# **TIP SHEET**

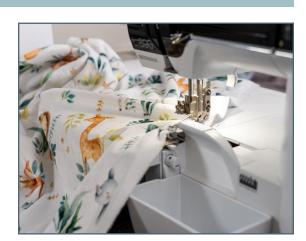
# Serger Basics with Cuddle®



Cuddle® is more than just minky fabric—it's the softest, coziest. most luxurious minky available. Exclusively crafted by Shannon Fabrics, Cuddle® takes your sewing projects to the next level with unparalleled quality and versatility. Whether you're creating a sheet or pillowcase, a cozy throw, a soft jacket, or a snuggleworthy quilt, Cuddle® will inspire your creativity and bring endless joy to your projects.

And the best part is, Cuddle® can be easily sewn on a Serger!

There are many serger stitches that work well with Cuddle®. Four thread overlock seam, three thread stretch stitch, three thread overlock, flat lock, and cover stitch will all work with Cuddle®.



### Techniques to experiment with:

- Four thread overlock with safety stitch for Cuddle® and Luxe Cuddle® seams
- Serger piecing for quilts
- Garment construction with serged or flatlock seams
- Flatlock hems for edges of blankets and single layer wearables
- Three thread wide flat lock for seams on Cuddle® and Quilting Cuddle®. If a more decorative stitch is desired, use a heavier thread in needle with a topstitch needle Try topstitching and quilting with a decorative cover stitch or chain stitch on cover stitch sergers.
- Blanket stitch on edges for simple edge treatment
- Cover stitch for hemming garments.

# Serger Settings

- STITCH LENGTH 3.5MM 4MM
- **USE DIFFERENTIAL FEED, SET AT** LOWEST SETTING (MAY VARY BY MACHINE)
- GOOD QUALITY NEEDLES: SIZE 90/14 STRETCH NEEDLE FOR C3 AND LUXE CUDDLE®, 80/12 STRETCH NEEDLE FOR QUILTING CUDDLE®
- HIGH QUALITY POLYESTER SERGER THREAD LIKE METTLER SERACOR
- LOWER THE PRESSER FOOT PRESSURE DEPENDING ON THE CUDDLE®.

## Other Serger Tips:

- Pin two rows parallel to the edge, with the first row of pins out of the way of the serger knife. Pin a second row of pins to the left of the presser foot. The first row of pins are removed before going under the foot. The second row of pins stay in until after the seam is sewn. Use this double pinning method to keep the fabric from shifting. Pins that extend over the edge to be sewn can easily get close to the knife, and possibly cut which can damage the knife.
- Lift the presser foot and place the Cuddle® near the needle
- Spray with 505 Adhesive Spray to hold a hem in place before using the cover stitch.
- Gentle curves are easier to manage than sharp turns, so keep in mind the shapes that are being stitched together
- Affix the Cut-Off Bin to the serger to allow easy collection of trimmed fabric.
- Test serge your Cuddle® as there are many different Cuddle® Fabrics, Digital Cuddle®, Quilting Cuddle®, C3®, Cloud Cuddle®, and lots of types of Luxe Cuddle®. You may need to adjust your settings depending on the Cuddle® you are using.