

Design #1927070

Dress - Semi-fitted - Ankle length - Regular armholes - Wide square neckline - No collar - Button closure neckline to hem - Dress with waist seam - 3-Tiered skirt - Sewist ♥ front: gathers at waist - Back design: Sewist ♥ exclusive - Sewist ♥ back: gathers along waist - Sleeve 3/4 gathered at the cuff

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.

* 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. 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 (see the Figure on the right).



2. Sew a gathering stitch along the marked edge on the Front and gather fullness according to the length, mentioned on the pattern block.

3. - Sew a gathering stitch along the upper edge of the Lower Front Skirt and gather fullness. The desired length is mentioned on the top of the pattern block.

- Sew Lower Front Skirt to Middle Front Skirt, serge and press towards top.

- Sew a gathering stitch along the upper edge of the Middle Front Skirt and gather fullness. The desired length is mentioned on the top of the pattern block.

- Sew Middle Front Skirt to Upper Front Skirt, serge and press towards top.

Treat as one piece (Front Skirt) in the future.

4. Sew a gathering stitch along the upper edge of the Front Skirt and gather fullness. The desired length is mentioned on the top of the pattern block.

5. - Sew a gathering stitch along the upper edge of the Lower Back Skirts and gather fullness. The desired length is mentioned on the top of the pattern block.

- Sew Lower Back Skirts to Middle Back Skirts, serge and press towards top.

- Sew a gathering stitch along the upper edge of the Middle Back Skirts and gather fullness. The desired length is mentioned on the top of the pattern block.
- Sew Middle Back Skirts to Upper Back Skirts, serge and press towards top. Treat as one piece (Back Skirts) in the future.

6. Sew a gathering stitch along the upper edge of the Back Skirts and gather fullness. The desired length is mentioned on the top of the pattern block.

7. Place the Front Bodice and Front Skirt together with right sides together, matching the side seams. Pin the bodice to the skirt, matching the center front lines. The darts/notches should line up. Consider basting the seam first to be sure the seams match up perfectly and to prevent any shifting of fabric when stitching. Stitch together. Serge the seam allowances, and press them towards top. Treat as one Front piece in the future.

8. Place the right Back Bodice and right Back Skirt together with right sides together, matching the side seams. Pin the bodice to the skirt, matching the darts/notches. Consider basting the seam first to be sure the seams match up perfectly and to prevent any shifting of fabric when stitching. Stitch together. Serge the seam allowances, and press them towards top. Repeat for the left Back Bodice and Left Back Skirt. Treat as whole Back pieces in the future.

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

10. NECKLINE FACING

- 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 on top of facings.

- Sew the neckline. Clip into curves, trim the corners, turn pieces right side out and press.

- Slipstitch facing to seam allowances of shoulder seam on Shell. Slipstitch facing to zipper tape, or the seam allowances along the center back edge, in case the back has an opening at the top.

11. Cut (or take ready) bias tape, its width should equal 3 cm and its length should equal 7 cm. Fold tape in half lengthwise and stitch at 0.3 from edge. Trim seam allowances and turn the piece right side out. Cut 2 loop buttonholes.

12. Cut slit on sleeve along the marked line. Cut (or take ready) bias tape from self fabric, its width should equal 4 cm and length should equal two lengths of slit + 4 cm. Fold bias tape in half lengthwise and press.

Press outer seam allowances towards center. Sew bias tape to slit of sleeve (pin bias tape to slit edge from the right side and sew, fold bias tape onto wrong side and topstitch onto garment along fold line).

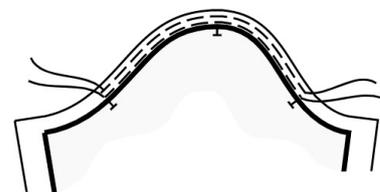
13. BUTTON PLACKET

- Sew longer edge of button placket to center front. Press towards placket.
- Fold placket in half, right sides together, and sew upper corner. Trim corners, clip into corners. Turn the placket right side out, straighten the corner, and press.
- Repeat for the other side.

14. SEW SLEEVES INTO ARMHOLES

- Stitch two parallel gathering stitches along the sleeve cap, between the two markings at the back and at the front of the sleeve. Leave the ends of threads on each side, at least 10 cm (4 inches) long.

The first stitch line should be placed at 0.1 mm above the marked stitch line, the second stitch line should be placed at 0.5 mm above the first stitch line. (See Figure 1)



- Gather ease, pulling the lower thread. Press the cap of the sleeve, easing it in, 1-1.5 cm at a time. (See Figure 2)

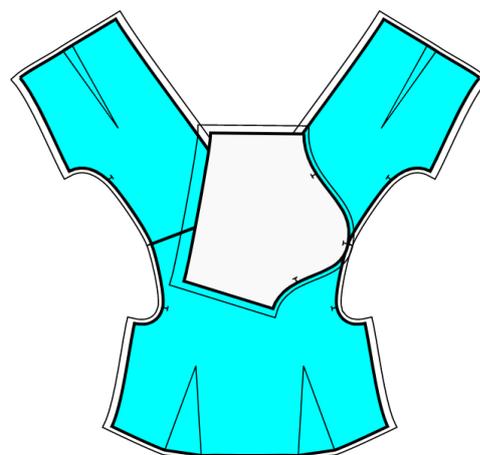
OPEN ARMHOLE (side seams and sleeve seam not sewn yet):

- Pin the sleeve to the bodice (Right Back, Front and Left Back, connected at the shoulder seams). The side edges of the seam should line up with the side edges of the Front / Back, correspondingly. The upper mark on the cap of the sleeve should line up with the shoulder seam - see Figure 3. Baste the sleeve into the armhole, matching the markings at the front and back armholes with the markings at the front and back sides of the cap.

- Sew the seam, with the sleeve on top, and the bodice at the bottom, so that you can control the ease and make sure there are no unwanted tucks at the cap.

- If there are any uneven edges at the cap due to easing it in, trim the seam allowance a little bit to have a smooth line at the edge. Serge the seam with the sleeve on top, and the bodice at the bottom.

- Serge the cap edge with the sleeve on top, and bodice at the bottom.



- Press towards the sleeve.

15. Put Back onto the Front, right sides together, matching the armholes, the lower edge of the sleeve, the waist seam, and the hem of garment.

Sew side seam from the armhole corner down to hem. Sew the sleeve seam from the armhole to the lower edge of the sleeve. Serge and press towards back.

16. Sew a gathering stitch along lower edge of sleeve and gather fullness. Fold cuff from bias tape in half lengthwise and press. Press outer seam allowances towards center. Sew bias tape to lower edge of sleeve (pin cuff to the edge from the right side and sew, fold cuff onto wrong side and topstitch onto garment along fold line), inserting the loop buttonhole. Sew on button.

17. - Turn under seam allowance along inner edge of button placket, pin to the seam between placket and front, and stitch in the ditch from the right side.

- Repeat for the other side.

- Make buttonholes on right placket, sew on buttons on left placket according to the markings.

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

TECHNICAL DRAWING:

