

Sense and Sensibility Ladies' 1780s Portrait Dress Pattern

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Size	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26	Ins./Cm.
Bust	30.5/78	31.5/80	32.5/83	34/87	36/92	38/97	40/102	42/107	44/112	46/117	48/120	"
Waist	23/58	24/61	25/64	26.5/67	28/71	30/76	32/81	34/87	37/94	39/99	41/102.5	"
Hip	32.5/83	33.5/85	34.5/88	36/92	38/97	40/102	42/107	44/112	46/117	48/122	50/125	"
Nape to Waist	15.5/39.5	15.75/40	16/40.5	16.5/41.5	16.25/42	16.75/42.5	17/43	17.25/44	17.25/44	17.5/44.5	17.5/44.5	"

Yardage required for Views 1 and 2 with elbow sleeves:†**

45"/115cm	4 3/4	4 7/8	4 7/8	4 7/8	5	5	5	5	5	5 1/4	5 1/4
60"/150cm	3 1/3	3 1/3	3 1/3	3 1/3	3 1/3	3 3/8	3 3/8	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2

Yardage required for View 3 with elbow sleeves:†**

45"/115cm	4 7/8	5	5	5	5 1/8	5 1/8	5 1/8	5 1/8	5 1/8	5 3/8	5 3/8
60"/150cm	3 1/3	3 1/3	3 1/3	3 1/3	3 1/3	3 3/8	3 3/8	3 3/8	3 3/8	3 1/2	3 1/2

Yardage required for bodice lining/interlining (all views):*

45"/115cm	5/8	3/4	3/4	3/4	3/4	3/4	3/4	3/4	3/4	3/4	3/4
60"/150cm	5/8	3/4	3/4	3/4	3/4	3/4	3/4	3/4	3/4	3/4	3/4

Yardage required for View 2 underskirt or petticoat with waistband (for all views):*

45"/115cm	3 5/8	3 5/8	3 5/8	3 5/8	3 5/8	3 5/8	3 5/8	3 5/8	3 5/8	3 5/8	3 5/8
60"/150cm	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2

Yardage required for sash depends upon your desired width and length -- see instructions.

IMPORTANT:

* Yardage requirements are based upon a three-panel skirt with an average skirt length of 42". (For 60"-wide material, it's a two-panel skirt.) You will need to measure your own skirt length as per the instructions. Please read all instructions prior to purchasing fabric.

† For long sleeves on any option, add 1/4 yard.

Fabric suggestions:

Day dresses: cotton, linen. For sheer drawstring gowns: English muslin, voile, or organdy. For balls and formals: silk taffeta, embroidered silks, and medium-weight satin. Lining should be 100% cotton or linen for day dresses and cotton or silk for formal gowns. I recommend using a color similar to your fashion fabric. See pattern notes. Embellishment: Narrow cotton lace; wide embroidered net or eyelet for elbow ruffles; braid or cording for couching--see "Finishing" and Appendix II for more ideas. **Be sure to pre-wash any washable fabrics before cutting out your pattern pieces.**

Notions:

All views: Thread; 1 yard 1/8"-wide ribbon the color of your fashion material. Views 1 and 2: 1 yard 1/2"-wide tape or binding; boning; hooks and eyes (see instructions for specifics). View 2: Two 3/8" metal covered button forms with shank. View 3: 1.5 yards 1/4" ribbon the color of your gown. Petticoat: 2 skirt hooks and bars. Yardage includes enough fabric to make your own binding. I do not recommend packaged binding, as it is stiffer and won't match as nicely to your fashion material. You will need two yards of binding for View 3. If you wish to bind elbow ruffle seams for any view, make 3/4 yards of binding.

Notes:

All views except View 3 require period underpinnings. Please see Appendix I for details.

5/8" seam allowed on all seams, except on elbow sleeve dart.

For sewing tips and helps, go to <http://sensitivity.com/tips>.