

Longarm Quilt Prep Checklist

We want you to be happy with your finished product!
Please use this checklist to help us to complete the best job possible.

Quilt Top



- ☐ **Trim excess threads** (stray threads that are dark can show through lighter color fabrics)
- ☐ **Press quilt top to lay flat & press seams, avoiding twists if possible.** (this helps keep quilting smooth and avoid odd ***, extra fullness could result in folds/puckers)
- ☐ **Look for open seams and/or fraying and repair/re-press them if needed.** (Fixing open seams after your quilt is quilted is very much a pain, a stay stitch can help prevent outside seams from coming apart)
- ☐ **Mark the top edge with a safety pin to ensure the proper orientation of the top.** (Not all top orientations are obvious, best not to assume)

NOTE: It is good to measure your quilt in multiple places, they should all be the same when measured in the same direction. This means your top is square. Longarming cannot correct squareness. (While this is optimal, we as quilters know that there will be some differences)

Batting

- ☐ **Batting should be at least 8" larger than quilt top in both directions.** (This ensures that there is enough for any shifting and pulling that may occur)

Backing

- ☐ **Backing should be at least 10" larger than the quilt top.** (We need this extra to attach the backing to the quilting frame)
- ☐ **If using a pieced backing and piecing on the salvage edge, salvage should be removed and has a minimum 1/2" seam pressed open.** ($\frac{3}{4}$ " – 1" will hold up better over time)
- ☐ **Salvages on the outside edge of the fabric can be left** (This gives the longarmer a straight edge for attaching to the leaders if that is the direction of the backing)
- ☐ **Square off backing** (Search "Angie's Answers" on YouTube for help)
- ☐ **Press backing fabric well.** (This helps for a smoother finish and prevent puckers on the back)
- ☐ **Mark the top edge with a safety pin to ensure the proper orientation of the backing.** (Not all backing orientations are obvious, best not to assume)

NOTE: If you prewash your fabrics before piecing your top, you should prewash your back as well. If your backing is made of scraps or orphan blocks, I will do my best to center and align it, however cannot guarantee perfection.

****PLEASE DO NOT PIN OR BASTE ANY OF THE LAYERS****

No quilter is perfect, please know that quilting will not fix fullness, puckers, poor sewing, inadequate seam allowance, or improperly measured borders. However, we will do our best to work these issues and give you the best possible finished product as possible.