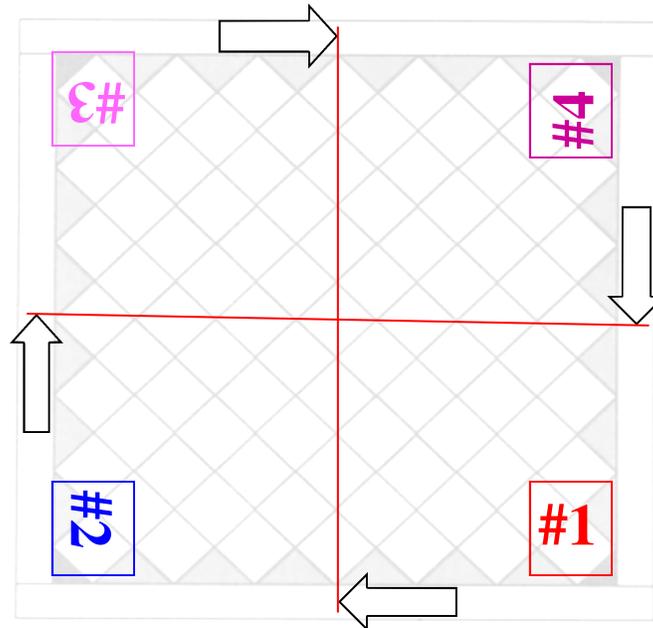


Maneuvering a Large Quilt

Many of us have difficulty managing a large quilt in a small domestic machine. I have a great tip to help you out!

Once your pieced quilt is pin basted, stitch-in-the-ditch all your major, large seams. A great benefit to this is that your quilt is stabilized and is not going to move very much. Now visually “quarter off” your quilt and only quilt 1/4 of it at a time.

Look at your quilt and visually divide it into four quarters.



The bottom right quarter is #1.

Place the quilt in your machine and place the bulk in back of the machine and beside you to the left. The only part of the quilt that you need to be concerned with is quarter #1. Finish up the stitching in the ditch, do your free motion quilting in the middle and in this section of border. You are only having to manipulate and move 1/4 of the quilt. Once this is done, turn your quilt counter clockwise until you get to quarter #2 and repeat the process. Keep repeating until all four quarters are done.

This not only makes it physically easier to move the quilt through your machine but makes it mentally easier to get through a very large quilt. It is difficult to look at a queen or king size quilt and see nothing but yards and yards and yards of quilting that needs to be done. It is easier to look at a small section and know that you can get through that area fairly quickly. You also get a feeling of satisfaction and accomplishment when you get that area done and it gives you the energy to get through the next area. You also have an opportunity to see how the quilt is going to look when it's done!