

Preparing Your Quilt for Long Arm Quilting

It is important to apply your borders squarely. If borders even slightly longer or shorter than the top are put on without accurate measurement, the top will not lay flat. Pleats and puckers may develop during the quilting process.

To apply borders:

1. Measure your pieced top (before the borders are added). Lay your top out on a flat surface and measure at least three different places across the width and length.
2. If these measurements are not equal, calculate the average measurement and use this result to cut the borders.
3. Apply the border to the quilt top evenly.
4. Fullness and/or puckers within a border cannot be quilted out. We try our best to work in some fullness, but cannot guarantee that puckers and tucks will not be sewn in. Just remember, the flatter your quilt top lays, the better your finished quilt will look.

Preparing the Quilt Top

- Make sure all your seams are secure and your threads are clipped. Unclipped threads will show through lighter fabrics.
- Press all seam allowances to leave the least bulk at the seams.
- Mark the top edge of your quilt top with a safety pin
- Press your quilt top. Fold it gently. If possible, hang it over a hanger like a pair of slacks.
- Do NOT layer top, batting and backing. They are loaded on the quilting machine as separate layers.

Preparing the Quilt Back

- Quilt back should be quilt quality material. *A sheet or blanket cannot be substituted.*
- Cut off any selvage edges before stitching a seam joining backing pieces. Use at least a 1/2" seam allowance. Leave the selvage edges on the outside edges of the quilt backing. They help to keep the quilt back from stretching when being pinned onto the longarm canvas leaders.
- The size of the quilt back must be at least 8" wider and longer than your quilt top. I need at least 4 inches on each edge to attach the quilt to the leaders and side clamps on the longarm.
- Tear or trim the cut edges of your backing so they are straight and square. This ensures that the quilt loads onto the machine straight; this is important for keeping the design square on your top. (I prefer to tear the ends of backing fabric rather than cutting them. This ensures that the back is perfectly square.)
- Mark the top edge of your quilt back with a safety pin.
- Press your backing. To keep your backing from getting creased fold it gently. If possible, hang it over a hanger like a pair of slacks.



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Quilting Service

Your quilt back must be at least 4 inches larger than the top on all four sides. A total of 8 inches longer and 8 inches wider than the quilt top. If not, we will apply fabric strips and there will be an additional charge.

Your quilt back needs to be seamed together and accurately squared up so that it's ready to be loaded on the longarm. If the ends are not squared up accurately we can't guarantee that your quilt won't end up twisted or distorted. If there is enough fabric we may attempt to square up the quilt back and there will be an additional charge for that. We can seam the quilt back pieces together for you for an additional charge.

We prefer to use our own thread which limits the issues with tension and thread breaks. If we use your thread, there may be an additional charge.

We carry batting from Quilters' Dream and Winline. You may provide your own batting, if desired, but quilt batting is required.

Our minimum charge is \$45 for each item we load on to the longarm. If you have two or more mini quilts, table runners, etc. that can be quilted onto one large piece of backing fabric we will count them as one job with an additional \$5 per item charge.

We do our best to have your quilts ready by the estimated completion date, but unforeseen events may arise that will slow us down. We cannot guarantee completion times. If you need your quilt ahead of schedule, a \$35 rush fee will be charged, and we require at least one week.

Standard Prices

Edge to Edge Super-Low-Density Pantograph*	1.5 cents per square inch
Edge to Edge Low Density Pantograph	2.0 cents per square inch
Edge to Edge Medium Density Pantograph	2.5 cents per square inch
Edge to Edge High Density Pantograph	3.0 cents per square inch

Simple Custom Design 6.0 cents per square inch

We do not do much custom work; but are happy to provide references for quilters who do.

Hand Sewing Quilt Label to Quilt \$15

Binding Construction (cut, sew, press) 10 cents per inch of binding

Binding Application 10 cents per inch of binding

Sewing Down Binding by Machine 10 cents per inch of binding

Sewing Down Binding by Hand 30 cents per inch of binding

Seaming Quilt Backing \$15

Pressing Quilt Top and Back \$15 and up