

Blouse With Center Pleat - Sewing Pattern #2707

Recommendations on fabric: natural/mixed fabrics suitable for blouses.

You will also need: fusible interfacing; 2 buttons.

Seam allowances: all seams 1 cm. Seam allowance along the lower edge of the garment - 2 cm, seam allowance on lower edge of sleeve - 1.5 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. Back - cut 2
2. Front - cut 1 on fold
3. Stand collar - cut 2

Fusible interfacing:

1. Stand collar - cut 1

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Apply fusible interfacing.
2. Serge center back edges separately. Sew center edge from the marking for slit down to the lower edge. Press the seam apart. Sew a fixing stitch line along the slit at 0.2 cm.
3. Sew darts on front. Press bulk towards top.
4. Pin together front in half lengthwise right side out and sew a stitch, that would be fixing the fold, along the line that is marked with arrows. Arrange the folds on two sides in the form of a box pleat and press.
5. Sew shoulder seams press towards the back, serge.
6. Cut (or take ready) bias tape, its width should equal 2.5 cm and its length should equal 10 cm for loop buttonhole. Fold tape in half lengthwise right sides together and stitch at 0.3 cm from fold. Cut away seam allowances close to seam, turn tape right side out and straighten the rolled piece. Cut in two, adjust the length of buttonholes.
7. Pin together parts of stand collar, right sides together, sew the upper edge and the shorter edges, inserting loop buttonholes. Trim away corners, stand collar turn right side out, straighten and press. Sew outer stand collar into neckline, fold inside open edge of internal stand collar and stitch in the ditch.
8. Sew side seams, press towards the back, serge.
9. Serge hem of garment and lower edge of sleeve, press onto wrong side and topstitch.
10. Sew on buttons at stand collar.

TECHNICAL DRAWING:

