

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.

## 2590 Sleeveless dress with pleats and lapels

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

You will also need: fusible interfacing, dress zipper, decorative button.

### 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: seam allowance for hem of garment — 2.0 cm, other seams 1 cm.

### Main fabric:

1. Upper back – cut 2
2. Back belt – cut 2
3. Lower back – cut 2
4. Upper front – cut 2
5. Front belt – cut 1
6. Lower front – cut 1 on fold
7. Center front facing – cut 2
8. Back neck facing – cut 1

Fusible interfacing:

1. Center front facing — cut 2
2. Back neck facing – cut 1

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Apply fusible interfacing.
2. Sew darts on upper backs, press the inner part towards center. Sew back belt to upper part, press seam allowances towards belt and serge.
3. Make and baste box pleats on lower back. Sew upper back to lower back, press towards top and serge.
4. Serge the center back edges separately on each piece. Sew the center edge from neckline up to the first mark and from second mark to bottom, press the seam apart. Sew in zipper.
5. Sew darts on upper fronts, press the inner part towards center, cut away the bulk of the dart leaving 1 cm and serge.
6. Sew shoulder seams, clipping into the seam allowance of the shoulder seam on Front, press towards the back and serge. Sew collar seam, press the seam apart. Sew the collar into the back neckline, press seam allowances towards the collar.
7. Sew the shoulder seams on Back Neckline Facing and Center Front Facings, clip into corners and press apart. Sew collar seam, press the seam apart. Sew the collar into the facing neckline, press seam allowances towards the collar. Serge the outer edge of center front facings and of neckline facing.
8. Pin facings and center front facings to front right sides together and sew center front edges and the collar edge. Clip into curves, trim away corners, turn collar right side out, straighten seams, press. Slip stitch together seam allowances along collar seams. Put right front onto left front and baste together along lower edge.
9. Sew front belt to upper piece, press seam allowances towards belt and serge.
10. Make and baste box pleats on lower front. Sew upper front to lower front, press towards top and serge.
11. Cut (or take ready) bias tape, its width should equal 4 cm and length should equal the length of armhole + 4 cm. Fold bias tape in half lengthwise right side out and press. Pin

bias tape onto armhole edge from the right side, leaving loose ends, and sew. Fold bias tape onto wrong side, clip into seam allowances and topstitch onto main piece along the seam. Press seam.

12. Sew the side seams, press towards the back and serge.

13. Serge the lower edge of garment, press onto wrong side and topstitch.

14. Sew a decorative button onto the front belt.

Congratulations, your dress is ready! :)