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THE EMBROIDERY COACH

My Favorite Backing Recipes

Knit Fabric - 2 layers of No Show Mesh Cutaway backing and 1 layer of crisp 1.5 oz Tearaway backing with Topping on the top.

Fleece Fabric - 2 layers of 2 oz. Cutaway backing with Topping on the top. Sometimes you can get away with 1 layer of the 2 oz. Cutaway backing and 1 layer of the 1.5 oz Tearaway backing. You need to experiment. It all depends on the weight and the stretchiness of the fleece.

Woven Fabric - 2 layers of 1.5 oz Crisp Tearaway backing. If you need more you can slide another piece under the hoop but do not hoop it in. Sometimes you will need to fold it in half before you slide it under the hoop, especially on thin fabrics with Lycra in them.

Caps - 1 layer of Cap backing on all structured caps. All caps need backing regardless of what you have heard in the past. On an unstructured cap you may want to slide another piece into the hooping frame as you are placing it on the embroidery machine. I also use the cap backing for the embroidery on the sides and the back of the cap.

The backings or stabilizers that I recommend are sold by:

S.M. Cristall Co., Inc.

Phone number 800-800-9983

Their main office is in Buffalo, NY but they also have an office in Chicago, ILL.

Cutaway Backing: Style # 151 - No Show Mesh 8" Squares-500 pieces to a bundle
15" by 50 yard roll

Style # 720 -2oz. firm cutaway 7.5" squares - 500 pieces to a bundle
23" x 150 yard roll

Tearaway Backing: Style # 678 -1.5 oz Crisp tearaway 7.5" Squares 500 pcs to a bundle
23" x 250 yard roll

Cap Backing: Style # 830 - 4" x 7" pieces -500 pieces to a bundle
Style # 3020 - 4" x 250 yard roll

Topping: 7" x 7" squares- 500 pieces to a bundle
6" by 125 yard roll
20" x 25 yard roll
40" x 110 yard roll

These are all of the backings that you need. Keep it Simple - They will work for any of your projects.