

TIPS FOR PREPPING YOUR QUILT



Pieced Borders on Quilt Top

Edges coming apart can happen sometimes during handling, seams will separate at the very edge and can result in flipped up edges during the quilting process. If you have a heavily pieced border considered sewing around the edge of your quilt top.

Pieced Backing

If you have a pieced backing, ensure the seams are horizontal. Vertical seams will create bulk on the rollers as your quilt is quilted. Give yourself a generous 1/2" seam allowance, backstitching at the ends to secure it. If piecing selvages edges together, remember to trim to 1/4 inch from seam. Press to one side.

Check List

Edges coming apart

Sew 1/8 of inch all the way around the edge of your quilt top

Pressing

Best results start with a nicely pressed quilt top

Threads

Trim up as many stray threads from the back of the quilt as possible, those pesky threads can show through to the top, especially if they are dark and you have light background.

Marking your Quilt top and Backing

Using a piece of painters tape (or masking tape), mark the top of your quilt and the backing. This ensures that your quilt is loaded correctly on the long arm, and is especially important for directional quilting designs and fabrics.

Backing Larger than Quilt Top

Ensure that your backing is a minimum of at least 8 inches longer and wider than your quilt top. This allows for your quilt to be easily loaded on the long arm with 4" of wiggle room around your quilt.

Shipping

Protect it! Seal your quilt in a plastic bag and considered additional insurance on the unlikely chance that it is damaged during shipping.