

## S4118 Asymmetrical Dress

Recommended fabrics: natural/mixed fabrics suitable for dresses.

You will also need: fusible interfacing, dress zipper.

Seam allowances: all seams 3/8 inch, shoulder, side and center back seams - 5/8 inch, outer edge of facings - 0 inch, hem of dress - 1 inch.

### Note on seam allowances:

- If the pattern has double contour the seam allowances are included.

- 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. You are welcome to use the Online Fabric Estimator to make calculations. Alternatively, 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.



### PRINTING:

Please use Adobe Reader software to open your PDF pattern. You can get Adobe Reader free of charge at this link - <https://get.adobe.com/reader/>.

Make sure you print your patterns at actual size (100%% scale or None) and on single sides of plain A4 paper. Verify that the print out size is to the correct scale by measuring the test square on the first page. The upper edge of the square features a centimeter scale, and the bottom edge features an inch scale.

Trim top and/or right margin of the pages where you see the scissors symbols. In the center of each page, the number of row and column is printed, separated by / sign. Construct layout pages according to these marks (for example, page marked 2/3 is in the second row and in the third column). Align pages using margins and tape or glue together.

**CUTTING:****Note on cutting:**

Lay out your pieces according to straight of grain as marked on the pattern pieces.

Some pieces will be cut on the fold, the corresponding edge will then be marked with a fold mark. Kindly pay attention to notes regarding type of fabric and quantity of required pieces on a block. For example, [ Main, Interfacing - cut 1+1 ] on a pattern piece means that you need to cut 1 piece as is and 1 mirrored piece from the main fabric as well as from interfacing.

Make sure to mark all notches and other design features such as pleats etc. from the pattern piece onto your fabric. When sewing the garment, pay attention to notches, they must match up.

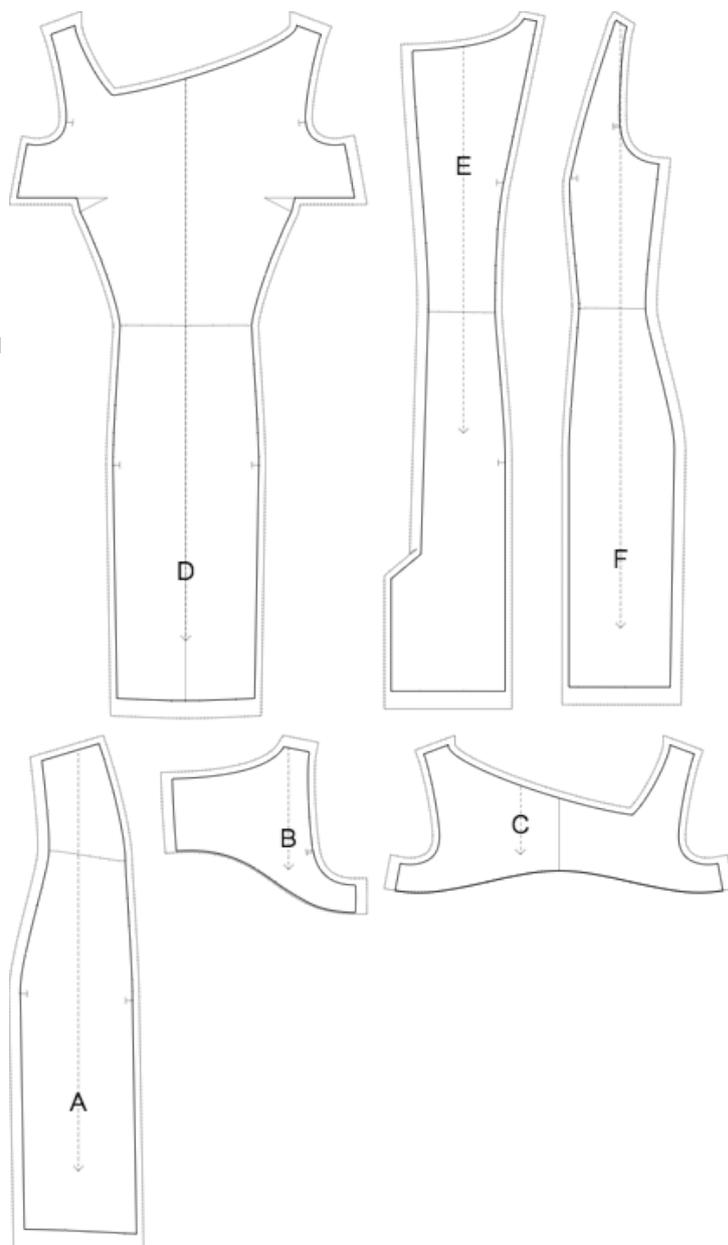
**Self**

- (A) Side Upper Front - cut 1 +1
- (B) Back Facing - cut 1 +1
- (C) Front Facing - cut 1
- (D) Center Front - cut 1
- (E) Center Back - cut 1 +1
- (F) Side Back - cut 1 +1

**Interfacing**

- (B) Back Facing - cut 1 +1
- (C) Front Facing - cut 1

\* The capital letters in brackets correspond to pattern blocks as seen in Online Fabric Estimator and in pattern blocks preview on the right.

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. Cut a strap of fusible interfacing on bias, approximately 1.5 cm or 1/2 inch wide, and apply it to the neckline edges on the Front and on the Back, from the wrong side of the main fabric, to stabilise the edges (see the Figure on the right).

2. Apply fusible interfacing according to the Cutting instructions. Lay out your main fabric on the ironing board with the wrong side of the fabric up. Place the interfacing on top with the adhesive facing down. Place a pressing cloth over the top. Apply fusible interfacing in stages, covering a certain area at a time. Hold the iron over the fabric for about 10 seconds. Keep the iron still so that the fabric layers don't move around. Lift the iron and proceed to the next area. Leave it to cool a little before moving onto the next stage. Cut a strap of fusible interfacing on bias, approximately 1.5 cm or 1/2 inch wide, and apply it to the shoulder edges on the Front and on the Back, from the wrong side of the main fabric, to stabilise the edges.

3. Sew darts on Center Front. Press bulk towards top. Clip into seam allowance near the corner. Pin Side Front to Center Front along the princess seam from upper corner to hem, and sew. Serge and press towards center. Sew the area from corner to side seam. Serge and press towards top. Treat as one piece (Front) in the future.

4. Sew Side Backs to Center Backs. Clip into the seam allowance along the curve. Serge the seams and press apart or towards the center. Treat as one piece (Backs) in the future.

#### 5. VENT

- Cut a tape from fusible interfacing, 5/8 inch wide, along the grain, and apply it to the seam allowance of the right skirt from the wrong side, leaving a distance of 0.1 cm between the line marking the seam allowance of the vent and the fusible interfacing.

- Cut a shape of the vent area with the seam allowances, wider by 0.5 cm. Apply the piece to the area of the vent on the left skirt, from the wrong side. The fusible interfacing should pass the fold line of the vent by 0.5 cm.

- Mark center seam line (vent fold-line) from the right side.

- Serge the vertical and the upper slanted edges of the vents separately on both skirts.

- Fold under the seam allowance along the vertical edge of the vent on the right skirt, and topstitch it, stopping at approximately 6 cm from the lower edge.

- Pin right skirt to left skirt, right sides together, align the center back seams, and the vent edges. Baste together along the upper edge of the vent.

- Sew the center back seam, then 1/2 inch down, and turn and stitch along the slanted vent edge, all the way up to the vertical edge of the vent on the left skirt.

- Clip into the corner of seam allowance between the center back seam and the slanted upper edge of the vent on the right skirt.

- Press the center back seam apart.

- Press the seam allowance for the vent on the left skirt in such a way, that the fold of the vent continues the center back seam.

- On the left skirt, sew a stitch line from the fold of the vent to the vertical edge of the seam allowance of the vent, along the hem line.

Cut away the seam allowance, leaving 1 cm (3/4 inches). Trim the corner. Turn right side out and press.

- Baste together the layers of the vent along the slanted edge and the vertical edge of the inner part of the vent.

- Sew a fixing stitch from the right side, from the center back seam along the slanted edge of the vent (see the technical drawing).

#### 6. CENTER BACK ZIPPER

- Fold under the seam allowances along the center back seam. Press them with your hand, but do not iron them.

- Open the dress zipper. Put it down onto the center back edge, right sides together. The teeth of the zipper should be matched with the center back of the garment. The edge of the zipper tape is directed towards the edge of the seam allowance.

- Line up the upper end of the zipper 1mm lower than the marked stitch line of the neckline edge (not the edge of the seam allowance of the neckline) and baste the zipper tape to the seam allowance of center back. Do not baste through both layers of the main fabric, but to the seam allowance only. It is best to baste with slanted stitches at the center of the zipper tape. Baste both the left and the right sides of the zipper, from the upper edge downwards.

- Install the invisible zipper foot.

- Push down the teeth of the left side of the zipper with the nail of your index finger, and thread them into the

special groove of the zipper foot. Make sure to uncurl the spiral of the zipper with your nail a bit, so that you can see the future stitch line. Adjust the position of the needle and stitch the zipper close to teeth. Make sure that the stitch line is exactly at the center back line. Stop at 2 cm from the slider. Leave long ends, pull them to the wrong side, tie a knot and cut thread.

- Repeat for the right side of the zipper. Start stitching at the top and proceed downwards toward the hem. You may need to readjust the position of the needle depending on your zipper foot.

- Close the zipper.

- Baste the center back seam, folding away the lower end of the zipper, so that you can baste it up to the stitch line of the zipper.

- Install the zipper foot. Sew the center back seam from the lower edge (or the vent upper corner, if there's a vent) and stitch as closely as you can to the end of the zipper.

- Remove baste stitches. Slipstitch the base of the opening for zipper. Press the seam apart, pressing the opening for the zipper at the same time.

7. Sew shoulder seams. Serge and press towards back.

8. Sew shoulder seams of neckline facings. Press seam apart and serge. Serge outer edge of facings. Pin facing onto Shell right sides together, adjusting neckline edges. Fold the facing away all the way along EXCEPT for the area 5 mm from the edge of dress zipper (or center back edge if the back has an opening) and pin it to upper edge of garment. Fold seam allowances along zipper ((or center back edge) onto right side and pin to neckline.

9. Sew side seams. Serge and press towards back.

10. Sew side seams of armhole facings. Press seam apart and serge. Serge outer edge of facings. Pin facing onto Shell right sides together, adjusting armhole edges and matching markings. Sew the armhole in two steps - first one front, and then the back. Clip into curves, turn pieces right side out and press. Topstitch seam allowances onto facing.

11. Serge hem, turn under, press and topstitch or slip stitch as desired.

## **TECHNICAL DRAWING:**

