## COMPLETE GUIDE TO SYNTHETIC PAPERS

| Feature     | Synaps  | Blanks/USA & Yupo                           | Teslin                                     | Polyart   |
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| Base        | Polyester PET coated  | Polypropylene film                          | Polyolefin microporous                     | HDPE + clay coat  |
| Print / Ink | Coatings for toner/offset/inkjet  | Needs correct ink pairing,<br>rejects water | Microporous, bonds inks/laminates strongly | Vivid colors, good adhesion (offset/flexo); coating sensitive to wrong inks |
| Durability  | Waterproof,<br>tear/fade/weather resistant                              | Waterproof, good<br>tear/weather resistance | Waterproof, tear/chemical resistant        | Waterproof, chemical/grease resistant; coating prone to scuffing            |
| Stability   | Excellent, flat, no curl  | Good  | Good, slight expansion possible            | Stable, biaxially oriented;<br>coating may swell in<br>humidity             |
| Finishing   | Withstands folding, scoring, varnish; no cracking; no lamination needed | Allows lifting/wiping for art               | Strong lamination, tamper evident          | Die-cut/perforate; folds may crack clay coat                                |
| Writable    | Pen, marker, pencil; matte<br>writable                                  | Pencil, marker (limited)                    | Pen, pencil, marker; great<br>laminated    | Pen/marker (grade<br>dependent)   |
| Uses        | Commercial printing,<br>signage, manuals, ID cards,<br>outdoor prints   | Art, watercolor, inks                       | ID cards, labels, rugged docs              | Labels, maps, tags, packaging   |