

Preparing Your Quilt for a Long Arm

Backing:

- ✓ Your backing must be a minimum of 8-10" wider and longer than your top.
 - This means 4-5 inches on all 4 sides.
 - The additional width and length is needed to attach the backing to the frame and maintain even tension on the sides.
- ✓ Remove selvages from seams. Press carefully.
- ✓ Secure all seams.
- ✓ Square up your edges.
- ✓ Press your backing.

Top:

- ✓ Secure all outer seams.
 - If your top has piecing all the way to the edge, I highly recommend stay stitching 1/8" from the outer edge all the way around. This stay stitching will be hidden within your seam allowance.
- ✓ Press carefully.
 - As you press, check to see that all seams are stitched closed. Remove loose threads.