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Quilt Prep Guide

To ensure the best results on your quilt, please complete this checklist to prepare your quilt for the longarm. If this is your first time or you have any questions, please reach out to us so we can help you. The better prepared your quilt is when it arrives, the better it will look after quilting.

- ☐ Press the quilt top, backing, and all seams
- ☐ Backing seams should be pressed to one side, not open, to be the most durable
- ☐ DO NOT cut the selvage edge off of your backing fabric - using this edge allows us to get the best results with your quilt - please try to have selvage on two opposite sides so we can load your quilt square and secure
- ☐ Backing must be 6-9 inches wider all around the quilt (3-4.5 inches per side)
- ☐ Batting must also be 6 inches wider all around (3 inches per side)
- ☐ Sew a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ in. line around the entire quilt top to secure seams - your quilt will be handled and slightly pulled in the quilting process to get everything smooth and square so we want those seams secure!
- ☐ Backing should not be pieced perpendicular to the selvage edge, either piece it parallel or at a diagonal
- ☐ Trim any extra thread or bits of fraying fabric to prevent varicose threads - we watch for this as well, but it's best to start with as little as possible