

# Quilt Preparation Checklist



This is a helpful guide to assist you in preparing your quilt top and backing for the longarm quilting process. If you follow these steps, you will have an amazing quilt!

- Quilt top should be trimmed down to the final finished size.
- Measure your quilt across the top, bottom and center. All measurements should be the same to ensure puckers do not occur during quilting. Borders that do not lay flat will cause tucks, pleats or fullness.
- If your quilt does not have an outside border, I recommend that you "stay stitch" slightly less than 1/4" around the edge of your entire quilt to ensure the seams do not pull apart. As long as you stitch less than 1/4" around the edge, this stitching will be hidden once your binding is attached to the quilt.
- Trim all loose threads on the top and the underside of your quilt top. Loose threads can show.
- Press your quilt top and backing fabric with seams open or to one side.
- Identify the top of your quilt and top of the backing fabric with a safety pin and a note attached.
- Your quilt backing must be at least 3" larger than quilt top on all four sides. For example, a 54x60 quilt will need a 60x66 backing. All fabric selvages should be removed from the backing fabric. The selvege is woven much tighter than the fabric and if not trimmed off, the backing fabric will not lay flat.
- Your quilt batting must be at least 3" larger than the quilt top on all four sides. For example, a 54x60 quilt will need a 60x66 batting. Batting can be purchased for .25 per linear inch (ex. 60 x .25 = \$15)

Shipping your Quilt top - Include the following:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Quilt Top  | <input type="checkbox"/> Binding (if applicable) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Backing Fabric                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Printed Order Form      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Batting provided or purchased at .25 per linear inch |  |

- Pin a piece of paper with your name and address onto the quilt top. Place all items in a strong plastic bag before placing in the shipping box. Weather can be unpredictable.

I recommend you ship your quilt by USPS using the *Flat Rate Priority* boxes. This is less expensive than Regular Priority Boxes and I will receive your quilt in 2-3 days. A *Flat Rate Priority* box is automatically assigned a tracking number. These boxes are free at your Post Office. *For your protection against theft, I do not recommend using the label "Quilt" anywhere on your package.*

Once I receive your shipment, I will send you an email to let you know your quilt arrived safely. I look forward to quilting your creation in the professional manner that you deserve and expect!

Thank you,

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