

Dress With Pleats On The Skirt - Sewing Pattern #2882

Recommendations on fabric: thick natural/mixed fabric suitable for dresses.

You will also need: fusible interfacing; dress zipper; decorative button.

Seam allowances: all seams 1 cm; seam allowance for hem — 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.



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. Front neck facing — cut 2
6. Back neck facing — cut 2

Fusible interfacing:

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

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Apply fusible interfacing.
2. Sew darts on upper back and on lower back, press the inner part towards center. Sew upper back to lower back, press seam allowances down, serge.
3. Serge the center back edges separately. Sew the center back seam from zipper mark to hem, press the seam apart. Sew in zipper.
4. Sew the bust darts on the upper fronts, press the bulk towards center. Make the upper pleat and stitch it along the marked line. Snip into the corner of the seam allowance, direct the inner part of the pleat towards bottom.
5. Serge the outer edge of the front neckline facings. Pin the facing onto the main piece, right sides together, and sew around the neckline and the corner up to the center seam. Clip into curves, trim away corner, turn the piece right side out, straighten, press.
6. Pin the upper fronts together, right sides together, folding away the facings and arranging the center seam into a straight line. Sew the center seam on upper front and the center seam of the facings continuously, press the seam apart and serge. Fold the facing onto wrong side, baste to the center seam.
7. Slash the darts on the lower fronts up to the pleat. Make and baste pleats, fold bulk towards top. Sew darts, serge, press bulk towards center. Sew upper front to lower front, press seam allowances towards top, serge.
8. Serge outer edge of back neckline facing. Pin facing to garment right sides together and sew the neckline. Start and stop stitching exactly at the marked line of the shoulder seam. Clip into curves.
9. Sew shoulder seams, inserting Front between Back and Back Facing, press towards the back and serge. Turn facings under and press. Slipstitch center edge of facing to zipper tape.
10. Cut or use ready-made bias tape, its width should equal 4 cm and length should equal the length of armhole + 5 cm. Fold bias tape in half lengthwise right side out and press. Pin bias tape to armhole edge from the right side and sew. Clip into seam allowances. Fold bias tape onto wrong side and topstitch onto main piece along the fold. Press seam.
11. Sew the side seams of the garment, press towards the back and serge.
12. Serge lower edge of garment, press onto wrong side and topstitch.

13. Sew on the decorative button according to the marking, connecting the right and the left upper fronts together.

TECHNICAL DRAWING:

