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## *Pattern Booklet*

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# *Picking The Best Size For You*

## Pattern Sizing

This pattern has been provided in six standard sizes and color-coded for ease of use:

<b>UK 8</b>	<b>(US 6 / EUR 34)</b>	<b>Green</b>
<b>UK 10</b>	<b>(US 8 / EUR 36)</b>	<b>Blue</b>
<b>UK 12</b>	<b>(US 10 / EUR 38)</b>	<b>Purple</b>
<b>UK 14</b>	<b>(US 12 / EUR 40)</b>	<b>Pink</b>
<b>UK 16</b>	<b>(US 14 / EUR 42)</b>	<b>Red</b>
<b>UK 18</b>	<b>(US 16 / EUR 44)</b>	<b>Orange</b>

## Picking Your Size

Given the shape and simplicity of this pattern, only the waist measurement is needed to pick your size. Do not go by your regular dress size but your waist measurement. Measure this at the thinnest part of your torso just above the bellybutton and hold the tape measure snug; not tight or loose. Pick the size from the table below that corresponds to your waist measurement, if you are in-between two sizes choose the size you are nearest to or the smaller one for a more dramatic waistline. Don't be tempted to make the next size down as the pattern has already been scaled to 4inches smaller at the waist and 2inches smaller everywhere else to allow for a 2inch waist reduction and a 2inch gap at the laces.

Sizes UK	8	10	12	14	16	18
Your Waist Size	60 cm / 23 ½ inch	64 cm / 25 inch	68 cm / 26 ¾ inch	72 cm / 28 ½ inch	76 cm / 30 inch	80 cm / 31 ½ inch
Corseted Waist Size	50 cm / 19 ½ inch	54 cm / 21 inch	58 cm / 22 ¾ inch	62 cm / 24 ½ inch	66 cm / 26 inch	70 cm / 27 ½ inch

# *Pattern Explanation*

## **Print at 100%**

First of all, when you print your pattern please make sure that your **printer prints the pattern at 100%** and does not scale it up or down. If your computer 'scales to fit page' automatically then there should be a check box in one of the printer menu options (If in doubt, consult your printer's user manual). **You can check your pattern has printed at 100% by placing a ruler against the scale on each page.**

## **Pattern Specifics**

This pattern has **no seam allowance**. This has been left out so that you can choose how wide you want your seam allowance. Please allow for this when cutting your pattern pieces.

The **eyelets** are not marked in the back panel but should go between the lacing bones. Space them depending on your personal preference. Flat steel bones have been marked either side of the eyelet area in grey but you can use a single lacing bone (steel bone with holes cut for the eyelets) if you prefer. Eyelet/lacing tape can also be used.

The front panel (or back if you are wearing the corset reversed with eyelets to the front) is halved with a '**cut on the fold**' arrowed line. If you are not familiar with the term, it simply means fold your material in half and place the indicated edge of the pattern piece on the fold. Then when you cut the folded material it opens out to double the size and shape of the pattern piece. See the diagram below -

You will only need to cut one of this central piece, with all of the others needing to be cut once, then flipped over and cut again to form the two sides of the corset. See below for the order in which the pieces need to be attached. (You will need to repeat this whole cutting process when you cut the lining pieces).

### **Boning Channels**

You will need flat steel bones (also known as sprung steels) either side of your eyelets (these are marked off in gray on the back panel), but spiral steels are suggested for all other bones as they may otherwise dig into the wearer's body on such a short corset.

Besides the bones either side of the laces and those on the front panel, the boning channels are not marked. For the front panel, you should sew your bone casing over

the lines, like so -

You should also sew bone casing next to the seams. Check out the next page for more details on bone placement.

## *Suggested Bone Placement*

Here are three suggested placements for your bones, depending on your skill level:

**Beginner** - Single bone channels next to the seams, placed on the side of the seam nearest the back. You can also leave out the two central bones on the front panel.

**More advanced sewer** - Double boning at the seams and all four bones on the front panel.

**Extra bones** - Same layout as above, but with single bones added to the middle of panels B,C & D. (This is the bone placement for the corset on the front of this booklet).

# *My List Of Online Suppliers*

## **Main Corset Making Supplies**

- [ararenotion.com.au](http://ararenotion.com.au) - Australian suppliers of corsetry and bra/underwear making supplies and patterns.
- [aussiecorsetsupplies.com.au](http://aussiecorsetsupplies.com.au) - Another Australian supplier of corset making materials and corset patterns.
- [bramaker.co.uk/catalog](http://bramaker.co.uk/catalog) - For most things needed to make a corset (or a bra). I order from here regularly and the lady who runs it is always very friendly and a fast poster. Ships worldwide.
- [corsetmaking.com](http://corsetmaking.com) - Good selection of materials and books.
- [dragontowncorsetsupply.com](http://dragontowncorsetsupply.com) - Not used them myself, I have only just discovered them but they seem nice and cheap.
- [farthingalescorsetmakingsupplies.com](http://farthingalescorsetmakingsupplies.com) - Also [farthingales.on.ca](http://farthingales.on.ca). Canadian supplier, ships worldwide, one of the most well known.
- [farthingalesla.com](http://farthingalesla.com) - Products link straight through to Vogue Fabrics but there are some useful links and info on the Farthingalesla website.
- [sewcurvy.com](http://sewcurvy.com) - Another great site for corset making supplies & kits. [venacavadesign.biz](http://venacavadesign.biz) - I have used them for lacing bones and a few other bits. They also have a decent gallery of their customers' corsets if you're low on inspiration.
- [voguefabricsstore.com/Corset-Making-Supplies](http://voguefabricsstore.com/Corset-Making-Supplies) - More expensive (well it's Vogue, what were you expecting!) but some nice fancy coutils. Not used them myself.

## **Corset Patterns & Fabrics**

- [algeos.com](http://algeos.com) - Cheap coutil but only white polycotton available - Type coutil into the search bar, register for prices.
- [fabricland.co.uk](http://fabricland.co.uk) - For those in the UK near Brighton this is the cheapest place to get coutil, they do ship as well. Possibly the

ugliest website on the net but great fabric – you need to scroll down to and click ‘lining’ in the alphabetically ordered list to the left to find the coutil.

[lafnmoon.com](http://lafnmoon.com) -

Branded corset patterns as well as historic clothing patterns.

[pastpatterns.com](http://pastpatterns.com) -

Branded patterns. There are corset patterns in amongst their historical garments. I have ordered from them and these are reproduced from old historical patterns, instructions and all so while they’re reasonably priced they can be hard to follow.

[renaissancefabrics.net](http://renaissancefabrics.net) -

Corset/historical patterns & historic-style fabrics.

[tutu.com](http://tutu.com) -

Not used them myself, but they do decent by-the-bolt discounts if you want to stock up on something, not a corsetry supplier per say but decent, cheap coutil and heavyweight powernet.

[whaleys-bradford.ltd.uk](http://whaleys-bradford.ltd.uk) -

Whaleys have quite a history and sell lovely coutils amongst other fabrics. Great for period costumers.

## My Courses & Patterns

So that’s the full list of suppliers that I’m aware of online, I have my own printable corset patterns range and my two downloadable video courses; only the Elizabethan bodice course is available (The Express Corset Making Course is unavailable until launch day next week!) -

[corsettraining.net/how-to-make-a-bodice](http://corsettraining.net/how-to-make-a-bodice) - A full step by step project for a fully boned Elizabethan bodice; how-to sew along video and printable corset pattern in Small Medium & Large sizes with custom fitting instructions. (Advanced corsetry for those looking to take the hobby to the next step).

[corsettraining.net/corset-patterns](http://corsettraining.net/corset-patterns) - These are downloadable and print off on your home printer at full size in a range of different sizes (8 – 18 normally), with custom fitting instructions.

I also have some useful free resources on my site -

The articles page -

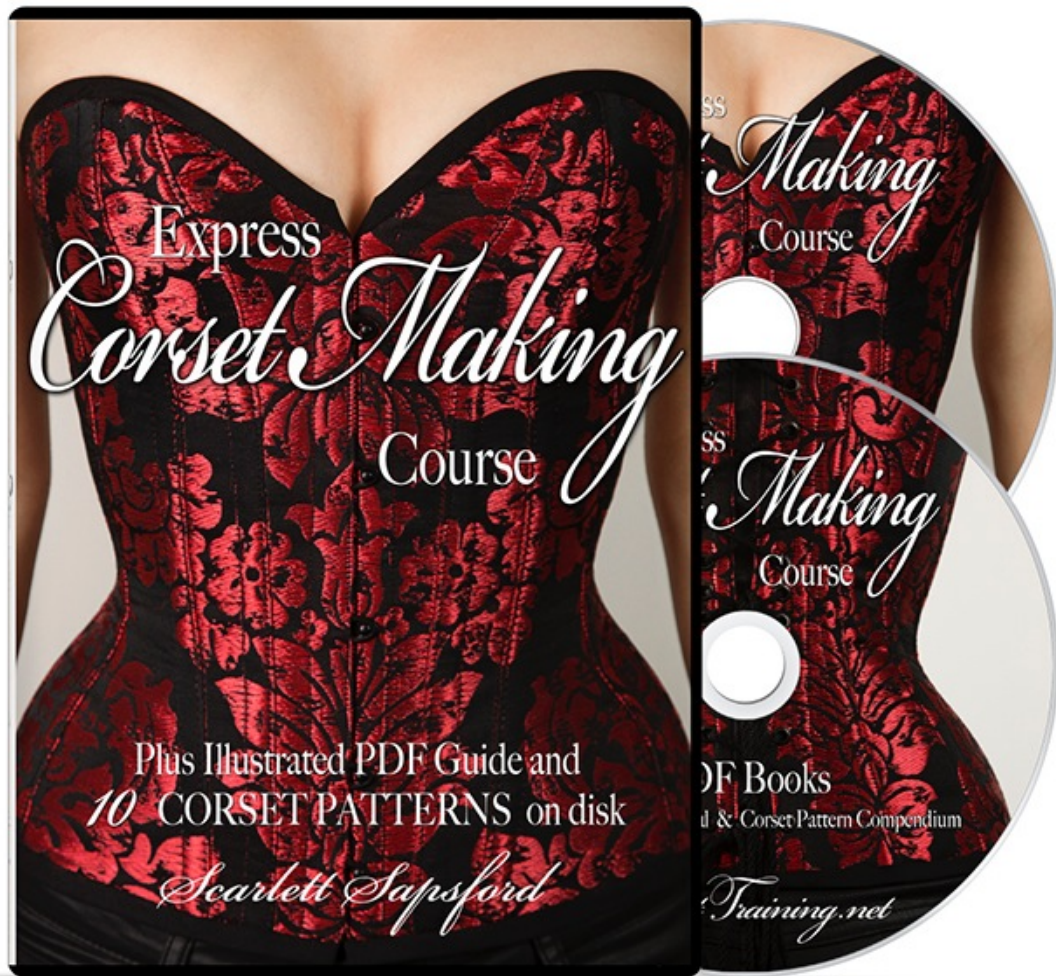
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*The New*  
*Express Corset Making Video Course*  
*An Offer To Come!*



Thank you for joining me on this video journey! You've heard me talk about my path into corset making and seen some of my customers' first corsets and hopefully grabbed both this booklet and the free corset pattern that goes with it (get it [here](http://corsettraining.net/corsetmaking/a-free-corset-pattern/) if you haven't!).

Over the coming days there will be more goodies and videos in store for you as well as a **massive one-week discount** on the re-recorded Express Corset Making video course! Keep an eye on your inbox so you don't miss it!

Don't forget to check out the first video if you haven't grabbed the pattern that goes with this booklet- <http://corsettraining.net/corsetmaking/a-free-corset-pattern/>

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*Thank you for being a part of Corset Training's community!*

*Good luck with all of your corset making endeavors!*

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