

PREPARING YOUR QUILT FOR THE LONGARM

- Your quilt top/back/batting **should be square**, pressed and *lay flat*. Loose threads should be trimmed off. *Do Not Layer your quilt. Quilt tops and backings that are not square and pressed can cause tucks and puckering when quilting.*
- Use 1/2-inch seam allowance for backings and press seams open.
- Remove all selvedge edges on backing seams.
- Backing seams should run parallel to the way the quilt will be loaded on the rollers *if possible*. It is better to have the seams parallel to the roller bar to avoid a bump or build up of fabric when the backing is rolled onto the roller.
- **The batting and backing of tops to be quilted need to be at least a total of 12” larger in length and in width (6” on each side) Example: A quilt top of 64 x 90 should have backing/batting that measure 76 x 102 inches.**
- If you have pieced borders or pieced blocks up to the edges of your quilt you must stabilize the edges with stay stitching 1/8” to 1/4” from the edge prior to quilting.
- Borders should be measured and applied to the quilt top based on the **measurement**...not applied and trimmed to fit. Borders can easily stretch when sewn to the quilt top and stretched borders = tucks and puckers! :-)
- Scalloped borders should be cut **after** quilting is completed.
- The quilt top should be free of embellishments, such as buttons, charms, pins, etc. Please keep in mind with long arm quilting, stitches will be sewn over all appliqué/embroidery .
- I use only thread I supply that is designed for machine quilting and works with my long arm; you choose the color or color family, i.e. hot pink or pink family. You may also elect to allow “quilters choice” and I will decide on your behalf. Please inform me if you would like the stitches to blend in or to be noticeably seen on the top and backing.
- I can provide batting (extra charge for batting) or you may provide your own. Remember, the quality of the backing and batting are just as important as the quilt top fabrics.
- For backings I recommend 100% quilters cotton or high quality flannel and **do not accept minky or fleece**, for the backing.

- Be specific as to what you want for a quilting design, but **remember I do use computerized patterns only.**
- If you need to have the quilt done by a certain date, please be sure to let me know. If I cannot accommodate your deadline I will inform you up front.
- All seams in the quilt must be sewn. extra charge of \$10 per seam to close while on the frame.
- All quilts will be returned **trimmed.**
- **Shipping**

Shipping costs & insurance to return quilts will be billed at cost and method will be agreed upon before shipping.

Shipping your materials to me is at your own cost.

Please ship with a method that has tracking #'s and forward to me as soon as available. I will confirm receipt when the items arrive.

Some of the patterns can be seen at:

www.husqvarnaviking.com/SiteMedia/Products/Machines/Updates/QuiltSewClever_II_pattern_overview.pdf

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