

## **\*\* Is Your Quilt Ready? \*\***

Use this handy check list for your convenience

**\*\*\* All 3 layers should be separate- no basting or pins \*\*\***

(An additional fee will be charged for each of the following services that must be performed on your quilt)

### **Top:**

- loose threads trimmed**-loose threads on back of top show through light colored fabrics  
loose threads on top interfere with machine quilting
- well pressed & flat**
- seam direction checked**-no twisted seams, dark seams trimmed so that they won't show through to front. Seams pressed correctly for stitch-in-the-ditch
- no wavy borders**-to find length of border, measure through center of quilt, not outer edge  
Lay quilt flat and pin border on before sewing
- the flatter the top**, the better the quilting job-not all waves can be quilted out!
- squared corners**- check corners with a large square up- especially mitered corners
- back stitch outside seams**-any seam that ends at outer edge of top needs to be secured with a back stitch
- all repairs done**- check for any fraying or un-sewn seams
- mark "TOP" with safety pin**-this is a must to designate direction of quilt design
- no embellishments** please-they interfere with machine quilting and should be taken off

### **Backing:**

- You can Purchase from Pat- 108" wide "BROADS" 100% Cotton** or- bring your own
- Pat will seam your backing for a fee if you wish
- no sheets please**-the weave is too tight and not the same quality as your top.  
With all of the work you put into your top, you deserve a beautiful back
- "priny"** to hide threads-"priny" fabrics make thread color changes less obvious
- colors match quilt top**-backing color should be similar to top colors in lightness or darkness
- selvages trimmed**- selvages are often too tight and keep backing from lying flat
- 1/2" seams pressed open**- generous 1/2" seams after selvages are trimmed- back stitch at end of seam
- well pressed**
- ends straightened** (squared)-fold fabric to fit on cutting board and trim raw edges even & straight with rotary tools
- at least 6" larger than top**-this is a must for pinning onto machine frame leaders  
Measure you quilt top & backing to be sure of sizes
- mark "TOP" with safety pin**-this is a must to designate direction of backing print

### **Batting:**

- proper type for your quilt**- a thin and stable cotton, blend or polyester batting-
- You can purchase from Pat- "Quilter's Dream" top quality batting**  
~~cotton, blend, polyester, puff, silk, wool, & "green~~  
Pat will wash and dry purchased batting for free
- bring your own**- wash & dry cotton & blend batting if your fabrics have been washed  
all cotton & blend battings will shrink when you wash and dry your quilts- even if they say no pre washing necessary, if you have washed your fabrics you need to wash your batting. Place batting in your washing machine and fill with water. Soak until batting is all wet. Skip the agitation cycle and spin out water. Allow to dry a bit on a rack. Dry the rest of the way in your dryer on low setting.
- air fluff**- polyester-this removes wrinkles and lumps
- at least 6" larger than top**- measure your top and check batting measurements- allow for shrinkage when washing your backing

### **Binding:**

- 1 yard of prewashed, uncut fabric
- choose whole or half binding for Pat to do for you- do not cut strips

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