

## Dress With Gathers - Sewing Pattern #2597

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

You will also need: fusible interfacing, dress zipper.

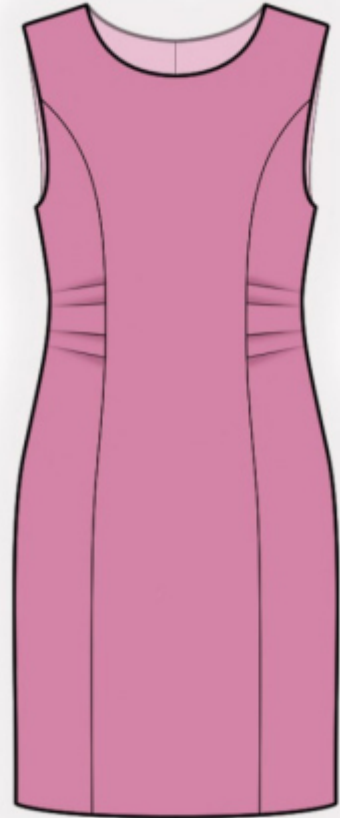
Seam allowances: all seams 1 cm; seam allowance for hem of garment - 2.0 cm.

### 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.*



## 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. Side back - cut 2
3. Side front - cut 2
4. Center front - cut 1 on fold
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 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 side backs to center back. Serge seams and press towards center.
4. Make and baste pleats on the side front according to the technical drawing. Sew side fronts to front. Serge seams and press towards center.
5. Sew shoulder seams, press towards the back and serge.
6. 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.
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 onto armhole edge from the right side and sew, fold bias tape onto wrong side and topstitch onto main piece along the seam.
8. Sew side seams, press towards the back and serge.
9. Serge the lower edge of garment, press onto wrong side and topstitch.

## **TECHNICAL DRAWING:**

