

★ Super Soft Plush Sewing Tips from Crafty Chris

Minky, Minkee, Minkie or Cuddle (our favorite)?

We all love the super-soft feel.

Just a few tips will have you smiling while you're working with it, too!

- Super Soft Plush Cuddle fabrics are 100% Polyester with a velour type nap and two way stretch. Be sure to allow for nap and stretch when cutting.
- Cutting through the Plush causes “shedding” or “Cuddle Dust”. After cutting individual pieces, give them a shake to keep from sewing extra fuzz into the seams that will make them “shed” later.
- A “universal” needle works best in a size 80/12. Sergers work beautifully – (my favorite method of sewing Cuddle). Be sure to frequently clean the lint from your sewing machine and/or serger too!
- When sewing right-sides together, Minky fabric can shift and using lots of pins can help. Remove pins as you sew to avoid damage to your fabric and/or your machine!
- When sewing long seams such as the side seams of a blanket:
#1) start in the center of the side seam
#2) sew to the end
#3) go back to the center and finish the seam stitching in the opposite direction.
This will minimize stretching.
- If pressing seams open, be sure to iron on the wrong side of fabric - the side that has no pile. Use a dry iron set on a polyester setting with gentle pressure. Ironing on the pile side can flatten or mat down the pile.
- Minky is washable but like many pile fabrics, comes out better if it is dried in an “air only” or cool drying cycle in the dryer. I also use the fluff or “air only” cycle to dust off the “fuzz” and let it collect in the lint trap instead of on the floor. Clean your lint trap often!



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