

# How to make your Long-armed love you!

Or

What you should know to prepare your quilt for the Long Armed

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# Pressing

- Press to the dark side when possible



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- Consistent pressing and nesting seams helps to assure a smoother top



# As you make your quilt top

- Trim your blocks as you go
- Square up your quilt



# Wavy borders

- Measure the quilt for borders and sashing- if not equal, calculate the average measurement and use this result to cut the borders
  - Pin from the middle to the edge- avoids wavy borders



# Cleaning up

- Remove loose threads on top and back of quilt
  - Especially dark threads on light fabric
- Trim all excess threads
- Check your seams
  - For gaps and loose stitching



## Cleaning Tips #2

- Use a Lint roller to remove lint and pet hair



# Backing

- Cut off any selvedge edges when piecing the back together
  - Do not leave inside the seam allowance as it does not move like the rest of the fabric
  - Selvedges are encouraged for the outside edges of the backing
- Horizontal Piecing whenever possible
  - Use  $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance on seams and press open
- 3-4 inches added to EACH side
- Generally not more than 6"
- Trim the top, bottom and sides so they are straight and square
- Pieced backs are fine!

# Getting it ready

- Do not baste or layer your top, batting and backing
  - They are loaded on the long arm as separate layers
- Batting should be 3-4" larger than quilt top
- If supplying your own batting, please bag separately. We carry, as many other long arm quilters, batting that is reasonably priced
  - Quilter's Dream 80/20 (queen and king)
  - Quilter's Dream Wool
  - Quilter's Dream Orient (Bamboo, Silk, Cotton and Tencel)

# Final Preparation

- After final pressing, pack loosely or hang
- DO NOT fold the batting on top of the right side of quilt top- this creates lint on your quilt top
- If the quilt has been exposed to smoke, please air out before bringing
- Please do not use Chemical air freshners

# Want your long armer to love you?

- If top or back is directional put a safety pin at the top
- Make a list/written information
- Think about pattern design(s)
  - Traditional/modern/floral, etc
- Think about thread color
  - Bold or blending

A handwritten list of quilt projects on lined paper. The list includes project names, dimensions, and notes about directional fabric. Each item is numbered in a circle on the left and has a checkmark or an 'X' on the right. The text is written in cursive.

①	Scrappy Fall Colors Batik (Rails) Quilt	64½" x 64½"	top+bottom non-directional	X
②	Christmas Star Table Topper	45" x 45"	top+bottom non-directional	✓
③	Kids Animal Quilt - golds, teal blue, warm brown	48½" x 56"	top+backing are directional orient animals upright	✓
④	Charity Quilt - Floral green with orange + purple strips	60½" x 74"	top+backing are non-directional	✓
⑤	Birds + colors kids Quilt	36" x 48½"	top is directional backing is non-directional	X
⑥	Lobsters + crabs baby quilt	42½" x 42½"	top is non-directional backing is directional	✓