

# Truly Victorian

## 1883 Riding Bodice - TV464

### Introduction

This is a double breasted habit bodice taken from an 1883 tailoring guide. This was one style that was very popular during the late bustle era, and is suitable for 1882-1889. It has a roll collar/lapel, double points in the front, and square tail with a center back vent. The 2-piece coat sleeve is very slim, with a slightly full head. Combine this bodice with TV264 -1883 Habit Skirt for riding outfit. Or wear it with a regular skirt and overskirt for a tailored day dress.

The sewing methods given in our instructions are for simple construction. If you desire a fully tailored jacket, it is recommended that you find further instruction into tailoring techniques.

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	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 medium/heavy woven fabric like Silesia, heavy broadcloth, or light twill.

Notions: Ten ¼" Bones; 10 Buttons for closure, 3 hooks and eyes, 4-8 sleeve buttons.

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