

Avoiding Add-on Charges and Delays



Preparing your Quilt to be Long-Armed will save you Time and Money

- Press your quilt top and backing thoroughly.
- If you have a preference for the top of the quilt and/or backing, please place a safety pin to indicate the top center.
- If you pre-wash your fabric it is best to pre-wash **all of them**.
- Clip all loose threads from front and back of quilt top.
- Square up backing fabric please or there will be a charge.
- **Your quilt backing and batting must be a minimum of 5" larger than your quilt top on all four sides.**
- Do not baste, pin or tack your quilt together. Just fold each piece separately.
- When seaming your backing, be sure to remove all selvages.
- Be aware that fullness and puckers that have been pieced into your quilt, **cannot be quilted out.**
- Embellishments such as buttons and ribbons should be attached **after** quilting.
- If you would like your quilt top positioned a certain way on a pieced backing, please place a safety pin or pins at the mid-point where you would like it centered. We will do our best to center the quilt where you indicate, but cannot guarantee 100% accuracy due to shifting in the quilting process.

Border Tips

You can avoid stretching your border by attaching the border to the quilt top with the border placed underneath when seaming. This is to ensure that you guide your fabric without pulling and stretching. Most people tend to pull when sewing their borders on so be mindful of not stretching but guiding. You will have a border that lies much flatter this way!

Avoid handling your quilt by the borders once they have been attached. This can cause them to stretch and become loose and wavy.

Straight borders cut from the length of grain (parallel to the selvage), lie much flatter than those cut cross-grained or on the bias.

Please note that all quilts are trimmed **flush** after quilting to prepare for binding. If you prefer 1-inch left all around PLEASE let me know.

All left-over batting and backing material will be returned with your finished quilt.

If your quilt requires preparation upon its arrival, the following charges will apply:

Clipping loose threads	\$10.00 - \$20.00
Squaring Backing	\$10.00 - \$20.00
Pressing	\$10.00 - \$20.00 (depending on size)
Piecing Backing	\$10.00 per seam
Repairs	Determined by amount of repairs
Adding Leaders (Not enough backing to load on quilt)	\$10.00 per leader
Removal of Embellishments	Determined by amount removed

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