

T-Shirt Memory Quilt

[Free Instructions on the web from Goose Tracks Quilts](#)

Are your closets filling up with dozens of t-shirts from past skating events, but you can't bear to throw them out? Here is a very special gift idea, and a practical one too: Turn all those t-shirts into a beautiful memory quilt. You can use shirts from many different events, or (for example) all of the shirts from the last twenty years of the 86 mile Athens to Atlanta Road Skate. I used that event as an example because 2001 is their 20th anniversary.

Design Ideas:

A quilt can be made out of 4 to 60 t-shirts, and it is even possible to make a quilt or a pillow that showcases one particular shirt. Here are some design ideas:

Use t-shirt front or back designs only

Use t-shirt pocket designs only

Alternate rows: t-shirt design row - pocket design row

Alternate rows: t-shirt design row - plain fabric row

Alternate squares: t-shirt design - 4 or 9 pocket designs

Alternate squares: t-shirt design - plain fabric square

One special t-shirt surrounded by plain or printed fabric

One special t-shirt made into a pillow

Several pocket designs made into a pillow

Incorporate plain or printed fabric into the design

Any of the above made into a wall hanging

How to Make Your Own Quilt:

Susan's

Quilting

Site About Quilting Guide Susan Druding has written hundreds of articles for beginning and advanced quilters. If you want to make your own quilt, you will find everything you need on Susan's site.

How to Make a T-Shirt Quilt

Bed and Quilt Measurements

Quilt Glossary - Quilt Equipment

Quilting Patterns for Beginners

All of Susan's Quilting Articles

How to Buy a Custom Quilt:

A full custom t-shirt quilt will probably cost \$50 to \$500USD, depending on who makes it, the number of t-shirts, and whether you want one pillow or an entire quilt. The price will also depend on what kind of backing you select and what kind of stuffing you want between the quilt layers. If you decide to have your quilt stuffed with the softest and tiniest goose feathers, it will cost considerably more. It might be a better idea to have a t-shirt duvet (cover) made for your expensive goose down comforter. Here are some sites on the Internet where you can order custom t-shirt quilts:

Adrienne's Room
Creative Quilts
Goose Tracks Quilts
Mulvany Quilt Studio
Nellia Quilts
Spider Woman Graphics

VERY IMPORTANT!!!

If you value your relationship with your significant other, special friend, or child, DON'T surreptitiously remove all the t-shirts from their closet and turn them into a quilt! You better either get their permission, use your own t-shirts, or buy some extra shirts just for this quilt.

Other notable t-shirt quilt links:

[About.com link](#)

[Excellent pictures but so well done that it intimidates me so don't click here if you want to make it easy on yourself](#)

Quillows

Well... about.com and Susan Druding have the best link... again.

[Quillow](#)

Other links to check.

[quilt.com directions](#)

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