

Shirts for Christmas

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It's always tough to find suitable gifts to make for the guys, but a personalized shirt can really fill the bill, so each year I try to include several in my gift-making. Some of my guys prefer golf shirts and others like a pocket tee, so I've made some of each.



DH wasn't happy when his beloved CBC Newsworld shirt, worn almost threadbare, finally ended up in the ragbag.

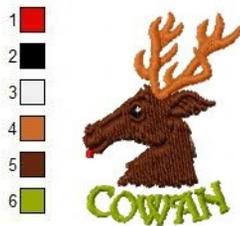
But I was, because here was an opportunity for me to create a welcome gift.



I digitized the logo just as it appeared on his old shirt, using three colors, then recreated it in tones of black and white to suit the soft grey-green of the new shirt.

A heraldic motif is always a good choice for a guy, and this golf shirt will be a welcome gift for Michael.

A full crest might have been too heavy for a knit shirt, so I just reproduced the deer head motif and the name.



This understated treatment is perfect for Michael. I know he's going to enjoy receiving, and wearing, this shirt.

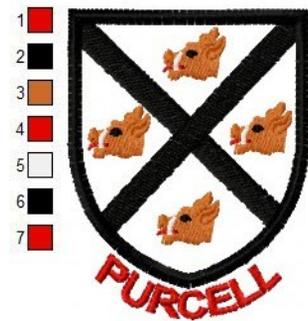
To position the logos on a golf shirt, measure approximately 7-9" down from the top of the shoulder and 4-5" to the right of center. I use paper templates to help position the design.

Brothers Steve and Jerry prefer pocket tees, and to personalize these, a family crest seemed perfect.



Because I was stitching the crest in such a small size, I chose the simplest crest style, showing just the shield.

I made it as an applique, since I judged that a fill might be too heavy. A scrap of knit fabric forms the background of the shield, with embroidery for the small details.



One of the pluses of working with a pocket tee is that it's easy to position the embroidery. Many commercial embroiderers stitch right through the pocket into the shirt, but I prefer to remove the pocket and re-attach it after embroidering. That way, the guys can still make use of the pocket, which is what they like.

These tees are going to be a great hit on Christmas morning.