

PATTERN 7724

PATTERN PIECES:

A B	1	Center Front 1x
A B	2	Side Front 2x
A B	3	Back 1x
A B	4	Front Waistband 1x
A B	5	Back Waistband 1x
A C	6	Sleeve 2x
C	7	Center Front 1x
C	8	Front Insert 1x
C	9	Side Front 2x
C	10	Front Yoke 1x
C	11	Front Skirt Panel 1x
C	12	Back 1x
C	13	Back Yoke 1x
C	14	Back Skirt Panel 1x

THE CUTTING LAYOUTS ARE ON THE PATTERN SHEET

PREPARING PATTERN PIECES

Choose your size according to the Burda measurement chart on the pattern sheet: dresses, blouses, jackets and coats according to your bust measurement, pants and skirts according to your hip measurement. Adjust the pattern pieces, if necessary, by adding or subtracting the number of inches that your measurements differ from the measurements given in the Burda chart.

ABC

Cut out the following pattern pieces in the required size from the pattern sheet:
for the TOP view **A** pieces 1 to 6,
for the TOP view **B** pieces 1 to 5
for the DRESS view **C** pieces 6 to 14.

LENGTHENING OR SHORTENING PATTERN PIECES

Our pattern is calculated for a height of 5 feet, 6 inches (168 cm). If you are taller or shorter, you may adjust the pattern to fit your size at the lines marked "lengthen or shorten here".

➔ Make sure that you adjust all pieces of one model by the same amount at the same lines.

How to lengthen and shorten pattern pieces:

Cut the pattern pieces along the marked lines.

To **lengthen**, slide the two halves of the pattern piece as far apart as necessary.

To **shorten**, overlap the two halves of the pattern piece as far as necessary.
Even out the side edges.

CUTTING OUT

FOLD (– – –) means: here is the center of a pattern piece but in no case a cut edge or a seam. The piece should be cut double, with the fold line forming the center line.

Pattern pieces that are outlined with a broken line in the cutting diagrams are to be placed face down on the fabric.

The cutting diagrams on the pattern sheet show how the pattern pieces should be placed on the fabric.

ABC

For a single layer of fabric, the pattern pieces are pinned to the right side. For double layers of fabric, the right sides are facing and the pattern pieces are pinned to the wrong side. The pattern pieces that are shown in the cutting diagram extending over the fold of the fabric should be cut last from a single layer of fabric.

SEAM AND HEM ALLOWANCES must be added to the pattern pieces: **AC** - no allowance for sleeve hem and for hem on view **C** since 2" (5 cm) are already included on the pattern piece, **ABC** - $\frac{5}{8}$ " (1.5 cm) at all other seams and edges.

Use BURDA carbon paper to transfer the pattern outlines (seam and hem lines) and all other lines and markings to the wrong side of the fabric pieces according to package instructions.

SEWING

When sewing, right sides of fabric should be facing.

Transfer all pattern lines to the right side of the fabric with basting thread.

Tips on working with stretch fabrics:

For optimal results, use an overlock machine for stitching seams on stretch fabrics. This will produce especially stretchy seams and prevent tearing.

If you do not have an overlock machine, use a special stretch stitch or a shallow zigzag setting to keep the seams stretchy. Do not use too high a thread tension. Use a jersey sewing machine needle. The ball-point tip will not damage the fabric.

① Use a TWIN NEEDLE to stitch edges (e.g. hems). Stitch from the right side of the fabric with a straight stitch setting, using two upper threads and one bobbin thread. The bobbin thread will form zigzag stitching. This will prevent the fabric from stretching during stitching and keep the seam stretchy.

AB TOP

Shoulder Seams

Lay side fronts right sides together with back. Baste shoulder seams (seam number 1), easing back shoulder edges. Stitch. Trim allowances, neaten together and press onto back.

Centre Front

② Fold piece on FOLD LINE, wrong side facing in. Pin open edges together.

③ Baste center front right sides together with side fronts and back neck edge, matching centers (seam number 2). Match markings with shoulder seams. Ease center front a bit at back neck edge. Stitch piece at a stretch stitch setting. Trim allowances, neaten together and press onto side pieces and onto back. Pin right piece on left piece, matching centers. Baste lower edges together (3a).

B

Armholes / Bias Tape

Fold bias tape lengthwise, wrong side facing in. Press.

➔ Trim allowance at edges of armholes to $\frac{3}{8}$ " (1 cm).

④ Baste bias tape right sides together with edge of armhole so that the open edges lie on the allowance. Stitch bias tape $\frac{3}{8}$ " (1 cm) wide. Trim allowances, clip curves. Press bias tape over joining seam into armhole (4a).

AB

Side Seams

⑤ Lay front right sides together with back. Stitch side seams (seam number 3).

Illustration shows view B.

Trim allowances, neaten together and press onto back.

B

⑥ Baste bias tape to inside, press. Topstitch edges of armholes $\frac{1}{4}$ " (0.7 cm) wide, catching bias tape.

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A

Sleeves

Fold sleeves lengthwise, right side facing in. Baste **sleeve seams** (seam number 6) and stitch. Trim allowances and neaten together.

Sleeve Hem

7 Press hem to inside and stitch. Topstitch lower edge $1\frac{1}{2}$ " (4.5 cm) wide with the TWIN NEEDLE, catching hem (see also step 1).

Setting in Sleeves

8 Pin sleeve into armhole, right sides facing. When setting in sleeves, 3 points are important for proper fit:

➔ Match markings 7 on sleeve and front. Match sleeve and side seams. Match marking at sleeve cap with shoulder seam. Baste and stitch sleeve from sleeve side. Trim seam allowances, neaten together and press toward sleeves.

AB

Waistband

9 Lay front waistband right sides together with back waistband. Stitch side seams (seam number 4). Press allowances open. Fold waistband on FOLD LINE, wrong side facing in. Pin open edges together.

10 Baste waistband right sides together with lower edge of top, matching side seams. Stitch. Trim allowances, neaten together.

C

DRESS

Shoulder Seams

Lay front right sides together with back. Baste shoulder seams (seam number 1), easing back shoulder edges. Stitch. Trim allowances, neaten together and press onto back.

Construct and stitch **center front** as described and illustrated in steps 2 and 3 (seam number 9).

Insert

11 Fold insert on FOLD LINE, wrong side facing in. Pin open edges together and neaten.

12 Work from the inside to baste insert at front panel seams and lower edge (seam number 9). The fold edge meets with the markings. Stitch insert in place at seams.

Stitch on Front and Back Yoke

13 Baste front yoke right sides together with front (seam number 10) and stitch. Trim allowances and neaten together. Stitch back yoke to back likewise (seam number 12).

Front and Back Skirt Panel

Stitch front and back skirt panel to front and back yoke as described and illustrated in step 13, matching seam numbers 11 and 13.

Side Seams / Left Slit

14 Lay front right sides together with back. Baste right side seam (seam number 14), matching markings. Stitch. Trim allowances, neaten together and press onto back. Stitch **left** side seam from upper edges to top slit mark (arrow). Secure ends of stitching. Neaten allowances from top to bottom. Press allowances open.

Invisible Zipper

We used an invisible zipper which cannot be seen from the right side of the garment.

The zipper should be a bit longer than the opening. It is inserted before stitching the seam below the opening. You will need a special presser foot for stitching invisible zippers.

15 Open zipper and pin face down on the seam allowance of one edge of the opening. The teeth of the zipper must lie exactly on the marked opening edge. Use a special presser foot for invisible zippers to stitch close to the teeth of the zipper. Stitch the zipper onto the other edge likewise (15a). Stitch each edge from the top to the slit mark (arrows). The teeth of an invisible zipper roll inward and are held flat by the special presser foot. Close zipper.

Left Side Seam

16 Lay front right sides together with back. Stitch side seam from lower edges as far as possible to slit mark. Lay zipper aside to stitch. Secure ends of stitching. Press allowances open.

Sleeves

Fold sleeves lengthwise, right side facing in. Baste **sleeve seams** (seam number 6) and stitch. Trim allowances and neaten together.

Stitch **sleeve hem** as described and illustrated in step 7. Set in sleeves as described and illustrated in step 8.

Stitch **hem** as described and illustrated in step 7.