

## Preparing your Quilt for Machine Quilting

1. Do not baste your quilt.
2. Identify the head of the quilt top and head of the back, if necessary.
3. The quilt backing and batt should be a minimum of 4 inches wider all the way around.
4. Measure the centre of the quilt top vertically. Then measure the outside edges vertically. If there is more than a 1 ½ inch difference, it is possible that your top may have tucks when quilted. Do the same measurements horizontally. The most common reason for measurement differences are stretched bias edges and mitered corners that leave fabric on one or both sides of the miter. Too much easement when piecing blocks can result in small tents or puckers, which will cause tucks when the quilt is quilted.
5. The quilt top should be free of any buttons, charms, pins, etc.
6. Check quilt top for seam breaks. Old quilts and hand stitched quilts are prone to seam breaks. These can cause tearing of the quilt top when quilting and sometimes the back. Please repair any seam breaks before sending your quilt.
7. The quilt top and backing should be clipped of loose threads, both front and back, that can cause snags and uneven stitching. On lighter fabrics, loose threads on the back side of the top will show through.
8. Top and backing should be pressed with seams pressed open or to one side.
9. You are probably aware that some quilting patterns carry a copyright. If you want me to use one of these patterns, please purchase the pattern and send it with your quilt. I return them with your completed quilt.

## Shipping

1. When you ship, print and complete a Quilting Order Form for each quilt and attach to quilt, PLEASE include any special instructions on the order form.
2. Place quilt(s), backing material, batting (if applicable), and Quilting Order Form all in a plastic bag and seal. Place bag in a shipping bag and seal with tape using something like Scotch Packing Tape. Please ship in a box that will accommodate the finished quilt(s) because I will use your box for return shipment. If your box is not large enough and I have to purchase one, this cost will be passed along to you in the balance calculation.

Ship to:

**The Cottage Quilter**  
**64 Shady Lane**  
**Corbeil, Ontario**  
**POH 1K0**

3. You should insure your package for the replacement cost in case of loss or damage. Return shipping and insurance is in addition to quilting charges and varies with your with your shipping preference, priority and insurance amount. Please indicate your shipper preference, priority and insurance on the Quilting Order Form.
4. A cheque for 50% of the estimated total service charge should be included with each quilt top and backing (if provided)
5. Please send me an email or phone to let me know the quilt is on its way.

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