



# Tips for Sewing Apparel with Cuddle®

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- Choose patterns with large pieces and without fine detailing to use with Cuddle® fabric.
- When working with Cuddle® fabric that has a thick pile, trace the pattern on the backside of the fabric
- Use a sewing scalpel or craft knife to cut through the backing only to separate the pieces, create a softer edge and less mess.
- Don't be afraid to pair Cuddle® with different types of fabric—a little can go a long ways.
- When sewing Cuddle® to a different fabric, keep the Cuddle on the top, if possible. The walking foot can help keep it from shifting and you'll be able to keep a better eye on it.
- Use long flower head pins, pinning them perpendicular to the seam, especially on curves. For long straight seams, you can use double pinning. If it's a short seams and the fabrics are being shifty, you can pin in both directions to get it to stay in position.
- If you have a serger, clothing is a perfect use for it! Serging will keep the necessary stretch and keeps the fabric together nicely.
- If you don't have a serger, you can use a stretch stitch (looks a little like a lightning bolt) to keep the stretch in the fabric. If you do not need the fabric to stretch (such as with coats), you can use a straight stitch.
- On most Luxe Cuddle® fabrics, you can topstitch to keep linings in position, then fluff the seam so it will almost completely hide.
- Cuddle® 3 is great for pocket and coat linings if you're looking for extra warmth.
- Use snaps or zippers instead of buttons on Luxe Cuddle®. Buttons can be used, but zippers and snaps are more simple and there are lovely snaps available.
- Opt for bindings versus bands at the neck and wrist. Bindings can be sewn on to the wrong side and then wrapped around and top-stitched in position.





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## Patterns we recommend:

- Designs by Call Ajaira Cedar Coat and Cardi
- Designs by Call Ajaira Chomium Cropped Hoodie
- Designs by Call Ajaira Buzz Puffer Coat
- Designs by Call Ajaira Mackinaw Coat
- Sew House Seven Tabor V-Neck
- Sew House Seven Toaster Sweater
- Hey June Handmade Sitka Sweatshirt
- Hey June Handmade Brunswick Pullover
- Hey June Handmade Conifer or Evergreen Jacket
- Love Notions Compose Robe
- Love Notions Acorn Vest
- Butterick 6382 Open Front Coat
- Vogue 8930 Bonded Cuddle® Coat
- McCalls 8024 Girl cowl sweater
- Simplicity 8740 Black glitter cardigan
- McCalls 6423 Men's Cuddle® sweater
- Cuddle® Pincushion Pattern by Bianca available on Etsy
- McCalls 8049 White Luxe Cuddle® Coat
- New Look 6529 Woman's Hoodie
- Simplicity 9210 Girls Hoodie
- McCalls 7618 Boys Hoodie



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