

## Top With Pleats - Sewing Pattern #4952

Recommendations on fabric: thin natural/mixed silk fabrics.

You will also need: fusible interfacing; 2 buttons.

Seam allowances: all seams 1 cm. Seam allowance for hem of garment - 1.5 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 yoke - cut 2
2. Upper back - cut 1 on fold
3. Lower back - cut 2
4. Center front - cut 1 on fold
5. Side front - cut 2
6. Lower front - cut 1 on fold
7. Neckline facing - cut 2

Fusible interfacing:

1. Neckline facing – cut 1

## **INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. Apply fusible interfacing to neckline facing.
2. Serge center edges of back yokes separately. Sew back yokes from notch down to lower edge, press the seam apart, pressing the slit at the same time. Sew a decorative stitch along the slit at 0.1 cm. Sew yoke to back, press seam allowances towards yoke, serge.
3. Serge center edges of lower backs separately, press onto wrong side and topstitch at 0.1 cm from the edge. Sew upper back to lower back, press towards top and serge.
4. Sew side fronts to front, press towards center and serge.
5. Fold center front wrong sides together and stitch the pleats. Fold bulk towards side edge and press. Fold lower front wrong sides together and make pleats. Fold bulk of center pleats towards center, fold bulk of side pleats towards side edge, and press. Sew upper front to lower front, press towards top and serge.
6. Sew shoulder and side seams, press towards the back and serge.
7. Cut a bias tape for loop buttonholes, 2.5 by 10 cm. Fold tape in half lengthwise right sides together and stitch at 0.3 cm from fold. Cut away seam allowances close to seam, turn tape right side out and straighten rolled hem. Cut in two and adjust the length of buttonholes.
8. Pin neckline facings right sides together and sew ends and outer edge, inserting loop buttonholes on the right side. Start and stop stitching exactly at the marked stitch line of the seam of between neckline facing and shell. Clip into curves, trim away corners, turn facing right side out, press. Sew outer facing into neckline, press towards facing. Turn open edge of inner facing under and stitch in the ditch.
9. Cut or use ready-made bias tape, its width should equal 4 cm and length should equal the length of armhole + 5 cm. Fold bias tape in half lengthwise right side out and press. Pin bias tape onto edge of armhole from the right side and sew. Clip into seam allowances. Fold bias tape onto wrong side and topstitch onto main piece along the seam. Press seam.
10. Serge lower edge of garment, press onto wrong side and topstitch.
11. Sew on buttons on left side of facing.

**TECHNICAL DRAWING:**

