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# Monogrammed Tee Shirt Pocket

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## *You'll Need:*

- Tee-shirt (make sure it does not have a pocket)
- 8-inch square of cotton fabric for pocket
- 8-inch square of woven fusible interfacing (I use Pellon Shape-Flex)
- Pre-fused laser-cut fabric monogram\* (order from [www.SayItWithApplique.com](http://www.SayItWithApplique.com))
- Sewing thread to match pocket fabric
- Black embroidery thread for monogram
- Iron
- Straight pins
- Fabric scissors
- Pocket pattern (download pattern from [www.SayItWithApplique.com](http://www.SayItWithApplique.com))

\*How to choose your monogram letters: The center letter is your last name, the left letter is your first name and the third letter (to the right) is either your middle or maiden name. For example, if your name is Spencer Emma Babylon, your monogram would be SBE.

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1. Download pocket pattern from [www.SayItWithApplique.com](http://www.SayItWithApplique.com)
2. Fuse woven interfacing to wrong side of pocket fabric following manufacturers directions.
3. Cut one pocket for each tee shirt you are making.



4 Place pocket wrong side up on ironing surface and press the straight side edges and the diagonal edges under  $\frac{1}{2}$ " towards the wrong side. Tuck fabric at corners neatly.



5 Using the pattern marking as a guide, fold over and press the top edge towards the wrong side.



6 Open the top edge of the pocket and pin pocket flat to ironing surface so it is stationary. Plan the placement of monogram by centering the center initial between the top folded edge and the lower point.



7 Remove the paper backing from the letters.



8 Arrange in place. Make sure the letters are straight and parallel to each other — spacing is up to you.

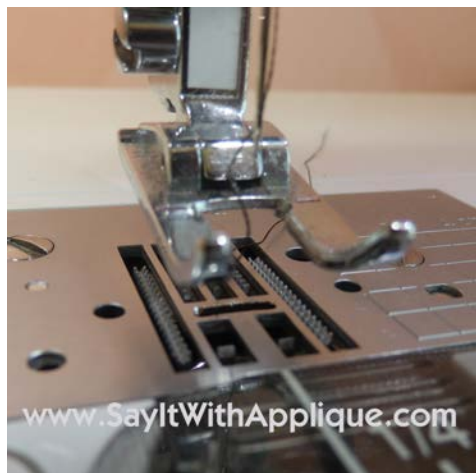


9 When pleased with the arrangement, carefully press the letters to the fabric using a hot, dry iron; do not move (swivel) the iron during this process because the letters may move out of place.

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Using an open toe foot, select your machine stitch for appliqué. This could be a straight, zig zag, satin, or blanket stitch. My favorite stitch is the blanket stitch.



Begin on a straight edge of one of the letters and stitch around each letter shape. If you have the option, set your machine so the presser foot always stops in the up position to make it easier to turn the corners.



Once all letters are stitched, you are ready to prepare your pocket to stitch to your tee shirt. But first, admire your stitched monogram!



Set your stitch to a small, wide zig zag. Stitch across the top edge of the pocket so the fabric won't ravel when the tee shirt is washed.



Fold and press the top edge of the pocket towards the right side of the fabric. Use the press line from step #4 as a guide.



Stitch the top hem "in the ditch" of the side pressing lines that you did in step #3 (page 1).

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16  
Carefully diagonally clip the fabric at each stitched corner. This will remove some bulk so you get a sharp corner and the pocket lays flat when turned right side out.



17  
Turn the top edge right side out. Use a point turner to get as crisp of corner as you can. Press the top edge smooth and flat. Make sure the side and bottom edges are still pressed under.



18  
Your monogrammed pocket is finished!



19  
Pin the pocket in place on your tee. Make sure you pin only through a single layer of the tee shirt. Pull the bulk of the tee shirt away from the pocket area.



20  
Using your all-purpose presser foot, stitch around pocket as close to the edge of the pocket as possible. Make sure you are not stitching through more than one layer of the shirt!



21  
Stitch an additional row of stitching at the top edge of the pocket about  $\frac{3}{4}$ " in length. This additional line of stitching will reinforce the pocket and will help to keep it from tearing away from the tee with regular use.



## **Monogrammed Pocket Tee Pattern**

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