T-SHIRT DECORATION STYLE CHEAT SHEET

DIRECT-TO-FILM (DTF)

Full-color prints are printed on film, then transferred to the garment using heat and adhesive powder.

SCREEN-PRINTING

Ink is pushed through mesh stencils (screens) to apply the design directly to the fabric.

SIMULATED STITCH

Printed design mimics the look of embroidery stitching without actual thread.

DYE SUBLIMATION PATCHES

High-res images are dyed into polyester patches, which are then heat-pressed or stitched onto garments.

HEAT TRANSFER

Designs are printed onto transfer paper and applied to garments with heat and pressure.

CHENILLE LETTERING PATCHES

Fuzzy yarn-based patches with raised texture are applied via heat or embroidery.

EMBROIDERY

Thread is stitched directly into the garment to form the design.

PUFF EMBROIDERY

Foam placed under the stitching creates a raised, 3-D effect.

LASER-ETCHED LEATHER

A laser burns your design into a leather patch, which is then sewn onto the garment.

DEBOSSED LEATHER

A design is pressed into leather using pressure, creating a sunken impression.