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.

4256 Short Summer Dress with Bare Shoulders

Recommendations on fabric: natural or mixed, lightweight stretch-knit fabrics suitable for dresses.



You will also need: 2 buttons, elastic of 1 cm wide.

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. Top edge of skirt and lower edges of bodice – 2 cm.

<u>Main fabric:</u>
1. Back – cut 2
2. Front – cut 1 on fold
3. Front lining – cut 1
4. Back lining – cut 2
5. Top skirt – cut 1
6. Middle skirt – cut 1
7. Lower skirt – cut 1
8. Upper collar – cut 1

9. Lower collar – cut 1

INSTRUCTIONS:
Advice: sew knit pieces with special elastic/zig-zag stitches. If you use an overlock, cut seam allowances to 0.6-0.8 cm width. Topstitch hem allowances with double needle to save elasticity.

1. Sew the darts on the front bodice and press the dart excess downward toward the hem. Sew the side seams of the front and back bodice pieces. Sew the center back seam from the marked point to the lower edge, leaving the upper opening unstitched. Press the seam allowances open. Assemble the bodice lining in the same way.

2. Pin the outer bodice and lining together, right sides facing, and sew along the armhole edges. Sew the seam allowances of the outer fabric and lining together along the center back opening. Turn the bodice right side out and press. Baste the outer fabric and lining together along the neckline and lower bodice edges. Form soft pleats or gathers along the front neckline.

3. Sew the center back seams of all skirt layers. Serge the seam allowances and press them toward the left. Baste the skirt layers together along the upper edge. Sew gathering stitches along the upper edge and gather to the required width.

4. Sew the skirt layers to the bodice. Serge the seam allowances and press them toward the bodice. Form an elastic casing by stitching 1.5 cm from the bodice-to-skirt attachment seam, leaving a small opening for inserting the elastic. Thread the elastic through the casing and adjust its length for a comfortable fit. Secure the elastic ends together and close the opening.

5. Prepare the button loops. Cut a strip of bias tape measuring 2–3 cm wide. Fold it in half lengthwise, right sides together. Stitch 0.3–0.4 cm from the folded edge, gradually increasing the distance to 0.5–0.7 cm at the end. Trim the seam allowance to 0.3–0.6 cm. Turn the resulting fabric cord right side out using a needle threaded with strong, thick thread. The finished cord should have an even thickness throughout. Cut the cord into two equal sections.

6. Sew gathering stitches along the upper edges of the collar pieces and gather to the required width. Sew the collar ends and outer edges, inserting the prepared button loops into the seam. Trim the seam allowances. Turn the collar right side out, shape the edges, and press. Sew the lower collar edge to the front and back neckline. Fold under the seam allowance of the upper collar edge and secure it by topstitching or slipstitching along the collar attachment seam.

7. Serge the lower edges of the skirt layers. Fold the hem allowances to the wrong side,

press, and topstitch.

8. Sew the buttons in place, aligning them with the button loops.

Congratulations – your dress are finished! :)