

# **Adult Knit Minimum Construction Standards**

## **NOTE**

All construction standards will be followed except when specified otherwise

Must use Bon-Ton approved suppliers

Vendor must meet all applicable Bon-Ton Store, Inc. lab testing performance standards and applicable laws and regulations, both Federal and State.

## **Fabric / Cutting**

All parts of finished garments must be compatible with prescribed care instructions

Combined fabrications must have compatible shrinkage

Fabric should be relaxed a minimum of 24 hours after spreading

Garment pieces cut in same direction within a garment

Directional fabrics and one way prints – all garments pieces cut in same direction within a style

Stripes and plaids must be pinned or blocked

No fronts or back cut on fold.

Stripes and plaids must match at Center Front, Center Back and side seams unless specified otherwise by Bon-Ton Private Brand

Sleeves and cuffs must be paired

Collar must be balanced

No print repairs on roller prints

No drill or punch holes

No fabric mends

No fabric glue

## **Sewing**

Only ball point needles should be used

3/16" minimum seam allowance unless specified otherwise in specific areas of the garment

Internal seams 10 -12 stitches per inch

Top-stitching 8 - 10 stitches per inch for heavy weight fabrics

Top-stitching 10 - 12 stitches per inch for medium and light weight fabrics

Stitching must be secure at start and stop

Stitching on a seam must be continuous

Buttons must be attached with lockstitch machine

Thread shank is required for all buttons that do not have a built in shank

Attach 4-hole buttons with cross-stitched – "X"

Logo buttons are to be all sewn in the same direction

Heavy fabric and outerwear should have a secure button except when specified otherwise.

Shoulder seams reinforced with tape as specified

Sleeve cuffs, necks and banded bottoms must be circular set unless they are flat knit

Bound neck closes at left shoulder 1" towards the back on figure except when specified otherwise.

Bound armhole closes at side seam

Underarm seam allowance must be tacked at sleeve hem on seam allowance over 3/16"

Pocket bags are to be clean finished with French seams except when specified otherwise.

All pocket corners must be reinforced

Pocket hems must be clean finished, except when specified otherwise

Patch pocket must have mitered seam allowance

Tunnel elastic must be secured

Full drawstring must be secured at Center Back

Hems must lay flat, no roping or puckering

Circular bottom hems (except vented and split styles)

All blind-stitched hems must be machine blind-stitched

No raw edges on plackets, vents or facings

Placket styles must have clean finished sides, except when specified otherwise

Placket must be framed-stitched or edge stitched

Side vents must have clean finished sides except when specified otherwise

All multi-needle topstitching must be sewn with the proper machine - a single needle machine is not acceptable

Beads must be knotted after every fifth bead

Belt loops must be uniform, clean finished and trimmed to within 1/4" of tack except when specified otherwise.

Waistbands must be interfaced except when specified otherwise

### **Trims**

Thread size and composition must be compatible to shell fabric except when specified otherwise

Interlining should be compatible with fabric type, color and corresponding components

All trims must meet safety and performance standards

No monofilament thread

Thread color to match fabric ground unless specified otherwise

All operations must use same color thread within internal seams unless specified otherwise

Button thread color to match the button unless specified otherwise

All threads must be trimmed and removed from garment

Buttons on single ply of fabric must be reinforced

Fasteners (grippers, snaps, eyelets, buttons and buttonholes, etc.) must go through a minimum of two ply of fabric with interlining reinforcement and set on even thicknesses

Elastic must meet recovery standards before and after washing / care

Elastic must meet or exceed test requirements.

Ends of satin bows must be heat sealed

Embroideries must have reinforcement backing, lightweight tear-away or dissolvable with tricot (over the back) backing as requested on the garment

Draw cord ends must be permanently tipped or knotted

Continuous tape zipper must have secure stop

Beads must be knotted off every 5th bead