

# Attaching a Pocket onto a T-Shirt

Sewing with knits can sometimes be a little challenging, but with a few tricks, you will be able to attach a monogrammed pocket onto your favorite t-shirt with no problem.

You will need to gather a few supplies:

- Basting spray – I prefer 505 spray
- Steam and Seam ¼" tape
- Pins
- Handsewing Needle
- Tear Away Stabilizer (If you order your pocket from Monograms for Makers, your pocket will come with a sheet of tear away)
- Basics – Sewing Machine, Thread, Scissors



Lay out your t-shirt and start to visually determine where your pocket should be. There aren't any hard and fast rules because every body shape is different, but generally you will want to center the pocket between the centerline of the shirt and the sleeve seam and then you will want to adjust vertically up and down until it looks right, pin the pocket on the shirt and VERY carefully try it on and make sure that it looks right.



Once you are happy with the location of your pocket, mark the location of the pocket on the shirt with pins. Flip the pocket over, and fuse the steam a seam tape along the edges of the backside of the pocket, then fuse the pocket onto the t-shirt, making sure to not place the iron directly on the monogram stitches, either keep the iron along the edges, or use a pressing cloth. Once the pocket is fused in place, take the piece of tear away stabilizer and lightly spray it with basting spray and stick it on the inside of the t-shirt on the backside of where the stitches will be. The stabilizer will keep the knit from stretching or moving while you are stitching.



Take the shirt to the machine and stitch around the edge of the pocket, making sure to catch the seam allowance from the opening where the pocket was turned right side out. Before you take your first stitch, be sure to leave yourself a thread tail at the beginning, and also at the end of your stitches so that you can thread the hand sewing needle and take those threads to the back for added security instead of backstitching as it makes a cleaner finish that is still durable. Finally, very

gently pull away the stabilizer from your stitching lines, you don't want to rip it off quickly or carelessly or you can distort your stitching or break the thread. You have now attached your pocket!!

