

Quilt Top Preparation

1. Please iron your quilt top with all the seams pressed properly. Iron backing as well.
2. Please take the time to snip loose threads from the back of your quilt top. These may show through the lighter colors of your quilt.
3. Please check to make sure all seams are sewn securely.
4. Each layer is mounted on the quilting machine separately. Please do not pin or baste layers together. Fold top and backing separately.
5. If you have a special direction you want the top and the backing to go on then please indicate that with a small piece of paper labeled "TOP", pinned onto the top as well as one on the backing.
6. Please make sure that the backing and batting is approximately 3 inches larger on all sides **BUT NO MORE THAN 5 INCHES LARGER ON ALL SIDES.** It is not easier if you give me more batting.
7. If you are going to piece your backing. Please make sure that the seams go horizontal (if possible).
8. It is very important that the backing be trimmed square. Use a 90 degree ruler to verify.
9. Check your borders by laying them out on the floor and smoothing out to see if it is wavy. Extremely wavy borders do not mount or quilt properly.
10. If you are going to piece your batting together please take two straight edges and butt them together using a very large zig zag stitch to connect the two pieces together. DO NOT overlap and use a small stitch as this might show through you quilt.
11. If you are sending more than one quilt to be quilted, please mark which batting and backing belongs with what quilt top.
12. Use of sheets is strongly discouraged as a quilt back. Most cause poor tension and constant thread breakage because of the dense weave of the fabric. Broken needles also result from the stiffness of the sheet fabric, as well broken needles cause holes in the fabric. Sheets are also rarely square when you take them out of the package and this can cause the back to become distorted. I prefer not using a sheet for the backing and it is not good for the quilting machine.

Extra Charge may be applied if needed to be done by quilter.

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