

Blouse With Vertical Pleats - Sewing Pattern #2099

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

You will also need: fusible interfacing; decorative tape (approximate length is mentioned on the pattern block for the back).

Seam allowances: Seam allowance for hem of garment – 2 cm;
Seam allowance for hem of sleeve – 1.2 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. Front - cut 1 on fold
3. Sleeve - cut 2
4. Back neck facing — cut 1
5. Front neck facing — cut 1

Fusible interfacing:

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

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Apply fusible interfacing.
2. Make and topstitch pleats on the Front, press bulk away from the center.
3. Sew side and shoulder seams, press towards the back and serge.
4. Sew shoulder seams on inner facings, press the seam apart. Serge the outer edge. Pin facings to garment right sides together and sew the neckline. Clip seam allowances, fold facing onto wrong side. Slipstitch facing to shoulder seams.
5. Serge lower edge of sleeve. Fold inside the seam allowance and topstitch. Topstitch decorative band along the lower edge of the sleeve. Sew a gathering stitch along the sleeve cap between the markings and gather fullness. Sew sleeves into armholes, serge and press.
6. Cut or use ready-made 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 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.
7. Serge lower edge of blouse. Fold inside the seam allowance and topstitch.

TECHNICAL DRAWING:

