








How to Prepare Your Quilt


-  Always make sure that you have **squared your quilt top and your quilt backing material**. If there are lots of pieces in the outside border of the top, be sure to trim it up evenly. We have to pin the top and bottom of your quilt to rollers. If it isn't square or trimmed, it will not mount straight and therefore you could end up with puckers or little tucks because of excess or uneven fabric. Quilts will be returned in the same condition in which they were received. Puckers, tucks and wrinkles cannot be "quilted-out."


-  **Pressing your quilt top** and backing is also important. If you have properly pressed during the construction of the quilt top, you will have no problem doing a final pressing before sending it to us. Pressing will make your quilt top quilt more easily and look so much nicer. Don't forget to press the backing so that no creases will form on the back.


-  Please **trim selvage edges and clip and remove all loose threads** that may interfere with the quilting process.

-  Use a safety pin to mark the **top center edge** of the quilt.

-  Backing and batting must be **6-8 inches larger** than quilt top (4" on each side) to allow for stretching.

-  **Do not pin or baste** your quilt together. I need to pin the three layers to different rollers as I "load" the quilt on my machine

-  Please provide a **rough sketch** of the quilt top showing design choice. Or, if you prefer, ask me to help you choose something appropriate for your top.

-  **If you are shipping your quilt, be sure to include adequate insurance** (I would suggest a minimum of \$300). Also, be sure to package the quilt in several layers of waterproof bags (shippers try not to let packages get wet, but....). And, finally, do not use the word "quilt" on the outside of the box (why give someone a reason to check things out?).