

Sand-coloured chambray dress

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RECOMMENDED MATERIALS

Chambray - otherwise a smooth and softly flowing cotton or linen weave fabric which is suitable for blouses and summer dresses.

Fabrics should be washed before cutting, according the washing instructions, so that the dress does not shrink washing it the first time.

FABRIC QUANTITY

Size 36: 1,50 m with a fabric width of 1,40 m
Calculate for size 40/42 about 5-10 cm length extra.

The amount of fabric varies if the fabric width is different or a special pattern will be considered.

MATERIALS

- 13 buttons for the front part
- matching thread (120s)

CUTTING

Line up the pattern pieces to the fabric along the marked grain line and cut as follows:

- » front part 2x back-to-front
- » front facing 2x back-to-front (the facing is marked on the pattern of the front part)
- » back part 1x cut on fold
- » yoke 2x cut on fold (= 1x back part, 1x back facing)
- » sleeves 2x back-to-front
- » Seam allowances are not included and are recommended as follows:
- » all seams 1 cm allowance

The cuffs and the attached skirt are cut without pattern, seam allowances of 1 cm and hem allowance of 4 cm are included:

- » cuffs 33 cm x 5 cm, 2x cut on the bias (the cuff length is based on the size 36, maybe the length must be adjusted to the upper arm width)
- » skirt piece 140 cm (fabric width) x 72 cm (maybe the skirt length need to be checked and adjusted)

All pattern notches and pattern markings should be traced onto the fabric:

- » front part: bust darts
- » front part: armhole notches
- » back part: darts
- » yoke: back notches

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SEWING INSTRUCTIONS

The dress can be sewn with a normal domestic sewing machine. The fabric should be finished at all raw edges. This can be done with zig-zagging or an overlocker.

FRONT

- » Sew the bust darts and press the darts towards the side seams
- » Finish the raw edges of the seams (dart) above the bust
- » Put the seams as marked on top of each other (1 to the notch) and sew them together like a dart, from the fabric edge to the point
- » Press seam allowances open and press the top part flat
- » Snip into the upper seam allowance just before the stitching, ending close to the stitching line (needed to sew the sleeve later)

BACK

- » Finish the raw yoke edge of the back piece and the yoke piece
- » Sew the back darts and press the darts towards the side seams
- » Pin the back and yoke together at the finished seams right to right as marked (2 to the notch) and sew them together
- » Press the seam allowances open
- » Snip into the upper seam allowance just before the stitching, ending close to the stitching line (needed to sew the sleeve later)

SHOULDERS

- » Finish the raw shoulder edges of the front and back pieces
- » Put the front and back shoulder seams together right to right, sew them and press the seam allowances open
- » Sewing the shoulder seams creates the armhole which will be later closed by sewing the side seams together.
- » Measure and write down the armhole distance from the front part (1) to the seam at the back (2), the measurement is necessary for gathering the sleeve heads

FACING/LINING

- » Finish the shoulder seams of the front facing and the yoke (without the back piece)
- » Sew the shoulder seams together right to right and press seam allowances open
- » Finish the raw edges of the facing (neckline and the front edges are not absolutely necessary, because the layers are lying between the facing and the front piece)
- » Pin the facing edge and the front piece together at the front edges and neckline, right sides together, make sure that the facing shoulder seams matching the shoulders of the bodice
- » Sew pieces together
- » Fold the facing towards the wrong side of the front and carefully press the edge flat
- » Tip: Press the seam allowance from the inside upwards the facing and topstitch the facing from the right side 1-2 mm away from the seam, this keeps the facing edge nice and flat and inside the garment

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ANLEITUNG

SLEEVE

- » Finish the raw edges of the sleeve heads
- » Finish the raw edges of the armholes
- » Gather the sleeve heads as marked (from 1 to 2) to the noted measurement
- » Pin sleeves right to right evenly into armholes as marked (1 to 1 and 2 to 2). The gathering starts at the seam of the front part (1) and ends at the seam (2) of the back part
- » Sew sleeves into armholes. Sew onto the sleeve and check in between if the fabric layers are still on top of each other properly
- » Carefully press seam allowances from the inside towards the bodice

SEAMS

- » Finish the raw edges of the side seams and the sleeve seams
- » Put side seams and sleeve seams together right to right and stitch them together
- » Press the seam allowances open
- » Measure the waist seam of the bodice from edge to edge and write down the measurement

CUFFS

- » Gather the sleeve length to the length of the cuffs minus 2 cm (seam allowances)
- » Press the cuffs lengthwise, left to left, folded in half (2,5 cm). Be aware not to stretch out the cuffs
- » At one short side of the cuffs turn 1 cm to the left and press down
- » Right sides together pin the cuffs to the gathered sleeve length, starting with the

folded side at the sleeve seam, the open end of the cuff lies 1cm above the folded side

- » Stitch the cuffs down to the sleeve length and check in between if the fabric layers are still on top of each other properly
- » Turn the cuffs at the pressed fold to the inside, fold under the raw edge 1 cm and fell it down by hand from the inside or fix it by stitching it from the right side in the shadow of the seam

SKIRT

- » Finish all raw edges of the skirt piece and the bodice waist seam
- » Press the front edges (short sides) 5 cm to the left side
- » Gather the waist of the skirt (one long side) to the noted measurement, the first 5-10 cm should be kept flat for the buttons and buttonholes
- » Pin the skirt piece and the bodice side sides together at the waist. Facing and folded edge are opened, the seam and the pressed fold are matching
- » Sew the pieces together, making sure that the gathering remains evenly distributed
- » Carefully press seam allowance towards the bodice. Flip the facing and the front edge back to the inside and press the front edge again
- » Press the hem allowance to the inside and stitch by hand
- » Hand-sew the facing of the dress from the inside all round by using an invisible stitch as well

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INSTRUCTIONS

FASTENING

- » Mark buttonhole positions with the help of the front pattern on the right piece of the dress and stitch the buttonholes
- » Trace the position for the buttons from the right piece to the left piece of the dress. Place the pieces center front to center front and mark the position of the buttons corresponding to the buttonholes
- » Sew buttons on to the dress

FINISHED!

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Front part 2x back-to-front +
Front facing 2x back-to-front

Back part 1x cut on fold

Yoke 2x cut on fold (2x pack part + 1x
back facing)

Sleeves 2x back-to-front

Without pattern
(see tutorial)

Cuffs

Skirt piece

PATTERN OVERVIEW

