

Tee Shirt Dust Mop Head

You will need 2 old tee shirts for this project.

Cutting list:

6 pieces at 13" x 13", mop head pieces, (cut 3 from each tee shirt)

2 pieces at 10" x 14", mop base pieces (cut 1 from each tee shirt)

Cutting layout for each tee shirt:

Line up the bottom hems of the tee shirts and cut them off. Measure 13" from the cut and cut across the width of the tee shirt. Trim one of the folded edges of the tee shirt at right angles to your hem cutoff. Measure 13" cross wise and cut. You will have 2 squares, each measuring 13" x 13". Unfold the piece that is left and cut one more 13" x 13" square, for a total of 3 squares.

For the base, cut off the sleeves close to the seam line. Cut the back into a rectangle measuring 10" x 14". You will get 1 from each tee shirt. Discard the cut-off pieces of the tee shirt, use for cleaning rags, or cut up even smaller to make stuffing for another project.

Base directions

Layer the two 10" x 14" pieces on top of each other and sew a ½" seam around the perimeter, leaving an opening for turning. Turn the base right-side-out and top stitch the opening shut. Mark the centerline in the middle of the 9" side. Draw 2 more lines 2" away on either side of the centerline.

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Layer your 6 pieces of 13" x 13" tee shirting on top of each other. Draw a line on the centerline of the top piece. Draw 2 more lines on the same piece of tee shirting about 2" away from the outside edges. Pin the layers together.

Center the layers on the mop base on the shorter, 9" side, lining up the center of the base with the center marked line. Sew a seam down the center of the mop pad. Go slowly as you will be sewing through 8 layers of tee shirting. I used a triple stretch stitch on my machine.

Next, loosely fold your 6 layers on each side of the centerline. Line up the marked lines of the squares with the marked lines of the base. Stitch on the marked line. Repeat for other side. This will look a little bit like a "speed bump".

Cut through the "speed bumps" from end to end and clip all the layers about 1" apart, being careful not to clip through the mop base or your stitching lines.

This project was designed to fit a Swiffer dust mop. I saw this project on the Internet last spring, but I cannot find the original author to give her credit. I do have some screen shots of her technique. If you want to see them, please let me know, and I will bring my computer to a future MQSC meeting.

Thanks and enjoy! Marilyn Lira