

# Gold Standard Fabric Diagram

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Animal pelt print

Pet paws

Gold Standard - Best

Glitter  
Metallic  
Selective Usage

Food  
Area Specific Usage

Not Fit for Purpose Don't Use

Flags  
Holiday  
Words

Solid, dark fabrics can be bleached by fluids (reverse stain)

## Gold Standard Fabric Content: (no bed sheets or used fabric)

**Drawstring Bags:** quality, durable, 100% cotton or cotton/poly blend

**Liners:** quality, 100% cotton, double-brushed flannel (flannelette)

**Shields:** quality, durable, 100% cotton (quilter's cotton); 1 (or 2) mil PUL or other DfGI approved moisture barrier

**Carry Pouches:** 1 or 2 mil PUL or other DfGI approved moisture barrier; optional woven layer 100% cotton or cotton/poly blend

**Fabric Prints:** choose fun, attractive, vibrant prints and colors whenever possible

### Gold Standard - Best

**Stain-hiding:** bright, colorful, busy

**Culturally neutral, globally accepted:**

- botanicals (including fruits and vegetables), geometrics, batiks
- butterflies & ladybugs (no faces or eyes)
- uplifting words (love, friendship, beautiful, etc.)

**Able to pass the “yard test” and the “gift test:”** Is the fabric stain-hiding enough to hang in your front yard? Would you proudly give it as a gift?

### Selective Usage

**Less stain-hiding fabrics:** limit use to the backs of Shields, Drawstring Bags or optional woven layer for Carry Pouches

**Culturally specific images:** (pop culture, holidays, celebrities): use best judgement

**Solid fabrics:** pair with prints when possible

### Area specific - Don't Use

**Muslim populations:**

- images, silhouettes or skulls of people, animals, fish or birds; *butterflies and ladybugs are okay*
- faces or eyes on inanimate objects (trains, clouds, etc.)

**Thailand:**

- depictions of food, dishes or eating implements

### Not Fit for Purpose - Don't Use

**Non-stain-hiding:** extra light colors, bland, solid white, solid yellow

**Camouflage:** military or hunting, any color

**Weapons:** including arrows that look like a weapon

**National icons:** flags, landmarks, place names

**Religious or cultural symbols:** cross, star of David, dreamcatcher, peace sign, solid yellow (sacred to Buddhists)

**Snakes or insects:** *butterflies and ladybugs are okay*

**Offensive content:** words or images that objectify women, makeup, glam