

## Sleeveless Dress - Sewing Pattern #4746

Recommendations on fabric: natural/mixed fabric suitable for dresses.

You will also need: fusible interfacing, lining, 9 buttons.

Seam allowances: all seams 1 cm. Seam allowance along hem – 2.5 cm.

The pattern blocks are printed as seen from the right side. Turn them over when cutting from the wrong side of fabric!

### **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 belt - cut 1
3. Lower back - cut 1
4. Lower front right – cut 1
5. Lower front left – cut 1

6. Front belt right - cut 1
7. Front belt left - cut 1
8. Upper front right - cut 1
9. Upper front left - cut 1
10. Back neck facing - cut 2
11. Front neck facing right - cut 2
12. Front neck facing left - cut 2
13. Center front facing - cut 2

Lining:

1. Lining of hidden button panel - cut 2

Fusible interfacing:

1. Back neck facing - cut 1
2. Front neck facing right - cut 1
3. Front neck facing left - cut 1
4. Center front facing - cut 2

## INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Apply fusible interfacing.
2. Sew darts on back and front, press the bulk of waist darts towards center, press the bulk of bust darts towards top.
3. Sew center back seam on upper backs, press towards left and serge.
4. Sew back neckline facing to upper back, press towards facing. Sew back belt to upper back, press seam allowances towards belt and serge. Sew lower back to back belt, press seam allowances towards belt and serge.
5. Sew right front belt to upper right front, press seam allowances towards belt and serge. Sew lower right front to right front belt, press seam allowances towards belt and serge. Repeat for left front.
6. Mark closure slit with three lines, on the right side of right button stand (centre front facing). The first line should be parallel to vertical edge of closure and runs at 1.5 cm from the edge when ready, the second and third line mark the length of closure. Pin lining (should be with fusible interfacing applied!) onto the centre front facing, right sides together, matching the edge of lining with the marked line. Stitch at 0.5 cm from the marked line along the closure slit up to the lines that mark the closure length. Pin the second closure lining, matching its edge with the stitched line, and stitch at 0.5 cm. Check if the stitches are parallel on the wrong side. Cut the slit. Clip into corners at 1.5 cm from the closure ends. Turn the linings onto wrong side through the resulting opening, making a slit frame, which equals the distance between stitch lines. Sew a fixing stitch in the ditch of the lining seam. Press the second lining towards inner edge of centre front facing and sew a fixing stitch at 0.1

cm from the lining seam. Mark and make buttonholes. They are made on centre front facing and interfaced lining. Straighten the ends of closure and fix them from the wrong side, with double stitch at the base of corners. Sew edges of lining. Make short fastening stitches between each pair of buttonholes, the length of the fixing stitch equals the width of the frame. Press center front facing.

7. Pin centre front facing onto front, right sides together, and sew edge of button stand (centre front facing). Trim away corners, turn right side out center front facing onto right side, press.

8. Sew right neckline facing to upper right back, press towards facing. Sew left neckline facing to left upper front, press towards facing.

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

10. Sew the shoulder edges of inner neckline facings, press seam apart. Pin facings onto dress right sides together and sew the neckline. Clip into curves, trim away corners. Turn pieces right side out, straighten, press. Fold inside seam allowance of inner placket and stitch-in-the-ditch along seam of outer placket.

11. 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 onto armhole edge from the right side, leaving loose ends, and sew. Fold bias tape onto wrong side, clip into seam allowances and topstitch onto main piece along the seam. Press.

12. Make buttonholes on right front. Sew a decorative stitch on right front according to markings, fixing in place hidden button panel. On left front sew on buttons.

## TECHNICAL DRAWING:

