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.

4531 Dress with Princess Seams and Short Raglan Sleeves

Recommendations on fabric: natural or mixed fabric suitable for dresses.



You will also need: fusible interfacing, invisible zipper, two buttons, bias tape of contrast colour (the length is shown on front pattern piece).

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 dress and sleeve – 1.5 cm, strap and bow edges – 0 cm.

<u>Main fabric:</u>
1. Center back – cut 2
2. Side back – cut 2
3. Center front – cut 1
4. Side front – cut 2
5. Lower back – cut 1 on fold
6. Lower front – cut 1 on fold

7. Back sleeve – cut 2
8. Front sleeve – cut 2
9. Back neck yoke/facing – cut 4
10. Front neck yoke/facing – cut 2
11. Bow – cut 1
12. Strap – cut 1

Fusible interfacing:
1. Back neck facing – cut 2
2. Front neck facing – cut 1

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Apply fusible interfacing to the neckline facings.

2. Sew the center back pieces to the side back pieces. Serge the seam allowances and press them toward the center. Sew the center front piece to the side front pieces. Serge the seam allowances and press them toward the center. Form and secure the pleats on the center front, folding them toward the side edges.

3. Sew the back raglan sleeve sections to the back bodice. Serge the seam allowances and press them toward the sleeves. Sew the front raglan sleeve sections to the front bodice. Serge the seam allowances and press them toward the sleeves. Sew the upper sleeve seams. Serge the seam allowances and press them toward the back.

4. Open out the bias tape, then fold it in half lengthwise, wrong sides together, and press. Baste the tape to the neckline, allowing it to extend 1 cm beyond the marked facing attachment line.

5. Cut a strip of bias tape 4 cm wide and equal in length to the slanted edges of the upper back pieces, plus 4 cm. Fold the tape in half lengthwise, wrong sides together, and press. Place the tape along the slanted edge on the right side of the fabric, leaving the ends extending beyond the edge, and stitch in place. Turn the tape to the wrong side, trim the seam allowance, and topstitch along the folded edge to secure it to the garment. Press.

6. Sew the center back seam. Serge the seam allowances and press them toward the left side.

7. To make the button loops, cut a strip of bias tape measuring 2.5 cm wide and 10 cm long. Fold the tape in half lengthwise, right sides together, and stitch 0.3 cm from the fold. Trim the seam allowance close to the stitching, turn the tape right side out, and shape it into a cord. Cut the cord into 4 cm lengths to form the button loops.

8. Sew the shoulder seams of the yoke and the corresponding yoke neckline facings. Press the seam allowances open. Pin the yoke and yoke facing together, right sides facing, and sew along the neckline and ends up to the notches, inserting the button loops at the marked positions on the right side. Clip the seam allowances along the curves, turn the yoke right side out, shape the edges, and press. Sew the outer yoke to the neckline and press the seam allowances toward the yoke. Fold under the lower edge of the yoke and secure it by stitching in the ditch along the yoke attachment seam.

9. Form and secure the pleats on the skirt according to the markings. Sew the skirt to the bodice. Serge the seam allowances and press them upward.

10. Sew the right side seam, continuing along the sleeve seam. Serge the seam allowances and press them toward the back. Serge the left side edges separately. Sew the left side seam from the upper edge to the zipper marking and from the bodice-to-skirt seam to the hem, leaving the zipper opening unstitched. Insert the zipper into the left side seam.

11. Serge the lower edges of the dress and sleeves. Press the hem allowances to the wrong side and topstitch.

12. **Decorative bow (not shown in the diagram):** Finish the long edges of the bow and bow knot with bias tape. Serge the short edges. Sew the bow knot to the left side of the front neckline yoke. Thread the bow through the knot and secure it in place.

Styling suggestion: Wear the dress with a decorative belt in the same color as the trim.

Congratulations – your dress are finished! :)