

## Three-Colour Dress - Sewing Pattern #2135

Recommendations on fabric: natural/mixed knit fabric of medium stretchiness.

You will also need: knit fusible interfacing.

Seam allowances: all seams 1 cm. Seam allowance along hem of dress - 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.*

### Note on working with stretchy fabric:

*Knitted fabric pieces are sewn together with special elastic or narrow zig-zag stitch. Seam allowance on hems can be stitched with twin needles to save stretchiness. Pieces can also be sewn together with a serger. When serging, cut seam allowances to 0.6 - 0.8 cm.*

## 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. Lower front - cut 1
2. Lower back - cut 2



Main fabric 1:

1. Back neck facing - cut 2
2. Front neck facing - cut 2
3. Front belt - cut 4
4. Back belt - cut 1

Main fabric 2:

1. Upper back - cut 2
2. Upper front - cut 1 on fold

Fusible interfacing:

1. Back neck facing - cut 1
2. Front neck facing - cut 1

## **INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. Apply fusible interfacing.
2. Sew darts on back. Press bulk towards center. Sew center back seam on upper backs and lower backs. Serge and press towards left. Sew back belt to upper back and to lower back. Serge and press towards belt.
3. Sew front darts. Press bulk towards top.
4. Sew upper front to lower front. Serge and press towards top.
5. Pin together front neckline facings, right sides together and sew neckline and shoulder edges. Turn facing right side out and press. Finish the back facing in the same way. Sew front facing to back facing, folding them apart onto two sides. Sew front facing to upper front, serge and press onto front. Sew back facing to back, serge and press towards back.
6. Cut (or take ready) bias tape, its width should equal 4 cm and length should equal the length of armhole + 6 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 seam.
7. Pin front belts together pairwise and sew around the long edges, and the slanted edge. Trim seam allowances, turn right side out and press.
8. Sew side seams, inserting front belts according to notches. Press seams towards back and serge.
9. Serge lower edge of dress, press onto wrong side and topstitch.

**TECHNICAL DRAWING:**

