



Prepping Your Quilt for the Longarm

There are a few steps that need to be taken to ensure a successful stitch out on the longarm.

- Ensure that your quilt top is square. An hourglass top will get an hourglass result. There are many tricks that I have to get a quilt as squared up as possible while quilting. Sadly, not all piecing errors can be “quilted out”. If a top is very out of shape, I will return it to you. Of course, a little out here and there can be mostly handled on the longarm.
- Press your seams
- Trim and remove all the dark threads from the back if you have a light background. As the quilting compresses the top to the batting dark threads can show through the light background. I am always on the look-out for these threads and have some tricks to remove them if they get caught underneath. I however, cannot guarantee that I can retrieve them 100% of the time.
- Measure and square your backing. There needs to be an additional 4 inches of fabric all the way around the quilt top to ensure that I can attach the top and bottom as well as clamp the sides. If there is not enough material to do this I will need to attach extra material. I do charge for my tie to do this and will add an additional 25.00 to the cost of the quilting.
- Batting also needs to be 3-4 inches wider and longer than the quilt top to adjust along the way
- If there is a top side to the quilt top or backing, please mark it with some painters tape, a pinned note, flag...whatever you need to do. Sometimes this is not obvious.
- Complete the quilt intake form off the website, or I will happily email one to you. I am not able to get your top into the queue without it as there is a lot of information on the intake form that needs to be considered
- Please ensure your top, batting and backings are clean and smoke free. Pet marking and tobacco smoke can not only foul up my studio space, but will potentially run the leaders that I attach them to. Leaders are reused for future projects and if they are fouled, I cannot use them with other projects. Quilts that are fouled will be returned.