



Minky Baby Blanket Tutorial

Make this darling baby blanket from the wonderfully soft cuddle dimple "minky" fabric that is oh-soooo snuggly & cuddly.

This blanket is super easy to make. Just follow the simple steps and pin pin pin!!! The minky's nap can cause the fabric to shift, so we recommend at least one pin every inch.

The cuddle dimple minky comes in many different colors and can be paired with any cotton fabric you choose: novelty kid or baby prints, graphic prints, checks and polka dots...They all look wonderful!

Tips for Success:

- ♥ Pre-wash your cotton fabric - it will shrink a bit.
- ♥ You can also wash your minky but it is not required.
- ♥ Do NOT iron your cuddle dimple minky - it will lose the dots.
- ♥ DO iron your cotton fabric after you wash it & before you start. It is the last opportunity you will have to iron out any wrinkles.
- ♥ Match your thread color to your minky. It will disappear into your minky when you topstitch the blanket.
- ♥ A sewing machine walking foot is highly recommended, however it is not required and your blanket will still look good without one. If you're not sure about the walking foot, keep in mind you can buy a generic walking foot for about \$20-30 and it is definitely worth the investment.



Choose your size. Minky comes in 60" width and most cotton is 44" wide.



Cotton Fabric

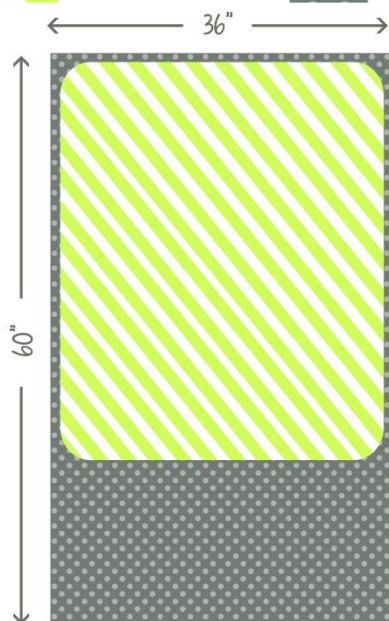


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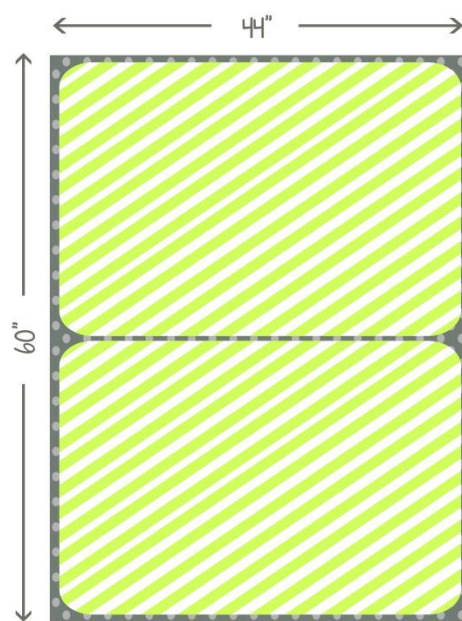
Stroller Size:
Approx 29" x 35"

1 yard minky
1 yard cotton A
1 yard cotton B
= 2 blankets



Playpen Size:
Approx 35" x 43"

1 yard minky
1 yard cotton
= 1 blanket



Crib Size:
Approx 29" x 43"

1 ¼ yard minky
1 yard cotton A
1 yard cotton B
= 2 blankets



Iron your cotton fabric & square it up. Cut the corners of the cotton fabric into curves. Do NOT cut the corners of the minky. You will trim the minky corners after you sew the front and back together. For the round corners, you can use a plate/bowl or the handy [Non Slip Curved Corner Cutter Ruler from Creative Grid](#). All four corners of the cotton fabric must be curved identically.

Place the minky right side up and place the cotton fabric on top of the minky face down (right sides together). Pin the corners very closely so that the fabric doesn't shift. We recommend that you pin the entire blanket every inch to ensure a smooth seam. Leave a 5 inch opening in the side section so you can turn the blanket inside out after you sew and trim.



Sew the pieces together using a $\frac{1}{2}$ inch seam allowance on the edge of the cotton.

Do not turn the blanket inside out until you trim the edges.



Lay the blanket flat, minky side on the bottom. Use your hands to smooth the blanket flat, and trim all edges of the cotton fabric and the minky to a uniform $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam. You can use a rotary cutter and ruler, or trim by hand.





Carefully trim the corners to a uniform 1/4 inch seam.

Side note - this is where that [Creative Grid Corner Ruler](#) comes in really handy. Not required, but once you have it, you will not regret it.



Turn the blanket inside out through the 5 inch opening. Smooth the blanket flat and pin all around the blanket seams. Remember, don't iron the cuddle dimple minky or it will lose their dots. It's best to use a pin to help pull all the seams flat.



Fabric Shown:



Pin! Pin! Pin!

Pin at least every inch. Use even more pins to close up the 5 inch opening and around each corner.



On the cotton side, topstitch with a 1/8 inch seam around the entire blanket sealing the 5 inch opening.



Using the presser foot of your sewing machine as a width marker, topstitch another row of stitching inside the first row. Approximately 1/2 inch from the first topstitch.



This double row of topstitching gives the blanket a finished look.



You're all set! Snuggle up and enjoy!!!

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