

## Blouse With A Front Pleat - Sewing Pattern #2544

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

You will also need: fusible interfacing, 2 buttons.

Seam allowances: Seam allowance for hem of garment - 2 cm; seam allowance for hem of sleeve - 1.5 cm; other seams - 1 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. Back - cut 1 on fold
2. Front - cut 1 on fold
3. Front placket - cut 4
4. Back neck facing - cut 2

Fusible interfacing:

1. Front placket - cut 2

2. Back neck facing – cut 1

## **INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. Apply fusible interfacing.
2. Sew the outer back neckline facing to back neckline, press towards facing.
3. Pin front plackets together pairwise right sides together and sew outer edge. Clip into curves, turn pieces right side out, straighten and press.
4. Sew plackets to front along longer edge, leaving the distance of 1 cm away from hem. Clip into seam allowance on front, leaving 1 mm to the stitch line. Make pleat on front, placing right placket over left placket. Sew together ends of plackets, folding away the front and fixing the lower edge. Serge.
5. Serge the outer edge of the inner back neckline facing. Pin neckline facing onto Back and sew neckline exactly up to the marked line of shoulder seam. Clip seam allowances, fold facing onto wrong side and press.
6. Sew shoulder seams, inserting the front between the inner back neckline facing and the outer back neckline facing, press seams towards back and serge.
7. Sew side seams, press seams towards back and serge.
8. Serge hem of garment and hem of sleeve, press onto wrong side and topstitch.
9. Sew on buttons on plackets, fixing them together.

## **TECHNICAL DRAWING:**

