



## Quilt Preparation

To reduce the risk of wavy borders and getting tucks during quilting, attach your borders as follows:

Measure the quilt top on both edges and down the center. Take the total measurement and divide by three. This will be the length you will cut the borders. Any extra length will be eased in during the sewing on of the border. Do the same for the width.

Once your quilt is complete, stitch a zig-zag stitch, over stitch, blanket stitch, or just a straight stitch around the entire quilt. This helps to eliminate stretching of the fabric once it is on the frame and as the quilt is advanced. This method has proven successful for many quilters. You will get a nice square quilt with no tucks.

Press your quilt top well, making sure that those seams are pressed open.

Trim and remove all stray threads. They may show later if not removed.

If there is a top to your quilt, indicate it with a piece of paper attached with a safety pin.

Please cut the backing fabric and batting (if you are supplying) at least 8 inches larger than your quilt top.

DO NOT layer or baste the top/batting/backing together. These are all loaded on to the quilting frame separately.