

# The # 1 FAQ – What Stabilizer Do I Use? – Answered

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When I asked Patti Lee, *Vice President of Consumer Relations for Sulky of America*, what is the number one question that people ask you; without hesitation, she said, “What stabilizer do I use?” Every day, all day it seems, Patti is answering this question.

As a result, we created the new...[Sulky Stabilizer Selector Tool!](#)

**"Stabilizer Selection Tool"** **New**

- 1 Select a Technique** Computerized Embroidery Medium Density
- 2 Select a Fabric** Cotton Knit - Med.
- 3 Suggested Stabilizers**

Note: if two results show for backing you need both for your selected technique.

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What stabilizer do I use seems like a pretty straightforward question, but the truth is, it's an incredibly complicated one! The answer depends on what type of fabric you are stitching on and the technique you are using (Applique, Hand Embroidery, Monogramming). Depending on the type of fabric and

the technique you are using, the [Stabilizer Selector Tool](#) on our website could give you any one of **2,278** different answers! Crazy right?



This tool took our team of experts here at Sulky over a year to put together. We wanted to be sure that you are getting the best information possible so you have great results. Our motto is **“Create with Confidence”**, after all.

Here is how the [Stabilizer Selector Tool](#) works:

First, pick a technique. There are 34 techniques to choose from. You can choose anything from Applique to Sashiko; and Monogramming to Thread Sketching.

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**1 Select a Technique**

**2 Select a Fabric**

**3 Suggested Stabilizer**

Choose a Technique

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- Applique
- Applique 3-D
- Battenburg Lace
- Buttonholes
- Charted Needlework
- Computerized Embroidery Applique
- Computerized Embroidery Heavy Density
- Computerized Embroidery Light Density
- Computerized Embroidery Medium Density
- Computerized Embroidery Quilting
- Computerized Embroidery Radwork
- Couching Yarns
- Crazy Patchwork
- Crochet Edging by Hand
- Cutwork
- Decorative Machine Stitching
- Fabric Print Embellishment
- Fagoting

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Next, pick your fabric. There are 69 to choose from (did you even know there were that many types of fabric? Me either!). These experts thought of it all. You can choose anything from Cashmere to Cotton, to Lightweight Knit and Hats!

**1 Select a Technique** Computerized Embroidery Medium Den

**2 Select a Fabric**

- Choose a Fabric
- Cotton Damask
- Cotton Knit - Heavy
- Cotton Knit - Light
- Cotton Knit - Med.
- Cotton Pique
- Cotton Shirting
- Crinkle Cotton
- Denim - Heavy
- Denim - Light
- Denim - Medium
- Faux Leather
- Faux Suede
- Felt
- Gaberdine
- Golf Shirt - Heavyweight Knit
- Golf Shirt - Lightweight Knit
- Golf Shirt-InterlockKnit
- Hats
- Hemp cloth
- Lace

**3 Suggested Stabilizer**

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Once you have your combination set, the suggested stabilizer (or stabilizers, as is often the case) pops up. They are listed by which ones should be a backing stabilizer, what should be a topping, and how many layers of each you will need.

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Suggested Stabilizers	Number of Layers
 Soft n' Sheer Stabilizer <small>(the available sizes &amp; uses)</small>	1
 Super Sticky <small>(the available sizes &amp; uses)</small>	1
 Tear-Away <small>(the available sizes &amp; uses)</small>	2

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**Note:** I wish I could tell you that using the stabilizer selector and following the suggestions gave you a 100 percent guarantee of perfect results every single time. However, these are the absolute best suggestions that our experts can possibly give you with the limited information that is being asked; but let's face it, there are other factors in machine embroidery that are also important for success. For example, all fabrics are not manufactured the same – there are different weights and quality. When is the last time you changed your needle? What kind of thread are you using? Are you hooping properly? Are you spending enough time with your embroidery machine, or is she getting jealous of the other machines in your sewing room, so she is forced to mess up while you aren't looking, so you will only pay attention to her? (Please tell me my machine isn't the only one that does

this!)

In other words, here is the fine print: *Though these results are based on the suggestions of our Experts, there are numerous possibilities that can be used for nearly all techniques/fabric combinations. We are confident you will experience great results with our suggestion, so go ahead and Select With Confidence!*

The bottom line: If you use the [Stabilizer Selector Tool](#) and follow the suggestions, we are confident you will like what you see and it is certainly a great place to start, especially if you are doing a brand new sewing technique or sewing on a fabric that you have never used before. However, we always suggest that you test before you sew :).

If you want something for your actual sewing reference library on these recommendations, we have some dandies in recipe-format with pretty pictures to inspire you in [this book](#). It's a great reference and would make a great gift, too.

Happy Sewing!