

Blouse With Pleats - Sewing Pattern #2534

Recommendations on fabric: soft natural/mixed fabrics suitable for blouses.

You will also need: fusible interfacing, dress zipper.

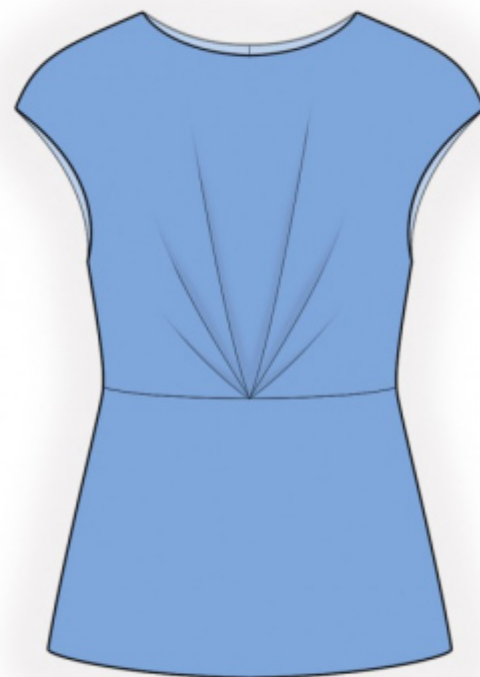
Seam allowances: all seam allowances - 1 cm. Seam allowance for hem of garment - 1.5 cm.

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. Lower back - cut 2
3. Upper front - cut 1 on fold
4. Lower front - cut 1
5. Front neck facing - cut 1
6. Back neck facing - cut 2

Fusible interfacing:

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

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Apply fusible interfacing.
2. Sew waist darts on backs, press the inner part towards center. Sew lower back to upper back, press towards top and serge.
3. Serge separately center back edges. Sew center back seam from notch for zipper to bottom, press seam apart. Sew in zipper.
4. Make and baste pleats on front, press bulk towards side seams. Sew lower front to upper front, serge and press towards bottom.
5. Sew shoulder seams, press seams towards back and serge.
6. Sew the shoulder seams of the neckline facings, press seam apart. Serge outer edge. Pin facing to garment right sides together and sew the neckline. Clip into curves, facings turn right side out onto wrong side and press. Sew facings by hand to the shoulder seams and to the zipper tape.
7. 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 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.
8. Sew side seams, press seams towards back and serge.
9. Serge the lower edge of garment, press onto wrong side and topstitch.

TECHNICAL DRAWING:

