

MINKY BABY BLANKET PATTERN



1. Designed for new babies and approx 28 x 30 inches when finished. Pattern can be changed to make larger or smaller.
2. Cut 2 pieces of coordinating fabrics 29" x 31".
3. With right sides together, place the two fabrics on top of one another. To keep the minky from sliding around pin every 1" – 2". Alternatively you can use a washable basting spray or tape to help keep minky from stretching and slipping.
4. Starting at the center of one side, sew around the outer edge of all 4 sides using a 1/2" seam allowance. Leave a 4" – 5" opening to turn the blanket right side out with.
5. Reach in through the opening and turn the blanket right side out.
6. Turn under the open flaps and pin the opening closed.
7. Then topstitch 1/8"- 1/4" away from the edge around the whole blanket, being sure to topstitch the opening shut.



Tips for working with minky:

1. Pre-wash any other fabric that will be sewn with the minky, since minky is polyester and does not shrink.
2. Dritz Washaway Wonder Tape or other washable basting spray helps prevent the minky from stretching, sliding, and puckering. It is my best friend and has kept me from throwing my sewing machine through the window on more than one occasion.
3. A walking foot is a must! It helps evenly feed all the layers. Mine is nearly permanently on my machine and I often forget when I have accidentally switched out feet what a huge difference it makes.
4. Use a long stitch length (mine is usually at 4).
5. Use a good quality needle; size 90/14 Schmetz works well for me.
6. When sewing minky with another layer of fabric, put the minky on the bottom to allow the feed dogs of the machine to help guide the fabric and prevent extra stretching.
7. I prefer to cut my non-stretch (like cotton) material to the correct size and leave a little extra minky around the edge or seam allowance and cut off the excess after I

- sew the seam. I follow edge of my non-stretch material for my seam guide to allow for any fussiness the minky might have.
8. DO NOT Iron or microwave minky - it will cause it to melt.
 9. If you are not using any basting tape or spray, then pin every 1". Even pinning every 1 to 2 inches can cause the minky to become very fussy and difficult to work with.
 10. I like to use a half-inch seam with minky since it is very heavy (especially when wet) and tends to pull on narrower seams, sometimes even causing the seams of the other fabric to be pulled out.
 11. Minky fabrics wash and dry very well but some textured minky will lose its textured look by being dried.