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.

4264 Short Sleeveless Dress with Wide Belt



Recommendations on fabric: fabric suitable for dresses, two other fabrics for border trims.

You will also need: fusible interfacing, invisible zipper, decorative belt buckle of 8 cm high, eyelets.

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 – 4 cm.

<u>Main fabric:</u>
1. Upper back – cut 1
2. Lower back skirt – cut 1 on fold
3. Inset of back _2 – cut 1
4. Upper front – cut 2
5. Lower front skirt – cut 1 on fold
6. Inset of front _2 – cut 1
7. Back neck/armhole facing – cut 1
8. Front neck/armhole facing – cut 2

9. Belt – cut 1

Border Trim Fabric 1:
1. Inset of back _1 – cut 1
2. Inset of front _1 – cut 1

Border Trim Fabric 2:
1. Inset of back _3 – cut 1
2. Inset of front _3 – cut 1

Fusible Interfacing:
1. Back neck/armhole facing – cut 1
2. Front neck/armhhole facing – cut 1

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Apply fusible interfacing to the facings.

2. Sew the waist darts on the upper back bodice. Trim the dart excess to 1 cm, serge, and press toward the center. Sew the darts on the front bodice, positioned 3 cm above the lower edge, and press the dart excess open.

3. Sew the center front seam. Serge the seam allowances and press them open.

4. Form and baste the pleats on the lower back skirt, directing the pleat folds toward the center. Sew the upper and lower back sections together. Serge the seam allowances and press them upward. Sew inset 1 to the lower back section. Press the seam allowances upward and serge. Sew inset 2 to inset 1, then serge the seam allowances and press them upward. Sew inset 3 to inset 2, then serge the seam allowances and press them upward. Assemble the front section in the same way.

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

6. Sew the center seam of the front facing, beginning the stitching exactly at the marked neckline line. Press the seam allowances open. Sew the front and back facings together at the side seams and press the seam allowances open. Serge the lower edge of the facing. Pin the facing to the dress, right sides together, matching the neckline and armhole edges. Sew along the neckline and armholes. Clip the seam allowances along the curves. Turn the dress right side out, shape the edges, and press.

7. Join the front and back shoulder seams. Turn the edges of the back shoulder opening inward, between the outer fabric and facing. Insert the front shoulder section into the corresponding back shoulder opening. Reach between the facing and outer fabric, grasp the shoulder edges, and pull them through the opening. Align the seams, pin, and stitch. Turn right side out and press.

8. Serge the lower edge of the dress. Press the hem allowance to the wrong side and secure it with invisible hand stitches.

9. Fold the belt in half lengthwise, right sides together. Sew along the long edge and one short end. Turn the belt right side out and press. Fold the seam allowances of the open end inward and close the opening with slip stitches. Topstitch 0.5 cm from the edge around the entire belt. Attach the belt buckle. Adjust the belt to the desired length and insert the eyelets.

Congratulations – your dress are finished! :)