



SANDHILLS QUILTERS GUILD

The Standup Stitchers are glad to quilt your quilt tops that are going to Habitat, Quilts of Valor, Comfort Quilts, and other charity projects of the Guild. We encourage you to practice your quilting skills whenever possible. However, if you need a long armer, below are some instructions to help you to have the best result.

How To Prepare Your Quilt Top for Longarm Quilting

Quilt Top

1. Apply borders correctly to avoid fullness. (See instructions at <http://www.quiltville.com/borderhints.shtml> or http://www.mccallquilting.com/mccallquilting/articles/mitered_quilt_borders)
2. Don't wash top.
3. Check all seams to be sure there are no holes.
4. If pieced border goes to outside edge, backstitch seams or carefully stay stitch without stretching.
5. Trim threads on back. Dark threads show through light fabric.
6. Press well. Fold carefully and hang on a large hanger until you are ready to take it to the quilter.
7. Indicate which is the top of the quilt if there is one.

Backing

1. Must be 4" greater all around or add 8" to the length and 8" to the width of the quilt top. Any extra is appreciated.
2. Cut off salvage and square fabric before piecing the backing.
3. Press seam to the side from the front.
4. Trim backing so it is straight and square. There should not be any uneven edges.
5. Press. Hang on hanger.
6. Please no sheets.
7. If sewing two or three large pieces together, a horizontal seam is preferred.

Your Quilt Will Look Better and Your Long armer Will be Smiling.