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.

2786 A-Line Dress with Gathered Sleeve Edges

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

You will also need: fusible interfacing; dress zipper; elastic tape, its width should equal 1 cm.



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 dress and hem of sleeve – 2 cm.

<u>Main fabric:</u>
1. Upper back – cut 2
2. Lower back – cut 2
3. Front – cut 2
4. Sleeve – cut 2
5. Back neck facing – cut 2
6. Front neck facing – cut 1

Fusible interfacing:
1. Back neck facing – cut 2
2. Front neck facing – cut 1

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Apply fusible interfacing.

2. Sew the darts on the upper back and press the dart excess toward the center. 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 marking to the lower edge and press the seam allowances open. Insert the zipper.

4. Cut the front between the horizontal dart lines and trim the seam allowances to 0.5 cm. Sew the front darts and press the dart excess toward the side seams.

5. Sew the center front seam. Press the seam allowances to the left and serge.

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

7. Sew the shoulder seams of the front and back neckline facings and press the seam allowances open. Serge the outer edge. Pin the facings to the garment, right sides together, and sew along the front and back neckline. Clip the seam allowances along the curves. Turn the facings to the wrong side, shape the neckline, and press. Slipstitch the facings to the garment at the shoulder seams and shoulder tape.

8. Sew the sleeve seams. Press the seam allowances toward the back and serge. Serge the lower sleeve edges, fold the hem allowances to the wrong side, and topstitch to form casings. Thread the elastic through the casings, adjust to the required length, and sew the ends together.

9. Set the sleeves into the armholes, matching the notches. Serge the seam allowances and press.

10. Serge the lower edge of the dress, press it to the wrong side, and topstitch.

Congratulations – your dress are finished! :)