



Ethol House Quilt Company

Longarm Quilting Services

Quilt Preparation

I operate an Innova Autopilot Mach 3 using edge to edge patterns. I enjoy working closely with the quilt piecer to optimize their desires regarding the finished product.

Square Quilt and Backing

Your quilt needs to be square to go on the frame otherwise it will go at an angle on the frame or flare in the middle or flare at the top or bottom. Please square your blocks in your quilt top and measure your quilt top at the top, middle, and bottom - get an average and measure your borders to fit your quilt.

If you are piecing your backing, please square your blocks as you piece to keep the seams as straight as possible without puckers. If there are any squaring issues I will contact you so that they may be corrected. Backing seams should run horizontally. This eliminates puckering as the quilt is being advanced on the frame. A thick vertical seam can easily create issues as the quilt is advanced in the longarm process. Remember... when it is all said and done... the back is 50% of the quilt you have spent hours making. Don't short change your effort by cutting corners on the backing.

Extra Backing

In order to fit your quilt on the longarm, add an extra 8-10" of backing. This means an extra 4-5" of backing is needed all the way around the quilt.

Pressing the Fabrics

Please press all the fabrics of the quilt top and backing. Press the quilt top so that all the seams lay as flat as possible and press the backing fabric so that there are no deep creases (especially in batik fabrics). Backing seams should be 1/2" and pressed open. When pressing the borders, it is good to press the seams open when possible.

Trim Threads

Cut loose threads on the quilt top, as threads can get lodged between your quilt sandwich and show through the backing and/or top.

Batting

There are many different kinds of batting available. I only use quality batting from Quilters' Dream. Please review the batting information sheet when selecting which type of batting to use with your quilt. If you are doing a quilt with very dark fabrics, you may want to consider using a black batting.

Don't Forget

- Any quilting issues such as puckering, weak seams/holes, wavy borders, pleats, etc. will NOT go away with the quilting. In fact, they may be exaggerated. I will do my best to minimize them in the end product.
- In most instances, I have been able to determine difficulties that may be encountered during the longarming process before the first stitch is applied. In those cases, you will be contacted so we may determine how you wish to handle the situation. On occasion the problems may be encountered during the process. Again you will be contacted to work out what the best outcome would be for your quilt.

It is my goal that when I am finished I have complimented your quilt. I will do everything possible to attain that goal. The first step is working with you during the process of meeting your needs.

Quilting Service Rates

<u>Edge-to-Edge Quilting</u>	<u>Per sq inch</u>
Level 1	\$0.025
Level 2	\$0.030
Level 3	\$0.040
Custom minimum*	\$0.045

*Actual charge is determined after consultation

Levels are determined by stitch design density and thread usage required.

Thread

We use OMNI by Superior Threads. It is a Tex 30 (approx. 40 weight) Poly-wrapped poly core thread. Designed for Quilting, Serging, and Sewing. OMNI has become a favorite go-to thread for longarm quilters. It is a cleaner, brighter, and stronger alternative to other poly-wrapped poly core threads. This means that you will spend more time quilting with far fewer interruptions of broken threads and skipped stitches. OMNI is a 40 wt. polyester thread that is designed to withstand the rigors of high-speed quilting and is available in a wide array of 172 solid colors to match any possible color need.

Batting

We offer Quilters Dream Batting in the following fibers and weights. Other options are available upon consultation.

Quilters Dream Cotton is 100% Pure Cotton Batting. We start with the finest USA natural and environmentally friendly cotton and specially processed Dream Cotton so that you can quilt up to 8" apart. No prewashing necessary! Available in Natural and White in four lofts: request, select, deluxe and supreme. Price per sq. inch = \$0.071

Quilters Dream Blend for Machines 70/30 is soft to hug, yet takes the tug! It is made of 70% cleaned natural cotton and 30% fine denier polyester blended in perfect harmony and needle punched onto an ultralight scrim base. Price per sq. inch = \$0.055

Quilters Dream Green is made 100% from recycled plastic bottles, this batting has been carded, crosslapped, and needlepunched for uniformity, strength, and resiliency. It can quilt up to 12" apart, there is little to no shrinkage, and your needle will glide through this eco-friendly batting like a hot knife through butter. It has a nice drape and is wrinkle resistant. Aside from the color, the quality, performance and function are indistinguishable from virgin polyester fibers. Price per sq. inch = \$0.051

Quilters Dream Orient is a luxurious blend of velvety bamboo, luscious silk, strong silky Tercel, and soft stable Cotton. Dream Orient's natural environmentally friendly are

fibers are carded, cross lapped, finely needle punched to bring you the most desirable qualities of softness, strength, warmth, and breathability. The elegant silky soft drape makes Dream Orient a batting beyond compare. Price per sq. inch = \$0.078

Quilters Dream exclusive pink batting is a high-grade natural cotton blended with fine pink poly microfibers. The blended fibers are carded, crosslapped and needle punched to ensure strength, consistency and a beautiful drape for this gorgeous 80/20 batting. The poly microfibers are extruded to be pink so the color will never run or bleed. With no scrim, binders or resins in the batting, you can stitch up to 8" apart. A finished quilt may be gently machine washed and dried in a cool dryer with minimal shrinkage of this 80% cotton, 20% poly fiber blend. Quilters Dream will donate 10% of proceeds from "Dream Pink" to advanced/metastatic breast cancer research.
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Binding Services

Not currently available

Quilting Design Pattern Choices

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I currently stock a variety of patterns from:

- Anne Bright www.annebright.com
- Karlee Porter www.karleeporter.com
- Kraker Quilting & Design www.krakerquilting.com
- Quilters Niche www.quiltersniche.com
- Sarah Vedeler Designs www.sarahvedelerdesigns.com
- Stitch Happy www.stitchhappy.com
- Sweet Dreams Quilt Studio www.sweetdreamsquiltstudio.com
- Urban Elementz www.urbanelementz.com
- Wildflower Quilting www.wildflowerquilting.com
- Willow Leaf Studio Designs www.willowleafstudio.com

When choosing a design for your quilt there are certain things to keep in mind.

- How will the quilt be used?
 - everyday usage
 - heirloom
 - baby/small child
- How often will the quilt be laundered?
- Are the fabrics similar in value & design? Value is in terms lights/darks.
- Will the quilting be highlighted on the backing fabric you have chosen?
- Are you being true to your individual quilting aesthetic?

Quilt tops that are visually busy due to piecing or fabric choices, the quilting will not be as visible because of the busyness of the top. The juxtaposition of linear and organic will render a very moving visual encounter. Quilts that contain curved piecing and/or appliqué, consider a linear quilting design such as cross-hatching for a background filler. Also, choose a more organic design with a visually linear quilt.

Additional Services/Add-on Charges

Thread/Needle Charge (always a brand new needle & quality thread)

- Basic threads (per sq. yard): \$1.50
- Specialty threads (per sq. yard): \$3.00

Rush Fees (less than 14 days, if available) \$50.00

If your quilt requires additional preparation upon its arrival, the following add-on charges will apply. You will be notified via phone or email before work is done.

- Squaring backing: \$10.00
- Pressing: \$10.00
- Piecing backing: \$10.00 per seam