

Machine and Long-Arm Quilting with Cuddle®

Cuddle® is a 100% polyester micro-fiber plush fabric that is long-lasting, easy to sew with and simple to care for. Cuddle® has a two-way stretch along the cross grain. Solids, prints, and embossed Cuddle® work great for both sides of your quilt. You can easily back a cotton patchwork quilt top with Cuddle® to give it extra warmth and comfort. There are 24 colors of Cuddle® available in 90-inch wide and 96 colors of Cuddle® available in 60-inch wide.

- Cuddle® can be machine or long-arm quilted with or without batting. Batting is recommended for large quilts as it adds more structure, weight and gives the quilting more definition.
- Be mindful of colors used on the back. When quilting, Cuddle® fibers can pull through to the front. Choose a backing for your project that blends well with the colors on the front.
- Use a walking foot for straight-line quilting and a size 90/14 SCHMETZ stretch needle. Lengthen the stitch length to at least 4 mm or 8 stitches per inch.
- Spray-basting with ODIF® 505 Spray and Fix Adhesive Spray is a great way to hold the batting, backing and quilt top together before machine quilting.
- When stitching two pieces together for a backing, make sure the nap of the fabric runs in the same direction. Piece selvage to selvage so the stretch goes in the same direction and use a 1/2" seam allowance.
- For best results, use larger, less dense quilting designs. This will help prevent any tucks in the backing.
- Leave an extra 4" on all sides to square up the quilt after quilting.
- When quilting with a long-arm machine, the selvages should run perpendicular to the leaders and cut edge can be pinned across the roll bar to evenly distribute the fabric.
- Do not overstretch your Cuddle® backing on the long-arm rollers. Keep the tension looser than you normally would for a cotton backing.
- When using clamps on the sides, do not over-stretch. Use a lighter tension to ensure that when it is taken off the machine, it will not spring back to a relaxed state and wrinkle the top fabric.

