

# Professor T.H. Read's

## ★ Lessons in Carefree Embroidery ★



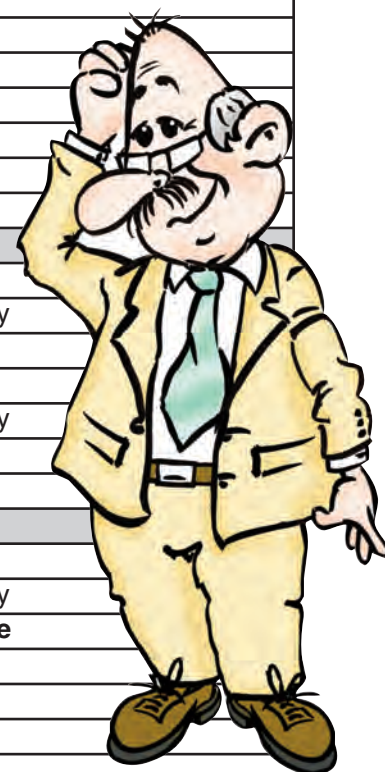
### How to Choose the Correct E-Zee Backing

Backing provides the stability—literally, the foundation -- for your embroidery. How do you choose the right one? A logical approach is to study the “feel” or the “hand” -- the tactile nature -- of the garment or item to be embroidered. Ask yourself these questions:

- Does it stretch out of shape? If it does, then it would need a substantial backing that will remain with the item.
- Is it smooth (even “slippery”)? It may require an adhesive backing.
- Is it textured? It may need a topping in addition to a permanent backing.
- Will it have “interaction” (as a golf or tennis shirt)? A soft backing with a good hand may be in order.
- Is it static, hung on a wall? A ‘bold’ backing will make it crisp and strong.
- Is it heavy? A tough and durable backing is called for.
- Is it delicate? A sheer mesh or weblon may be just enough.

### General E-Zee® Backing Tips

IF THE FABRIC TO BE EMBROIDERED IS	
<b>Stable</b>	<b>Unstable</b>
Lightweight (1.5-2.0 oz.) Cut Away or No Show	No Show
Medium (1.8-2.0 oz.) Tear Away	Medium (2.5 oz.) Cut Away
Heavy (2.5-3.0 oz.) Tear Away	Heavy (3.0 oz.) Cut Away
<b>Textured</b>	<b>Colored</b>
Stick On Adhesive for Nap	Black or Beige
Heavy (3.0 oz.) Cut Away for Pile	
<b>Sheer or Delicate</b>	<b>Worn against the skin</b>
Weblon or Poly Mesh	Medium (1.8-2.0 oz.) Tear Away
Fuse Iron-On	Heavy (2.5-3.0 oz.) Tear Away
IF LAUNDERING REQUIREMENTS ARE	
<b>Commercial wash</b>	<b>Delicate wash</b>
Medium (1.8-2.0 oz.) Tear Away	Lightweight (1.5-2.0 oz.) Cut Away
Heavy (2.5-3.0 oz.) Tear Away	Fuse Iron-On
<b>Domestic wash</b>	<b>Dry clean</b>
Lightweight (1.0-1.5 oz.) Tear Away	Lightweight (1.5-2.0 oz.) Cut Away
Medium (1.8-2.0 oz.) Tear Away	Fuse Iron-On
Heavy (2.5-3.0 oz.) Tear Away	Medium (2.0-2.5 oz.) Specialty
IF YOUR STITCH COVERAGE REQUIREMENTS ARE	
<b>Heavy</b>	<b>Light</b>
Heavy (2.5-3.0 oz.) Tear Away	Lightweight (1.5-2.0 oz.) Cut Away
<b>Appliqué use</b>	<b>Freestanding or Non-Hooped use</b>
Heat Seal	Stick On Adhesive
Crinoline	Heat Melt Away
Fuse Iron-On	Fuse Iron-On



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