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Sheila McKay and Kira McKay Greenhalgh share tips on using soft cuddly fabric and demonstrate how to make a simple baby blanket.



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so soft projects

- Inspiration is everywhere
- Creative concepts with super soft cuddle fabrics
- Tips for sewing with cuddle fabrics
- Quick and easy blanket
- Raw edge applique designs

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sheila



kira



kayla

meet the musers

Upon learning the name of our company, your first question probably was: Where in the world did you get the name McKay Manor Musers? Let us explain...

We are a mother, daughter and daughter team of creatives who run the business out of our home - which for years has been affectionately referred to as the McKay Manor – hence the first part of the name.

As for the second part, in Greek mythology the Muses were the nine daughters of Zeus and Mnemosyne, believed to embody literature, science, and the arts, thus the goddesses were credited with inspiring creativity, knowledge, and skill. A Muser is someone who inspires creativity in artisans, and an artisan is someone who is skilled at a craft. We believe that inspiration is everywhere and everyone can be an artisan. Our business may be new, but our love of everything crafty goes back for years. We hope our patterns and projects can inspire you and ignite your creative spark.

*Inspiration is Everywhere
Unleash your inner Artisan*



so soft projects using cuddle fabrics

Bathrobe

Wall Art

Photo boards

Shaggy Throws

Knapsacks

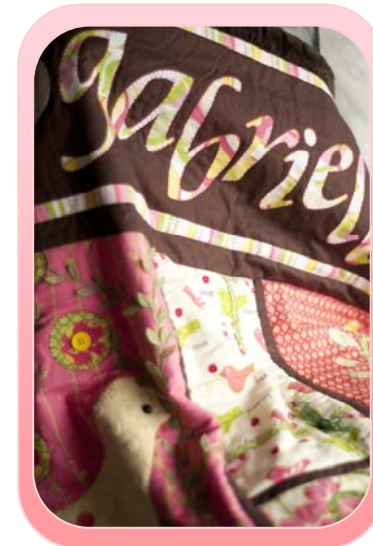
Stuffed Animals

Baby Blankets

Pillows

Rugs


Quilts



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sewing tips

- All cuddle fabrics have a ‘nap’ – make sure it is going the way you want it to go on every piece in your project BEFORE you cut it out
 - Cuddle does not fray – take advantage of that fact – lots of fun possibilities!
Keep a vacuum cleaner handy when cutting cuddle – the fur really flies. You can also spray it lightly with water after it is cut and toss it in the dryer.
 - There is typically significant stretch across the grain of the fabric and very little stretch in the straight grain of the fabric – with the exception of cuddle dimple fabric that stretches both directions. When using strips of fabric (i.e. borders), cut the fabric the desired size and then pin carefully in place to keep fabrics from stretching or shrinking.
 - Steam a Seam Lite works great when appliquéing pieces, but use a protective piece of fabric or a pressing sheet between the iron and the cuddle fabric and press ‘lightly’
 - A size 90 stretch needle and LONG stitches work best – use a walking foot if available. Use a 3/8” or 1/2” seam allowance – whichever works best to use the edge of the foot as a guide
 - Thread typically gets buried in the pile of the fabric – choose colors accordingly
 - Adhesive sprays work wonders in terms of keeping layers of fabric and batting together. Freezer paper is a great protector from overspray. Keep area ventilated.
 - Warm and Natural and Warm Bond batting from the Warm Company work great
 - When stitching around appliqués, the straight stitch, zigzag, blanket stitch and some decorative stitches work great – remember that many stitches will be buried in the pile.
 - Cuddle fabrics are very washable, but some textured fabrics can NOT go in the dryer or they will lose their textured look
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our favorite tools

- Rotary cutter – our favorite is the Olfa 45mm RTY – 2/G
- Super sharp blades – cuddle seems to dull them pretty quickly
- Set of three extra big self healing rotary mats – 35” x 70” with clips to hold them together RM-CLIPS/3 9894
- Extra long ruler 36” x 4” O’Lipfa Lip Edge Ruler Model No. 66636
- Extra long pins with large heads (to keep from getting lost in the pile)
- Traditional sewing supplies like: fabric scissors, paper scissors, pins, needles, extra sewing machine needles (90 stretch) pencil, eraser, seam ripper



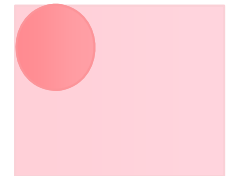
other super helpful notions

- Lite Steam-A-Seam® from the Warm Company for attaching appliques
- 505 Spray and Fix – a temporary fabric adhesive www.sprayandfix.com
- Super chunky yarn to make your own piping
- SUPERSTiK permanent glue stick from Thermo-o-Web adhesives



so simple blanket project

1. Cut two pieces of coordinating fabrics exactly the same size, common sizes include:
 - 30" x 30" 30" x 40" and 44" x 60" are common sizes for baby blankets
 - 36" x 48" 48" x 60" and 60" x 72" are common sizes for adult blankets
2. With right sides together place the two fabrics on top of each other; ensure the nap is running the same direction on each piece of fabric – pin together every 3" or so
3. To round the four corners of the blanket choose a 'round' item from your kitchen with the desired arc (cup, bowl, plate, measuring cup etc.). Using a marker draw the arc on each corner. Use a rotary cutter to cut along the arc through both layers of fabric. Pin the corners together.
4. Starting at the center of one side, stitch around the outer edge of all four sides using a ½" seam leaving a 3" to 4" opening to turn the blanket.
5. Turn the blanket right side out and stitch the opening closed with a needle and thread
6. Optional Step: Topstitch around the outer edge of the blanket





 *so soft projects using cuddle fabrics*

Capes, baby booties
and stuffed animals



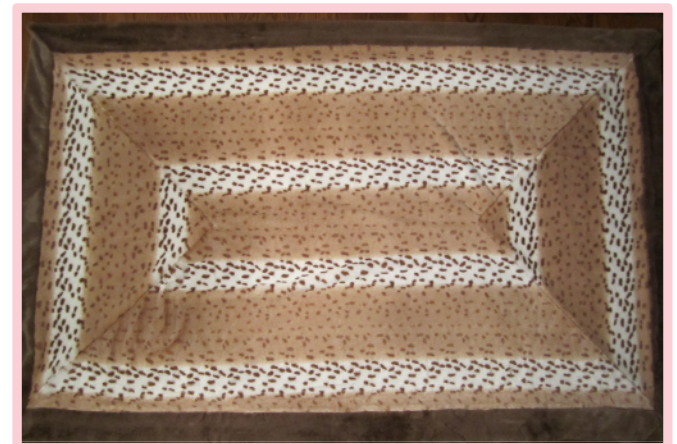
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mixing cottons and cuddle



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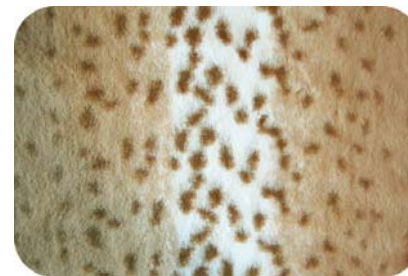
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Cuddle Dimple



Soft Cuddle Snow Leopard



Chinchilla Cuddle



Shaggy Cuddle



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Rose Cuddle



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