

CRAZY QUILTERS QUILT GUILD

HOW TO MAKE A NAME TAG

In order to get to know each other by name, we ask that you wear a name tag. Our name tags make use of the crazy quilting technique, which really is not quilting as we know it. Crazy quilting consists of sewing odd shapes and sizes of fabric to a muslin base or some other stabilizer. The seam lines are then embellished with beads, embroidery stitches, commercial trims, ribbons, buttons and the like. No quilting is done to the finished top.

1. With a pencil, trace the heart pattern onto a piece of muslin or stabilizer about 8 inches square. You will work with the side of the muslin with the traced heart as the wrong side of the base fabric. This allows you to use the lines of the traced heart as your cutting lines once you have completed the top.
2. Select a scrap of fabric with at least four sides ("the original fabric"), so that the wrong side of the original fabric is to the right side of the base fabric. Do not turn under any edges.
3. Lay another piece of fabric, wrong side, up, on top of the original fabric. Pin in place. Stitch a ¼" seam along the common edge, stitching through all three thicknesses.
4. Fold the top shape of second fabric back over the original fabric and finger press the seam.
5. Use the method described in steps 3 and 4 to continue around the sides of the original fabric. Once the sides of the original fabric have been joined to other fabrics, continue using the same method until the base fabric is covered by the crazy quilting technique out beyond the traced heart.
6. On the front of the heart embellish the seam lines with beads, embroidery stitches, ribbons, ribbon roses, laces, etc. Add buttons and beads wherever you like **ALONG WITH YOUR NAME!**
7. Optional: stabilize the fabric even further by using "wonder under" or another stabilizer to the wrong side of the base fabric.
8. Cut out the heart, cutting at least ¼" around the traced heart line on the wrong side of the base fabric.
9. Select a fabric for the back of your name tag and cut out a heart shape from that fabric. Equal in size to the crazy quilt heart.
10. Using either the following methods, join together the crazy quilt heart and the backing fabric. **Method one:** place the two heart shapes together with right sides facing each other. Stitch around the heart with a 1/4" seam, leaving a three inch space open for turning. Turn right side out and stitch the seam closed. Attach a pin back on the back or use a fancy hap pin to attach the name tag to your clothing. **Method two:** make or purchase bias binding. With wrong sides together, pin the heart shapes together. Attach the bias binding to the front of the heart and then attach the bias binding to the back of the heart. Finish as described in Method One.

