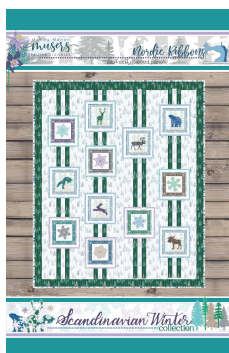


Sewing Tips

Tips for Sewing with Cuddle or Minky Fabrics

- * Cuddle has a nap, cut with the nap going in the desired (same?) direction
- * Cutting creates cuddle 'dust' - cutting from the back side or 'just the knit' may help. Keep a vacuum handy. Lint rollers are also nice, especially when wearing black pants!
- * Use a 'longer' stitch length, typically between the center and the longest setting. I also use a size 90 'stretch' needle.
- * Start stitching your seams about 1/4" in from the raw edge rather than right on the edge. Sometimes it works to backstitch from there without pounding the fabric into the presser foot plate.
- * Cuddle is really slippery, use lots of clips or LONG pins with big heads. We love clover clips!
- * Thread gets buried in pile, you may want to use a contrasting thread if you might need to unpick. When topstitching appliques, I use light grey or light tan thread on all the different colors of cuddle and I use a topstitch needle.
- * When stitching 'layers' of cuddle, place the 'stretchiest' fabric against the sewing machine bed, and the most 'stable' fabric on top (next to the presser foot).
- * Make sure you are stitching on fabric, not just 'fluff'. Run your fingers along the seams to be sure you don't poke through a hole.
- * Line dry 'textured' cuddle fabrics. The dryer will remove the heat set design or tangle the shaggy cuddle and it will just stay looking nice longer!

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