

PRODUCT PICKS

Equip Yourself for Success

LIGHT AS A CLOUD

COVER UP ITCHY, scratchy stitches with Cloud Cover Stitch from Cotswold Industries (costswoldindustries.com). This lightweight fusible material is designed to be used in conjunction with a stabilizer when embroidering. It's ideal for use on a range of delicate fabrics such as silk, satin, lamé and chamois to give the fabric more body, while not altering its appearance or drape. It also prevents unraveling and shredding so your embroidered design holds up better to everyday wear and tear. It works for baby clothes, golf shirts or any type of women's fashion wear. It features multidirectional stretch, bonds at a moderate temperature and comes in white, black and beige.



FORGET ABOUT DYE MIGRATION

STAHL'S (asi/88984; stahls.com) has released a dye-blocking solution for heat application on sublimated and synthetic garments. AquaTru Dye-Block has a proprietary heat transfer ink formula that allows customers to decorate the most dye-saturated sublimated uniforms and garments without fear of dye migration. Fabrics used in most performance wear such as spandex and Lycra are prone to melt at high temperatures, but AquaTru helps prevent scorching, since it can be applied at temperatures as low as 280 degrees. Once applied, AquaTru is soft and lightweight, allowing for the stretch and rebound required by performance wear. It's CPSIA certified and lab certified to block dye and remain soft through 125 wash cycles.



SMOOTHER SEWING

IF YOU CAN'T STAND the heat, try Organ Cool-Sew needles from American Embroidery Supply (americanembroidery.com). These specialty needles are designed to be used any time there's a heat buildup caused by penetration of synthetic, chemically treated or dense materials. Examples include rubber, foam or synthetic goods. The needles also help to eliminate thread breaks caused by excessive friction in the needle eye. Cool-Sew needles have a nonstick surface on the needle and inside the eye. It acts as a lubricant that prevents sticking and gummy buildup. The needles come in packages of 100.



AN AUTOMATIC UPGRADE

IF YOU'VE MOVED BEYOND entry level (but aren't quite ready for the big leagues) when it comes to automatic presses, the Workhorse Cutlass SE (workhorseproducts.com) could be the perfect mid-range press for you. The Cutlass has easy-to-use pneumatic print heads and an efficient AC indexing system that Workhorse says increases press longevity and consistency. On-head print controls contain independent print/flood speed, front and rear screen clamps, table up/down, print and index functions. The press is compatible with both the Flashback and Plug N Go flash-cure units, and it's available in six-color/eight-station or eight-color/10-station configurations.



A CONSISTENT CURE

RYONET (asi/528500; screenprinting.com) has the cure for screen-printing needs. The Vesta forced air conveyor dryer combines BBC proprietary heating elements and a fresh air heat exchanger that provides a consistent cure with even edge-to-edge definition. The dryer features digital heat control with two zones (flash and heat maintenance) for greater flexibility and digital speed control for real-time monitoring of chamber heat. The Vesta has a 6-foot-long chamber with 5 feet of heat and is designed to maximize a garment's time under the heat without susceptibility to temperature swings.

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