

Bambino Quilt

Approximate Finished Size: 28" x 35"

Let the little one in your life drift off to sleep while wrapped up in a cute Cuddle® quilt. Choose a charming digital print or mix and match your favorite Cuddle® colors.

Kit Includes

- 1 yard Cuddle®, *Central Panel, Main Strips, & Backing*
- ¼ yard, Fabric A, *Front Strips*
- ¼ yard, Fabric B, *Front Strips & Binding*

Suggested Notions

- 90/14 stretch machine needle
- Polyester thread
- Felt tip marker or ballpoint pen
- Rotary cutter and mat
- Micro-serrated scissors and/or craft knife
- Long, flower head pins
- Fabric clips
- Stiletto
- Basting spray
- Parchment paper or newsprint, *to prevent overspray*
- Walking foot

On the cover: *Luxe Cuddle® in Prism Slumber Party, Galaxy Magenta, and Galaxy Viola*



For more information making a quilt using the *Stitch-and-Flip* method, tune in to this episode of *Sew Together Tuesday*. Scan the QR code or go to: <https://bit.ly/3LNtGhz>



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Cuddle® Basics

IF THIS IS YOUR FIRST TIME working with Cuddle®—or your tenth!—these simple guidelines will make your sewing experience a pleasure.

1. Seam allowances are ½" unless otherwise noted.
2. Mark measurements on the wrong side of Cuddle® with a felt tip marker or ballpoint pen.
3. Cut Cuddle® with a rotary cutter, craft knife, or micro-serrated scissors.
4. Shake cut pieces or put in a no-heat dryer with a damp washcloth for a few minutes to remove loose fibers.
5. Sew with polyester thread in the top and the bobbin.
6. Reduce presser foot pressure when sewing multiple layers.
7. Increase stitch length to 3–4 mm.
8. Double pin by using 2 rows of pins—the first row every 1½" along the seam line and a second row 1" to the left and parallel to the cut edge.
9. Backstitch at the beginning and end of each seam.
10. If possible, use a walking foot. It makes a difference!

Suggested Tools for Working with Cuddle®

- Machine needle:
- 90/14 stretch needle
- Polyester thread
- Felt tip marker
- Ballpoint pen
- Rotary cutter and mat
- Micro-serrated scissors
- Craft knife
- Long, flower head pins
- Fabric clips
- Stiletto
- Point turner
- Basting spray
- Walking foot

How to Wash Cuddle®

- Machine wash on gentle with cool water.
- (Do not use fabric softener!)
- Machine dry on low heat for about ten minutes.
- Hang until dry.



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DIRECTIONS

- Read *Cuddle® Basics* before beginning.
- *Cuddle® Tips + Tools* and alternate design ideas are on PAGE FOUR.

Cutting

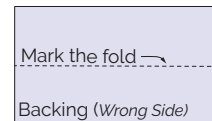
Label strips as they are cut. A chart to record your fabrics is on PAGE THREE.

1. Cut the Main fabric in half vertically, creating :
 - 2 (29" x 36") sections.
2. Set aside one section for Backing.
3. From the other Main section, cut:
 - 1 (16" x 29"), *Center Panel*.
 - 2 (5" x 29"), *Main Strips*.
4. From Fabric A, cut:
 - 1 (5" x WOF*) strip.
 From this strip, cut:
 - 2 (5" x 29"), *A Strips*.
5. From Fabric B, cut:
 - 1 (2½" x WOF*) strip.
 From this strip, cut:
 - 2 (2½" x 29"), *B Strips*.
6. From the rest of Fabric B, cut:
 - 3 (1¾" x WOF*), *Binding*.

Assembly

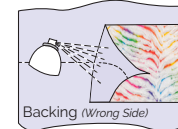
- *This quilt is assembled using the Stitch-and-Flip method. Strips are sewn together directly onto the Backing—all in one step.*
 - *Arrange all strips with the nap going in the same direction.*
1. Fold the 16" x 29" Center Panel in half horizontally. Mark the fold on the *wrong side*.

2. In the same way, find and mark the horizontal fold of the *wrong side* of the Backing.



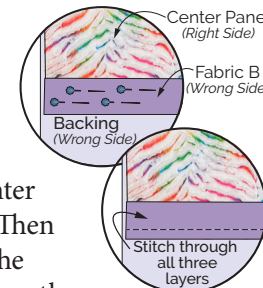
3. With wrong sides together and matching horizontal lines, place the Center Panel on the Backing.

4. Fold the Panel in half and spray baste. Smooth onto the Backing and press to adhere. Repeat for the other half.



5. Place a Fabric B Strip, *right side up*, along the bottom edge of the Panel. Check that the naps are running in the same direction.

6. Flip the Strip up, matching raw edges of the Panel and the Strip.



- Pin the beginning, end, and center of the strip. Then double pin the remainder. Sew the Strip—stitching through all three layers.
7. Using a sheet of parchment paper to protect the right side of the Panel, spray baste the wrong side of the Strip. Flip the Strip down. Smooth onto the Backing.

* WOF = Width of Fabric

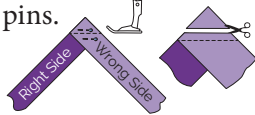
- In the same manner, sew the other Fabric B Strip to the top of the Center Panel.
- Following the Assembly Chart below, add a 5" Fabric A Strip to the top and bottom of the quilt.
- Complete the quilt top by sewing the 5" Main Strips to the top and bottom. Spray baste the wrong side of the strips and smooth into place on the Backing.
- Square up and trim the edges to approximately 28" x 35".



Assembly Chart

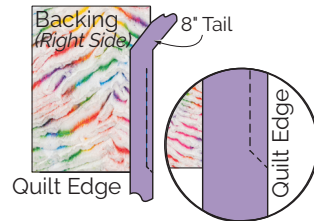
Binding

- Pin Binding strips, right sides together, on the diagonal. Sew between the pins. Trim seam allowance to 1/2".

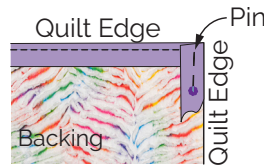
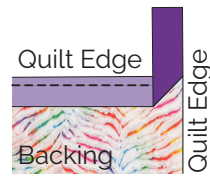


Note: Have the nap of the Binding strips all go in the same direction.

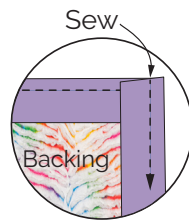
- Starting halfway down one side and leaving an 8" tail, pin the right side of the Binding strip to the Backing.
- With a 1/2" seam allowance, sew the Binding strip until 1/2" from corner. Stop with the needle down.



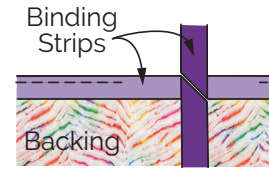
- Lift the presser foot and pivot the quilt. Sew to the edge at a 45° angle. Remove and clip the threads.
- Rotate quilt counterclockwise. Fold Binding straight up, to form the miter.
- Maintaining the miter, fold strip down to align with the next edge. Pin at the corner.



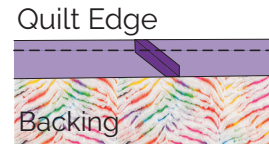
- Starting at the miter, sew Binding to the second edge, again stopping 1/2" before the corner. Create another miter.



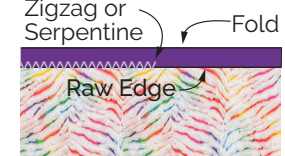
- Continue in this manner until 8" from the start.
- Fold Binding tails at 45° angles where the strips meet. Mark the angles. Pin, then sew along the marked lines. Trim seam to 1/2".



- Sew the remaining Binding edge to the Backing.



- Flip quilt so the front side is up. With the Binding snug against the edge, fold it to the front.
- Match raw edge of Binding to previous stitching line. Use fabric clips to hold the Binding in place.
- Topstitch on the right side, using a 4x4mm zigzag or serpentine stitch.

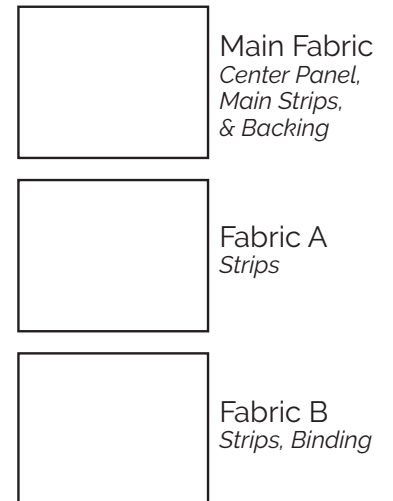


Note: Stitch with the needle coming down just to the left of the raw edge.

- To soften the edge, use a stiletto to fluff fibers from the topstitching.

FABRIC NOTES

It's helpful to jot down your fabric choices to keep on track as you assemble the quilt. Here's the spot to do it! Pin actual fabric samples or color in the blocks to stay organized.



Make It Your Own!

Bambino quilts are based on a variety of horizontal strips. Strips can be cut in different width and rearranged as you desire. Try one of the variations below—or design your own!

Variation 1

Main	8"
Fabric A	3"
Fabric B	3"
Fabric A	3"
Main	8"
Fabric A	3"
Fabric B	3"
Fabric A	3"
Main	8"

34" x 28"

Variation 2

Main	5"
Fabric A	5"
Fabric B	2½"
Fabric A	2½"
Main	11"
Fabric A	2½"
Fabric B	2½"
Fabric A	5"
Main	5"

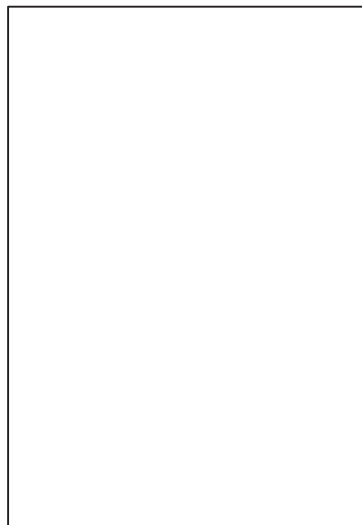
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Variation 3

Main	6"
Fabric B	3"
Main	9"
Fabric A	6"
Main	9"
Fabric B	3"
Main	6"

29" x 36"

Create Your Own!



Tips + Tools

for working with Cuddle®

Mark before cutting.

Smooth Cuddle® on a flat surface—a large table, the floor, or a cutting mat. Use a permanent, felt tip marker or ball point pen to mark your cutting line on the back of the fabric.



Cut with the right tools.

Use a rotary cutter for Cuddle® 3 and Cuddle® Dimple. For Luxe Cuddle®, a craft knife is a better option.

Cut from the wrong side to avoid cutting the fibers and to reduce Cuddle® dust.

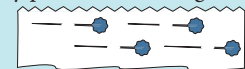


Get rid of the Cuddle® dust.

Vacuum edges as you cut, then put the cut pieces in a dryer with a damp washcloth. Tumble at low or no heat for about five minutes. All the loose fibers will end up in your lint trap!

Double pin for stability.

Pin the first row every 1½" along the cut edge and a second row 1" to the left of this row of pins. Alternate positions, but stay parallel to the edge.



Lengthen the stitch length.

Lower the foot pressure.

Start with a 3mm straight stitch, increasing it if necessary. If the foot is pushing the fabric forward, lower the pressure on the foot.

Use a 90/14 stretch needle.

Since Cuddle® is a knit fabric, the best needle is 90/14 Stretch needle.

Jersey and Ballpoint needles are also good choices. Universals will often result in skipped stitches.



Use a walking foot

If your machine did not come with a walking foot, we recommend getting one. A walking foot helps both layers of Cuddle® move along more smoothly. A dual-feed system will substitute for a walking foot.



Use basting spray to keep fabric in place.

Basting spray is a convenient way to keep fabric smooth and in position for sewing strips or binding. Use parchment paper or newsprint to prevent overspray.



Always use polyester thread.

Polyester thread has increased strength and a slight stretch. Since Cuddle® is a polyester fabric with a bit of stretch, the two work together nicely. Fill your bobbin with polyester thread, too!



Wash it the right way.

All Cuddle® and Luxe Cuddle® fabrics are machine washable in cool water and a low-heat. Never, ever use fabric softeners or high heat.