

# REVERSIBLE T- VEST

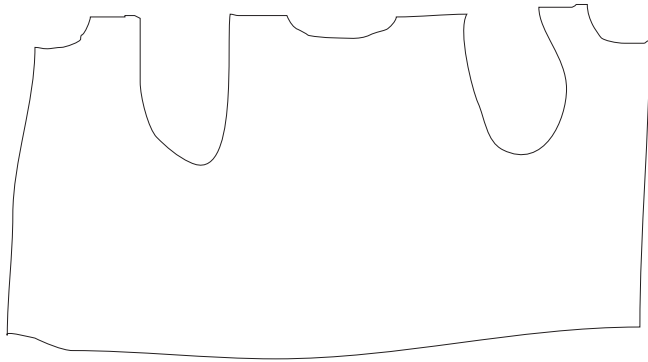
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## MATERIALS NEEDED:

3-4 t-shirts of the same size  
Good fabric scissors  
marking chalk for tailoring  
sewing machine  
applique scissors  
8-10 hours of time!

## TRIM AND LAYER 3-4 T SHIRTS:

Cut off the neckline and sleeves of 3-4 t-shirts that have no side seams but are approximately the same size. Cut evenly up the middle of the front of each t-shirt and across both shoulder seams.. You should have a shape that is similar to this picture.



## WHEN YOU LAYER CONSIDER THESE TIPS:

T shirt knit usually curls toward the outside of a t-shirt. Are there any markings on the t's that you want seen? Keep at least 2 layers of t's uncut. Not all areas of the vest need to be slashed.

Decide your t-shirt order and layer all the t-shirts, ironing them out as you go. Secure the layers with enough pins to hold them in place as you stitch the layers together.

## STITCH, THEN FIT:

Either vertically or horizontally, stitch through all layers of the fabrics, making your stitching about ½ inch apart. (You can do some creative things here, especially if you are not slashing between all the stitching!) Do not stitch the 3" nearest to each shoulder seam until you have fitted the vest. Pin the shoulder seams so you can try the vest on. Recut/trim arm holes, the front center, and the bottom (if sewing horizontally, cut along one of the stitching lines). Angle shoulder seams as needed to get rid of any gaping around the armholes. **NOTE:** Grandma found this the most challenging part of this project until she got the hang of it! Be careful not to cut too much and to cut evenly. Once you have fitted the vest, **with right sides together**, sew the shoulder seams on the side of the vest you will not be slashing. Pin down the other t-layers, and continue the pattern of stitching all the layers together.

## SLASHING AND FINISHING THE EDGES:

Use a pair of applique scissors to trim between your stitching lines, being as careful as you can to not cut or pull out any of the stitching. If you used 3 t's, cut only one layer. If you used 4 t's, you can vary whether you cut 1 or 2 layers. Again, you do not have to cut all the spaces! Once you have done all the cutting you'd like, do the final stitching - 2 rows of stitching (about 1/8" apart and about ½" from the edges) around all the edges to hold the stitching in place. If desired, you may go back and "fringe" around some or all the edges, being careful not to cut any of the stitching. After washing and drying, you will get your final effect!

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