



T-Shirt Quilt Guidelines

First and foremost, have fun picking out your shirts! There are a lot of memories there and I look forward to fashioning them into a keepsake you'll enjoy for years to come. Once you've chosen your favorite shirts, follow these guidelines to help get the best possible results from your custom quilt.

Tips on Choosing Your T-Shirts

- Shirts images can be on the front, back and sometimes on sleeves or breast pockets (whether these smaller images can be used depends on the quilt design).
- The number of t-shirts needed really depends on the size of the quilt, but 20 images is a good a place to start.
- 12" is the typical size of the square cut from a shirt, but I have to see each shirt to know for sure. We can discuss different designs if your images are larger or smaller.
- Embroidered and heat transferred shirt images both work well, but I'll need to see shirts with sequins, glitter or rhinestones first to make sure they are useable.
- Sweatshirts and sheer fabric items aren't a good choice for your quilt, but other types of clothing can be used if they are washable, including most cotton or cotton/polyester blends.
- Your custom quilt can include both used and new shirts. In general, the condition of your shirts when you send them is the condition they will appear in your quilt. Permanent stains and small holes in your shirts will be in the quilt, but if these remind you of good times, the more the better!

Tips for Preparing Your Shirts

- Whole t-shirts work best — please don't cut them before sending to me.
- I will pre-wash and dry your shirts, both old and new, after I receive them. I do this to remove any dirt, finishes, excess dye and softener residue. Pre-washing and drying also reduces shrinkage in your finished quilt.

Tips for Sending Your Shirts

- Mail your shirts using a tracking service like UPS or Fedex to
Deidre McLeod
12123 Corte Napoli
San Diego, CA, 92128
- I discard unused shirt pieces, but any whole shirts we end up not using will be returned to you with your finished quilt.

Before cutting your t-shirts, I'll send you a PDF proof sheet of the final layout for approval.

Care Instructions

Many t-shirt images fade over time as anyone who has a well-loved shirt knows, but your finished t-shirt quilt is generally washable.

Use cold water and mild detergent in the gentle cycle for the minimum time. Never use hot water or bleach and never dry clean your t-shirt quilt. You may use a dryer on low heat to tumble the quilt dry. If possible, tumble until near dry and lay the quilt out until completely dry.