

Embroidery Wiki: Tested Materials & Common Problems ?

We test materials for you [📄](#), share our experiences and practical tips, and link to useful tutorials to help you get the best results from your embroidery projects.

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Material Tests ?

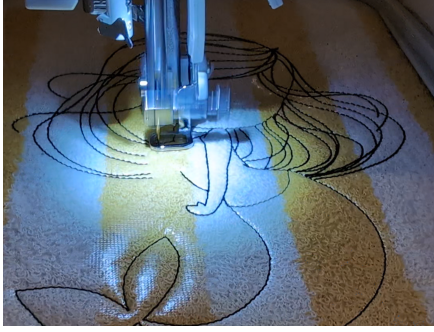


We test selected products for you and share our experiences, practical tips, and useful resources.

📖 **Beginners:** Learn which materials to use and how embroidery works at [Make Ma](#) (*no payment received; tutorials are just very well explained*): tutorials and material tests included.

Embroidery Fabrics

Fabrics we have tested and their suitability for different embroidery techniques.

Material & Description	Photo	Notes & Tips
Cotton fabrics: Versatile and easy-to-embroider fabric		A very beginner-friendly material
Muslin: Lightweight, absorbent, and breathable cotton fabric		A very beginner-friendly material
Softshell: Soft, flexible, and slightly stretchy fabric for embroidery.		For waterproof fabrics, use heat-activated seam sealing tape on the inside to keep the fabric waterproof after embroidery. <i>Hint:</i> For thin waterproof fabrics, do not tear off the stabilizer by hand after finishing the embroidery. Use scissors instead, as hand-tearing may create large holes due to the fabric's fragility.

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<p>Terry cloth (Towel fabric / Nicky): A fluffy, looped fabric with small loops.</p>		<p>Use water-soluble stabilizer underneath, and a water-soluble topping on top for a smoother embroidery finish.</p>
<p>Soft Thin Leather: Flexible, lightweight leather suitable for embroidery.</p>		<p>Use only soft, thin leather; avoid thick or stiff leather, as it is difficult to embroider and may damage our machine or needles.</p>
<p>Jersey: Soft, knitted, and stretchable fabric commonly used for T-shirts and clothing.</p>		<p>Jersey is stretchy, which makes it more difficult to embroider. Always stabilize it well using a cut-away stabilizer or fusible interfacing. This prevents the fabric from stretching or shifting during embroidery and helps avoid puckering or distorted designs.</p> <p><i>Tip:</i> For very stretchy fabrics, you can additionally use a water-soluble topping on top of the fabric for cleaner stitch results.</p>

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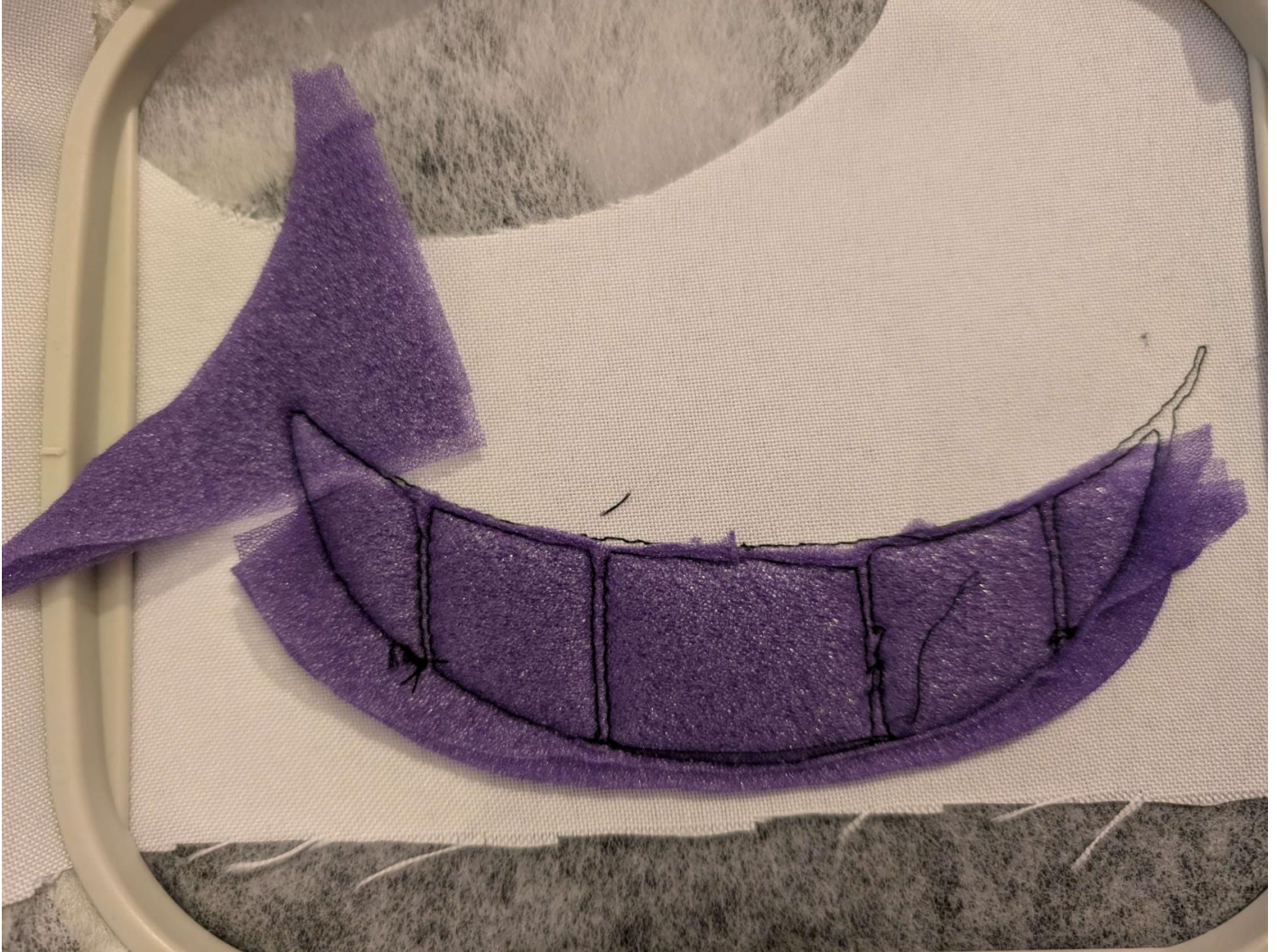
Stabilizers & Backings

Tested stabilizers for different embroidery use cases.

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Effect Materials

Special materials for embroidery effects, such as 3D foam, batting (wadding), reflective films, and other experimental materials.



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Common Problems ???

Here we collect issues that occur frequently, so you can avoid them and have a smoother embroidery experience.

- Incorrect or dull needles
- Stabilizer and fabric are not properly tensioned in the embroidery hoop
- The bobbin is not evenly wound.

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InkStitch: Tutorials and Links ?

Here you will find tutorials for creating your own embroidery files, using InkStitch, and other helpful links. Tutorials and resources will be added in the future.

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