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**Premier Dandelion Steel**

ID #: emdandelionsteel

Content: 100% Cotton

Width: 48/50"

Machine wash cold; Use non-chlorine bleach as needed; Hang to dry.



**Premier Blooms Aruba**

ID #: embloomsaruba

Content: 100% Cotton

Width: 48/50"

Machine wash cold; Use non-chlorine bleach as needed; Hang to dry.

Fabric Tip Sheet for **Embrace®** Double Gauze cotton by **Shannon Fabrics**

**Embrace®** cotton print #1 is [Premier Dandelion Steel Embrace®](#), cotton print #2 is [Premier Blooms Aruba](#).

**Here are some tips for sewing with this fabric:**

- ✂ Needle for Sewing- A universal point needle size 10-12 or a sharp point like a Microtex 10-12.
- ✂ Thread for Sewing- Good quality all-purpose polyester sewing thread, or cotton thread in a standard weight. **Note:** The most important factor with cotton thread is age. Cotton is affected by time and moisture. If your cotton thread snaps easily it's time to toss it out and buy new thread.
- ✂ Care Instructions for yardage: Machine wash cold and dry by hanging it up or drying in a cool dryer for a short period of time. Don't iron your fabric piece unless you plan to iron it flat each and every time. For a garment this would diminish the look of the fabric as it's intended to be textured with a certain amount of puckering. Hang finished garment to dry.
- ✂ Due to the pre-puckered texture of this fabric it will shrink slightly. In my experience it a good idea to purchase an additional ¼ yard for each yard required for your pattern.

- ✂ Choose a loose-fitting garment with minimal vertical seams for best results.
- ✂ Smooth fabric lightly when pinning pattern, taking care that you don't flatten out the crinkled nature of the fabric.
- ✂ Sew seams using a standard presser foot or a closed toe even feed foot, using a stitch length of 2.5.
- ✂ Press seams using a light touch with steam.
- ✂ The best finish for seam allowances and raw edge of hems is a serger stitch. The two best options are as follows:
  - A three thread wide overlock.
  - A two-thread overcasting stitch.
  - If a serger is unavailable, consider binding each seam with lightweight fabric or use [Dritz® Seams Great Tape](#). With the tape you can wrap and cover the raw edges and then use a zig zag stitch to enclose the seams.

Finish hem edges before you apply lace or trim. For the kimono tops featuring lace trim I used the following technique:



Finish raw edge and press hem allowance up, pressing toward the right side of the garment.



Pin lace over the hem, covering it completely. Use a multi-step zigzag stitch to attach lace to garment.