

Blocking Demo Outline

Blocking a Quilt

Why – to make your quilt lay flat and square

When – before trimming, before or after border, before or after quilting

How- get project wet, secure it to a flat surface to dry

Tools

Flat Surface – foam tiles, foam core insulation boards, thick carpet

T-Pins

Measuring tape, square rulers, laser level

Squirt bottle

Floor fans

Process

Measure- side to side, top to bottom, diagonally corner to corner, note where your piece is not square or off

Wet- Get the project very damp. Be careful if you suspect a fabric may bleed

Straight edge- start the blocking in a corner, square up the corner and use ruler to follow a straight edge as you pin,

T-pin- push pins in at an angle every 3 inches

Continue-move to opposite side, square up desired size and pin, then again square up the last corner to the desired size and pin

Check- your work. Sight down the quilt's diagonals, both corners as well as the center, You can also sight your ruler or laser down key stitching or piecing lines to confirm it is Square and straight