

## Prepare Your Quilt Top for the Longarm

- Press the top – if it is not, we will have to do it and you will be charged for it.
- Press the backing - if it is not, we will have to do it and you will be charged for it.
- Do not leave your selvage in your backing piece.
- Please square your top and backing, do not leave one piece longer when piecing the backing. If it is not, we will have to do it and you will be charged for this step.
- Be sure the backing is 8" larger than the top – (we will not accept if smaller than this size)

example: If your top is 72 x 87, you backing should be 80 x 95

example: It is also just as bad if your backing is too big, especially on the width as it will not mount correctly on the machine – we will have to trim it and then you will be charged for this step.

- If you have directional top or backing, please put a safety pin in the middle of the side that is considered to be the top.
- Please backstitch the seams that are at the end of the quilt. As we stretch it on the frame they have a tendency to start to separate.
- If you have to piece your backing, please use ½" seam allowance and press seam open. No selvages here!
- Trim all loose threads peeking out through to the top.
- Please use lint roller and remove any pet hair.
- Fold neatly over a hanger to bring for quilting – not wadded up in a grocery sack :(
- Borders! What can we say, please be sure you do not have wavy borders and they must lay flat when mounting quilt or we will call you and you will have to pick up top for fixing. If you are unsure how to measure and apply borders, please talk with us and we will be happy to give you a little demo talk. We don't want to have to sew pleats in your borders while quilting.
- While pressing your top, inspect it and be sure you have caught all your seams and that you do not have any spots that have not been stitched. It's harder to hand stitch these down after quilting than to do it before hand. This is an excellent time to do this task, so take your time use a little spray starch and do a little quality check on your top.

We will love and care for your quilt top and want it to turn out beautifully for you!

Figure the price for quilting = .02 a square inch

Top – 72 x 87 = 6264 / 6264 x .02 = 125.28 / Thread \$7 for top, \$7 for back / Batting \$10 yard

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