

Blouse With Square Neckline - Sewing Pattern #2446

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

You will also need: fusible interfacing; elastic tape, its width should equal 1 cm; 5 buttons.

Seam allowances: all seams 1 cm; seam allowance for hem of garment and hem 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 1 on fold
2. Front - cut 2
3. Placket - cut 2
4. Sleeve - cut 2

Fusible interfacing:

1. Placket – cut 2

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Apply fusible interfacing to plackets. Also apply fusible interfacing to the seam allowance along back neckline and front neckline.

2. Sew the back pleat from top to marking. Arrange the box pleat and press. Make a perpendicular fixing stitch at the marking, fixing the bulk of pleat in place. Sew the front pleat from the pleat corner to mark. Arrange the box pleat and press. Make a perpendicular fixing stitch at the marking, fixing the bulk of pleat in place.

3. Sew side and shoulder seams, press towards the back and serge.

4. Cut or use ready-made bias tape, its width should equal 4 cm and its length should equal, the length of neckline between the placket markings. Fold bias tape in half lengthwise right side out and press. Pin bias tape to neckline from the right side and sew. Clip into seam allowances near notches. Fold bias tape onto wrong side and topstitch onto main piece along the seam. Press seam.

5. Cut a bias tape its length should equal approximately 30 cm and , its width should equal 2.5 cm for loop buttonholes. 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 into 5 parts. Adjust the length of buttonholes. Topstitch the button loops onto the right front along center front edge (the folds are directed away from the edge).

6. Fold inside the inner edge of placket and press. Pin placket onto front right sides together and sew center front edge and upper corner. Turn placket onto wrong side, straighten, press. Topstitch the inner edge of placket onto front.

7. Sew sleeve seam, serge and press. Sew a gathering stitch along the sleeve cap and gather fullness. Sew sleeves into armholes, serge and press.

8. Serge bottom edge of sleeve, press onto wrong side and topstitch, making a casing. Thread the elastic tape into the casing, adjust length and fix the ends.

9. Serge hem of garment, press onto wrong side and topstitch.

10. Sew on buttons on the left front.

TECHNICAL DRAWING:

