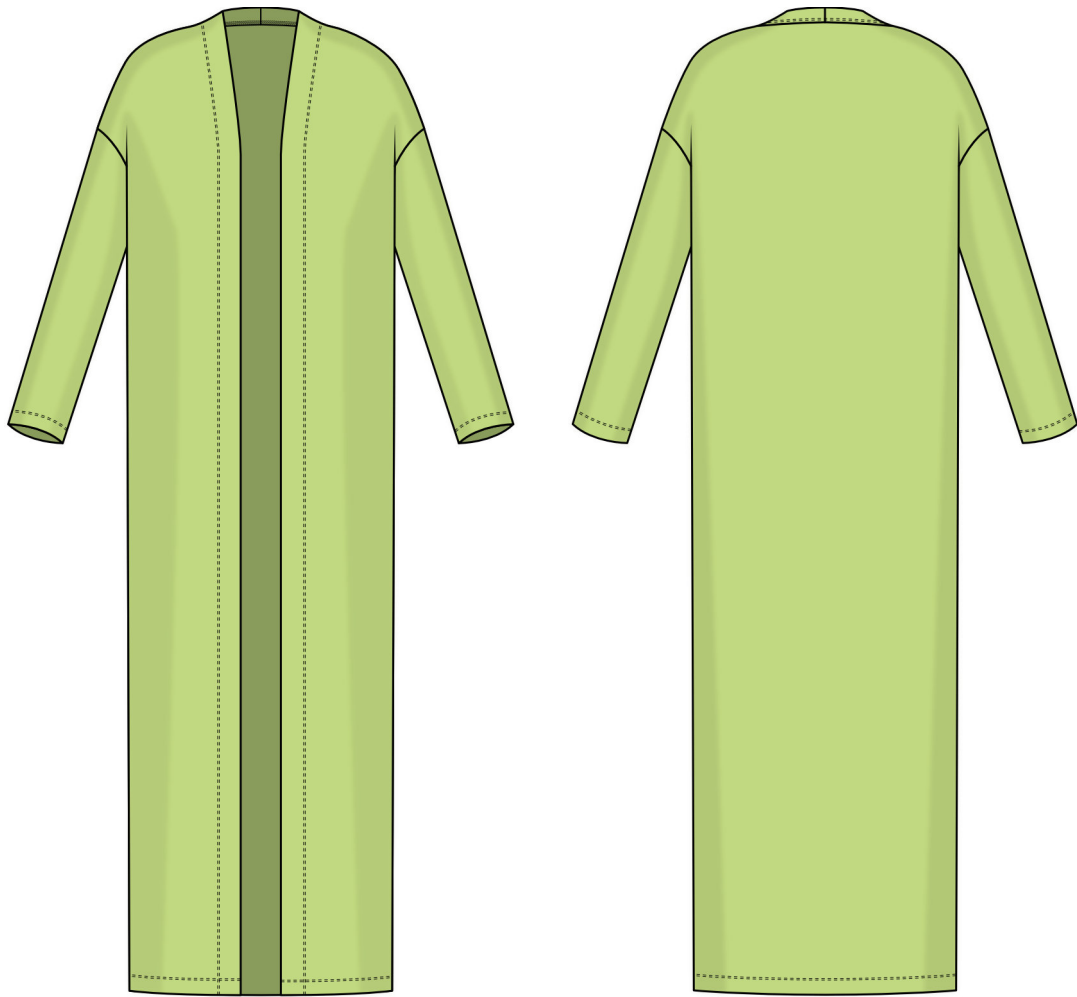


Back in 2016, when I was working on my first set of sewing instructions, I was trying to write them in such a way that even a complete beginner could easily understand and use them to create their very first garment. These instructions laid the foundation for the Vikisews brand, its vision and its mission.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



## ELARA PATTERN DESCRIPTION

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Elara is a semi-fitted cardigan with a straight silhouette. It has no fastening and features a grown-on placket along the neckline and front edges. The cardigan has long shirt sleeves and a dropped shoulder line. Elara is ankle-length.



## IMPORTANT!

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# TOTAL EASE ALLOWANCE

	Bust ease (estimated)	Waistline ease (estimated)	Hipline ease (estimated)	Upper arm ease
cm	33.3–24.9	50.5–42.6	26.4–18.4	14–10.9
inches	13 1/8–9 3/4	19 7/8–16 3/4	10 3/8–7 1/4	5 1/2–4 1/4

# GARMENT LENGTH, SLEEVE LENGTH

Height, cm	Back length, cm	Sleeve length including shoulder width, cm
1 (154–160)	132.3–135.1	70.6–73.5
2 (162–168)	137.3–140.1	72.6–75.5
3 (170–176)	142.3–145.1	74.6–77.5
4 (178–184)	147.3–150.1	76.6–79.5

Height, ft	Back length, in	Sleeve length including shoulder width, in
1 (5'1"–5'3")	52 1/8–53 1/4	27 3/4–28 7/8
2 (5'4"–5'6")	54–55 1/8	28 5/8–29 3/4
3 (5'7"–5'9")	56–57 1/8	29 3/8–30 1/2
4 (5'10"–6'1")	58–59 1/8	30 1/8–31 1/4

# SUGGESTED FABRIC

To sew this cardigan, choose soft, medium-weight, stretchy knit fabrics made of natural fibers, artificial fibers, blends, or synthetics.

The following fabrics are recommended: sweater knits, modal fabric, ribbed knits, knitted faux mink fabric. The stretch factor should be 1.5–1.8.

You can determine the stretch factor of the fabric yourself. Mark 10 cm (4") along the crosswise grain of the fabric, lay a ruler next to the marked section, and stretch the fabric. Divide the measurement you get by 10.

The cardigan in the photos is made of knitted faux mink fabric. The fabric is medium weight, soft, and stretchy. The fiber content is 69% faux mink fur and 31% polyester. The fabric weight is 280 g/m<sup>2</sup>. The stretch factor is 1.8.

# FABRIC AND NOTIONS REQUIREMENTS

1. Main fabric, 130 cm wide, with a directional print/nap, in meters:

Height, cm	Size				
	XS	S	M	L	XL
1 (154–160)	2.8	2.85	2.9	2.95	2.95
2 (162–168)	2.9	2.95	3	3.05	3.05
3 (170–176)	3	3.05	3.1	3.15	3.15
4 (178–184)	3.1	3.15	3.2	3.25	3.25

Main fabric, 51" wide, with a directional print/nap, in yards:

Height, ft	Size				
	XS	S	M	L	XL
1 (5'1"–5'3")	3	3 1/8	3 1/8	3 1/4	3 1/4
2 (5'4"–5'6")	3 1/8	3 1/4	3 1/4	3 3/8	3 3/8
3 (5'7"–5'9")	3 1/4	3 3/8	3 3/8	3 1/2	3 1/2
4 (5'10"–6'1")	3 3/8	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2

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

Height, cm	Size				
	XS	S	M	L	XL
1 (154–160)	1.85	2.8	2.85	2.9	2.95
2 (162–168)	1.95	2.9	2.95	3	3.05
3 (170–176)	2	3	3.05	3.1	3.15
4 (178–184)	2.1	3.1	3.15	3.2	3.25

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

Height, ft	Size				
	XS	S	M	L	XL
1 (5'1"–5'3")	2	3	3 1/8	3 1/8	3 1/4
2 (5'4"–5'6")	2 1/8	3 1/8	3 1/4	3 1/4	3 3/8
3 (5'7"–5'9")	2 1/8	3 1/4	3 3/8	3 3/8	3 1/2
4 (5'10"–6'1")	2 1/4	3 3/8	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2

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

2. Matching thread — 5 spools (1 spool for the sewing machine + 4 spools for the overlocker / 3 spools for the coverstitch machine)

## TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT

- sewing machine for construction
- overlocker for construction and finishing raw edges. It can 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)
- coverstitch or coverlock machine for finishing the bottom edges of the garment and sleeves. If you don't have a coverstitch machine, it can be replaced with a twin needle on any regular sewing machine that can do a zigzag stitch

**IMPORTANT!** We recommend using specialty needles when working with knit fabrics (for example, *STRETCH*, *SUPER STRETCH*, *JERSEY*, etc.). When sewing, a ball-shaped needle point pushes the knit loops apart without piercing the threads.

## PATTERN PIECES LIST

From main fabric:

- front — cut 2
- back — cut 1 on fold
- sleeve — cut 2

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

# SEAM ALLOWANCES

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All pattern pieces include seam allowances as follows:

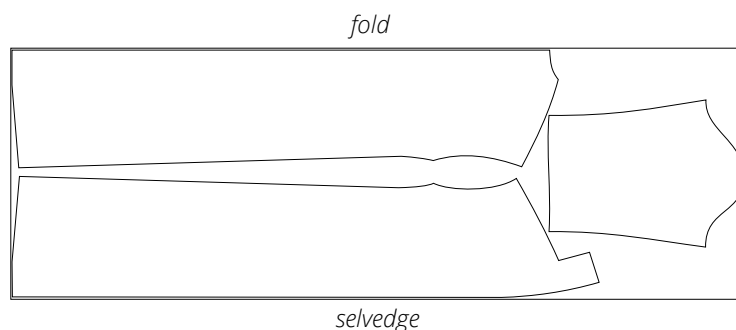
- sleeve hem allowance — 3 cm (1 1/8")
- garment hem allowance — 3 cm (1 1/8")
- all other edges — 1 cm (3/8")

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

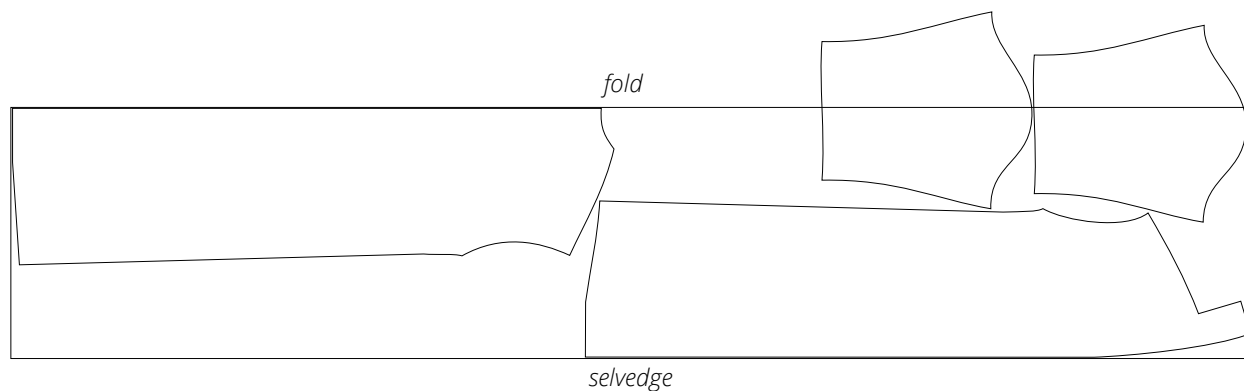
# CUTTING LAYOUT

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Main fabric, 140 cm (55") wide, with a directional print/nap, cut on fold, for size XS in all heights



Main fabric, 140 cm (55") wide, with a directional print/nap, cut on fold, for sizes S-XL in all heights; main fabric, 130 cm (51") wide, with a directional print/nap, cut on fold, for all sizes in all heights



**Important!** Cut the sleeve pieces on a single layer out of the leftover fabric.

## READY? LET'S GET SEWING!

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Press the seam flat.



Press the seam allowances towards the front and collar.



Place the sleeve right sides together with the open armhole. Align the edges, match the notches, and pin.