



## Kurta Pajamas

A *kurta* is a loose shirt falling either just above or somewhere below the knees. It is worn by both men and women. They are traditionally worn with loose, lightweight trousers (pajamas for men or salwar for women) fitted with draw-string waistbands. They are also now worn with jeans. Kurtas are worn both as casual everyday wear and as formal dress.

Kurtas worn in the summer months are usually made of thin silk or cotton. Winter season kurtas are made of wool or Khadi silk, which is a thick, coarse, hand woven silk..

Kurtas are typically fastened with tasseled ties, cloth balls and loops, or buttons. Ready-made kurtas (such as the one we have here) often avoid the use of buttons made of animal horn, in deference to Hindu beliefs, and are made instead from wood or plastic.

