

# Sleeveless Dress - Sewing Pattern #4745

Recommendations on fabric: natural/mixed suiting fabrics.

You will also need: dress zipper, fusible interfacing, 3 buttons.

Seam allowances: all seams 1 cm; seam allowance for hem – 3.0 cm.

## Note on seam allowances:

If the pattern has double contour the seam allowances are included. They are 1 cm unless specified otherwise.
If the pattern has single contour, the seam allowances are NOT included and need to be added when laying out the pattern.

## Note on length of fabric:

Attention! The amount of fabric needed for your pattern is not included. It will depend on the selected pattern size, the width, and design of the fabric you plan to use. First, print all the paper patterns and lay them out at the width of fabric you plan to use (usually from 90 to 150 cm). Measure how much fabric you will need. Don't forget to account for pieces that need to be cut multiple times and pieces that are cut on the fold.



## **CUTTING:**

#### Note on cutting:

On the pattern pieces, "beam" means straight of grain. Lay out your pieces accordingly. Some pieces will be cut on the fold. This is noted on the pattern piece. Mark all notches and other design features such as pleats etc. from the pattern onto your fabric.

When sewing the garment, pay attention to notches, they must match up.

Main fabric:

- 1. Upper back cut 2
- 2. Back inset cut 2
- 3. Lower back cut 2
- 4. Side back cut 2
- 5. Upper front cut 1
- 6. Front inset cut 1



7. Lower front - cut 1
 8. Side front - cut 2
 9. Back neck facing - cut 2
 10. Front neck facing - cut 1

Fusible interfacing:

1. Back neck facing - cut 2

2. Front neck facing – cut 1

## **INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. Apply fusible interfacing to neckline facings.

2. Sew darts on upper back, press bulk towards center. Sew back inset to upper back, press seam allowances towards inset and serge. Sew lower back to inset, press seam allowances towards inset and serge.

3. Sew upper side backs to upper center backs, press towards center and serge.

4. Serge center back edges separately. Sew center back seam from notch for zipper to bottom, press seam apart. Sew in zipper.

5. Sew front inset to upper front, press seam allowances towards inset and serge. Sew lower front to inset, press seam allowances towards inset and serge.

6. Apply fusible interfacing to vent area on lower front and left side front. Serge separately left princess seam edges on front (between left side front and center front) and seam allowances of vent. Sew left princess seam (between center front and left side front) from armhole to vent corner, press towards center and sew a decorative stitch according to markings.

7. Trim away seam allowance of vent on right side front. Sew right princess seam (center front to right side front), press towards center and serge.

8. Sew side and shoulder seams, press seams towards back and serge.

9. Sew shoulder seams of facings. Press seam apart and serge. Serge outer edge of facings. Pin facing onto garment right sides together, adjusting neckline edges. Fold the facing away all the way along EXCEPT for the area 5 mm from the edge of dress zipper and pin it to upper edge of garment. Fold seam allowances along zipper onto right and pin to neckline on top of facings. Sew the neckline. Clip into curves, turn right side out and press. Topstitch seam allowances onto facing. Slipstitch facing to zipper tape.

10. Cut (or take ready) bias tape, its width should equal 4 cm and length should equal the length of armhole + 4 cm. Fold bias tape in half lengthwise right side out and press. Pin bias tape to armhole edge from the right



side and sew. Clip into seam allowances, fold bias tape onto wrong side and topstitch onto main piece along the seam. Press seam.

- 12. Serge bottom edge of dress, press onto wrong side and topstitch.
- 13. Sew according to markings buttons.

# **TECHNICAL DRAWING:**

