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.

4282 Dress with Pleated Details

Recommendations on fabric: natural or mixed well-draping fabric suitable for dresses.



You will also need: lining, invisible 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: along bottom edge of the garment – 1.5 cm, all other seams – 1 cm.

Main fabric:
1. Front Bodice – cut 2
2. Back Bodice – cut 2
3. Front skirt – cut 1 on fold (on crosswise grain)
4. Back skirt – cut 1 on fold (on crosswise grain)

Lining:
1. Front bodice – cut 2
2. Back bodice – cut 2

*Lining details are cut using main fabric pattern pieces.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Mark and form the pleats on the front bodice according to the pattern markings. Press the pleats downward toward the hem. Sew the center front bodice seam, beginning the stitching exactly at the marked neckline line. Press the seam allowances open. Construct the front bodice lining in the same way.

2. Sew the darts on the back bodice and press the dart excess toward the center. Sew the center back bodice seam, beginning the stitching exactly at the marked neckline line. Press the seam allowances open. Construct the back bodice lining in the same way.

3. Pin the front bodice to the front lining, right sides together, and sew along the armhole and neckline edges. Clip the seam allowances along the curves. Turn the bodice right side out, shape the edges, and press.

4. Pin the back bodice to the back lining, right sides together, and sew along the armhole and neckline edges. Clip the seam allowances along the curves. Turn the bodice right side out, shape the edges, and press.

5. Insert the front shoulder sections between the corresponding back shoulder sections and their lining. Sew the shoulder seams. Turn the garment right side out and press.

6. Pin the right side edge of the back bodice to the right side edge of the front bodice, right sides together, keeping the lining separate. Match the armhole seams and sew the side seam, continuing along the corresponding lining seam. Press the seam allowances open. Turn the bodice right side out and press.

7. Construct the left side seam in the same way, stitching between the marked notches on both the outer fabric and lining. Press the seam allowances open. Turn the bodice right side out and press.

8. Form two double inverted pleats on the front skirt according to the pattern markings. Baste the pleats along the upper edge and press them approximately one-third of the way down the skirt. Form and press the pleats on the back skirt in the same way.

9. Sew the right side seam of the skirt. Serge the seam allowances and press. Serge the left side edges separately. Sew the left side seam from the zipper marking to the hem, leaving the zipper opening unstitched. Press the seam allowances open.

10. Sew the bodice to the skirt, keeping the lower edge of the bodice lining free. Press the seam allowances upward. Insert the zipper into the outer fabric and press the seam

allowances.

11. Fold under the lower edge of the bodice lining and secure it by stitching in the ditch along the bodice-to-skirt attachment seam. Fold under the left side edges of the lining and secure them to the zipper tape with slip stitches.

12. Serge the lower edge of the dress. Press the hem allowance to the wrong side and topstitch or finish the hem as desired.

Styling suggestion: Wear the dress with a narrow belt in a contrasting color.

Congratulations – your dress are finished! :)