

Fabrics 101: Embroidering on Minky Fabric



Minky fabric is a fuzzy, cuddly fabric perfect for kids projects, including baby items like blankets, quilts, and toy blocks. Get our best tips for embroidering on the soft and stretchy fabric to guarantee excellent results every time.

Project Needs & Notes:

- Minky fabric, also known as Minkee, cuddle cloth, and microfiber plush
- Medium-weight (2.5 ounce) cutaway stabilizer
- Lightweight water-soluble stabilizer



One of the most popular fabrics to use for baby items is Minky. It's also called Minkee, cuddle cloth, and microfiber plush.

Minky fabric is very soft, and stretchy. It's a polyester knit, which means it's durable and washes up very well.



Some Minky fabric will have stripes, others have dots. All have a furry nap.

When choosing designs for this type of fabric, select designs that have solid, simple fills -- or applique designs. Those types of designs will work very well to hold down the nap of the fabric.

For example, this sheep design has a simple fill, but enough stitches to hold down the nap.

Avoid designs that are sheer, or designs like Redwork. The running stitches may get lost in the nap of the fabric.



Because Minky is so very stretchy, it needs cutaway stabilizer. Cutaway stabilizer is the non-stretch foundation that will ensure that your embroidery looks excellent, with no puckering or misalignment of stitches.

Hoop the Minky fabric with one piece of medium-weight (2.5 ounce) cutaway stabilizer.



Use a lightweight water-soluble stabilizer on the top to serve as topping. That prevents the stitches from sinking down and getting lost in the nap of the fabric.



Hoop all three layers together.



A size 11 or 75/11 embroidery needle is a good choice when embroidering onto Minky fabric.



After embroidering, tear the water-soluble stabilizer away from the top.



Trim away the excess cutaway stabilizer from the back.



In this example, the soft and cuddly Minky fabric has been transformed into a beautiful baby blanket.

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Minky fabric is also fabulous for kids projects like this fun baby block. Cute and colorful embroidery, ribbon pulls, and the soft fabric combine to create a fabulous sensory experience for children and babies.

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Minky fabric is particularly well suited for kids' projects, as it is soft and fuzzy. Add it to quilts, blocks, blankets, and more!

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Stitching tips for Minky:

Needle	75/11 (size 11) embroidery needle
Stabilizer	Medium-weight (2.5 ounce) cutaway on the back; lightweight water-soluble on top
Design Choice	Choose designs with solid fills (or applique designs), as those will work very well with the plush nap of the Minky fabric. Avoid designs that are very light, such as Redwork, as running stitches will get lost in the nap.

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