

# Too Cool T-shirt Quilts®

## Sorority T-shirt Quilt Buyer's Guide

A T-shirt quilt made from your sorority T-shirts is a wonderful way of preserving your sorority and college memories. Too Cool T-shirt Quilts® is the leading maker of sorority T-shirt quilts. Having made thousands of quilts, we understand the level of knowledge you need to have in order to make informed decisions about transforming your T-shirts into a cherished quilt. That's why we have written this guide. We have gathered answers to the most important questions customers ask about having a sorority T-shirt quilt made. Hopefully, this guide will answer your questions about having a sorority T-shirt quilt made.



**You are more than welcome to  
call us here at Too Cool T-shirt Quilts®  
with any questions you have  
about your T-shirt quilt.**

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## How do I choose which T-shirts to put in my sorority T-shirt quilt?

A T-shirt quilt tells a story. Your sorority T-shirt quilt will tell a story about your life and times in your sorority and at your college. So you would want to include those T-shirts that help tell the story. T-shirts you may want to include are from sorority events, fraternity events, and events from your college or university that you participated in with your sorority. You would not want to include T-shirts that don't add to your story. For example, you wouldn't want to include one T-shirt from your days running high school track.

In order to figure out what size quilt you would like and what you would like to put in the quilt, we suggest that you first divide your T-shirts into the corresponding piles of sorority, fraternity, and college T-shirts. Then, count how many T-shirts you have in each pile. Next, check out the [How Many T-shirts](#) page on our web site. Find the size quilt you want and then compare it to the total number of T-shirts you have. Or check the approximate number of T-shirts you have and see what size quilt those would make.



If you have way too many T-shirts for the size you are looking to have made, then pull out the fraternity and/or college related T-shirts to see if you are closer to the size you are looking to have made. If there are still too many T-shirts for the size you desire, we suggest giving the T-shirts a priority status.

First, make a pile of T-shirts that must be in your quilt. Then, make a second pile of T-shirts that you would really like to be in the quilt, but would be okay with you if they did not make it. The remaining T-shirts can then be either weeded-out or made into a third pile to be used if necessary after all of the other T-shirts have been used. When you send your T-shirts in to be made into your quilt, separate these piles into individual plastic bags and note on the bags to use first, second and last.

If, after all of this separating of T-shirts, there are still too many T-shirts for the size of quilt you had initially desired, consider going up to the next quilt size, having two quilts made, or having a quilt and a pillow made. If you don't have enough T-shirts to make the quilt size you would like, then consider a smaller quilt, [a pillow](#) or adding a [border to make your quilt larger](#).

Remember, the number of T-shirts needed for each size quilt is an approximate number!

	Size in inches W X H	Approximate # of T-shirts
Lap	48 x 48	15 - 20
Large Lap	52 x 64	18 - 25
Multi Use	60 x 72	20 - 30
Twin	60 x 84	30 - 40
Full	84 x 92	40 - 50
Queen	92 x 100	50 - 60
King	100 x 112	60 - 80



It may take more or less depending on the number and size of the graphics on your T-shirts. Count one T-shirt as one T-shirt. If you have small designs on just one side of most of your T-shirts, you will need more than if you have large designs on both sides of the T-shirts.





# What if many of the designs on my T-shirts are Greek letters?

Often, several of the designs on sorority T-shirts are simply the Greek letters of your sorority. Typically, each of these T-shirts or sweatshirts will make the same size blocks. If you have too many T-shirts for the quilt size you are looking for, eliminating some of these Greek letter shirts will help. If you want all of the T-shirts with your sorority's Greek letters that is great! We will try to disperse them evenly throughout the entire quilt. Another alternative is to put one of these blocks in each corner. And if you have enough, we can line them along the top and/or bottom of your quilt.



# How do I choose the color for the backing and the binding?

There are several ways to choose the color for the backing and binding of your quilt:

1. Choose your favorite two colors. This approach is often used, but may not always directly correlate with the colors of the quilt.
2. Choose the backing and binding colors from the colors of your favorite T-shirt within the quilt. You can mark that shirt with a note on blue painter's tape so that we can match the colors as close as possible.
3. Choose your sorority colors for the backing and binding colors.
4. Choose your university or college colors for the backing and binding colors.
5. You can also ask Too Cool T-shirt Quilts® to give you a suggestion. We will use the colors in your T-shirts to make our suggestions. We will give you a number of suggestions and then you can make the final decision.

Right: The top photo is the front of a quilt and the bottom photo is of the back of the quilt. The design on the front was traced during the long-arm quilting process. You see on the back the tracing. The green of the bottom photo is the backing material.





## Can a sorority or college flag be incorporated into my T-shirt quilt?

A sorority or college flag can be incorporated in your quilt in two ways. The first way is to use the flag or banner as we would any T-shirt or other clothing item used in Too Cool T-shirt quilts. If you do not have enough T-shirts to make the size of quilt you would like, a sorority banner or flag incorporated into the quilt top can make your quilt larger. There is no additional charge to use a flag within your quilt.

If you already have enough T-shirts to make the size quilt you would like, a sorority banner or flag can be sewn onto the back of your quilt. The flag becomes part of the backing material. There is an additional charge of \$40 to cover the additional labor for placing a flag or banner on the back of a quilt.





# What's the Next Step?

We hope that this guide has helped you think about what you want in a T-shirt quilt. What's your next step? Below are a number of links for you.

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