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Quilt Preparation Checklist

No Basting -

There is no need to baste your quilt as each layer is attached to the longarm quilting frame separately.

Backing Fabric Dimensions -

Your backing fabric needs to be at least 8" wider and 8" longer than your quilt top. This allows the quilting frame clamps to keep it taut to prevent tucks in the quilting.

Backing Fabric -

If your backing fabric needs to be seamed, join with a ½" seam (preferably a horizontal seam), removing the selvedge edges & press seams open. To ensure your quilt drapes nicely, square off your backing fabric.

Wadding Dimensions -

Your wadding needs to be at least 8" wider and 8" longer than your quilt top. During the quilting process, the wadding and the fabric will be drawn in slightly.

Wadding Choice -

Different waddings will offer different results, so please consult the manufacturers guidelines to understand the shrinkage rates for washing and the maximum distance required between stitches. I generally recommend Hobbs Heirloom 80/20 as a good all round wadding.

Press your Quilt Top and Backing Fabric -

Press your seams flat and ensure there is no wrinkles or pressing tucks in both the quilt top and backing fabric to make sure your quilt is delivered at its best. As you press, remove any loose threads on the quilt top, as these can get stitched into the quilting.

Trim Loose Threads -

Check the front and back of the quilt top for loose threads. Stray threads can get stitched into the quilting, usually in the most inappropriate places. In particular, light coloured fabrics may allow any untrimmed threads to show through.

Embellishments -

If you intend to add buttons, beads or sequins to your quilt top, please do this after it has been quilted. Any embellishments or pins left on the quilt top can damage the longarm quilting machine.