

Open Shoulder Dress - Sewing Pattern #4484

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

You will also need: dress zipper, fusible interfacing.

Seam allowances: all seams 1 cm; seam allowance for hem of dress and hem of sleeve – 2.0 cm, seam allowance along vent – 6 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. Right front – cut 1
3. Left front – cut 1
4. Side front – cut 1
5. Lower front - cut 1
6. Back collar – cut 2
7. Right collar – cut 2

- 8. Left collar – cut 2
- 10. Sleeve - cut 2

Fusible interfacing:

- 1. Back collar – cut 1
- 2. Right collar – cut 1
- 3. Left collar – cut 1

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. Apply fusible interfacing.
- 2. Sew darts on back. Press darts towards center.
- 3. Cut away 5 cm along vertical edge of vent on lower left back. Apply fusible interfacing to vent area on both lower backs from the wrong side. Mark center seam line (vent fold-line) from the right side. Press left part along vent fold, on the right side press onto wrong side only the seam allowance of right side of vent (6 cm). Align pieces along center seam and baste together along upper edge of vent. Serge center back edges separately. Serge seam allowances of vent. Sew center back seam from neckline up to first notch and from second notch up to vent corner. Clip into seam allowance of vent in corner on right part. Press apart center seam, press seam allowances of vent and topstitch them from the right side using machine stitch. Sew in zipper.
- 4. Sew shoulder seams of collars, press seam apart. Pin together upper and lower collar right sides together and sew collar fall. Clip seam allowances, turn collar right side out, straighten, press.
- 5. Make and baste pleats on right front (fold bulk towards bottom). Sew shoulder seams, press seams towards back and serge.
- 6. Sew lower collar into neckline, press seam allowances towards collar. Fold inside lower edge of upper collar and stitch-in-the-ditch along seam of lower collar. Fold left collar onto front, serge lower edge of left front together with collar. Pin right front onto left front and stitch-in-the-ditch along collar seam.
- 7. Fold right collar in half, align fold with notch and baste collar to front along curve. Sew side front to right front, serge and press towards side.
- 8. Sew upper front to lower front. Press towards top and serge.
- 9. Sew side seams, press seams towards back and serge.
- 10. Sew sleeve seam, serge and press. Sew sleeves into armholes matching notches and adjusting ease on sleeve cap. Serge and press.
- 11. Serge bottom edge of dress, press onto wrong side and topstitch or hem as desired. Baste seam allowance

of vent to hem of lower edge. Serge bottom edge of sleeve, press onto wrong side and topstitch.

TECHNICAL DRAWING:

