

## How to prepare your garments

So you have decided to finally do something with all those tee shirts, baby clothes ("baby" is now 43), hubby's "old favorite bumming around the house shirt", or sadly, those deceased loved one's (or pet's) items that you just couldn't part with. Let's make a lasting heirloom together.

The first step is to make choices of what you want made and what clothing items you want to use.

For **tee shirt quilts**, make three piles: *must* be in the quilt, *could* be in the quilt, and *if there is room* in the quilt. Pick out more than you think is necessary and I will try to get as many in as possible. Typically, 12 shirts for a Throw/Single, 15-20 for a Queen and 20-30 for a King.

For a **Memory Teddy Bear, Cat, or Rabbit**, it will take an extra-large shirt or two shirts.

For **pillows**, practically anything can be used including neckties, scarves, bathrobes, blankets, any favored item will work.

Wash the garments (not the neckties, please) and do not use fabric softener.

Decide on a complimentary color to use for background or as needed.

Think about where the item will live: bedroom, living room, man cave? You want this to coordinate.

Also think about the person's personality. Is/was he/she spunky? Conservative? Formal? Unpredictable?

And the most important thing is to take a look at my photo gallery to see my style of design. I want you to be happy and if you don't like what you see, then move on to find someone else. As I design a quilt I will send photos (text to your phone) for approval. Be specific and don't be afraid of challenging my ideas. This will be yours to look at forever, so while this will be my creation, it is ultimately yours.