

Sewing Pattern #937259

Dress - Fitted - Midi length - Comfy neckline wrap with straight corner - No collar - No front closure - Dress with waist seam - A-line skirt with box pleats - Front French and center waist darts - Back design: Sewist ♥ exclusive - Back with slanted inset and opening - Slightly flared 1/2 sleeve

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. Make box pleats on Back Skirts according to markings and baste them 5-7 cm down from the waistline.
2. Make box pleats on Front Skirt according to markings and baste them 5-7 cm down from the waistline.

3. BACK WITH SLANTED INSET AND OPENING

- Serge the slanted center edge of the Upper Back. Turn the seam allowance under, baste and press. You may want to sew a decorative stitch along the edge, fixing the seam allowance in place AFTER you sew the neckline facing. You may also slipstitch it by hand.

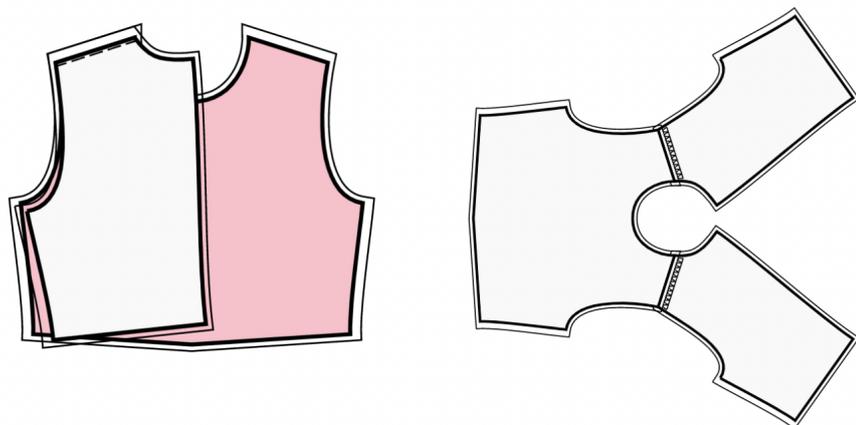
- Pin Upper Back onto Lower Back, right sides together, matching the fold of the finished slanted edge of the Upper Back with the T marking on the Lower Back. Sew exactly up to the marking, and make a fixing stitch.

- Serge the edge, and press towards bottom. You may want to sew a decorative stitch along the inset, fixing the seam allowance in place AFTER you install the zipper.

- Sew a hook and eye to the right and left upper corners of the Upper Back.

4. 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.

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



6. 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 continuously from lower corner of Right Front to center back, and from center back to lower corner of Left Front. Clip into curves, turn pieces right side out and press. Slip stitch 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.

7. WRAP EFFECT

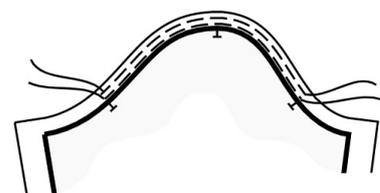
- Place Right Front over Left Front, right side over right side, and match the side edges, the markings along the lower edge and the center front line. Baste together along the lower edge and treat as Front Bodice in the future.

- Place the Front Bodice and Front 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. Treat as a whole Front piece in the future.

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. Serge lower edge of sleeves. Turn under, press and topstitch or slip stitch as desired.

TECHNICAL DRAWING:

