



Truly Victorian
1885 Bustle Cuirass Bodice - TV460B
(Fits over Bustle Petticoat TV101)

Introduction

This bodice is high necked for day wear, or can be cut a low square neck for evening events. The hem can be either straight across, or cut into the pointed extended waist popular in the 1880's. This style is particularly suited to 1883-1889, with the shoulder cut higher up than the earlier eras. The small mutton sleeve is in 2 pieces, and can be made either full- or ¾-length. The ball gown sleeve is a small pouf.

Our bodices are drafted based on a tailoring method actually used in the 1880's. Each size is hand drawn, not scaled, with all of the seams true to the era. This bodice is designed to fit snugly over a corset, and over a moderate sized bustle.

For this pattern, please disregard any attempt at standard sizing. Everyone is unique in body type and size, and we have come up with a completely different way of managing patterns. We have included comprehensive directions on how to size and adjust this pattern for a good fit. Although we can't fit everyone, we have tried to do some of the guess work for you. These methods are a little different than what you may be used to, so please read them carefully, before cutting out pattern pieces. **It is strongly advisable to make a mockup of the bodice, before cutting out your fashion fabric, to check the fit.**

Size Chart

SIZE	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	
Bust	30"	32"	34"	36"	38"	40"	42"	44"	46"	48"	50"	52"	54"	56"	
Waist	26"	28"	30"	32"	34"	36"	38"	40"	42"	44"	46"	48"	50"	52"	
Back Length	15 ½"	15 5/8"	15 ¾"	15 7/8"	16"	16 1/8"	16 ¼"	16 3/8"	16 ½"	16 5/8"	16 ¾"	16 7/8"	17"	17 1/8"	
Back Width	12"	12½"	13"	13½"	14"	14½"	15"	15½"	16"	16½"	17"	17½"	18"	18½"	
Adj. Back	15.5	16.25	17	17.75	18.5	19.25	20	20.75	21.5	22.25	23	23.75	24.5	25.25	
Adj. Front	14.5	15.75	17	18.25	19.5	20.75	22	23.25	24.5	25.75	27	28.25	29.5	30.75	
Arm Hole	15½"	16"	16½"	17"	17½"	18"	18½"	19"	19½"	20"	20½"	21"	21½"	22"	
Fabric	2 ½ yards								2 ¾ yards						
Lining	2 ½ yards								2 ¾ yards						
Interlining	1 ¾ yard - all sizes														

**Yardages given are with nap. For Interlining, use a heavy woven fabric like twill or denim.

Notions: Ten ¼" Bones; Buttons for closure.

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