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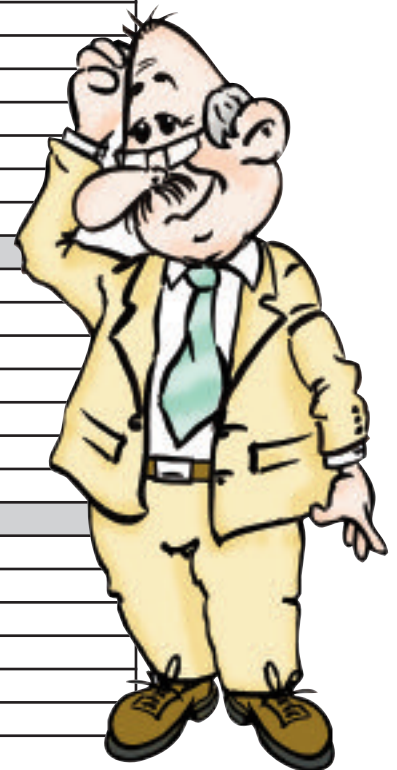
How to Choose the Correct E-Zee Backing

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	
Stable	Unstable
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
Textured	Colored
Stick On Adhesive for Nap	Black or Beige
Heavy (3.0 oz.) Cut Away for Pile	
Sheer or Delicate	Worn against the skin
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	
Commercial wash	Delicate wash
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
Domestic wash	Dry clean
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	
Heavy	Light
Heavy (2.5-3.0 oz.) Tear Away	Lightweight (1.5-2.0 oz.) Cut Away
Appliqué use	Freestanding or Non-Hooped use
Heat Seal	Stick On Adhesive
Crinoline	Heat Melt Away
Fuse Iron-On	Fuse Iron-On



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