

# Katjusha

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We are very pleased to present our first Rockabilly dress pattern to you. The great advantage of this dress has a perfect fit due to the elastics in the back side of the bodice. We suggest to sew a trial of the front side upfront to achieve best results with the final fabric. We wish you a lot of fun while sewing based on our Katjusha pattern. Please share your results with us once ready. It is our own excitement to see Katjusha being sewed by the community as well.

## Materials

cotton

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## Step 1 — Katjusha Size 36



*Materials:*

we used the following materials:

dress fabric: first layer: printed cotton 2,5 m (2,73 Yds)

second layer: white cotton batiste 2 m (2,19 Yds)

\*note: instead of using two layers, you can sew the dress without any lining only with one layer.

elastic for the back 3 m (3,28 Yds) – 5x 28 cm (11" for Backside + 66 cm (26") for Waist

lace trimming : approx. 6 m ( 6,56 Yds)

satin-band: 10 mm width – 6 m length (3/8" – 6,56 Yds)

*Download pattern:*

Seam allowances are included! 1/8"

*Print out:*

No page scaling! Check the test square! The test square should be printed out exactly on the right measurements. 10 cm x 10 cm ( 4 Inch x 4 Inch)

Arrange the sheets as shown in the overview of the pattern (to make this go faster, just fold the edges of the paper instead of cutting them)

Tape the sheets together

Cut out all the pieces. We offered our pattern in size 36. You should adjust the pattern if your measurements are not according to size 36. Size charts are here: [size chart](#)

And here is the tutorial of *elainemay* which shows you how to make a pattern larger or smaller: [grading-tutorial](#)

Note again: Seam allowances are included! 1,5 cm (5/8")

*Cutting out the fabric:*

Cutting list:

Front middle part: 1 x on fold

Front side part: 2x

Back part: 2x (1x and 1x Lining)

Skirt: 1x folded at the sides ( 1x and 1x Lining)

Front facing: 1x on fold

Front middle part lining: 1x on fold

Front side part lining: 2x

Put patterns on fabric. Grain line should be correct.

Cut units and transfer all pattern markings on fabric.

Seam allowances are included! 1,5cm ( 5/8")

*Try on*

This dress has a great fit because of the back part with the elastics. However, you may stitch the bodice front part by hand and apply it to your bodice. What's about the fit around your bust?

If it is all right, you can start putting the dress together.

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## Step 2 — front bodice



Stitch the darts and the seams of each of the front bodice layers. Iron seams flat. Sew the facing to your top and your layer, right sides together. Clip the edges that curve. Turn inside out.  
Lace option: edge the lace.

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### Step 3 — interior view



interior view

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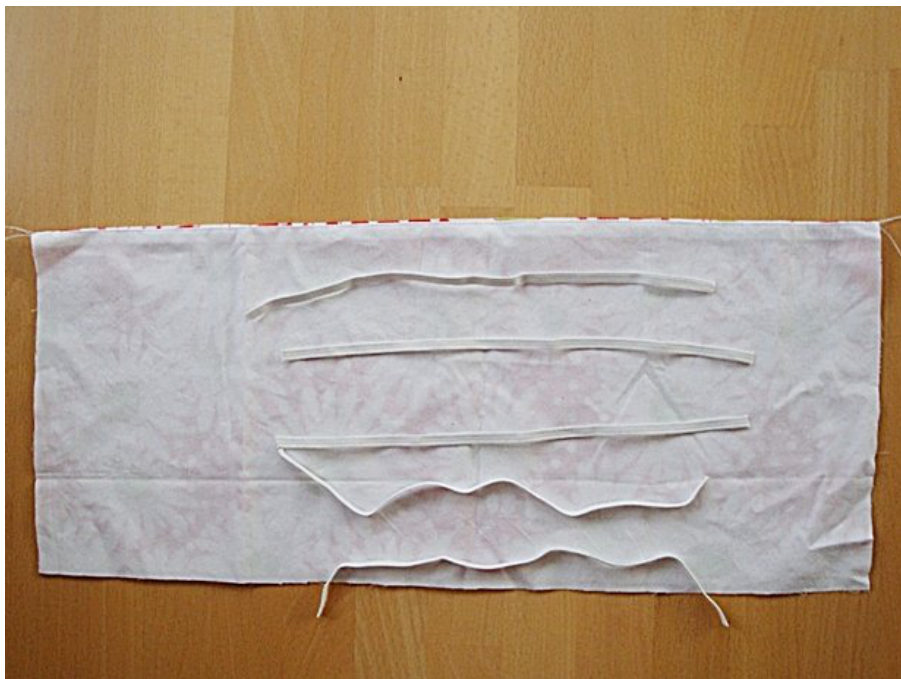
## Step 4 — exterior view



exterior view

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## Step 5 — bodice-back part



Join both layers of the bodice-back-part, right sides together. Turn to the right side. Topstitch the upper edge. Place the elastics.

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## Step 6 — elastics



To do the elastics on the inside of the back-bodice-part you have to sew some casings. Topstitch eight sewing lines like it is shown on the picture, considering the wide of your elastic. The casings should be as wide as the elastic + 2-3mm (+ 0,08" - 0,1")

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## Step 7 — elastics



Thread your elastics through. Topstitch at each side from top to bottom to secure the elastics. The finished back bodice-part should be 29 cm (11" width)



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## Step 8 — bodice side-seames



Sew the front bodice to the back bodice at the side, right sides together.  
Zigzag stitch or serge.  
Fix the seam allowance at the top in to the back direction.

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## Step 9 — skirt

Sew the skirt together in case the skirt consists out of two layers. Gather the front part of the skirt a bit up to the width of the front bodice. Here is a tutorial how to make even gathers: [even gather tutorial](#)

*sorry – to this step we have no relating picture*

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## Step 10 — sew skirt to bodice



Pin at first center of bodice to center of the skirt. Then pin side of bodice to side of skirt. Apply evenly the fullness of the skirt. Sew skirt to bodice, matching centers and sides. Press seam allowances upwards towards bodice.

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## Step 11 — elastic in the waist



Finally you add an elastic to the waist. Pin the elastic at the waist-seam allowance. It is a bit tricky to sew the elastic: You have to stretch it a bit during the sewing process. Our finished width is 66 cm (26 ") Check the fitting measurement, before you sew.

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## Step 12 — weight the skirt down



A circle skirt with so much fullness should not be hemmed immediately. Look for your pegs, which you normally use to hanging up the washing. Weight the skirt down during 3 days. Otherwise the hem will not be even.

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## Step 13 — mark the hem





Mark the hem with a skirt maker or a ruler.

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### **Step 14 — hem the skirt**



Fold over 1,5 cm (5/8 ") for hem and stitch. Serge or zigzag stitch the bottom of the skirt  
Lace option: edge the lace.

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### **Step 15 — sew together the halter straps**



Sew the halter straps, right sides together, diagonally at one side. Leave open a section in the middle so that you can turn inside out. Topstitch the edges of the halter-straps.

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### **Step 16 — strap length / position**



Check the correct length and position of the straps.

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### **Step 17 — sew on the straps**



Sew on the straps

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**Step 18 — Done! :-)**





It is done!

Please remember to post YOUR finished version! We are very curious how it will look like!

Note: Belt is optional.

It is not included within the pattern.

Use two 14 cm (5 1/2") x 2,00 m (2 1/8 Yds) strips.

Put both together. Right side inside. Stitch together.

Small open hole has to remain to turn inside out. Optionally cut short side diagonally. Stitch hole manually.

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