



Tips for preparing your quilt top for longarm quilting

Print and include the Work Order Form

Batting and backing;

If you ship your own backing, it needs to be a minimum of 8 inches larger than the quilt top and squared up, we need at least this amount to work with as your quilt is loaded onto the rollers of the quilting machine. For best results backing should be one piece and 100% cotton, avoid polyester blends and bed sheets.

Each layer is mounted on the quilting machine separately, so please do not baste or pin the quilt layers together.

Consider what batting suits your needs. Polyester is great for kids quilts as it can take being washed and dried often. Some battings weigh more than other types, this must be considered for large bed quilts. Batting with some loft can help to conceal imperfections in piecing. Thin batting like bamboo is lightweight and drapes well but can be unforgiving for some quilts.

Trim points

Trim excess seams or points that can cause undesirable lumps and make the stitching run off line.

Trim trailing threads

Eliminate loose threads that can show through the quilt top or backing especially on light fabrics.

Press well

Press seams flat from reverse side, then press front of quilt well. Good pressing using spray starch helps create a well finished quilt.

Pieced borders;

If your border is pieced, stitch a scant ¼" around the outer edge of the quilt top, so it won't show after the binding is done as your quilt top will be lightly tensioned during the quilting process, and this will prevent the edge seams from coming unstitched.

Indicate top of quilt

Place a safety pin at the head end of the quilt. Some quilting designs are one way or directional and we need to know which will be the pillow end of the quilt.

Thread

Please do not send thread with your quilt. Quick Quilt use only the highest quality thread, our professional reputation depends on this, we DO NOT use the cheapest (and weakest) threads to keep our prices down.

Our commitment to your project

Every effort is made to enhance the beauty of your quilt, we endeavor to ensure that your top, bottom and sides of your quilt are parallel, the corners are square, that blocks and sashings are lined up evenly, and we distribute fullness as evenly as possible. We do our absolute best to make your quilt dreams come true.