

Serger Project

Tee-Square Scarf

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Supplies

- BERNINA serger
- Assorted t-shirts, the bigger the better
- 1 spool Wooly Nylon*
- 1 spool polyester serger thread*
- Rotary cutting supplies or sewing shears
- “Cut for the Cure” 7” x 14” ruler
- Chalk marker (optional)
- 505 Temporary Adhesiye Spray (optional)
- Tapestry needle or bodkin

*If the serger doesn't have 2-thread stitch capability, then 2 spools of each thread will be needed.

This cozy scarf is so easy to make, you can serge it together over the weekend! A great beginner project.



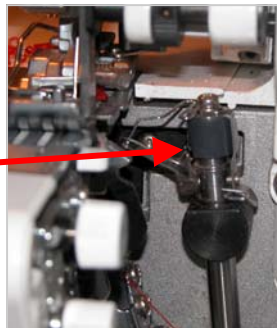
Cut the Squares

- ◆ Collect a bunch of t-shirts—you'll need at least eight to make a scarf as long as the one shown here. For this one we added a few more shirts in solid colors to add some variety to the mix.
- ◆ Use a rotary cutter and ruler to cut 11” x 11” squares from the t-shirts. If you're not comfortable jumping right in with the rotary cutter, draw the squares first, then cut them out.
- ◆ Arrange the squares as desired. Printed shirt fronts and solid colors alternate in the scarf shown here.



Serge the Squares Together

- ◆ Set the serger for a wide 2-thread flatlock, with Wooly Nylon in the lower looper and regular serger thread in the needle.
 - ◇ Upper Looper = converter installed
 - ◇ Lower Looper Tension = 5
 - ◇ Right Needle = removed
 - ◇ Left Needle Tension = 2
 - ◇ Stitch Length = 2.5
 - ◇ Cutting Width = 2
 - ◇ Differential Feed = N to 1.5
 - ◇ Rolled Hem Lever = pushed in
- ◆ Test the stitch using two scraps of t-shirt fabric: Place them **wrong sides together** and serge along one side.



If your serger doesn't have the ability to sew a 2-thread stitch, use a **3-thread flatlock** instead, with Wooly Nylon in the lower looper and regular serging thread in the upper looper and needle.

- ◇ Upper Looper Tension = 4
- ◇ Lower Looper Tension = 8
- ◇ Right Needle = removed
- ◇ Left Needle Tension = 1.5

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- ◆ The Woolly Nylon should be on one side, the plain serger thread on the other, and they should meet right at the edge of the fabric.



- ◆ If the fabric is pulling and making waves along the edges, adjust the Differential feed toward 1.5.
- ◆ Gently pull the two fabric squares away from each other. The stitches will flatten out, forming a “flat” stitch between the square.



- ◆ Once the flatlock stitch is adjusted as needed, serge eight squares together for each side of the scarf. Remember to place the squares **wrong sides together** when flatlocking.

Serge the Front & Back Together

- ◆ Place the two single layer scarf pieces **wrong sides together**. If desired, use 505 Temporary Fabric Adhesive to bond the layers together and make them easier to handle.
- ◆ Set the serger for a wide 2-thread wrapped overlock, with Woolly Nylon in the lower looper and regular serger thread in the needle.
 - ◇ Upper Looper = converter installed
 - ◇ Lower Looper Tension = 3.5
 - ◇ Right Needle = removed
 - ◇ Left Needle Tension = 5
 - ◇ Stitch Length = 2.5
 - ◇ Cutting Width = 2
 - ◇ Differential Feed = N to 1.5
 - ◇ Rolled Hem Lever = pushed in

- ◆ Test the stitch using two scraps of t-shirt fabric: Place them **wrong sides together** and serge along one side.



- ◆ The Woolly Nylon should wrap all the way around the edge; the plain serger thread should only show where it makes a line of straight stitches.
- ◆ If the fabric is pulling and making waves along the edges, adjust the Differential feed toward 1.5.

If your serger doesn't have the ability to sew a 2-thread stitch, use a **3-thread overlock** instead, with Woolly Nylon in the upper and lower loopers and regular serging thread in the needle.

- ◇ Upper Looper Tension = 4
- ◇ Lower Looper Tension = 8
- ◇ Right Needle = removed
- ◇ Left Needle Tension = 1.5

The Woolly Nylon stitches will meet at the edge of the fabric; the plain serger thread should only show where it makes a line of straight stitches.

- ◆ Once the wrap stitch is adjusted as needed, serge along the two long sides of the scarf, stitching off the ends and leaving thread tails.



- ◆ Serge the two short ends of the scarf, stitching off the ends and leaving thread tails.
- ◆ Use a tapestry needle or bodkin to weave the thread tails under the stitches. Place a drop of seam sealant on the stitches at the corners of the scarf. Trim the thread tails after the sealant dries.

