

Thank you so much for choosing *cut&alter* to quilt for you!

Please read the following information prior to supplying the quilt in order to get the best results from the longarm quilting.

The quilt top, backing and wadding need to be supplied separately, please do NOT baste together beforehand.

Quilt Top

Please square up and press the quilt top before sending for longarm quilting.

Please trim loose threads from the front of the quilt.

Whilst there will always be a certain amount of fraying on the seams please try to trim any loose threads on the back– if the quilt is light in colour stray threads can sometimes be seen through the top when it is quilted.

Please label the top of the quilt with a paper label that is pinned on.

There must be no embellishments on the quilt top.

If there are seams at the edges of your quilt then they need to be secured firmly. If there are only a few this can be done by backstitching the seam. If there are a lot it is easiest to stay stitch around the whole quilt. Please stay stitch 1/8" away from the edge to stabilise. This is especially important with longarm quilting because the top is put under mild tension on the rollers.

Backing

The backing needs to be **at least** 4" larger than the top on all 4 sides, ie if the quilt top is 70" x 70" the backing needs to be 78" x 78". This is to allow correct loading onto the frame and also creates a small space to practise on in order to achieve the right thread tension before commencing quilting on the top.

Please square up and press the backing fabric before sending for longarm quilting.

If the backing needs to be pieced:

please piece on the horizontal not vertical if the fabric allows. This is especially important with large backings. Please contact me if you have any queries about a pieced backing.

ensure all selvages are removed before joining the backing fabric.

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If you have purchased **extra wide backing** to use please leave the selvages on the backing.

Wadding

The wadding needs to be **at least** 4" larger than the top on all 4 sides, ie if the quilt top is 70" x 70" the backing needs to be 78" x 78".

I always have wadding in stock and am happy to supply if required. I stock both 90" wide and 124" wide wadding.

EPP (English Paper Pieced) Quilts

If your quilt is EPP please read the following:

all papers must be removed before sending to me.

please leave the outside edge seams open, as opposed to turned under to give the correct shape.

please ensure the edge seams are securely fastened, either with backstitch by hand as you are joining them together or with a top stitch by machine as close to the edge as possible.

if you are going to trim to a regular shape then this is best done after quilting.

Posting your Quilt

If you are going to post your quilt to me please ensure that it is safely packed with your name and full return address clearly marked on it.