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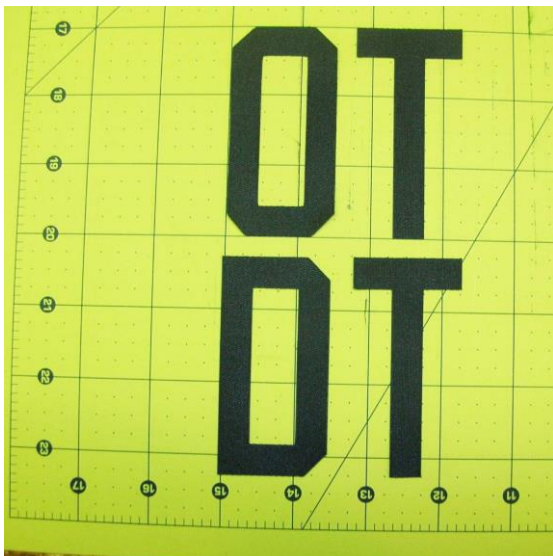
# THE EMBROIDERY COACH

## Sewing Twill on Jacket Sleeves

### Step 1 - Mark your jacket where you want the letters.

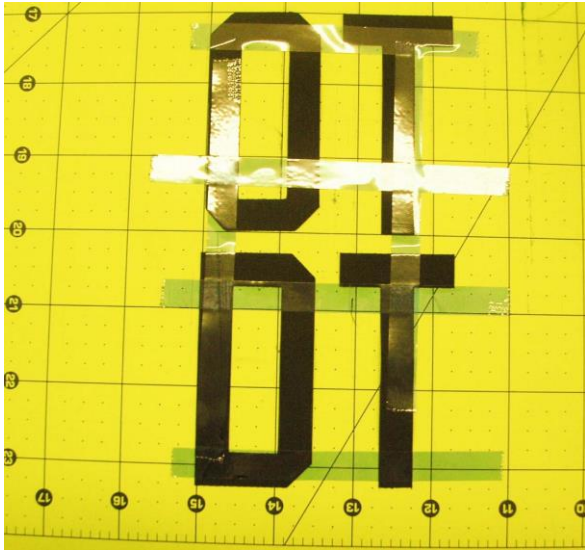
This is very important because you do not want to sew them on crooked. If you are working with leather sleeves, you only have one chance. You cannot remove these letters and redo them.

This example is showing 2 rows of letters on the right sleeve. As a general rule the numbers go on the left sleeve and the letters go on the right sleeve. If I am working with a single line of lettering or numbers on sleeves, I place the top of the letter 3 inches down from the shoulder seam. If I am doing 2 rows of letters, I will start about 1.5 inches down from the top of the shoulder. You will mark for the 2 rows 4.5 inches down from the shoulder. I use one of the disappearing blue markers for this. If it is a dark color, I will use a white chalk pencil. In this example we are using 3 Inch letters. That is usually standard.



### Step 2 - Lay your numbers or letters down on a grid that is marked off in one-inch squares.

Make sure that you line the first set of numbers up on the line. They must be straight. Line up the next row of numbers or letters under the first row approximately one fourth of an inch down from the first row. Do not place them any further apart. You only have so much room to work with when you are sewing the lettering on.



**Step 3 - Tape the letters in place using heat tape.**

I purchase this from Stahls. I use the same tape if I am working on a wool jacket, nylon jacket or any other type. If it is not a leather sleeve, you can place the garment with this heat tape under the heat press to press it in place and it will not damage the tape or the jacket.

**Step 4 - Pick up the letters that are taped together being careful not to disturb the letters and put them in place on the jacket sleeve and tape it down.**

After you have them in place use some long straight pens with the glass or plastic round ball heads and pin a couple of the letters in place going through the sleeve front and the lining. You will have to have your hand and arm down inside of the jacket sleeve in order to do this so that you do not pin something together that is not supposed to be pinned together. Do not try to pin it outside of the letters. It will leave visible holes on the jacket after you are finished.



**Step 5 - You will have to turn the sleeve inside out and place it under the foot of your zig zag machine.**



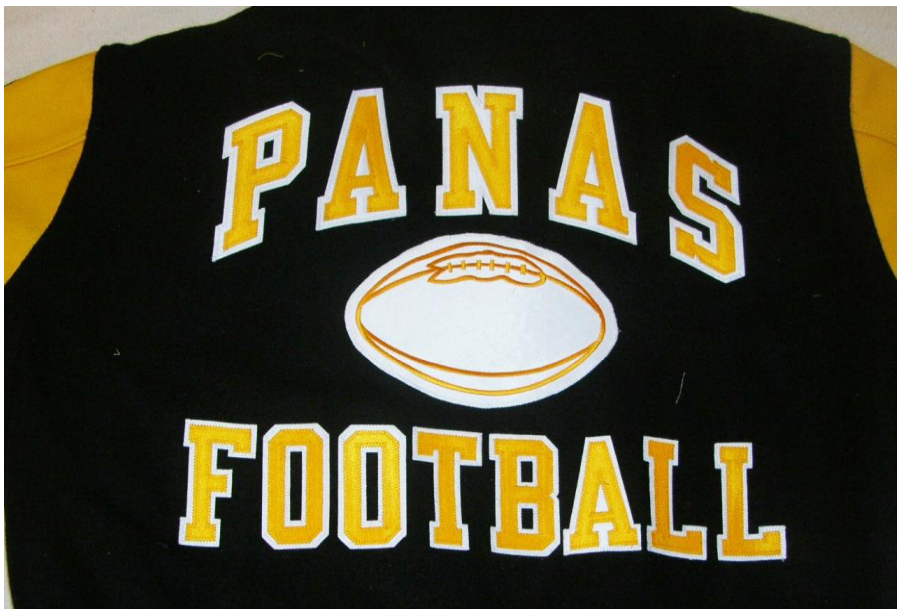
You will sew it with a zig zag stitch that is about 2 millimeters wide. This is about 3/16 of an inch. You will need to be the judge on that one. You do not want the stitches to be as close together as you do with a satin stitch. You are going to want some space between them because you do not want to punch holes in the leather sleeves. Make sure that you sew on the outside of the twill letters and not on the edge. The letters will look like they are raveling.

Do not sew over the tape. Lift it up when you come to that part that needs sewing. It is very difficult to remove if you sew through it.

The picture above is the jacket sleeve

finished!

## Jacket Back with 2 color Twill Letters and Embroidered Football on Twill



The first line of lettering, PANAS is 3 Inched down from the back-neck edge. These are 3-inch letters. The letter on the right is showing you approximately how close to sew the letters. I hope that you can see it well enough.

The football is embroidered on twill, cut out with at least one fourth of an inch of twill showing outside of the embroidery and then it is also sewn onto the jacket with a zig zag stitch.

Press the 2 color letters together first before you start placing them on the jacket back. Sometimes it is easier to even sew the inside of the letter together before placing it on the jacket. It is a little faster doing it this way and you have a lot less fabric to move around as you are sewing.

Mark the placement for the top line of lettering. Open up your jacket and pull it over the platen of your heat press machine. Place your letters along your marked line and press them in place. Next place the center design in place and press that down.

Mark for your bottom line of lettering and then put those letters in place and press them down. Now you will remove your jacket and take it to the sewing machine.

This process is done with a zig zag stitch sewing machine, not an embroidery machine. It is best if you have a commercial zig zag machine, however, it can be done on a home machine but it can be very hard to handle because you really do not have very much room to work with.