

Purple Elephant Creations T-Shirt Quilt Cost Estimate

Finished Sizes:	# of Shirts	Approximate total:
Lap 68x68	12-16	\$200-\$320
Twin 68x97	18-24	\$350-\$480
Full 89x89	25-29	\$500-\$625
Queen 83x97	30-34	\$650-\$750
King 97x97	35-40	\$760-\$875

Backing fabric and batting is not included in the estimated costs listed above.

The final cost will depend on cost of your batting and backing fabric. When the top is completed, we will pick out the backing fabric and batting.

A way to reduce this cost is to use recycled flannel sheets as batting. I have these available to use at no additional cost to you.

Dos and Don'ts:

Do wash your shirts before giving them to Laura.

Do NOT use fabric softener.

Do Not pre-cut the shirts, I will take care of that.

Can include hoodies, jerseys and other shirts that are not t-shirts.

If a shirt as more than one side, and you only want one side used, please put a safety pin on the side you want used.

Patches and other embellishments can be added to the quilt.

An embroidered label will be added to the back of the quilt.

A deposit of \$200 will be required when the shirts are dropped off and will be put towards the final cost of the quilt.

Why do t-shirt quilts cost so much?? Let me explain a little bit so you can understand the process and amount of time that goes into creating your t-shirt quilt!

Steps:

1. Cut out and iron on the stabilizer to each shirt. It takes about 10-15 minutes per shirt. Stabilizer prevents the t-shirt fabric from rolling and prevents stretching as the shirts are sewed together. Cost of the stabilizer is included in the price per shirt. The stabilizer also helps an old worn shirt last a little bit longer.
2. Once the shirts are cut and stabilized the layout process begins. This can take up to two hours or more and may change a bit as shirts are sewed together. Shirts are trimmed to fit the final size of the quilt. I do not work with a "Template" for the size, and each shirt is cut to fit to the row. As some shirts have more print than others. I try not to let corners meet from one row to the next to prevent bulk behind the quilt. I will text you a picture of the final layout before I begin sewing.
3. Time to sew! Once the shirts are trimmed and a layout is decided on, I start sewing the shirts together. Each shirt is pressed, sewed together, and the seams pressed open on the back side to prevent bulk along the seams. This take several hours as more trimming may be needed as I go.
4. Once the shirts are sewn into rows, I sew the rows together. Once this process is done, I will give you a call to set up a time to meet at Cosmic Cow or Joann's to pick out the batting and the backing. How long steps 3 and 4 take depends on how many shirts are in the quilt. 8-10 hours.
5. Once the backing and batting are purchased, I will load the quilt onto the longarm for quilting. (2-3 hours) How much quilting is done is up to you. Simple loops and curvy lines around the printed area on the shirts is 0.03 cents per square inch of the top. If the printed area on the shirt is larger, some quilting will be done over the printed area to ensure quilt holds together properly. More detailed quilting, or ruler work is 0.04-0.05 cents per square inch. This is why the estimated price above varies. Quilting for a queen quilt (83x97) at 0.04 cents is \$322.04.
6. Once done, I remove it from the long arm. Trim the sides and make the binding of the quilt. I sew strips of fabric together, iron them in half and sew them to the edge of the quilt along the back. I iron the seam and press the fabric around the edge, pin it to the front and then sew it onto the top. The binding will be the same fabric as the back, unless you pick a different fabric when we are the store. This last step can take up to 4 hours, depending on the size of the quilt.