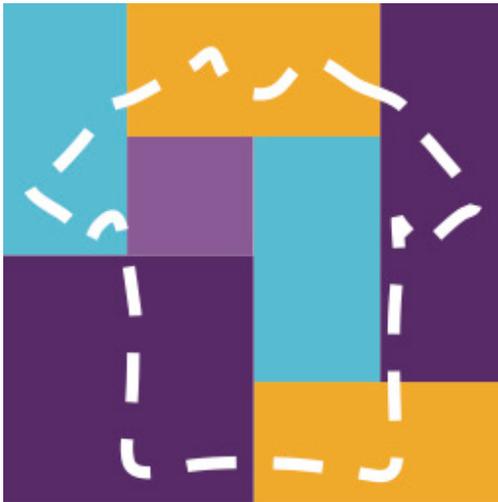


# Too Cool T-shirt Quilts®

## Baby Clothes and Baby T-shirt Quilt Buyer's Guide

A quilt made from your baby's clothing is a wonderful way of preserving the memories of a baby or commemorating a baby's birth. Too Cool T-shirt Quilts® is a leading maker of quilts made from baby clothing. 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 baby clothes quilt made. Hopefully, this guide will answer your questions.



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

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## Different Types of Quilts Too Cool T-shirt Quilts® Can Make for a Baby

There are several different types of baby clothing/T-shirt quilts that Too Cool T-shirt Quilts® makes. The most traditional baby clothes quilt is one made from your baby's clothing. These quilts include items such as onesies, rompers, blankets, dresses, bonnets, socks, booties and bibs. Another type of baby T-shirt quilt we make is a quilt made from T-shirts to commemorate a baby's birth and for the baby to use.

These quilts include T-shirts from parents, grandparents, siblings, friends and other family members. The last type of baby quilts that we make is a memorial baby quilt. If a baby has died, we can make a quilt from his/her clothing and from parents or grandparents' T-shirts to remember the life of the precious loved one.



## Complex Baby Clothes Quilts

Complex baby clothes quilts include whole or partial article of clothing. We focus on saving just not the fabric, but the essence of the items. We take your baby or grandchild's clothing, generally from his or her first year of life, and make a quilt out of them. You can use just about anything that you can wash in a washing machine.

- Blankets
- Bedding
- Onesies
- Dresses & overalls
- Tops & pants
- Rompers
- Bibs
- Booties or bonnets
- Just about anything else made from fabric

Baby clothing quilts are adorable. These quilts are used in many different ways...

- The quilt is saved for the child when he/she is grown up.
- The children use them now either on their bed or for a blankie.
- Some families use the quilts as a throw in front of the television.
- Mothers keep them for themselves.

You may be thinking about one of these quilts for your own children's clothing; just keep a big box of all the outfits as they grow out of them. After their first birthday, box up the outfits and ship them out to us.

If your children are grown, look through the clothing you



have saved. Then decide how you would like to use the clothing in a quilt. If it is for you, the mom, then you can mix more than one child's clothing into the quilt. If you plan on making the quilts for your children, then you would want to separate the clothing per each child.

They don't just have to be your own children's outfits. You can add your own baby clothes that your mom saved for you, because like you, your mother couldn't bear to part with them either.

Baby clothes quilts are one of our favorite types of quilts we make. You put six women in a room with a pile of baby clothing and you get a lot of "awes" and "that's so cute". Then, when we finish the quilt, we all love to look at them. These quilts are made up of a lot of small



pieces and do take a lot more work than a typical T-shirt quilt. So we do charge more for making them. Here is a link to the [pricing for baby clothes quilts](#).

## Simple Baby Clothes Quilts

A simple baby clothes quilt is made from unadorned pieces of your baby's clothes. This is different from a traditional baby clothes quilt that captures the feel and essence of the clothing. A block or two of each clothing item is used. Our simple baby clothes quilts do not include applique or the sewing down of necklines, collars, bibs, hats, socks, outfits or other such items.

Although these quilts appear relatively simple, they still require a very skilled sewer and quilter to make them look right. As a result, they cost more than a typical T-shirt quilt. [Here is a link to the pricing page.](#)



## T-shirt Quilt for a Baby

A T-shirt baby quilt is a soft cuddly blanket that will be used and treasured as that new baby grows up. A T-shirt quilt makes an awesome shower gift or a gift from a Grandparent. These quilts are made out of T-shirts. Sometimes the T-shirts are the parents, grandparents or from friends of the parents. Other times the T-shirts are baby related.



When preparing for a T-shirt quilt for a baby, choose T-shirts with cute designs and images that a baby and young child will enjoy looking at and touching. Remember, that since many images that children like are small or on small T-shirts, it may take more T-shirts than you would expect to make a quilt the size you would like.

If the quilt is for a baby shower, have each invited guest supply 2 to 6 T-shirts. This will need to be done well in advance of the shower. Garage sales or Goodwill are also great places to acquire baby themed T-shirts. Themes can be of topics like teddy bears, cats, cars, trucks, or Big Bird. If the quilt is coming from within the family, ask each family member to collect a certain number of T-shirts. Some family members may even have T-shirts from their own children.

## Memorial Baby Clothes Quilts

Memorial baby clothes quilts are made from clothing of a deceased baby. Clothing from the parents or grandparents can also be included if you feel they are special or important to the memory of the baby. Hands down, these are the most special memorial quilts we make. This would make a wonderful gift from the grandmother of the baby. The timing of these quilts are important, so don't rush the process. You will know when the time is right.

Depending on the baby clothes quilt style, memorial baby clothes quilts are priced as a complex baby clothing quilt or simple baby clothing quilt. [Click here to learn more about memorial quilts](#). We understand the difficulty of planning such quilts and we are here to help.





## How many clothing items will it take to make a baby clothes quilt?

First, visit the chart on [How Many T-shirts page](#) on the [Too Cool® website](#) to see how many T-shirts are needed for a particular size. Then count how many items you have. You will need 4 to 7 baby clothes items for each T-shirt listed on our chart. So divide your total count by 5.

If you have way too many items for the size you are looking to have made, then pull any clothing items that might not be from the first year. The nice thing about a baby clothes quilt is that we can take a small piece from many of the onesies and other plain items. Then, if we don't have enough blocks to make the size quilt you would like, we can go back and cut a second or third block from each of these items.



## How do you handle stains?

Baby clothes are stained. That's just the nature of the clothing. We try to avoid the stains if at all possible. If we are just cutting a plain block from an item of clothing, we will look for an unstained area. If there is a stained area that you do or don't want, tape a note with blue painter's masking tape to the item. We have been making baby clothes quilts for years, so you will have to trust our experience and judgment when working with your clothing items.



## 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 baby clothes or baby T-shirt quilt:

1. Choose the parent's favorite colors. This method 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 or article of clothing 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 colors that will work with the baby's room color scheme.
4. Choose the old stand by: pink or yellow for a girl and green or blue for a boy.

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.



