

CUDDLETM TIPS & TRICKS

Combining Cotton & CuddleTM

1. When sewing with cotton and CuddleTM use a $\frac{3}{8}$ " seam allowance. The wider seam will stabilize the CuddleTM so it won't curl and slip as much. It will also decrease the stretching. We recommend using the size 90 stretch needle.
2. Sew with the cotton fabric on the top of the seam and the CuddleTM on the bottom. This is especially important when using a dimple or other texture as they stretch a little more than the Cuddle 3TM (flat CuddleTM). The cotton will stabilize the CuddleTM and it doesn't seem to stretch as much. Be sure to Pin, Pin, Pin!
3. When sewing, use a walking foot. It really does make a difference as it feeds the top and bottom fabrics evenly. Lengthen your stitch to at least a 3. If you don't have a walking foot, use pins and go slow. I use pins even with the walking foot, but the even feed or walking foot are helpful.
4. Cotton fabrics, especially flannel, will shrink when washed. The CuddleTM won't, so be sure to pre-wash the cottons. We recommend pre-washing any red CuddleTM, but that is the only one. Polyester fabrics seldom fade or run; red however, is always the exception!
5. Be careful to always keep the grain lines the same. Cotton and CuddleTM fabrics don't stretch on the grain like they do on a cross cut. Keeping the grains the same always keeps them feeding evenly. There are always exceptions to this, especially when piecing, always keep the straight grain piece on the top of the seam while sewing.
6. It's pretty hard to press CuddleTM, in fact, we don't recommend it (especially on any embossed CuddleTM - that will take the texture away). When mixing the CuddleTM and cotton there are times that you want to press the block or a seam. You can safely press them by using a Teflon pressing sheet. It keeps the CuddleTM from getting so hot it melts or marks, but still presses the cotton.
7. When mixing the CuddleTM and cotton, there are often seams that are a little bulky. Don't be afraid to trim away the CuddleTM to reduce the bulk. Just don't get too close to the seams.

