

Lemon Tree Quilting Preparation Instructions

Quilt Top:

- Please have your top as square (or rectangular as the case may be) as possible. This will facilitate proper long-arm machine loading and successful long-arm quilting. If your quilt top is not “squared” then most likely it will come back to you appearing unsquare after the completion of long-arm quilting. Note: Borders can be wavy if not applied correctly or the quilt top is not square. If this is the case it may be necessary to “tuck” or “fold” a border to complete the quilting.
- Press your top flat, from the back, this will help you direct your seams. Press light material in the direction of the dark material (if possible) so that dark design does not show through on the quilt top front.
- Trim all or loose threads.
- Repair any loose seams, if you don't then the machine's foot can possibly rip your quilt. I will not be held accountable if this happens.
- You might want to add 3-4 stitches across the seams around the perimeter of your quilt if you do not have a border about 1/8" from the edge of your quilt, if necessary.
- If your quilt top has a definitive top edge, please leave a note indicating the top edge.
- If your quilt top has embroidery, appliqué or folded fabric, please advise in advance; we need to talk about this aspect of your quilt. Depending on your requirements, this may require custom quilting which I do not offer.
- Please keep all layers (quilt top, batting, and backing) separate. There is no need to pin (yay!) DO NOT baste the quilt top, batting and backing together. I cannot take spray-basted quilt sandwich for long-arm quilting.

Backing:

- Please have your quilt backing 8" larger than your quilt top. For example: If your top measures 40"x40" then your backing should be 48" x 48". The extra backing material and batting is needed to load the quilt on to the longarm frame.
- If your backing has a top edge please leave a note on the backing too. If dropping off quilt, I will do this when doing your consultation.
- No 2-sided quilts, but a simple pieced backing is ok. If you have questions please contact me.

Quilt Batting:

- Please provide quality batting that is uniform in thickness. Batting that is irregular in thickness will cause irregularity in finish quilt stitching. Quilters Dream, Hobbs and Warm and Natural are quality products. Bamboo, 100% Cotton or 80% cotton, 20% polyester are good all-purpose batting.
- Please make sure that the batting is at least 2 inches wider and longer than the quilt top.
- If quilt top and backing are dark, It is strongly recommended to provide black batting material. This will provide the most pleasing result.