

Tee Shirt Quilt
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This class is designed to give you all the techniques necessary to create your own memory Tee Shirt quilt. The size of your quilt is dependent on the number of tee shirts you choose to use and your own imagination. The Tee shirt quilts I have made are based on 24 tee shirts cut 12" square, laid out in a 4 x 6 grid with 2 ½ " lattice and a 4' outer border. These dimensions produce a finished quilt of 63 ½ " x 92 ½". Your quilt size may be different based on the number of t-shirts used, and if you choose to alter the dimensions of the lattice and/or border.

Your first consideration will be select one standard size square which best suits the T-shirts you will be using. The amount of wording on the front (or back) of your shirts, as well as the T-shirt size itself – large or child – will help guide you. While we will be cutting the shirts in class, the sizing will always include a seam allowance, so that a 12" finished square will be cut 12 ½". You can also create squares using elements from both the front and the back of a shirt by either seaming smaller portions of the front and back to create the 12" square, or cutting a small logo from the front and placing it on the main design on the back. The size of your finished quilt will be determined both on the size of tee shirt square used and the width of your lattice and outer border. This truly will be a memory quilt that you will individualize.

Fabric used for the border should be 100% cotton, and pre-washed. You will note from the attached grid layout, that both lattice and small contrasting squares separate the tee shirt squares. I use one outer border, usually the same fabric as the lattice, although this will be your design decision. I recommend a tone-on-tone or a "mild" print for the border. I would not recommend a solid, as this is too much like the T-shirts, or a very strong, busy print, as this would compete with the T-shirts. Since we will work in class on the front of the quilt, unless you are doing a small wall hanging with your T-shirts, there is no need to bring backing fabric and batting to class. As with any quilt, the size of your backing and batting should be the dimensions of the quilt plus an inch all around.

Supplies:

- Rotary cutter, with cutting mat (your matt should be at least 1" larger than the size square you'll be using)
- Ruler compatible with a rotary cutter
- Sewing machine with extension cord
- Pencil
- Heavy plastic for creating the 12 ½" (12" finished, or whatever size you choose) square
- Scissors/Shears
- Thread
- Pins
- Stitch Witchery or Wonder Under fusible webbing- this is an optional supply useful if you will be creating a square from both front and back elements.

Fabric – for a 24 square quilt

- Lattice – 2 ½ yds
- Contrasting fabric for squares – ¼ yd
- Backing – 3 ¼ yards
- Batting – Twin size