

If the pattern has a double line around it, the seam allowances are included.

**Note:** By default, seam allowances are NOT included (single line) and will need to be added when laying out and cutting details.

Seam Allowance: 1 cm on all seams; hem guidelines are printed on pattern.

**Important!** Please print all the paper patterns and lay them out at the width of fabric you plan to use (usually from 90 to 150 cm) to see how much fabric you will need.

Don't forget to take into account pieces to be duplicated or cut on a fold. When sewing the garment, pay attention to notches. They must match up with corresponding pieces.

## 2272 Blouse with Shoulder Pleats

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

You will also need: fusible interfacing; dress zipper; 5 buttons.

### CUTTING:

The word, “beam” used on some patterns means “straight of grain”. Some pieces will be cut on the fold, this is noted on the pattern piece. Mark all notches and other design features such as darts, pleats etc. from the pattern onto your fabric.



Seam allowances: all seams – 1 cm. Seam allowance for hem of garment – 2 cm.

### Main fabric:

1. Back – cut 2
2. Front - cut 1
3. Sleeve – cut 2
4. Cuff – cut 2
5. Back neck facing – cut 2
6. Front neck facing – cut 1

### Fusible interfacing:

1. Cuff – cut 2
2. Back neck facing – cut 2
3. Front neck facing – cut 1

#### INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Apply fusible interfacing.
2. Serge center back edges separately. Sew the center back seam from the zipper notch to the bottom, press the seam open. Sew in the zipper.
3. Make and baste pleats on the front (the bulk directed outward, towards the neckline).
4. Sew the shoulder and side seams, clip into curves, press towards the back, and serge.
5. Sew the shoulder seams of the neck facings, clip seam allowances, and press open. Serge the lower edge. Pin the facing to the garment, right sides together, and sew the neckline. Clip into curves and trim corners. Turn the facing to the wrong side, straighten, and press. Slipstitch the facing to the zipper tape and shoulder seams.
6. Make and baste a box pleat on the upper part of the sleeve cap, and make two pleats as desired on each side of it. Make and baste pleats as desired along the lower edge of the sleeve, closer to the back sleeve seam. Serge sleeve edges separately. Sew the sleeve seam from the armhole down to the slit mark, press the seam open. Topstitch the slit at 0.1 cm from the fold. Sew the sleeves into the armholes, serge, and press.
7. Pin the cuffs together, right sides facing, and sew the side edges. Start and stop stitching exactly at the marked cuff seam line. Turn the piece right side out and press. Sew the outer side of the cuff to the sleeve, fold the seam allowance of the inner cuff to the inside, and stitch in the ditch along the seam of the outer cuff.
8. Press the lower edge of the garment to the wrong side twice at 1 cm and topstitch.
9. Make buttonholes on the cuffs and sew on buttons. Sew buttons on the left shoulder seam, fastening the pleats.

Congratulations, your blouse is ready! :)