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.

4128 Dress with American Armholes



Recommendations on fabric: fabric suitable for dress in two contrast colors (skirt lining and skirt ruffle are a contrasting color).

You will also need: lace trim 7-10 cm wide, approximate length is mentioned on patterns, fusible interfacing, 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. Hem on upper skirt – 2 cm.

<u>Main fabric:</u>
1. Center back bodice – cut 2
2. Side back bodice – cut 2
3. Center front bodice – cut 2
4. Side front bodice– cut 2
5. Upper skirt – cut 2
6. Collar – cut 2

7. Collar-stand – cut 2

Lining:
1. Skirt back – cut 1
2. Skirt front – cut 1
3. Lower skirt ruffle – cut 2

Fusible interfacing:
1. Collar – cut 1
2. Collar-stand – cut 1

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Apply fusible interfacing to the outer collar stand, outer collar, and center front self-facings.

2. Sew the darts on the back bodice and press the dart excess toward the center. Sew the side back bodice pieces to the center back bodice pieces. Serge the seam allowances and press them toward the center. Sew the center back seam. Serge the seam allowances and press them toward the left.

3. Press the seam allowances along the center front self-facings to the wrong side. Fold the self-facings to the wrong side and press. Sew the side front bodice pieces to the center front bodice pieces. Serge the seam allowances and press them toward the center. Overlap the right front bodice over the left front bodice, aligning the center front lines, and baste along the lower edge.

4. Sew the right side seam of the bodice. Serge the seam allowances and press them toward the back. Serge the left side edges of the bodice separately. Sew the left side seam from the armhole to the marked point, leaving the lower section open. Press the seam allowances open.

5. Cut a strip of bias tape from the main fabric, measuring 4 cm wide and equal in length to the armhole edge plus a few extra centimeters. Fold the tape in half lengthwise, wrong sides together, and press. Pin the raw edges of the folded tape to the armhole edge on the right side of the fabric and stitch in place. Trim the seam allowances and clip along the curves. Turn the tape to the wrong side, press, and secure it by topstitching along the folded edge.

6. Pin the outer and inner collar pieces together, right sides facing, and sew along the outer edges. Trim the seam allowances at the corners. Turn the collar right side out, shape the edges, and press. Pin the outer and inner collar stand pieces together, right sides facing, inserting the finished collar between them. Match the notches and sew along the upper

edge and ends of the collar stand, stopping exactly at the collar stand attachment seam markings. Turn right side out, shape the edges, and press.

7. Sew the outer collar stand to the neckline. Fold under the seam allowance of the inner collar stand and secure it by topstitching along the collar stand attachment seam. Topstitch around the collar and collar stand 0.1 cm from the edges.

8. Form the pleats along the upper edge of the skirt lining according to the pattern markings. Sew the right side seam of the skirt lining. Serge the seam allowances and press them toward the back. Serge the left side edges of the skirt lining separately. Sew the left side seam from the marked point to the hem, leaving the upper opening unstitched. Press the seam allowances open. Sew the side seams of the lower skirt ruffle. Serge the seam allowances and press. Sew gathering stitches along the upper edge of the ruffle and gather to the required width. Sew the ruffle to the skirt lining. Serge the seam allowances and press them upward. Sew the lace trim to the lower edge of the ruffle. Serge the seam allowances and press them upward.

9. Sew the right side seam of the upper skirt. Serge the seam allowances and press them toward the back. Serge the left side edges of the upper skirt separately. Sew the left side seam from the marked point to the hem, leaving the zipper opening unstitched. Press the seam allowances open. Form the pleats according to the pattern notches and press. Pin the upper skirt and skirt lining together along the upper edge and baste. Sew the skirt to the bodice. Serge the seam allowances and press them upward. Insert the zipper.

10. Serge the lower edge of the upper skirt. Press the hem allowance to the wrong side and topstitch.

11. Sew the buttons onto the left front bodice.

Styling suggestion: Complete the look by wearing the dress with a belt.

Congratulations – your dress are finished! :)