

# decorating *solutions*

tips & tricks to increase your productivity

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### Wipe Up With 60% Savings



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You'll get more for your money when you clean up shop messes from screens to counters with Wonder Wipes. Made of quality wet-laid, nonwoven material, Wonder Wipes are stronger and more absorbent than more expensive paper towels. "The average person uses three to five paper towels in a handful to clean a screen," says David Chistov, director of operations at New York, NY-based Cotswold Industries. With Wonder Wipes, you'll use a single 8" x 8" sheet, paying approximately \$2.25 per 100. Cost to clean up is reduced by as much as 60%, according to Chistov. Super-soft (so as to not scratch equipment) and lint-free (important when cleaning screens), these disposable shop towels protect your investments.

### 40% Productivity Surge

The patented time-saving features on the new Heat Press Caddie by Stahls' Hottronix (*asi/88984*) can increase your productivity by up to 40%. Use it to turn any Hottronix Auto Open or Maxx Clam into a threadable heat press, which means you can easily load a garment onto the press and decorate the front, back or sides without having to remove it from the platen. Even drop seams, zipper fronts and button areas off the press, reducing a need for pads or pillows.



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## QUICK TIPS



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➔ **Choose Eco-Stick "Sticky" Stabilizer for hoopless or clamp embroidery.** The lightweight 2-ounce tearaway/washaway adhesive is designed for situations where it's impossible to put the item in a hoop or the fabric is very delicate.



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➔ **Digitize a crisp corner without bulky stitches.** Pulse offers a Custom Cornering Tool in version 14 of its Tajima DG/ML program to make this task easier. For more information, visit [www.hic.us](http://www.hic.us).



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➔ **Elevate your print area for perfect heat press on garments with zippers, collars or buttons.** Print Perfect Pads from Stahls' ID Direct (*asi/88984*) provide a solid surface, allowing for even pressure to be applied. View a how-to video at [www.stahls.com/print-perfect-pads-for-heat-printing](http://www.stahls.com/print-perfect-pads-for-heat-printing).

## Product Pick

Reduce stencil-making time (coating, drying and exposure) using Ulano Orange Emulsion from Graphic Solutions Group (GSG). Brandon Granberry, vice president of marketing at the Dallas-based GSG, explains the benefits: "It has a high viscosity, which improves control when coating screens by hand and is a good choice for coarse mesh. Its high solids content provides excellent mesh bridging; it has good edge definition; and it is fast-drying. The high-contrast orange color reduces issues with halation and light scattering, thereby improving resolution and making it easier to inspect the stencil."



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