

## Blouse With Soft Pleats - Sewing Pattern #2645

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

You will also need: fusible interfacing; 9 buttons.

Seam allowances: Seam allowance for hem of garment - 2 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. Back yoke - cut 1 on fold
3. Front - cut 2
4. Sleeve - cut 2
5. Collar - cut 2
6. Cuff - cut 2
7. Back neck facing - cut 1

8. Center front facing – cut 2

Fusible interfacing:

1. Collar — cut 1
2. Cuff – cut 2

## **INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. Apply fusible interfacing.
2. Sew yoke to back. Serge seams and press towards top.
3. Make and baste pleats along the upper edge of the front piece. The inner part of the pleats is directed towards center.
4. Sew shoulder seams, press seam allowances towards top and serge.
5. Sew side seams, press towards the back and serge.
6. Pin collars together, right sides together, and sew the ends and the outer edge of collar. Trim away corners. Turn the collar right side out, straighten and press.
7. Sew shoulder edges of center front facing and of the back neckline facings. Press the seam apart. Serge the outer edge. Pin central facing and facing to the main piece, right sides together and sew the center front edges and along the neckline. Clip into curves, fold facing and center front facing onto wrong side and press.
8. Cut slit on sleeve along the marked line. Cut bias tape from main fabric (or take ready), its width should equal 4 cm and length should equal two lengths of slit +4 cm. Fold bias tape in half lengthwise and press. Press outer seam allowances towards center. Sew bias tape to slit of sleeve (pin bias tape to slit edge from the right side and sew, fold bias tape onto wrong side and topstitch onto garment along fold line). Make and baste the pleat on sleeve. The bulk is directed away from the closure.
9. Sew sleeve seam. Serge and press towards back. Sew sleeves into armholes. Serge and press.
10. Fold cuffs in half lengthwise right sides together and sew side edges. Start and stop stitching exactly at the marked line of the cuff seam. Turn the piece right side out, press. Sew the outer part of the cuff to the sleeve, fold inside the inner side of the cuff, and topstitch into the seam of the outer cuff cuffs.
11. Turn hem under inside at 1 cm, then at 1 cm and topstitch.
12. Make buttonholes and sew on buttons on front and on cuffs.

**TECHNICAL DRAWING:**

