

Minky

Tips for success working with Minky fabric.



Preparing and Cutting:

- Mark the wrong side of Minky fabric with water-soluble felt-tip pen prior to cutting.
- Use an Art knife on the wrong side of fabric to cut through backing without cutting into pile.
- Vacuum the cut edges or run the cut pieces in a dryer (set on cool) for 5 minutes to help eliminate lint before sewing.
- Pre-wash and dry any cotton fabrics being used with Minky before cutting.
 - *Minky is 100% polyester and does not shrink*
- Allow for larger seams, preferably half an inch.
- Layout the nap and stretch of the fabric in the same direction.
 - *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.*



Machine Sewing

- Piece cottons on top and Minky fabrics on the bottom whenever possible.
- Double-pinning will keep your Minky fabric stable as you sew.
- A Walking Foot will help evenly feed the fabrics between the top and bottom.
- We recommend choosing size 90/14 stretch needle.
- Stick with strong polyester thread for durability
- It helps to lengthen your stitch length, such as a 3 to 3½ mm.
- Use a narrow zigzag or stretch stitch for knits.
- Smooth out wrinkles and hold fabric in place with a basting spray.



Pressing and Care

- Press seams open to eliminate bulk. It is best to use a pressing tool.
- 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.
- When washing your Minky projects, use cool water, without fabric softeners on a delicate setting.



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