

Preparing Your Quilt

Follow these easy steps for the best results!

QUILT TOP

- ❑ **MAKE SURE QUILT TOP IS FLAT AND SQUARE**
This will ensure the design you choose comes out perfect.
- ❑ **SEW AROUND THE EDGE**
If borders are pieced, sew $\frac{1}{8}$ inch around the outside edge of the quilt. This will help keep seams secure during the quilting process.
- ❑ **TRIM LOOSE THREADS**
Clip threads on the front and back of the quilt. Uncut threads can show through the top of the quilt if not cut.
- ❑ **PRESS WELL**
Don't iron your quilt top. This may cause stretching.
- ❑ **MARK THE TOP OF THE QUILT**
Use a piece of painter's tape, masking tape, or safety pin to mark the top of your quilt.

QUILT BACKING

- ❑ **BACKING SIZE**
Backing must be 6-8 inches larger than the quilt top.
- ❑ **PIECED BACKING**
If backing is pieced, use a generous $\frac{1}{2}$ inch seam allowance and press the seam open to help reduce bulk.
- ❑ **MARK TOP OF BACKING**
If your backing is directional, mark the top with painter's tape, masking tape, or a safety pin.
- ❑ **TYPE OF FABRIC**
Minky and cuddle fabrics make wonderful backings, but please avoid fleece and other knit backings as they do not quilt well.



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QUILT BATTING

- ❑ **BATTING SIZE**
Batting must be 6-8 inches larger than the quilt top.
- ❑ **TYPE OF BATTING**
If providing own batting, please contact me to ensure batting is suitable for machine quilting. Some lofts of batting will affect the quality of quilting.

BINDING

- ❑ **2 ½ INCH STRIPS**
If you would like the binding to be attached by me, please prepare your binding strips at 2 ½ inches wide. Please have diagonal seams when creating the binding. The length should be the perimeter of the quilt plus 12 inches.
- ❑ **BINDING FABRIC**
Please include necessary amount of fabric if you would like binding strips made for you.

SHIPPING

- ❑ **COMPLETE QUILT FORM**
Complete the quilt form either online or print it and include it with your quilt.
- ❑ **PROTECT IT**
Put your top and backing in a bag to protect it during shipping.
- ❑ **INSURANCE**
Protect your investment by adding insurance.
- ❑ **CONTACT**
I will notify you when I receive your quilt.

DROP OFF

- ❑ **SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT**
For local customers, you can email or call to schedule a drop off time.
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