

# Sewing with Corduroy for Beginners

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Corduroy has a nap, which means the fabric texture has an up and down feel when brushed with the hand, which indicates how the fabric should be cut. Corduroy should be cut with the nap, or fabric pile, running down. The top of each pattern piece should be placed on the same end, with the nap running down toward the bottom of the pattern piece. For this reason, corduroy and other napped fabrics may require a little more yardage.

When you sew a napped fabric like corduroy, sew the seams in the direction of the nap or pile.

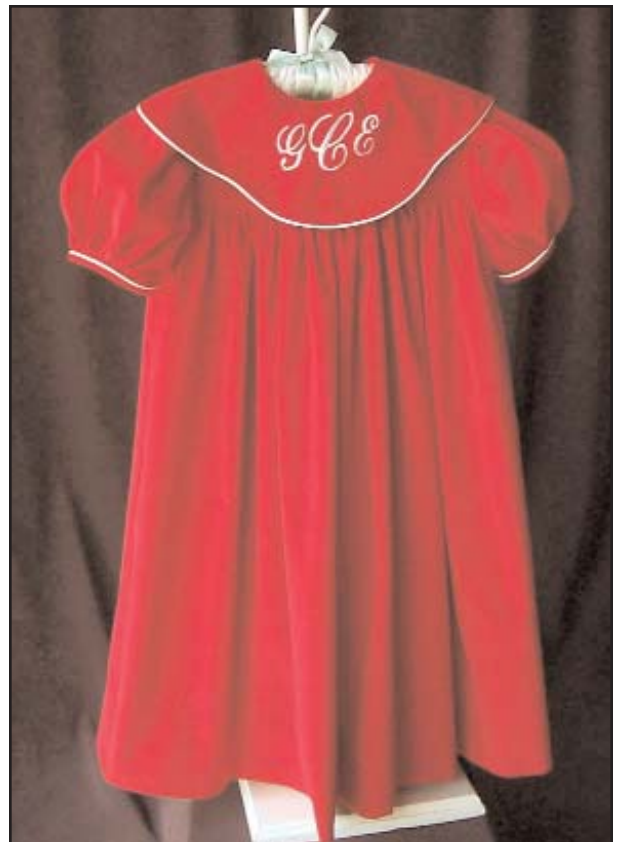
When pressing corduroy, use less pressure to avoid flattening the nap or pile and always press from the wrong side. Even though a napped fabric like corduroy may require a little extra care, it is easy to sew with and will make a lovely jumper, skirt, or dress for the colder months. Its soft nap feels good and warm on the child and is sure to be a favorite garment.



“The Easiest A-Line Jumper Ever” sewn in navy corduroy with Fabric Finders orange and blue tiger print used as the facing and monogram applique. This jumper can be sewn in 1 hour! Fast, easy, and fun!



“Mackenzie” skirt sewn in the three panel variation with two prints used with corduroy panels. Great Christmas skirt with a turtleneck and leggings — a favorite of girls and easy to sew. Fabrics from Fabric Finders.



Red corduroy dress is the trendy adaptation of “Ashtyne’s Heirloom Dress.” Also included with the pattern is the float dress adaptation. The red corduroy collar is monogrammed in white and white cording is used on the collar and puff sleeves. Fabric from Fabric Finders.