

*Truly Victorian*  
**1884 French Vest Bodice - TV463**  
 (Fits over a bustle)

### Introduction

This bodice is designed after styles shown in many fashion magazines of 1884. The front of this bodice has a simulated vest portion. This vest can be of a different fabric and trimmed to effect. The front outline is pointed and the sides curve upward over the hip. The back and side-back have short “tails” that lay in loose box pleats to fit over any size bustle. The sleeve is in 2 pieces, and can be made either full, princess, or ¾-length. There is a double Military collar, which can also be made of separate fabric, to continue the vest effect.

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	22"	24"	26"	28"	30"	32"	34"	36"	38"	40"	42"	44"	46"	48"
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 45"	2½ yards - all sizes													
Vest 45"	¾ yard - all sizes													
Lining	3¼ yards - all sizes													
Interlining	1¾ yard - all sizes													

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

Notions: Ten ¼" Bones; Buttons for closure.

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