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How to Sew a Lovey Love with Cuddle® Minky



Join Teresa as she teaches us how to sew this adorable Lovey Love pattern by Melly and Me. (www.craftykits.com.au)

What You Need

Pattern & Fabric

- Lovey Love Pattern from Melly & Me www.craftykits.com.au
- 11" x 18" cotton or Cuddle® 3: *Face and Tummy spot*
- 10" x 27" Digital Cuddle® Wabbit: *Body or use 2 (10" x 14" coordinating pieces of Cuddle® 3)*
- 6" x 17" Cuddle® 3 Rosewater: *Arms, Legs, Ears*
- 5" square of fusible interfacing, (if using cotton)

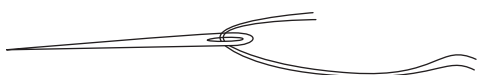
Recommended Notions

- Polyester thread (*Mettler Metrosene*)
- Embroidery floss, for face (*Cosmo*)
- Fiberfill (*Silky PolyFil*)
- 90/14 Stretch Needle (SCHMETZ)
- Flower head pins (*Clover*)

Hand sewing

Use two separate strands

- For better thread tension, cut two lengths of polyester thread and thread them through through the eye of the needle at the same time.



Make secure seams

- Stitch every seam that attaches parts together twice. Now baby can pull and tug without the Lovey Love losing a arm or (*gasp!*) a head.

Cuddle® vs. Cotton/Cuddle®

- Instead of using Cuddle® and cotton, this bunny can be made with only Cuddle®. The only changes are with sewing and stuffing the face:

Embroidering the face

- To embroider a Cuddle® face, do a satin stitch horizontally, then vertically to hide the Cuddle® fibers. *Note: Using felt is also an option. Use the templates to cut out felt eyes and nose, then hand-applique them.*
- When embroidering cotton, only one pass of satin stitch is needed.

TIP

- Embroider or appliqué the eyes and nose after stuffing to ensure a good placement!

Stuffing the head

- Stuff the cotton head very, very firmly to avoid wrinkles and be sure to clip the curves before stuffing.

Washing the Lovey Love

- Wash in a mesh bag on cool cycle. Dry on low heat for 10–15 minutes. Air dry completely. Do not use fabric softener in wash or dry cycle.

Notion Notes

These are some of our favorite notions to use when working with stuffies—and why.

Mettler Polyester Thread

Polyester thread is a necessity for sewing with Cuddle®—you need the stretch. Mettler is our go-to thread.

Silky Poly-fil by Fairfield

This stuffing is super-soft and has the perfect consistency for filling stuffed animals.

SCHMETZ 90/14 Stretch Needle

Using a stretch needle is critical when sewing with Cuddle®—or any knit fabric. Schmetz has a the perfect tip, and will work well when sewing seams combining cotton and Cuddle®.

TEMPLATES

 Eye Template

 Nose Template



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Cuddle® Basics

IF THIS IS YOUR FIRST TIME with Cuddle®—or your tenth!—these simple guidelines will make your sewing experience a pleasure.

1. Seam allowances are ½" unless otherwise noted.
2. Mark measurements on the wrong side of Cuddle® with a felt tip marker or ballpoint pen.
3. Cut Cuddle® with a rotary cutter, craft knife, or micro-serrated scissors.
4. Shake cut pieces or put in a no-heat dryer with a damp washcloth for a few minutes to remove loose fibers.
5. Sew with polyester thread in the top and the bobbin.
6. Reduce presser foot pressure when sewing multiple layers.
7. Increase stitch length to 3–4 mm.
8. Double pin by using 2 rows of pins—the first row every 1½" along the seam line and a second row 1" to the left and parallel to the cut edge.
9. Backstitch at the beginning and end of each seam.
10. If possible, use a walking foot. It makes a difference!

Suggested Tools for Working with Cuddle®

- Machine needle:
 - 90/14 stretch needle
- Polyester thread
- Felt tip marker
- Ballpoint pen
- Rotary cutter and mat
- Micro-serrated scissors
- Craft knife
- Long, flower head pins
- Fabric clips
- Stiletto
- Point turner
- Basting spray
- Walking foot

How to Wash Cuddle®

- Machine wash on gentle with cool water.
(Do not use fabric softener!)
- Machine dry on low heat for about ten minutes.
- Hang until dry.

