

Soft Cuddle® Ball + Cube

Approximate Finished Sizes—Ball: 5½" diameter; Cube: 5" sides

Babies love Cuddle®! These quick-and-easy projects will delight any baby—and are great stash busters, as well.

Fabric Requirements

All Measurements: Width x Height

CUDDLE® BALL

- 1 (14" x 12"), Fabric A, Cuddle® Print
- 1 (14" x 12"), Fabric B, Cuddle® Solid

OR: 6 (5" x 12") rectangles in a variety of Cuddle® prints/solids

CUDDLE® CUBE

- 1 (12" x 12"), Fabric A, Cuddle® Print
- 1 (6" x 12"), Fabric B, Cuddle® 3 Solid

OR: 6 (6" x 6") squares in a variety of Cuddle® prints/solids

Suggested Notions

- Polyester fiberfill, *for stuffing; recommended: Fairfield Silky Poly-fil*
- 90/14 stretch machine needle
- Polyester thread
- Felt tip marker and/or ballpoint pen
- Rotary cutter and mat
- Micro-serrated scissors and/or craft knife
- Long, flower head pins and/or fabric clips
- Stiletto
- Point turner
- Walking foot



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Scrap
Buster

Soft Cuddle® Ball

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DIRECTIONS

- Read *Cuddle® Basics* before beginning.

PRINT	Right Side	Wrong Side
SOLID	Right Side	Wrong Side

Cutting

Cut wedges with nap running down.

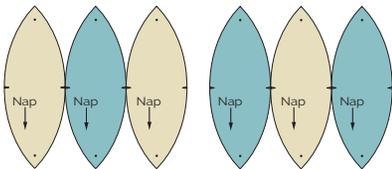
1. From any Cuddle® Print (shown in *Safari Babies*), cut:
 - 3 using Wedge template.
2. From any Cuddle®3 Solid (shown in *Pearl*), cut:
 - 3 using Wedge template.
3. Transfer the template markings to the wrong side of the fabric: triangles (left and right) and open dots (top and bottom).

Assembly

Create two halves

1. Arrange Wedges in the desired order with naps running down.

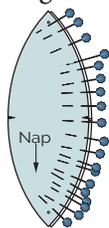
Note: Assemble Wedges in two sections of three Wedges each.



2. Right sides facing, first pin first two Wedges together at the upper and lower dots and side triangles.

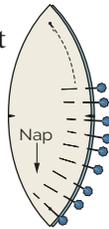
3. Continue to pin between at these first pins.

Note: Pin frequently. It takes more time, but will reduce frustration.



4. Sew Wedges together. Start at upper dot and stop at the lower dot. Backstitch at beginning and end.

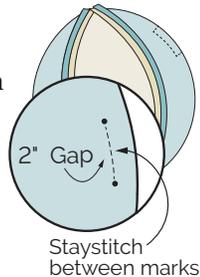
Tip: Use a stiletto to hold the fabric in position as you sew.



5. Keeping the order of prints/solids as desired, pin and sew the third Wedge of the section in place.
6. In the same manner, sew the remaining three Wedges together.

Combine the halves

1. On wrong side of one section, mark a 2" turning gap on the side. Staystitch between the marks.
2. Staystitch a 2" gap on the matching half of the other section.

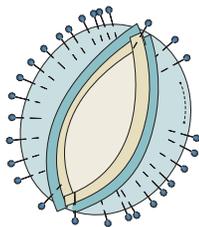


3. With right sides together, nest the sections with naps going in the same direction and the turning gaps aligned.

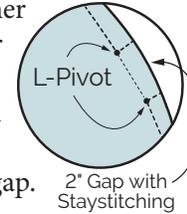
Note: Since each half of three Wedges is bowl-shaped, they nest nicely into each other.

4. Pin the sections together.

Note: Open the seam allowances to help flatten the top and bottom junctions.



5. Starting at the turning gap, sew the halves together around the outer edge, matching the seams. Stitch an L-Pivot at each end of the gap.



Note: The L-Pivot secures seam ends when turning the ball right side out. It also helps the seam allowances turn in at the gap, making the hand sewing easier.

Finishing

1. Turn the Cuddle® Ball right side out through the turning gap.
2. Stuff with fiberfill to the desired fullness.

3. Pin the turning gap closed. Hand sew with a ladder stitch.



Ladder Stitch: Use polyester thread and a hand sewing needle to catch one side of the opening, then the other. Tighten every few stitches.

The more, the merrier!

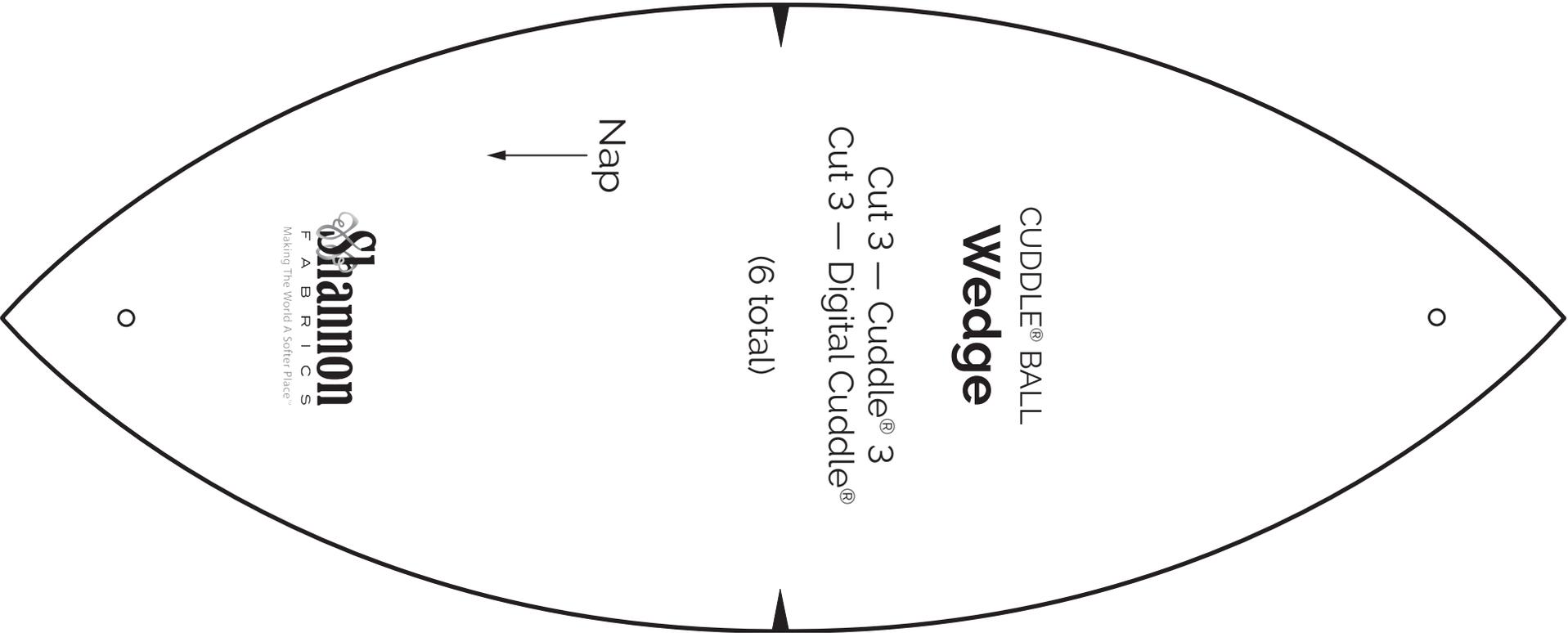
This is a great scrap buster project! Make it extra fun by mixing and matching several different types of Cuddle® and Luxe Cuddle®. Since a Soft Cuddle® Ball is a delightful gift for any baby—make several ahead of time so you have them on hand.

Scrap Buster

• Cuddle® Basics •

1. Seam allowances are ½" unless otherwise noted.
2. Use a stitch length of 2.5 mm.
3. Trace templates and markings on the reverse side of Cuddle® with a felt tip marker or ballpoint pen.
4. Cut Cuddle® with a rotary cutter, craft knife, or scissors.
5. Shake cut pieces or put in a no-heat dryer with a damp washcloth for a few minutes to remove loose fibers.
6. Sew with polyester thread in the top and the bobbin.
7. Reduce presser foot pressure when sewing multiple layers.
8. Pin frequently to reduce the Cuddle® shifting as you sew.
9. Backstitch at the beginning and end of each seam.
10. Use an even-feed or walking foot, if possible. It makes a difference!





CUDDLE® BALL
Wedge

Cut 3 — Cuddle® 3
Cut 3 — Digital Cuddle®

(6 total)

Nap



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Cuddle® Cube

Approximate Finished Size: 5" square

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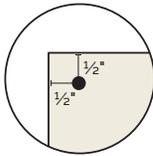
Cutting

1. Using a ruler or felt tip marker, draw 6 (6" x 6") squares—4 print and 2 solid—on the wrong side of your Cuddle® fabrics.

Note: This project is a great scrap buster—try coordinating with some recent baby blankets.

2. Cut the 6 (6" x 6") squares.

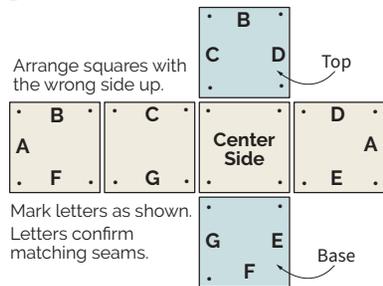
3. On the wrong side, mark a dot $\frac{1}{2}$ " from the corner edges. Mark each corner on each square.



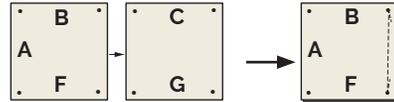
Assembly

Note: The key to success is starting and stopping exactly on the marked dots. Pin at the dots through both layers, then pin between the dots. Stitch from dot to dot, backstitching at beginning and end.

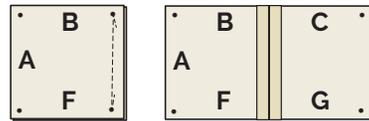
1. Wrong side up, arrange the squares around the Side Block. Mark letters on the edges of the squares as shown.



2. Pin Block **A/B/F** to Block **C/G** at the corner dots, then pin frequently between the dots.



3. Sew the seam, beginning at upper dot and ending at the lower dot. Backstitch at beginning and end. Finger press the seam open.



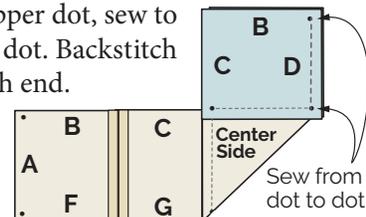
4. Referring to the diagram, add the Center Side and Block **D/A/E** to the strip.

5. Add Top and Bottom blocks to the Center Side.

Note: When sewing these remaining blocks to the Center Side, fold the seam allowances out of the way to access the corner dot. Do not sew over the seam allowance.

6. With right sides together, fold the Center Side back on the diagonal, matching the **D** edges.

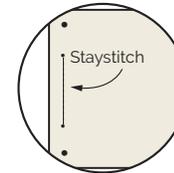
7. Pin **D** edges of the two squares, right sides together. Starting at the upper dot, sew to lower dot. Backstitch at each end.



8. In the same manner, sew the **C, E, and G** sides together, forming the box shape.

Note: The lid (A/B/F) remains loose and is the last to be sewn.

9. On the **A** edge of the lid (opposite the sewn side), mark a 2" gap for turning.



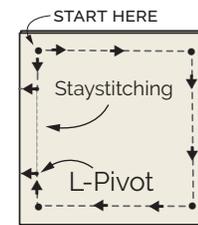
10. Staystitch between the marks.

*Note: Mark and staystitch a 2" gap on the corresponding **A** edge.*

11. Pin the **A** edges together, leaving the turning gap open.

12. Using a $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance, sew from the corner dot to the staystitching. Pivot at the dot and sew to the edge, creating an L-Pivot.

Note: An L-Pivot secures the seam end and helps the seam allowance turn in for hand sewing.



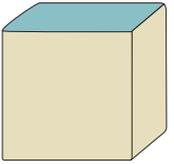
13. Starting at that same corner dot, sew around the lid, again creating an L-Pivot at the staystitching.

14. Trim each corner, taking care not to clip any stitches.

15. Turn right side out through the turning gap.

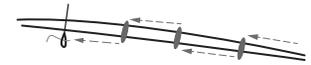
Note: Use a point turner to gently push out the corners.

16. Stuff with polyester fiberfill to desired fullness.



17. Pin the turning gap closed.

18. Hand sew with a ladder stitch.



Ladder Stitch: Using a hand sewing needle and polyester thread and a hand sewing needle, catch one side of the opening, then the other. Pull to tighten every few stitches.

More cubes! More sizes! More fun!

Resize the Cube

- It's easy to make smaller or larger cubes. Simply start with a smaller or larger square—the construction is exactly the same.
- We recommend 5", 7", or 8" squares.
- Cut the six squares, then follow the assembly instructions.

Personalize your Cube

- Before assembly, add a name, birth date, or short message on any panel using hand or machine embroidery.