

Quilt Prep

Quilt Preparation Check List

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

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- Quilt top should be trimmed down to the final finished size. **We will not cut or trim your quilt top.** We only trim the quilt once the quilting process is finished. We will trim up to the quilt top edges. All of the remaining backing fabric that is trimmed off will be returned to you.
- Backing fabric **must** be at least **5 inches** larger than your Quilt top on **all sides**, so that the machine head can reach the absolute edge of your quilt top. Batting must be purchased from us to ensure quality results. We use Quilters Dream Batting for all your batting needs. We offer 100% Cotton batting or 80/20 blend (80% cotton and 20% polyester)
- If your Quilt does not have an outside border, we highly recommend that you “stay stitch” slightly less than ¼” around the edge of your entire quilt to ensure the seams do not pull apart. This stitching will be hidden once your binding is attached to the quilt.
- Remove all pins, buttons, charms, sequins, couching, and any other embellishments from your Quilt top. Our quilting foot on the longarm quilting machine only has the clearance of a nickel. There is not much room between the fabric and the quilting foot.
- Identify the top left hand corner of your quilt top and the top left hand corner of the backing fabric with a safety pin with a penciled note attached.
- Trim all loose threads on the top and the underside of your quilt top. Loose threads can get caught in the quilting process and the results will not be very pretty.
- Press your quilt top and backing fabric with seams open or to one side.
- Measure your quilt across the top, bottom and center. All measurements **should** be the same to ensure puckers do not occur in the quilting process. **Borders that do not lay flat** will cause tucks, pleats or fullness.
- Shipping your Quilt top - Include the following:
 - Quilt Top
 - Backing Fabric
 - Binding: Minimum of 1 yard is needed. I will return any unused binding

**If not paying with PayPal, please include a check made payable to:
MyLongarm.com.**

Place all items in a strong plastic bag before placing in the shipping box. You can never predict the weather when the package is between you, USPS Mail truck and our studio.

We recommend you ship your quilt by USPS using the FLAT RATE PRIORITY boxes. This is less expensive than Regular Priority Boxes; we will receive your quilt in 2-3 days. When using Click & Ship software by USPS, a medium sized FLAT RATE PRIORITY box can be shipped to us for \$14.50 from anywhere in the USA and a tracking number is automatically assigned to your shipment.

*******Most Important******* For your protection against THEFT, please do not label "QUILT" anywhere on your box.

Please use our shipping address listed below:

**Diane Selman
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Martinsville, VA 24112**

Once we receive your shipment, we will send you an email letting you know your quilt arrived safely.

I look forward to quilting your creation in the professional manner that you deserve and expect.

Keep Stitching.....

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