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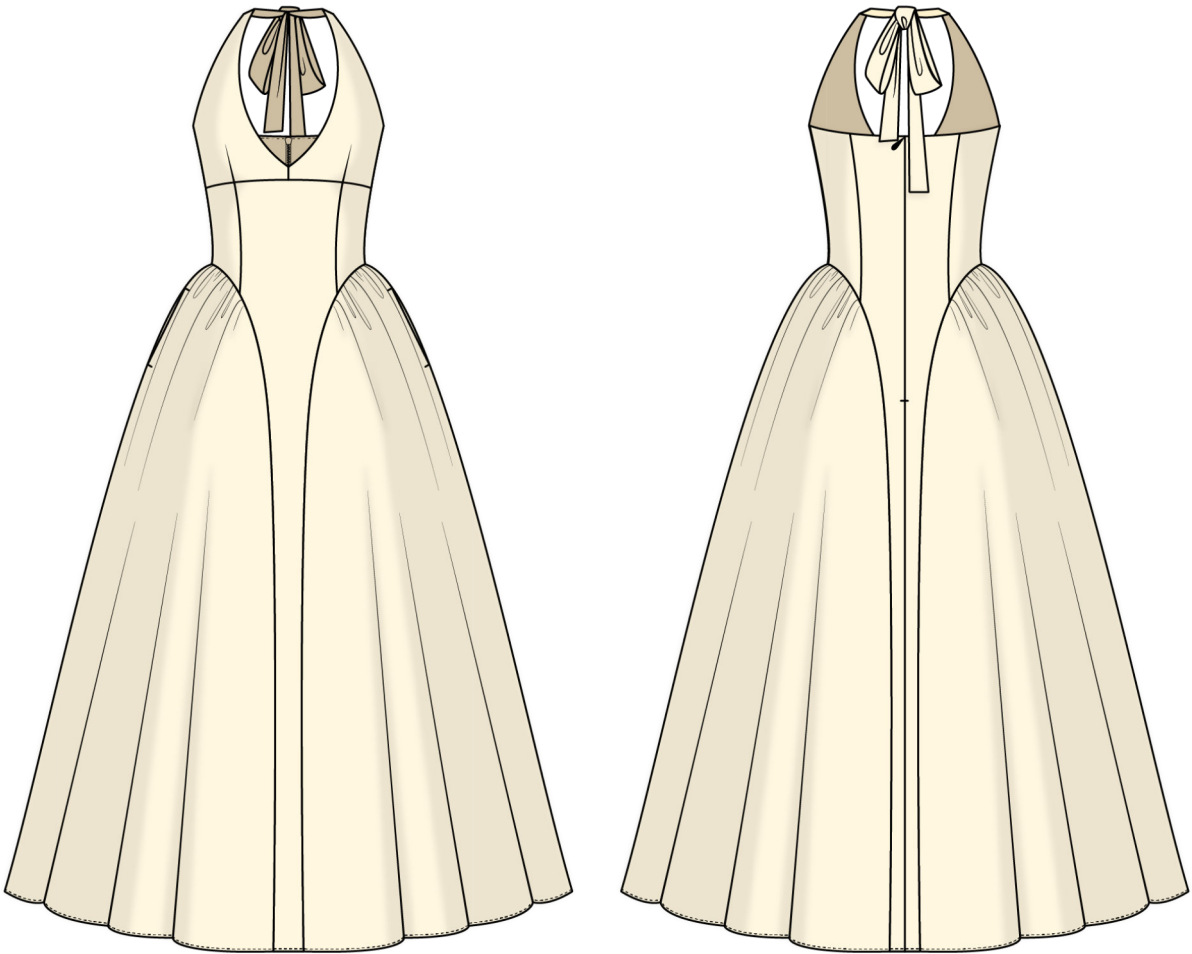


Back in 2016, when I was working on my first set of sewing instructions, I was trying to write them in such a way that even a complete beginner could easily understand and use them to create their very first garment. These instructions laid the foundation for the Vikisews brand, its vision and its mission.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



LEXI PATTERN DESCRIPTION

Lexi is a dress with an accentuated waist, a low V-shaped halter neckline, and an open back. The close-fitting bodice features princess seams. The self-lined upper front bodice has darts and ties. The voluminous skirt features princess seams, with the side panels gathered at the top. There are pockets in the side seams. The dress fastens with an invisible zipper in the center back seam. Lexi is above-ankle length.



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TOTAL EASE ALLOWANCE

	Bust ease	Waistline ease	Hipline ease
cm	0	1–3	75.5–87
inches	0	3/8–1 1/8	29 3/4–34 1/4

GARMENT LENGTH

Height, cm	Garment length from waist down, cm	Height, ft	Garment length from waist down, in
1 (154–160)	82	1 (5'1"–5'3")	32 1/4
2 (162–168)	85	2 (5'4"–5'6")	33 1/2
3 (170–176)	88	3 (5'7"–5'9")	34 5/8
4 (178–184)	91	4 (5'10"–6'1")	35 7/8

SUGGESTED FABRIC

To sew this dress, choose dress-weight fabrics with the following properties: medium weight, soft, non-stretch or low-stretch. The fiber content can include natural fibers, artificial fibers, blends, or synthetics.

The following fabrics are recommended: linen, ramie, dress-weight denim, cotton.

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

The dress in the photo is made of linen. The fabric is medium weight, soft, and without stretch. The fiber content is 100% linen. The fabric weight is 150 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	42	44	46	48	50	52
1 (154–160)	3	3.1	3.15	3.25	3.35	3.45	3.55	3.65	3.75	3.8
2 (162–168)	3.15	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.6	3.7	3.8	3.9	3.95
3 (170–176)	3.3	3.4	3.45	3.55	3.65	3.75	3.85	4	4.1	4.15
4 (178–184)	3.45	3.55	3.65	3.8	3.9	3.95	4.05	4.15	4.2	4.25

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

Height, ft	Size									
	34	36	38	40	42	44	46	48	50	52
1 (5'1"–5'3")	3 1/4	3 3/8	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 5/8	3 3/4	3 7/8	4	4 1/8	4 1/8
2 (5'4"–5'6")	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 5/8	3 3/4	3 7/8	3 7/8	4	4 1/8	4 1/4	4 3/8
3 (5'7"–5'9")	3 5/8	3 3/4	3 3/4	3 7/8	4	4 1/8	4 1/4	4 3/8	4 1/2	4 1/2
4 (5'10"–6'1")	3 3/4	3 7/8	4	4 1/8	4 1/4	4 3/8	4 3/8	4 1/2	4 5/8	4 5/8

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

2. Lightweight interfacing, knit or woven, 140 cm (55") wide, for all sizes in all heights — 10 cm (3 7/8")
3. Stitched bias-cut fusible stay tape with stitch reinforcement, 1 cm (3/8") wide — 1.6 m (1 3/4 yd)
4. Stitched straight-grain fusible stay tape, 1.5 cm (5/8") wide — 1.2 m (1 1/4 yd)
5. One invisible zipper, 40 cm (15 3/4") long, for all sizes in all heights
6. One sew-on hook-and-eye closure
7. Matching thread — 5 spools (1 spool for the sewing machine + 4 spools for the overlocker)

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)
- invisible zipper foot for the sewing machine
- one-sided foot for the sewing machine

PATTERN PIECES LIST

1. From main fabric:

- top front — cut 2
- top front lining — cut 2
- center front — cut 1
- top side front — cut 2
- bottom side front — cut 2
- center back — cut 2
- top side back — cut 2
- bottom side back — cut 2
- back facing — cut 2
- pocket lining — cut 4

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

2. From interfacing:

- back facing — cut 2

The interfacing pieces should be cut on the straight grain (parallel to the selvedge).

SEAM ALLOWANCES

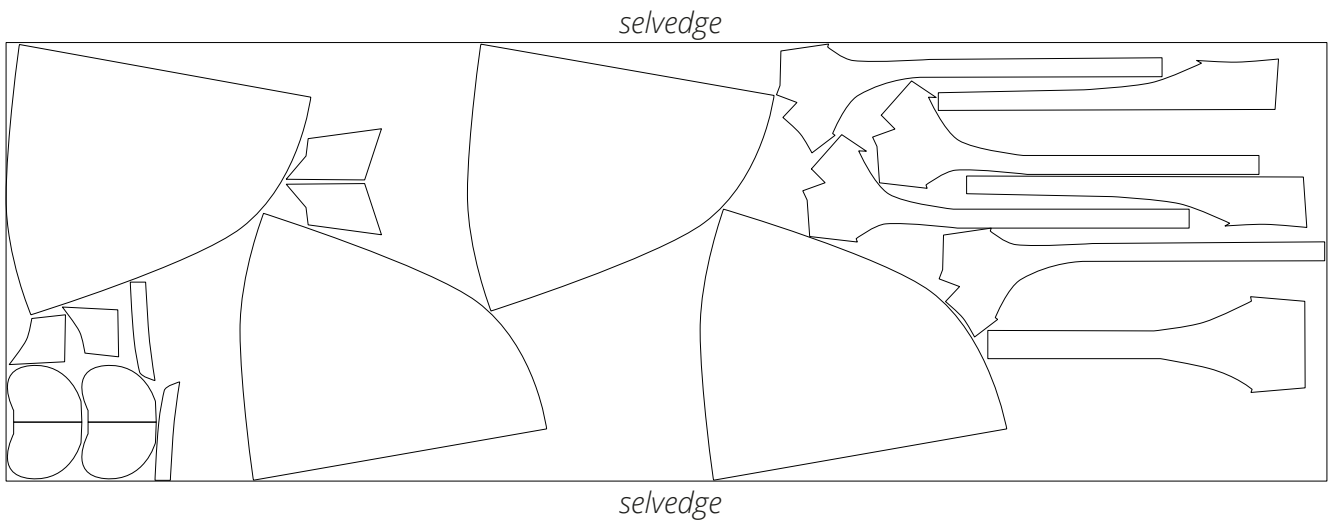
All pattern pieces include seam allowances as follows:

- center seam allowance on the center back — 1.5 cm (5/8")
- all other edges — 1 cm (3/8")

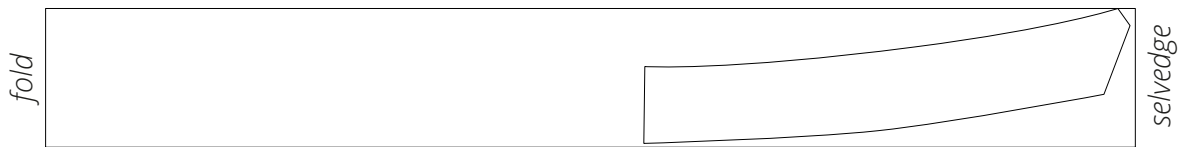
Take this into account when laying out pattern pieces on the fabric.

CUTTING LAYOUT

Main fabric, 140 cm (55") wide, with a directional print/nap,
cut on a single layer, for all sizes in all heights



Interfacing, 140 cm (55") wide, cut on fold,
for all sizes in all heights



READY? LET’S GET SEWING!



Trim the center front seam allowances at the neckline corner.



Clip into the corner, stopping 2 mm short of the stitching line.



Clip into the curved areas of the armhole and neckline seam allowances every 1–1.5 cm (3/8–5/8"), stopping 2 mm short of the seam.