## Check List For Sewing Out Embroidery Design!

Here is a checklist that you need to pull out each time you do a sew out to make sure you are using the right tools and supplies and processes to get the best results!

## **Preparing For The Sew Out**

- What type of garment is the design going to be sewn on?
- What is the fabric?
- What type of backing is required for the fabric?
- What backing and how many layers are you using?
- If this is a knit, are you using a topping?
- Are you using the same type of fabric that the finished design will be sewn on?
- Is the garment hooped tight enough? Does it sound like a drum when you tap on it after it is hooped?
- If it is a cap, do you have it hooped tight enough? Are you using the clips that go on the side of the cap?
- What needle are you using?
- Are you using the right sized hoop?
- What is your machine speed?

## Finished Sew Out

- Do you see any needle holes in the fabric when you hold it up to the light?
- Are there any loops in the design?
- Does the lettering look crisp and clean? Is it sewing out even? If not, what is happening?

- Does the design look like it is sitting on top of the fabric, not sinking in?
- Do you see lumps at the end of the letters?
- Is any part of the embroidery distorted?
- Do you have sharp detail in designs such as detail around fill or satin areas?
- Is any fabric color showing behind your embroidery?
- Do you see any bobbin thread showing on top of the embroidery?
- Do you see any puckering of the embroidery?
- Do you see any gaps between borders and fill areas?
- Is any underlay hanging out around any letter or segment?

**Notes:** Write down any changes that you see that need to be made. Edit the design to make it more production friendly or send it back to the digitizer with you notes of what needs to be changed. If you are having issues in a certain area, try to figure out about which stitch number it is in that area.

Preventing issues in embroidery production can be done and much of it is in the planning of all of your embroidery production runs and paying close attention to all of the details in the embroidery design sew outs. This is going to help you create more profit in your bottom line!