

Dress With Gathers - Sewing Pattern #2553

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

You will also need: fusible interfacing, dress zipper.

Seam allowances: all seams 1 cm; seam allowance for hem of garment.

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. Center back - cut 2
2. Upper side back - cut 2
3. Lower side back - cut 2
4. Upper side front - cut 2
5. Lower side front - cut 2
6. Center front - cut 1 on fold
7. Front neck facing — cut 1

- 8. Back neck facing – cut 2
- 9. Sleeve — cut 2

Fusible interfacing:

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

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. Apply interfacing to facings.
- 2. Serge the center back edges separately. Sew the center back seam from zipper mark to hem, press the seam apart, pressing the slit for zipper at the same time. Sew in zipper.
- 3. Sew a gathering stitch along the upper edge of the lower side back and gather fullness. Sew upper side back to lower side back. Serge and press towards top. Sew side backs to center back. Serge seams and press towards center.
- 4. Sew a gathering stitch along the upper edge of the lower side front and gather fullness. Sew upper side front to lower side front. Serge and press towards top. Sew side fronts to front. Serge seams and press towards center.
- 6. Sew side and shoulder seams, press towards the back and serge.
- 7. Sew the shoulder seams of the neckline facings, serge the outer edge. Pin facing to garment right sides together and sew the neckline. Clip into curves, turn the facing onto the wrong side, straighten and press. Slipstitch facing to shoulder seams and to zipper tape.
- 8. Sew sleeve seam, serge and press. Make pleats along the sleeve cap, fold bulk towards back. Make 4 pleats along the lower edge, fold bulk towards front. Sew cuff into a ring, press the seam allowances apart. Fold cuff in half lengthwise right side out and sew to sleeve. Serge and fold towards top. Sew sleeves into armholes, matching notches. Serge and press.
- 9. Serge the lower edge of garment, press onto wrong side and topstitch.

TECHNICAL DRAWING:

