

- Choose your quilt top, backing and batting and make a quilt sandwich, basted using your favourite method
- Select the thread you will be using top and bottom and wind your bobbins (winding more than one will lessen the need to stop in the middle of your quilting to wind a new one if you run out!)
- Change the needle on your machine
- Drop the feed dogs on your machine and put the speed at 50%
- Engage "needle down" (this will minimize the movement of your quilt if you need to stop and adjust the ruler and the fabric) - check your machine manual for instructions on how to do this
- Thread your machine and add in the bobbin (check your machine instructions for this)
- Put your ruler foot on your machine
- Add slip mat to your machine bed if you have one
- Check your lighting - can you see well? Lighting is crucial to be able to see the lines on the rulers and make sure you line everything up well!
- Lift your chair, or add a cushion to your seat. When we quilt with rulers we want to be looking down at the rulers, not at an angle. This will help us line up our marking lines for more accurate quilting.
- Add your slip mat to your table top on your domestic machine (if you have one). If you are on a longarm, add your ruler base
- If you are quilting on a domestic machine, "build up" the area around your machine to support the weight of your quilt.
- Choose your quilt design and your rulers
- Add your sticky tape to your rulers
- Put your quilt under your ruler foot
- Adjust your ruler foot height (there should be a business card height difference between the bottom of the foot and the top of the quilt)

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