

T-SHIRT QUILTS

PART 1—OCTOBER 12, 2018



Front of Quilt



Back of Quilt

Introduction

This class will teach you to take t-shirts of all kinds and make them into a treasured keepsake for any of your family members.

We all have t-shirts from places we've been that we no longer use. However, getting rid of those memories can be difficult. Why not keep them and have them keep you warm? No matter what kind of shirts they are, you can incorporate them into your quilt.

Old jerseys from when you or your kids were playing sports, an old pair of pajamas that your kids outgrew, your favorite pullover that no longer fits, your old down ski jacket, your favorite dress shirt, your kid's onesie—even if it's stained—all of these things can be incorporated in your t-shirt quilt.

I'll show you how to prepare your fabric, cut your blocks, and assemble your t-shirt quilt for a beautiful keepsake of your favorite items.

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All of the blocks for your t-shirt quilt will be cut in blocks that are divisible by 4"—plus you need to include 1/2" for seam allowance. So the cutting tools required will be rulers that you can use to cut 4 1/2" x 8 1/2", 4 1/2" x 4 1/2", 8 1/2" x 16 1/2", or any other combination. It's not unusual to have more than 30 blocks for each quilt, so you should plan on having plenty of t-shirts for your quilt.

We will be using the techniques that are taught by "[Too Cool T-Shirt Quilts](#)". Click here for more tools that you can purchase.

Part 1 (10/12/2018) will concentrate on cutting, stabilizing, and placement of your t-shirt quilt blocks.

Part 2 (10/19/2018) will concentrate on assembling, sewing, batting, backing, and quilting your quilt blocks.

Supply List

YOU DO NOT NEED A SEWING MACHINE ON THE FIRST DAY

- Rulers—you do not have to buy specialty rulers to make a t-shirt quilt. Here are the options that we have for this class:
 - I will bring my set of rulers that I purchased from Too Cool T-Shirt Quilts that you may use for this exercise.
 - Pat Brettschneider will also bring her set so we can all use those (Pat purchased the plexiglass from Lowes and had her husband cut it to size.)
 - You can also bring any other rulers that you have that you can use to satisfy this requirement.
 - If you would like to purchase the rulers, you can buy a set at the following link: <https://www.toocooltshirtquilts.com/make-it-yourself#templates>
- Pellon SF-101—I use interfacing to stabilize the material and this is the best product that I have found. It is fusible so we'll be ironing it onto your blocks as you cut them. You'll need to have enough to cover each t-shirt block (I buy it by the bolt from JoAnn's Fabrics or you can get it from Amazon).
- T-Shirts—Bring your items that you want to include in your t-shirt quilt. It's best that you don't cut them up before you come to class. However, if you decide to do that, please DO NOT THROW AWAY the backs of the shirts that you're going to use—I will show you what you can do with the discard pile.
- Bring some extra fabric that you can include in the event that you make a mistake in your cutting.
- Cutting mat
- Rotary cutter
- Straight Pins—the interfaced blocks are a little too heavy to stay on a design board alone so I always pin them to the design wall to keep them straight.
- Camera—you can use the one on your phone.
- Flannel backed table cloth or large piece of batting to use as a design wall for your quilt and lay out your blocks.
- Teflon Ironing Mat (if you have one) if not, bring an ironing sheet