

## Dress With Straps - Sewing Pattern #4944

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

You will also need: fusible interfacing; dress zipper.

Seam allowances: all seams 1 cm. Seam allowance for hem of garment – 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.*



## **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. Center back – cut 2
2. Side back – cut 2
3. Center front - cut 1
4. Side front – cut 2
5. Strap - cut 2
6. Back facing – cut 2
7. Front facing - cut 2

Fusible interfacing:

1. Back facing – cut 2
2. Front facing - cut 2

## **INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. Apply fusible interfacing.
2. Fold strap in half lengthwise right sides together and sew long edge. Turn right side out, placing seam in the middle, press. Sew a decorative stitch at 0.2 cm.
3. Sew side backs to center back, press towards center and serge.
4. Apply fusible interfacing to vent area on backs from the wrong side. Serge center back edges separately. Serge seam allowances of vent. 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 (1 cm). Align pieces along center seam and baste together along upper edge of vent. Sew center back seam from zipper marker down to vent corner. Clip into seam allowance of vent in corner on right part. Press apart center seam, press seam allowances of the vent and sew them together by machine. Sew in zipper.
5. Sew side fronts to front, press towards center and serge.
6. Sew side seams, press towards the back and serge.
7. Sew center seam of front facings, press the seam apart. Sew side edges of back facings and front facings, serge lower edge. Pin facing to garment and sew upper edge, inserting the straps in the front and making a pleat on them. Clip seam allowances, turn facing onto wrong side, press. Turn middle edges under and baste them to zipper tape. Slipstitch facing to seam allowances of the princess seam and to seam allowances of side seam.
8. Put on dress, adjust the length of the straps, serge lower edges and slipstitch them to back facing above the princess seams.
9. Serge the lower edge of garment, press onto wrong side and topstitch.

## **TECHNICAL DRAWING:**

