## JERSEY DOILY SCARF

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This project sheet was inspired by a scarf pattern I saw in *Generation T: Beyond Fashion* by Megan Nicolay and by all the awesome crochet-adorned garments in, yes, *Crochet Adorned* by Linda Permann. I can't crochet, but I can sure as heck buy crocheted doilies from the Knittn' Kitten, and experiment with 100 ways to get them off the couch and onto my clothes . . . I heartily encourage you to do the same!

## Materials:

- 3-6 doilies in a variety of sizes small, medium, and large
- 3 large t-shirts or 1.5 yards of jersey knit fabric in coordinating colors
- · Scissors, pins, sewing machine, thread, tape measure









- 7. Fold the fabric over double, and pin doilies to the fabric. Use the doily as a pattern to cut out shapes from the jersey. For a 6.5 foot scarf, you will need approximately 6 large shapes, 15 medium shapes, and 15 small shapes.
- 2. Using a tape measure as your guide, lay out all of your large pieces and as many of your medium pieces as needed on either end to reach your desired length. Overlap the pieces by about an inch.
- 3. Now, add a layer of small and medium shapes on top of your first layer. Arrange them in a way that is pleasing to you. You will be sewing a long seam down the center, so try to ensure that you have at least two layers of jersey in every spot that you will be sewing.



4. As a final touch, incorporate some doilies into the design. Soft, draping ones will work best. Pin the pieces in place down the center. If you know the fiber content of your doilies, you might even try dying them to match your fabric (most fabric paints will make them too stiff) – or picking your fabric to match the doilies!



5. Using a sewing machine, stitch a single seam down the center of the scarf. Back-stitch the beginning and end of the seam to secure the thread. And you're done! Or, you're only just beginning . . .

## MORE OPTIONS: USING DOILIES (OR LACE!) AS STENCILS



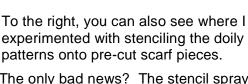
As part of my doily love, I played with using a spray-on fabric paint called "Simply Spray Stencil Paint" that I found at JoAnn Fabrics.



I just laid the doilies down on a t-shirt in the desired pattern, and sprayed the stencil paint over the doilies per the instructions on the can!



With gloved hands, I lifted the doilies off, and they left a beautiful pattern behind! I let it dry, and poof, I had an instantly cooler t-shirt. I encourage you to try this with lace and other odd bits you find!







The only bad news? The stencil spray renders the doilies too stiff for putting into clothes. Good news? You now have reusable stencils!



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