

Truly Victorian
1886 Evening Bodice - TV467
(Fits over a bustle)

Introduction

Our 1886 Evening Bodice is suitable for the years 1885 - 1889. The front of this bodice has an over front with pleats on the shoulder and gathers below the bust, and opens over the fitted under bodice at the center front. Below the gathers, a separate "vest" sews into the front darts, and can be made in the same, or a contrasting fabric. The under bodice has a rounded neckline, with narrow shoulder straps. The front waist is pointed, and the sides curve upward over the hip. The bodice back has a "bow" that is created by extended Side Back pieces that pleat high up at the center back, and attach to the Center Back point with ties.. The closure is in the center back with grommets and lacing. The sleeve is a small evening sleeve with pleats at the top of the armhole.

This bodice is designed to fit snugly over a corset, and over any 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	3 yards or 2.7 m													
Interlining/ sheer lining	2 yards or 1.9 m													
Vest/Front underbodice	Optional: 1 yard or 0.9 m													

**Yardages given are with nap. For Interlining, use a medium weight, firmly woven fabric like pocket lining, heavy broadcloth, light twill, etc.

Notions: Ten ¼" Bones; Grommets or eyelets for closure, 4-5 yards ribbon or cord for lacing. 2 packages of bias tape or extra fabric for bias strips/piping.

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