



Custom Apparel Garment Comparison Guide

Compare practical garment and fabric options before choosing shirts, sweatshirts, hoodies, or uniform layers.

Start with how the garment will be used

There is no single best blank garment for every project. The right choice depends on the wearer, work or activity, climate, wash frequency, layering, size range, artwork, budget, and whether the item is a uniform, giveaway, fundraiser product, or retail-style piece.

Who will wear it?	
Where will it be worn?	
How often will it be washed?	
Warmth / layering needs	
Required size range	

Garment and fabric comparison

Garment / fabric	Common strengths	Questions to consider
Cotton t-shirt	Familiar feel; versatile everyday option; broad style selection.	Will it be worn for work, retail, events, or casual use? Is softness or durability the priority?
Polyester / performance shirt	Moisture-management options; useful for active or warm conditions.	Will the wearer be active? Does the fabric or colour require a specific decoration method?
Cotton-poly blend	Balances softness, durability, and reduced heaviness in many styles.	What blend ratio and garment weight suit the intended use?
Long-sleeve t-shirt	More arm coverage without the bulk of a sweatshirt.	Is it a standalone shirt, seasonal layer, or uniform piece?
Crewneck sweatshirt	Simple warm layer; clear front and back decoration areas.	Does the group need a lightweight or heavier option? Will it be layered over a shirt?
Pullover hoodie	Warm casual layer; popular for teams, schools, staff, and merchandise.	Will the front pocket or hood affect placement? Are extended sizes available in the selected colour?
Zip hoodie	Flexible layer; easier to put on and remove.	Should artwork avoid the zipper? Would left-chest or back decoration work better than a full front?

Fit and sizing questions

- ☐ Do you need youth, adult, and extended sizes in one coordinated product family?
- ☐ Has every person used the chart for the exact selected garment?
- ☐ Will the garment be worn fitted, relaxed, or layered over other clothing?
- ☐ Are sample garments or try-on sizes needed before the order closes?

Decoration questions

- ☐ Does the artwork include fine detail, gradients, many colours, names, or numbers?
- ☐ Will the decoration appear on the left chest, full front, back, or sleeve?
- ☐ Do pockets, seams, zippers, hoods, or panels affect the desired location?
- ☐ Does the garment colour provide enough contrast with the artwork?

Shortlist

Option	Style / product	Colour	Size range	Why it may fit
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Important

This guide supports early planning. The exact garment, colour, size availability, decoration method, pricing, and timing must be confirmed for the actual order.