

Blouse With Gathers - Sewing Pattern #2613

Recommendations on fabric: natural/mixed fabrics with elastane suitable for blouses. Or natural/mixed knit fabrics with high stretchiness.

You will also need: dress zipper; elastic tape, its width should equal 1.5 - 2 cm; elastic thread.

Seam allowances: all seams 1 cm; seam allowance for hem of garment - 2.5 cm, hem of sleeve - 3 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. Upper back - cut 2

2. Lower back - cut 2
3. Upper front - cut 2
4. Lower front - cut 1 on fold
5. Sleeve - cut 2

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Sew darts on back, press bulk towards center. Sew upper front to lower front. Serge seams and press towards top. Serge the center back edges separately. Sew a gathering stitch along the central edges of the lower back piece and gather fullness. Sew center back seam from notch for zipper to bottom. Sew in zipper. Serge seam and press towards left.
2. Sew darts on front, press bulk towards center.
Sew shoulder seams, press towards the back and serge. Serge the neckline edges on front and on back. Fold inside the seam allowance and topstitch. You may also finish the edge with bias tape or baby hem, in this case trim away the seam allowance. Press seam allowance onto wrong side and topstitch.
3. Pin right upper front onto left upper front and baste together along center line. Sew upper front to lower front. Serge and press towards top.
4. Sew sleeve seam, serge and press. Sew a gathering stitch along the sleeve cap and gather fullness. Sew sleeves into armholes, serge and press.
5. Serge bottom edge of sleeve, press onto wrong side at 1 cm, then again at 2 cm and topstitch, making a casing. Thread the elastic tape into the casing, adjust length and fix the ends.
6. Sew a stitch line with elastic thread along the marked lines on front and on back. Fix the thread ends, making gathers. Make similar stitch lines along the side seams and along the central back seam.
7. Serge hem of garment, press onto wrong side and topstitch.

TECHNICAL DRAWING:

