



## Serger-Made Tee Shirt with Deb Canham



Today's project is fun and relatively simple for a custom fit tee shirt.

For the pattern, I used McCall's [M6964](#)— it's a great pattern that allows you to do a bust adjustment and has lines drawn out for you.

The fabric we used is a cotton with spandex from [So Sew English fabrics](#)

This fabric rolls slightly when pulled but is easy to control after pressing.

We're sewing this using the flat construction method which allows us to sew the side seams last and so we can adjust for a perfect fit

There is no hemming involved – we'll show an easy way to add bands to bottom and cuffs of shirt. This is a fun project!

Sergers offer a great option with the differential feed, it feeds the fabric a little bit faster under the foot and compensates for the stretch.

We are also using the stretch stitch on your machine and here are a few settings:

2 needles – both on 4

Upper looper on 4.25

Lower Looper on 4.0

Stitch length 2.5

Cutting width - 7

Differential feed – 1.3

Seam allowance on pattern 5/8 – set your guide for 3/8 from front edge of knife.

Foot pressure – set to 3



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Let's begin!

Match raw edges of the first shoulder and sew. Then press your fabric.

Neck bands – cut 4" wide – draw a line 1" from the edge – you won't sew the red line until you attach neckband to your tee shirt

Stretch your neck band as you sew it, this is basically a basting stitch

Now sew the neckline along the red line attached to the tee shirt.

Trim off the extra neckband fabric, match right sides together and baste stitch on sewing machine 5/8 seam allowance

On the serger – with edge of neckband against the knife, sew your shoulder seam.

Bury your thread chain in the stitching – cut off excess

Next – lets add the sleeves – on better patterns – you'll have a little more room on the back of your sleeve. Look for the notches on your fabric and match your center first, then clip all right sides together.

Using your fabric guide – work slowly – matching small sections together.

One sleeve is sewn in!

Try on your shirt and pin your side seams

Sew from your armhole to the bottom of the tee shirt -treat it as a straight line so your serger knife doesn't cut into your fabric at the seam.

Repeat – match right sides together, the underarm seam, the wrists and clip all together

Now press wrong sides together but sew raw edges right sides together to get a continuous band. – cutoff 3/8<sup>th</sup> using your guide

Baste stitch both cuffs with raw edge next to your knife – no cutting necessary

Attach right sides together and clip – sew together –

Clip your band to your hem and cut off the excess – remove from the hem, unclip and baste stitch the raw edge joining both ends together

Baste stitch the raw edge to form a tube.

53:18 – 53:37 – your call on this one Gym – it might not be worth your while

54:22 – 57:00 – Gym – there is a lot of slow sew time on in this segment but she her audio is good. I think we could speed it up, keep the audio and it will still work well.

Thread in your thread tails and you've completed your project!



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If you have any questions about this machine or other baby lock machines please visit your retailer and as always, enjoy the process and thank you for watching!



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