

# Fabric Types by Application Method and Cutting Tips

*Note- Other fabrics may also work, these are the ones we tested. In general the tighter the weave the better the cut.*

*Always test fabric first to see if it can be ironed.*

## **Adhesive Backing plus Freezer paper**

**Adhesive tested was Therm O Web's Heat N Bond Ultra Hold and Heat N Bond Lite. The list of products shown in the tutorial is by no means exhaustive. There are other adhesive bonding materials on the market. Some work well, others do not. Always test the product first and follow the manufacturer's instructions carefully.**

**Cut on a regular Inspiration Adhesive Mat.**

\*Sheer Cottons- Adhesive may show when ironed so be sure to test first

\*Taffeta- test first

\*Organza- test first

\* Sheer Ribbons- test first

\*Medium weight Cottons- test lighter colors

\*Dotted Swiss- test lighter colors

\*Mulberry papers- test lighter colors

\*Felt

\*Velveteen Plush

## **Tips:**

Always follow the instructions for the adhesive carefully. Too much heat or too long of ironing time will result in a failure to bond to the fabric.

Always iron on the freezer paper first to prevent over heating the adhesive. Cut the Freezer paper 1 inch larger than fabric all around.

Cut the adhesive slightly smaller than the fabric. Protect your iron by covering with a sheet of printer paper.

Place the prepared fabric on regular mat with the freezer paper side up. The 1 inch margins will help hold the fabric to the mat.

The adhesive may show through lighter weight fabric and light colors so ALWAYS test first.

If possible, prepare only as much fabric as you need for your project. If you have extra fabric left over, try to keep the freezer paper and paper backing on the fabric. If it comes off, do not iron on more freezer paper! Instead sandwich the fabric between two pieces of Pazzles Wall Vinyl Transfer Tape and cut with a blade length of 3.5

These adhesives are acid free and cut pieces can be ironed on paper for card making and scrapbooking. Use caution when ironing to prevent scorching the paper.

### **No Adhesive- freezer paper sandwich**

**Cut on regular Inspiration Adhesive Mat.**

\*Sheer Cottons- frays a bit

\*Taffeta- frays

\*Organza- frays

\* Sheer Ribbons- most do not fray

\*Medium Weight Cottons- frays

\*Mulberry papers

**Tip:** Fabrics cut without adhesive backing will inevitably fray a bit. A sharp blade will help minimize fraying. Using a product such as Cutter Glide (available from Pazzles) will also make cutting easier and extend the life of the blade.

If you have a fabric that you are afraid to iron, try sandwiching it between two pieces of Pazzles Wall Vinyl Transfer Tape.

### **Stiffened Fabric:**

**Cut on regular Inspiration Adhesive Mat or Red (Super Sticky) Mat. Stiffened felt should be cut on the Red Mat.**

Works with any washable fabric. Also works with felt. Test before using non-washable materials.

**Tip:** Stiffened fabric can be shaped after cutting. Dampen the piece with warm water and shape over a rounded surface such as a jar. Let dry.

### Using a Xyron Adhesive applicator:

*Use your Xyron or other adhesive applicator machine to add adhesive to the back of fabrics. Iron two layers of freezer paper to the front or printed side of the fabric. Then run through your applicator to add adhesive to the back side of the fabric. Remove clear plastic but leave on the white backing. Cut freezer paper side down on a regular Inspiration Mat. (Don't forget to mirror objects if needed because you will be cutting on the back side of the fabric.) It is easier to remove the backing from the adhesive if you leave the freezer paper on until after you have peeled off the backing paper.*

### When to use the Red (Super Sticky) mat:

*The Red mat should be used to hold materials that will not stay adhered to the regular Inspiration mat. These include pre-stiffened fabrics and stiffened felt. It can also be used to cut paper or fabric that has been run through a Xyron Adhesive Applicator. Place the shiny backing on the mat. The Red mat may make it possible to cut other media that does not stick to a regular mat but always test a small piece first and use caution because the bond to the mat could be permanent. **This mat is extremely sticky- always keep covered when not using!***