



Victoria's Riding Habit

Pattern Instructions

This pattern was taken directly from Victoria's own riding habit and is very elegant in its simplicity. Made of fine black cashmere wool, there are no hems that would add bulk; instead, the raw edges of both the jacket and skirt were edged in fine twill tape. The collar and cuffs are separate. This costume can be machine or hand sewn.

Remember to fit the pattern to your doll by sewing the costume first in muslin so that adjustments can easily be made.

The seam allowance is $\frac{1}{4}$ inch and built into each pattern piece.

As in patterns published in women's magazines of the period, the pattern instructions given here assume a moderate to high level of sewing experience and are not explicit.

Jacket

The center seam of the jacket back is sewn down to the x marked on the pattern.

Victoria's jacket closes from right to left. Placement of the buttons (and corresponding button holes) is indicated on the jacket front pattern. The buttons are covered with black silk, and Victoria's jacket has seven.

Darts are indicated on the jacket front pattern, but sew yours to best fit your doll.

For the lining (polished cotton), construct using the jacket pattern pieces (without sleeves) to the length indicated on the pattern, and sew wrong sides of jacket and lining together. (See photo.)

Sew tape to raw edges to finish.

Sleeves

The sleeves, when cut out, will have a left arm and a right arm.

Placement of the sleeve seams are indicated on armscyes of front and back pattern pieces. Sew outer seam to x indicated on pattern. Sew tape to raw edges to finish.

Place a covered button where indicated, although this can be omitted as separate cuffs are slipped into place at the end of the sleeve.

Sleeves are not lined.