



### Preparing your quilt to be long arm quilted Some steps to follow

- Give your quilt a good press.
- Sometimes the seams at the edges of the quilt can come apart when handled, packed and unpacked into your envelope. If you sew a line around the entire edge, about 1/8 inch from the edge of your quilt top, this will keep the edges sewn together and prevent them from separating.
- Trim back any loose threads, those stay threads can show through to the top if there is a lighter shade of fabric, take a few minutes to check for darker coloured threads that may show through.
- Make sure your backing is larger than the quilt top, The backing needs to be 4" larger on ALL four sides than the top, – If the quilt top is 60" x 70", the backing fabric needs to be 68" x 78".
- If you are piecing the back, use a generous seam allowance and backstitching at the end to secure, press the seams open to reduce the bulk.
- If your back has a directional, mark the top with a piece of masking tape.
- When shipping the Quilt to me make sure you put your top and your backing in a plastic bag maybe a ziplock bag in order to prevent your quilt from getting damaged. this can then be put in a box or a shipping envelope.
- In order to save on shipping costs fold your quilt top into the smallest shape possible.
- You should absolutely register your parcel when you are shipping it to me. Some people have mentioned to get some insurance or express to the post office the cost if you had to replace all the fabric you have bought.  
Having a tracking number is so important as parcels can go missing but lets hope it never happens!