

## Top With Decorative Stitching - Sewing Pattern #2174

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

Seam allowances: all seam allowances – 1 cm. Seam allowance for hem of garment – 1.2 cm.

### Note on seam allowances:

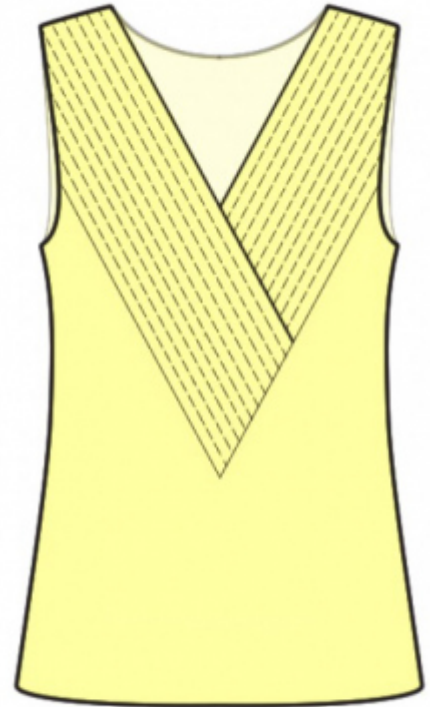
- If the pattern has double contour the seam allowances are included. They are 1 cm unless specified otherwise.
- If the pattern has single contour, the seam allowances are NOT included and need to be added when laying out the pattern.

### 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. Back - cut 1 on fold
2. Front - cut 1 on fold
3. Front inset - cut 4

## **INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. Pin front insets together, right sides together, and sew the neckline edge. Turn pieces right side out, straighten, press. Sew parallel stitch lines according to the markings.
2. Sew the right princess seam on front, sewing the lower edge of the left inset at the same time. The pieces are placed as follows: front, right front inset, left front inset (lower edge). Clip into seam allowances in the corner of the front, serge.
3. Sew the left princess seam on the front in the same way.
4. Sew shoulder seams (the shoulder seam of the back is longer than the shoulder seam of the front by the width of seam allowance), press seams towards back and serge.
5. Cut or use ready-made bias tape, its width should equal 4 cm and length should equal the length of back neckline + 5 cm. Fold bias tape in half lengthwise right side out and press. Pin bias tape onto the back neckline, 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.
6. Cut or use ready-made 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 and sew, fold bias tape onto wrong side and topstitch onto main piece along the seam.
7. Sew side seams, press seams towards back and serge.
8. Serge lower edge of garment, press onto wrong side and topstitch.

## **TECHNICAL DRAWING:**

