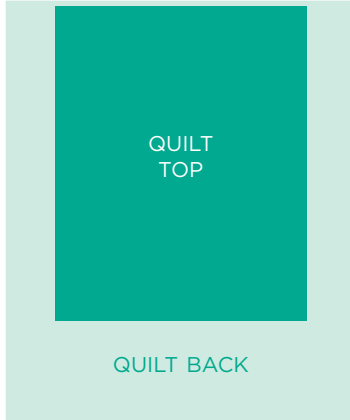




# Pieced Backing Guide

## Using a Longarm Machine



Quilts are loaded top/center

## Pieced Backing Formula

The Rule of Thumb is to figure 8" wider and longer than the quilt top. This allows for 4" extra on each side for the quilting process.

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{Quilt Top Width} + 8'' \\ &\text{Quilt Top Length} + 8'' \end{aligned}$$

### Example:

Quilt Top: 60" x 80"

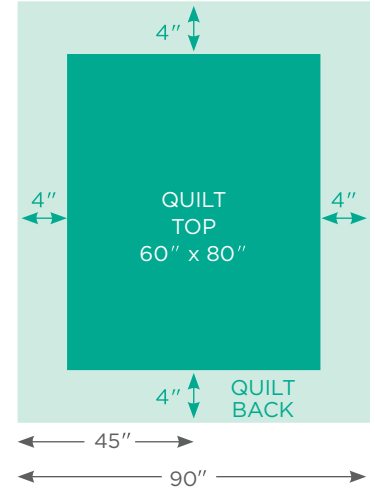
Backing needed: 68" x 88"

### How much yardage is needed?

$$88'' \div 36'' = 2.44 \text{ yds.}$$

$$2.44 \text{ yds.} \times 2 \text{ lengths} = 4.88 \text{ or } 5 \text{ yds.}$$

## Using a Home Machine

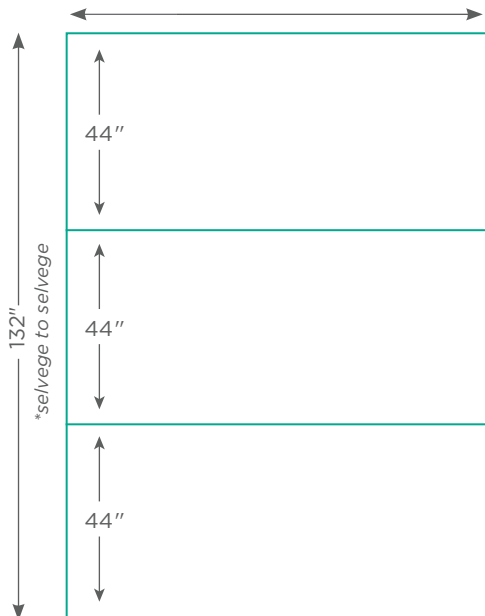


## Back Piecing Options

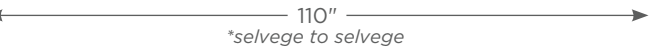
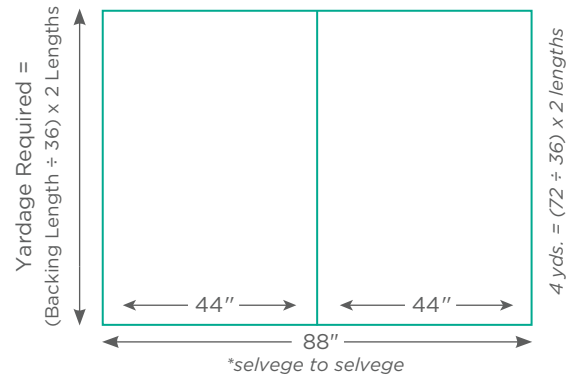
- 45" wide fabric - 1 seam
- 45" wide fabric - 2 seams

*\* Shown using 1/2" seam allowance  
Fabric typically measures 44-45" wide  
Always measure your fabric*

$$\text{Yardage Required} = (\text{Backing Width} \div 36) \times 3 \text{ Lengths}$$



$$9 \text{ yds.} = (108 \div 36) \times 3 \text{ lengths}$$



*\*If your quilt is over 60", it is best to use vertical seams.*