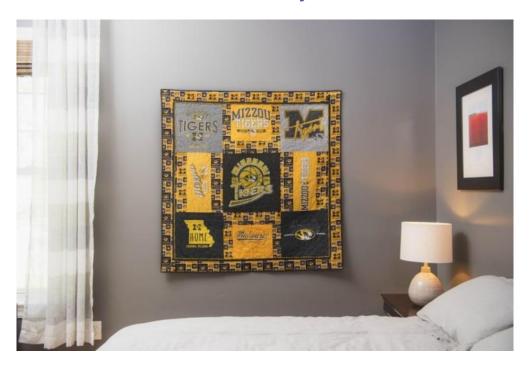


T-Shirt Memory Quilt



Everyone has more t-shirts than they know what to do with. Create a quilt to wrap yourself up in your memories or give to a high school or college student as a gift. Use your Baby Lock serger's exclusive wave stitch to create a unique finished edge!

Skill Level: Beginner

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Supplies:

Baby Lock® Triumph Serger or other serger with the wave stitch

Baby Lock® Crown Jewel III or other long arm machine

Baby Lock® Sewing machine (Optional)

9-10 T-shirts

2 Yards of cotton print fabric for the sashing

1/2 Yard of contrasting solid fabric for serger wave trim

Pellon Fusible Knit stabilizer (EK130)

Madeira® serging thread to match the fabric (black)

2 Spools of Wonderfil Razzle (black and gold) to coordinate with fabrics Scissors

Pressing cloth (optional) Basic sewing supplies



Instructions:

- 1. Wash all of the t-shirts.
- 2. Cut away the arms and around the neck on each of the shirts and down each of the sides. If you have any unusual placement of a design, cut it out leaving as much space around the design as possible. In the sample, there was a design on one of the long sleeves. Unusual sizes will give a more unique look to your quilt.
- 3. Fuse the Pellon Fusible Stabilizer to the back side on each of the cut out t-shirt sections. (This fusible stabilizer will hold the shape on the t-shirt fabric and will make it easier to serge and quilt.) Be careful when you are fusing the sections that you do not melt the logo designs. **Optional**: a pressing sheet works well when fusing and will keep the iron clean while protecting the

design on the front on each section.



- 4. In this sample, the sections were cut into 14" squares. The long sleeve section was cut down to 14" x 5". If possible cut another section down to the same size. Place the sections on a flat surface and determine the placement on each of the squares. Move them around until you settle on a workable layout. The block size will depend on the size of the shirts. You might have to be flexible with the block sizes.
- 5. From the cotton sashing fabric, cut out 4" wide strips across the width of the fabric. Cut the length as you piece the blocks together.
- 6. Set up the Serger for a 3-Thread Overlock-Narrow stitch.
 - Place the needle in the 02 slot.
 - Width 3.0.
 - Length at 2.5.
 - Stitch Selector on B.
 - Wave selector on Overlock.
 - Blade position up.
- 7. With right sides together, place a sashing strip to the right side of the first square block. Serge the seams together while cutting only a small sliver away with the blade on the serger. Press all seams in the same direction.
- 8. Sew the next t-shirt block to the opposite side of the sashing. Then sew the next sashing strip to the block. Continue until the first row has been sewn together.



- 9. Sew the next two rows together in the same manner.
- 10. Sew the sashing strips to the bottom of the first row. If your strip is not long enough piece the strips together.
- 11. Sew the second row to the first, and then sew the last row to the guilt.
- 12. Square up the pieced quilt top.
- 13. Cut several 1 ½" wide strips from the solid fabric (black) and piece them together.
- 14. Fold the strip in half lengthwise and press.
- 15. Set up the Serger for a 3-Thread Wave Stitch.
 - Place the needle in 02.
 - Set the Length to 1.0.
 - Set the Width to 5.0.
 - Set the Wave Selector to Wave.
 - Blade Position should be up.
 - Thread the machine with the Wonderfil thread in the upper and lower loopers. I placed the brighter of the two threads (Gold) in the upper looper.
 - Use a black Madeira Serger thread in the needle.
- 16. Do a test sew for accuracy. If any adjustments to the serger are needed, make them at this time.
- 17. Serge the raw edge of the strip with the 3-Thread Wave Stitch to create the wave trim.
- 18. Place the unstitched edge of the trim along the outer edge on the pieced quilt. Baste the trim to the edge. (I used a regular sewing machine for this.)
- 19. Serge a sashing strip to the top & bottom then serge the sashing strips to the sides on the pieced quilt.
- 20. Use the Crown Jewell III for quilting the layers together.
- 21. Bind the quilt to finish.

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