

# Preparing Your Quilt for Longarm Quilting

Helpful tips from Lula's Longarm Quilting – Fallbrook, CA

## **Quilt Top**

Press your quilt top well so all seams lay flat. Remove all loose threads from both the front and back of your quilt top. Make sure your quilt top is square and edges are straight. Avoid wavy borders; ease them in before quilting. Check that there are no open seams or areas that may come apart during quilting. Do not pin, baste, or layer your quilt top with batting or backing; bring each piece separately.

## **Backing**

Backing must be at least 4" larger on all sides than your quilt top (that's 8" wider and 8" longer total). If your backing is pieced, press the seams open when possible to reduce bulk and help it quilt smoothly. Square up your backing fabric so edges are straight. Please remove selvages from seams – they can cause puckering. Avoid backing that is much larger than required – a few extra inches are fine, but excessively oversized backing can be difficult to handle.

## **Batting**

Batting should also be at least 4" larger on all sides than your quilt top. You may provide your own batting or purchase from Lula's in-stock selection:

Quilter's Dream 80/20 or Cotton (93" wide) – \$12/yard

Quilter's Dream Polyester (93" wide) – \$9/yard

Like the backing, batting doesn't need to be perfectly measured, but please avoid excessively large pieces.

## **General Notes**

Thread is included; there are no additional thread charges. Betsy currently offers edge-to-edge quilting only (no custom or semi-custom work). Binding services are not offered. Typical turnaround time is 4-6 weeks, depending on workload.

 **Ready to Schedule?** Once your quilt is ready, contact Betsy to schedule drop-off or discuss details:

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Thank you for taking the time to prepare your quilt carefully, it makes a big difference in the final result!