

Sewing Instructions

Notes:

Read all instructions and test construction and fit by making a mock up. Read more on previous page.
 1/2" seam allowance given. 2" hem allowed.
 On curved or bias edges run a stay stitch 3/8" from edge to prevent stretching.
 Mark all notches and markings after cutting but before construction using your preferred method.

Style I:

1- To make buttonholes in piece A, baste a piece of material over the line given on the outside. Stitch 1/8" on each side of the line. Slash the line and clip in at the corners, as shown in the illustration. Turn the material to the inside.

1a- Make a pleat at the ends on the inside, forming a piping on the outside with edges meeting at the center. Baste into place. Fasten the pleat and sew material invisibly by hand to the stitching of the buttonhole.

2- On piece "B" turn in longer unnotched edge and stitch.

3- Place "B" on "A" with right sides together, matching "o" at the corner of the center front and stitch the shoulder seam and the outside notched edge. Clip to "o".

4- Turn "B" to the inside and blind tack by hand into place. Stitch two rows of topstitching along side and lower edges of extension on piece "A", 1/4" and 1/2" from edge.

5- Baste around buttonholes. Slash material on facing underneath the buttonhole and clip corners. Turn in edges and slip-stitch by hand to buttonhole stitching.

6- Bind front edge of "C" above "o" with seam binding.

7- Join front seam below "o". Turn toward "A" and topstitch.

8- Stitch darts in "A" and "C". Press darts downward.

9- Join "A" and "C" to "D" at shoulder and underarm seams, easing in fullness of "D" at shoulder, leave left side seam open below lower "V".

10- Fold "E" on inside and stitch ends and back edge to "o". Clip seams to 1/4"; clip corners, turn and press.

11- Baste notched edge of "E" to neck edge, right sides together of outside collar to dress, right sides together and leaving unnotched edge of collar free. Match "o"s and notches. Stitch neck edge. Trim neck seam to 1/4".

12- Turn in un-notched edge and fell to seam. Stitch close to edge of seam on outside. Add 5 more rows of stitching, spacing 1/4" apart.

