



Quilt Preparation Checklist

This is a **helpful guide** to assist you in preparing your quilt top and backing fabric for the longarm quilting process. If you follow the preparation steps you will have amazing results and a beautiful quilt.

- Your quilt top should be trimmed down to the final finished size. I will not cut or trim your quilt top prior to quilting. I only trim the quilt once the quilting process is finished if you choose to have me do this for you. All of the remaining backing fabric that is trimmed off will be returned to you.
- Backing fabric **must** be at least **4 inches larger** than your quilt top on **all sides** to ensure the machine head can reach the absolute edge of your quilt top.
- I offer a variety of Quilters Dream Batting options and Hobbs 80% cotton - 20% wool blend. All are considered “mid-loft.” All batting is sold by the square inch and you will only be charged for the square inches you need. Batting will be cut **4 inches larger** than each side of your quilt. You can send your own batting, but to ensure high quality results you **must** use a high quality batting. I am only familiar with the high quality results of the battings I sell.
- If your quilt **does not have** an outside border, I highly recommend that you “stay stitch” slightly less than $\frac{1}{4}$ ” around the edge of your entire quilt top to ensure that your seams do not pull apart at the edges of your quilt. This stitching will be hidden once your binding is attached to the quilt.
- For Edge to Edge Quilting, your quilt top **MUST** be **free** from all embellishments (buttons, charms, sequins, couching, buttons, crystals).
- Identify the top of your quilt top **and** the top of your backing fabric with a safety pin attaching a note with “TOP” written on the note.
- Trim all loose threads on the top and underside of your quilt top. Loose threads can get caught in the quilting process and dark threads can show through light

backgrounds. The results will not be very pretty if you have threads showing through or caught in the quilting.

- Press your quilt top with seams pressed open or to the side. Press your backing fabric, pressing the seam(s) open if possible.
- Measure your quilt across the top, bottom, and center both horizontally and vertically. All measurements **should** be the same to ensure the quilt is square and to ensure puckers do not occur in the quilting process. **Borders that do not lay flat will cause tucks, pleats, or wavy edge fullness.**
- When shipping your quilt top, include the following:
 - Quilt Top
 - Backing Fabric
 - Binding (if you want me to cut, seam, and sew binding to your quilt). Be sure to send enough fabric. I will return any unused binding or leftover fabric.
 - Batting, if you are sending your own choice.
 - Place all items in a strong plastic bag before placing them in the shipping box. You can never predict the weather when the package is between you, the USPS/UPS/FedEx mail truck, and my studio.
 - I recommend you ship your quilt by USPS using the FLAT RATE PRIORITY boxes. This is less expensive than Regular Priority boxes. I will receive your quilt in 2-3 days.
 - Most Important** - For your protection against **THEFT**, please do not label "QUILT" anywhere on your box.

Please ship to my shipping address listed below.

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Once I receive your shipment, I will send you an email letting you know your quilt arrived safely and is hanging in my queue for quilting.

Every quilt has a story. Thank you for making my quilting part of your quilt's story.

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