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.

2947 A-Line Dress with Gathered Sleeve Caps



Recommendations on fabric: Firm, stable woven dress fabric, such as brocade – approximately 2.5 m (sizes 32–40) or 3 m (sizes 42–54), based on a fabric width of 150 cm.

You will also need: Fusible interfacing, 1 invisible zipper, approximately 60 cm long.

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: 1 cm for all seams and 2 cm for the dress and sleeve hems.

<u>Main fabric:</u>
1. Center back – cut 2
2. Side back – cut 2
3. Front – cut 1 on the fold
4. Sleeve – cut 2
5. Back neckline facing – cut 2
6. Front neckline facing – cut 1

Fusible Interfacing:
1. Back neckline facing – cut 2
2. Front neckline facing – cut 1

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Apply fusible interfacing to the wrong side of the corresponding fabric pieces.

2. Sew the princess seams on the back pieces. Serge the seam allowances and press them toward the center.

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

4. Cut the front piece along the marked princess seam lines, leaving a 1 cm seam allowance. Sew the princess seams on the front. Serge the seam allowances and press them toward the center.

5. Sew the side and shoulder seams. Serge the seam allowances and press them toward the back.

6. Sew the shoulder seams of the neckline facings and press the seam allowances open. Serge the inner edge of the facing. Pin the facing to the dress, right sides together, and sew along the neckline. Clip the seam allowances along the curves. Turn the facing to the wrong side, shape the neckline edge, and press. Secure the facing to the dress by topstitching 1 cm from the outer edge of the facing.

7. Gather the sleeve caps. Sew the sleeve seams, serge the seam allowances, and press them toward the back. Set the sleeves into the armholes, distributing the gathers evenly. Serge the seam allowances and press.

8. Serge the lower edges of the dress and sleeves. Press the hem allowances to the wrong side and topstitch.

Congratulations – your dress are finished! :)