

Connecting Threads Laminate Fabrics

We are so pleased to introduce our first-ever laminate collections. Because laminated fabric is such a unique material, and because we want your sewing experience to be great, we thought it would be helpful to share some basic information and handy tricks to help you get started.

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Picking your Project

When sewing with laminates, it's best to use simple shapes and stitching because the fabrics aren't as flexible as traditional cotton. Laminates are great for projects where durability and water resistance are important. We love it for bags, rain gear, baby bibs, electronic cases, fashion accessories, aprons and more!

Stitch Length

You want the stitch length to be a little longer than it would be if you were sewing with regular quilting cotton. We recommend a stitch length of 3.00mm or longer.

Suggested Notions and Tools

- Our Essential™ Cotton and EssentialPRO™ threads work beautifully with laminates. If you are looking for a more water resistant seam, we recommend using EssentialPRO™ polyester thread because of its water resistant nature.
- In lieu of using pins, we suggest holding your fabric pieces together with either Clover™ binding clips or double-sided Wonder Tape™. If you do use regular pins, be sure to only pin inside of your seam allowance. Remember that regular pins will leave permanent holes in your fabric.
- Size 80/12 or 90/14 universal sewing machine needles work best with laminates.

Which Sewing Machine Foot is Best for the Job?

While not necessary, we recommend using a walking foot. Other great options include a Teflon coated presser foot, or a roller presser foot. If you don't have any of those options, simply cut a piece of blue painter's tape to fit the bottom of your regular presser foot. Doing this will allow the laminates to slide easily through your machine.

Pressing

Always press your laminate fabrics on the **WRONG SIDE** with your iron set to a wool or lower setting. Make sure that the steam is turned completely off so that you do not get condensation and moisture buildup under the laminate coating. If you absolutely must iron on the right side, make sure to use a pressing cloth. **DO NOT** let the laminate coating touch your iron.

Removing Creases without an Iron

Laminate fabrics can crease somewhat easily, however, the laminate can be relaxed by gently heating it with a hair dryer and finger-pressing.

Storage and Cleaning

To avoid permanent wrinkling, **DO NOT** fold your fabric or projects while storing them. We recommend keeping laminate fabrics flat, or rolling them. To store garments, we suggest using padded hangers. Bags should be stuffed so that they retain their shape. To clean, simply wipe on the laminate side with a damp cloth.