

Preparing Yourself & Your Quilt for the Longarm Experience

1. All loose threads should be trimmed from the front and back of the quilt.
2. Quilt top should be pressed and neatly folded or hung over a hanger. (I will press out basic fold lines at no cost. Pressing out a top that is full of wrinkles will have an additional cost.)
3. The quilt should be as square as possible. Quilts that are not squared up create wrinkles and puckering in the quilting process.
4. Backing fabric must be at least 3" larger than the quilt top on all sides. For example, a 40" x 60" quilt must minimally have 46" x 66" of backing fabric. A 4" margin is preferred.
 - o If you purchase wide width fabric for the backing, please make sure to purchase enough to square it up. Wide back fabrics are often quite crooked on the bolt and a lot is lost in straightening them to put them on the longarm frame. As with the top, a back that is out of square causes puckering and wrinkles. ****If you can, ask your local fabric store to tear the fabric on the grain, then you know it is straight.**
5. If you are supplying batting, it too should be minimally 3" larger than the quilt top on all sides.
6. If you washed the fabrics in the quilt top, make sure to prewash the quilt back fabric as well.
7. Quilting costs are based on quilt size, edge-to-edge vs. custom free motion and ruler work, amount of thread used, set up time, and any additional services chosen.