

Iris Corset Pattern Instructions

Print pattern in size letter, no scaling.

Size of current pattern is 34-36. I don't really know how to make other sizes (I'm a beginner) so you'll have to figure it out. Maybe you could just make the pieces larger.

You need: fabric (about 100 x 70 cm or more if you make the corset larger), boning, ribbon or lace.

Pattern pieces:

1. Center front cut 1
2. Front side cut 2 pieces (1 on the right side and 1 on the wrong side of the fabric)
3. Side cut 2 pieces (1 on the right side and 1 on the wrong side of the fabric)
4. Back part cut 2 pieces (1 on the right side and 1 on the wrong side of the fabric)
5. Two rectangles about 33 x 3 cm

Leave 2 or 3 cm side seams depending on the boning you use. Where there is no boning leave 1.5 cm or more if you like.

Step 1: Overcast the sides of the fabric pieces if needed. Sew center front piece and front side pieces together (pieces 1 and 2) right sides facing each other, at 2 or 3 cm distance from the side, depending on how wide the boning is. Place the boning in between the 3 cm parts and fold them towards the front side part. Sew over this layers close to the boning, but not over the boning, on the back of the front side parts.

Step 2: Sew each front side (piece 2) with a piece 3, inserting boning just like before.

Step 3: Sew the back parts (piece 4) to each piece 3. I didn't add boning to this one because it's on the side, but if you like you can add boning.

Step 4: Measure and mark (on the back pieces) where you want the loops for the lacing to be. Cut pieces of ribbon or lace about 4-5 cm long as many as you need. It's up to you how close you place them.

Now pin each ribbon piece folded in half between the back part and the rectangle (5) along the back middle line, right sides facing each other. Make sure the loops are even and have the desired length. Sew along the pinned line. Turn the rectangle with wrong side facing back part's wrong side. Place a boning between them and sew.

Step 5: Now sew the seams at the top and the bottom of the corset.

If you don't use an elastic fabric or if the corset is not big enough to go around you you can add another 2 pieces in the back on each side (the length you need) and use boning for it.

I hope this is clear enough... if not just ask me what you need to know.