



T-SHIRT QUILT

T-shirt quilts are a brilliant way to hold onto fond memories. This snappy design takes the humble t-shirt quilt to a whole new level.

QUILT BY **Colette Cogley**

T-Shirt Quilt Instructions

MATERIALS

Cotton T-shirts

Optional: Fabrics for sashing and borders

Lightweight fusible interfacing (approximately 8 yards for a twin-size quilt)

Large ruled squares

Fabric for backing and binding

Batting



FABRIC NOTE:

Brought to you by Colette's fabric and T-shirt stash!

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Wash those T-shirts. Using scissors, cut up each shirt. No rotary cutter for this part. Cut off sleeves and neck ribbing (Photo A). Discard ribbing and other pieces that don't contain important images or writing.
2. Measure logo area of each shirt. Cut a piece of lightweight fusible interfacing at least 1" larger than desired block size. Following manufacturer's instructions, fuse interfacing to wrong side of T-shirt logo area, centering interfacing over design (Photo B).
3. Place larger ruled square over design area, centering design within desired block size. Use ruled square and rotary cutter to trim interfaced block to desired finished size plus 1/2" for seam allowances (Photo C).
4. Repeat for remaining shirts. Don't be afraid to toss ones that are gross. Seriously.
5. Lay out blocks and optional sashing. Join blocks to form rows; join rows.
6. Add borders if desired.
7. Layer backing, batting, and quilt top; baste. Quilt as desired. (The quilt in the picture was machine quilted.)
8. From binding fabric, make binding and add to quilt.



BTW

T-Shirt Fail? Never! When is a t-shirt too far gone to use? Some tees may be too stinky or stained to make the cut (gross) but if the problem is just holes or rips, there's hope. You can applique *pieces* of any t-shirt to a sturdier piece of material and keep the memory alive. Stabilize the t-shirt or pieces you want to appliqué onto another piece of fabric. We like Pellon Shape-Tex for this.



Photo A



Photo B



Photo C



Notice a theme? This quilt was made for a runner.



SPOOLY SAYS:

"If you've got a t-shirt that's really falling apart, applique it to another piece of fabric first to help stabilize it."



COLLETTE'S TIPS FOR T-SHIRT QUILTS

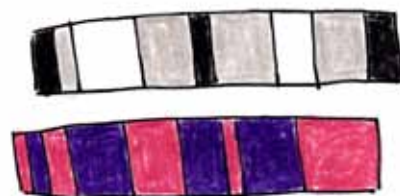
1. Create vertical rows of shirts with a common width measurement. Keep in mind children's and small adult-size shirts will be narrower than large adult-size shirts. Keep like widths in the same row.
2. Fuse interfacing to the wrong side of shirts before you cut.
3. Cut common width first for each row, and then cut the height of each shirt. Join into rows, adjusting rows to the same length.
4. Piece squares and rectangles of assorted fabrics for sashing and borders. I like to use solid colors for a contemporary look. Use colors from a school or sports team to add sentimental value.

DESIGNER PROFILE

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COLOR OPTIONS



The border makes all the difference!