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.

4444 Maxi Dress with Open Back



Recommendations on fabric: natural/mixed fabrics suitable for dresses in two colors with elastane.

You will also need: dress zipper, fusible interfacing, narrow decorative piping, lining, 2 buttons.

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. Seam allowance for hem of sleeve – 1.2 cm, seam allowance along slit on front and back – 0.5 cm, for hem of dress – 3 cm.

<u>Main fabric:</u>
1. Back – cut 2
2. Back inset – cut 1
3. Front – cut 1 on fold
4. Stand collar – cut 2
5. Sleeve – cut 2
6. Bow – cut 1
7. Strap – cut 1

Lining:
1. Front lining – cut 1 on fold
2. Back lining – cut 2

Fusible interfacing:
1. Stand collar – cut 2

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. Apply fusible interfacing to the upper stand collar.

2. Sew the darts on the back and press the dart excess toward the center. Sew the darts on the front and press the dart excess upward.

3. Sew the back inset to the back. Serge the seam allowances and press them toward the back.

4. Sew decorative piping along the front neckline edge.

5. Sew the shoulder seams. Press the seam allowances toward the back.

6. Sew the right side seam. Press the seam allowances toward the back and serge. Serge the left side edges separately. Sew the left side seam from the zipper marking to the hem, leaving the zipper opening unstitched. Insert the zipper.

7. Serge the lower edge of the sleeve. Press the hem allowance to the wrong side and topstitch. Set the sleeve into the armhole.

8. Sew the darts in the lining. Sew the shoulder seams and right side seam of the lining. Serge the lower edge of the lining.

9. Sew the lining to the outer fabric in the following order: along the front neckline, enclosing the decorative piping between the layers; around the back opening; and along the lower armhole edges. Fold under the lining seam allowances along the upper armhole edges and secure them to the sleeve seam allowances using slip stitches or hemming stitches, as preferred.

10. Make a rouleau cord for the button loops. Cut a strip of bias tape approximately 2.5 cm wide, fold it in half lengthwise, right sides together, and press. Stitch a few millimeters from the folded edge, then turn the cord right side out. Cut the cord into two button loops. Pin the stand collar pieces together, right sides facing, and sew along the upper edge and

ends, inserting the button loops at the marked positions. Trim the seam allowances at the corners and turn the collar right side out. Sew the upper stand collar to the front and back neckline edges. Fold under the seam allowance of the lower stand collar and secure it by stitching in the ditch along the upper collar attachment seam. Fold under the seam allowances of the upper and lower stand collar above the back opening and secure them together using slip stitches or hemming stitches, as preferred.

11. Fold the bow piece lengthwise along the marked line, right sides together, and stitch along three edges, leaving a small opening for turning. Trim the seam allowances at the corners and turn the bow right side out through the opening. Close the opening with hand stitches and press. Serge the long edges of the bow band, fold the seam allowances to the wrong side, and topstitch. Wrap the band around the bow and baste the ends of the band together. Sew the bow to the stand collar.

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

Congratulations – your dress are finished! :)