

## Dress With Decorative Bodice - Sewing Pattern #2651

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

You will also need: dress zipper, fusible interfacing.

Seam allowances: seam allowance for hem - 2.0 cm; seam allowance for hem of sleeve - 1.2 cm, other seams - 1.0 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. Upper back - cut 2
2. Upper front - cut 2
3. Lower back - cut 2
4. Lower front - cut 1 on fold
5. Front belt - cut 1
6. Sleeve - cut 2
7. Back neck facing - cut 2

8. Front neck facing - cut 2

Fusible interfacing:

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

## **INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. Apply fusible interfacing.
2. Sew darts on back. Trim away the bulk of darts with serger and press towards the center.
3. Sew upper back to lower back. Press seam allowance towards top and serge.
4. Serge center back edges separately. Sew center back seam from notch for zipper to bottom. Sew in zipper.
5. Make and baste pleats on upper front. Press bulk from center.
6. Serge the outer edges of the front neckline facings. Pin together facings and front right sides together and sew neckline. Clip into curves, fold facing onto wrong side and press. Put right front onto left front and baste together along lower edge.
7. Sew front belt to upper front. Serge and press towards bottom. Sew upper front to lower front. Serge and press towards top.
8. Serge the outer edges of the back neckline facings. Pin Facings to Back right sides together and sew the neckline exactly up to the line of the shoulder seam. Clip into curves, fold facing onto wrong side and press.
9. Sew shoulder seam, inserting Front between Back and Back Facing. Serge and press towards back.
10. Serge lower edge of sleeve, fold inside the seam allowance and topstitch. Sew sleeve into armhole. Serge and press.
11. Cut (or take ready) bias tape, its width should equal 4 cm and length should equal the length of lower armhole + 6 cm. Fold bias tape in half lengthwise right side out and press. Pin bias tape onto armhole edge from the right side, leaving loose ends, and sew. Fold bias tape onto wrong side, clip into seam allowances and topstitch onto main piece along the seam. Press seam.
12. Sew side seams. Serge seams and press towards back.
13. Seam allowance for hem serge, press inside and topstitch.
14. Sew the fronts together with hidden stitches by hand.

**TECHNICAL DRAWING:**

