

Preparation Instructions

Quilt Top Preparation Instructions

1. Please be sure to trim all threads from the wrong side of your quilt top. Stray threads may show through the quilted top.
2. Please run a stay stitch of an 1/8" along the edge of your top to secure the seams. This way your block's integrity will not be in jeopardy when it is put on the frame.
3. Please press your quilt top. Be sure that seams are as flat as you can get them. Starch or sizing may be helpful. Tops that are not pressed well may result in bumps and puckers. I am able to press your top for you for an additional fee. Please see my pricing page for information.
4. Please be sure that your borders and sides are squared before giving me your quilt. It is not possible to quilt out all puckers and excess fabric caused by tops that have not been squared.

Quilt Back and Batting Preparation Instructions

1. Please be sure that your backing fabric is a minimum of 4 inches larger than your top on all sides. No more than 6 inches please.
2. If your backing is pieced, be sure to use a 5/8" seam allowance and press the seam open to relieve bulk.
3. Be sure to press the backing. There will be a fee added for poorly pressed backings.
4. Batting also needs to be at least 4 inches larger than your top on all sides, again no larger than 6 inches. If you are providing your own batting, please use a 100% cotton or 80/20 cotton blend.

Do not have your quilt sandwich layered when you hand your quilt off to me. Each layer will be loaded onto the frame separately.

Please understand that it is not possible to quilt out all piecing imperfections. It is important for you do follow each of these steps to get the best results. I will charge according to the items on the pricing page for things that I need to fix before I can start quilting if a quilt is sent improperly prepared.

