

# Sewing Pattern #4915821

Dress - Oversize fit[] - Tea length - Creative dresses with set-in sleeves - 8-panel skirt with box pleats - Insets - Kaya - Back princess seam: shoulder to waist with flounce - Sleeve with deep pleats 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 - <u>https://get.adobe.com/reader/</u>.

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. Recommended fabric for your sewing pattern:

For Oversize Streetwear Tops and Dresses:

- **Cotton:** Lightweight and breathable, perfect for creating comfortable and relaxed oversize tops and dresses.
- Rayon Challis: Soft and drapey, rayon challis is an excellent choice for flowy and stylish streetwear tops and dresses.
- Lightweight Denim: For a trendy and casual look, lightweight denim is ideal for oversize streetwear tops and dresses.
- Viscose: With a soft and smooth texture, viscose offers a luxurious feel for your streetwear pieces.
- Crepe: Provides a refined and elegant appearance for oversize streetwear tops and dresses.
- Linen Blend: Offers a cool and breezy option for creating oversized streetwear pieces.
- **Modal:** Soft and comfortable, modal is a great choice for creating cozy and stylish tops and dresses.
- **Polyester Blends:** Versatile and durable, polyester blends provide a wrinkle-resistant option for your oversize streetwear projects.

#### For Jackets and Coats:

- Wool Blends: A classic choice for oversize jackets and coats, offering warmth and structure.
- Heavy Cotton Twill: Durable and sturdy, heavy cotton twill provides a casual look for oversize outerwear.
- **Canvas:** A tough and heavy fabric, perfect for creating stable and structured oversize jackets and coats.
- **Denim:** Versatile and durable, denim is a great option for creating stylish oversize jackets and coats.
- **Boucle:** With a textured appearance, boucle adds a touch of elegance to oversize coats and jackets.
- **Tweed:** Provides a classic and sophisticated look with added warmth for oversize outerwear.
- Wool Melton: A dense and smooth fabric, offering warmth and structure for oversize coats.

Note: If you want to add lining to your garment, you may use the same pattern pieces for the main fabric, except for the width of the facings (along the neck, center front, etc.), which should be adjusted to accommodate the lining. Additionally, consider adding approximately 1 cm to the center back seam to allow for ease when attaching the lining. This will create a polished and professional finish for your oversize outerwear pieces. Happy sewing!

#### 2. Preparing the Fabric:

#### a. Prewash the Fabric:

- $\circ\,$  Before starting your sewing project, it's essential to prewash the fabric to remove any sizing or shrinkage.
- $\circ\,$  Follow the fabric's care instructions for washing and drying.

## b. Dry and Iron:

- $\circ\,$  After prewashing, dry the fabric according to the care instructions.
- Once dry, iron the fabric to remove any wrinkles and ensure it's smooth and flat.

## c. Check Fabric Edges and Salvage Edge:

- $\circ\,$  Examine the edges of the fabric piece to ensure they are even and not cut in a slanted line.
- If the fabric is cut at an angle, take this into account when calculating the yardage needed.
- Do not include the salvage edge (the rough edge) into the calculations, as it may affect the look of the garment.

## d. Use the Online Yardage Tool at Sewist.com:

- Visit Sewist.com and use the <u>online yardage tool</u> to estimate the amount of fabric required for your sewing pattern.
- $\circ\,$  Input the necessary measurements and details to get an accurate yardage estimate.

## e. Check Sewing Pattern Instructions:

- Review the sewing pattern instructions to determine the number of fabric pieces to cut and if any of them need to be cut on the fold.
- Take note of any seam allowances on the edge of the fold line. If the seam allowance extends beyond the fold line, ignore it.

## f. Language Options:

- If you need the sewing pattern instructions in German, French, Spanish, Italian, or Russian, you can download them from the sewing pattern page at Sewist.com.
- Simply go to the gallery, type in the design number, and proceed to the sewing pattern page.

## g. Choose Your Cutting Method:

- 1. (Option 1)
  - Print out the sewing pattern and tape the pages together to create the pattern pieces.
  - Place the sewing pattern pieces on the fabric and use weights to keep them from shifting.
  - Consider marking the outlines with a water-soluble or heat-erasable marker, transferring all marks and notches, and paying attention to the width of the seam allowances.
- 2. (Option 2)
  - If you have an iPhone, you can use the augmented reality sewing pattern with the VectAR app.
  - Download the app and print out the marker page, then follow the manual at <u>Sewist.com VectAR</u> <u>Manual</u> to use the AR sewing pattern.

3. 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.

## 4. FLOUNCE IN BACK PRINCESS SEAM

OPTION 1 - the Front also has a flounce in princess seam:

Proceed to the next step.



OPTION 2 - the Front does not have a flounce in princess seam, or the princess seams do not meet at the shoulder.

Serge the hem of the back flounce, fold it to the wrong side and topstitch. You may also finish the edge with baby hem or bias tape, in this case trim away the seam allowances.

- Serge the short straight edge of the flounce, turn under and topstitch.

- Pin back flounce on the center back front, right sides together, matching the shoulder seams and marks. Pin side back on top of them, right side down. Sew, clip into curves, serge and press towards center.

- Baste the upper edge of flounce BELOW the shoulder seam of side back.

#### 5. FRONT SKIRT

- Serge side edges of Front Side Skirts and Front Center Skirts separately.
- Sew Front Side Skirts to Front Center Skirts. Press apart.
- Make box pleats according to markings, press and baste from waistline 5-7 cm down.
- Treat as one piece (Front Skirt) in the future.

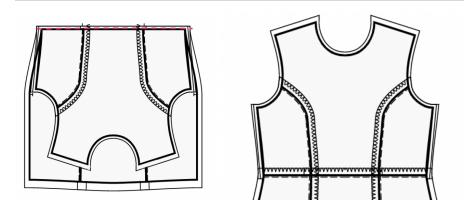
#### **BACK SKIRT**

- Serge side edges of Back Side Skirts and Back Center Skirts separately.
- Sew Back Side Skirts to Back Center Skirts. Press apart.
- Make box pleats according to markings, press and baste from waistline 5-7 cm down.
- Treat as one piece (Back Skirts) in the future.

#### 6. Assembling Front Bodice and Front Skirt:

- a. Place the Front Bodice and Front Skirt pieces together with *right sides facing* each other. Match the side seams and pin them in place.
- b. Align the center front lines of both pieces and pin them together. Ensure the darts and notches line up correctly.
- c. For precise alignment and to prevent fabric shifting, consider *basting* the seam before stitching. Use a contrasting thread to make the basting stitches easily visible.
- d. *Stitch* the pieces together along the pinned seam, using a straight stitch. *Backstitch* at the beginning and end for added durability.
- e. Serge the seam allowances to finish the edges neatly.
- f. *Press* the seam allowances towards the top to flatten and set the seam.
- g. Treat the assembled Front Bodice and Front Skirt as one Front piece for further construction.

Kindly note that the example below may showcase a slightly different pattern design, but the overall concept remains the same.



7. 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.

## 8. PLEATS ON SLEEVE

All pleats are made in the same way. Start from the pleat at the left side. Serge the lower shorter edge. Fold the sleeve in half along the dashed line, as mentioned on the pattern block. Sew the short protruding side edges. Serge the edge. Clip into seam allowances in the corner. Fold this part onto wrong side along the dashed line. Straighten the pleat. When you finish, the areas in between the pleats will form the new lower edge of the sleeve, that will be then sewn to cuff. The slit for cuff is located at the side seam. Measure approximately 7-8 cm along the side seam, clip Into seam allowances, serge the lower area, fold It under and topstitch.

#### 9. SEW SLEEVE SEAMS

- 1. **Prepare Sleeves**: Fold each sleeve in half, with the right sides of the fabric facing each other.
- 2. **Pin Sleeve Sides**: Align the sides of the sleeve pieces and pin them together. Ensure the edges match up accurately.
- 3. **Sew Sleeve Seam**: Carefully sew along the pinned edge to join the sleeve sides.
- 4. Adjust Seam Allowances: If needed, snip into the seam allowances to allow for a smoother fit.
- 5. **Serge Seam Allowances**: To prevent fraying and add durability, use a serger to finish the seam allowances.
- 6. **Press Towards the Back**: After sewing, press the seam allowances towards the back part of the sleeve to create a neat and polished finish.

## **10. Attaching Cuffs to Sleeves**

- 1. Fold the Cuff in Half: Take the cuff and fold it in half lengthwise, right sides together. Pin or use clips to hold the fabric together.
- 2. Sew the Short Sides: Sew the short sides of the cuff together, starting right at the line where the cuff and sleeve meet. Remember to backstitch at the beginning and end to secure the seam.
- 3. Turn the Cuff Right Side Out: Trim away the corners of the seam allowances at about 1 mm from the seam, so that when you turn the cuff right side out, there are no bulky untidy corners. Gently turn the cuff right side out, pushing out the corners to make them neat. Press the cuff with an iron to flatten it.



- 4. Attach the Cuff to the Sleeve: Place the outer side of the cuff onto the lower edge of the sleeve, matching the edges carefully. You can either pin or baste the cuff to the sleeve to hold it securely in place. Then, sew the cuff to the sleeve with a straight stitch.
- 5. Fold and Stitch the Inner Side: Fold the inner side of the cuff towards the inside of the sleeve to enclose the raw edges. The fold should cover the seam by 1-2 mm. It is advisable to baste this area so that the layers of fabric don't shift when you stitch. From the right side of the cuff, stitch along the seam between the cuff and the sleeve to secure the folded edge in place.
- 6. Create Buttonholes and Attach Buttons: Make buttonholes and sew buttons on the opposite side of the cuff, aligning them with the buttonholes.
- 11. SEWING IN SLEEVES
- 1. **Prepare the Sleeves:** Ensure that you have the right and left sleeves ready, with their right sides facing out.
- 2. Insert the Sleeves:
  - Start by inserting the sleeve directly into the armhole, aligning the mark at the top of the sleeve cap with the shoulder seam. This is a key reference point.
  - Thread the sleeve into the armhole, adjusting the fabric as needed to fit smoothly.
- 3. **Align Notches:** Match the notches on the sleeve cap with the corresponding notches on the back armhole, front armhole, and the shoulder seam of the garment. These notches help ensure proper placement.
- 4. **Pin the Sleeves:** Once the sleeve is inserted and aligned properly, secure it by pinning. Begin with the top of the sleeve cap at the shoulder seam and then continue pinning around the armhole, distributing any ease evenly.
- 5. Sew the Sleeves into Armholes:
  - Using a sewing machine or hand-sewing, stitch along the pinned edge, ensuring that the sleeve fabric is on top and not the armhole part of the garment. Be cautious and follow the alignment created by the pins. Maintain a consistent seam allowance.
  - After sewing, serge the seam to prevent fraying.
  - If necessary, make small snips into the seam allowances along the curves to allow the fabric to lie flat and reduce bulk.
- 6. **Press the Seam Allowances:** After serging and snipping, press the seam allowances gently towards the sleeves. This helps achieve a neat and polished finish while ensuring the seams lay flat.

## **TECHNICAL DRAWING:**





