

AN OVERVIEW



The word **sustainability** has become a part of everyday life as we strive to ensure that we are doing the right thing for our families, community and environment. You, our customer, give "Sustainability" special meaning by honoring A&E with your business. Your loyalty has allowed us to maintain a positive business position since 1891. We recognize that there are many choices for embroidery thread and pre-wound bobbins, and are appreciative when you choose our quality products.

A&E, already well-known for the quality of its innovative products and excellent customer service to the sewn products industry, made a strategic decision in 2005 to grow our decorated products business by purchasing the leading manufacturer of high-quality embroidery thread, Robison-Anton Textile Company. R-A's premier embroidery brands are well known across the globe — *Super Strength Rayon*® for its 400 plus vibrant colors, *Super Brite Polyester*® for its bright luster and capacity to sew at high speeds, and "*J*" *Metallic*™ for being one of the industry's best performing metallic embroidery threads. A&E has expanded this premium product line to include *Super Safe*™ flame retardant thread and *Signature*® *Fine* for intricate lettering and designs.

With a manufacturing base in North Carolina processing everything from cotton to polyester, purchasing from A&E allows our customers to take absolute confidence in the fact that the products we declare as made in the USA, are in fact made in the USA. To our partners seeking to fulfill legal requirements such as NAFTA, CAFTA or The Berry Amendment, this confidence is invaluable. For those customers requiring global service, we have 34 manufacturing and 68 service centers in 42 countries. Our global network, which includes Robison-Anton® product capability, allows us to deliver the exact color, superior quality and most innovative products right where they are needed.

All of A&E's programs, policies and goals reflect an effort to act in an ethical, socially responsible manner that benefits our communities, customers and employees. To reinforce these commitments, A&E maintains a Global Code of Conduct. This document, signed by every associate, is enforced on a global basis, at all A&E facilities.

Our customers' safety is paramount. To ensure this, all rayon and polyester products including *Super Brite Polyester*® and *Super Strength Rayon*®, carry the Oeko-Tex® Standard 100 certification. The so-called "baby standard" ensures that products are tested regularly for harmful components. Along these lines, A&E helped establish the American Apparel and Footwear Associations' Restricted Substance List (AAFA RSL) which seeks to prevent harmful components from becoming part of a company's finished product.

In the area of Environmental Sustainability, A&E is an industry leader. Our Eco-Driven program, consisting of *Ten Threads of Sustainability* was designed to drive our culture of Innovate, Create and Deliver towards accomplishment of a series of tangible sustainability goals which consider the economic, social responsibility, and environmental aspects of all of our operations.

In operation since 1891, we remain honored by the trust customers have placed in us over the last 119 years. We look forward with enthusiasm, through the use of sustainable practices, to continue providing customers with the highest quality and most innovative thread products possible into the next decade and beyond.

Our Global Commitment to Sustainability

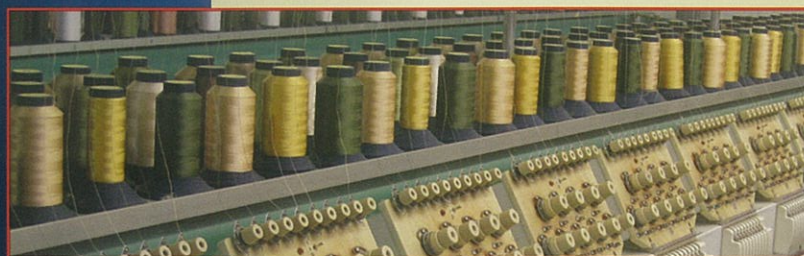
Sustainability is defined as "meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs." Sustainability seeks to balance the economic, social responsibility, and environmental impacts, recognizing that population growth will continue.



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A&E Threads of Sustainability

- Global Carbon Footprint
- Water Conservation and Recycling
- Energy Conservation
- Sustainable Packaging
- Recycling and Waste Reduction
- Sustainable Products
- Global EHS and Social Responsibility
- Supply Chain Sustainability
- Eco-Driven Product Stewardship
- Eco-Driven Education and Involvement



A Thread to Meet Every Embroidery Need

SUPER BRITE POLYESTER®

Features

- Made from High Tenacity, super bright trilobal polyester
- Superior color fastness over rayon
- Versatile — for all embroidery applications
- Available in 453 brilliant colors
- Designer Kits available in Best 50, Best 100 and Complete Color Line in Mini-Kings and Best 16 in Kings

Benefits

- Superior sewability, fewer thread breaks
- Excellent stitch formation and appearance
- Made in the USA
- Available in 1000 meter (1,100 yard) Mini-Kings and 5000 meter (5,500 yard) King Spools both featuring our "easy storage snap base"
- Showcased on our popular "quick reference" SBP Thread Shade Card.

Specifications

KING SPOOLS

Description:	#122 Super Brite Polyester®
Size:	40 Weight (120/2 Polyester)
Put-up:	5000 meter (5500 yard) Blue Snap King Spools
Weight:	4 oz (113 grams)
Case Quantity:	12 King Spools/Case
Case Weight:	5 lb (2.3 kg)
Case Dimensions:	12"L x 9.5"W x 5"H
Colors:	453 Colors (see chart on pg. 2)
Recommended Needle:	65/9 – 75/11



MINI KING SPOOLS

Description:	#122 Super Brite Polyester®
Size:	40 Weight (120/2 Polyester)
Put-up:	1000 meter (1100 yard) Blue Snap Mini-King Spools
Weight:	1 oz (28 grams)
Case Quantity:	12 Mini-King Spools/Case
Case Weight:	1 lb (454 grams)
Case Dimensions:	7.5"L x 5.5"W x 4.5"H
Colors:	453 Colors (see chart on pg. 2)
Recommended Needle:	65/9 – 75/11



Our Premium twisted polyester embroidery thread. Brilliant colors with a durable, high sheen stitch appearance.

TIPS for maintaining garments made with Super Brite Polyester®:

- Wash in delicate cycle with mild detergent
- When necessary, small amounts of chlorine bleach may be used.
- Never leave embroidered clothing soaking in water or lying in a pile when wet.
- May be dry-cleaned; special care must be taken with dark shades. Avoid use of pre-spotting agents.
- Can be industrially-laundered when proper procedures as outlined by the International Fabricare Institute are followed.

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