

# 07/2010 Gathered halter dress

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## Materials

stretch jersey

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## Step 1 — Preparation

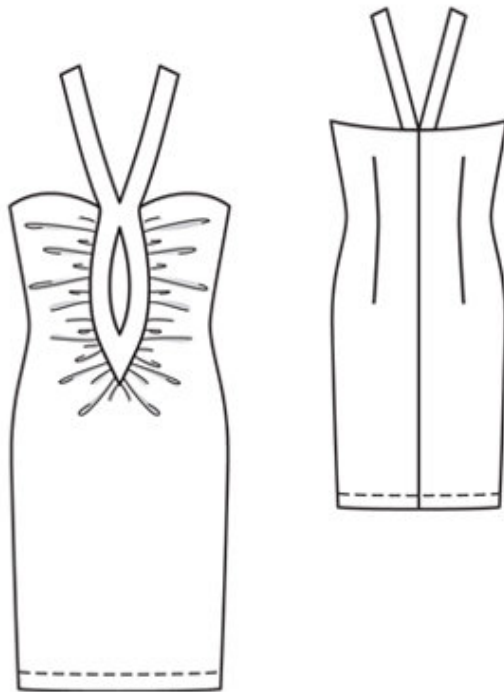
Trace pattern pieces from the pattern sheet. View C: Lengthen piece 2 as indicated. The abutting line on piece 3 (at end of strap) is marked for size 17. For the other sizes, remark the line at the same width. The marking for the strap joining on piece 2 is for size 17. Remark the joining for the other sizes accordingly.

Seam and hem allowances:

Seams and edges 1.5 cm (5/8 in), hem 4 cm (1 5/8 ins), band with straps, middle piece, and band joining edge of front 1 cm (3/8 in).

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## Step 2 — Cutting out



- 1 front, on a fold 1x
  - 2 back 2x
  - 3 band + integrated strap,  
on a fold 2x
  - 4 middle piece, on a fold 1x
  - a) 1 facing strip, 22 cm (8 3/4 ins) long, 8 cm (3 1/4 ins) wide (incl. allowance).
- Interfacing: See pattern layout. Interface only outer band and strap piece.

### Step 3 — Gathering

To gather front, stitch a line of machine basting (longest stitch setting) between the asterisks, on each side of marked seam line. Do not yet pull bobbin threads to gather. Use tailor's chalk to mark a line on the middle piece, 1 cm (3/8 in) from marked outer edge. Hand baste along this line to make it visible on right side of fabric. Also hand baste along marked abutting line at centre of piece and along fold lines and markings on front and middle pieces to make these lines visible on right side of fabric. Lay front on outer edge of middle piece, up to marked line, with wrong side facing right side. Pin fold lines and markings on front and middle piece together at the top. Pull gathering threads to gather front edges to fit length of middle piece. Distribute gathering evenly between markings. Baste front to middle piece. Press upper front edge to inside on fold line.

## **Step 4 — Band and straps**

Lay band pieces with straps right sides together. Stitch along outer edges of straps and bands and along inside edges of straps. Trim allowances, clip into corners, and trim allowances across bottom point. Turn band and straps right side out through centre opening. Press edges.

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## **Step 5 — Band**

Lay facing strip right sides together with right side of band, over inside opening, and pin. Stitch to underside of band, along marked opening lines. Cut out opening close to seam. Clip into corners. Turn facing to underside of band, through opening. Baste edge of opening. Trim facing to a width of 1.5 cm (5/8 in). Lay band on front, matching opening with abutting line on middle piece. Straps extend past upper front edge. Edgestitch outer edge and edge of opening on band.

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## **Step 6 — Center back seam and back darts**

Stitch centre back seam and back darts. Press centre seam allowances open. Press darts toward centre.

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## **Step 7 — Side seams**

Stitch side seams, laying wide allowance on upper front edge up again. Lay upper edge to inside on fold line but do not yet sew. Press hem allowance to inside. Work from right side to stitch hem 3 cm (1 1/4 ins) wide, with the twin machine needle.

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## **Step 8 — Length of straps**

Pin ends of straps under upper back edge, between markings. Try on garment to check length of straps and then stitch at fold line, laying allowance on upper back edge up flat again. Neaten ends of straps and lay to inside together with allowance. Sew inside edge of allowance to seams by hand.

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