

## Straight Blouse With Gathers - Sewing Pattern #4440

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

You will also need: fusible interfacing; 1 button; elastic tape.

Seam allowances: seam allowance for hem of garment and hem of sleeve — 2.0 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 2
2. Front — cut 1 on fold
3. Sleeve — cut 2
4. Back neck facing — cut 2
5. Front neck facing — cut 1

Fusible interfacing:

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

## **INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. Apply fusible interfacing to facings.
2. Make and baste pleats on front neckline (fold bulks from center).
3. Sew center back seam from the mark to the bottom edge, press the seam apart and serge.
4. Sew shoulder seams, press towards the back and serge.
5. Cut (or take ready) bias tape, its width should equal 3 cm and its length should equal 7 cm. Fold tape in half lengthwise and sew a stitch at 0.3 from fold. Trim seam allowances and turn the piece right side out. Adjust length of the loop.
6. Sew center seam of back neckline facings from notch to bottom, press the seam apart. Sew the shoulder seams of the neckline facings, press the seam apart. Serge the outer edge. Pin facing to garment right sides together and sew slit edge and neckline edge, inserting loop buttonhole. Trim away corners, turn facing onto wrong side, straighten, press. Sew on a button.
7. Sew sleeve into open armhole. Serge the seam allowances and press to sleeve.
8. Sew side seam and sleeve seam at the same time. Serge and press towards back.
9. Serge the lower edge of garment and hem of sleeve, fold inside the seam allowance and topstitch, making a casing. Thread elastic tape into casing and sew ends together.

## **TECHNICAL DRAWING:**

