

## SEWING ROOM BASICS

### STABILIZER MUST HAVE...

#### **CUT AWAY MESH (NON-ADHESIVE)**

OESD Poly Mesh Cutaway:

- Use for knits - lower density designs – eliminates see through
- Provides invisible yet long term support
- Use temporary or fusible spray adhesive to secure a cutaway mesh to hoopless projects or to the backs of fabrics that tend to shift while embroidering

**TIP:** Trim stabilizer ¼" from design to keep from puckering

#### **BASIC TEARAWAY:**

OESD Ultra Clean and Tear:

- Ideal for woven fabrics – low density designs and small motifs
- Can use several layers for extra stability but remember to remove each layer separately to minimize stress to stitches

**TIP:** Place finger on edge of design to alleviate stress on stitches when tearing stabilizer away

#### **NON-WOVEN WASH AWAY**

OESD Aqua Mesh:

- Great for almost any project where you don't want stabilizer showing on completed project and where fabrics can support stitches on its own.
- Traditionally used as a backing but can also be used as a topping.
- Can use light mist of adhesive spray to secure, if necessary.
- Supports large stitch count designs.

**TIP:** Cutaway excess prior to dissolving. Can use lightweight multiple sheets between 2 sheets of brown bag – iron with dry iron to join for heavier weight.

### **ADHESIVE NON-WOVEN WASH AWAY**

OESD Aqua Mesh Plus

- Use when you need a strong adhesive hoopless project but when you don't want stabilizer left behind.
- Great for avoiding "hoop burn" (rings that remain on fabric)
- Also ideal for items too small or irregularly shaped

**TIP:** Hoop stabilizer and score to adhere fabric to stabilizer.