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# Morticia Gown

## A BRYANT GOWN EXPANSION PATTERN

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A glamorous Halloween costume that you can make in an afternoon? Yes, please! If you're anything like me, you think that Carolyn Jones in the original Addams Family was the epitome of dark glamour. To celebrate the spooky season, I've created a Morticia-inspired take on the Charm Patterns Bryant Gown pattern. You will use the Bryant Gown's main dress pieces and add these free expansion sleeve and flounce pieces to sew a wonderfully gothic gown. And the best part? We know Halloween sewing needs to be fast and fabulous, so we've designed this version to be quick and easy. We've used a stretch neoprene, which means you can eliminate the zipper and leave the hem edges raw! We've also nixed the neckline facings and replaced them with a lovely Venise lace trim that we know Morticia would love.

xoxo, Gertie

## SIZE CHART

The Morticia Gown is sized in women's US 2–20 and 18–34, with A–H cup sizes. Use the chart below to pick your size. To figure out which size you should make, first measure your high bust (under your armpits and above your breasts) and your full bust (the fullest part of your bust). Make sure to hold the measuring tape snug and parallel to the ground. Compare your body measurements to the size chart below. First, find your high bust measurement on the chart to determine your dress size and then scan down the cup sizes in that column to find the cup size that matches your full bust measurement. Take the waist measurement at the smallest part of your torso and the hip measurement at the widest part of your hips. Note that it is best to choose your size by your bust measurements (and add or remove from the side seams at the waist if needed). Not sure which size range to choose? Read more about our new 18–34 size range here on our blog!

| SIZES 2-20 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 8 | 10 | 12 | 14 | 16 | 18 | 20 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| High Bust | 29 in 73.7 cm | 31 in 78.7 cm | 33 in 83.8 cm | 35 in 88.9 cm | 37 in 94 cm | 39 in 99 cm | 41 in 104.1 cm | 43 in 109.2 cm | 45 in 114.3 cm | 47 in 119.4 cm |
| Bust A cup | 30.5 in 77.5 cm | 32.5 in 82.5 cm | 34.5 in 87.6 cm | 36.5 in 92.7 cm | 38.5 in 97.8 cm | 40.5 in 102.9 cm | 42.5 in 108 cm | 44.5 in 113 cm | 46.5 in 118.1 cm | 48.5 in 123.2 cm |
| Bust B/C cup | 31 in 78.7 cm | 33 in 83.8 cm | 35 in 88.9 cm | 37 in 94 cm | 39 in 99 cm | 41 in 104.1 cm | 43 in 109.2 cm | 45 in 114.3 cm | 47 in 119.4 cm | 49 in 124.5 cm |
| Bust D/DD cup | 32 in 81.3 cm | 34 in 86.4 cm | 36 in 91.4 cm | 38 in 96.5 cm | 40 in 101.6 cm | 42 in 106.7 cm | 44 in 111.8 cm | 46 in 116.8 cm | 48 in 121.9 cm | 50 in 127 cm |
| Bust F/G cup | 33 in 83.8 cm | 35 in 88.9 cm | 37 in 94 cm | 39 in 99 cm | 41 in 104.1 cm | 43 in 109.2 cm | 45 in 114.3 cm | 47 in 119.4 cm | 49 in 124.5 cm | 51 in 129.5 cm |
| Bust H cup | 34 in 86.4 cm | 36 in 91.4 cm | 38 in 96.5 cm | 40 in 101.6 cm | 42 in 106.7 cm | 44 in 111.8 cm | 46 in 116.8 cm | 48 in 121.9 cm | 50 in 127 cm | 52 in 132.1 cm |
| Waist | 24 in 61 cm | 26 in 66 cm | 28 in 71.1 cm | 30 in 76.2 cm | 32 in 81.3 cm | 34 in 86.4 cm | 36 in 91.4 cm | 38 in 96.5 cm | 40 in 101.6 cm | 42 in 106.7 cm |
| Hips | 36 in 91.4 cm | 38 in 96.5 cm | 40 in 101.6 cm | 42 in 106.7 cm | 44 in 111.8 cm | 46 in 116.8 cm | 48 in 121.9 cm | 50 in 127 cm | 52 in 132.1 cm | 54 in 137.2 cm |

## MATERIALS & NOTIONS

- Bryant Gown pattern from Charm Patterns
- Fabric for dress
- Thread to match your fabric
- Nonstretch lace trim (We used 2-in-wide Venise lace trim, but use any width that is easy to shape around the neckline.)

## FABRIC NOTES

We recommend knit fabrics that don't fray, like stretch neoprene or scuba knit. You can also try stretch lace, nylon tricot, or ponte knit. The sleeve and gown hems are unfinished. Your fabric should have around 50% stretch (4 inches of fabric should stretch to 6 inches).

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| SIZES 18-34 | 18 | 20 | 22 | 24 | 26 | 28 | 30 | 32 | 34 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| High Bust | 39.5 in 100.3 cm | 41.5 in 105.4 cm | 43.5 in 110.5 cm | 45.5 in 115.6 cm | 47.5 in 120.7 cm | 49.5 in 125.7 cm | 51.5 in 130.8 cm | 53.5 in 135.9 cm | 55.5 in 141 cm |
| Bust A cup | 42.5 in 108 cm | 44.5 in 113 cm | 46.5 in 118.1 cm | 48.5 in 123.2 cm | 50.5 in 128.3 cm | 52.5 in 133.4 cm | 54.5 in 138.4 cm | 56.5 in 143.5 cm | 58.5 in 148.6 cm |
| Bust B/C cup | 43 in 109.2 cm | 45 in 114.3 cm | 47 in 119.4 cm | 49 in 124.5 cm | 51 in 129.5 cm | 53 in 134.6 cm | 55 in 139.7 cm | 57 in 144.8 cm | 59 in 149.9 cm |
| Bust D/DD cup | 44 in 111.8 cm | 46 in 116.8 cm | 48 in 121.9 cm | 50 in 127 cm | 52 in 132.1 cm | 54 in 137.2 cm | 56 in 142.2 cm | 58 in 147.3 cm | 60 in 152.4 cm |
| Bust F/G cup | 45 in 114.3 cm | 47 in 119.4 cm | 49 in 124.5 cm | 51 in 129.5 cm | 53 in 134.6 cm | 55 in 139.7 cm | 57 in 144.8 cm | 59 in 149.9 cm | 61 in 154.9 cm |
| Bust H cup | 46 in 116.8 cm | 48 in 121.9 cm | 50 in 127 cm | 52 in 132.1 cm | 54 in 137.2 cm | 56 in 142.2 cm | 58 in 147.3 cm | 60 in 152.4 cm | 62 in 157.5 cm |
| Waist | 40 in 101.6 cm | 42 in 106.7 cm | 44 in 111.8 cm | 46 in 116.8 cm | 48 in 121.9 cm | 50 in 127 cm | 52 in 132.1 cm | 54 in 137.2 cm | 56 in 142.2 cm |
| Hips | 48 in 121.9 cm | 50 in 127 cm | 52 in 132.1 cm | 54 in 137.2 cm | 56 in 142.2 cm | 58 in 147.3 cm | 60 in 152.4 cm | 62 in 157.5 cm | 64 in 162.6 cm |

# FIT NOTES

The Morticia Gown is designed to fit with 1½ in (3.8 cm) to 3½ in (8.9 cm) of ease in the bust and 1 in (2.5 cm) to 1½ in (3.8 cm) of ease in the waist and hips. The sleeve is very close-fitting and meant to be sewn exclusively in a fabric with at least 50% stretch (see fabric notes).

## FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

| Sizes 2-20 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 8 | 10 | 12 | 14 | 16 | 18 | 20 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Bust A | 32 in 81.3 cm | 34 in 86.4 cm | 36 in 91.4 cm | 38 in 96.5 cm | 40 in 101.6 cm | 42 in 106.7 cm | 44 in 111.8 cm | 46 in 116.8 cm | 48 in 121.9 cm | 50 in 127 cm |
| Bust B/C | 32.5 in 82.6 cm | 34.5 in 87.6 cm | 36.5 in 92.7 cm | 38.5 in 97.8 cm | 40.5 in 102.9 cm | 42.5 in 108 cm | 44.5 in 113 cm | 46.5 in 118.1 cm | 48.5 in 123.2 cm | 50.5 in 128.3 cm |
| Bust D/DD | 33.5 in 85.1 cm | 35.5 in 90.2 cm | 37.5 in 95.3 cm | 39.5 in 100.3 cm | 41.5 in 105.4 cm | 43.5 in 110.5 cm | 45.5 in 115.6 cm | 47.5 in 120.7 cm | 49.5 in 125.7 cm | 51.5 in 130.8 cm |
| Bust F/G | 34.5 in 87.6 cm | 36.5 in 92.7 cm | 38.5 in 97.8 cm | 40.5 in 102.9 cm | 42.5 in 108 cm | 44.5 in 113 cm | 46.5 in 118.1 cm | 48.5 in 123.2 cm | 50.5 in 128.3 cm | 52.5 in 133.4 cm |
| Bust H | 35.5 in 90.2 cm | 37.5 in 95.3 cm | 39.5 in 100.3 cm | 41.5 in 105.4 cm | 43.5 in 110.5 cm | 45.5 in 115.6 cm | 47.5 in 120.7 cm | 49.5 in 125.7 cm | 51.5 in 130.8 cm | 53.5 in 135.9 cm |
| Waist | 25 in 63.5 cm | 27 in 68.9 cm | 29 in 73.7 cm | 31 in 78.7 cm | 33 in 83.8 cm | 35 in 88.9 cm | 37 in 94 cm | 39 in 99.1 cm | 41 in 104.1 cm | 43 in 109.2 cm |
| Hips | 37 in 94 cm | 39 in 99.1 cm | 41 in 104.1 cm | 43 in 109.2 cm | 45 in 114.3 cm | 47 in 119.4 cm | 49 in 124.5 cm | 51 in 129.5 cm | 53 in 134.6 cm | 55 in 139.7 cm |
| Bicep | 10.8 in 27.4 cm | 11.3 in 28.7 cm | 11.8 in 30 cm | 12.3 in 31.2 cm | 12.8 in 32.5 cm | 13.3 in 33.8 cm | 13.8 in 35 cm | 14.3 in 36.3 cm | 14.8 in 37.6 cm | 15.3 in 38.9 cm |

| Sizes 18-34 | 18 | 20 | 22 | 24 | 26 | 28 | 30 | 32 | 34 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Bust A | 46 in 116.8 cm | 48 in 121.9 cm | 50 in 127 cm | 52 in 132.1 cm | 54 in 137.2 cm | 56 in 142.2 cm | 58 in 147.3 cm | 60 in 152.4 cm | 62 in 157.5 cm |
| Bust B/C | 46.5 in 118.1 cm | 48.5 in 123.2 cm | 50.5 in 128.3 cm | 52.5 in 133.4 cm | 54.5 in 138.4 cm | 56.5 in 143.5 cm | 58.5 in 148.6 cm | 60.5 in 153.7 cm | 62.5 in 158.8 cm |
| Bust D/DD | 47.5 in 120.7 cm | 49.5 in 125.7 cm | 51.5 in 130.8 cm | 53.5 in 135.9 cm | 55.5 in 141 cm | 57.5 in 146.1 cm | 59.5 in 151.1 cm | 61.5 in 156.2 cm | 63.5 in 161.3 cm |
| Bust F/G | 48.5 in 123.2 cm | 50.5 in 128.3 cm | 52.5 in 133.4 cm | 54.5 in 138.4 cm | 56.5 in 143.5 cm | 58.5 in 148.6 cm | 60.5 in 153.7 cm | 62.5 in 158.8 cm | 64.5 in 163.8 cm |
| Bust H | 49.5 in 125.7 cm | 51.5 in 130.8 cm | 53.5 in 135.9 cm | 55.5 in 141 cm | 57.5 in 146.1 cm | 59.5 in 151.1 cm | 61.5 in 156.2 cm | 63.5 in 161.3 cm | 65.5 in 166.4 cm |
| Waist | 42 in 106.7 cm | 44 in 111.8 cm | 46 in 116.8 cm | 48 in 121.9 cm | 50 in 127 cm | 52 in 132.1 cm | 54 in 137.2 cm | 56 in 142.2 cm | 58 in 147.3 cm |
| Hips | 49.5 in 125.7 cm | 51.5 in 130.8 cm | 53.5 in 135.9 cm | 55.5 in 141 cm | 57.5 in 146.1 cm | 59.5 in 151.1 cm | 61.5 in 156.2 cm | 63.5 in 161.3 cm | 65.5 in 166.4 cm |
| Bicep | 15.3 in 38.9 cm | 15.8 in 40.1 cm | 16.3 in 41.4 cm | 16.8 in 42.7 cm | 17.3 in 43.9 cm | 17.8 in 45.2 cm | 18.3 in 46.5 cm | 18.8 in 47.8 cm | 19.3 in 49 cm |

## RESOURCES

Here are some of the fabrics and supplies I used for the samples and in the video tutorial. There are lots of places to purchase fabric, so this is solely a guide you can use as a reference:

Black Neoprene

**Note:** You can find less expensive neoprene; just make sure it is 1.5 mm thick with at least 8% spandex.

Additional neoprene sources:

Milan Fabrics (many colors)

iFabric

Venise Lace Trim

## PATTERN PIECES

### Bryant Gown pattern pieces:

**1. Dress Center Front**
Cut 1 fabric on fold

**2. Dress Side Front**
Cut 2 fabric

**3. Dress Back**
Cut 2 fabric

### Morticia Expansion pattern pieces:

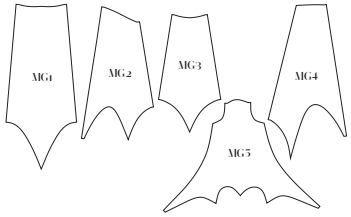
**MG1. Center Front Flounce**
Cut 1 fabric

**MG2. Side Front Flounce**
Cut 2 fabric

**MG3. Center Back Flounce**
Cut 1 fabric

**MG4. Side Back Flounce**
Cut 2 fabric

**MG5. Sleeve**
Cut 2 fabric

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# REQUIRED YARDAGE & CUTTING LAYOUTS

**Note:** All pattern pieces are shown in a "without nap" layout. You may need additional yardage for directional prints, stripes, plaids, and other prints that need to be matched across seamlines.

**KEY TO LAYOUTS**

Right side of pattern piece

Wrong side of pattern piece

Be sure to note whether the pieces are cut on a double or single layer of fabric. For a double layer, there will be a note indicating FOLD on the layout.

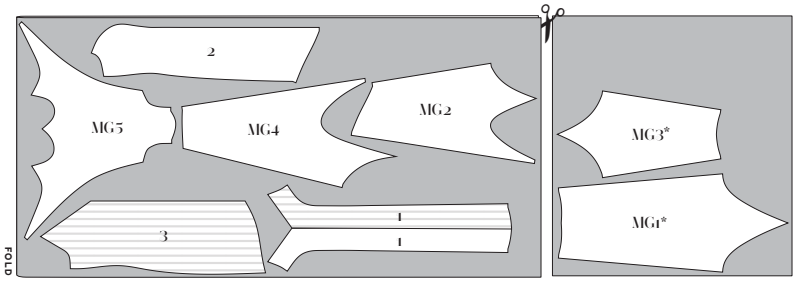
## SIZES 2-20

**Fabric** (1, 2, 3, MG1, MG2, MG3, MG4, MG5)

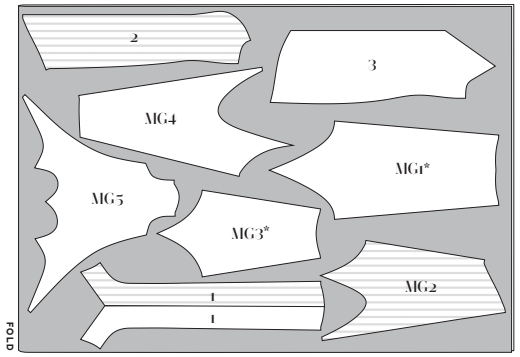
| | Sizes 2–10 | Sizes 12–20 |
|---|---|---|
| 45 in | 6¾ yds 6.2 m | 7 yds 6.4 m |
| 60 in | 4⅞ yds 4.5 m | 5¼ yds 4.8 m |

This layout uses a crosswise fold. The full width of the fabric is opened out and a fold is made perpendicular to the selvages.

Then cut the yardage to lay it flat in order to cut out these pieces.




45 in, all sizes




60 in, all sizes

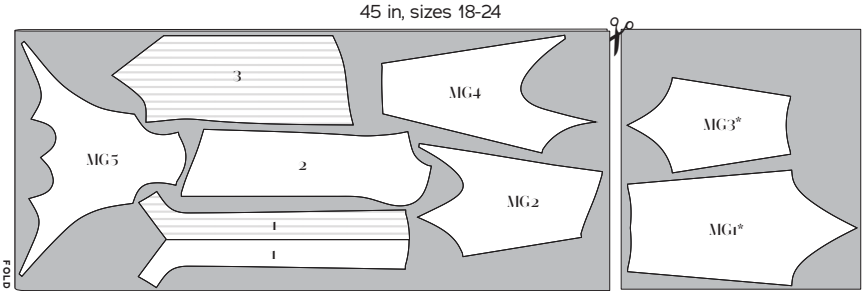
* Cut one layer of fabric

## SIZES 18-34

**Fabric** (1, 2, 3, MG1, MG2, MG3, MG4, MG5)

| | Sizes 18-24 | Sizes 26-34 |
|---|---|---|
| 45 in | 7 yds 6.4 m | 9 yds 8.2 m |
| 60 in | 5⅝ yds 5.1 m | 6¼ yds 5.7 m |

45 in, sizes 18-24




* Cut one layer of fabric

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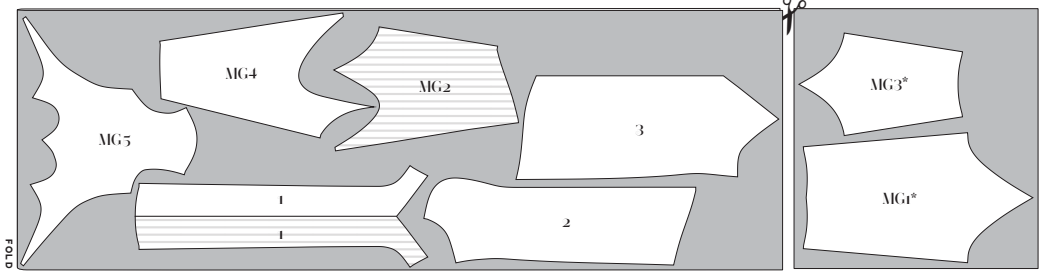
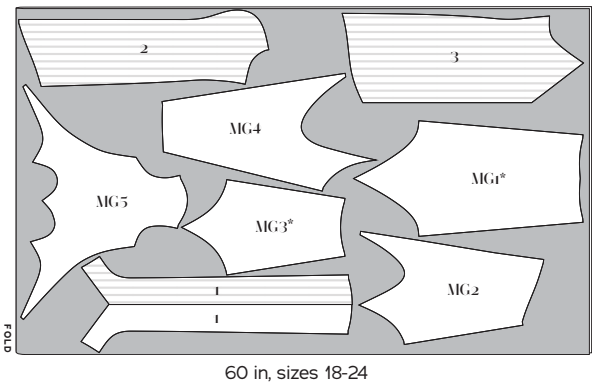
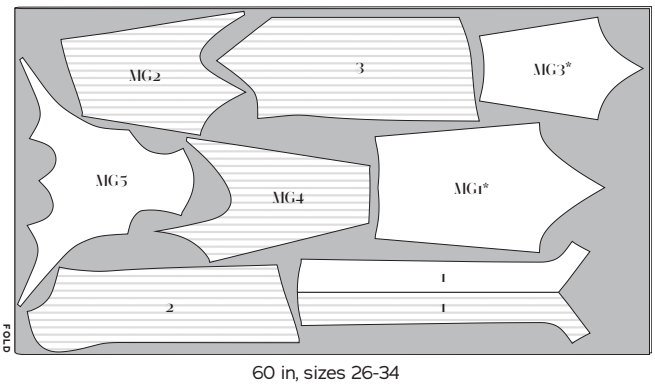



45 in, sizes 26-34




60 in, sizes 18-24




60 in, sizes 26-34

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# SEWING INSTRUCTIONS

## BEFORE SEWING

**Transferring marks:** Use dressmaker's tracing paper and a tracing wheel to transfer all pattern markings to the wrong side (WS) of your fabric. Mark pattern notches by snipping into the seam allowance with the tip of your scissors.

**Seam Finishing:** Knits typically do not fray, so seam finishing is optional.

## NOTES

- 5/8-inch (in) (1.5 cm) seam allowances are included on all pattern pieces, except where otherwise noted.
- If you don't have a serger, consider using a zigzag or overlock stitch on your sewing machine.
- Since knits require less ease than wovens, you may wish to take in the side seams of the dress to make it fit closer. Try on the dress periodically as you are sewing to make sure you're happy with the fit.
- Use a rotary cutter to get really clean lines on the unfinished batwing hems.
- You may wish to use a ballpoint or jersey needle to avoid skipped stitches.
- Neoprene does not require much pressing; simply finger-press and/or topstitch the seam allowances as instructed below.

## SEWING THE MORTICIA GOWN

### Dress

**1. Remove seam allowances from neckline** on Dress Center Front (1) and Dress Back (3). TIP: use a gridded ruler and a chalk pen to mark 5/8 in from the raw edge on the neckline. Cut along marked line to remove seam allowance.

**2. Sew fisheye darts and princess seams:** stitch the darts and seams following steps 2, 4, and 5 in Bryant Gown instructions. Trim princess seam allowances to 3/8 in (1 cm), and then finish as one. Finger-press seam allowances toward center front.

**3. Sew Dress Back seam:** pin dress backs right sides (RS) together and stitch the center back seam from the bottom edge up to the neckline. Trim seam allowances to 3/8 in (1 cm), and then finish as one. Finger-press seam allowances to one side.

**4. Sew the side seams:** pin the dress back unit to the dress front unit at the side seams, RS together. Stitch. Trim seam allowances to 3/8 in (1 cm), and then finish as one. Finger-press seam allowances to one side.

### Sleeve

**1. Sew underarm seam:** pin and stitch underarm seam on Sleeve (MG5), RS together. Trim seam allowances to 3/8 in (1 cm), and then finish as one (or use serger to trim as you serge). Finger-press seam allowances toward back of sleeve. From the RS, topstitch 1/8 in (3 mm) from the seamline, catching seam allowances in stitching. Tip: Use a rotary cutter to clean up the point at the underarm hem of the sleeve.

**2. Set sleeve into dress:** pin sleeves into armholes, RS together, matching notches and seamlines at neckline. Stitch. Trim seam allowances to 3/8 in (1 cm), and then finish as one.

### Flounce

**1. Assemble the flounce back unit:** pin each Side Back Flounce (MG4) to Center Back Flounce (MG3), RS together, and stitch. Trim seam allowances to 3/8 in (1 cm), and then finish as one. Finger-press seam allowances toward side seam. From the RS, topstitch 1/8 in (3 mm) from the seamline, catching seam allowances in stitching.

**2. Assemble the flounce front unit:** pin each Side Front Flounce (MG2) to Center Front Flounce (MG1), RS together, and stitch. Trim seam allowances to 3/8 in (1 cm), and then finish as one. Finger-press seam allowances toward side seam. From the RS, topstitch 1/8 in (3 mm) from the seamline, catching seam allowances in stitching.

**3. Sew the side seams:** pin the flounce front unit to the flounce back unit at the side seams and stitch. Trim seam allowances to 3/8 in (1 cm), and then finish as one. Finger-press seam allowances to one side. From the RS, topstitch 1/8 in (3 mm) from the seamline, catching seam allowances in stitching.

**4. Attach flounce to dress:** pin flounce to dress, matching the seams and notches. Stitch. Trim seam allowances to 3/8 in (1 cm), and then finish as one. Finger-press seam allowances toward dress. TIP: Use a rotary cutter to clean up the points on the flounce hem if needed.

### Finish Neckline

**1. Center lace trim over raw edge of neckline and upper edge of sleeve,** overlapping trim at the center back. (NOTE: You may need to create a fold in the trim at center front v-point.) Stitch in place using a narrow zigzag. Hand-stitch the center front lace fold in place, if needed.

*Enjoy your bewitching new Morticia Gown!*

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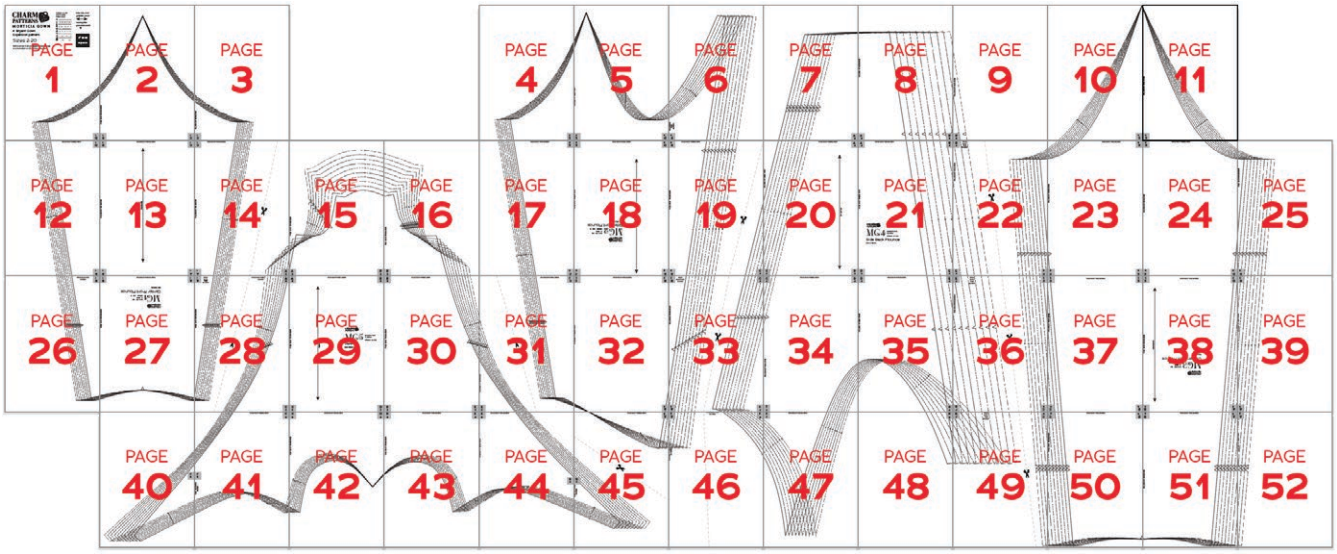
# PATTERN PIECE LOCATION GUIDE

Here is a list to help you locate the pattern pieces on the letter-size tiled pages and A0 pattern sheets. The tiled pieces and A0 sheets are included as separate pdf files as part of this digital pattern.

| | | SIZES 2-20 | | SIZES 18-34 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| PC# | Piece Name | Tiled | A0 | Tiled | A0 |
| MG1 | Center Front Flounce | 1-3, 12-14, 26-28 | 4 | 1-3, 15-17, 30-32 | 4 |
| MG2 | Side Front Flounce | 4-6, 17-19, 31-33, 45-46 | 4 | 6-9, 20-23, 35-38, 50-51 | 4 |
| MG3 | Center Back Flounce | 10-11, 22-25, 36-39, 49-52 | 2 | 12-14, 26-29, 41-44, 55-58 | 2 |
| MG4 | Side Back Flounce | 7-9, 19-22, 33-36, 46-49 | 3 | 9-11, 23-26, 38-41, 52-55 | 3 |
| MG5 | Sleeve | 14-16, 28-31, 40-45 | 1 | 4-5, 17-20, 32-35, 45-50 | 1 |

## TILING MAPS

### SIZES 2-20

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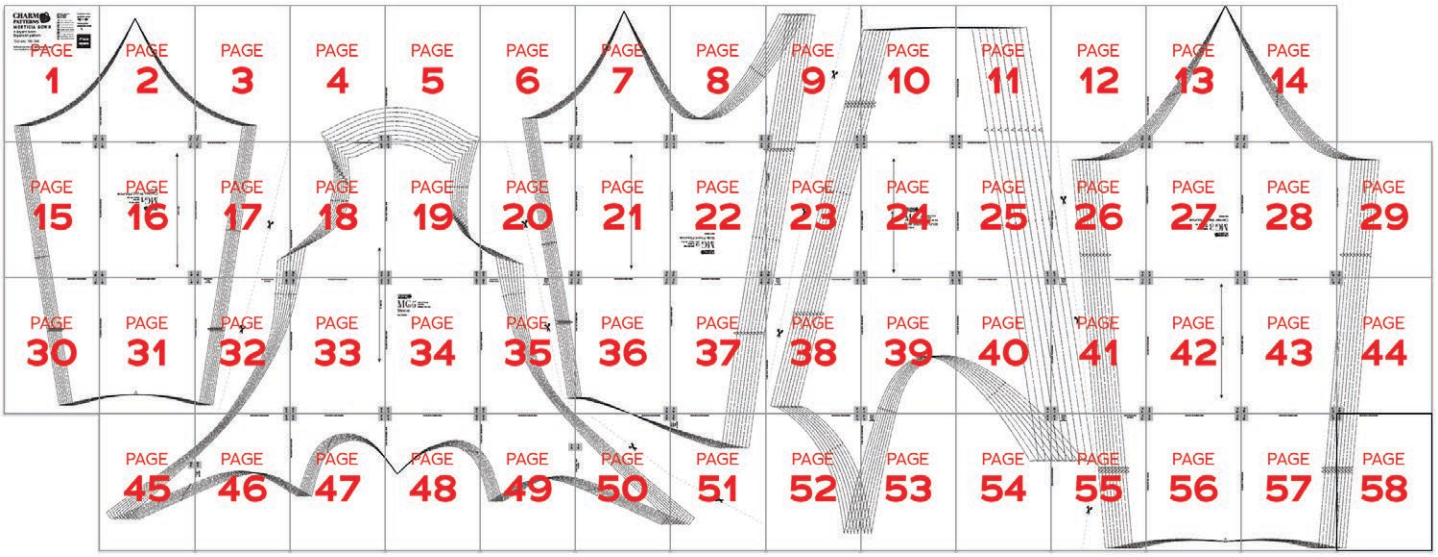


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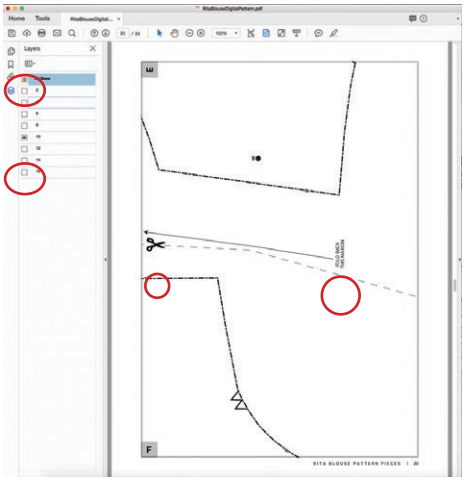
## HOW TO USE THIS PATTERN

The pattern pieces are tiled so you can print them on Letter (8½" x 11") or A4 size paper. You can also send the A0 pattern sheet PDF to a local or online printer (like www.pdfplotting.com) to print on large sheets (36" x 48" for U.S. or AO for international).

This pattern includes size layers. To get the best results, open either the Tiled or A0 pattern pieces PDF in Acrobat Reader.

Open the Layers Palette (View>Show/Hide>Navigation Panes>Layers) and hide all of the layer(s) except for the ones you want to print by clicking on the eye icon.

The All Sizes layer has general pattern information and will always print.



## WORKING WITH THE TILED PIECES

Go to File>Print and change the page range to the pages you need for the pieces you've chosen (see Pattern Pieces Printing Index). Make sure the Page Sizing settings to 100% or Actual Size. Test this after printing by measuring the 1" test box on the first page of the bodice pattern pieces.

Cut apart any pattern pieces that share a page by cutting on the gray long dashed lines. Then fold back the page margins on each page as directed.

Tape the pages together, butting up the folded page edges with the gray margin lines, matching up the letters in gray boxes.

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