



## Apparel Glossary

**Anti-Pill:** A treatment applied to garments primarily to resist the formation of little balls on the fabric's surface due to abrasion during wear.

**Blanks:** undecorated items or apparel ready for printing or decoration

**Brushed Cotton:** Cotton fabric that is brushed to remove all the excess lint and fibers from the fabric, leaving an ultra soft, smooth finish.

**Chambray:** A dressier fabric woven with white threads across colored threads. A plain weave fabric, usually of cotton or rayon, or a blend of these

**Combed Cotton:** A cotton yarn that has been combed to remove short fibers and straighten or arrange longer fibers in parallel order resulting in a smooth yarn used in finer garments.

**Enzyme Washed:** A laundering process in which a catalytic substance is added to create a chemical change in the fabric resulting in a very soft finish, smoother appearing surface and reduced shrinkage.

**Garment Washed:** A wash process where softeners are added to finished garments to help the cotton fibers relax or bloom. The result is a fabric with a thicker appearance, reduced shrinkage and a softer hand.

**Garment Dyed:** A dyeing process that occurs after the garment is assembled.

**High Profile:** A cap style with a high slope structured with buckram—a stiff fabric lining. Less fitted to the head.

**Low Profile:** A cap style with a low slope that is more closely fitted to the head. Can be either structured or unstructured.

**Micro Fleece:** A high density, anti-pilling fleece made of knit micro-fibers that are brushed less than a regular fleece garment. It has a high capacity for warmth without the weight.

**Oxford:** A type of fabric where the fibers are either cotton or blended man-made fibers.

**Pique Knit:** A knitting method that creates a fine textured surface that appears similar to a birdsnest or waffle weave.

**Poplin:** A tightly woven, durable, medium weight cotton or cotton blend fabric made using a rib variation of the plain weave which creates a slight ridge effect.

**Raglan Sleeves:** Sleeves set with a diagonal seam from the neck to the armpit.

**Structured:** A cap style with a lined front consisting of buckram, a stiff fabric, that controls the slope of the cap.

**Unstructured:** A low profile cap style with a natural low sloping crown. No buckram has been added to the crown.

**Yarn Dyed:** Yarn that has been dyed prior to the weaving or knitting of the garment.