



Quilt Preparation Prior to Longarm Quilting

Steps to Ensure a Smooth Quilting Process

Preparing your quilt for longarm quilting is a crucial step that ensures a polished and professional finish. By following best practices and thorough preparation steps, your quilting experience can be streamlined, resulting in a stunning final product.

Ensure the Quilt Top is Complete

Begin by verifying that your quilt top is fully pieced and assembled. Inspect all seams to ensure they are securely stitched and pressed flat. This minimizes bulk and enhances the overall appearance of the quilt. Trim any stray threads, as these can interfere with the quilting process.

Square up your quilt top to ensure it is even on all sides. Uneven edges can cause difficulties during longarm quilting, leading to misaligned stitching or puckering. Measure the dimensions of your quilt top and make sure the corners are precise, and the sides are straight.

Prepare the Backing Fabric

The backing fabric plays an essential role in stabilizing your quilt during the quilting process. Ensure the backing fabric is at least 4-6 inches larger than the quilt top on all sides. This extra width allows for proper tensioning and adjustments on the longarm frame.

Press the backing fabric thoroughly to remove creases or wrinkles. If the backing is pieced, check the seams to ensure they are flat and secure. It is recommended to use a single fabric or piece the backing with a pattern that complements the quilt top to enhance the overall aesthetics.

Pressing for Precision

Pressing your quilt top is vital for achieving professional results. Iron both the quilt top and backing fabric to remove any wrinkles or distortions. Pay close attention to the seams, ensuring they are properly aligned and flat. A well-pressed quilt allows the longarm quilter to achieve smoother stitching and a flatter appearance.

Trimming and Cleaning

Trim excess threads, loose fabric pieces, or stray batting fibers. These can become entangled in the quilting machine and disrupt the stitching process. Check the edges of your quilt top to make sure there are no frayed or uneven areas.

Clean your quilt top of any residues, such as adhesive sprays or markings, as these may interact with the quilting threads or machine components. If you have used washable fabric markers, ensure they do not leave stains or smudges that could affect the final appearance.

Final Steps and Packing

Fold or roll your quilt top and backing neatly to prevent wrinkles during transport. Avoid tight folding, as this can cause creases that may be difficult to remove. Place your quilt layers in a clean, protective bag to shield them from liquid, dust or dirt.

Include your Long Arm Order Form, along with any special instructions. This adds clarity and ensures nothing is overlooked during the quilting process.

Where to Ship Your Quilt

The Farmhouse Quiltery

308 East North Ave

Ellsworth, MN 56129

When Your Quilt Arrives to the Studio

Upon arrival, your quilt will be removed from the box, measured, tagged, and entered into the Quilt Queue. You will receive an email notification, if your email address has been provided on your Long Arm Order Form, confirming that your quilt has been received and processed. It will then be queued for quilting.

If you Have Any Questions

Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns. I am happy to help. I can be reached in the following ways:

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