

Big Circle Play Mat

Approximate Finished Size: 40" diameter

A soft, cozy spot for babies and toddlers to relax—and a wonderful spot for tummy time!

Fabric Requirements, as shown

- 1¼ yards T-Rex Digital Cuddle® Graphite, Top
- 1¼ yards Luxe Cuddle® Sorbet Paradise, Bottom
- ½ yard Cuddle® 3 Navy, Piping

Suggested Notions

- 4 yards, Cotton piping cord, 1½" diameter
- Batting, Twin-Size (We recommend Quilters Dream Puff from Quilters Dream Batting.)
- Heavy string or twine, 1 yard, for drawing the circle template
- 90/14 stretch machine needle
- Polyester thread
- Felt tip marker 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
- Basting spray
- Zipper foot, optional
- Walking foot

Note: For safety's sake, never leave a baby unattended on the Play Mat. Stuffed animal patterns by Funky Friends Factory.



For more information on sewing with Cuddle®, scan the QR code or go to:
offers.shannonfabrics.com/beginner

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DIRECTIONS

- Read *Cuddle® Basics* before beginning.



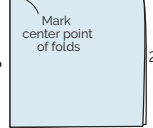
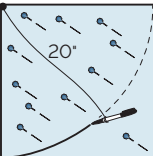
Cutting

1. From the *Top*, cut:
 - 1 (40" x 40") square.
2. From the *Bottom*, cut:
 - 1 (40" x 40") square.
3. From the navy, cut:
 - 3 (5" x WOF*) strips for Piping
4. From batting, cut:
 - 2 (45" x 45") squares.

Assembly

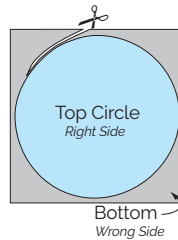
Make the Top Circle

Note: Only the Top Circle is cut using this process.

1. Fold 40" Top Circle square into quarters, with right sides together, creating a 20" square. Mark the center point. 
2. Pin the four layers in several places to secure for cutting.
3. Tie a felt tip marker or ballpoint pen to the end of the twine.
4. From the pen, measure and trim the string to 20". 
5. Place the cut end at the center mark of the folded square. Draw the arc.
6. Cut on the line to create the Top Circle.

Cut the Bottom circle

1. With wrong sides together, smooth the Top Circle onto the Bottom square.

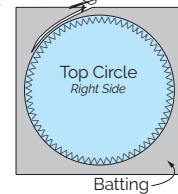


2. Cut the Bottom Circle to match the Top Circle.


Note: Add a few pins if needed to secure the layers while cutting.

Add the batting

1. Spray baste the wrong side of both the Top and Bottom Circles. Smooth each onto a batting square.
2. Zigzag the edges of each circle to a batting square.
3. Trim excess batting.



Prepare the piping

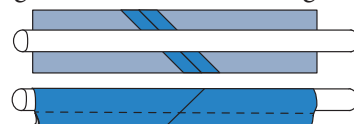
1. Join the piping strips with diagonal seams to create a single strip. 

Note: Check that the nap is going in the same direction before sewing.

2. Place the cording along the center of the wrong side of the Piping.

Tip: Spray baste the wrong side of the piping to help hold the cording in place while you sew.

3. Loosely fold the piping over the cording. Baste ½" from the raw edges to enclose the cording.

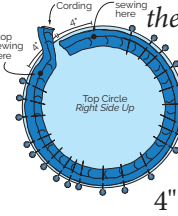


Sew the Cording to the Top Circle

1. With cut edges aligned, pin the piping around the Top Circle.

Note: Do not trim the piping ends.

2. Starting 4" from the start of the piping, sew to Top Circle. Stop before reaching the end of the loose piping.



Note: Sew along the stitch line enclosing the cording. A zipper foot will help keep the stitching line snug—but not too tight.

3. Pin the last inches of piping to meet the beginning. Mark 1" beyond the place they meet.
4. Unpick basting stitches. Cut on the mark. Sew ends together.

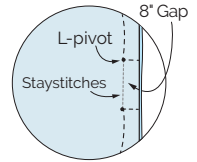
Note: Pull the cording out of the way while sewing the piping.

5. Trim cording ends to fit. Sew last 8" of piping to Top Circle.

Finishing

1. Mark an 8" turning gap on the Bottom Circle.
2. With right sides together and naps in the same direction, pin the Top to the Bottom Circle.
3. Sew around the edge, making an L-Pivot at the gap ends.

Note: The L-Pivot secures the ends when turning and helps the seam allowance turn in.



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



Ladder Stitch: Catch one side of opening, then the other. Pull to tighten every few stitches. Check that both sides are caught in the hand sewing.

Cuddle® Basics

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

