

Before you drop off or mail in your quilt:

1. **Backing and Batting Fabric Size** - please add a minimum of 8" in addition to the size of your quilt top. If you have a backing you really want to use and it's not quite 8" bigger, I can add leaders for an additional charge of \$10.00 or you can add your own leaders.

Tip: If you're piecing your backing, please remove the selvage in the joining seam, use small stitches and press open. Selvage on outer sides of fabric is best left on for quilting.

2. Please **press your quilt top and backing** to ensure that they will lie flat on the longarm machine. Square your backing so that when I mount it on the frame it isn't lopsided. **Batting should be roughly the same size as your backing.**

3. Quilt should be free of pins, buttons, or any embellishments. They can always be added after quilting. If your quilt top has embellishments, this will require semi-custom or custom quilting. If you have raw-edge applique, I would highly recommend that you stitch it down before longarming.

PLEASE: Trim your loose threads from the quilt top. Threads that come through to the top of the quilt need to be trimmed before quilting. If not they could get caught on the hopping foot and tear your quilt and/or damage my machine.

TIP: If you have a light background fabric, you should trim your threads from the back of the quilt top as well. They will show through the light fabric and take away from your beautiful project. Also If you have a white background to your quilt top and a dark quilt back it will change the colour of the white background of the quilt top - pay attention when choosing a backing fabric.

TIP: If you like to spray starch your fabrics, spray the backside of your fabrics and not the front.