

## Discovery Saddle Skirt Testing

### RECOMMENDED FABRICS

This pattern was initially developed for colder weather riding and the ideal fabrics for this purpose are Softshells. Softshell (Soft Shell) fabrics are most often 2-layer laminated fabrics – an outer weather resistant fabric and an inner fleece fabric. Soft shells have a DWR (durable water repellent) treatment applied to the face of the fabric to help water bead and roll off the surface.

Soft shells come in a variety of fleece backs from very thin and lightweight microfleece or microfleece grids all the way to very fluffy high loft fleeces. The simple rule is the thicker the fleece back, the warmer the softshell. When choosing your fabric, any of the suggested fabrics are suitable but keep in mind the high-loft styles will make a bulkier (and warmer) skirt. If you ride in warmer weather, you can choose a light warmth style of softshell or a shell fabric only (no additional warmth from a fleece back). If you ride in a place with snow and below freezing temperatures in the winter, pick one of the mid or high warmth styles. If you have questions about picking a suitable fabric, please ask in the group!

Light Warmth Styles	Mid to High Warmth Styles
Polartec Power Shield Pro & Windbloc Lightweight <a href="https://discoveryfabrics.com/products/polartec-power-shield-pro-lightweight">https://discoveryfabrics.com/products/polartec-power-shield-pro-lightweight</a>	Polartec Power Shield Pro & Windbloc Midweight <a href="https://discoveryfabrics.com/products/polartec-power-shield-pro-midweight">https://discoveryfabrics.com/products/polartec-power-shield-pro-midweight</a>
Polartec Power Shield Lightweight <a href="https://discoveryfabrics.com/products/polartec-power-shield-lightweight">https://discoveryfabrics.com/products/polartec-power-shield-lightweight</a>	Polartec Power Shield Midweight <a href="https://discoveryfabrics.com/products/polartec-power-shield-midweight">https://discoveryfabrics.com/products/polartec-power-shield-midweight</a>
Polartec Neoshell – No Stretch <a href="https://discoveryfabrics.com/products/polartec-neoshell-no-stretch">https://discoveryfabrics.com/products/polartec-neoshell-no-stretch</a> *This is a shell fabric – no fleece back	Pacific Tech Softshell Mid Warmth <a href="https://discoveryfabrics.com/products/pacific-tech-softshell-midweight">https://discoveryfabrics.com/products/pacific-tech-softshell-midweight</a>
Polartec Neoshell – With Stretch/Ease <a href="https://discoveryfabrics.com/products/polartec-neoshell-with-stretch">https://discoveryfabrics.com/products/polartec-neoshell-with-stretch</a> *This is a shell fabric – no fleece back	Polartec Power Shield High Loft** <a href="https://discoveryfabrics.com/products/polartec-power-shield-high-loft">https://discoveryfabrics.com/products/polartec-power-shield-high-loft</a> **note, these styles are the thickest and fluffiest and may be trickier to sew if you rate yourself as a beginner
Nike Waterproof Breathable Shells <a href="https://discoveryfabrics.com/products/nike-waterproof-breathable-shells">https://discoveryfabrics.com/products/nike-waterproof-breathable-shells</a> *This is a shell fabric – no fleece back	Polartec Flame Resistant Power Shield Dual Hazard** <a href="https://discoveryfabrics.com/products/polartec-flame-resistant-wind-pro-stretch-jersey">https://discoveryfabrics.com/products/polartec-flame-resistant-wind-pro-stretch-jersey</a> **Note: This style is stiffer than others but has been used for saddle skirts successfully!