

Tips for Knits and Minky

These are beautiful fabrics, just require a little different approach when sewing.

General for both:

Use a "slight" zig zag stitch (maybe a 1 or .5 on the zig—ha ha)

Use a walking foot if possible

Keep your needle in the center position, and use your pressure foot as your seam guide. This will make your seam about 3/8 to 1/2 inches.

Pinning helps with each fabric, I used more pins on the knits than the minky

Since your seams will be larger, plan a wider seam when you cut, if using sashing plan at least a 3" sashing.

For Knits:

Find a pattern, or make a pattern that uses bigger pieces—the less you cut the pieces the better.

(Pattern I used was ebb tide—a post card pattern)

I sprayed my cut pieces with starch, I don't know if it made a difference, but I felt better

The edges of the knit will roll a bit after you cut, don't worry about it, just pin and use wide seam, they will straighten as you sew; they will also press out if a little out of line.

To stabilize the knit attach edges to a cotton, they work well together.

For Minky

You can sew minky to sashing like the knit, but I just sewed minky squares together.

I measured the length of the smallest piece in the salesman packet and cut all pieces to that length (regardless of width)

Lay out rows, sew blocks together and then rows

The texture and print on these fabrics will carry the design, so don't worry about a special pattern.

DON'T WORRY ABOUT QUILTING THESE TOPS, JUST TURN THEM IN!