

## Embroidery Stabilizers and Toppers Chart

Product Type	Purpose	Uses / Examples
Tear Away Stabilizer	Use on stable & sturdy fabrics that don't need permanent stabilization.	hats, bags, vinyl, leather, non-stretch denim, canvas
Sticky Tear Away Stabilizer	Use on stable & sturdy fabrics that don't need permanent stabilization.	hats, bags, vinyl, leather, non-stretch denim, canvas
Tear Away Wash Away Stabilizer	Use on stable & sturdy fabrics that don't need permanent stabilization, where stabilizer left on the back is undesirable.	towels, non-stretch denim, vinyl, leather, garden flags, canvas
Cut Away Stabilizer	Use on fabrics that need permanent stabilization.	thin fabrics, open weave fabrics (burlap, mesh), suitable for most projects
No Show Polymesh (Cut Away) Stabilizer	Use on knit fabrics that need permanent stabilization. Use on thinner fabrics that need permanent stabilization where a regular cut away stabilizer might shadow through.	knit fabrics, stretchy fabrics, open weave fabrics (burlap, mesh, lace), suitable for most projects
Water Soluble Stabilizer	Used when making Free Standing Lace (fsl). Use on stable & sturdy fabrics that don't need permanent stabilization, where stabilizer left on the back is undesirable.	towels, denim, free standing lace (FSL), vinyl, leather
Water Soluble Topper	Keeps stitches from sinking into plush, ribbed, or textured fabrics. Protects the top of fabrics that might get easily damaged (like leather). Makes it easier to cut jump stitches, as they float on top of the water soluble topper	plush fabrics (velour, faux fur, velvet), textured fabrics (towels, corduroy), thick fabrics (fleece, sweater knits), knit fabrics, leather
Embroidery Backing	Soft fusible product used on the back of embroidery to protect sensitive skin	baby clothes, necklines of shirts
Color Blocking Topper	Place under lightly filled embroidery designs. Place between dark fabrics and light colored thread to block color shadowing.	leather, vinyl, watercolor or other lightly filled embroidery designs