



## Cuddle Fabrics Tips

### Cutting

- You will get “cuddle dust” when you cut Cuddle; the longer the fibers, the more “dust.” To control this, cut shorter Cuddle fabrics with a rotary cutter, remove from cutting surface, and place in dryer with damp wash cloth (dryer sheet optional) on low heat for about 10 minutes.
- For longer fiber Cuddle such as rose Cuddle, shag, frizzy and furs: draw cutting line on backside of fabric, and with scissors, cut through the backing *only*. Then pull apart and place in dryer.
- Keep a vacuum cleaner nearby and vacuum along cutting lines before moving cut fabric. Be sure to weight cut fabric so you don’t suck it up.
- Grooves in cutting mat can be cleaned with Cotton Picker brand Lint Picker & Hair Cleaner.
- When cutting, check nap BEFORE you cut each piece to be sure it is going in the right direction.
- Cuddle does not fray. For a great edge finish on double sided Cuddle and bindings, you may use a rotary cutter with a pinking or wave blade.
- When using pattern pieces, do not pin through layers. Pre cut pattern pieces and hold in place with pattern weights or rulers. (Empty coffee cups and tuna or soup cans work great, too.)
- Tissue paper patterns can be ironed to the waxy side of freezer paper and cut out; use weights to hold in place.
- If cutting multiple size patterns, trace desired size onto freezer paper, paper side up, cut out pattern pieces, weight, and cut out with rotary cutter. The freezer paper is a good guideline because it sits on top of the fabric and provides a more precise cut.

### Assembling

- For “sandwiching” and appliqué, spray adhesives work for holding batting, backing, and fabrics together. Be sure to ventilate area when spraying. 505 Spray and Fix from Odif is a good product.
- Use freezer paper, paper side up, to protect projects from overspray.
- For batting, we like Warm & Natural and Warm Bond from the Warm Company and Bamboo batting from Winline Textile Products.

### Sewing

- Be aware of straight of grain and stretch
- A Walking Foot is highly recommended
- Use a size 90/14 ballpoint (stretch) needle for piecing
- Lengthen the stitch length to 3 - 3.5 mm
- When making rugs, if stitch quality is off when sewing through multiple layers, you may need a 100/16 needle.