

Blouse With Pleats - Sewing Pattern #2647

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

You will also need: fusible interfacing; 8 buttons.

Seam allowances: all seams 1 cm. Seam allowance along the lower edge of the garment - 1.5 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
3. Front - cut 2
4. Front yoke - cut 2
5. Sleeve - cut 2
6. Collar - cut 2
7. Placket - cut 4

8. Cuff - cut 2
9. Back neck facing - cut 1

Fusible interfacing:

1. Collar - cut 1
2. Placket - cut 2
3. Cuff - cut 2

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Apply fusible interfacing.
2. Sew a gathering stitch along upper edge of back, between the markings and gather fullness. Sew yoke to back, press towards top and serge.
3. Sew a gathering stitch along upper edge of front and gather fullness. Sew yoke to front. Serge seams and press towards top. Sew outer placket to front. Clip seam allowances and press towards placket.
4. Sew side and shoulder seams, press towards the back and serge.
5. Pin collars together right sides together and sew outer edges. Clip into curves, trim away corners, turn collar right side out and press.
6. Sew collar into neckline.
7. Sew the shoulder edges of the back neckline facing and of the placket. Press the seam apart. Serge the outer edge. Pin the facing and the placket onto the right side of front. Sew the center front edge and the neckline. (the collar is between the pieces). Clip seam allowances, fold the placket onto wrong side and press. Baste the pieces together along the shoulder seams. Sew a decorative fixing stitch into the seam of the outer placket.
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 pleats on sleeves. The bulk is directed away from closure. Sew a gathering stitch along the sleeve cap and gather fullness.
9. Sew sleeve seam. Serge and press towards back.
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. Sew sleeves into armholes. Serge and press.
12. Serge the seam allowance along the hem of garment, press onto wrong side and topstitch.
13. Make buttonholes on front and on cuffs. Sew on buttons on the front piece and on cuffs.

TECHNICAL DRAWING:

