

## Preparing for the Longarm

You've finished your whole quilt top! Great job! Now it's time to send your quilt top to me, your longarm quilter! Email me to schedule an appointment or provide me with your details for a web consult.

I'll need:

- Your Quilt Top
- Batting (yours or mine)
- Backing (yours or mine)

Please iron your quilt top and try to pick out any extra or loose threads. If your quilt doesn't have a boarder, I suggest putting in a stay stitch along the edges.

**If you have your quilt backing and/or batting**, please ensure each are at least four inches larger on each edge (quilt top length plus 8" and width plus 8"). Your backing should be assembled and squared up before you get it to me. Please share with me your batting's maximum quilting distance so I can keep within that spec.

**If you don't have a backing and/or batting**, I have Shannon Cuddle C3 and Quilter's Dream Poly to use on your quilt. When using Shannon Cuddle C3, you get a dreamy, cuddly feel on the back of your quilts. We have a selection of C3 available at 60" wide and at 90" wide. That means a maximum quilt top width of 52" or 82", respectively. Of course, if your quilt top is larger, I can piece together a C3 backing to accommodate your size!

Our patterns start at 2 cents per square inch. If you prefer high density quilting, let us know so we can discuss your style and determine pricing. If you have any themes or styles you love, please pass on those details to me, and I will make some suggestions. The patterns are digital designs, so they can be sized accordingly for your quilting preferences.

For thread, we like to use Glide 40 wt. thread. I have a variety of colors to choose from.

Once we have all of the details figured out, I can start quilting! I will send you a text or call when your order is completed. Unless requested, I will not trim your quilt edges.

Additional services:

- Trim Quilt (flush to quilt edge unless otherwise requested)
- Binding
- Sublimated Labels
- Other (additional ironing, quilt back assembly, basting for at home quilting)

Now let me level with you. Quilting is a skill that involves a lot of details, math, and precision. The more meticulous, that flatter the quilt will lay and the better the finished product will look. But we're all human, so perfection isn't usually in the cards. I'm happy to take any quilt to the long arm, regardless of skill level. But I can't just "quilt it out" for all scenarios. If you're unsure about how a quilt will turn out, let me know and we can talk about options. Quilts are cherished for many years decades, so we want to do our best!