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.

2278 Classic A-Line Dress for an Elegant Look



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

You will also need: fusible interfacing; dress zipper; small shoulder pads.

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 and hem of sleeve – 2 cm.

<u>Main fabric:</u>
1. Upper center back – cut 2
2. Upper side back – cut 2
3. Lower back – cut 2
4. Upper center front – cut 2
5. Upper side front – cut 2
6. Lower front – cut 1 on fold
7. Sleeve – cut 2

8. Back neck facing – cut 2
9. Center front facing – cut 2

Fusible interfacing:
1. Back neck facing – cut 2
2. Center front facing – cut 2

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Apply fusible interfacing.

2. Sew the princess seams of the upper back. Press the seam allowances toward the center and serge. Form and baste a box pleat on the lower back. Sew the upper back to the lower back. Press the seam allowances upward and serge.

3. Serge the center back edges separately. Sew the center back seam from the zipper notch to the lower edge, leaving the zipper opening unstitched. Press the seam allowances open and insert the zipper.

4. Sew the princess seams of the upper front. Press the seam allowances toward the center and serge.

5. Sew the shoulder seams. Press the seam allowances toward the back and serge.

6. Sew the shoulder seams of the button plackets and facings. Press the seam allowances open and serge the outer edges. Pin the center front facings to the garment, right sides together, and sew along the front wrap edges and back neckline. Clip the seam allowances along the curves and trim the corners. Turn the center front facings to the wrong side, shape the edges, and press. Baste the facings to the garment along the shoulder seams and center back seam.

7. Place the right upper front over the left upper front, matching the center front lines, and baste them together along the lower edge. Sew the upper front to the lower front. Press the seam allowances downward and serge.

8. Sew the side seams. Press the seam allowances toward the back and serge.

9. Serge the sleeve edges separately. Sew each sleeve seam from the armhole to the notch and press the seam allowances open. Serge the lower sleeve edges, press the hem allowances to the wrong side, and topstitch to form casings. Set the sleeves into the armholes, matching the notches and distributing the ease along the upper sleeve caps. Sew in the shoulder pads.

10. Serge the lower edge of the dress, press the hem allowance to the wrong side, and

topstitch.

11. Cut two bias strips for the ties, each 2.5 cm wide and 50 cm long. Fold each strip in half lengthwise, right sides together, and stitch 0.5 cm from the folded edge. Turn the ties right side out and shape them. Fold the ends inward and stitch them closed. Thread the ties through the sleeve casings.

Congratulations – your dress are finished! :)