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Minky

Tips for success working with Minky fabric.



Preparing and Cutting:

- It's important to pre-wash and dry any cotton fabrics being used with Minky before cutting. Remember: Minky and Snuggle are 100 percent polyester and do not shrink.
- When selecting sewing projects, look for patterns with larger pieces.
- Allow for larger seams; preferably half an inch.
- Layout the nap and stretch of the fabric in the same direction. However, if you're piecing with cotton and a mix of textures, the nap direction won't matter. Cotton fabrics help to stabilize the stretch when doing patchwork.
- Cutting Minky will create a lot of lint. We suggest using hand vacuums, lint rollers and sticky dusting cloths to clean up. Also, running the cut pieces in a dryer (set on cool) for 5 minutes will eliminate lint before sewing.
- Use a Chenille (CLO499) cutter on the wrong side to cut out snuggle fur or deep pile Minky textures.



Machine Sewing

- It helps to sew with a longer stitch length, such as a 3 to 3½ mm.
- Use a narrow zigzag or stretch stitch for knits.
- We recommend choosing an 80/12 universal or ball point needle.
- Use more pins than you would when sewing with cotton. Longer silk pins take a bigger bite of the fabric to stabilize this slippery fabric while sewing.
- If you space pins every 1 ½ inches, you will find it makes sewing seams much easier.
- A Walking Foot will help evenly feed the fabrics between the top and bottom.
- Piece cottons on top and Minky fabrics on the bottom whenever possible.



Pressing and Care

- Minky fabrics are heat sensitive. If you must use an iron, use a damp pressing cloth with the lowest temperature and a light touch.
- Never iron Minky with a patterned texture such as Minky Rosebud or Minky Dimple Dots.
- Press seams open to eliminate bulk. It is safer to use a pressing tool, such as the CLO7802 Iron Finger.
- When washing your Minky projects, use cool water.
- Always set your machines to delicate.
- Use cool air or line dry your projects.

