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.

4263 A-Line Dress with Neckline Pleats



Recommendations on fabric: fabric suitable for dresses.

You will also need: fusible interfacing, blind zipper.

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 of the dress – 1.2 cm.

Main fabric:
1. Bodice Back – cut 2
2. Skirt back – cut 1
3. Bodice front – cut 1
4. Skirt front – cut 1
5. Back facing – cut 1
6. Front facing – cut 1

Fusible interfacing:

1. Back facing – cut 1
2. Front facing – cut 1

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Apply fusible interfacing to the facings.

2. Sew the waist darts on the front and back bodice pieces. Press the dart excess toward the center. Form and baste the pleats along the front neckline according to the pattern markings, directing the pleat folds toward the sides.

3. Sew the center back bodice seam. Serge the seam allowances and press them toward the left. Sew the back bodice to the back skirt. Serge the seam allowances and press them upward. Sew the front bodice to the front skirt. Serge the seam allowances and press them upward. Serge the left side edges separately. Sew the left side seam from the armhole to the first marked notch and from the second marked notch to the hem, leaving the zipper opening unstitched. Press the seam allowances open, including those along the zipper opening. Insert the zipper according to the manufacturer's instructions.

4. Sew the right side seam. Serge the seam allowances and press them toward the back.

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

6. Sew the shoulder seams and right side seam of the facings. Press the seam allowances open. Finish or serge the outer edges of the facings. Pin the neckline facing to the dress, right sides together, matching the shoulder seams. Sew along the neckline. Trim the seam allowances and clip along the curves. Turn the facing to the wrong side, shape the neckline edge, and press.

7. Finish the armhole edges with the corresponding facings. Pin or baste the facings to the armholes, right sides together, and stitch along the edges. Clip the seam allowances along the curves. Turn the facings to the wrong side, press, and topstitch.

Alternative finish: Instead of using facings, the neckline and armhole edges can be finished with bias tape.

Congratulations – your dress are finished! :)