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.

2938 Sleeveless Dress with Pleated Skirt



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

You will also need: fusible interfacing, dress zipper, 7 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.

<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. 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 to the indicated pattern pieces.

2. Sew the princess seams of the upper back bodice. Press the seam allowances toward the center back and serge.

3. Form and baste the box pleats on the lower back section according to the pattern markings. Sew the upper back bodice to the lower back section. Press the seam allowances upward and serge.

4. Serge the center back edges separately. Sew the center back seam from the neckline to the first marking and from the second marking to the hem, leaving the zipper opening unstitched between the markings. Press the seam allowances open and insert the zipper.

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

6. Sew the shoulder seams, clipping into the seam allowances of the front shoulder edges where necessary. Press the seam allowances toward the back and serge. Sew the center back seam of the collar and press the seam allowances open. Attach the collar to the back neckline and press the seam allowances toward the collar.

7. Sew the shoulder seams of the back neckline facing and front facings. Clip the seam allowances at the corners and press them open. Sew the center back seam of the facing collar and press the seam allowances open. Attach the facing collar to the neckline of the facing assembly and press the seam allowances toward the collar. Serge the outer edges of the front and back neckline facings.

8. Pin the facing assembly to the front bodice, right sides together, and sew along the center front edges and collar edges. Clip the seam allowances along the curves and trim the corners. Turn the collar and facings right side out, shape the edges, and press. Secure the seam allowances along the collar attachment seams with slip stitches. Overlap the right front bodice over the left and baste the layers together along the lower edge.

9. Form and baste the box pleats on the lower front section according to the pattern markings. Sew the upper front bodice to the lower front section. Press the seam allowances upward and serge.

10. Cut bias tape 4 cm wide and to a length equal to the armhole circumference plus 4 cm,

or use ready-made bias tape. Fold the tape in half lengthwise, wrong sides together, and press. Pin the folded tape to the armhole edge on the right side of the dress, leaving the ends extending beyond the edge, and stitch in place. Clip the seam allowances where necessary and turn the tape to the wrong side. Secure it by topstitching along the folded edge. Press.

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

12. Serge the lower edge of the dress. Fold the hem allowance to the wrong side, press, and topstitch.

13. Sew on the buttons at the marked positions, securing the overlapping upper front bodice pieces together.

Congratulations – your dress are finished! :)