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.

4400 Dress with Princess Seams and Boat Neckline

Recommendations on fabric: fabric suitable for dresses with lycra.



You will also need: dress zipper, fusing interfacing, decorative buckle.

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, on hem – 2 cm.

<u>Main fabric:</u>
1. Upper back bodice – cut 2
2. Lower back skirt – cut 2
3. Upper front bodice – cut 1
4. Lower front skirt – cut 1 (put on fold)
5. Back neck facing – cut 2
6. Front neck facing – cut 1
7. Belt – cut 1

Fusing:
1. Back neck facing – cut 2
2. Front neck facing – cut 1

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Apply fusible interfacing to the neckline facings.

2. Sew the darts on the upper back bodice pieces. If desired, trim the dart excess to 1 cm and press it toward the center. Form the pleats on the lower back skirt pieces and baste them in place. Sew the lower back skirt pieces to the upper back bodice pieces. Serge the seam allowances and press them toward the bodice.

3. Serge the center back edges separately. Sew the center back seam from the zipper marking to the hem, leaving the zipper opening unstitched. Press the seam allowances open.

4. Sew the darts on the upper front bodice pieces. If desired, trim the dart excess to 1 cm and press it toward the center. Form the pleats on the lower front skirt pieces and baste them in place. Sew the lower front skirt pieces to the upper front bodice pieces. Serge the seam allowances and press them toward the bodice.

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

6. Sew the shoulder seams of the neckline facings and press the seam allowances open. Sew the side seams of the facings and press the seam allowances open. Serge the center back edges and outer edge of the facing. Pin the facing to the dress, right sides together, and sew along the neckline. Clip the seam allowances along the curves and understitch the facing. Turn the facing to the wrong side, shape the neckline edge, and press. Secure the facing to the dress at the side seams and to the zipper tape.

7. Serge the lower edge of the dress. Press the hem allowance to the wrong side and topstitch.

8. Fold the belt in half lengthwise, right sides together, and stitch around the edges, leaving an opening along one long edge for turning. Trim the seam allowances at the corners. Turn the belt right side out, shape the corners, and press. Close the opening with hand stitches.

Congratulations – your dress are finished! :)