

# 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 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.



## CALI PATTERN DESCRIPTION

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Cali is a small drawstring bag made of real leather. The bag is lined and features a stiff applied handle. The bag shape is created with bottom pleats. The seams are topstitched. Cali closes with a drawstring casing.



## IMPORTANT!

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# BAG DIMENSIONS

	Bag bottom length	Bag bottom width	Bag height at center	Handle length from top bag edge
cm	15	5.7	26	45
inches	5 7/8	2 1/4	10 1/4	17 3/4

## SUGGESTED FABRIC

To sew this bag, choose heavyweight, structured, and non-stretch fabrics. The following materials are recommended: faux leather and faux suede with a woven or suede backing, real leather.

The real leather should be 0.8–1.2 mm thick.

The bag in the photo is made of real leather. The material is medium weight, soft, and non-stretch. The leather is 1 mm thick.

The fiber content of the lining is 100% viscose. The fabric weight is 50 g/m<sup>2</sup>.

## FABRIC AND NOTIONS REQUIREMENTS

1. Real leather, 105 cm (41 3/8") wide and 70 cm (27 1/2") long hide — 56.2 dm<sup>2</sup> (6 ft<sup>2</sup>)

**Attention!** Real leather is typically sold in hides that come in different sizes and may have inconsistent thickness. Moreover, hides may have some cuts or tears. We recommend cutting out the paper pattern pieces in advance and taking them to the store with you so you can choose the appropriate hide on the spot.

2. Main fabric, 140 cm (55") wide — 0.7 m (3/4 yd)
3. Lining fabric, 140 cm (55") wide — 0.25 m (1/4 yd)

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

4. Stiffener (2 mm EVA with a glue backing), 140 cm (55") wide — 0.15 m (1/8 yd)
5. Double-sided adhesive tape, 10 mm (3/8") wide
6. Round cord for a handle, 1 cm (3/8") in diameter — 1.5 m (1 5/8 yd)
7. Matching topstitching thread (for example, Gütermann No. 30) — 2 spools
8. Matching thread for the lining fabric — 1 spool

# TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT

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- sewing machine for construction
- stitch-in-the-ditch foot for the sewing machine (optional)
- teflon or walking foot for the sewing machine
- one-sided foot for the sewing machine
- metal ruler, 50 cm (20") long
- gel pen or marker to make markings on leather
- utility knife
- hammer for leather
- machine needles for leather, size 100–130, depending on the material thickness

# PATTERN PIECES LIST

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## 1. From main fabric:

- panel — cut 2
- bottom — cut 1
- handle — cut 2
- drawstring — cut 4

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

## 2. From lining fabric:

- lining — cut 2
- bottom — cut 1

## 3. From stiffener (2 mm EVA with a glue backing):

- bottom — cut 1

# SEAM ALLOWANCES

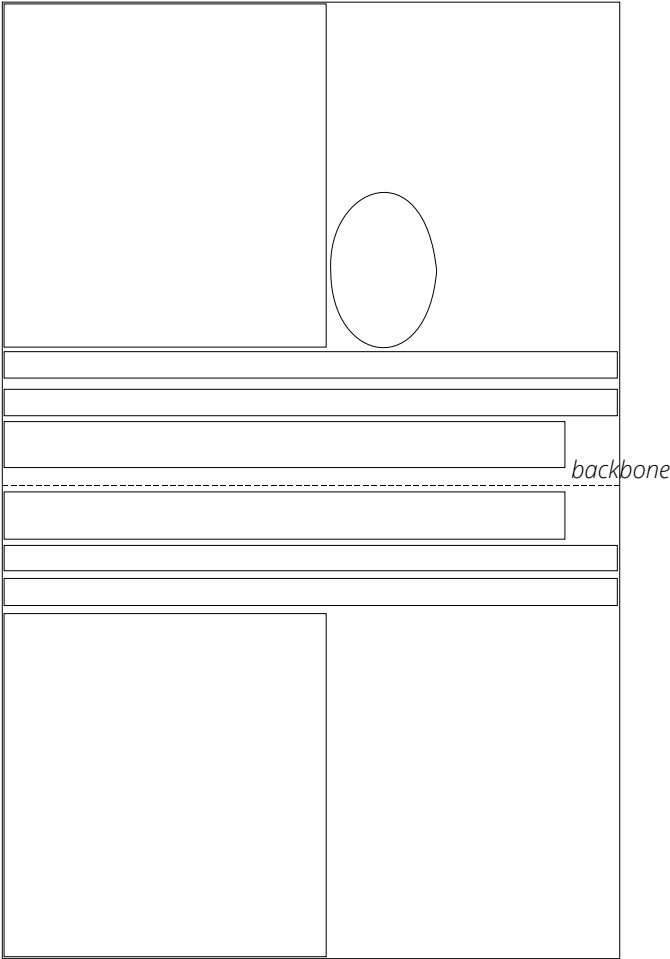
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All pattern pieces include 1 cm (3/8") seam allowances.

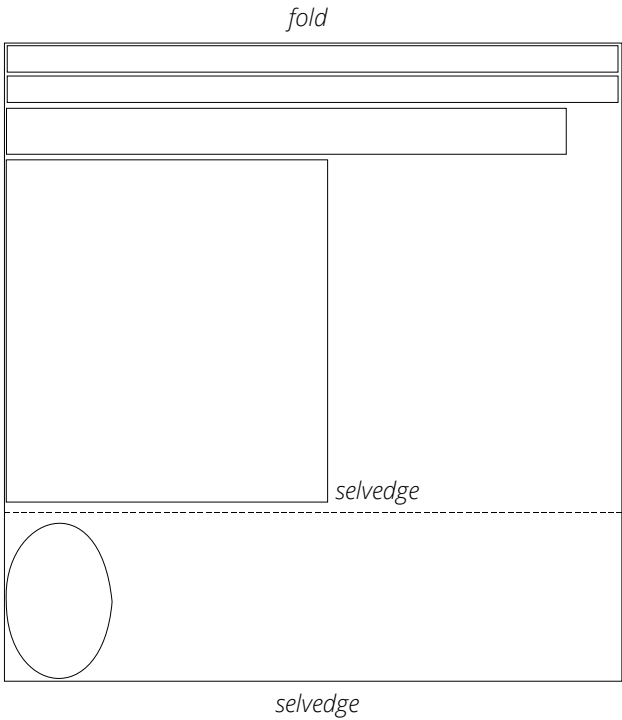
Take this into account when laying out the pattern pieces on the fabric.

# CUTTING LAYOUT

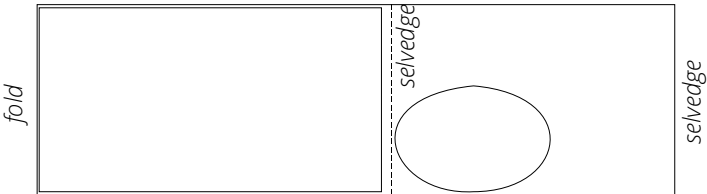
Real leather (one hide)  
*belly*



Main fabric, 140 cm (55") wide,  
cut on a partial fold



Lining fabric, 140 cm (55") wide,  
cut on a partial fold



Stiffener (2 mm EVA), 140 cm (55") wide, cut on a single layer



READY? LET'S GET SEWING!



Working from the right side of the panel pieces, topstitch on both sides of the side seam at 3 mm (1/8") from it. Backstitch at the beginning and end of the seam.



Following the pattern markings, form one-directional pleats along the bottom edge of the assembled bag panel. Secure the pleats by machine-stitching at 8 mm (just under 3/8") from the edge.



Tap the pleats with a hammer to flatten the area.



Place the bottom piece right sides together with the assembled bag panel. Align the edges, match the notches and pleats, and secure with sewing clips. Stitch on the sewing machine. Backstitch at the beginning and end of the seam.