

# *Twin Cities Quilting*

## *Long Arm Services*



### **Services Offered:**

- ☐ **Custom:** All services are charged at \$40.00 an hour (minimum charge is 2 hours)
- ☐ **Edge to Edge:** Quilting services are charged by the square inch. When choosing a design and/or checking in a quilt we can guide you through the process to assess a price per square inch. Our price per square in ranges from 3 to 5 cents. Any additional services (piecing backing, pressing, precise trims, binding) will be charged at our custom rate of \$40.00 an hour. Some of these services may arise once we begin to load your quilt. We will add these services to your final invoice and take special care to perform them in a timely and quality fashion. Binding services are not always available.
- ☐ **Edge to Edge Small Projects and Multiple Projects:** A minimum charge of \$80.00 will be used for smaller projects. If you have multiple small projects we suggest you make one backing fabric to accommodate all of them. All projects must layout horizontally (longest measurement from side to side) on the backing fabric. There will be an additional charge for each project to prep batting, baste and reprogram the machine. All projects must use the same quilting design.

### **Prepping your Quilt:**

Please make sure your seams and quilt top are well pressed. Please fold the quilt neatly.

Backing fabric must be 8" longer and wider than your quilt top. Please straighten all edges. A charge may apply if we need to square up your backing fabric.

### **Batting:**

Batting must be purchased from Twin Cities Quilting.\* We will cut your batting from the roll when we are ready to load your quilt. This insures the batting is smooth and free of wrinkles and folds.

- ☐ Quilter's Dream Select (\$14.99/yd) 100% natural cotton - 93"
- ☐ Quilters Dream Request (\$12.99/yd) 100% natural cotton - 93"
- ☐ Quilter's Dream White (\$17.99/yd) - 93"
- ☐ Quilter's Dream Black (\$12.99/yd) - 93"
- ☐ Quilter's Dream Select 100% natural cotton (\$18.99/yd) - 120"
- ☐ Hobbs 80% cotton/20% poly natural (\$13.99/yd) - 96"

\*We do not use or accept wool batting because of allergy and quality issues.

## **Thread:**

We only use top quality threads at Twin Cities Quilting. This means the threads are stronger and resist fading. It also means they have less "stray hairs" than many long arm quilting threads that are used at other locations. Most of you use high quality thread to piece your quilts and we believe you would want the same quality for your top stitching, quilting thread.

In general we will use variegated threads on the top of your project - King Tut from Superior Threads. Sometimes these variegated threads look solid but yet have subtle monochromatic changes to enhance the look of the quilting. Other times they will change colors. In the bobbin we generally use solid colors that work in tandem with the variegated thread on the top of your quilt and are pleasing with your backing fabric. From years of experience we know choosing a solid color for the bobbin provides better tension and less show through of color to the opposite side of your quilt.

Thread charges are assessed by the amount of bobbins it takes to complete your design. This means larger quilts and more dense designs will use more thread. Overall, thread charges are a small percentage of your total invoice. Our bobbins hold approximately 135 yards of threads. That means for each bobbin 270 yards of thread will be added to your quilt. Our price per bobbin is \$3.75.

Over the years our customers have left the choice of thread color up to us. If you would like to be involved in choosing the thread color for the top of your quilt please let us know when you drop off your quilt. If your quilt has a discernible background color we will ask for guidance.

## **Timing:**

We quilt projects in the order they are received so completion times will vary.

***Custom Quilting:*** In general our completion time runs between three and five months. It is dependent upon the number of quilts in front of yours. For custom quilting we have no rush service available.

***Edge to Edge Quilting:*** Since we are new to edge to edge quilting we have yet to determine a standard turn around time. Rush services are available. The timing and price of rush services are dependent upon the quantity and hours of quilting in the queue. A rush service charge will apply.

## **Terms/Agreement:**

Twin Cities Quilting agrees to quilt your project to the best of our ability and within our quality standards. The details outlined above will apply.

We know your quilt is important to you. Although we also know that neither party in this agreement is perfect. We will do everything we can to improve/maintain the condition of the quilt we receive. Many quilts come to us with issues beyond our control. We will do our best to outline these conditions prior to accepting your quilt but some are only apparent once a quilt is in the process of being quilted (unfinished seams/wavy borders/etc.). We will do our best to improve these issues as we quilt.

Payment is due in full once your quilt is completed. We expect payment and pick up within two weeks of completion. We do not have room to store completed quilts. If we do not hear from you soon after your quilt is completed we will consider the quilt abandoned. Abandoned quilts will be donated to a local facility.