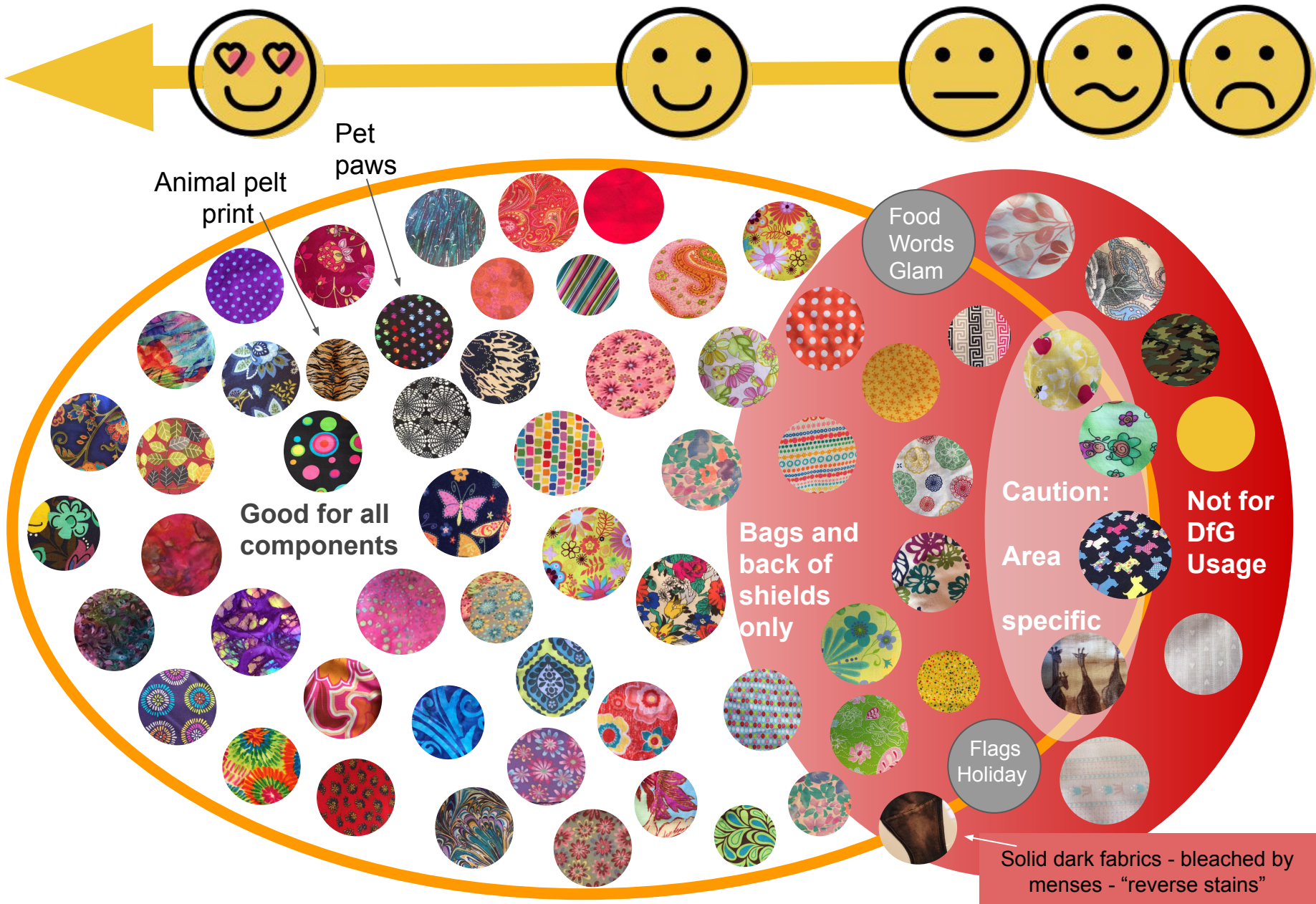
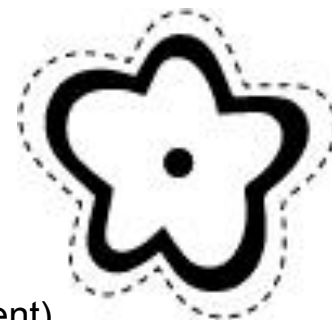


DfG Fabric Choice Guidelines



Fabric Choice Matters... for the girls

DfG fabric guidelines were created by global feedback from DfG Kit users to ensure the success of DfG Kits culturally, functionally and durably.



Fabric content should always be NEW (No bedsheets - not durable)

For Shields: Quality, durable, 100% cotton (sometimes called Quilters cotton)

For Liners: Quality 100% cotton double-brushed flannel. (No flannel shirting - not absorbent)

For Bags: Quality, durable 100% cotton or cotton / poly

Fabric print

All fabric should be:

- Stainbusting patterns - bright, colorful, busy prints.
- Culturally neutral-- botanical, geometric, batik, etc. patterns welcomed globally.
- Able to pass the “yard test.” Would the fabric hide any stain enough that you would be comfortable hanging it in your yard?
- Solids will work when no other options exist. Pair with patterns if possible.

Acceptable:

- Butterflies and ladybugs if no faces or eyes
- Words like love, beautiful, and friendship

Selective usage:

- Limit less stain-hiding fabrics to the underside of the shield or the bag.

Destination limitations: Be aware that some cultures have special print considerations.

- Muslim populations: don't send these prints
 - Images, silhouettes, or skulls of any living being, animal, etc.
 - Any object with a face drawn on it, including stick figures, clouds, train cars, etc
- Thailand: no depictions of food, dishes or eating implements. Avoid King's color - yellow

Use best judgement with

Cartoon / TV / Pop Culture / Holiday prints (unless neutral)/ and Food.

Do NOT use with DfG Kits:

- Extra light colored, bland or white fabrics
- Camouflage - military, hunting
- Weapons - guns, knives, arrows that look like a weapon.
- National flags, cultural icons - country, city names
- Religious or other symbols - cross, star of David, dreamcatcher, peace sign
- Solid saffron (yellow) - sacred color to Buddhists and not stain-hiding
- Suggestive words, girly glam (some areas find this highly offensive), images or words that objectify women
- Insects, or snakes