



Tips for Working with Luxe Cuddle® Milan

Luxe Cuddle® Milan • 58/60" wide • elasticized • 75% polyester, 25% spandex • 15mm pile • 16 color choices

Buy enough

Luxe Cuddle® Milan is Shirred with elastic threads, so it's very different lengths when stretched versus when relaxed. It shrinks about 30% when released. If you want to make a blanket that finishes at approx. 72", you will need to buy 2 3/4 yds. for each side.

Get it straight

Before starting your project, cut the end straight. Measure and mark one selvage side, then work across the fabric, marking the grainline as you go. It is easiest if you can pull it straight, then mark a dotted line with a felt tip pen. Use micro-serrated scissors to cut straight (enough) across the fabric.

Cut it out

When possible, cut lengthwise in elastic/shirred section.

Let the fabric relax, then straighten as much as possible, using the elastic lines and the raw edge before laying out pattern pieces.

Use pattern weights to hold pieces in place and trace around each pattern piece, moving the fabric as little as possible. Keep fabric weighted down, but remove the pattern weights. Use a rotary cutter, to cut along tracing lines.

Sewing Luxe Cuddle® Milan to Luxe Cuddle® Milan

Pinning: Use long, flower head pins placed perpendicular to the raw edge at elastic, dividing sections in half until well pinned.

Sewing: Use polyester thread, 90/14 needle, walking foot and a 3.0-4.0mm stitch length. Pull fabrics to stretch them as you sew. Use a straight stitch. Alternatively, do not stretch and use a stretch stitch, though this will not have as much give. You can use Seraflex from Metrosene for extra stretch and strength.

Sewing Luxe Cuddle® Milan to non-elasticized Luxe Cuddle®

Pinning: On Luxe Cuddle® Milan side, use long, flower head pins, dividing sections in half until well pinned.

Place pins parallel to raw edge, especially on straight edges.

Sewing: Using a straight stitch, sew from the Luxe Cuddle® Milan side. Use a stiletto to help feed the Milan under the foot as you sew.

Sewing Luxe Cuddle® Milan to lining fabrics such as Silky Satin

Pinning: On Silky Satin side, use long, flower head pins and divide sections in half until well pinned. Use perpendicular pins on curved areas (such as armscye or neckline). Use parallel pins on long straight edges. Pins should be about 1" apart on curves.

Sewing: Use polyester thread, 90/14 needle, walking foot and a 3.0-4.0mm stitch length. Stitch from the lining side. Keep tension on fabrics to hold lining fabric flat & guide Luxe Cuddle® Milan with left hand to prevent it from pushing forward and/or puckering.