

MJ's Easy T-Shirt Quilt

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Quilt is 72" x 84"

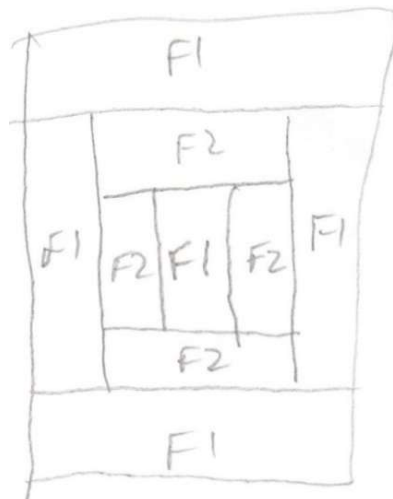


This idea is another take on a T-Shirt quilt, but I think much easier! No sashing between shirts, and the shirt faces can be any size, not a multiple of 2" or 4". They are applied to a simple quilt top you make ahead of time. I do not interface the shirts, however you can. Know that interfacing will make the quilt even heavier.

1. Create a simple quilt for the background of your shirts. See below for the numbers on this particular style quilt.
2. Cut the front design out of the shirts, any size or shape. Give yourself at least $\frac{1}{2}$ " to $\frac{3}{4}$ " of margin on each side to turn under the edges.
3. If you want a design from the shirt back, carefully cut up the shirt sides first.
4. Place the shirts, fiddle with the design to distribute colors, sizes etc. Tip the shirts for even more interest. **Pin** each shirt down.
5. **At the ironing board:** Working on ONE shirt at a time, lay down $\frac{1}{2}$ " wide Steam-a-Seam along the **front** 4 raw edges of the shirt. Turn under at least $\frac{1}{2}$ " on all 4 edges. If the corners want to be thick, feel free to cut off a small triangle off each corner to lessen the bulk. Be careful of any "plasticky" designs that might melt under a hot iron. Use a Teflon Applique sheet for safety. Keep your iron on just the shirt edges.
6. No other sewing required until the FMQ phase.
7. However if you WANT, use a walking foot, Universal needle and matching thread to straight stitch (or serpentine?!) around the edges of each shirt.

Fabric 1 (blue above) - need 121" (3.5 yds)

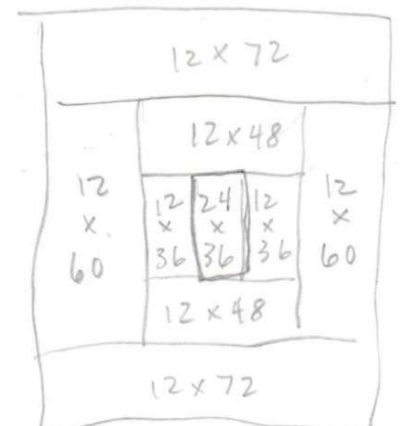
24.5 x 36.5 x 1
12.5 x 60.5 x 2
12.5 x 72.5 x 2



Fabric 2 (red above) - need 73" (2.25 yds)

12.5 x 36.5 x 2
12.5 x 48.5 x 2

Backing 4.5 yards

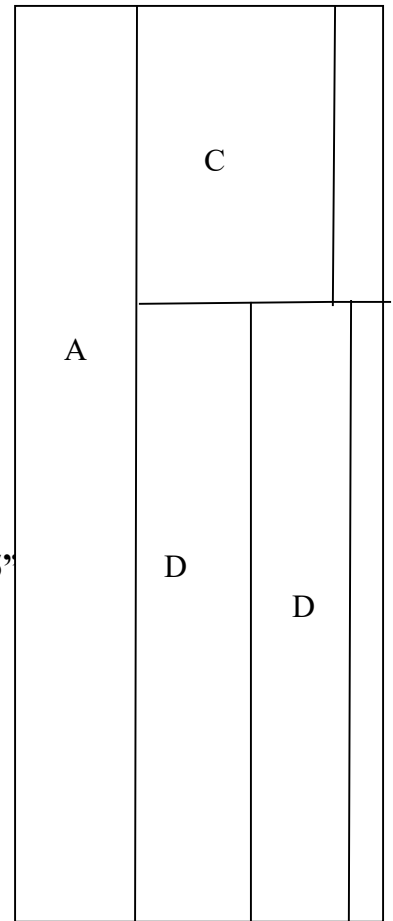


How to cut the yardage:

Fabric 1 (blue in photo):

Open fabric completely, fold in half the other way (the new fold goes From selvage to selvage). Depending on the size of your cutting space You may need to fold again into quarters.

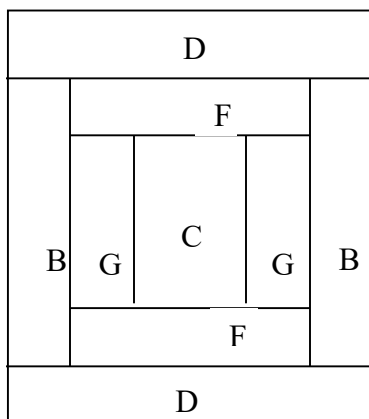
- A) With the new fold to your bellybutton, cut off the left selvage, and then cut 12.5" wide strip all the way up.
- B) From that A piece, cut two B pieces **12.5" x 60.5"**, the rest is scrap. **(label them 'B')**
- C) Open the fabric completely, and cut 1 piece **24.5"** (crosswise), x **36.5"** **(label it 'C')**
- D) Fold the fabric again with that new fold by your bellybutton, cut 2 more pieces, **12.5" x 72.5"**, the rest is scrap. **(label them 'D')**



Fabric 2 (red in photo):

Open fabric completely, fold in half the other way. (the new fold goes From selvage to selvage). Depending on the size of your cutting space You may need to fold again into quarters.

- E) With the new fold to your bellybutton, cut off the left selvage, and then cut 3 pieces **12.5" wide**, lengthwise, all the way up:
- F) Cut two of those pieces **48.5" long** **(label them 'F')**
- G) Cut the other piece into two that are **36.5" long** each **(label them 'G')**



Now you can sew your pieces back together using the graphic on the left.

Start with sewing a G to either side of C.
Then sew an F to the top and an F to the bottom.
Then sew a B to the left and a B to the right.
Then sew a D to the top and a D to the bottom.

Eyeglass Pouch

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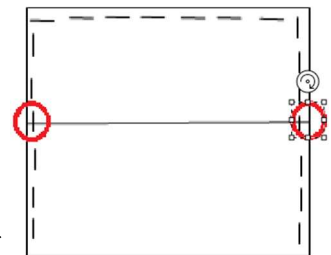
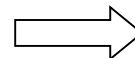
An easy non-fussy eyeglass holder, make it out of a bright fabric to find it easily in any tote. You can either flip it right side out and top stitch the edges, OR bind the edges...your choice. Stocking Stuffer!!

This is a general set of instructions; it's really an easy process.

You will need:

- Matching thread
 - Optional fusible batting or other thin batting (cut it ¼ inch smaller on all 4 sides)
 - Optional binding (1.25" wide)
 - 2 bits of Velcro or 2 magnet sets or 2 snap sets
- Decide if you want the top flap edge to be curved, straight, zigzag, etc. Make that happen.
 - Place outer fabric and lining fabric right sides together, center and fuse the batting down on one fabric's wrong side.
 - Sew all the way around, using a quarter inch seam, leaving a 2-3" hole for turning. Clip the corners.
- Pro-Tip: Use 2 pins to mark where you should STOP sewing, so you don't accidentally sew the hole closed.*
- Flip the rectangle right side out, press neatly, including the turning hole. Its NOT time to topstitch!
 - Fold the rectangle so it looks like the pouch in the photo above. Use a few Wonder Clips to hold things the way you want them.
 - NOW its time to topstitch, starting at the bottom left, sew up, across the top and back down to the bottom right. Consider backstitching (red circles) where the bottom flap ends, because that area will get lots of wear.

Start here



Other options: pieced fabric, selvage 'fabric', trim with ric-rac, add clip hardware, add a pocket for an air-tag, glasses cleaner or business card

Fabric Gift Bags (stiff)

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These bags can be any size, any fabric. Best to buy a bunch of Craft Fuse (heavy fusible interfacing) so you'll always be ready for another bag.

The brown, green and pink floral bag was made with a half yard of fabric and 1 yard of Craft Fuse (or other heavy fusible interfacing).

Other Supplies:

- matching or complementary rat-tail or ribbon for a handle
- grommets and a grommet tool
- scalloped or pinking rotary blade (optional)
- fun trims (optional)

General Instructions:

1. Fuse the Craft-Fuse to the back of the fabric
2. Use the scalloped rotary blade to clean up the edges
3. Add any trim at this point

4. Make a rectangular bag
5. Triangle-off the bottom corners
6. Fold over the top edge and press as needed
7. Add the grommets or buttonholes and insert the rat tail

Optional

- If you have extra fabric and Craft Fuse, make a matching label, write with a Sharpie. Punch a hole in the card to hang on the handle.
- Or make several and include them in the bag so it will keep getting used!

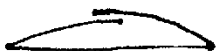
Purse Tissue Holder

Materials: one rectangle of fabric, 6" x 7.5" Decorative thread, optional

Cut one rectangle of fabric, 6" x 7.5" **Press** the short sides in ½"

Sew the fold down, optionally using decorative stitching or couching.

Fold the rectangle. Lay it down with the RS facing up. Bring a quarter of the length up, then the opposite quarter up. Overlap the decorative edges a bit.



Sew up the ends, then finish the edges of that seam with zigzagging or serging.