

# “Stitchin’ for Kids”

## The Doll Project

### The Robe and Pajamas



For “Jammie Time”, this robe and pajama outfit is coordinated for a toasty good time. It fits the 13” Corolle Les Cheries doll. The instructions were written as part of an effort to give dolls with outfits to young patients in

The sample to the left shows the flannel pajamas with ribbon trim. The robe is trimmed with matching flannel. The robe has side slits.



A robe over a flannel nightgown made with the Nightgown pattern.



These pajamas are made with flannel and have a rick-rack trim.

## Requirements:

### Fabric:

Pajamas and robe trim – ¼ yard light quilting cotton or flannel

Robe – ¼ yard fleece

### Scissors

Thread coordinating or contrasting

Needle for finishing

Pins

Safety pins - 2

Hook and loop (Velcro®) – ¾" wide

Ribbons or roses for trim

Elastic – ¼" wide x 11"

## Assumptions:

All seams are ¼ inch unless specified.

## Preparation:

### Pajamas:

Cut 1 strip 14" x 4 ½" for pajama top

Cut 2 strips 4½" by 1½" for pajama straps

Using pattern cut two pajama bottom pieces on the fold

Cut two strips of elastic – 5" and 6"

Cut a Velcro® piece 1½", then cut in half lengthwise

Cut ribbon – 1 yd. (optional)

### Robe

Using pattern cut 1 piece robe back on the fold

Using pattern cut 2 pieces of robe front (one in reverse)

Using pattern cut 2 sleeves

Cut 1 strip 20" x 1¼" from pajama /trim fabric

## Construction – Robe

### 1. Back/Front

- Using marking on robe back pattern, create two ¼" pleats at center back. Fold on inside should be towards center of piece. Stitch pleats in place by stitching down sides about 1".
- With right sides together, double stitch left back shoulder to front shoulder; trim and finger press open.
- Top stitch along both sides of seam.
- Repeat for right shoulder seam.

### 2. Sleeves and Side Seams

- With right sides together, pin sleeve to robe armhole, easing in any fullness. Stitch using basting stitch. Check to ensure there are no gathers or folds on bodice side. Stitch again normally. Clip seam.
- Repeat for other sleeve.
- With right sides together, pin edges of sleeves and sides of robe pieces. On robe side, make a mark 3" from bottom of robe (for side slit). Double stitch seam starting at sleeve and reversing at 3" mark on robe side. Trim, if necessary. Clip curves.
- Repeat for right side of robe.
- Turn sleeve hems ½" and hand stitch closely as doll's thumbs can catch on loose stitches. .

### 3. Hem

- Turn bottom edges of robe under ½" and stitch.
- Turn ¼" on sides of slit. Stitch up one side of slit, across seam and down other side of slit.

### 4. Trim/Binding

- With right sides together, pin trim/binding to robe beginning at bottom front, around back neck and down other side (trim strip should be ¼" longer than robe at beginning and end. Cut any excess.). Stitch trim to robe.
- Turn trim/binding ¼" and then in half to meet seam. Hand stitch, turning bottom edge trim overhang to inside of robe.

## Construction – Pajamas (Bottom)

### 1. Pant Legs

- To form front seam, place two pieces right sides together and double crotch to waist. Clip curves.
- Top stitch along seam on both sides of seam in either coordinated or contrasting thread.
- To form back seam, double stitch crotch to waist. Clip curves. Note: This is easier to do if you turn the pajamas right side out and stitch into the pajamas from crotch to waist, cross over the seam and stitch back to crotch.
- Top stitch on both sides of seam in either coordinated or contrasting thread.
- Turn bottom hem ¼" stitch. Repeat on other leg.
- Optionally, stitch ribbon ½" from bottom. Repeat on other leg
- To form inseam, pin both pieces at crotch (right sides together) to ensure seams are aligned. Double stitch up one leg and down other. Clip curves.
- Finger press inseam open.
- Turn pants right side out.
- Turn leg hem ¼", hand or machine stitch.

### 2. Waist

- Turn waist ¼". Stitch.
- Turn waist another ½" to form a casing for elastic. Topstitch, leaving a 2" opening to insert elastic.
- Attach safety pins to each end of elastic (6" piece).
- Pull elastic through waist casing.
- With both ends of elastic available, and ensuring elastic is not twisted, overlap elastic ½" and stitch to secure.
- Pull casing opening over elastic and stitch closed.

## Construction – Pajamas (Top)

### 1. Bottom Edge and Back Side Edge

- Turn bottom edge of pajama top piece under ¼" and another ¼". Press. Stitch.
- Optionally, stitch ribbon above bottom hem.
- Turn side edge of pajama top under ¼", then another ½". Stitch.
- Repeat on other side.

### 2. Top Edge

- Turn top edge under ¼". Stitch.

- Turn top edge an additional 1". Pin in place to ensure fold remains a consistent 1" from side to side. Staying close to bottom fold, stitch across pajama top.
- Stitch 3/8" above previous row of stitches to form casing for elastic (to be inserted in step 4).
- Place a pin to mark middle of top.

### 3. Straps

- Turn under both ends of strap piece 1/4". Stitch. Repeat on other strap.
- Fold sides (lengthwise edges) of both strap pieces under 1/4".
- Fold the sides of both strap pieces in half. Stitch.
- Place front end of 1<sup>st</sup> strap 1" from pin marking of middle of top on inside of top. End of strap should just cross top stitching of casing. Stich end of strap to pajama top front, making sure to stitch above casing formed in Step 2. Repeat for 2<sup>nd</sup> strap 1" on other side of pin.
- Place back end of 1<sup>st</sup> strap 1" from back side edge. (It sometimes is helpful to pin extra fullness for this process.) End of strap should just cross top stitching of casing. Stitch end of strap to pajama top back, making sure to stitch above casing formed in Step 2. Repeat with 2<sup>nd</sup> strap on other side of back edge.

### 4. Gathering Top

- Safety pin one end of elastic (5" piece) and insert elastic through casing, slowly. As tail of elastic becomes enclosed, double-stitch across casing 1/2" from back edge to secure elastic. Continue pushing safety pin forward through the casing until the safety pin is clear. Double-stitch across casing 1/2" from edge to secure second end of elastic, then remove safety pin. Adjust gathers evenly around pajama top.

### 5. Finishing

- Attach Velcro® down opening seam starting at elastic casing.
- Optionally, adorn with ribbon bow, button or rose at top of opening.



