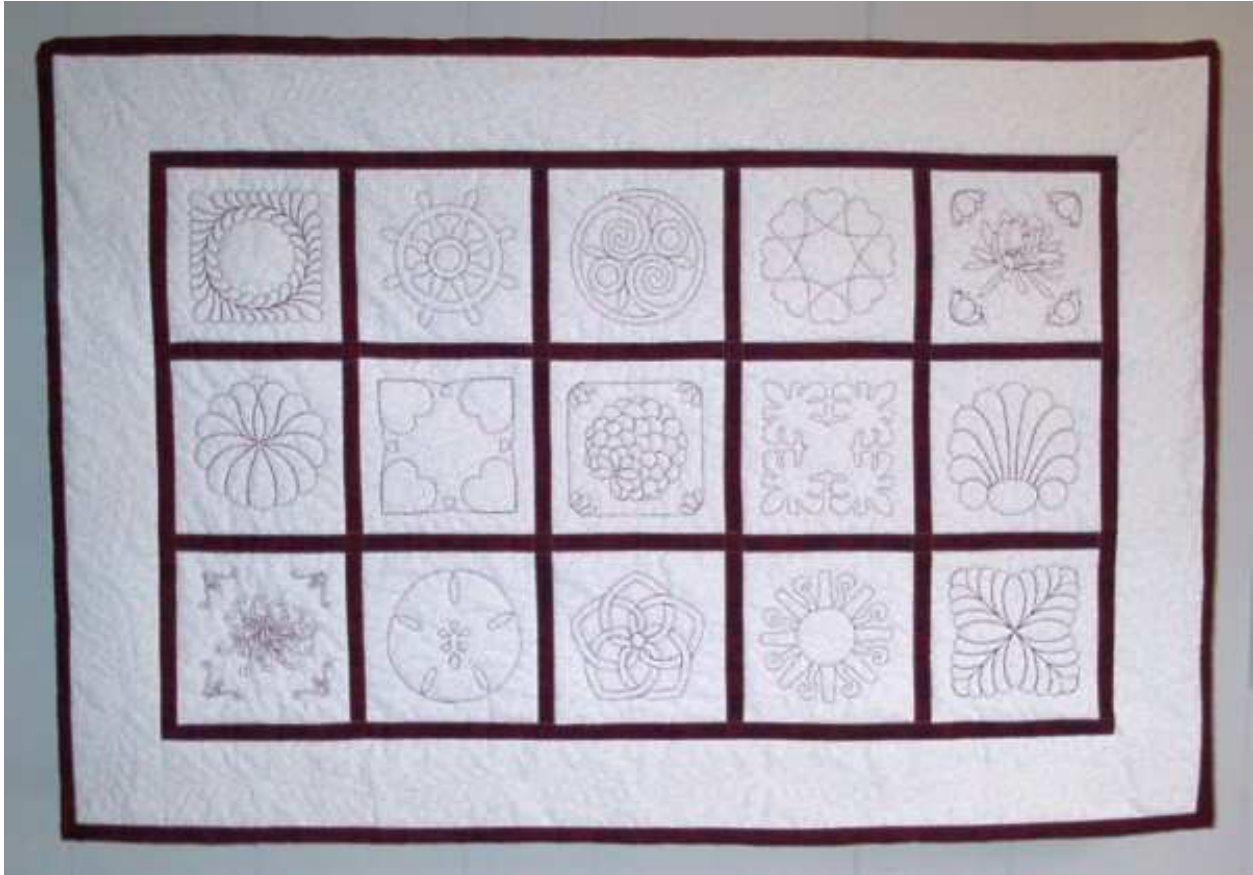


TV Cover Project
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Tell “Hubby” that you want to protect that beautiful new TV with a cover. Create a work of art that will complement your décor.

Supplies:

About 1-1/2” yards each of two quilting cottons
One lightweight cotton fabric the size of the TV
One plain, soft fabric the size of the TV
Cotton batting (crib quilt size)
Quilting embroidery designs from Perfect Little Stitches
Sewing thread and quilting thread
Heavy Cut away stabilizer

These instructions are only very general, as the actual dimensions will vary with the model TV, and whether it is mounted on the wall or standing on a table. The following are for a wall-mounted TV.

Design the front according to the size of your TV. For my 42" wide TV, the squares are 6-1/4" (6-3/4" cut), the sashing is 3/4" (1-1/4" cut) and the border is 3-1/2" (4-1/4" cut). The quilt piecing uses traditional 1/4" seams. The sides and top are sewn to the front with 1/2" seams. The cover hangs down about an inch below the bottom of the TV screen because that makes for a more harmonious arrangement of quilt squares.

Once the front is pieced, layer it with batting and a lightweight backing fabric. Stitch in the ditch along each edge of the sashing.

Hoop two layers of cut-away stabilizer. Cut a square hole in the center of the stabilizer, about 1" larger than your largest quilting design. Center a square over the hole in the stabilizer, pinning the quilt to the stabilizer on each side and each corner. Quilt. Repeat until all squares are quilted.

Measure to be sure the quilt front will fit the TV. Allow about 3/4" extra in the width and at least an extra inch on the length (more is okay if that makes the quilt pattern balanced). Quilt a border design in the same manner as the squares, spacing the designs for best fit.

To protect the TV screen from scratches, cover the backside of the quilted front with a piece of soft fabric. Pin in place. The narrow border will end up being the same width as the sashing. For a 3/4" sashing, cut strips 1-1/2" wide. Pin the strips face down to the sides of the quilt, 1-1/4" from the edge of the quilt. Stitch 1-1/2" from the edge of the quilt (1/4" from the edge of the strip), sewing through the soft protective fabric. Press the strip to toward the edge of the quilt (raw edges should meet). Baste the edges within the 1/2" seam allowance. Finish the top side the same way. Finish the lower edge with binding to match the width of the sashing. For 3/4" sashing, cut the binding 2" wide. Pin face down 1/2" from lower edge. Stitch 3/4" from lower edge, turn, press, fold over edge and stitch to the back by hand.

Each side piece is the height of the quilted front and the depth of the TV. Double the depth measurement, add 1" (in my case, the finished side piece is 4-1/2" by 29-1/2", so the cut size is 10" by 30"). Fold the strip lengthwise and press. Turn inside out to sew the seam on one end (1/2" seam allowance). Turn right side out and press. Cut a piece of batting the size of the side piece (the folded, presses size). Slip the batting inside the folded side piece. Pin. Quilt the side piece (I used a 1-1/2" grid pattern). Repeat for the other side piece.

To make the top, measure the top edge of the quilted front. Cut a piece that long and 10" wide. Fold in half lengthwise. Press. Cut batting to fit inside. Pin and quilt.

Sew the top to the quilted front, using a 1/2" seam allowance, stopping 1/2" from each end.. Sew each side to the front, stopping 1/2" from the top, using 1/2" seams.

Place the cover over the TV and pin the corners to fit. Stitch the corners on the inside. Trim away extra fabric.

If your TV is on a table stand, you can make a cover that is a simple box design. Measure the TV and go for it!

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