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.

5590 Short-Sleeved Dress with Front Zipper



Recommendations on fabric: natural/mixed fabric.

You will also need: fusible interfacing; zipper.

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 and middle front edge – 1.5 cm.

<u>Main fabric:</u>
1. Back – cut 2
2. Back inset – cut 2
3. Front – cut 2
4. Front inset – cut 2
5. Front skirt – cut 1
6. Back skirt – cut
7. Collar – cut 2
8. Sleeve – cut 2

*Our advice: you can make the skirt double for more volume.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Apply fusible interfacing to the wrong side of the collar.

2. Sew the front inset to the front bodice. Clip the seam allowances at the corners. Serge or otherwise finish the seam allowances and press them toward the inset.

3. Sew the back inset to the back bodice. Clip the seam allowances at the corners. Serge or otherwise finish the seam allowances and press them toward the inset. Sew the center back seam. Serge or otherwise finish the seam allowances and press them open.

4. Sew the shoulder seams. Serge or otherwise finish the seam allowances and press them toward the back.

5. Pin the collar pieces together, right sides facing, and sew along the outer edges. Turn the collar right side out, shape the edges, and press. Fold the seam allowance of the inner collar to the wrong side and press. Sew the outer collar to the neckline. Clip the seam allowances along the curves and press them toward the collar. Insert the zipper along the center front edges, enclosing its upper ends between the collar layers. Secure the folded edge of the inner collar by topstitching along the collar attachment seam.

6. Sew the side seams. Serge or otherwise finish the seam allowances and press them toward the back.

7. Sew the sleeve seams. Serge or otherwise finish the seam allowances and press them open. Serge or otherwise finish the lower sleeve edges. Fold the hem allowances 1 cm to the wrong side, press, and topstitch.

8. Sew gathering stitches along the sleeve caps to adjust the ease. Set the sleeves into the armholes, matching the pattern markings and distributing the ease evenly. Serge or otherwise finish the seam allowances and press them toward the sleeves.

9. Sew the front and back skirt pieces together at the side seams. Serge or otherwise finish the seam allowances and press them toward the back.

10. Sew the bodice to the skirt. Serge or otherwise finish the seam allowances and press them upward toward the bodice.

11. Serge or otherwise finish the lower edge of the dress. Fold the hem allowance to the wrong side, press, and topstitch 1.5 cm from the lower edge.

Congratulations – your dress are finished! :)