

## Dress With Open Shoulders - Sewing Pattern #2723

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

You will also need: fusible interfacing; lining; dress zipper.

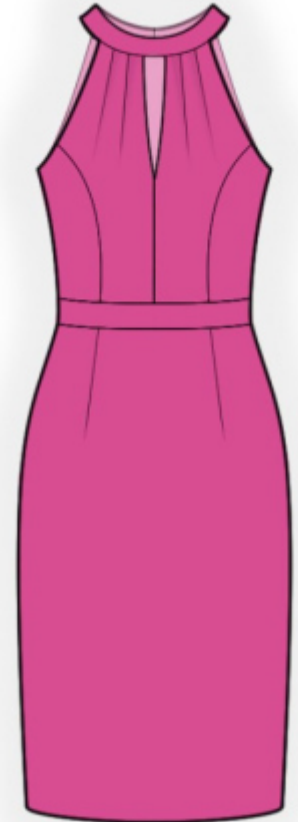
Seam allowances: all seams 1 cm; seam allowance for hem of dress — 2 cm.

### 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. Center back - cut 2
2. Side back - cut 2
3. Back belt - cut 2
4. Lower back - cut 2
5. Center front - cut 2
6. Side front - cut 2
7. Front belt - cut 1

8. Lower front - cut 1 on fold
9. Neckline facing — cut 2

Lining:

1. Center back - cut 2
2. Side back - cut 2
3. Center front - cut 2
4. Side front - cut 2

The back and the side fronts are cut using the pattern pieces for the main fabric.

Fusible interfacing:

1. Neckline facing — cut 1

## **INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. Apply fusible interfacing. Also apply fusible interfacing to the area near the mark for the slit on the front.
2. Sew princess seams on upper back, press seam allowances towards center.
3. Sew princess seams on upper front, press seam allowances towards center. Sew center front seam. Press the seam apart. Make and baste pleats on front, fold the bulk away from the center.
4. Sew side edges of upper parts, press the seam apart.
5. Sew the princess seams on upper front and on upper back in lining fabric, press seam allowances towards center. Sew side seams, press towards the back.
6. Pin lining to the garment right sides together and sew the armhole and the front neckline, snip into the seam allowance near the mark on the front. Clip into curves, fold lining towards wrong side and press. Baste lining to the main fabric along the middle edge of the back piece, along the neckline edges and along the hem. Treat as one piece in the future.
7. Sew darts on lower backs. Press bulk towards center. Sew the belt to the lower back, press seam allowances at belt, serge. Sew darts on lower front, press bulk towards center. Sew the belt to the lower front, press towards top and serge.
8. Sew side seams of lower parts. Press seams towards back and serge. Sew upper part of dress to lower part of dress. Serge and press towards bottom.
9. Pin neckline facings together, right sides together and sew the neckline. Clip seam allowances, turn right side out and press. Pin the outer facing to the garment, right sides together and sew to front and to the back, matching the markings. Seam Allowances press towards facing. Fold under the open edges of the inner facing

and of the outer facing and topstitch into the seam of the outer facing, sewing the open areas together.

10. Serge the center back edges separately. Sew the center back seam from zipper mark to hem, press the seam apart. Sew in zipper.

11. Serge lower edge of garment, press onto wrong side and topstitch.

### TECHNICAL DRAWING:

