

My simple to do - unlined version – Using Laughing moon – Dore Pattern

Remember the corset is two halves, so you need 'pairs' of everything as you would with a pair of trousers! If you want to line it, you need 'pairs' of lining pieces too! Use coutil (it's a strong specially woven cloth) and cut two of each pattern piece, add two inches on to the Centre back piece (its a straight edge), then cut facings for the two centre front pieces - again for the straight edges (a couple of inches wide). Sew all the pieces together as per the instructions and you then get two halves of the corset. Press flat each seam, and cut down to about 5mm, then lay bone casing over each seam and sew down on both sides. Place a few more channels of bone casing between the panels (see pattern for bone placing), you can put as many or as few, more means more comfortable and more control. Insert the busk between the facing and front piece (see pattern for detailed info on insertion method), then use a zipper foot to secure it. Fold the extra bit that you added on over at the back so that you have a wide doubled section, you are going to sew channels for your straight flat steels with eyelets in the middle (if you don't want to do this, you can use ready made eyelet tape, You would need to cut all this extra bit off, by working out where the eyelets would have been if you had put them in by hand and just one bone (but i only have this in black at the moment). You can make your own casing using the 12mm binder and coutil strips cut along the length. you then sew these strips on the right side over the seams, which is nice if you want contrast bone channels but does mean super accurate stitching or you'll not get the bones in the channels! Obviously you can put other decoration on, but best to start at the basics! The pattern instructions don't use either of these methods, just loads of coutil!

Bind the top, insert the bones, bind the bottom, lace up and your done! Get some help getting into it or you'll pop the fastenings off the busk, always loosen the laces getting it on and off!

I sell every thing you need, and i'm continually building my stock, i also have small quantities of unlisted items and other items i can't yet put on the site as i have a little problem with my computer! If you want to have a fancy decorative outer, you can use the same method, but overlay the decor fabric on the coutil, tack them together and treat as one piece (i spray the back with mounting spray and stick them together, before I cut the pieces out!)

Good luck.

Just ask if you're stuck.

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Things you will need:

Fabric - coutil is best, if it is stiffened - don't wash it (in fact avoid ever washing your corset, where a stretchy tube liner underneath to protect it) lining if you want

Flat bones for the back

Busk if you want a front fastener

Spiral bones for the most of the corset (you can use flat, or rigilene etc, but it's not as good)

Bone casing - if you want the easy way! - I always use this it's fab!

Bias binding for the top and bottom - or make your own using the bias maker

Eyelets, or eyelet tape, if your making lots invest in a grommet awl and vario pliers

Lacing cord - use the cotton (or poly/cotton) for best result

Decoration - whatever you fancy