

# Dress & **Quilting Fabric** Packaging Guide **March 2021**

# 1. Bolt/ROT Fabric Requirements for Dress Apparel & Quilting Fabrics

- Fabric that is purchased on cardboard bolts must be neatly folded onto the bolts face out.
- All bolts must meet the "Standard Put Up" as specified on the buyers work sheet, or be marked as a Non Standard Put Up (Non Standard Put Up requirements are detailed below)
- All bolts must be wrapped in plastic (poly bagged/wrapped) which is between 33-35 micron High Density Polyethylene (HDPE). The outside plastic wrapping must be secured and sealed at both ends to protect while in transit. Board end labels for Double Blocked Fabric, and ROT rolls must be clearly legible within the poly bag. A manufacturers label must be also visible on the bolt or tube as shown below. A separate Article Number sticker must also be adhered to the cardboard tube and on the reverse side of a Double Blocked Fabric Bolt from that which houses the "Care Label Sticker".







- Bolt fabric must not have seams, staples, metal or plastic clips, pins, glue or tape
- Bolt fabric must be tightly rolled on a bolt to reduce supply chain errors and to ensure proper presentation at the Store.

### 2. Cardboard Bolt Specifications—Double Blocked Fabric

- Boards must be made of cardboard that meets an Edge Crush Test of at least .40 ECT
- The board facing which houses the "Care Label Sticker" on one side and the Article Number Sticker on the other side must be a minimum of 2.54 cm (1") in height and 19cm wide for quilting (7.5")(American Craft Prints) and 20cm (7.9") wide for Dress & Apparel Fabrics.

Fabric Width	Board Length	Acceptable Core Weight Range (Board Only)
less than 102 cm (40")	Consult Buyer	Consult Buyer
102 cm - 116 cm (40" - 46")	58.5 cm board (23")	180 grams - 227 grams (.40lb50 lb)
117 cm - 131 cm (46.1" - 52")	66 cm board (26")	227 grams - 272 grams (.50lb60lb)
132 cm -142 cm (52.1" - 56")	71 cm board (28")	227 grams - 272 grams (.50lb60lb)
Fleece & Polar Fleece	73.5 cm board (29")	236 grams - 281 grams (.52lb62lb)
142.5 cm - 158 cm	79 cm board (31")	250 grams - 295 grams (.55lb65lb)
Greater than 158 cm	Consult Buyer	Consult Buyer

# 2. Cardboard Bolt Specifications—Double Blocked Fabric (Continued)

- Some heavier weight fabrics may require a "box" style board. This requirement will be identified by your Buyer.
- ALL Boards for a particular fabric range (regardless of colour) and for subsequent and repeat orders must contain a consistent board length and weight. For example if the initial order contains a 58.5 cm board with a board weight of 190 grams all subsequent articles for the same range must be on a 58.5 cm board with a board weight of 190 grams.
- Exact correct information in terms of "core weight" must be supplied to the Buyer on article registration sheet to enable orders to be raised. Deviation from the value provided can not be accepted.

# 3. Cardboard Tube Specifications—ROT Fabric

- Inside Tube diameter must be at least 4 cm (1.6")
- Tube length must not exceed 165 cm in total
- Tube length must be a minimum of 2.5cm (1") longer than the fabric edge to enable the "care label swing ticket" to be attached and the "article number sticker" to be adhered and visible at the bolt end.
- Tubes must be made of cardboard containing a .32 cm wall (.125")
- ALL Tubes for a particular fabric range (regardless of colour) and for subsequent and repeat orders must
  contain a consistent board length and weight. For example, if the initial order contains a 145 cm tube with a
  tube weight of 454 grams all subsequent articles for the same range must be on a 145 cm tube with a tube
  weight of 454 grams.
- Exact correct information in terms of "core weight" must be supplied to the Buyer on article registration sheet to enable orders to be raised. Deviation from the value provided cannot be accepted.

## 4. Non-Standard Double Blocked Bolt/ROT Specifications

- If the number of metres on the bolt or tube is not equal to the number of metres printed on the care label swing ticket or bolt end sticker, it is your responsibility to cross out the standard metreage and to write over the metreage with the correct fabric length and use a yellow highlighter to distinguish the variance. The metreage must be accurate and to the nearest even 1 decimal point. For example, if the fabric measured 8.78 metres the correct metreage should be quoted as 8.8 metres. If the fabric measured 8.74 metres the correct metreage should be quoted as 8.7 metres.
- The total number of non-standard and split bolts must not exceed 10% of total bolts shipped per article per PO.
- The total number of non-standard ROT rolls must not exceed 10% of total rolls shipped per article per PO.
- The non-standard Bolt or Roll on Tube Length must be within 90 and 110% of the standard put up. For example, if the standard put up is 10 metres, then the Non Standard Bolts or ROT must be between 9 metres and 11 metres in length.

#### **Example 1 Under shipped PO**

A purchase order is received for 1,500 metres. On the Buyers Worksheet sent through the Bolt/Roll length is to be 10 metres, which is 150 bolts/rolls. Based on the provisions noted above (and a total order tolerance of 5%) as a worst-case scenario you could ship 135 bolts/rolls measured in 10 metre lengths, and 8 bolts/rolls of 9.4 metres as a revised PO Qty of 1,425 metres

#### Example 2 (Put Up Value not divisible into original manufactured roll length)

A purchase order is received for 1,500 metres. On the Buyers Worksheet sent through the Bolt/Roll length is to be 10 metres, which is 150 Bolts/Rolls. Based on the provisions noted above and the variances associated with the original fabric roll not being an even divisible of the put up. You could ship 135 Bolts/Rolls that are cut to 10 metre lengths and 13 rolls at 9 metre lengths and 3 rolls at 11 metre lengths. Total metreage supplied would still be 1,500

metres however a total of 151 Bolts/Rolls would be supplied instead of the quantity noted on the Buyers Purchase Order Worksheet of 150 Bolts/Rolls

#### Example 3 (Over Shipped PO)

A purchase order is received for 1,500 metres. On the Buyers Worksheet sent through the Bolt/Roll length is to be 10 metres, which is 150 bolts/rolls. Based on the provisions noted above (and a total order tolerance of 5%) as a worst case scenario you could ship 135 bolts/rolls measured in 10 metre lengths, and 18 Bolts/Rolls of 11 metres and 3 Bolts/Rolls of 9 metres of as a revised PO Qty of 1,575 metres and 156 Bolts/Rolls instead of the original quantity noted on the Buyers Work Sheet of 150 Bolts

• All Non-Standard Bolts or ROT Tubes must be shipped in Separate Cartons or on a Separate Pallet or Separated on the Pallet with a slip sheet.





• Any variances to the total purchase qty beyond the accepted tolerance must be negotiated and agreed with the Buyer prior to shipment.

# 5. Roll Identification—Article Number EAN Stickers and Care Label Swing Ticket or Sticker

# As per current Vendor Compliance Manual Except Please note the following Clarification:

Sew Centre Dress and Quilting Fabrics require a colour coded Care Label to appear on the end of Each Fabric Block or as a Care Label Swing Ticket for ROT product, a sticker on a PVC Card, or as a Sticker adhered to the Cardboard Bolt for Double Blocked Fabric.

A coloured square appears on the Care Label to help with instore replenishment and correct adjacencies.

Please refer to the Fabric Identification Label Style guide found in our Trade Partner information site https://www.spotlightstores.com/about-spotlight/trade-partner-information



#### Colour

PMS colours should be used wherever possible.



#### 55mm x 95mm



