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.

4996 Dress with Pleats and Straps



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

You will also need: dress zipper; fusible interfacing; 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 along lower edge of garment and lower edge of sleeve – 2 cm.

<u>Main fabric:</u>
1. Center back – cut 2
2. Side back – cut 2
3. Side front – cut 2
4. Center front – cut 1 on fold
5. Lower back – cut 1 on fold
6. Lower front – cut 1 on fold
7. Sleeve – cut 2
8. Back neck facing – cut 2
9. Front neck facing – cut 1

10. Strap – cut 2

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

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Apply fusible interfacing.

2. Sew the side back pieces to the center back. Press the seam allowances toward the center and serge. Serge the center back edges separately. Sew the center back seam from the zipper marking to the lower edge, leaving the zipper opening unstitched. Press the seam allowances open and insert the zipper.

3. Sew the side front pieces to the center front. Press the seam allowances toward the center and serge.

4. Form and baste the box pleats on the lower back and lower front pieces. Sew the upper back to the lower back and the upper front to the lower front. Press the seam allowances upward and serge.

5. Fold each strap in half lengthwise, right sides together, and sew along the long and shaped edges. Trim the seam allowances, turn the straps right side out, shape the edges, and press. Make a buttonhole in each strap.

6. Sew the shoulder seams. Press the seam allowances toward the back and serge. Sew the side seams, inserting the straps at the marked positions. Press the seam allowances toward the back and serge.

7. Sew the shoulder seams of the neckline facings and press the seam allowances open. Serge the outer edge. Pin the facing to the garment, right sides together, and sew along the neckline. Turn the facing to the wrong side, shape the neckline, and press. Slipstitch the facing to the garment at the shoulder seams and center back seam.

8. Sew the sleeve seams. Serge the seam allowances and press. Set the sleeves into the armholes, matching the notches. Serge the seam allowances and press.

9. Serge the lower edge of the dress and the sleeve hems. Press the hem allowances to the wrong side and topstitch.

10. Sew on the buttons according to the buttonhole positions.
Congratulations – your dress are finished! :)