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.

5131 Silk Dress with Round Neckline and Slit



Recommendations on fabric: silk crepe, silk, or lightweight fabric suitable for dresses of 150 cm (59-60 in.) width.

You will also need: fusible interfacing, one 55 cm (21-22 in.) zipper, bias tape.

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 the garment – 3 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. Back neck facing – cut 2
6. Front neck facing – cut 1

(use ready-made bias tape or cut two bias strips from fabric for armhole facing)

Fusible interfacing: back neck facing, front neck facing

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Apply fusible interfacing to the wrong side of the front and back neckline facings.

2. Serge the center back edges separately. Sew the center back seam from the marked zipper opening to the hem. Press the seam allowances open, including those along the zipper opening. Insert the zipper.

3. Sew the side back pieces to the center back piece. Serge the seam allowances and press them toward the center back. Sew the side front pieces to the center front piece. Serge the seam allowances and press them toward the center front.

4. Sew the side seams, leaving the marked slit opening in the left side seam. Serge the seam allowances and press them open, including those along the slit. Sew the shoulder seams, serge the seam allowances, and press them open.

5. Fold the hem allowance and the seam allowances along the lower side slit to the wrong side. Press and topstitch to secure them.

6. Sew the shoulder seams of the front and back neckline facings and press the seam allowances open. Pin the facing to the dress, right sides together, and sew along the neckline. Clip the seam allowances along the curves. Understitch the seam allowances to the facing. Turn the facing to the wrong side, shape the neckline edge, and press. Secure the facing at the shoulder seams and to the zipper tape. Topstitch around the neckline if desired.

7. Cut bias tape 4 cm wide and to a length equal to the armhole circumference plus 5 cm. Fold the tape in half lengthwise, wrong sides together, and press. Pin the folded tape to the armhole edge on the right side of the dress, overlapping the ends slightly at the side seam. Stitch in place. Turn the tape to the wrong side, press, and secure it by topstitching along the folded edge.

Congratulations – your dress are finished! :)