

Dress With Dropped Shoulders - Sewing Pattern #2173

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

You will also need: dress zipper, fusible interfacing.

Seam allowances: All seams – 1.0 cm; seam allowance for hem – 2.0 cm; seam allowance for hem of sleeve – 1.2 cm.

Note on seam allowances:

- If the pattern has double contour the seam allowances are included. They are 1 cm unless specified otherwise.
- If the pattern has single contour, the seam allowances are NOT included and need to be added when laying out the pattern.

Note on length of fabric:

Attention! The amount of fabric needed for your pattern is not included. It will depend on the selected pattern size, the width, and design of the fabric you plan to use. First, print all the paper patterns and lay them out at the width of fabric you plan to use (usually from 90 to 150 cm). Measure how much fabric you will need. Don't forget to account for pieces that need to be cut multiple times and pieces that are cut on the fold.



CUTTING:

Note on cutting:

On the pattern pieces, "beam" means straight of grain. Lay out your pieces accordingly. Some pieces will be cut on the fold. This is noted on the pattern piece. Mark all notches and other design features such as pleats etc. from the pattern onto your fabric.

When sewing the garment, pay attention to notches, they must match up.

Main fabric:

1. Upper back - cut 2
2. Upper front - cut 2
3. Lower back - cut 2
4. Lower front - cut 1 on fold
5. Neckline facing - cut 4
6. Sleeve - cut 2

Fusible interfacing:

1. Neckline facing – cut 2

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Apply fusible interfacing to facings.
2. Sew darts on front and on back. Trim away the bulk of darts with serger and press towards center.
3. Sew upper back to lower back. Press seam allowance towards top and serge.
4. Serge the center edges of fronts. Sew a gathering stitch along the center edge of Front from the mark up to the top edge and gather fullness according to the control pattern block. Sew center front seam. Stop stitching exactly at the marked line of the facing's seam. Press seam apart.
5. Sew upper front to lower front. Serge and press towards top.
6. Sew shoulder and side seams. Serge seams and press towards back.
7. Pin neckline facings together pairwise right sides together and sew outer edge. Clip into curves, turn the piece right side out, press. Sew the outer facing to the neckline. Press seam allowance towards facing. Fold under the seam allowance of the inner side onto wrong side and stitch-in-the-ditch along seam of outer facing.
8. Serge center back edges separately. Sew center back seam from notch for zipper to bottom. Sew in zipper.
9. Serge lower edge of sleeve, fold seam allowance inside and topstitch. Sew sleeves into armholes, serge and press.
10. Cut (or take ready) bias tape, its width should equal 4 cm and length should equal the length of lower armhole + 6 cm. Fold bias tape in half lengthwise right side out and press. Pin bias tape onto armhole edge from the right side, leaving loose ends, and sew. Fold bias tape onto wrong side, clip into seam allowances and topstitch onto main piece along the seam. Press seam.
11. Seam allowance for hem serge, press inside and topstitch.

TECHNICAL DRAWING:

