

## **Longarm Quilt Prep Checklist**

We want you to be happy with your finished product, please ensure you have completed everything to help us to do the best job possible. Quilting will not fix fullness, puckers, poor sewing, inadequate seam allowance, or improperly measured borders.

Quilt Top
☐ I have trimmed excess threads, sewing and/or fraying ☐ I have pressed my quilt top, seams should all be pressed, avoiding twists. ☐ I have inspected for open or twisted seams and repaired/re-pressed them if needed. ☐ I have ensured my quilt top lays flat (extra fullness could result in folds/puckers) ☐ I have checked to make sure none of my seams are coming loose. A completed stay stitch around the quilt helps to prevent this and will be covered with your binding in the end, it also helps to prevent bias fabric from stretching while on the quilting frame. ☐ I have marked the top edge with a safety pin to ensure the proper orientation of the top.  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.
Batting
$\square$ I have ensured my batting is at least 8" larger than my quilt top in both directions.
Backing
<ul> <li>☐ I have ensured my backing is at least 10" larger than by quilt top. (Any less and you will be required to sew strips to the sides. I need this extra to attach the backing to the frame)</li> <li>☐ If using a pieced backing, salvage has been removed and has a minimum 1/2" seam pressed open. (¾" - 1" will hold up better over time)</li> <li>☐ I have left the salvages on the outside edge of my fabric (This gives the longarmer a straight edge for attaching to the leaders)</li> <li>☐ I have trimmed excess threads.</li> <li>☐ I have ensured my backing is square (Search "Angie's Answers" on YouTube for help)</li> <li>☐ I have pressed my backing fabric well.</li> <li>☐ I have marked the top edge with a safety pin to ensure the proper orientation of the backing.</li> </ul>
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 cannot guarantee alignment as I am unable to watch this as it is being stitched.

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