

Minerva Pattern 2876

Pinafore Dress with Pleated Skirt

This sewing pattern is designed for a structured outfit featuring panel construction and clean tailoring lines. It combines fitted shaping with a layered lower section for a refined silhouette.

WHEN TO WEAR DESIGN 2876

Ideal for formal wear, office wear, and semi-formal occasions depending on fabric choice.

KEY DESIGN FEATURES

- Structured multi-panel design
- Fitted bodice with shaped seams
- Layered lower section for added design detail
- Front and back facings for a clean neckline finish
- Strap detailing for secure construction

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY

Intermediate

Seam Allowances

- All seams: 1 cm
- Hem allowance: 2 cm
- Note: Double outline = seam allowances included, single outline = seam allowances not included

Fabric Recommendations for dress sewing pattern 2876

Recommended fabrics include suiting materials made from natural or blended fibers.

Additional Supplies

- Fusible interfacing
- Invisible zipper
- 6 buttons

CUTTER'S MUST

From main fabric:

1. Center Back – 2 pieces



2. Side Back – 2 pieces
3. Center Front – 1 piece on fold
4. Side Front – 2 pieces
5. Lower Back – 1 piece on fold
6. Lower Front – 1 piece on fold
7. Back Facing – 2 pieces
8. Front Facing – 1 piece
9. Straps – 2 pieces

From fusible interfacing:

- Back Facing – 2 pieces
- Front Facing – 1 piece

IMPORTANT NOTES

- Print and arrange pattern pieces before cutting according to fabric width (90–150 cm).
- Ensure grainline alignment and consider symmetrical pieces.
- Carefully match notches during sewing for accurate assembly.
- All markings are placed on the right side of fabric.

SEWING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Interface the facing pieces with fusible interfacing.
2. Stitch the princess seams on the back pieces. Press seam allowances toward the center and finish the edges.
3. Finish the center edges of the back separately. Stitch the center back seam from the zipper mark to the hem. Press seam allowances open and insert the invisible zipper.
4. Form and secure box pleats on the lower back section. Join the upper and lower back pieces. Press seam allowances downward and finish.
5. Stitch the princess seams on the front pieces. Press seam allowances toward the center and finish.
6. Form and secure box pleats on the lower front section. Join the upper and lower front pieces. Press seam allowances upward and finish.
7. Stitch side seams. Press seam allowances toward the back and finish.
8. Stitch side seams of the facings and press seam allowances open. Finish the lower edge. Place the facing and garment right sides together and stitch along the front neckline, back upper edge, and armholes, leaving the shoulder seam of the front unstitched. Clip seam allowances along curves, turn facings to the wrong side, and press. Secure to side seams and zipper tape.

9. Fold each strap lengthwise with right sides together and stitch along the long edge. Turn right side out, straighten, and press. Fold seam allowances of the shoulder seam inward, insert the strap into the opening, and topstitch.
10. Finish the hem allowance, press to the wrong side, and stitch.
11. Try on the dress and adjust the strap length. Finish the lower edges of the straps and secure them to the back.
12. Sew decorative buttons on the front.