



Martha's Quilting, LLC

Quilt Preparation Instructions

Quilt Top

- Make sure the quilt top is trimmed to its final size before it arrives with me. After the quilting process is finished, I will trim the excess batting and backing up to the edge of the quilt top and return the excess material unless requested otherwise.
- Press the entire quilt flat to prevent bubbles or wrinkles.
- Make sure the top is square and straight (including borders).
- Trim loose threads.
- Remove any extra pins, buttons, loose fabric, etc.
- Mark the top of your quilt if not obvious (pin a note to the top).
- If your quilt does not have a border, you should “stay stitch” about 1/8 inch around the edge of your entire quilt to prevent the seams from pulling apart. This will be hidden once your binding is added to the quilt.

Quilt Backing

- Backing fabric must be 5 inches larger than the quilt top on all sides. This is very important for the quilting process. For example, if your quilt top is 40” x 60”, then the backing should be 50” x 70”.
- Remove the selvages from the backing to prevent uneven stretching during the quilting process.
- Use quality quilting material for your backing.

Batting

- I will supply high quality Hobbs 80/20 batting in natural and black colors.
- To prevent issues with the long arm quilting machine, I can only use the batting I provide. See the price sheet for more information.

Shipping

- Place your quilt and backing fabric in a sealed plastic bag to help prevent damage in case the box gets wet or torn during shipping. (A large Zip Lock bag or a strong trash bag with a twist tie will work great)
- I recommend that you ship your quilt using the appropriately sized Flat Rate Priority boxes. The boxes are available for free at the US Post Office.
- You are responsible for the shipping charges to send the quilt to me.
- I will use a Flat Rate Priority box to return the quilt to you and include the charges with your final invoice.
- **Do Not** label “Quilt” anywhere on your box. This is to help prevent theft.
- Include a copy of your estimate, or at a minimum your Name, Address, Phone number, and Email Address when you ship your quilt. I will notify you when I receive your quilt and I will notify you when I have sent it back to you.
- **Please call me at 214-991-8943 for the shipping address.** We will also discuss the quilting design, payment methods, and any other special instructions during the call.