Open Back Dress - Sewing Pattern #4444

Recommendations on fabric: natural/mixed fabrics suitable for dresses in two colors with elastane.

You will also need: dress zipper, fusible interfacing, narrow decorative piping, lining, 2 buttons.

Seam allowances: all seams 1 cm; seam allowance for hem of sleeve — 1.2 cm, seam allowance along slit on front and back — 0.5 cm, for hem of dress – 3 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 2
2. Back inset - cut 1
3. Front — cut 1 on fold
4. Stand collar — cut 2
5. Sleeve — cut 2
6. Bow — cut 1
7. Strap — cut 1

Lining:
1. Front lining — cut 1 on fold
2. Back lining — cut 2

Fusible interfacing:
1. Stand collar — cut 2

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Apply fusible interfacing to upper stand collar.

2. Sew darts on back. Press darts towards center. Sew darts on front, press bulk towards top.

3. Sew back inset to back. Serge seams and press towards back.

4. Sew decorative piping to front neckline edge.

5. Sew shoulder seams. Press seams towards back.

6. Sew right side edge, press towards the back and serge. Left side seam serge separately, sew from notch to bottom. Sew in zipper.

7. Serge lower edge of sleeve, turn inside and topstitch. Sew sleeve into armhole.

8. Sew darts on lining, sew shoulder and right side edge. Serge lower edge of lining.

9. Sew lining to main fabric in the following order: front neckline edge (decorative piping is placed between front and lining), back slit, lower part of the armhole. Press inside seam allowance in upper part of armhole and finish with hidden stitches то припуску рукава.

10. Make a rolled cord for bias buttonhole loops (cut bias tape approximately 2.5 cm wide, fold in half lengthwise and iron, sew a few millimeters from the edge and turn right side out). Cut into 2 button loops. Pin together parts of stand collar, right sides together and sew around upper edge and corners, inserting loops. Trim away corners and turn right side out. Sew upper stand collar into neckline полочки and спинки. Turn

inside the seam allowance of lower stand collar and stitch-in-the-ditch along seam of upper one stand collars. Turn inside seam allowances of upper and lower stand collars above the back slit and sew together using slip stitches or hem stitches as desired.

11. Fold bow lengthwise according to marked line right sides together and sew three edges, leaving a small opening for turning. Trim away corners, turn right side out through the opening. Sew the opening closed and press. Serge long sides of strap, fold seam allowances inside and topstitch. Wrap strap over bow and baste together seam allowances of strap. Sew bow to stand collar.

12. Serge bottom edge of dress, press onto wrong side and finish with hidden stitches. Sew on buttons.

TECHNICAL DRAWING:

<https://www.lekala.co/catalog/dresses/pattern/4444#model>