

Top With Pleats - Sewing Pattern #2814

Recommendations on fabric: soft natural/mixed knit fabric of medium stretchiness.

You will also need: knit fusible interfacing, 5 buttons.

Seam allowances: all seams - 1.0 cm; seam allowance for hem of garment - 2 cm.

Note on seam allowances:

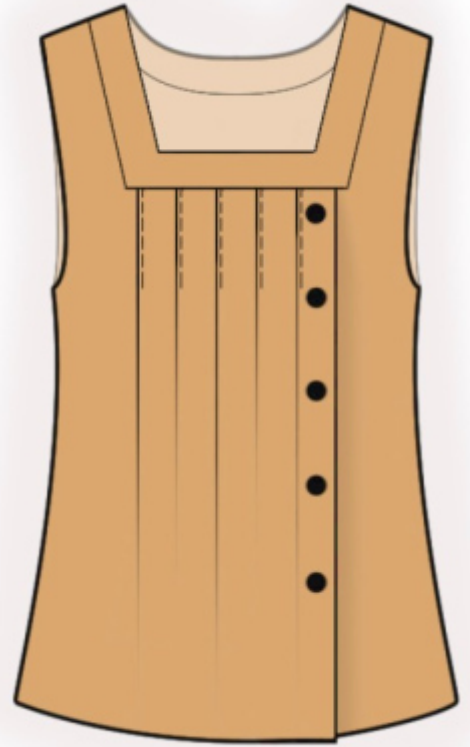
- If the pattern has double contour the seam allowances are included. They are 1 cm unless specified otherwise.
- If the pattern has single contour, the seam allowances are NOT included and need to be added when laying out the pattern.

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. Back - cut 1 on fold
2. Front - cut 1

3. Front neck facing - cut 2
4. Back neck facing - cut 2

Fusible interfacing:

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

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Apply fusible interfacing.
2. Make tucks on front and topstitch them at 10 cm from the upper edge. Make and baste the pleat on the front.
3. Pin the neckline facings together right sides together and sew the neckline. Trim away corners, turn the piece right side out, straighten, press.
4. Pin the back neckline facings together, right sides together and sew the neckline, start and stop stitching exactly at the line of the shoulder seam. Insert the front neckline facings in between the back neckline facings and sew the shoulder seam of the neckline facing. Turn the piece right side out, straighten, press.
5. Sew shoulder seams, press towards the back and serge.
6. Sew the neckline facing into the neckline of the garment, serge and press.
7. Cut (or take ready) 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 to armhole edge from the right side and sew. Fold bias tape onto wrong side, clip into seam allowances and topstitch onto main piece along the seam. Press seam.
8. Sew side seams, press towards the back and serge.
9. Seam allowance for hem serge, fold inside onto wrong side and topstitch.
10. Sew on buttons onto front, fastening the fold.

TECHNICAL DRAWING:

